



# newhope news

***Lutheran Church - Agoura Hills***

**July, 2022**

## **FROM PASTOR SCOTT MAXWELL-DOHERTY**

Recently I took my car in for service and repair. It took longer than I anticipated. Late in the day the service manager called and said that they found a problem with the brakes and repair was needed. Late the next day, the repair person called and shared with me that parts had been ordered to complete the repair assuring me that the car would be ready the following day. Day number three arrived. At 3 PM the technician called and shared that the brake repair was complete. He went on to tell me that he had NEVER seen this sort of anomaly before and because of it I would not be charged for the repair, not even the labor.

I was stunned and thrilled. A no charge brake repair, OH MY. After I hung up, I let out a celebratory HOOT. This was PURE GRACE.

In Luke chapter 7, Jesus had an encounter with a Centurion whose servant was gravely ill. There is a reasonable amount of pleading for Jesus to come and heal the servant. As Jesus was headed for the home of the Centurion, friends of the Centurion were sent to Jesus to plead that Jesus not come because the Centurion did not feel worthy. On returning to the Centurion's home, the friends found the servant had been healed and back on his feet.

Imagine the great joy of the Centurion. Imagine the joy of the friends. Imagine the joy of the servant once healed. I bet there were more than a few shouts of great joy.

The grace of God comes in many ways, shapes, and forms. The response is to give thanks for the action of a gracious God.

### **Psalm 106:1**

*Praise the Lord.*

*Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
God's love endures forever.*

Give thanks for the grace of God.

Pastor Scott

*God's  
GRACE*



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

Sandy Hansen has been in rehabilitation getting her strength back.

Bob Green is in Hospice care.

Continued prayers of healing for Barbara Artinian, Floyd Bealer, Tom Beddingfield, Evelyn Colby, Sandy and Matt Cowden, Steve Frye, Lyla Grant, 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, Madelyn and Stan Swope, Jane Taschereau, Rose Topliss, Susie and Fred Turner.

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



We rejoice with Sandy Hansen (great Grandma) and Sue Poulson (great great aunt) on the birth of Mason Jan who was born on June 21st. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 3/4" long. Proud parents are Jordyn and Noah.



Please make the following changes in your directory:

**Wayne and Phyllis Rickert**  
219 Villa Circle  
Thousand Oaks 91360  
Landline - 805-251-3325

**Rose Topliss**  
195 Tierra Rejada Road - Unit 30  
Simi Valley 93065  
Landline - 805-210-2082



## Clean Out Day

A BIG round of applause for the 28 people that helped in decluttering the church on Saturday, June 18th. Many hands made a light load. With 28 people and 56 hands a lot was done in the 2-3 hours. New Hope is looking good, ready in the near future to welcome a new pastor.

Thanks,  
Gary McGinnis



## 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, August 7th at 9:15 AM in the Amplify Room. No meeting in July.**

## Call Committee

First, thank you for your prayers for the Transition Team as they completed New Hope's Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and submitted it to the Southwest California Synod. The MSP describes New Hope: who we are, what we do, what is important to us and who we would like to be in partnership with our new Pastor. The Synod has approved the MSP and it is now posted throughout the ELCA for interested Pastors to review. We give thanks to the Transition Team for a job well done!

Second, your prayers are now requested for the Call Committee. The Synod office will receive information from Pastors interested in serving at New Hope, then screen and submit 4-6 names for the Call Committee to interview.

While we wait for candidate names, the Committee is preparing questions for the first and second rounds of interviews, and preparing answers to questions we anticipate the candidates may ask. We are most grateful for the materials the Synod has prepared to guide us through the process. We ask for your prayers for the Synod office, the applicants and the Committee during this time.

If you want to recommend a Pastor for consideration, please call (805-390-9298) or email ([ksuingram@earthlink.net](mailto:ksuingram@earthlink.net)) me as soon as possible so I can submit their name to our assigned Synod staff for follow-up.

Again, thank you for your on-going prayers!

Karen Ingram  
Chair

## From the Deacon

I am on break from June 20 to July 7, so this will be short and sweet:

Working with others, I'm trying to get senior programming up and running again in August. To do what people want, I've composed the following short survey on Survey Monkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MXPCZJ9>

Please take it, and share it with other seniors in the congregation.

