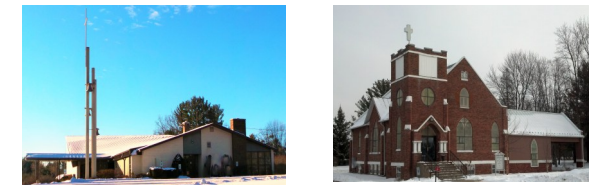


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FAITH LUTHERAN
Worship & Sunday School—8:45 am
Fellowship/Coffee Hour 9:45am
NORTH NEW HOPE
Sunday School—9:45 am
Worship: 10:45 am

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

Reverend Michael Peuse

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday Noon-3pm
Church email: faithnhope@wi-net.com
Church Website: www.faithandnewhope.com

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QUILT & IN MEMORY OF/HONOR OF RAFFLE

TICKETS \$5 EACH OR A BOOK OF 3 FOR \$10

1st PRIZE – HANDMADE QUILT

MANY PRIZES TO BE DRAWN! TOO MANY TO LIST!

MORE PRIZES BEING ADDED UP UNTIL DRAWING DATE!!!



**DRAWING TO BE HELD AT FAITH LUTHERAN
CHURCH ON SUNDAY 12/14/2025 AT 10am**
AFTER WORSHIP WITH POTLUCK BRUNCH

Bring a dish to pass, enjoy a meal, and maybe win a prize!!

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN



Parish Nurse Ministry



December Parish Nurse Article

December is National Hand Hygiene Month. As a nurse, I really like this article as a reminder to everyone. Hand washing is so very important. This is basic information from the CDC.

Handwashing is an easy, cheap, and effective way to prevent the spread of germs and keep kids and adults healthy. When your family is healthy, you don't have to worry about missing school, work, or other activities.

Handwashing can help prevent diarrhea-related sicknesses and respiratory infections, such as a cold or the flu.

Parents and caretakers play an important role in teaching children to wash their hands. Handwashing can become a lifelong healthy habit if you start teaching it at an early age. Teach kids these five easy steps: wet, lather, scrub, rinse and dry. The important times to wash hands, are after using the bathroom or before eating. You can find ways to make it fun, like making up your own handwashing song or turning it into a game.

Building handwashing skills takes time. At first, your child will need regular reminders of how and when to wash hands. It is especially important to remind children to wash their hands after using the bathroom, before eating, after touching pets, after playing outside, and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing their nose. But once handwashing becomes a habit and a regular part of your child's day, they will practice it throughout their lives.

Lead by example by washing your hands

Young children learn by imitating the behaviors of adults in their lives. When you make handwashing part of your routine, you're setting an example for your children to follow.

If soap and water aren't available

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that has at least 60% alcohol, and wash your hands with soap and water as soon as you can.

Baby wipes

Baby wipes may make your hands look clean, but they're not designed to remove germs from your hands. CDC recommends washing hands with soap and water when possible.

Have a healthy and blessed Holiday Season

Your Parish Nurse

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/clean-hands/prevention/index.html>



12/3-Dylan Delaet

12/8-Evett Hartvig

12/8-Sandy Hotvedt

12/17-John Haroldson

12/27-Josh Panter

12/28-Tom Knutson

12/30-Jackie Dobbe



Second Sunday of Advent, 12/7/2025

Third Sunday of Advent, 12/14 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 12/21/2025

First Day of Winter, 12/21/2025

Christmas Eve, December 24, 12/24/2025

Bible Quiz

Who told Mary that her child would be called "the Son of the Most High"?

- A. Zechariah
- B. Gabriel
- C. Simeon
- D. Joseph



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed	2 Faithful Knotters Meet at 8:30am	3 Bible Study 3:30pm online	4		6 Rosholt Hometown Holiday 5-8:30pm Main Street-Rosholt
7 Faith Worship 9am Coffee & Conversation during coffee hour NNH Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am	8 Office Closed	9 Faithful Knotters Meet at 8:30 am	10 BibleStudy3:30pm online	11 ADRC Senior Meal site @ Nelson-Kaminski Legion Hall, Rosholt. Age 60 or older. Suggested donation \$5	12	13
14 Faith Worship 9am with coffee hour following NNH Sunday School 9:30am Coffee & Conversations 10:15am Worship 10:30am	15 Office Closed	16 Faithful Knotters Meet at 8:30am	17 Bible Study 3:30pm online	18	19	20
21 No worship at Faith Joint worship at N New Hope 10am Sunday School Christmas pageant No communion	22 Office Closed	23 Faithful Knotters meet at 8:30am	24 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: N New Hope 4:30pm Faith 6:30pm	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Worship at Faith 10am 	26	27
28 Faith Worship 9am Coffee hour following. NNH Sunday School Christmas break Worship 10:30am Noisy Offering	29 Office Closed	30 Faithful Knotters meet at 8:30am	31 			

FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School held during worship in
the Fireside room.

