

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: Please take home today December 28th if you haven’t already

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ENCHANTED FOREST AT THE ROSHOLT FAIRGROUNDS:

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.*

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Sunday December 28th, 2025
First Sunday of Christmas
Christmas Lessons and Carols
with Reflections from Martin Luther



DEADLINE MARCH NEWSLETTER MARCH 18, 2026 at 2 pm

DEADLINE BULLETINS – WEDNESDAYS 2 pm

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

Preparation for Worship – Our Christmas celebrations are now a memory, Lord, but help us know Christmas joy all year long.

Words of Welcome – Welcome to worship! May this time of prayer and praise help you hold on a bit longer to Christmas joy and carry it into the new year.

GATHERING SONG: *From Heaven Above* (Red Hymnal #268)

OPENING DIALOGUE:

Come! Look upon the baby Jesus, cradled in the arms of his mother.
Seeing this wondrous sight, may our hearts be comforted and our spirits filled with peace.
Come! Listen to choirs of angels announcing good news to all people.
Hearing this marvelous song, may we too sing: Glory to God in the highest!
Come! Receive this ancient story in your heart, not as history but as a gift.
Opening our hearts to this great mystery, may Christ be born in us today.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Luke 2:1-7

REFLECTION: **Luther’s reflections on the birth of Jesus**

CAROL *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (Red Hymnal 276)

SECOND READING: LUKE 2:8-16

REFLECTION: **Luther’s reflections on the shepherds and angels**

CAROL *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (Red Hymnal 290)

THIRD READING: MATTHEW 2:1-12

REFLECTION: **Luther’s reflections on Herod and the Wise Men**

CAROL *The First Noel* (Red Hymnal 300)

FOURTH READING: JOHN 1:1-18

REFLECTION: **Luther’s reflections on the Word made flesh**

CAROL *As with Gladness Men of Old* (Red Hymnal 302)

CREED-NICENE (Red Hymnal p104)

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.**

With the joy of Christ’s birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERING: QR code for convenience in giving



OFFERING SONG: *Away in a Manager* (Red Hymnal 277)

LORD’S PRAYER (Red Hymnal p221)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the Word that Mary brought to birth
carry you into new and abundant life.
May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms
enfold you with love and strength.
May the Word that angels proclaimed in song
bring harmony to our world.
And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son , and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always
Amen

SENDING SONG *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (Red Hymnal 288)

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the Highest!
And peace to God's people on earth!
Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus
Thanks be to God.