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Dated Material—Do Not Delay

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

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with no fee automatic deductions

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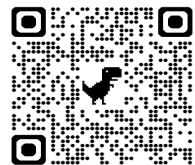
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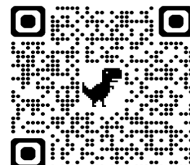
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Faith, Rosholt



North New Hope



I'm writing this as we still recover from the big blizzard of March 15-16 earlier this week, a vivid reminder that spring is coming – but winter is hanging on. In recent weeks we got a taste of "Spring Fever" – warm weather and the return of birds' songs. Then came the heavy snow, drifts, and cold temperatures. By the end of this week, spring will officially arrive, and along with it, more spring-like temperatures, according to the forecasts. I'm hopeful. We'll know for sure by the time you read this.

April begins during Holy Week this year. Now for something light. As usual, April 1 has a special name, with a bit of a mystery – the origins of "April Fools" Day. Two of many theories provided by AI in my search make sense to me –

- (1582) When France shifted from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, New Year's Day moved from late March/early April to January 1. Those who continued to celebrate in late March/early April were mocked as "April fools."
- Maybe it's linked to the Roman festival of *Hilaria*, which involved disguises and mockery, or the spring equinox, symbolizing nature "fooling" people with fickle weather.

I learned a "holy name" for April 1 – the "Feast of All Fools." Some churches celebrate the Sunday after Easter as "Holy Humor Sunday." On Easter, God played the greatest joke on death and the devil. Jesus destroyed the power of death! On this Sunday the people would tell jokes. "Holy Humor Sunday" is a way to continue the Easter celebration in creative and hilarious ways. We won't celebrate "Holy Humor Sunday," but I'll share this old "Dad" joke –

April showers bring Mayflowers.

What do Mayflowers bring?

(answer below)

Back to more serious thoughts and reflections. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship opportunities at both Faith and North New Hope, the beginning of the "Three Great Days." (In Latin, it's "Triduum.") These are emotionally intense times in the life of Jesus, his disciples, and Christianity. We've moved on from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, "riding on a donkey," with palms and shouts of "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Now we're in the throes of the passion history –

Maundy Thursday includes Jesus acting as servant to all, washing his disciples' feet, followed by predictions of what is to come. Jesus prays in the garden of Gethsemane – "God, I don't want what's coming, but I will be faithful to your will." Judas kisses the kiss of a friend, and Jesus is arrested.

By the way, do you know what "Maundy" means? It comes from the Latin – its roots are the same as "mandate" or "commandment" and stems from John 13:34 (paraphrased)

"A new commandment I give to you,
love one another as I have loved you.

By this, people will know you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another."

Jesus shows us that self-sacrificial love is grounded in divine love, obedience to God, and faithful service. Good Friday becomes the ultimate act of self-sacrificial love. We can't truly face Easter if we skip over these two days and the lessons Jesus teaches, even in his death and burial. We can't truly appreciate the joy of new Easter life if we fail to face the reality of death. Because Jesus shows us resurrection life, we can anticipate the hope and joy we will know in the promises of faith – forgiveness and eternal life.

Pastor Joyce answer: Pilgrims (groan)



April

Parish Nurse article

ORAL CANCER

disease. It is unclear if HPV itself causes these cancers, or if other factors (such as tobacco and alcohol use) interact with HPV to cause these cancers.

Prevention

To help prevent cancers of the oral cavity and pharynx, limit alcohol and do not use tobacco. Speak to your doctor about HPV vaccination, which can prevent new infections of certain types of HPV that can cause oropharyngeal cancers. Visit your doctor and dentist regularly. Cancers detected at earlier stages have better survival rates.

Treatment and recovery

Treatments for cancer of the oral cavity and pharynx can include surgery and chemotherapy. People treated for cancer with chemotherapy may suffer from oral problems such as painful mouth ulcers, impaired taste, and dry mouth. Dry mouth increases the risk of developing cavities, so it is important to visit your dentist regularly if being treated for cancer.

Have a blessed spring, Your Parish Nurse

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/oral-health/about/about-oral-cancer.html>

April is the national health observance month for oral cancer. Here is some information found on the CDC website:

Cancers of the oral cavity and pharynx include areas like the tongue, cheeks and gums, floor of the mouth, and the back of the throat. These cancers are primarily diagnosed in older adults, particularly those with a history of tobacco and alcohol use. A portion of these cancers may also be associated with infection with human papillomavirus (HPV).

Overview

These cancers were most commonly diagnosed in men, occurring almost three times more often in men than in women. Among men, the highest rates of new cancers were seen in non-Hispanic White people and Non-Hispanic American Indian and Alaska Native people. The death rate was almost three times higher among men than women, with the highest death rates seen in non-Hispanic white men and non-Hispanic black men.