Please call or text Joshua Panter
with questions. 715-340-8058



JOINT YOUTH GROUP(7th-12th grades)

Youth Group meets every other Sunday
night at Faith Church 7:00 pm.
Updates are shared via text and on our
Youth Group Facebook page.



Faith

Faith Coffee & Conversations
1st Sunday of the month,
following worship, during coffee hour.

North New Hope

North New Hope Coffee & Conversations
2nd Sunday the month,
before worship, 10:15am.

N New Hope SUNDAY SCHOOL



Preschool thru 6th
grade are welcome
to attend Sunday
School at 9:30am

before worship services.
Noisy Offerings last Sunday
of every month.

Christmas Pageant
December 21st, 2025 at 10 am
during Joint worship with
Faith at North New Hope.

No worship at Faith and no communion.

Sunday School projects are helping with
Food Pantry and Assisted Living, items for
Christmas.

Starting December 7th, Sunday School will
start at 9:30am.

Sunday School will have a Christmas break
December 28th through January11th.
classes resume on January 18th, 2026!



Sign up sheet on bulletin board by
north entrance.

Make coffee, serve desserts/treats,
and clean up.

Sign up with family and/or friends.

DECEMBER FAITH COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP

12/7/2025 OPEN
12/14/2025 OPEN
12/21/2025 OPEN
12/28/2025 Lori, Phyllis, Patricia, Judy

North New Hope Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
November 2nd, 2025

Attendance: Pattie Gburek, Krys Ferg, Jim Hotvedt, Pastor Mike and Tammie Ellingson
Call to order: Tammie
October meeting minutes: Patti motioned to approve and Jim seconded. Minutes approved.
Pastor's Report: Due to Pastor taking another call, there will be no mid-week Advent worship services. Pastor is to arrange for pulpit supply for November. The councils will be responsible for further pulpit supply. The Joint council will meet with Synod Pastor Gauerke on Wed. November 5th and pulpit supply will be discussed further. Last month Pastor confirmed 8 children. It was a beautiful service. Nov. 15th from 11am- 1pm there will be a farewell gathering hosted by Pastor and Naomi at the Rosholt coffee shop: Refuah.
Financial Report: Krys presented the October financials. Jim motioned to approve the report, Patti seconded and report was approved.
New Business:
Piano to be delivered November 6th or 7th;
Northland Church has an old piano they are donating to our church. It will be newer than the current one we have. The current one will be placed in the basement. The older upright piano is available for anyone to take.
Church security: Thank you Jim for changing the code to the back door. Krys will ask a locksmith to change the locks to the other doors.
Old Business:
Portico Door: Patti reported on this. She will have another person assess this for repair.
Next Council Meeting is December 19th at 5:30pm before the Joint Council meeting
Next Joint Council Meeting is December 10th at 6:00pm at NNH
Lead Council Assignments:
November 23rd: Patti
November 30th: Krys
December 7th: Jim
December 14th: Tammie
Meeting adjourned



FAITH WELCA NEWS

Quilt & in Memory/Honor Raffle

WELCA sponsoring the Quilt & In Memory/Honor raffle again this year. Faithful Knotters donated a beautiful quilt with many awesome baskets donated by members and area businesses. Still accepting donations/baskets until the drawing date. Bring donations/baskets to the church office or contact Dan Colrud/Betsie Graham. Raffle drawing on 12/14/2025 after worship with a Potluck Brunch!

Flowers for the Altar.

Please consider donating artificial flowers, bouquets or singles, for a variety to place on altar. Need bouquets for seasons & holidays.

Faith WELCA Booklets-2025/2026

There are many booklets remaining on the table by the bulletin board. *Please* take your booklet to save WELCA the cost of mailing. Or take a friend's to them!

FAITH WORSHIP HELPERS
SIGN-UP SHEETS

Sign up to help by the week.
1 Leader (Council member)
and 3-4 helpers needed.

***Sign-up Sheets on bulletin board
by north entrance.***



Candles That Tell a Story

Lighting its candles each Sunday is a treasured tradition during the four weeks of Advent.

Depending on denomination, churches use different color combinations for the candles. Some place four blue candles around the wreath with a white one in the center, while others use all white.

