

newhope news

Lutheran Church - Agoura Hills

August, 2025

But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!
(Colossians 3:8-11, one of our readings for August 3rd)

Life is full of disagreements, and this was true for the early church as well. After Christ's death, people were wrestling with a hard question: what does it mean to be a Christian? Does it mean you have to be from a certain background? From a certain place? Do you need to have a certain social status?

We wrestle with the same questions today. We expect people to act in specific ways before we welcome them. We judge people based on their dress or their occupation. We draw boundaries of who does and does not belong. Not much has changed over the past 2,000 years.

But this passage from Colossians gives us a different vision of the world: one where we treat each other as family. Christ is all and in all! In other words, the love of Christ should change how we see one another. When we look at our neighbors, we don't see the differences. We just see a fellow sibling of God.

This changes how we live. We put aside things like anger, wrath, and abusive language. Now we speak in a new way: with words of love.

We live in a world that is increasingly divided. How might things be different if we truly lived into these words from Colossians? It is the calling for each and every one of us. It is the calling for you! As the scriptures remind us, Christ is all and in all. We are all fellow children of God.

Remember that Christ loves you. Then become the kind of person who shares that love.

Peace,
Pastor Steve Simpson





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

Continued prayers of healing for Joe Bulock, Steve Chew, Sandy Cowden, Mariella Edgar, Joy Elazary, Mary Ann and Lou Fiore, Suzie Frye, Lyla Grant, Kara Henkel, Vi and Chuck Kemmerer, Joyce Lawson, Dorr and Joan Looman, Elinor Martin, Jim and Cheryl Merrill, Katie Murray, Jim and Renee Olmstead, Karen Reed, Phyllis and Wayne Rickert, Madeline Swope, Jane Taschereau and the Shaver family.

Prayers for our servicemen - Heather Brown, Keith Brown, Farrah Hayden, and Ikenna Olelewe.



Financial Update

By Joe Bulock

Thank you for your generosity in 2025. I am grateful for your support of New Hope financially. Year to date our donations are \$215,188; about 9% over budget. Giving by the groups continues to be a blessing. Expenses are tracking slightly below budget expectations, however we still expect a shortfall. Contact John Bell if you have any questions.

Recent Council Meeting Highlights

* Council approved the Endowment Committee's recommendation to fund \$1,000 grants each to the Cancer Support Community, Friends of Field Workers, Food Share of Ventura County, and Assistance League of Conejo Valley - Children's Vision Program.

* Ryan Dibley has agreed to serve on the Endowment committee.

* A new projection system was approved for the sanctuary.

* We appreciate those that have volunteered to be Assistant Ministers and in home Communion Ministers to help with our spiritual health.



The Piecemakers

The Piecemakers are working towards matching last year's quilt count for the quilt pick up in October. Last year we donated 44 quilts and so far we are up to 35 quilts made this year to date. We really appreciate all the fabric contributions from members and friends that have been brought into the church. We still purchase the batting, other notions, and shipping costs that we need to complete the quilts, so if you feel so inclined, we'd love your donations.

The Piecemakers,

Kathy Rogers, Gail McGinnis, Bonnie Bell, Bonnie Schulz, Ardy Tamburro, Holly Dolliver, Alison Rowe, and Lorie Paulson



If you would like to be help with the worship service, we would love to have you volunteer. We can always use more help on a Sunday morning. With lots of volunteers, you only have to do it every few months. If you are interested in being a greeter, reader, communion assistant, altar care, door monitor, or serve goodies, please contact Gail McGinnis (gsmcginnis@roadrunner.com) and she will be happy to sign you up.

"Unstoppable just means you have the courage to take one more step."

- Anthony Robles

"A common misconception is that you need to feel good to get going, but often it's the other way around: You need to get going to give yourself a chance at feeling good....This is why it's so important to just get started on the things that matter to you and give yourself a chance."

- Brad Stulberg

"You have to go wholeheartedly into anything in order to achieve anything worth having."

- Frank Lloyd Wright





Custom Greeting Card Fundraiser

Raising money to
help those in need

Sunday, August 3rd

On sale in the narthex, before and after
our church service





Hot Meal Program

the 3rd Monday of each month

**Volunteer to bake & deliver
pot pies to Holy Trinity
church. Pies & supplies are
provided by New Hope.**

Sign-up Sunday in the Narthex!



