

newhope news

Lutheran Church - Agoura Hills

April, 2022

From Pastor Scott Maxwell-Doherty

Several years ago I was given the opportunity to lead a team of people who would design and deliver the 'Morning Mass Gathering' experience at the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Held in one of our countries football arenas, 40,000 young people and their chaperones would arrive to experience the look of Lutherans in one place.

Our team gathered every morning to eat breakfast together, gather all the 'things' to do a complete tech run through, and then gather up our speakers and musicians to shepherd them into the moment. One ritual stood out among all the other rituals. One of the team leaders would lead a devotion on the floor of the dome, in the center of the room.

On this day, David read the contents of a yogurt container. The team laughed politely as we wondered where was he going? He proceeded, what is in you? What makes you you? Who is in you? How did that happen?

He had us wander from the dome floor to the center of the stage where he dipped his hand in the Baptismal font and said...I believe this is where the contents of your heart started, and it is from here you effect the world.

The verse chosen...

Ephesians 3:17

So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the strength to comprehend the love of Christ, that you would be filled with the fullness of God.

May the love and grace of God live in and through you fully, this day, everyday.

Pastor Scott



From The Deacon

April will be a very busy month at New Hope. April 3rd is the last Sunday in Lent, and in addition to continuing our “mask optional” services, and adding regular elements for communion, we will be adding food back into our goodies hour. April 6th will be the last Lenten mid-week service using Holden Evening Prayer.

On April 9th the Celebration of Life for Del Hultgren will be held at 1 pm, with a small reception afterwards. April 10th is Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday. We'll remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and there will be palms.

There will be one Holy Week service on Thursday the 14th at 6 pm. We will remember the events of Jesus' last week on earth, including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil during our service.

Saturday, April 16th we will have an Easter egg hunt and family picnic. After two years without one, it's exciting to have the chance to get together outside for fun and for a meal. There's still a chance to donate candy for stuffing eggs if needed, and time to sign up to attend the picnic.

Easter is Sunday the 17th, and there will be one service at 10 am. Pastor Scott and I look forward to seeing everyone there who can join us, and we'll continue to livestream services for everyone who will join us that way.

Blessings,
Deacon Lynn





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

Tom LaVanne and family on the death of his mom, Muriel.

Jill Fisher is recovering from back surgery.

Caity Fisher is recovering from ACL surgery.

Sue Koons and Karen Ingram are both recovering from hand surgery.

Ann Church, Alison Rowe and families on the death of their mom, Nancy.

The Hultgren family on the death of Del.

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, 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, 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:

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818-515-9038 - Phyllis

wfrickert@gmail.com - Wayne

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We are filled with joy and excitement to announce that our Choir Accompanist, David Cohen has accepted the position as our Music Director, effective immediately.

For over 3 years, David has faithfully gifted us with his beautiful music and piano accompaniment. When you hear the song, "Welcome to New Hope" at the beginning of each Sunday Worship Service, know that David wrote this song from his heart, for us. We look forward to the new ideas David will bring to our Music and Worship ministry.



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, April 3rd at 9:15 AM in the Amplify Room.



Social Ministry

Happy Easter Everyone

I would like to thank Fred Dunn for his outstanding organization of the CROP Walk this year! We had a great time walking in a beautiful area of Oak Canyon Park. This year your generosity provided just under \$2,000. There were 14 walkers and a total of 33 that donated money.

From Team New Hope

LAUNDRYLOVE - We will be partnering with Church of the Epiphany, Oak Park, to begin a new ministry through Laundrylove. This is a national non-profit that helps underprivileged families do laundry once a month paid using a participating laundromat. We have found one in Newbury Park and will begin with a few single mothers with children. More details to follow soon. Harbor House will be helping with referrals. It costs \$40 for a family to wash 4 loads of laundry! This relief is sorely needed!

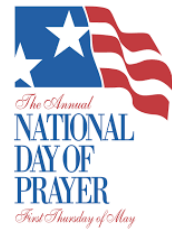
Meals Heaters - Thanks again to everyone for firing up ovens and heating and transporting chicken pot pies to Harbor House! You are so appreciated!

In Christ, Merylee Blair



National Day of Prayer
YMCA Prayer Breakfast
at CLU

Thursday, May 5th



New Hope is once again a sponsor of the YMCA Prayer Breakfast from 7:30-9:30 AM. Below is the link to the form where you can sign up online as a guest of New Hope.

<https://www.sevymca.org/prayer-breakfast-guest-sign>



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



Oak Canyon Community Park - Pavilion B

5600 Hollytree Drive, Oak Park

Lunch, including dessert and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or salad to share.

We will begin serving at 11 AM.

Please sign up for this fun event at church on Sunday.



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.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YouTube CHANNEL

Our subscribers are notified whenever New Hope posts a worship video or starts a live-stream service.

Click link to subscribe:

<https://www.youtube.com/newhopeagoura>

WAYS to GIVE

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Electronically

Contact the church
office for assistance
in setting up **VANCO**
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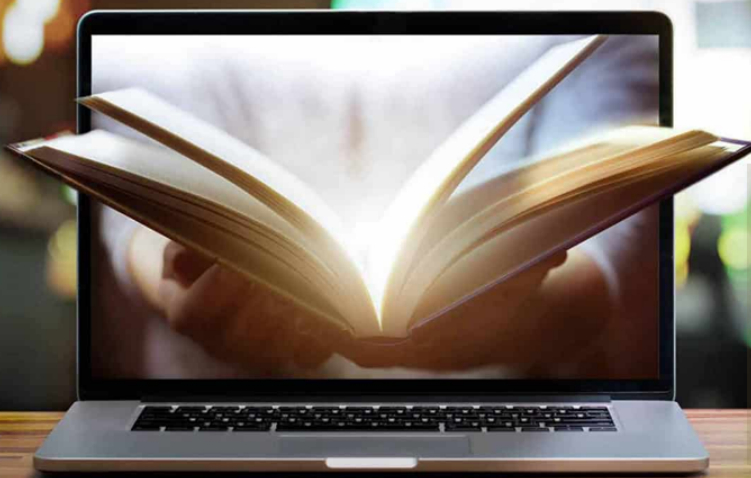
Volunteer

**Sharing Your Time
& 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

Help us beautify our
Sanctuary for our
Easter Worship
Service

Dedicate an Easter
Hydrangea



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



April Birthdays

- 2 Lorie Paulson
- 7 Lyndsey Blair
- 9 Fred Dunn
- 15 Brent Blair
- Sue Koons
- 21 Cindy O'Hare
- 23 Linda Barry
- 25 Sue Poulson
- 26 Sarah Olelewe
- 28 Steve Frye



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.

"One of the best parts of waiting on God is that we also get to wait with God."

-Guideposts



The daytime Book Club will meet at 11:30 AM on Zoom on Tuesday, April 5th to discuss "Crossing the Line" by Kareem Rosser. Please join us if you can. The future books we are reading are....

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

June 7th - "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueg

The deadline for all articles for the May newsletter is April 23rd. Be sure to email them to gsmcginnis@roadrunner.com.

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