Many light purple candles on the first two Sundays,
pink on the third,
purple again on the fourth,
and then a large white candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Each part of the wreath carries symbolic meaning:

- **The wreath:** Its circular shape represents the everlasting love of God, having no beginning or end. The green symbolizes eternal life.
- **The four candles:** Mark the four weeks of Advent. One tradition says that each candle also represents 1,000 years, totaling 4,000 years from Adam and Eve to Christ's birth.
- **Purple candles:** in ancient times, was expensive and was considered the color of royalty and kings. On Christmas, Christ is proclaimed King of Kings. Purple also symbolizes humility and penitence. The first purple candle represents Hope; the second, Peace; and the final purple candle, Love.
- **Blue candles:** Blue is another color often used as a symbol of royalty. Some churches use blue candles to symbolize the night sky and the anticipation of the announcement of Christ's birth. Blue also symbolizes the beginning of a new creation as in the waters of Genesis 1.
- **The pink candle:** Lit on the third Sunday, it represents Joy and marks the halfway point of Advent.
- **The white candle:** The large white candle in the center is the Christ candle. Its light symbolizes Christ the Savior — "the light of the world." The beauty and brightness from the glow of all five candles is a reminder that Christ's life was the light for all earth's people — "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5, NRSV).

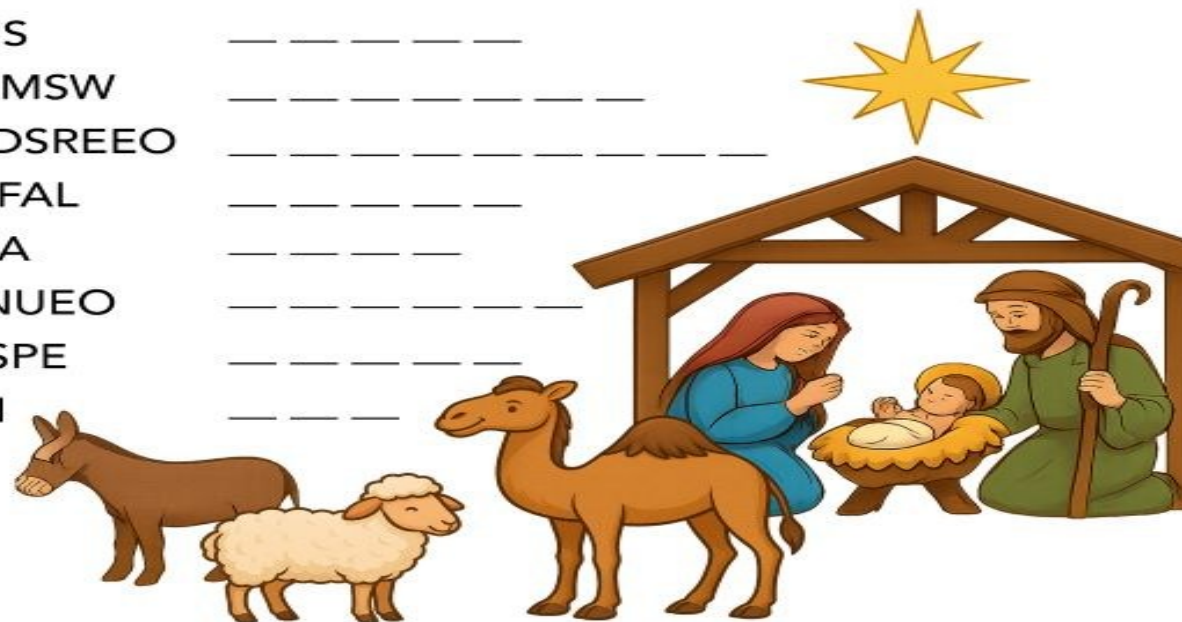
The Advent wreath is more than just greenery and candles—it's a symbol of watchfulness and growing joy as Christmas draws near.

Puzzle!

The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

- (1) TGLBEHHEME _____
- (2) NEAGLO _____
- (3) NRMEDAG _____
- (4) ODEKSNY _____
- (5) AMGYZ _____
- (6) OHESJIP _____
- (7) EFJSUS _____
- (8) ITEENMSW _____
- (9) SPHHDSREEO _____
- (10) EMCFAL _____
- (11) TLSRA _____
- (12) CSSNUEO _____
- (13) HEVSPE _____
- (14) ENIN _____



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12 13 14

Answers: Bethlehem (G), Angel (O), Manger (D), Donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), Wise men (T), Shepherds (O), Camel (F), Star (L), Census (O), Sheep (V), Inn (E), God's gift of love



SERVICE TIMES ARE CHANGING

Starting December 7th, 2025 service times

will change to:

9 am for Faith Lutheran

10:30 am for North New Hope.

