

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, this funds our Sunday School.

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 AT BOTH CHURCHES:
FAITH: 1st Sunday during coffee hour. ***N NEW HOPE:*** 2nd Sunday before worship at 10:00am

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: With Pastor Joyce, February 18th 4:30pm at N New Hope 6:30pm at Faith.

MIDWEEK LENTEN GATHERING AT FAITH: Wednesdays during lent an informal gathering 5:30pm at Faith for prayer, reflection, and song with Pastor Joyce. This year's overarching theme is: "Walking as Children of the Light." First midweek reflection will be February 25th -Reflection will be: We Stand Strong in Tests of Our Faith (Matthew 4:1-11)

ALTAR FLOWERS DURING LENT: The altar will be simplified by using just greenery during Lent. Flowers for special occasions are still welcomed. Please remember to notify the office so flowers can be in the announcements.

M.O.M. JAR FOR PORTAGE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY: The Ministry of the Month(s) for February and March will go to the Portage County Humane Society. The jar is for monetary donations and you can also give items from the Humane Society's wish list **please note** the Humane Society only accepts certain brands of dog & cat food. Please see wish list on bulletin board for brands and needed items. Starting a pictorial of our pet(s). Bring pictures to Lori, or drop off at the church office, or email pictures to the church office. Donations from coffee hour will also go to Portage Cty Humane Society!

ROSHOLT PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: Soup, Rice, Cereal, Crackers, and brown paper bags with handles. Donation baskets in Narthex at Faith. ***URGENT NEED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:*** Baked Beans, Hearty Canned Soups, Peanut Butter, Mac N Cheese, Pancake Mix, Cereal, Juice, Frozen Meat, Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Ravioli, Jelly, Rice Pudding/Jello. If you're able to help, donations can be dropped off at: Rosholt Post Office-Rosholt Library-Tracy's Family Haircare-Or during pantry open hours (1st & 3rd Mondays, 3:00-5:00 pm) Rosholt Food Pantry is open on the 1st & 3rd Mondays 3-5pm. If you have a need or know of any families in need, Please reach out to Dawn Cherek 715-570-3045.

FREE TAX HELP: AARP Tax Assistance Program with Retired & Senior Volunteer Program Portage Cty residents can check eligibility and/or schedule appointments, see poster on bulletin board.

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.***

ST ADALBERT FRIDAY FISH FRIES: Feb 20, 27 March 6, 13, 20 & 27 Serving 4pm to 7:30pm Fried or Baked Fish, Fried Shrimp or Combo. Regular meal-\$15 Small meal(child or Senior)-\$12 All meals include coleslaw, bread, and dessert w/choice of French Fries, Baked potato or Potato Salad. Dine In or Take Out 715-677-4518 Handicapped accessible. Also: Large Raffle, Weekly Basket Raffles, 50/50 Raffle, Candy Bars, Cemetery Memorials, Cash Bar, & Pull Tabs.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR (CNOY)-STEVENS POINT FEBRUARY 28, 2026: CNOY is a family friendly winter walk to raise awareness & support for the homeless people in our community. See poster on bulletin board.

PASTOR HEINTZ OFFICE HOURS: Pastor Joyce will usually be in the office on Wednesdays during office hours.

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Wednesday February 18th, 2026
Ash Wednesday
Holy Communion



DEADLINE MARCH NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 17, 2026 2pm

DEADLINE BULLETINS WEDNESDAYS 2pm

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Prayers for Healing
*Please remember those who are ill or otherwise
 in need of prayer, especially:*

FAITH
 John, Alice, Jackie, Dawn & Paul, Betsy & Al, Quinton,
 Todd, Al, Ceil, Gerald, Betsie, and Jim.

NORTH NEW HOPE:
 Alyce, Berniece, Lenore, and Cyndy.

*Please call or email the Church Office
 to add to or remove someone on the prayer list.*

Preparation for Worship - Lord, as we begin this journey of Lent, remind me of your grace and renew a right spirit within me. "Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Psalm 51:10, ESV).

Words of Welcome – We are grateful you've joined us on this Ash Wednesday. As we turn our hearts toward Jesus and the journey to the cross, we remember that God meets us with mercy at every step. May our worship inspire repentance, faith and deeper trust in God's unfailing love.

GATHERING SONG
GREETING

When We are Tested

(ACS #922)

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

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

(Red Hymnal 814)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through 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: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-17

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ² **Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**
- ³ For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁶ **Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**
- ⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- ⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**
- ¹³ Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.
- ¹⁴ **Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**
- ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- ¹⁶ **For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering.**
- ¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Jesus, Remember Me (Taizé)

(Red Hymnal #616)

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Once We Sang and Danced

Rev Joyce Heintz
(Red Hymnal #701)

INVITATION TO LENT

(Red Hymnal p252)

CONFESSION OF SIN

(Red Hymnal p252)

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most holy and merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. **Have mercy on us, O God.** We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. **Have mercy on us, O God.** Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.** Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us. **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(Red Hymnal p254)

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, **that we may show forth your glory in the world.** By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior, **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs...

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

... Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

OFFERING:

We Are an Offering

(Red Hymnal #692)



Faith, Rosholt



North New Hope

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

(Red Hymnal p152)

PREFACE

(Red Hymnal p153)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(Red Hymnal p153)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...

...To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Red Hymnal p154)

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

(Red Hymnal p154)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life 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.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Just as I Am, without One Plea

(Red Hymnal #592)

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**