

newhope news

Lutheran Church - Agoura Hills

March 2026

Lenten Theme

Pathways of Prayer

Join us throughout the season of Lent. We will be exploring what the scriptures have to say about prayer and the many different ways we can talk with God.

Starting February 25th, we will begin our Lenten Bible Study and soup luncheon. We will gather in the Social Hall, each Wednesday at 10:30AM.

First Monday
Prayer Gathering

We will meet in the Prayer Chapel
Monday, March 2nd
5-6p.m.

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

Marsha Chew and family on the passing of Steve.

Continued prayers of healing for Joe Bullock, Sandy Cowden, Mariella Edgar, Mary Ann Fiore, Suzie Frye, Lyla Grant, Ben and Kara Henkel, Vi and Chuck Kemmerer, Beverly Larkin, Joyce Lawson, Dorr and Joan Looman, Elinor Martin, Jim and Cheryl Merrill, Katie Murray, Renee Olmstead, Karen Reed, Wayne Rickert, Madeline Swope, Don and Ardy Tamburro, Jane Taschereau and Jim Valestrino.

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



Address Change

Barbara Artinian

Dogwood Forest

1754 Grayson Highway #212

Grayson, Georgia 30017



New Hope Staff

Pastor Steve and Laurie Scott's work days and hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 AM to 6 PM. Please only reach out to them during those days and hours, unless it's an emergency.



Souper Bowl for MANNA

Thanks for all that donated food on Super Bowl Sunday. We were able to donate 812 lbs. of food to MANNA. They were very appreciative. The bin with the most food in it that day was for the Seattle Seahawks.

Don't forget the MANNA bin is always there for you to donate food.



Conejo Valley CROP WALK 2026

The CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, March 22nd at 1 PM starting on the campus of Cal Lutheran. Registration opens at noon.

No one in the world should be hungry. By participating in the CROP Walk, you can take steps and raise funds to provide meals to those in need within our community. A portion of the funds raised goes to MANNA, Harbor House, and Meals on Wheels.

Please make a donation to the CROP Walk - New Hope Lutheran team on the Conejo Valley CROP Walk 2026 page or give a check made out to CROP Walk to Fred Dunn. Thanks for your continued support.

Fred Dunn



Children's Sunday School is now being held on the 2nd Sunday of the month only. We are using the Spark Children's Bible to share Bible stories and will be learning some songs and doing crafts. All children are welcome!



Social Justice Small Group

The Social Justice Small Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 2 - 3 PM. This is a safe place to discuss issues of social justice and how to respond to God's call to care for each other. Please contact Karen Ingram to receive the link.



Our theme for Lent this year will be "Pathways of Prayer." We will be exploring what the scriptures have to say about prayer and the many different ways we can talk with God.

Our midweek Lenten Bible Studies and a soup lunch will be on Wednesdays, like in previous years, starting at 10:30 AM. Bible Study will be first, followed by lunch. We will finish by 12:15 PM. There is a sign-up sheet for those that would like to bring soup, salad, or rolls.



February Council Meeting Highlights

Council met February 10th in a hybrid meeting format. We agreed to review the current Constitution and bylaws to insure they conform with current guidance. A similar review is ongoing with the Endowment Committee governance. Council also discussed the importance of respecting Pastor and Laurie's time by focusing our non-emergency phone and text requests to normal business hours Tuesday-Friday. Finances in January were healthy, reflecting normal prepaid pledges and beginning of the year donations. However, we received larger than expected Thrivent Choice gifts designating New Hope. Thanks for everyone's generosity.

ELCA Benevolence Impact

The approved 2026 Budget includes a benevolence payment of about \$20,000 to the Southwest California synod. This supports the Bishop and the local programs. The money also supports broader ELCA Churchwide efforts. For example, over 200 missionaries in 48 countries and 84 Young Adults in Global Mission in 11 countries are supported with our benevolence. In addition, we support in part, the 357 new congregations in the US. Thank you.

Joe Bulock



First Monday Prayer Gathering

Please join our first Monday Prayer gathering on March 2nd at 5 PM in the Prayer Chapel. We pray for the individuals on New Hope's prayer chain, as well as concerns for our community at large. This month we will pray for love and justice. We also pray that New Hope continues to be a blessing to those in need or seeking God's love.



