



# (NH)<sup>2</sup>: New Hope Notes & Happenings

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Sharing God's Gift with  
All, Proclaiming New  
Hope in Jesus

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## Sandwich Fixings

"..if it is leadership, let him govern diligently;..."  
Romans 12:8  
*From the President of Our  
Congregation*

Greetings from your President in the name of the Risen Christ!  
Can it be July already? Half this year is gone. And what a year! Australian brush fires, an impeachment trial of a sitting president, a worldwide pandemic, stock market crashes, murder hornets, and unprecedented unrest and riots. It all seems so much, is so overwhelming, and things seem crazy and out of control. How does one find sense in it all? We must place our hope in God.

I say that, but I also realize that trusting God to work out the details is one of the most difficult challenges we face as believers. We fall too easily into Satan's trap that we have control over events and how they impact us. Knowing that, we must cling to these five truths we find in God's Word as we try to cope and work out our responses to them.

The first and foremost truth is found in Romans, 8: 38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Like all things of this world, difficulties

We try to include all member submissions received. Please forgive any omissions made. They are accidental, please be assured.

and challenges pass. And as they do, we can cling to the truth that God is with us, watching over us and gracing us with His love.

The second truth is found in Matthew 6:28, where Jesus tells us, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." We can be secure in the knowledge that Our Lord is there to listen, to care for us, and to give us a haven from troubling circumstances. Casting our cares upon Jesus gives us the will and power to move forward.

The third truth gives us the ability and perseverance to face adversity. Paul tells us in Philippians 4:13, "For I can do everything through Christ, who strengthens me." We can always look to Our Savior for strength. The Son is always there to provide light at the end of the tunnel, guiding us to do what it is we have to do.

The fourth truth tells us that no matter how much things change, we can count on one constant, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever," from Hebrews, 13:8. When we need a rock to stand on, an anchor to keep us steady in the rocky seas of life, Jesus is there. There to listen and there to love

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There is a joke that goes something like this: Three men were working on the top of a tall building. Lunchtime came, and they stopped to eat. "Oh," said the first man, "Tuna again! If I get tuna one more day, I'm going to leap off this building!" Likewise the second man complained about his ham and cheese, and the third man lamented his turkey on rye. "If I have to eat this one more day," they each said, "I'm going to leap off this building!" And so they glumly ate their lunches and went back to work.

The next day came, and the three men again got ready for lunch. "Tuna!" exclaimed the first man. And true to his word, he leaped off the

building and died.

"Ham and cheese!" cried the second man, and he, too, leaped off the building and died.

"Turkey on rye," sighed the last man, and he also leaped off the building and died.

Some time later, the wives of these three men gathered together. "If I had only known," sobbed the first wife. "I would have fixed him something different. I thought he liked tuna."

"I know," agreed the sec-  
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A Time for  
Everything

July  
Jottings

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens..."

Ecclesiastes 3: 1

"2020- 2021 Daily Holidays by Month. Wacky, Bizarre Days, Holiday Insights." [holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/index.htm](http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/index.htm).

**Board of Finance**



"But seek His kingdom"  
Luke 12: 31

We at New Hope continue to give generously from what we have been given. The Lord has been good to us and we are willing to give back so we can continue our mission at New Hope. Since we have been able

to cut back our expenses we are able to save more for the future. We have around \$25,000 in our checking account and a little over \$60,000 in our savings. Unfortunately, we still are not able to afford a full time pastor, but God has plans for us.

We have Pastor Scott as a Pastor of Record and he will be paid \$300 a month and a pulpit supply of \$150 plus mileage when he preaches. We also appreciate the FPC by allowing us a reduction for rent of their facility since we have been meeting at the drive-in and not at the chapel. God bless, Jane

**Quick reminder:**

Your weekly donations to New Hope can be given at the Drive-In Service or mailed to the church office at, P.O. Box 869; Monticello, IN 47960



Love Your Neighbor as Yourself  
Matthew 22: 38

Donations to the White County Food Pantry or the Monticello Firemen's Fund (for their Children's Christmas Project) can also be given at the same two locations.

**PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN GIVING YOUR DONATIONS TO PLACE THE MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE AND DESIGNATE THE PURPOSE OF THE DONATION—**

New Hope Lutheran Church, White County Food Pantry, or the Monticello Firemen's Fund.

**"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,"**  
Galatians 6: 10

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**The Ministries of New Hope Lutheran Church**

"So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.'" **ACTS 6: 2-4**

Support of our pastoral staff is given, in part, by the following church ministries.