Symptoms

Symptoms of cancers of the oral cavity and pharynx can include:

- A sore that does not heal.
- Swelling or unusual bleeding.
- Difficulty performing daily functions like breathing, speaking, chewing, or swallowing food.
- Pain in the mouth or throat that won't go away.

Risk factors

Two of the most common risk factors for cancers of the oral cavity and pharynx are alcohol and tobacco use. Tobacco use includes smoking products such as cigarettes and pipes, and smokeless products like chewing tobacco and betel nut.

Cancers in the back of the tongue and the upper throat are called oropharyngeal cancers. These cancers may be caused by infection with human papillomavirus (HPV), a common sexually transmit

Cancer Awareness Ribbon Colors

All Cancers Lavender	Liver Cancer Emerald
Appendix Cancer Amber	Lung Cancer White
Bladder Cancer Marigold/Blue/Purple	Lymphoma Lime
Brain Cancer Grey	Melanoma Black
Breast Cancer Pink	Multiple Myeloma Burgundy
Cervical Cancer Teal/White	Ovarian Cancer Teal
Childhood Cancer Gold	Pancreatic Cancer Purple
Colon Cancer Dark Blue	Prostate Cancer Light Blue
Esophageal Cancer Periwinkle	Sarcoma/Bone Cancer Yellow
Gallbladder/Bile Duct Cancer Kelly Green	Stomach Cancer Periwinkle
Head & Neck Cancer Burgundy/Ivory	Testicular Cancer Orchid
Hodgkins Lymphoma Violet	Thyroid Cancer Teal/Pink/Blue
Kidney Cancer Orange	Uterine Cancer Peach
Leiomyosarcoma Purple	Neuroendocrine Cancer Zebra Stripe
Leukemia Orange	Honors Caregivers Plum



4/5-Barbara Wogsland

4/6-Mason Lockery

4/7-Randy Budsberg

4/11-Mark Kluck

4/12-Alan Carter

4/12-Andy Gburek

4/12 Jim Hotvedt

4/18-Wendy Delaet

4/22-Alan Challoner

4/24-Kristi Blumke

4/28-Wayne Carey

4/29-Dawn Johnson

4/30-Alan Tesch



Special Dates

Holy Week Continues, 3/29/2026-4/5/2026

Palm Sunday, 3/29/2026

Maundy Thursday, 4/2/2026


Good Friday, 4/3/2026

Easter Sunday, 4/5/2026

Earth Day, 4/22/2026

Administrative Professionals Day 4/22/2026

Bible Quiz



According to Matthew's account, something remarkable happened to the earth on the day Jesus was crucified and again on the morning when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. What occurred on both days?

- A. There was a flood on both days.
- B. There was an earthquake on both days.
- C. There was a huge fire on each day.
- D. There was complete darkness on both days.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 EASTER  FAITHWorship8:45am NNH Worship 10:30am	6 Office Closed	7 Faithful Knotters meet at 8:30 am	1 	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 	3 GOOD FRIDAY 	4
12 Faith Worship 8:45am Coffee hour following NNH Sunday School 9:30am Coffee & Conversation 10am Worship 10:30am	13 Office Closed	14 Faithful Knotters meet at 8:30am	15	16 ADRC Senior Meal site @ Nelson-Kaminski Legion Hall, Rosholt. Age 60 or older. Suggested donation \$5	17	18
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There's Something Better Coming

The Easter season is a precious time for Christians to celebrate the source of our hope: Christ is risen, and he invites us to rise with him into new life. Easter reminds us that God is still at work, even in the places where we've felt stuck or discouraged.

Easter is an invitation to try again—with his strength—to break habits we thought were unbreakable.
There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance to breathe new life into a marriage we feared was beyond saving.
There's something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to slow down, reach out, and reconnect with those we've unintentionally neglected.
There's something better coming.

Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and seek God for compassion.
There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance for all no-hopers to regain their vision of what can be!
There's something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith.
There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance to "renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not faint."
There's something better coming.

Coffee Fellowship

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.
APRIL FAITH COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP

- 4/5/2025** EASTER SUNDAY
- 4/12/2025** OPEN
- 4/19/2025** OPEN
- 4/26/2025** OPEN



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.



FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School held during worship in the Fireside room. Please call or text Joshua Panter with questions. 715-340-8058



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.

FAITH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from February 16, 2026 Council meeting from Chelsea Bassett

Thank you to Pastor Joyce for the February 14 installation of council members at our respective churches.

Final paperwork for our Interim Pastor agreement has been signed by council leadership and will be sent to the synod.