Bread Breakers

Bread Breakers, New Hope's new small group for those who like to eat out and try new restaurants, had a great start at Cafe Vivi. You are encouraged to come break bread and get to know your fellow members of New Hope. Feel free to bring a friend. Our next meal will be Thursday, March 19th at Brent's Deli (2799 Townsgate Road, Westlake Village). For more information, contact Karen Ingram.



LaundryLove

New Hope and Burnis Reed hosted the LaundryLove night in Thousand Oaks last month. We collected over \$100 in quarters in the jar over the last two months. In addition, your cash donations were used to acquire the additional quarters needed to provide the needed services.



Welcome Neighbors Task Group

As you may know, a 300+ apartment complex is being built down the road from New Hope, near Wood Ranch Restaurant. We are looking for volunteers to help develop a strategy for New Hope to reach out and welcome our new neighbors. If you would like to be part of this process, please let a member of Council know.



"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see."

- Henry David Thoreau

"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish."

- John Quincy Adams

"If you are always trying to be normal you will never know how amazing you can be."

- Maya Angelou

IRS Certified Volunteers Provide

FREE TAX RETURN PREPARATION



In conjunction 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 \$67,000 or less, regardless of age

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

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays, and Fridays

February 2 - April 15, 2026

8:30am - 4:00pm

SPANISH TRANSLATION AVAILABLE

Mondays, 8:30am - 4:00pm &

Wednesdays, 8:30am - 4:00pm

MANDARIN TRANSLATION AVAILABLE

FRIDAYS, 8:30am - 4:00pm

Newbury Park Library

2331 Borchard Rd., Thousand Oaks, 91320

WEDNESDAYS ONLY

Wednesday, February 4 -

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

10:00am - 4:00pm

MANDARIN TRANSLATION

AVAILABLE 10:00am - 4:00pm

**This is not a Thousand Oaks Library Program*



Join us
for the
next

LADIES CRAFT & CHAT

MAR. 7TH | 10AM-12PM

AT THE HOME
OF **Bonnie Bell**

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

Donate to the Altar Flower Fund

Let us recognize your special someone or event during our worship service announcements and in our newsletter



Dedicate flowers online at:

www.newhopeagoura.org/altar-flower-donations



2026 Conejo Valley
CROP HUNGER WALK

MARCH 22, 2026

Register at noon on the campus of Cal Lutheran.

WALK BEGINS AT 1PM

JOIN OR DONATE TO:

**Team New Hope
Lutheran – Agoura Hills**

at:

events.crophungerwalk.org/chw

See Fred Dunn for more information

Prayer Shawl knit,
Ministry crochet,
loom &
pray

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

We meet once a month in the sewing
room. Join us next time on Sunday,
March 1st at 9:15a.m.

For details about this ministry or to
request a prayer shawl, [tap here](#)



Piece Makers

Quilt making for
Lutheran World Relief

Join our quilting group!

We meet every
other Thursday from
9:30a.m-1p.m

We will meet again
March 12th



Harbor House®

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, salads, and desserts 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. Emails to follow. Thank you to all. The frozen pies and supplies are provided by New Hope. Any questions, text Karen Reed at (805) 405-0518.



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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

Broth - Canned or Shelf-Stable Cartons

Canned Soup - any variety

Canned meat - Chicken, Ham or Spam

Coffee or Tea or Hot Chocolate

Canned Baked Beans

Canned Chili

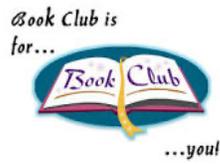
Cereal (Cold Cereal and Instant Oatmeal Packets)

Boxed Macaroni and Cheese

Condiments (Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard, etc.)



Manna
CONEJO VALLEY FOOD BANK



March Birthdays

- 5 Gaye Khan
- 6 Lyla Grant
- 11 Steve Simpson
- 19 Taylor Mansmann
- 22 Gerda Sawaya
- 30 Gail Beeker

The daytime Book Club will meet at 11:30 AM on Zoom and/or at church on March 3rd to discuss "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn.

The future books we are reading are...

April 7th - "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

May 5th - "The Mighty Red" by Louise Erdrich

**DON'T FORGET TO
MOVE YOUR CLOCKS
AHEAD ONE HOUR ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH!**



The deadline for the April newsletter is March 22nd. Be sure to email them to gsmcginnis@roadrunner.com

"The most important thing in life is to learn how to give out love, and to let it come in."

-Morrie Schwartz

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