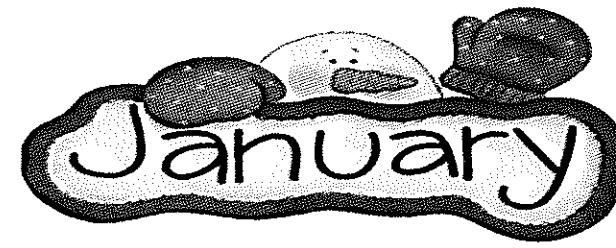


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A happy and blessed New Year to all of you! May God's blessing be upon you as we begin the year as Christmas concludes with the Epiphany of our Lord.

Christmas is the time of year when we reflect upon the gift of God's Incarnation for the world, and more personally, for us as individuals. In the season of Epiphany, we reflect upon the revelation of how this gift commands bold action from us in addressing the realities of sin and suffering.

New Year's resolutions are another way we work out the Epiphany. Many of us make resolutions dedicated to specific and personal goals. We attempt to be resolute in changing how we diet and exercise to achieve the goal of dropping inches from our waist. We become resolute in financial matters to achieve the goal of purchasing a home, car, or vacation.

This practice of making resolutions and achieving goals is healthy for self-esteem and personal satisfaction. But as much as self-help and growth are good, the Epiphany of the Lord doesn't call upon us to retreat into ourselves with narcissism. As the Incarnation of Christ is for us, the Epiphany of Christ demands change and action from us for the sake of our neighbor and the world.

May we all make the resolution in the Epiphany of our Lord that we become more engaged in our community. Let us resolve to be the body of Christ; let us resolve to posture ourselves with each other and not against; let us resolve to walk alongside each other and not un-friend or un-follow our fellow brethren. Let us resolve to see each other face-to-face and look in one another's eye - for the Epiphany of our Lord reveals God Incarnation as living among us in our neighbors near and far, home and abroad.

It is a New Year filled with new opportunities in living the new things God is doing through us. As the living Body of Christ, let us take bold action as we worship together and engage the world in the change God works through our hands.

Pastor Mike

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dated Material—Do Not Delay

FAITH

Worship & Sunday School—8:45 am

Fellowship: 9:45 am

NORTH NEW HOPE

Sunday School—9:45 am

Worship: 10:45 am

Holy Communion is celebrated the first and third Sunday of every month.

Pastor Michael Peuse

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Church Website: www.faithandnewhope.com



Annual Meetings

Faith's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019 after Worship.

North New Hope's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019 after Worship.



Post Holiday Blues

There is much hustle and non-stop activity during the holidays. With the home decorating, gift purchasing, family meals, gatherings and travel. We all do our best to keep the stress down during the holidays but what about after the holidays? As we start the new year, the winter in Wisconsin comes with cold and snow. That can be dreary in itself. There are many tips and techniques to handle the post-holiday blues. Here are a few from the sources listed below.

Take care of yourself: Eat a well-balanced diet with reasonable portions. Add a walk at least once a day and a more regular bedtime. Regular routines of self-care may have disappeared over the past month but you can reclaim them.

Meditate: a few minutes a couple times a day. Focus on what did go right over the holidays.

Kids home for the week: They may be exuberant and they may be demanding. Often their over activity is a bid for attention. If you give them attention in a way that is pleasant for you as well, they may well settle down. Get down on the floor and enjoy kid time.

Call a friend: Keep the conversation lively of what has been going well and what you can laugh about. Sharing humor is a great way to lift the spirits.

Random acts of kindness: Give yourself the gift of giving to someone else. Whether it's a call to one of the older relatives who doesn't get much attention or taking food to a shut-in, focusing on someone else's needs has the effect of helping the giver.

Plan things to look forward to: Make a coffee date with a friend or a movie date with your spouse. Turn the kids' thinking to what will happen in school over the next few months.

Here are more tips to consider:

- Keep a positive attitude.
- Accept that there are events that you cannot control.
- Be assertive instead of aggressive. Assert your feelings, opinions, or beliefs instead of becoming angry, defensive, or passive.
- Learn to manage your time more effectively.
- Set limits appropriately and learn to say no to requests that would create excessive stress in your life.

Don't rely on alcohol, drugs, or compulsive behaviors to reduce stress.

Have a very Blessed and Healthy New Year!

Respectfully Submitted, Your Parish Nurse

Sources: <https://psychcentral.com/lib/how-to->

Puzzle!

Love is a fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Identify another fruit that can make Valentine's Day — and every day — special. First, write a word that fits each clue below. Then unscramble the letters from the bold, vertical column to find another fruit of the Spirit. Write it on the blanks below.