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

<b>Monday:</b> 2:30-6:30	<b>Thursday:</b> CLOSED
<b>Tuesday:</b> 4:00-6:30	<b>Friday:</b> 4:00-7:00
<b>Wednesday:</b> CLOSED	

Items for the *New Hope Notes and Happenings (NH)<sup>2</sup>*

need to be submitted to Ted or Gretchen Leuenberger by the **third Sunday of the month prior** to the month you wish it to appear. You may submit your information through the mail, 4900 North Boxman Place, Monticello, IN 47960; e-mail, [gal4900@gmail.com](mailto:gal4900@gmail.com); by phone, (574)297-5455; or by dropping off the article in the church office. *(NH)<sup>2</sup>* will be distributed by the end of the month.

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"...he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."  
Acts 14:17

**Member Recipes**

Want a couple of new things to make to celebrate the 4th of July? Enjoy a couple of Red, White, and Blue recipes!

**Firecracker Punch Ingredients:**

- 4 cups cranberry juice
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 cups pineapple juice
- 1 Tablespoon almond extract
- 2 quarts ginger ale

**Important Tip:** Check to see if any guest are allergic to nuts. If someone is allergic, omit the almond extract.

**Firecracker Punch Directions:**

1. Combine cranberry juice, sugar

- and pineapple juice.
2. Stir until sugar is dissolved.
3. Add ginger ale just before serving.

**Firecracker Salad Recipe**

Firecracker Salad is a simple gelatin recipe that you will enjoy on the Fourth of July, for summer picnics, parties, birthdays and other events.

Serves: 4

**Firecracker Salad Ingredients:**

- 1, 3 ounce package of cherry, raspberry or strawberry Jell-O
- 1 cup boiling water
- 3/4 cups cold water
- 16 marshmallow
- Watercress
- Whipped topping
- 4 marshmallows to make stars

**Firecracker Salad Directions:**

1. In a bowl, dissolve Jell-O in boiling water.

2. Add cold water and stir.
3. Pour to 1/2" thick in a small ob-long pan.
4. Chill in refrigerator until almost set.
5. Arrange marshmallows on top of the Jell-O in four rows, four to a row. Allow space between the rows.
6. Pour on remaining Jell-O, and chill until completely set.
7. Arrange watercress on a plate.
8. Slice Jell-O mold between the rows.
9. Lift out each "firecracker" with a spatula and place on the watercress.
10. Make a fuse with the whipped topping.
11. Wet kitchen scissors and cut stars out of 4 marshmallows. Place on top of the firecracker.



"This, then, is how you should pray: ..."  
Matthew 6: 9

**Learning about the Lord's Prayer**

We continue examining the Lord's Prayer. The prayer, given to us by Christ Himself and found in Matthew can be considered the perfect model of a prayer. The prayer is probably the most said, throughout the world; however, do we know what the meaning behind the words we say is, in almost rote fashion, so very often? With the help of Martin Luther, we will break down these precious words and hopefully assist us in better understanding what we are saying to God as we pray this most special prayer.

As we review the prayer, with the help of Luther's Small Catechism, we will break the prayer up in the sections given us by him. Each portion of the prayer will be presented twice. The first are the words we traditionally say and the second the way it appears in some

Bible translations. Following this, will be Luther's explanation, through the use of petitions (statements of a cause of action)

*The Fifth Petition*

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

*What does this mean?*

**We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

Martin Luther's *Small Catechism with Explanation*. Concordia Publishing House 1986.

**Monthly Celebrations for July:**

- Dog Days of Summer, July3- August 11
- National Picnic Month



**Special Professional Days for the month of July:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> National Postal Worker Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> National Day of the Cowboy
- 31<sup>st</sup> System Administrator Appreciation Day

**Learning of other faiths:**

31<sup>st</sup> **Eid-UI-Adha**—A Muslim 4 day holiday, celebrated beginning on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the Islamic month of Hajj. A time for prayer and sacrificing, but no fasting.



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ond wife. "I never would have fixed him ham and cheese if I had known he disliked it so much."

"I just don't understand it," said the third wife. "He fixed his own lunch!"

Ha, ha... right?

Here's the thing. It's never a good idea to analyze a joke. Jokes are supposed to be quick, and light, and funny. They aren't supposed to make logical sense. We shouldn't ponder the fact that these three men could have easily exchanged their lunches and been perfectly content. After all, it's that ironic little twist that gives the joke its kick.

