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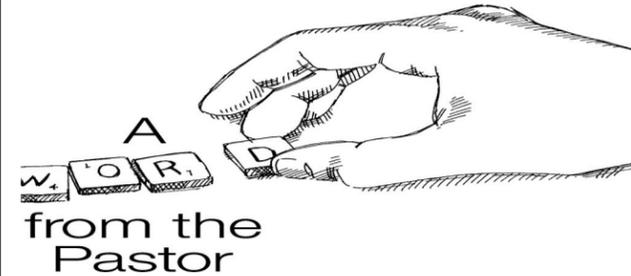


Faith & North New Hope Newsletter

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MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

Dated Material—Do Not Delay



We're in the midst of this season called Lent - 40 days between Ash Wed and Easter (not counting Sundays). It's a season to simplify and reflect - search our souls - get back to the basics - and give thanks that God shows us perfect love in the way Jesus lived.

Lent is also a season to repent - "we have failed to love you with our whole heart, we have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, forgive us." It's both "I have sinned" and, as Southerners might say, "all y'all have sinned."

Jesus spent 40 days on a wilderness journey, time to reflect and prepare for his mission. He was on a spiritual quest, 40 days with God. He returned to daily life where he was tempted to turn away from God's mission, but he trusted God's Spirit to keep him strong. I invite you during these days of Lent to do what Jesus did - take whatever time you can to ponder how God is at work in your life and what (if anything) needs to change.

Lenten practices at Faith and North New Hope will also reflect some changes to simplify the worship life and reflect the changes in the season. It won't be a strict "no altar flowers" rule; we can decorate with greens, and members may bring flowers for a Sunday if desired.

You might also notice that the Paschal candle (the tall candle, also known as the Christ candle) is not lit during Lent. Traditionally, this candle is lit in celebration of the risen Christ and our relationship to Christ through our baptism. So we light this candle on Easter and the Sundays of the Easter season, at baptisms, and at funerals. Easter celebrates Christ, who died and rose again. In baptism we "die to sin" and rise again to new life in Christ. The candle at funerals is a visible reminder that even in death, nothing separates us from Christ; we are united with Christ.

May you know God's blessing during these 40 days of Lent!
 Pastor Joyce



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.

FAITH LUTHERAN

Worship & Sunday School—8:45 am
 Fellowship/Coffee Hour 9:45am

NORTH NEW HOPE

Sunday School—9:30 am
 Worship: 10:30 am

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

Reverend Joyce Heintz

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday Noon-3pm

Church email: faithnhope@wi-net.com

Church Website: www.faithandnewhope.com

Sign up for direct giving..

See Faith & N New Hope website for giving forms with no fee automatic deductions directly from your bank account.

Scan the QR code below to your church's online giving portal. There is a fee with the QR giving.

Give one time, bi-weekly, 1st & 15th, or monthly.

Your choice - Your convenience

Automatic from your bank or scanning QR code.



Faith, Rosholt



North New Hope

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Faith Worship 8:45am Coffee & Conversations during coffee hour NNH Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am	2 Office Closed	3 Faithful Knotters meet at 8:30am	4 Mid week Reflection, Prayer, and Song with Pastor Joyce 5:30pm at Faith Bible Study 3:30pm online	5	6	7
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29 PALM SUNDAY Faith Worship 8:45am Coffee hour following. NNH Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Noisy Offering	30 Office Closed	31 Faithful Knotters meet at 8:30am				

FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School held during worship in the Fireside room. Please call or text Joshua Panter with questions.

715-340-8058



Sign up sheet on Faith bulletin board by north entrance.
Make coffee, serve desserts/treats, and clean up.
Sign up with family and/or friends.

MARCH FAITH COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP

- 3/1/2025** FAITH COUNCIL
- 3/8/2025** OPEN
- 3/15/2025** OLD FASHION SUNDAY DINNER
- 3/22/2025** OPEN
- 3/29/2025** Lori, Phyllis, Patricia, Judy



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, 10am.

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.

New Hope Sunday school has a few projects up their sleeves since our Christmas program. By the way, thanks again to everyone for attending and for those who helped put the program together.
The children did a great job.

