

NORTH NEW HOPE SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Sunday School at 9:30am before worship. Preschool through 6th grade. Noisy Offering last Sunday of every month. Please be generous as this funds the Sunday School. NNH Sunday school will take a Winter break after the Christmas Pageant, resuming classes on January 18th 2026!

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*

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

NORTH NEW HOPE POINSETTIAS: Thanks to: David & Lenore Peterson in memory of parents. Mark & Tammie Ellingson in memory of Ellingson family members. Pat Ludeman in memory of parents. Marge Krogwold. Raddatz family in memory of Amy (Raddatz) Pearson. Jim & Sandy Hotvedt in memory of parents and niece, Jessica. Please take plants home December 28th.

FAITH POINSETTIAS: Thank you to everyone who brought Poinsettias to beautify our altar. Please take plants home after Christmas Day worship or December 28th.

ENCHANTED FOREST AT THE ROSHOLT FAIRGROUNDS: Please come up to the fairgrounds and witness all the beautiful Christmas Trees. Faith put up a tree and the tree is awesome! The Enchanted Forest is open with special holiday hours on December 26 & 27 3pm to 6pm

ROSHOLT PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: Rice, Ravioli, Canned Fruit, Canned Peas, Canned Carrots, and brown paper bags with handles. Donation baskets in Narthex at Faith. Rosholt Food Pantry is open on the 1st & 3rd 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 *2nd & 4th Thursdays* every month. Noon lunch. Suggested donation of \$5. *RSVP Lisa, 715-347-4856.* No meal on Christmas Day.

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Thursday December 25th, 2025
Nativity of Our Lord; Christmas Day
Holy Communion



Preparation for Worship - Prevent us, Lord, from being so wrapped up in celebrating Christmas Day that we keep Christ outside our hearts and minds.

Words of Welcome – May the true joy of Christmas Day resonate within each of us as we welcome Christ and welcome each other. May abundant blessings be yours.

DEADLINE MARCH NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 18, 2026, 2pm DEADLINE BULLETINS WEDNESDAYS 2pm

<p><u>Faith Lutheran & N New Hope Lutheran Joint Parish Staff</u></p> <p>Admin Asst: Karen Johnson Email: faithnhope@wi-net.com Telephone: 715-677-4631 Website: www.faithandnewhope.com</p> <p>Office hours: Tuesday thru Friday Noon-3pm</p> <p>Organist Faith: Craig Anderson Organist New Hope: Lenore Peterson</p>	<p><u>Prayers for Healing</u> <i>Please remember those who are ill or otherwise in need of prayer, especially:</i></p> <p>FAITH John, Alice, Ida, Jackie, Josephine, Dawn & Paul, Betsy & Al, Bonnie, Heidi, Greg, Quinton, Todd, and Craig.</p> <p>NORTH NEW HOPE: Alyce, Berniece, Lenore, and Cyndy.</p> <p><i>Please call or email the Church Office to add to or remove someone on the prayer list.</i></p>
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG Angels We Have Heard on High (Red Hymnal #289)

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 p147)
CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Red Hymnal p149)
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10
The word of the Lord Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 98
¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
² **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**
⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who ^l dwell therein.
⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**
⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FAITH: Celtic Alleluia (Red Hymnal #174)
GOSPEL: John 1:1-14
The holy gospel according to John Glory to you, O Lord.
The gospel of the Lord Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON Rev Joyce Heintz
HYMN OF THE DAY (Red Hymnal #290)
CREED (Red Hymnal p105)

Go Tell It on the Mountain

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Empowered by the news of Christ’s birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need...
...Hear us, O God. **your mercy is great.**
... trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (Red Hymnal #184)



Faith, Rosholt



North New Hope

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE (Red Hymnal p152)
PREFACE (Red Hymnal p153)
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Red Hymnal p153)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;...
.... for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD’S PRAYER (Red Hymnal p154)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION SONG Lamb of God (Red Hymnal p.154)
SONG AFTER COMMUNION Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (Red Hymnal #276)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother’s tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✙ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG Joy to the World (Red Hymnal #267)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**