But here's the second thing: I'm going to analyze it anyway. Here are three men who dislike their lunches so much that they'd rather leap off a building than eat it. And if this wasn't ridiculous enough, the third man is lamenting over a lunch that he fixed himself! If he disliked turkey on rye so much, why didn't he fix himself something else?

Maybe we should ask ourselves the same question.

Not that I expect any of us to hurl ourselves off a building over a bad sandwich (although with my cooking, it may not be completely out of the question.) But more to the point, how many times do we lament the situation we are in without taking a single constructive action to fix it? How many times do we eat the same old sandwich when, with a little effort, we could help ourselves to something else?

I once heard a sermon preached on John 5:1-9, where Jesus heals a man by the pool of Bethesda. The sermon noted that one of the most remarkable points of the story was the answer this man gave to Jesus' question, "Do you want to get well?" One might expect a resounding "yes!" but instead the man replied, "Sir, I have no one to help me."

This man was so busy feeling sorry for himself that he didn't even answer the question! Maybe he wanted to get well, but if so, he wanted someone else to do it for him. He'd rather complain about his situation than have to fix it. Unfortunately, that's exactly why he found

himself in the same place... year after year after year.

"Get up!" Jesus told the man. "Pick up your mat and walk." And the man was cured.

"Get up!" Jesus is likewise telling us. "Don't just sit there complaining about it. Do something! Go and fix yourself a different sandwich."

*When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" (John 5:6)*



Beagle, Janet. "Various Writings." *The Mustard Patch*, mustardpatch.wordpress.com/about/.

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us. Nothing can or will ever change that fact.

Our fifth and last truth is found in John 16:33 when Jesus is giving his final lessons to the disciples in the Upper Room prior to being handed over to the authorities by Judas Iscariot. He tells them, "Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." "We can take heart in knowing that all we suffer, all the difficulties we encounter, all the tragedies that strike are fleeting. Jesus won the great victory over Death and Satan. He overcame the world so that we can go home to the next world, be home with Our Father, and be home in the Kingdom of Heaven. Alleluia!

Sharing God's gifts with all, proclaiming new hope in Jesus,  
Jim Culross

# May I Introduce...

New Hoppers,

As we announced last month, our Synod has appointed our new Pastor of Record. Pastor Scott Vana has graciously accepted our call to be our Pastor of Record. He works in academia at Purdue and has served us in the past as a supply Pastor. He lives nearby in Reynolds. We would like to welcome Pastor Scott to our church family. Please keep him in your prayers as he works among us and guides us in our efforts to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors.

Pastor Scott can be reached through the following:

Email: scottv1962@gmail.com

Cell phone: (219) 207-0366

(leave a message)

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(leave a message)

Pastor Scott will lead us in worship as his schedule at Purdue allows. As you can image, academia is in a challenging time dealing with COVID19. He is also preparing for the beginning of the school year and will be busy as students return this fall and need his help, so we will see him in a limited capacity for some time as we worship. Please keep his efforts working with our future adult citizens in your prayers. Pastor Scott will also attend our council and congregational meetings and be available for questions via email or phone in-between meetings. Additionally, he will be present with families in times of crisis and emergency pastoral care and to preside at funerals (or arrange for a presider if unavailable).

In this time of transition, continue to pray for our ministry here in the Greater Monticello Area. Continue to pray for each other. Continue to regularly attend worship in whatever form it takes place. Continue your generosity in supporting our efforts through your giving. Lastly, continue to look toward the cross and the promise it gives us.

Peace,  
Jim Culross

## Thrivent Financial

Once again, New Hope member and Thrivent Financial Consultant, Cindy Ringer, has received important financial information and has asked to make that information available through our church newsletter. We want to thank Cindy for her continued efforts to keep all of us aware of the current financial climate. Her submissions are always appreciated.

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***Making a last-minute contribution to an IRA may help you reduce your 2019 tax bill. If you qualify, your traditional IRA contribution may be tax deductible. And if you had low to moderate income and meet eligibility requirements, you may also be able to claim the Savers Credit for 2019 based on your contributions to a traditional or Roth IRA. Claiming this non-refundable tax credit may help you reduce your tax bill and give you an incentive to save for retirement. For more information, visit [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov).***

***You have until your tax return due date (not including extensions) to contribute up to \$6,000 for 2019 (\$7,000 if you were age 50 or older on December 31, 2019). For most taxpayers, the contribution deadline for 2019 has been extended to July 15, 2020.***

## 2019 IRA Contribution Deadline Has Been Extended

Due to the Coronavirus tax filing extension, there's still time to make a regular IRA contribution for 2019. You have until your tax return due date (not including extensions) to contribute up to \$6,000 for 2019 (\$7,000 if you were age 50 or older on December 31, 2019). For most taxpayers, the contribution deadline for 2019 is **July 15, 2020**.