LEAVE									
CHAPEAU									
TRANQUILITY									
BECOME MATURE									
RESPOND									
SPHERE									
OLD TESTAMENT QUEEN									
DISCOVER									
CONFIDENCE									
ALWAYS									

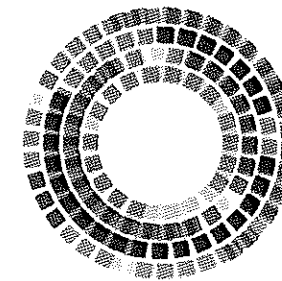
Answer: depart, hat, peace, grow, answer, ball, Esther, find, trust, ever, gentleness

The church as mosaic

A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in [the church] is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: "I make God visible." But others who see us together can say: "They make God visible." [Christian] community is where humility and glory touch.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen



Neighborly love

As an ordained minister, Fred Rogers harnessed the power of television to tell children they were loved — and to show them how to love others. In *You Are Special*, he writes, “When we love a person, we accept him or her exactly as is: the lovely with the unlovely, the strong along with the fearful, the true mixed in with the façade, and of course, the only way we can do it is by accepting ourselves that way.”

In a review of the touching documentary *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* a writer for *Variety* notes: “Rogers’ real secret was ... that the call to love your neighbor as yourself isn't a slogan to hang in your kitchen with flowers around it — it's a decision you make at every moment, to view every man, woman and child on earth as your neighbor. If you don't see and feel that, and act on it, then you're just another narcissist with a kitchen slogan.”

Last October, when a synagogue shooting shattered the peace of Rogers’ real-life former neighborhood, residents of all religions embraced one another as neighbors. Afterward, the Fred Rogers Center stated, “We long for a day when there is no more tragedy born from hatred.”



Worship Helpers

January Altar Guild– Faith
Kathie Grill & Suzi Limberg

January Altar Guild– North New Hope
Marge Krogwold & Patti Gburek

Lector Schedule–Faith

January

- 6– Joshua Panter
- 13– Alan Carter
- 20– Deb Lemke
- 27– Faye Yenter



Lector Schedule—Faith

February

- 3– Linda Dobbe
- 10– Betsy Suehring
- 17– Karen Johnson
- 24– Joshua Panter

Usher Schedule

February

- 3– Cliff & Carol Schulz
- 10– Alan Carter & Volunteer
- 17– John & Bev Carter
- 24– John Farrell & Steve Grill

Greeter Schedule–Faith

February

- 3–Bill Dobbe Family
- 10– Norma Anderson
- 17– Julie Firkus
- 24– Lori Teuchert & Phyllis Landowski



Lector Schedule–North New Hope

February

- 3– Audrey Strack
- 10–Marge Krogwold
- 17– Gage Glodowski
- 24– Ruth Aanrud



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Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!!

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please find a replacement and let the Church Office know. Thank you!



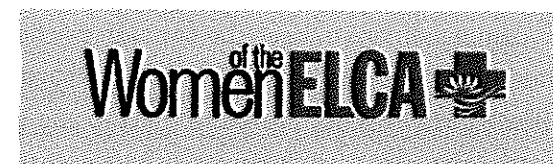
North New Hope WELCA

The annual gift of cookies was packed and delivered to the New Hope shut-ins and those going through medical treatments. There were many smiles and thanks from: Loretta Stull, Loraine Clark, Mary Seefelt, Bob Ellingson, Rose Rustad, Susan Nykl, and Norma Larson. Susan just finished a set of infusions, but planned to see her mother, Norma, for the holidays in Onalaska.

Thank you bakers for the much appreciated treats. We had enough cookies left to share on Sunday with the tree trimmers and baptism families.

Linda Carey is preparing the year end report for our WELCA ladies group. This will be included in the annual report in January. Linda would like to pass on her treasurer's duties to someone new, beginning after the annual meeting. She has the book and will gladly fill in what is done to the next volunteer. Ladies, please consider this opportunity to serve our group. Since we have not had an election for some years now, we hope to have an informal, short meeting about our two officers in January after church. Tentative date will be Jan. 20th., weather permitting. Linda and Marge K. can answer questions about these WELCA positions/ opportunities.

The New Hope mitten tree was brimming with the following donations: 18 hats, 3 sets of hat/scarf/mittens, 13 pair of gloves or mittens, and 2 pair of warm socks. These donations and a check were taken in to Boot Strap for those in need. Thank you to all who gave so generously.



January & February Youth Group Dates

January 6 & 20

February 10 & 17

8:00 PM at the Parsonage



Puzzle!

The 10 words below are spelled correctly but are missing the letter O. Use them to complete the Bible verse below, where you'll find all the missing O's.

