

newhope *news*

Lutheran Church - Agoura Hills

March, 2022

From Pastor Scott Maxwell-Doherty

We welcome Pastor Steve Simpson as presider and preacher this coming Sunday. Pastor Steve has a couple of Sunday's off and Deacon Lynn was able to convince him to come to New Hope. So you may wonder, "where is Pastor Scott on Feb. 27th?" Part of my call is 1/2 time. One of the ways I can make peace with a 1/2 time call is to be there for three Sundays in a row, two preaching Sundays and one as liturgist. The fourth Sunday of the month I will be absent, which means New Hope welcomes a guest preacher/presider. We are fortunate to have Pastor Steve so close and available. Thank you Pastor Steve.

Mask Mandates - It is clear to me that we are ALL wearied by the need to wear a mask. Wearied is one word... frustrated would be another. I am aligned with you in this.

It is also apparent that New Hope is a community that reaches out and 'touches' one another for the sake of community development. Are we breaking some 6 foot distancing protocol by L.A. County? Most certainly. Are we risking safety by "Sharing the Peace of Christ" during the liturgy. Most probably. Have we reduced our care for one another by being more present/close to one another? I suspect so. That said, I will keep before us the need to honor those who have remained separate from the community because of increased health risks. I will keep before us the need to protect the immune compromised when we gather as we continue to wear masks. I will, with you, long for the moment we can receive Holy Communion face to face without the 'peel and eat' variety.

What do I do at New Hope? Great question. Well first and foremost, I serve as your Interim Pastor. The list of responsibilities includes: Provide the Sacraments, Console the sick and suffering, Tend the families of those who have died, Preach and teach.

And then there are other duties which we would call Pastoral administration - Weekly I am reaching out to each member through email with an introductory note and word of encouragement. Weekly I am in touch with various members of our Church Council. Weekly I meet with the parish staff to calendar and plan. Weekly I look downstream at upcoming worship service to insure that we are ready. Weekly I take delight in the worship rehearsal.

I am glad to be among you. Thank you for welcoming me.

Pastor Scott



From the Deacon



- Twenty-six feet. That's how much paper it takes to make a timeline for all of Westlake Lutheran Church and New Hope Lutheran Church history so far. Thanks to Gaye Khan, who helped envision and put together the timeline that stretches along one entire wall of the Social Hall. If you haven't already, pick up a sheet of paper, the instructions to go with it, and a set of ten stickers to tell your part of the story. This will be helpful for two different things: the Ministry Site Profile that will help us figure out who the right person will be to lead New Hope into the future, and the May celebration of our 50 years (so far) as a congregation.
- Wednesday, March 2 is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. New Hope services will be at 11 am and 5 pm. Worship will be the same either time, a short service with scripture, music, imposition of ashes, and Holy Communion. Between the two services, the church will be open for you to put your story on the timeline mentioned above. If you would like to "book" a fifteen minute time slot that day or another time with no one else in the Social Hall (for social distancing) call the church office (818-889-8700) and leave a message or open the digital copy of the sheet on the website, fill it out, send it back to Laurie or Deacon Lynn and we'll put your stickers up for you.
- Lenten midweek services will happen every Wednesday from March 9 to April 6, starting at 11 am. There will be a short worship service using Holden Evening Prayer, and we will lunch together (bring your own sack lunch) at 11:45. Services will not be livestreamed, but if there's interest we can have a "Zoom lunch table" for our time together.





Let us remember the following people in our prayers.....

Continued prayers of healing for Barbara Artinian, Floyd Bealer, Irene Bright, Evelyn Colby, Matt and Sandy Cowden, Steve Frye, Lyla Grant, Eilene and Bob Green, Sandy Hansen, Kara Henkel, Del Hultgren, Sue Koons, Joyce Lawson, Jorgen Makitalo, Cheryl Merrill, Kathryn Murray, Debbie Niebolt, Ava Grace O'Connell, Cindy O'Hare, Karen Orefice, Ahoo Pilehvari, Sharon Pryor, Wayne Rickert, Nancy Rowe, Nina Rose Sawaya, Dutch Schulze, Madelyn and Stan Swope, Jane Taschereau, Rose Topliss, Susie and Fred Turner, Britt Tsumpes.

Prayers for our servicemen - Gerren Blair, Taylor Blair, Heather Brown, Keith Brown, Patrick Clohessy, Cynthia Colby, Jonah Hershman, Kyle McCarley, Ikenna Olelewe, and Jason Retter.