Thank you,  
Deacon Lynn



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## Social Ministry

Welcome Summer! As we begin our activities and travels, our Social Ministries move forward. July brings our monthly Meals Program, Laundrylove, LSS monthly lunches along with other opportunities to serve. Our dates are:

**Laundrylove - July 5th**  
**Harbor House Meals Program - July 18th**  
**LSS and Harbor House lunches- ongoing**



We will be assisting The Women's Interfaith Network in collecting school supplies for unhoused/at risk high schoolers in the Conejo Valley Unified School District between now and July 15th. There will be a sign-up sheet after church on July 3rd and 10th for supplies. These older students need supplies for a good school year. Please consider signing up. Donations may be brought to church or I will pick them up. This will also be on our website and on our Friday Email.

Questions on any Social Ministry Programs?

Contact me, Merylee at 805-490-1867 or email me - [meryleeblair@gmail.com](mailto:meryleeblair@gmail.com)

Blessings, Merylee Blair



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Do you want a more authentic relationship with God? With others? With yourself? A small group called "Taste of Grace" has begun June 23<sup>rd</sup> and you are welcome to join us. The focus is on experiencing God through a variety of prayer practices, such as Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer. There is time for sharing and prayer. We meet every other Thursday from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. Natalie Larkin and Marsha Chew are the co-facilitators and we meet at Natalie's house at 849 Vista Arriago in Camarillo. Our next meeting is July 7<sup>th</sup>. Come, grow closer to the Divine.

*June 26, 2022*

*Dear Church Family,*

*We will be celebrating our first year of living in Colorado. Living, once again, with Rachael, Doug and Delilah has been a blessing. Our new home has been a perfect match for us.*

*One of the main things we miss is our CA Church Community. It has been a cornerstone in our lives for over 52 years. From the first meetings in the community room by the pool, through the various houses of worship, to the Agoura Road address, our church was always a priority in our life. We are confident that the Lord will direct the heart of the next pastor you will be calling; and NHLC will continue to thrive, grow, and serve.*

*At this time, Bob and I are asking you to put us, Rachael, and Sara's families in your prayers.*

*We would like prayers for peace and comfort as Bob has now entered a very caring and supportive home Hospice program. The Hospice team members we have met are devoted to the care of the families they serve and have a deep commitment of faith in the Lord. Bob's rapid decline in health, led our family doctor to advise us to join the Hospice program.*

*Bob had been given the diagnosis of Parkinson's. This was reassessed by our neurologist to be Lewy Body Dementia with Parkinsonism. The caregivers coming to our home will make these next days or weeks easier to manage. Bob will be able to remain in the comfort of our home surrounded by those he loves.*

*We think of all of you often and you are in our prayers. We are assured that the Spirit will embrace us through your prayers.*

*Yours, in the Lord, who "holds us in the palm of His hand."*

*Eilene and Bob Green*





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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Thank you  
for supporting  
the work  
of

**newhope**  
Lutheran Church



In Person

**offering plate**  
available at all  
in-person worship  
services.



By Mail

**Address to:**  
**New Hope Church**  
**29295 Agoura Road**  
**Agoura Hills, CA**  
**91301**



Online

**Secure Giving** through  
our website using the  
**PayPal** donate option  
**NewHopeAgoura.org**



Electronically

Contact the church  
office for assistance  
in setting up **VANCO**  
**automated** giving



Volunteer

**Sharing Your Time  
& Talents**

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



## July Birthdays

- 1 Gary Alwood
- 3 Wayne Rickert
- 4 John Leland
- 8 Tim Neal
- Bonnie Northcott
- 13 Chriss Alwood
- 15 Dorr Looman
- 16 Oliver Edens
- 17 Jeanette King
- 19 Bryan Boggs
- 21 Hannah Hershman
- Karen Reed
- 24 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](mailto: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](mailto:kathleen.rgrs@gmail.com)



The daytime Book Club will meet at 11:30 AM on Zoom on Tuesday, July 5th to discuss "The Phone Booth at the Edge of the World" by Laura Imai Messina. Please join us if you can. The future books we are reading are....

August 2nd - "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles

September 6th - "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich

*The deadline for all articles for the August newsletter is July 25th. Be sure to email them to [gsmcginnis@roadrunner.com](mailto:gsmcginnis@roadrunner.com).*

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