The students just finished up making Valentine cards for our shut-ins. Extra cards were given to a nursing home in Stevens Point. They needed cards for their residents. We made birthday cards for Berniece Krogwold's 104 birthday on Valentine's Day. Thank you to Marge for delivering our cards.

Sunday School will soon be tying fleece blankets. This is a ministry which is so well received by the emergency departments at the hospitals in Plover and Stevens Point. We are in the 'purchasing fleece' stage now and will be working blankets soon.

Our plans for Palm Sunday/Easter: The students will be singing a new song Pastor Joyce found for us. We will learn this short song and teach it to the congregation on Palm Sunday. We are looking having the Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday rather than Easter since the students will be singing in church on Palm Sunday. This will free up everyone to leave soon after worship on Easter Sunday for family festivities. We will have a table with Easter goodies baskets. You make a donation to our ELCA Good Gifts project and get a basket! There will be books and DVD's that students and families can take with them as well – free!!

So please come to check out our Palm Sunday activities and let the children teach you a new song!

REMINDER:



SPRING AHEAD!

**REMEMBER TO SET
YOUR CLOCKS
FORWARD ONE HOUR**

MARCH 8, 2026!



FAITH WELCA NEWS

Faith WELCA Booklets-2025/2026

There are still a number of booklets 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!

M.O.M. Jar

February and March for Portage County Humane Society. See bulletin board for more information. *NOTE* the Humane Society only accepts specific brands of pet food. Brands accepted listed in poster on bulletin board.

HYGIENE FOR THE HOMELESS

February 22 through March 15, 2026
Donation box in the Narthex.
Items needed listed in poster on bulletin board.

**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.*

Old Fashion Sunday Dinner

Faith Lutheran Church

253 S. Main St, Rosholt

March 15, 2026

11 am – 1 pm

**Serving: Corned Beef with cabbage, Roast Pork,
potatoes, veggies, Irish soda bread,
beverage & dessert.**



ADULTS: \$15.00
5 TO 11 YEARS OLD: \$ 8.00
4 YEARS AND YOUNGER: FREE

Handicap Accessible

Call 715-677-4631 for CarryOuts

Proceeds for Faith and Community Ministries

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

NORTH NEW HOPE

2025 was a year filled with activities and transitioning. The highlights included on May 4th we celebrated 100 years of our church building anniversary. We held a Joint service and luncheon to follow. We held monthly outdoor worship services that were well attended with coffee and treats to follow the service.

Our 18th annual Tractor Sunday event was held on August 10th. We hosted a wonderful community event. The volunteers from both Faith and North New Hope worked together to help this huge event be a success. Our music from the New Hope Hay Balers was a hit! The ELCA Synod captured the highlights with a video found on Facebook. The desserts and the Basket auction was a success this year.

We continued with the Coffee and Conversations monthly. There were lots of ideas shared and wonderful treats.

We have Emily Wogsland who is attending the 2- year Lay Ministry Program in Wausau. We are so very proud to have her as a new leader in our congregation. We look forward to having her lead us in worship in the future.

We participated in the Soup Fundraiser for the Art Show on October 4th. Though the attendance was lower than expected due to the weather, we found joy in working together as a team and offered several types of soups and breads to those that attended.

October 26th, we held a Joint Worship service for the Faith and North New Hope Confirmation class. We had 8 students that were confirmed. We had boutonnieres, Altar Flowers and a Cake to celebrate this event.

November 5th, we held a Joint Council meeting for Pastor Mike to announce his acceptance for another call in Austin Minnesota. We held several council meetings regarding this transition.

We were so pleased to meet with our soon to be Interim Pastor on November 28th. Pastor Joyce Heintz. She officiated our Christmas services and joined us officially on January 4th, 2026.

In December we changed the worship time to 10:30. This is a pilot or trial. As this was a suggestion from our Holy Conversations work, I am hoping this change will help to increase our congregation attendance. This will officially be voted upon at our annual meeting.

As I reflect back on all of our activities over the past year, I know we could not have been successful without the assistance from the Council members: Melissa Richter, Patti Gburek, Michelle Raddatz and Jim Hotvedt. A special thank you for Emily Wogsland for always helping with the Sunday service planning and keeping us organized. I thank Krys Ferg (Financial Secretary) for her dedication and all her volunteer hours. She is such an asset to our church. Krys has been so instrumental in helping us through this transition.