Our worship traditions are adjusted for the Lenten season, including a new approach to mid-week worship.

Mark your calendars: Faith and North New Hope Congregations are invited to participate in a "Purpose and Values" workshop led by Pastor Dara on **Wednesday, June 14 from 4:30 to 7:30**. The evening will include a potluck dinner and guided conversation.

Faith's Council will continue hosting Fellowship on the first Sunday of each month, sharing food and highlights from our council meetings.

Thanks to Tammie Ellingson, pastoral supply has been confirmed through May.

Parsonage committee collaboration is improving, with thanks to North New Hope for their interested members. We plan to share another walk-through before our Thursday, March 19 council meeting.



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 & March for Portage County Humane Society.

Lots of food & items donated. The MOM jar is full. Free Will offering from Coffee Hours were allotted to the PCHS. Thank you all for being so generous

April

See bulletin board for more information.

HYGIENE FOR THE HOMELESS

February 22 through March 15, 2026
Donation box in the Narthex.
Items needed were delivered.
Thank you everyone who donated.

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.**



This summer, explore the nature of God
at Rainforest Falls VBS!

What: OSLC Vacation Bible School ages 4 to sixth-grade

When: Sunday, June 14 -- Thursday, June 18

Time: 5 p.m. Light family supper, VBS 5:30-8 p.m.

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Iola

Register at: Coming Soon: In Person and Online Sign-ups

North New Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting February 22nd, 2026

Attendance: Patti Gburek, Michelle Raddatz, Emily Wogsland, Pastor Heintz & Tammie Ellingson

Call to order: Meeting was called to order

Pastor's Report: The communion serving style was discussed. The consensus was to have communion served at the altar around the communion rail.

Pastor Joyce discussed the importance of having a policy for use of the church by non-church members. Tammie will check with Krys and Pat L to see if we have a policy with the Town Board.

Pastor will draft a policy for us to consider using in the future. Faith will have something similar.

Synod Assembly will be June 4th through the 6th. Pastor Joyce will attend.

Approval of January 4th meeting minutes: Revision made to the minutes. Emily motioned to approve and Patti seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with the stated revision.

Financial Report : Financial reports were presented to the group. Emily motioned to approve the report and Patti seconded. Report was approved.

New Business:

Communion for children: Pastor Joyce suggested a First Communion class. This will be offered following worship service on Palm Sunday. We will provide a luncheon for the class. The council will discuss the menu for this. Michelle will put this on Facebook and contact Lenore Peterson. Tammie will put this in the bulletin. Faith children are welcome. Pastor requested that the parents contact the church office with those interested in participating.

Offering plate: The process for this was discussed. There was a group consensus to have the offering plates at the altar. Those that pass the plates will go up to the altar to retrieve the plates, pass them and then return them to the altar. This will begin next week.

Tractor Sunday Update: Tammie reported this annual event will take place on August 9th.

Ambrosia has been reserved to cater. Tammie and Mark will order the new banner signs.

We will start up the planning committee for this event in May.

Plumbing Issues: Tammie explained that there is a frozen septic pipe. The portico bathrooms are closed off. We are waiting for a natural thawing of the pipe. There are restrooms that are in good working order off the kitchen. Tammie will obtain estimates from two plumbers to "jet out the pipe" in the event we decide to do this in the future.

Old Business:

Portico Door: Patti reported that she has contacted two workers that will do this work. It will happen in the spring.

Coffee and Conversations: lead for making coffee: Emily has agreed to make the coffee for our monthly event.

Follow up from Holy Conversations meeting: Tammie and Pastor Joyce reported that we met as a group with Pastor Dara and Pastor Nate Dec. 3rd. We have come a long way as a church and that we have much to celebrate! Pastor Dara will assist us to move towards defining our purpose. Pastor Dara will facilitate a workshop Wed. June 17th in the evening. This will be open to any parishioners from Faith and North New Hope. More details to come.

Next Council Meeting is March 9th at Faith. 5:30 pm prior to the Joint Council meeting

Next Joint Council Meeting is March 9th at Faith: 6:00 pm

Lead Council Assignments:

March 1st: Michelle

March 8th: Patti

March 15th: Tammie

Meeting Adjourned

North New Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes January 4, 2026

Attendees: Krys, Tammie, Patti, Michelle, Jim and Pastor Joyce

Call to order: Tammie

November meeting minutes: Jim made a motion, Patti seconded and motion carried. Minutes were approved.