You can contribute to a traditional IRA, a Roth IRA, or both, as long as your total contributions don't exceed the annual limit (or, if less, 100% of your earned income). You may also be able to contribute to an IRA for your spouse for 2019, even if your spouse didn't have any 2019 income.

### Traditional IRA

You can contribute to a traditional IRA for 2019 if you had taxable compensation and you were not age 70½ by December 31, 2019. However, if you or your spouse was covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan in 2019, then your ability to deduct your contributions may be limited or eliminated, depending on your filing status and modified adjusted gross income (MAGI). (See TABLE A on page XXXX.) Even if you can't make a deductible contribution to a traditional IRA, you can always make a nondeductible (after-tax) contribution, regardless of your income level. However, if you're eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA, in most cases you'll be better off making nondeductible contributions to a Roth, rather than making them to a traditional IRA.

### Roth IRA (TABLE B)

You can contribute to a Roth IRA even after reaching 70½ if your MAGI is within certain limits. For 2019, if you file your federal tax return as single or head of household, you can make a full Roth contribution if your income is \$122,000 or less. Your maximum contribution is phased out if your income is between \$122,000 and \$137,000, and you can't contribute at all if your income is \$137,000 or more. Similarly, if you're married and file a joint federal tax return, you can make a full Roth contribution if your income is \$193,000 or less. Your contribution is phased out if your income is between \$193,000 and \$203,000, and you can't contribute at all if your income is \$203,000 or more. And if you're married filing separately, your contribution phases out with any income over \$0, and you can't contribute at all if your income is \$10,000 or more.

Even if you can't make an annual contribution to a Roth IRA because of the income limits, there's an easy workaround. You can make a nondeductible contribution to a traditional IRA and then immediately convert that traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Keep in mind, however, that you'll need to aggregate all traditional IRAs and SEP/SIMPLE IRAs you own — other than IRAs you've inherited — when you calculate the taxable portion of your conversion. (This is sometimes called a "back-door" Roth IRA.)

If you make a contribution — no matter how small — to a Roth IRA for 2019 by your tax return due date and it is your first Roth IRA contribution, your five-year holding period for identifying qualified distributions from all your Roth IRAs (other than inherited accounts) will start on January 1, 2019.

Finally, note that 2019 is the last tax year for which the age 70½ restriction on traditional IRA contributions applies. Due to passage of the SECURE Act in late 2019, beginning with the 2020 tax year, investors over the age of 70½ will be able to contribute to a traditional IRA provided they have compensation equal to at least the amount of the contribution (spousal IRA rules will remain in effect). (Keep in mind that if you're using a back-door Roth IRA strategy for 2019, the age 70½ rule still applies.)

***( This information is continued on page 6.)***

Thrivent article from page 5 is continued below.

TABLE A

2019 income phase-out ranges for determining deductibility of traditional IRA contributions:		
1. Covered by an employer-sponsored plan and filing as:	Your IRA deduction is reduced if your MAGI is:	Your IRA deduction is eliminated if your MAGI is:
Single/Head of household	\$64,000 to \$74,000	\$74,000 or more
Married filing jointly	\$103,000 to \$123,000	\$123,000 or more
Married filing separately	\$0 to \$10,000	\$10,000 or more
2. Not covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan, but filing joint return with a spouse who is covered by a plan	\$193,000 to \$203,000	\$203,000 or more

TABLE B

2019 income phase-out ranges for determining eligibility to contribute to a Roth IRA:		
	Your ability to contribute to a Roth IRA is reduced if your MAGI is:	Your ability to contribute to a Roth IRA is eliminated if your MAGI is:
Single/Head of household	\$122,000 to \$137,000	\$137,000 or more
Married filing jointly	\$193,000 to \$203,000	\$203,000 or more
Married filing separately	\$0 to \$10,000	\$10,000 or more

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It's been fun for the past couple of months to look for ways to celebrate each day of the month as we have traveled the time we have been self-isolating. As we conclude looking for something special each day this month, it seems appropriate to celebrate a bunch of July days with special foods! **Check out how many days are red letter days highlighted some food item!** So be prepared to eat your way through this month.