Communion will continue to be on

the 1st and 3rd Sundays,

with the exception of December 21, 2025

no communion with a Joint service at

North New Hope 10 am for the

Sunday School Christmas Pageant.



If you are in need of pastoral care, such as
a home or hospital visit,

please contact the Church office at

715-677-4631 or

email: faithnhope@wi-net.com

to arrange a visit.

North New Hope Sunday School News

The Sunday School is into their routine doing the lessons following the Lectionary and the older kids with an emphasis on learning the books of the Bible and the stories and significance of each book.

Pastor Mike presented 2 bibles on behalf of the Sunday School to Porter Pierce and Elsie Oliver. The kids sang a song and presented Pastor Mike with 'pastor appreciation gifts'. (We should have given him more Doritos!!)

The kids have always enjoyed putting together the gifts for this special Sunday each year, meaningful gifts and some off the wall -- that's how we roll. The kids will always remember being able to surround pastor and 'give him the business' once a year.

The Sunday school is getting a Thrivent grant to help provide some much needed items for the Assisted Living in Iola. We did this last year as well. We are also taking 2 of our noisy offerings to get food and needed items for the food pantries in our area. We will be sorting and packing these at Sunday School in the weeks to come so the kids can see what their impact is.

The Sunday School Christmas program will be held on December 21 at 10 am during a joint worship with Faith. We will be serving treats following the program and the loose offerings on that Sunday will go to the ELCA Good Gifts Project that the Sunday school has been supporting for several years.

We will be taking a break and resuming classes on January 18th.

Finally, the Sunday school would like to than Pastor Mike who has been our biggest 'cheerleader'. Thank you for your almost weekly mention of the Sunday school and what we are up to. We thank you for beginning the noisy offering which has been our funding to make Sunday school work and also for helping with our projects. We will miss your kids who have been with us and our kids will miss you!



DECEMBER 6, 2025 HOMETOWN HOLIDAY

Faith Congregation Members will be at the Hometown Holiday in downtown Rosholt from 5 pm to 8:30 pm on Saturday, December 6, 2025 celebrating the season with our community.

At our booth, we will give away small treats, gifts, and will spread Christmas cheer as well as details about our worship times and events during the Advent season.

Please plan to attend to mingle and visit at our booth.

Bring a chair if you want/need to sit.



Faith Council Meeting Minutes 23 October 2025

Attending: Heidi Leiser-O'Neill, Kacie Niemuth, Joshua Panter, Carol Schulz, Dan Colrud, and Pastor Michael Peuse

Meeting Called to Order by Heidi Leiser-O'Neill

Treasurer's Report reviewed and approved.

Secretary's Report reviewed and approved.

Discussed

Transition meeting scheduled with Pastor Nate for November 5 at 7 p.m.

Discussed possible plans for parsonage, upcoming maintenance

Thanks to Carol for her organization of volunteers and coordination of the carpet cleaning.

Trunk or Treat is October 26 from 5-7 p.m.

Thanks to Karen and volunteers for their great work on our Fall Beef Dinner. Estimated 110 guests!

Chelsea is coordinating the holiday booth for Rosholt's Hometown Holiday on December 6 from 5-8:30 p.m.

Our next council meeting will be on Thursday, November 20 at 6 p.m. at Faith.

An additional joint council meeting is scheduled for transition discussions on Wednesday, November 19 at 6 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Chelsea Bassett, 17 October 2025.



Registration is open for Family Weekend

February 27–March 1, 2026

at Pine Lake Camp.

Camp Registration Opens December 1st.

Summer 2026 is calling!

Secure your spot with a deposit.
Can divide the balance into easy monthly payments.

Reserve your spot at
www.crosswayscamps.org.

Giving Tuesday is December 2nd.

One day of generosity.
One shared goal:
fill the Scholarship Fund so
every camper has access to camp.
Lets make that happen together on
Giving Tuesday!

Make a Gift:

Online: Donate now, with our secure online portal

By Mail: Donate by check written for Crossways Camping Ministries to W8160 Cloverleaf Lake Rd, Clintonville WI 54929

Advent Is Here: Prepare Your Heart

The season of Advent
has begun



Join us each week in worship as
we prepare our hearts for the
coming of Christ with hope,
peace, joy and love.

WORSHIP TIMES:

12/7/2025 Faith 9 am & N New Hope 10:30 am
Communion

12/14/2025 Faith 9 am & N New Hope 10:30 am

**12/21/2025 Sunday School Christmas
Pageant 10am at N New Hope**
No Communion. No worship at Faith

Christmas Eve: Communion

4:30pm at N New Hope

6:30pm at Faith

Christmas Day: Communion

10am at Faith

No worship at N New Hope