Financial Secretary Report: Krys shared our church financials with us from October thru the end of the year. We reviewed the 2026 proposed budget, along with investments. Patti made a motion to approve the 3 month financial report, Jim seconded. Motion carried. Tammie mentioned Wed, Jan 7 at 5:30 is the "past presidents" meeting. Our joint budget will be discussed at that time. Patti motioned to accept and present the financial secretary's report at the annual meeting, Jim seconded it. Motion carried.

The council recommends that the scholarship committee consider paying for Emily's tuition for the lay ministry schooling.

Pastor Joyce's Report:

New Business: 2026 council will include Tammie, Patti, Jim, Emily and Michelle. The council will meet after the annual meeting to discuss and appoint the council positions.

Old Business: The portico was discussed. The door will be removed and the concrete will be "shaved down". Patti has the work lined up. They are looking at Spring for doing the project.

Church security was discussed. Mark and Tammie will be meeting with J.R. Locksmith company tomorrow. The locks will be changed on both doors.

Coffee and conversations were discussed. We decided to keep them up. Our next session will be 10:00 on Jan 11th.

Next Council Meeting: February 15th after worship.

Lead Council Assignments:

Jan 11 Tammie

Jan 18 Jim

Jan 25 Patti

Feb 1 Krys

Feb 8 Michelle

Motion to adjourn at 12:50 from Patti, Jim second.



March 29

Palm Sunday worship



8:45am at Faith

10:30am at North New Hope
First Communion Class

At North New Hope 11:30am

April 2nd:

Maundy Thursday worship



4:30 at North New Hope

6:30 at Faith

April 3rd:

Good Friday worship



4:30 at North New Hope

6:30 at Faith

April 5th:

Easter Sunday worship



8:45am at Faith

10:30am at North New Hope

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

WHEN: May 30th, 2026

WHERE: Main Street Rosholt

WHAT: Street Dance

WHY: Community Fun!!

4pm to 8pm

Family Friendly!!

Themes:

Rosholt thru the decades

Fabulous Fifties (dance theme)



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Think: Sock Hop!

*Poodle skirts, saddle shoes,
rolled up jeans,*

*white bobby socks, leather jackets,
greased back hair, & ponytails!*

Costume Contest!!

*Bring your own lawn chairs
and that 50's Spirit for a night
of old fashion hometown fun!*

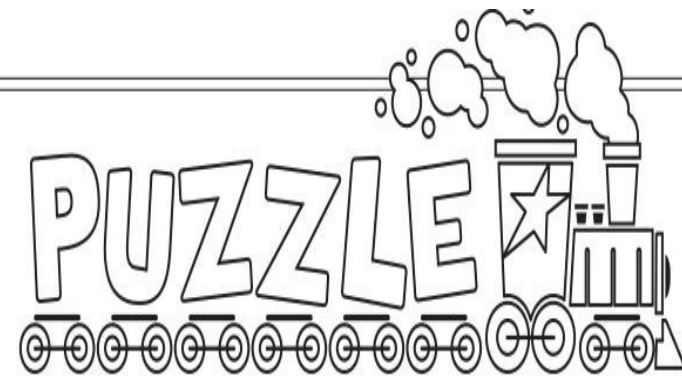
Look for sign up sheets—soon!

Faith Lutheran Church

serving Lemonade

North New Hope Church

serving Popcorn



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection
helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

1. Jesus 2. weary 3. endured 4. opposition	5. cross 6. endured 7. scorning 8. shame	1. Jesus 2. lose 3. pioneer 4. sinners
5. perfecter 6. him 7. faith 8. hand	1. eyes 2. us 3. joy 4. heart	5. right 6. grow 7. God 8. throne

"... fixing our _____ on _____, the _____ and
 _____ of _____. For the _____ set before _____
 he _____ the _____, _____ its
 _____, and sat down at the _____
 of the _____ of _____. Consider _____ who _____
 such _____ from _____,
 so that you will not _____ and _____"

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

Christian symbol



PEACOCK

The beautiful peacock is likely one of the lesser-known Christian symbols. Based on an ancient myth that its flesh doesn't decay after death, early Christians appropriated the bird as a symbol of immortality. The molting of its tail feathers each year to be replaced with supposedly more beautiful ones led to use of the peacock as a sign of resurrection and glorification.

Additionally, the eye-like pattern in the peacock's tail feathers made it a symbol of conscience and of God, who sees all.

However, the peacock also represents arrogance as it struts to show off its plumage. During the Baroque period, the peacock was often part of artwork at the 10th Station of the Cross, depicting Jesus stripped of his clothing—atonement, according to some teachings, specifically for our sin of vanity.

Early Christians believed peacocks shriek when they catch sight of their feet, which they consider ugly. Christians took this as a reminder that we, too, should lament our spiritual imperfections that detract from the beauty of life lived in Christ.



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.