- 1 **Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day:** Although the origin is unclear, the number of different ice cream flavors is huge. Try a new flavor today!
- 2 **World UFO Day:** This is the day in 1947, when wreckage was found in Roswell, New Mexico, that began the belief of the existence of UFOs and the government attempt to cover up their existence.
- 3 **Stay Out of the Sun Day:** A day to help us to remember to take care of our skin and try to enjoy these hot summer days in the shade.



- 4 **Independence Day, the 4th of July:** Happy Birthday America!!!!
- 5 **National Apple Turnover Day:** Always held in July, this is a day you are encouraged to make and eat Apple Turnovers!
- 6 **National Fried Chicken Day:** Always celebrated on the 6<sup>th</sup>, it is a day to celebrate a favorite American food, Fried Chicken.

- 7 **National Strawberry Sundae Day:** It seems that since July is such a hot month, it's only natural for us to celebrate many days of ice cream treats this month. Today we single out Strawberry Sundaes!

- 8 **National Blueberry Day:** Just created in 2016, the date was selected because this is the time of the year for Blueberry ripening, picking, and eating fresh!



- 9 **National Sugar Cookie Day:** Although it may seem that this day should be celebrated in December, it is suggested that the reason July is selected is to remind us that sugar cookies are great to eat at anytime of the year!



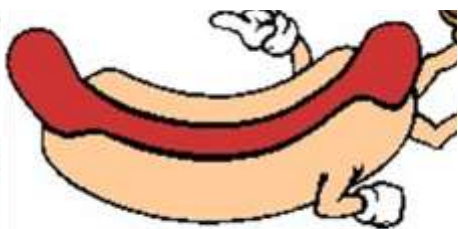
- 10 **Teddy Bear Picnic Day:** Always celebrated on the 10<sup>th</sup>, this is a perfect day for you to take a child and their Teddy Bear out for a picnic under the summer sun!
- 11 **Cheer Up the Lonely Day:** Celebrated on Francis Pesek's birthday, it is a day created by he and his daughter to promote kindness to the lonely or forgotten.
- 12 **National Pecan Pie Day:** The perfect day to bake and enjoy a delicious Pecan Pie!
- 13 **National French Fries Day:** First celebrated in the 2000s, did you know that

French fries are the most popular fast food item?

- 14 **Shark Awareness Day:** Always celebrated on this day, its purpose is to promote education and awareness of the importance of sharks to the ecosystems of our world's oceans.



- 15 **National Hot Dog Day:** Created by the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, on this day there is an annual hot dog lunch in Washington, DC.



- 16 **Fresh Spinach Day:** The day is to acknowledge the importance of this vegetable, one of the healthiest vegetables available. The selection of fresh spinach is because in this form the nutritional value is highest.

- 17 **Peach Ice Cream Day:** Another ice cream day, but this time, the special flavor is peach! This is harvest time for peaches and therefore the perfect time to celebrate them!



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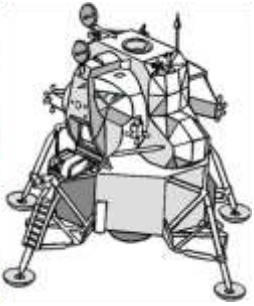
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18 **National Caviar Day:** Always observed on the 18<sup>th</sup>, you might consider trying some today—FYI: Russian Caviar is said to be the best.

19 **National Ice Cream Day:** Proclaimed in 1984, by President Ronald Reagan, he chose this date as National Ice Cream Day, not to be confused with Ice Cream Day in December.



20 **Moon Day:** This day remembers one of the most exciting days in our country's history. In 1969, the Apollo crew of Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, and Edwin Aldrin, Jr. flew to the moon where Armstrong and Aldrin landed on its surface for the first time.



21 **National Junk Food Day:** Always on July 21, this is the perfect year to celebrate this day. Junk food is defined by Dietitians as any food that contains little nutritional value.

22 **Hammock Day:** Begun in 2008, this day falls right in the middle of the Dog Days of summer (July 3rd-August 11<sup>th</sup>).

23 **National Vanilla Ice Cream Day:** Today we celebrate one of the most popular flavors of ice cream. Be sure and get a dish or cone or some other mode and enjoy this basic flavor of fun!



