

**NORTH NEW HOPE SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** Sunday School at 9:45am before worship. Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Noisy Offering last Sunday of every month. Please be generous as this funds the Sunday School. Mark your calendars! Children’s Christmas Program has been scheduled for Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> Next Sunday School project is to help the food pantry and assisted living with items before Christmas.

**FAITH LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** Faith Sunday School is held during worship, inform ushers your child is attending & Josh/Chelsea will lead them to the Fireside room for lessons, crafts, treats, & fun!

**ONLINE BIBLE STUDY:** Online Bible Study Wednesday’s 3:30pm.

**GREETING CARDS AT FAITH:** Greeting cards at Faith-*Free Will donation*

**JOINT YOUTH GROUP NEWS:** Youth Group (*7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades*) meets every other Sunday night at Faith7pm.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS MONTHLY:** *FAITH:* 1st Sunday after worship during coffee hour  
*N NEW HOPE:* 2nd Sunday before worship @ 10:15am.

**FAITH WELCA QUILT & IN MEMORY/HONOR OF RAFFLE:** Still accepting baskets/donations. Contact either Dan Colrud/ Betsie Graham/Patti Carter with donations. Or bring to church during office hours Tuesday-Friday Noon to 3pm. Drawing will be held after worship Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>, with Potluck Brunch! Tickets are available in the office, please consider taking books of tickets to sell. The more sold, the more funds raised for Lutheran World Relief for shipping Quilts and for Faith WELCA. Tickets are \$5 each or book of 3 for \$10

**ROSHOLT PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:** Canned Fruit, Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Toilet Paper, and brown paper bags with handles. Donation baskets in Narthex at Faith. Rosholt Food Pantry is open on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month 3-5pm. If you have a need or know of any families in need, Please reach out to Dawn Cherek 715-570-3045. Rosholt Pantry is completely confidential

**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF PORTAGE COUNTY:** ADRC Nutrition Program for seniors aged 60 and older. Rosholt ADRC dining site Nelson/Kaminski American Legion Hall. Meals are served on *2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays* every month. Noon lunch. Suggested donation of \$5. *RSVP Lisa, 715-347-4856.*

**FOOD BOX GIVEAWAY:** at the Iola Food Pantry on Thursday, December 11 from 3-6pm (no questions asked, while supplies last). Located at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 395 E. Iola St, Iola.