Please make the following changes to your church directory:

Del Hultgren

Sage Mountain Senior Living
3499 Grande Vista Drive #331
Thousand Oaks 91320
805-262-2140 landline
805-338-2356 - cell

Nancy Rowe

c/o Alison Rowe
2008 Oakstaff Court
Westlake Village 91361
805-428-4408



Prayer Shawl Ministry

A prayer shawl is a knitted or crocheted shawl that can comfort and support those in need. While stitching, the maker of the shawl prays for the recipient. Prayer shawls can be made

to convey blessings for a wedding, birth, Baptism, or comfort during an illness or loss. If you would like to request a prayer shawl for someone, or would like information on how you can participate in this ministry, you can use this URL for the "click here" link: <https://www.newhopeagoura.org/ministries/prayer-shawl-ministry/> and it will take you to the Prayer Shawl Request form.

Our next prayer shawl meeting is on Sunday, March 6th at 9:15 AM in the Amplify Room.



Thank you to all who donated candy and handwritten cards. The nurses and staff in the ER at Community Memorial Hospital loved them and said "Thank you so much!" It made their day.

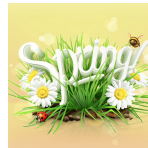
Linda Leland



Thrivent Choice Dollars®

For anyone that has insurance or the like with Thrivent, it's time to designate any remaining Choice Dollars earned in 2021! Those amounts disappear at the end of March 2022. Please consider New Hope when you designate.

Social Ministry



Hello Church Family! Spring is headed our way and some great opportunities for us to socialize and serve are fast approaching!

CROP Walk and All Church Brown Bag Picnic is March 5th at Oak Canyon Community Park. Walkers meet at 10:30 AM and the Brown Bag

Picnic begins at 12 noon. Please support CROP and come socialize with our church family at the picnic!

Harbor House is asking for folks to help provide lunches in March. There are few slots filled for this month. Each slot is 10 lunches. Please go to Harbor House website and use the link to their sign-up genie if you can help out.

James Storehouse (a non-profit organization in Newbury Park which helps foster children and foster families) is having their "Beautiful You" event this Spring. The Women's Interfaith Network of the Conejo is collecting new or gently worn prom dresses, women's business attire and Spring dresses for the girls. Also needed are new mascara tubes, lipsticks, face make-up and gently used accessories and shoes. The girls will have a day of beauty that would otherwise not happen for them. I am our church rep to WIN and will be collecting these items at church through March 15th. Questions? Call me at 805-490-1867.

Thank you all for your continuing support of our Social Ministry Programs.

- Merylee Blair



SCRIP gift cards are easy to give and fun to receive but did you know that a percentage of every SCRIP gift card purchased through New Hope comes back to New Hope? It's a WIN/WIN! You can let Kathy Rogers know what you would like to order by emailing her at kathleen.rgrs@gmail.com You can also request a list of the hundreds of gift cards that can be special purchased through New Hope for giving. She will send to you the list via email for you to see what could be ordered.

Contact Kathy Rogers for more information

- kathleen.rgrs@gmail.com

Join Team New Hope Lutheran – Agoura Hills
[www. events.crophungerwalk.org/2022](http://www.events.crophungerwalk.org/2022)



Walk with us **March 5th at 10:30a.m.**
Oak Park Community Park
Stay for the all-church picnic after the walk

2022 Crop Hunger Walk & All-Church Picnic

Oak Park Community Park
5600 Holy Tree Dr. Oak Park

Saturday, March 5th

Mark your calendar for this all-church event! New Hope Church is holding our own Crop Hunger Walk event at Oak Park Community Park. All participants should register at www.events.crophungerwalk.org/2022 ahead of time. All walkers should meet at 10:30 AM at the covered area by the splash pad. There is convenient parking just above this area

After the walk we will be enjoying a family friendly ALL-CHURCH PICNIC. Everyone is welcome! The picnic begins at noon at the covered area by the splash pad. Invite your family and friends to spend the day with us outdoors. Bring your own picnic lunch and drinks. There will be sweet-treats provided. Check our website for more details as they become available. We hope to see you all there!





Let us help you recognize your special event or someone special

To request an altar flower arrangement: go to our website's **GIVING** menu, select **ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS** and complete the form, or contact the church office

Your personal message will be included in our worship service announcements and the arrangement is yours to take following our service.



Whether you are joining our worship service online or in-person, your worship bulletin is just a click away on your phone or other device.

A link is included in our **Weekly Connection Newsletter** and is also available on our website homepage at:

www.NewHopeAgoura.org



You are not alone!

How can we pray for you today?

Prayer requests can be shared through our website and by contacting the church office:
818.889.8700

www.NewHopeAgoura.org **PRAYER-REQUEST**

New Hope in the New Year

New Member Class

You are invited to become a member of New Hope Church. It's an easy process of attending a class to receive information about the history of our church and our mission for the future. Interested? Sign up on our website or contact Laurie Scott by email to: laurie@newhopeagoura.com.

Our New Member class will be scheduled as the COVID-19 risk improves.