24 **Amelia Earhart Day:** Celebrated on her birthdate, we remember this famous aviation pioneer. Amelia Earhart broke many early aviation records and her loss, during her final flight is still talked about.



25 **National Chili Dog Day:** We celebrated Hot Dogs and now we celebrate one special kind—the Chili Dog! Be sure and have one today.

26 **National Parents Day:** In 1994, President Bill Clinton proclaimed the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July as this day to honor our parents.

27 **Take Your Pants for a Walk Day:** By far the strangest special day this month. Get on your pants and go take a walk!

28 **National Milk Chocolate Day:** Finally a day to recognize chocolate. Please note this is the day to enjoy milk chocolate and not necessarily chocolate milk, although having both would be fine!

29 **International and National Chicken Wing Day:** Begun in 1977, by Buffalo Mayor Stan Makowski, it remembers the popular snack item that began in Buffalo, NY, in 1964.



30 **National Cheesecake Day:** Although there is no information regarding who created this holiday, why it was created, or when it was created, but who cares—it's a fantastic dessert and today is a great day to have some!

31 **Mutt's Day:** A day to recognize a special group of popular pets. Mutts are, by definition, "Half-breeds", a dog that is of mixed

breeds. Lots of people own these dogs and love them just as much as the fancy purebreds.





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“Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”  
Psalm 100: 2  
Musical Worship

2020 Series from Frank Walker  
Why Should We Sing to the Lord?

**GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND**

The author of this hymn is Siegfried Mahlmann. He was born in Leipzig in 1771. He studied law at the university and then traveled throughout Europe, opening a bookstore in 1802. He wrote for many newspapers and magazines. He wrote a number of songs still popular today with German children. Many of his poems have been published several times.

The translator of this hymn is Charles Timothy Brooks born in Salem, Mass. in 1813. He graduated from Harvard and the divinity school. He was a pastor of several congregations, but was a long time preacher in Newport, Rhode Island from 1837-1871.

Several hymns have the same opening line like God Save the Queen. The most popular form had its origin in America. Related texts are God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand, America the Beautiful, and Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.

Since we recognize the founding of our country in July and recently remember the landing in Normandy in 1944 it is only appropriate that our church sings a Christian national anthem. This found in the ELW 891.

<b>Peace</b>	<b>In Memoriam</b>
<p>“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3: 16</p>	

Our congregation said goodbye to one of its charter members, during the month of May. Nadine nee

Windle Walker was born in Servia, Indiana, in 1934, to Russell and Eloise nee Long Windle. Known as Deanie to people close to her, she was Mom to three children (Tom, Nancy, and Reasha) and Grandmother to 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Married to Frank for 62 years, they were married in 1957, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, in Waynedale, Indiana. They had the opportunity to visit all of the contiguous 48 states as well as some of the Canadian providences.

As she and Frank settled into life here in Monticello, Nadine worked as a secretary at Roosevelt Middle School, for 22 years and she was an active part of the Friends of the Monticello Library. In addition, her faith played a major role in her life's walk, as she and Frank helped to begin New Hope as well as being a part of Via de Cristo, a program that helps Christians grow in their faith. She loved the liturgy and hymns of the Lutheran church. Her daily habits involved devotions and scripture readings. Memorials to honor Nadine may be given to the Monticello Union Township Public Library Children's Section.

In closing, we want to share one of Nadine's favorite bible passages, “The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” Deuteronomy 31:8

“O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.”  
**Psalm 95:1**  
New Hope Musical Programming

Musical Program Planning from  
Dean DeVoe

I thought this month I would write about the Liturgy of The Lutheran Church, because we aren't able to worship in person together each Sunday. Having our Sunday services at the Drive In Theater is great, because it is a safe/healthy way for us to still hear the word and enjoy music to-

gether, but I know that everyone wants to be able to return to “normal”—whatever that is. But THE LITURGY we celebrate and experience still continues for and with us, even though we are in the car or watching electronically--it just “feels” different. But liturgy is something in which we can participate often--even though we may rarely discuss it. The word LITURGY comes from the Greek word meaning “the work of the people”. It is generally what we do every day. The Augsburg Confession of the Lutheran Church defines the nature of the church in terms of liturgy where the “Gospel is taught purely and the sacraments are administered rightly”. It is the weekly proclamation and reception of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, among God's faithful people both in and for the world.