S, NE, JHN, ANTHER, GD,
LVED, UGHT, T, ALS, LVE

Dear friends, since __O__ __O__
__O__ __O__ US, WE __O__ __O__
O__ __O__ __O__
O__ __O__
1 __O__ __O__ 4:11, NIV

Answer: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11, NIV



North New Hope Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 26, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Mike Peuse, Zack Fuller, Dan Glodowski, Jim Hotvedt, Krys Ferg, Sarah Wilke, Pat Luedeman, Lizzie Gburek.

Meeting Opened

Treasurer's Report: Krys presented the October financial report as well as the 2018 Profit/Loss statement and a preliminary budget statement for 2019. Jim motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried, minutes approved.

Review of October Meeting Minutes: Jim motioned to approve the minutes from the October meeting, Pat seconded. Motion carried, minutes approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike presented his pastor's report covering what occurred during the month of October.

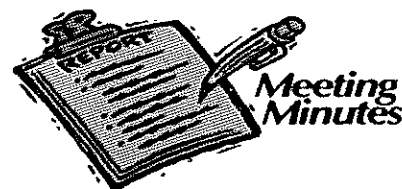
Old Business: The refrigerator is still in the process of being fixed; Krys is having someone come fix it. The concrete that was heaving appeared to go down; the council will keep an eye on it until spring, when it can be worked on to fix the drainage issue.

New Business: The council is still looking into the possibility of changing the number of council member from six to five.

Next Meeting: December 17th at North New Hope at 6 pm

Closing of the Meeting: Lizzie motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sarah seconded the motion. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Lizzie Gburek, Secretary



SPECIAL DATES

January

- **New Year's Day, January 1, 2019**
- **Epiphany, January 6, 2019**
- **Baptism of the Lord, January 13, 2019**
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2019**
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 21, 2019**

February

- **African-American History Month**
- **Valentine's Day, February 14, 2019**
- **Presidents Day, February 18, 2019**



Lighten your load

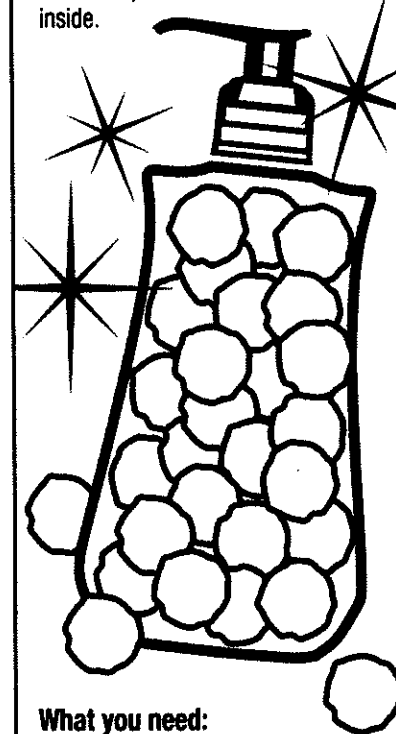
Keeping sabbath, not just on Sundays but throughout the entire week in an integrated way, keeps us sane, says Donna Schaper. While our culture pushes us to move faster, work harder and acquire more money and stuff, sabbath observances promote play, rest, love and worship.

"Sabbath — time for God — is a gift in its origin and in its keeping," Schaper writes in Sabbath Keeping (Cowley Publications). "It is not another must; it is a may. God invites us to keep sabbath; God does not demand it."

The commandment to keep the Sabbath day holy, she notes, "is an invitation to a party, not to a hanging. Sabbath keeping is not one more thing to add to our already long lists. [It] is lightness, not heaviness."

Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.



A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were therefore buried with him
 through baptism into death in order that,
 just as Christ was raised from the dead
 through the glory of the Father,
 we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

□	□	□	□	□	□	□
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Answer: f i e l e w n ; n e w l i f e



January

BIRTHDAYS



February

BIRTHDAYS

- 01/03—Betsie Graham
- 01/05—Elijah Richter
- 01/07—Timm Raddatz
- 01/08—Chelsea Bassett
- 01/08—Duane Dobbe
- 01/08—Jackie Gehm
- 01/10—Don Becker
- 01/11—Aubree Gryniewski
- 01/14—Pastor Mike
- 01/16—Tyler Fruik
- 01/16—Ramona Larson
- 01/17—Kathy Strand
- 01/18—Nick Gburek
- 01/18—Vivian Peuse
- 01/20—Joseph Fleming
- 01/21 Savannah Brooks
- 01/25—Justin Ferg
- 01/25—Connor Kuklinski
- 01/26—Lauren DeLaet
- 01/26—Ruth Lutz
- 01/26—Audrey Strack
- 01/27—Allan Kraetsch
- 01/29—Jim Brandl
- 01/29—Rick Dobbe
- 01/30—Kenzie Budsberg
- 01/30—Linda Carey
- 01/30—Josh Smiley
- 01/31—Darynda Kolden