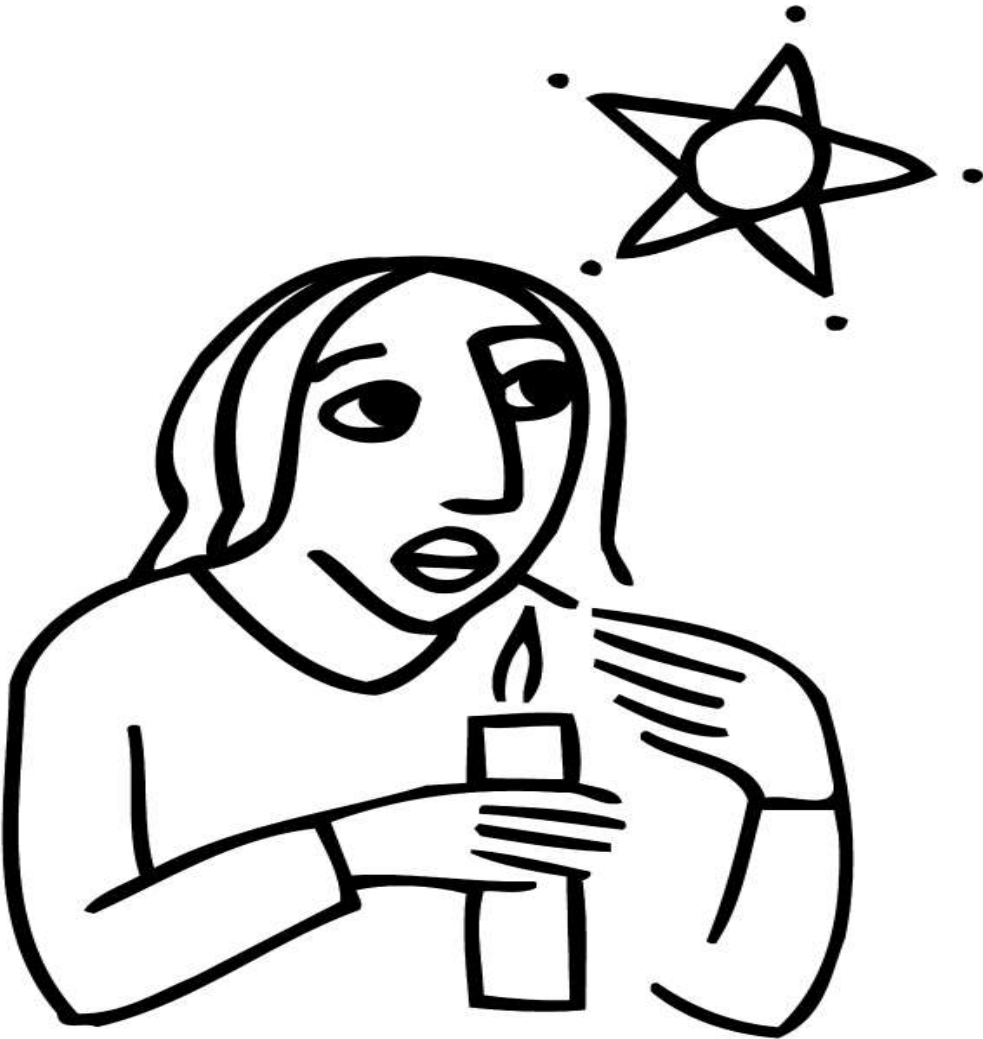


**DEADLINE JANUARY/FEBRUARYNEWSLETTER DECEMBER 18, 2025 at 2 pm** **DEADLINE BULLETINS – WEDNESDAYS 2 pm**

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<b>Organist Faith:</b>	Craig Anderson
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<b><u>Prayers for Healing</u></b>	
<i>Please remember those who are ill or otherwise in need of prayer, especially:</i>	
<b>FAITH</b>	
John, Alice, Ida, Nancy, Jackie, Josephine, Dawn & Paul, Betsy& Al, Bonnie, Heidi, Quinton, Jean, Todd, and Cheryl.	
<b>NORTH NEW HOPE:</b>	
Alyce, Berniece, Brett, Lenore, Cyndy, and Barb.	
<i>Please call or email the Church Office to add to or remove someone on the prayer list.</i>	

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Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
First Sunday of Advent  
Service of the Word



**Preparation for Worship** – Today we begin the season of Advent — a time of waiting, hope and preparation. As we worship, let us open our hearts to the Light that is coming, rejoice in the promises of God and prepare the way for Christ our Lord.

**Words of Welcome** – This last Sunday in November is also the first Sunday of Advent. We are delighted that you have come to worship. Let us now begin to spiritually prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ’s birth.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.**

**Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Now Thank We All Our God* (Red Hymnal #840)

GREETING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (Red Hymnal p213)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Red Hymnal p213)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: ADVENT 1

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 122

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”  
<sup>2</sup> **Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**  
<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;  
<sup>4</sup> **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**  
<sup>5</sup> For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.  
<sup>6</sup> **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**  
“**May they prosper who love you.**  
<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls  
and quietness with in your towers.  
<sup>8</sup> **For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**  
<sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FAITH: *Celtic Alleluia* (Red Hymnal #174)  
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION NEW HOPE (Red Hymnal p. 216)

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44  
The holy gospel according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON **Betsie Graham**  
HYMN OF THE DAY *Joy to the World* (Red Hymnal #267)  
CREED (Red Hymnal p104)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION  
In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church...  
....God of grace. **hear our prayer.**  
Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ Emmanuel. **Amen**

PEACE  
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING: QR code for convenience in giving



CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING (Red Hymnal p219)  
THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD: (Red Hymnal p220)

Praise and thanks to you... For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**  
By your Word you called... For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**  
Through Jesus, your Word made... For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER (Red Hymnal p221)  
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
BLESSING

May God who comes among us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *On Our Way Rejoicing* (Red Hymnal #537)  
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.  
**Thanks be to God.**