Because of our inability to currently worship physically together each week, and because of the departure of Pastor Doug, we have had to make changes and special arrangements for our services. But thank goodness that New Hope Lutheran and First Presbyterian can still experience the love of Christ, hear the Word, have a weekly sermon, sing our songs, pray our prayers, give our offering, pray THE LORD'S PRAYER, and receive communion (although on a currently different schedule than we are used to). But we still are able to worship and experience the Liturgy of the Church.

We need to remember that each of us need to connect our liturgy on Sundays to our daily life each day. We ought to remember that we should take our Sunday life of worship and connect it to what occurred during the previous week and what will take place in the coming week. This is HOW our LITURGY really becomes “THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE”.





"For I know the plans I have for you," declare the LORD, Jeremiah 29: 11

**Our Graduates**

2020 has certainly been a difficult year for graduates. COVID-19 has caused a memorable semester for their last year, most certainly. As they concluded this senior year of their education, they faced challenges that were never expected and faced them with a quiet grace. To all graduates, we are proud. To the graduates listed here, part of our New Hope family, we say a special congratulations! *"Everything happens for a reason. Maybe you don't see the reason right now, but when it is finally revealed...it will blow you away."*



Lydia Raderstorf, daughter of Rick and Cathy, graduated from Bradley University, with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Her future will be taking her to Hopebridge, in Kokomo, where she will be doing

physical therapy with autistic children.

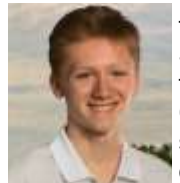
Skyler Ziemer, granddaughter of Ray and Shirley, graduated from Ivy Tech, with an Associates Degree in Office Management, during this 2020 spring. Her future plans are still being considered.



Jacob Wilburn, grandson of Doug and Sue, graduated from Bethel University, with a degree in Business Marketing. He will return to Bethel, in the fall to begin work on his Master's Degree, where he will also continue playing baseball for the Bethel Pilots.



Parker Wilburn, another grandson of Doug and Sue, graduated from Logansport High School. His plans for the fall are to attend Grace College where he will study business and play on their golf team. Faith Elise Dold would have graduated from Twin Lakes High



*In Memory of*



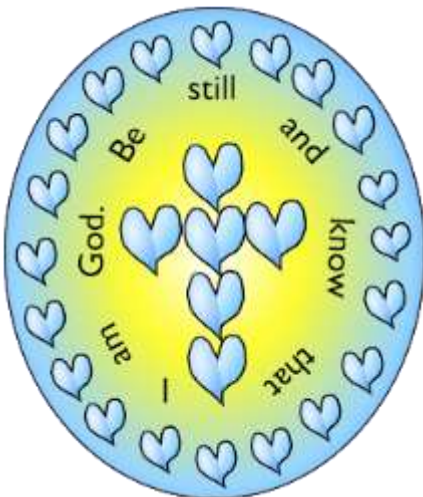
School this year. We wish to remember this young lady who brought joy to her family and friends and

who was lost to our world much too soon.

**"The best way to predict your future is to create it."**

— Abraham Lincoln

**In God**



**We Trust**

**Praying for Those Who Need Courage...**

**Working with Daily Trials:**

Greater Monticello Community, Lisa Baxter, The Family & Friends of Marilyn Tangman, The Garbison's Great Nephew

**Facing Life's Long-Term Challenges:**

Nurses, Doctors, and Medical Staff everywhere, Grocery Store Staffs, Postal Workers, Truck Drivers, Restaurant Workers, and all those deemed essential and working the frontline each day.

**Dealing with Chronic Illness or are Homebound:**

Claude Culross, Frank Kupec, Mike Culross, Dorothy Keever, Walter Sagil, Larry Foddrill, Andy Heaton, Doug Wilburn, Carolyn O'Neal, Shelly Wiseley.

**As They Serve Our Country:**

Ty Barnes, Cameron Burgess, Reece Edwards

**As Partners in God's Mission:**

New Hope Lutheran, Bishop Bill Gafkjen and the Indiana/Kentucky Synod, Pastor Scott Vana, Pastor Doug Givan, Jeff Truscott, missionary in Singapore, Kathleen Lutz, missionary in Nairobi, Kenya, Monticello First Presbyterian Church

And what was God's answer to him? Romans 11: 4

**WWW**  
**Wiseley's Word**  
**Puzzles**

Citation:  
"Web-Pages." *Kids*, kids-web-pages.blogspot.com/2006/12/sunday-school-daniels-friends.html.