- 02/01— Carol Lautenbach
- 02/04— Emily Wogsland
- 02/06— Mike Johnson
- 02/07— June Blenker
- 02/07— Mara Raddatz
- 02/08— Naomi Peuse
- 02/14— Berniece Krogwold
- 02/15— Mary Seefelt
- 02/16— Mark Ellingson
- 02/19— Jordan Dobbe
- 02/21— Richard Kurszewski
- 02/21— Sarah Wilke
- 02/23— Allen Zander
- 02/25— Lenore Peterson
- 02/26— Karen Johnson
- 02/26— Linda Mancel
- 02/26— Steve Wucherer
- 02/27— Kathleen Kaniecki



Happy Birthday!



Thank you to those who purchased Poinsettias at Faith, especially:

- Chelsea Bassett in memory of Jean Bassett
- Joshua Panter in memory of Karen Panter
- Delores Anderson in honor of her family
- Lois Thorp in memory of Phil
- Craig & Norma Anderson in honor of their granddaughters
- Jerry & Phyllis Landowski in memory of Deb Landowski
- Kathie & Steve Grill
- Clara Mae Knutson in memory of James Knutson & Eileen Knutson
- Betsy & Al Suehring
- Suzann Grill
- Darlene Knitter in memory of Ole & Emma Dobbe & in honor of Ida Brekke.
- Allan & Jan Kraetsch



Thank you to all who purchased Poinsettias at North New Hope, especially:

- Wendell & Marge Krogwold
- Sarah Wilke
- Krys Ferg in memory of Fred & Agnes Ferg & Jim Brooks and in honor of children and grandchildren.
- David & Lenore Peterson in memory of our Parents
- The Glodowski Family
- Wayne & Linda Carey
- Timm, Michelle, Mara, Allison & Aubrey Raddatz in memory of Grandpa Jerry Raddatz.
- Bob Ellingson in memory of Bev Ellingson
- Jim & Sandy Hotvedt in memory of Jessica Smith & our Parents.
- Pat Ludeman in memory of Leroy & Inez Ludeman & Ivan & Mary Fergus;
- Mark & Tammie Ellingson in memory of Bev Ellingson & John Ellingson.



Faith Lutheran Church members outdid themselves. The Mitten Tree was overflowing with items. We had 7 pairs of socks, 14 beautiful scarfs, 30 children's mittens, 22 adult gloves and 46 wonderful hats. Norma and Craig Anderson delivered half of them to the Salvation Army and Mayor Mike Wiza delivered the other half to the new warming center in Stevens Point. Many people were elated with everything they received. Thanks to all the warm hearted members who helped make this a warm HAPPY HOLIDAY for many!

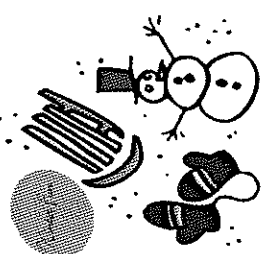


The New Year is fast approaching and the need for Worship Helpers is upon us. New Usher, Lector and Greeter calendars have been placed in the hallway by the North Entrance Doors at Faith and on the bulletin board at New Hope. Please consider signing up to help. We need you! Thank you to all of our current helpers, we appreciate your dedication and willingness to step up and help.



February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Hops & Hymns at McZ's on Thursday, February 14 at 6:30 pm		Please watch the bulletin for any changes or updates during the month. Thank you!			Pastor's Sabbath	2
3 Holy Communion	4 Office Closed	5 Faithful Knotters meet at 9 am	6 Catechism at Faith at 6pm Faith Bible Study at 7 pm	7 Pastor's Office hours at NH 1-3 pm	8 Pastor's Sabbath	9
10 Service of the Word YG @ 8pm	11 Office Closed	12 Faithful Knotters meet at 9 am	13 Catechism at Faith at 6pm Faith Bible Study at 7 pm	14 Pastor's Office hours at NH 1-3 pm Faith Ladies Bible Study at 1:30 pm	15 Pastor's Sabbath	16
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5	4 Pastor's Sabbath	3 Pastor's Office hours at NH 1-3 pm	2 No Catechism or Bible Study	1 Church Office is Closed. Happy New Year!!		5 Hops & Hymns at McZ's on Thursday, January 10th at 6:30 pm	

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

January 2019