New Hope Church participates in the Harbor House Hot Meal Program by providing 50 hot chicken pot pies each month. Our New Hope volunteers bake the pies then deliver them to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on the 3rd Monday of each month, between 4:00 - 4:30 PM. The Third Quarter of July, August, and September has been assigned. Thank you to all. The frozen pies and supplies are provided by New Hope. Any questions, text Karen Reed at (805) 405-0518.

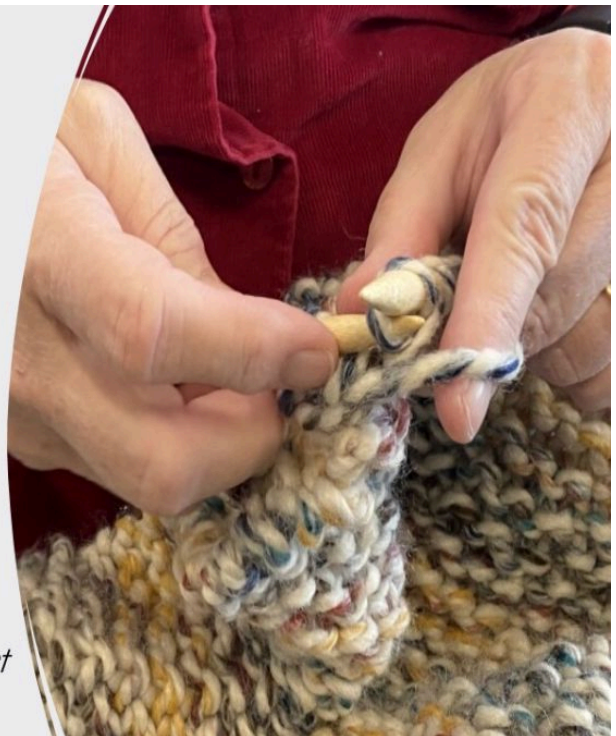
Prayer Shawl Ministry



knit, loom, crochet, & pray

*Created to comfort and support those
in need or to celebrate special events*

*For details about this ministry or to request
a prayer shawl, [TAP HERE](#)*



We will meet on Sunday, August 10!

Join us for the next

Ladies CRAFT & CHAT

Saturday
- AUGUST 2ND
10A.M-12P.M

at THE HOME OF
Bonnie Bell

PLEASE see BONNIE
FOR DIRECTIONS

DRINKS are PROVIDED -
LAST NAMES "A-M" BRING
SNACKS

Piece Makers

Quilt making for Lutheran World Relief

Our quilting group meets every other Thursday,
from 9:30a.m to 1p.m.

We will meet again in July on the 31st

See Kathy Rogers for more information about this ministry,
or how you can donate to the cost of materials.



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Helping neighbors in
our community have
clean laundry



Drop your quarters in the Laundry Love jar!

The cost of washing is \$2.50 for small loads and up to \$6.50 for large washers. Drying time is \$.25 per 5 minutes.

God bless you for your prayers and continued support of Laundry Love, helping the needy in our community! Volunteers are also appreciated! See Burnis Reed for more information.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR MANNA THIS MONTH

Please place any of these "top priority items of the month" in our Manna Box in the hallway.

Canned pasta sauce

Canned baked beans or refried beans

Shelf-Stable Drinks - Juice, Gatorade, etc.

Toilet Paper, Paper towels, or Tissue

Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Canned Fruit - any kind

Canned Soup - any kind

Canned meat - chicken or spam

Coffee, Tea or Hot cocoa

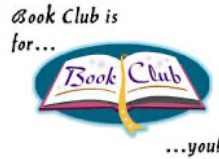
Condiments - Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard, etc.



Manna
CONEJO VALLEY FOOD BANK



23 Leila Mader
24 Alison Rowe



August Birthdays

3 Dutch Schulze
4 Marsha Chew
5 Debbie Martin
6 Joan Looman
10 Scott Ash
14 Ryan Dibley
17 Joe Bulock
Dyanne Schultz
18 Stan Fisher
Rob Taschereau
19 Tom Beddingfield
David Cohen



The daytime Book Club will meet at 11:30 AM on Zoom and/or at church on August 5th to discuss "The Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger. The future books we are reading are...

September 2nd - "March" by Geraldine Brooks

October 7th - "All the Beauty in the World" by Patrick Bringley

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

"I make a point to appreciate all the little things in my life. I go out and smell the air after a good, hard rain. I reread passages from my favorite books. I hold the little treasures that somebody special gave me. These small actions help remind me that there are so many great, glorious pieces of good in the world."

- Dolly Parton



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