Tammie Ellingson North New Hope Council President

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FAITH LUTHERAN

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

2026 has arrived and I look forward to this new year with an open-mind, enthusiasm and much faith and hope. I have every certainty that the Holy Spirit is active among us, directing and guiding our decisions, discernments and discussions relative to the needs of Faith Lutheran Church and North New Hope. Although much of my confidence is based upon my faith but has also been greatly deepened with the blessing of God sending Pastor Joyce into our midst's as our Interim Pastor. Her desire to serve God is evidenced in her delightful spirit, calming presence and her ability to communicate her experiences, thoughts, ideas and needs of our congregations in a non-threatening, kind and comforting manner. Thank you, Pastor Joyce, for your presence and willingness to assist and support our congregations during these times of change.

We have two (2) major concerns facing our attention.

Looking for a new Pastor (which will take potentially many months) and Seeking a new organist due to Craig Anderson's retirement. Craig, thank you for your many years of service and sharing your musical talents with all of us at FLC. God bless you in your retirement.

Both positions will require prayerful consideration and patience. Trust in the Holy Spirit as we may be called to move "outside the box" to meet the needs of our parishioners, Congregations and the Church as a whole.

There are of course many other challenges such as finances, maintenance of the church and parsonage and so forth. Council remains mindful of our commitment to transparency and reporting to our congregations relative to happenings and updates.

May God continue to hold each of us in the palm of His hands and shower us with His abundant blessings. 2026 will be an exciting year filled with anticipation, speculations and wonderment. God is good. Thank you, Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi A. Leiser-O'Neil
2025 Council President



MIDWEEK REFLECTION

WITH PRAYER AND SONG

Please join Pastor Joyce's informal gatherings on Wednesdays at Faith 5:30pm in the Fireside Room.

All are welcome.

February 25th:

We Stand Strong in Our Tests of Faith

Matthew 4:1-11

March 4th:

We Open Our Hearts to Being Born Again

John 3:3-8

March 11th:

We Imagine a World Made New

John 4:39-42

March 18th:

We Shine Our Light in the Darkness

Ephesians 5:8-10

March 25th:

We Let our Hearts Be Broken

John 11:33-36

**Faith Lutheran Church
Extended Ministries
Endowment Fund Grants**

Grants were presented on February 8th after worship to the following recipients.

- ADRC of Central Wisconsin
- Boys & Girls Club of Portage County
- One Big Tent
- Portage County HHS Employee Foundation
- Portage County Home & Community Education
- Rosholt Area Business Association
- Rosholt Food Pantry
- Stevens Point Community Outreach, Inc.
- Stevens Point Fire Fighters Local 484 Charitable Foundation
- The Lakes, Inc
- Three Bridges Recovery WI, Inc
- United Way of Portage County
- Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc.
- Beloved Community
- East Central Synod of WI Lay School

A total of \$10,300.00 was distributed to these very worthy charities. God bless you all in all your endeavors. The Faith Endowment application for grants will open up again in August of 2026. Deadline for the applications is November 1st, 2026.



Puzzle!

HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Use the code below to fill in these forecasts in places where Jesus traveled:

CODE:

A=☺	D=☼	H=☼	M=☆	P=◆	T=■	W=☒
B=☾	E=+	I=*	N=↑	R=●	U=□	Y=☞
C=☼	G=☼	L=★	O=↓	S=○	V=☒	Z=☞

Mt. Hermon ○ ↑ ↓ ☒ Jericho ☼ ↓ ■

Jerusalem ☆ * ★ ☼

Dead Sea Area ■ ● ↓ ◆ * ☼ ☺ ★ ☼ + ☺ ■

Sea of Galilee ☼ □ ○ ■ ☞ ☒ * ↑ ☼ ○

Mediterranean Coast ☾ ● + + ☞ ☞



Answers: snow, hot, mild, tropical heat, gusty winds, breezy

Christian Symbol

- ROOSTER -

The rooster reminds us of Peter's threefold denial of Jesus on the night of his trial (Matthew 26:34, NIV). Because of this, it often symbolizes human weakness and faithlessness—especially when faith is tested. Yet, the rooster also calls to mind watchfulness. Its early-morning crowing echoes Jesus' words about being alert for his return: "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn" (Mark 13:35, NIV).