**Work the maze, picking up letters along the way. What does it spell?**

Start

Finish





"I will proclaim the name of the LORD." Deuteronomy 32:3  
 "Emergency Bible Numbers Download." *Family Life Radio*, 28 Apr. 2014, [www.myflr.org/emergency-bible-numbers-download/](http://www.myflr.org/emergency-bible-numbers-download/).

# Who You Gonna Call?

During this very crazy time, we can all do with some places we can go for some emergency assistance. In today's world, calling 911 is a part of our lives. The really cool thing about God's book, the Bible, is that it is a perfect 911 assistance for so many of our worries and concerns. The particular website we have selected for this month, has this printable list of Emergency Numbers from the books of the Bible. Stress shows itself in our lives in so very many different ways. God has given us a place we can go for words of assurance, comfort, forgiveness, and love. God wants us to know how much He loves us and wants to care for us. The next time you feel your life not moving the way you had hoped or your worries seem to be taking over your thinking, take a minute to check out this list and see where you might turn in the Bible for words that will ease your fears or worries or to find the peace that God offers day in and day out to everyone who asks. Need direction? Need support? Need help of any kind. Don't look inside yourself. Look to the one source that never leaves you, never gives up on you, never looks for something better—Our Lord and Savior.

**EMERGENCY**

**Bible Numbers**

Upset?.....	John 14
Weak?.....	Psalms 18:1-29
Lonely?.....	Psalms 23
Sinned?.....	Psalms 51
Worried?.....	Matthew 8:19-31
Anxious?.....	Phil. 4:4-9
Unhappy?.....	Col. 3:12-17
In Danger?.....	Psalms 91
Depressed?.....	Psalms 27
Lack of Faith?.....	Exodus 14
Others Unkind?.....	John 15
Need Courage?.....	Joshua 1
Need Direction?.....	Psalms 73:21-26
Seeking Peace?.....	Matthew 11:25-30
Leaving on a Trip?.....	Psalms 121
Labeled an Outcast?.....	Romans 8:31-39
Struggling with Loss?.....	Luke 15
Struggling Financially?.....	Psalms 37
Discouraged with Work?.....	Psalms 126

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**God Bless  
Our Native Land  
ELW 891**

# July 2020

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please remember that this calendar is based on information as of the beginning of July. Refer to the weekly Top 3 List from Jim Culross for the most current information.

The  
Liturgical  
Year

Season  
after  
Pentecost

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Birthdays listed in Blue; Anniversaries listed in Green</b> The birthdays and anniversaries are the dates that the church office has available. We apologize if the list is not complete. Please inform us of additions and/or corrections that need to be made. Thank you.</p>						
<p>5 <b>Bob Hickman</b> 9:45 Service @ the Drive-In</p>	6	7 <b>Cindy Ringer</b>	8	9	10	11
<p>12 9:00 Church Service 10:30 Church Service</p>	13	14	15	16	17 <b>Ron Mindham</b>	18
<p>19 9:00 Church Service 10:30 Church Service</p>	20 <b>Moon Day</b> 	21 <b>Wayne Ringer</b>	22	23	24	25
<p>26 9:00 Church Service 10:30 Church Service</p>	27	28	29	30	31	
						<p>4 <b>Fourth of July</b> <b>Happy Birthday USA!!</b> </p> <p>Newsletter Items Due Tomorrow</p>

How about some smiles, during our new normal?  
 ~ Appropriate analogy: "The curve is flattening so we can start lifting restrictions now" = "The parachute has slowed our rate of descent, so we can take it off now".  
 ~ People keep asking: "Is Coronavirus REALLY all that serious?" Listen y'all, the churches and casinos are closed. When heaven and hell agree on the same thing it's probably pretty serious.  
 ~ Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and ask for money.  
 ~ Home school Day 1: I'm trying to figure out how I can get this kid transferred out of my class.

**Return to Worship**  
 Good news! First Presbyterian's Session (their version of our Council) has decided to open the building up for worship. Please note that the building will only be open for worship and the offices will continue to be closed for visits. Beginning July 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be two joint services to choose from which we can attend. One begins at 9:00 am. The second begins at 10:30. Though we do not yet know the format these services will have, they should be similar to what we experience at the drive-in. A few things to note. The wearing of face masks will be required. There will be no congregational singing, but special music may be offered. We will utilize the communion kits on Sundays we have Communion. There will be no Sunday School/Open Forum. Cleaning measures will be in place prior to each service. Look for more complete details to be announced soon.  
 Jim Culross



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