Heavenly Hiking Fellowship

Experts say that being in nature can **boost your mood** and improve **mental health**.

Join us 7-8:30a.m.
Tuesdays and Saturdays

There is much to discover
on our local trails.



These hikes include amazing trails with beautiful views and are easy enough for kids, but still fun for adults. If you would like to join us, email Terry Paulson,

terry@terrypaulson.com

You will receive regular emails with details on our next hike where we will meet.

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Agoura Hills, CA
91301



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PayPal donate option
NewHopeAgoura.org



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& Talents**

If interested in
serving, contact the
church office for
more information

Join us for our weekly online Bible Studies

Dig deeper in God's word with friends



See the weekly
schedule on our
website/ **EVENTS
CALENDAR**



I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the congregation of New Hope for your recent gift. I want you to know how much I enjoy being a part of your Sunday Worship Team. —David Cohen

To my New Hope Church Family,

Thank you so very much for the most generous gift you shared with me last month. You have made me feel both appreciated and loved. Being a part of the New Hope Church community has always been a huge blessing in my life. Please know that I love and appreciate each of you as well! —Laurie Scott

CSVP Certified Volunteers Provide

FREE TAX PREPARATION



In cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, trained and certified CSVP volunteers will provide FREE income tax preparation for persons in either of these categories:

- Seniors 60 years of age or older (any income level) OR
- Persons with an income of \$57,000 or less, regardless of age

Conejo Creek South Community Building
1350 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, 91362

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays, and Fridays

Tuesday, February 1 - Friday, April 15, 2022
8:30am - 4:00pm

(MONDAYS, 8:30AM - 12:30PM)
SPANISH TRANSLATION AVAILABLE

Newbury Park Library

2331 Borchard Rd., Thousand Oaks, 91320

WEDNESDAYS ONLY

Wednesday, February 2 -
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
10:00am - 4:00pm

No appointments taken - First-come, first-served basis. Please read all information.
Adhering to County of Ventura COVID-19 Guidelines, Masks Required.

WHAT TO BRING

- For married filing joint, both spouses must be present
- Photo identification
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number documents for you, your spouse, and dependents
- Birth dates for you, spouse, and dependents
- A copy of last year's Federal and State tax return
- All Forms W-2, 1098, and 1099
- Interest and dividend statements (1099 INT; 1099 DIV; 1099B)
- Form 1095-A (Marketplace Health Insurance)
- Other relevant information on income, expenses, deductions
- Information for all deductions/credits
- Total paid to day care provider and their tax ID number
- Bank Routing numbers for direct deposit
- For prior year returns, copies of income transcripts from IRS if Form W-2 not available

WILL PREPARE

- Wages, salaries, etc. (Form W-2)
- Interest Income (Form 1099-INT)
- Dividends Received (Form 1099-DIV)
- State Tax Refunds (Form 1099-G)
- Unemployment Benefits (Form 1099-G)
- IRA Distributions (Form 1099-R)
- Pension Income (Forms 1099-R, CSA-1099)
- Social Security Benefits (Form SSA-1099)
- Capital Gain/Loss (Form 1099-B)
- Sale of Home (Form 1099-S)
- Self-employed Income (Form 1099-MISC)
- Gambling Winnings (Form W-2G)
- Cancellation of Debt (Form 1099-C)
- Health Savings Accounts (Form 1099-SA)
- Itemized Deductions
- Education Credits (Form 1098-T)
- Child Tax Credit
- Earned Income Credit
- Health Insurance Statements (Forms 1095-A, B or C)
- Prior Year and Amended Returns
- Business income/expenses for Schedule C (ONLY if there is a profit and expenses are under \$35,000; no home use, inventory, or depreciation)

WILL NOT PREPARE

- Schedule E (No Rentals)
- No out-of-state-returns
- No married filing separate returns

For more information, contact CSVP at 805.381.2742 or csvp@crpd.org



March Birthdays

- 5 Gaye Khan
- 6 Lyla Grant
- 19 Taylor Mansmann
- 20 Fred Turner
- 22 Gerda Sawaya
- 30 Gail Beeker



Support Our Military

Please continue to collect personal care items and treats to support our troops. Travel size products such as soaps, shampoo, razors, lotions, deodorants, etc. are especially appreciated. Hard candies, lifesavers, and breath mints make refreshing treats to share too. You may drop these items off in the box in the narthex.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



**DON'T FORGET TO MOVE YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH.**



The daytime Book Club will meet at 11:45 AM on Zoom on Tuesday, March 1st to discuss "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson. Please join us if you can. The future books we are reading are....

April 5th - "Crossing the Line" by Kareem Rosser

May 3rd - "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig

*The deadline for all
articles for the April newsletter is
March 25th. Be sure to email
them to
gsmcginnis@roadrunner.com.*

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