



(NH)²: New Hope Notes & Happenings

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Coming Together for Worship

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

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"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Amos 5:24
At my church in West Lafayette, a group of us is meeting monthly to talk about racism in ourselves, in the church, and in our society. We have only met a few times, but already the things we have learned and the awareness we have gained are significant. We have a long way to go, but it is important that we have started wrestling with this deep-rooted sin within ourselves.

One of the first things we watched is an 18-minute video by Phil Vischer titled "Race in America." Who is Phil Vischer? He's a Christian who is best known as the creator and storyteller behind Veggie Tales, an animated video series which teaches kids about courage, faith and other virtues. We watched the Veggie Tales videos with our kids when they were younger, and now we watch them with our grandkids. They are hilarious and do a great job of teaching classic Bible stories like David & Goliath and Daniel in the lions' den.

So what is the "Race in America" video? It provides some helpful background information for white Christians about racial injustice in America. Here is

how Phil Vischer introduces it:

"We need to talk about race. Why are people angry? Why so upset? Didn't we elect a black president? Pass civil rights laws? Isn't racism illegal now? Three years ago my brother Rob and I co-taught a class that discussed issues of racial injustice. That class turned into a popular podcast episode, which we've now turned into this video. Why are people still angry? Let's take a look at race in America."

I strongly recommend that you watch "Race in America." It is available on YouTube at the following address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGUwcs9qJXY> In the coming months, I will share other resources that we've read/watched and discussed in our group.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

* Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Peace, Pastor



JANET Notices

Observations
from
Janet Beagle

Tower of Babel

I was sitting in the Moscow airport when I heard it.


After four days in Russia, I had managed to increase my Russian vocabulary by 400%. From zero words to four: tea, thank you, no, yes. In that order, apparently the four most critical words for a traveler to Moscow. Or at least the four I encountered frequently enough to learn. Needless to say, as I was waiting for my outbound plane and listening to the chatter around me, I was at a loss regarding what was actually being said. Until I heard it. A familiar sound that caused me to suddenly pay attention. Was someone speaking English? I looked around as I listened intently, but everyone around me was speaking

Russian. I'm sure it had not been one of my four Russian words. For a moment there, I had heard a sound I *knew*.

There it was again! Only this time my brain registered the sound. *Laughter*.

I sat there musing on this as I listened to the incomprehensible flow of their words. I smiled every time I heard one of them laugh. I did not understand the conversation, but I under-

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

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
– Matthew 18: 20 (NRSV)

If you visit our New Hope website and go to the "Visit Us" tab, you will see the following:

"Worship stands at the center of our life of faith. Through God's word, water, bread and prayer we are nurtured in faith and sent out into the world. Worship is central to everything we do, unites us in celebration, engages us in thoughtful dialogue and helps us grow in faith. It grounds us in our Christian roots while demonstrating practical relevance for today's world.

A Time for Everything
There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens..."
Ecclesiastes 3: 1

March Moments

Information about special days that occur during this month will be found on pages 3 and 9 and can be identified with the balloon borders,

"2018 - 2019 Daily Holidays by Month. Wacky, Bizarre Days, Holiday Insights." 2017 - 2018 Daily Holidays by Month. Wacky, Bizarre Days, Holiday Insights, holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/index.htm.

In worship we give thanks in prayer and song. We raise our voices together as we confess our human
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Board of Finance
"But seek His kingdom"
Luke 12: 31

Well, here we are again—another month of craziness. We all are missing having our own service and time for fellowship; but you all continue to give faithfully. We still continue to have monthly bills, somewhat less than before, but they still have to be paid. We have dropped off a little in our Sunday offerings, but appreciate those who continue to give faithfully so that we can continue to

"Share God's gift with all, proclaiming New Hope in Jesus"
God Bless,
Jane. Treasurer

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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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Monday: 3:00-6:30	Thursday: CLOSED
Tuesday: 9:00-12:00	Friday: 3:00-6:30
Wednesday: CLOSED	

Items for the *New Hope Notes and Happenings (NH)²* 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; by phone, (574)297-5455; or by dropping off the article in the church office. *(NH)²* will be distributed by the end of the month.

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stood the laughter. Laughter sounds the same in any language.

The Bible tells us that God introduced the world languages at the Tower of Babel. Until then, the whole world had one language and a common speech. Then the men of Babylonia said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth" (Genesis 11:4). But as Solomon noted, *unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain* (Psalm 127:1). And the Lord was less than supportive of man's latest endeavor. *The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city* (Genesis 11:6-8).

At first glance, this may seem a little uncalled for. What's wrong with a little global collaboration? I think the answer lies in that one phrase embedded in mankind's plan: "Come, let us build ourselves a city...so that we may make a name for ourselves..." (Genesis 11:4). People were once again falling away from God's purposes and thinking instead only of themselves. They were not glorifying God, or even acknowledging Him. It was the original sin all over again – snubbing our Creator and grasping glory for ourselves. I can almost hear the resignation in God's voice. See Him shaking His head with a sigh. "Will they never learn?" People were once more on track to distance themselves from God, and God in His wisdom put a stop to it. Just as He sent Adam and Eve from the Garden, so He sent the people from Babylonia. *From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth* (Genesis 11:9b).

And yet, God left one piece of language the same. No matter where in the world we are, laughter and tears are the universal language. I think this tells us something of what God expects from our relationships

with one another. When someone we cannot speak to is crying, we have no response but to cry with them. When someone we cannot speak to is laughing, we have no response but to laugh with them. God confused the languages of the world, but He left us enough language in common that we could share what is clearly of foremost importance.

Laughter and tears. Compassion and joy. A conversation not to glorify ourselves, but to share with one another.

That is why it was called Babel – because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth. Genesis 11:9
<http://mustardpatch.wordpress.com>



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

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failings, pray for God's creation and sing traditional and praise hymns. We worship through our Liturgy, connecting with our Triune God, each other and the world.

Central to our worship life is the presence of God through word and sacrament. The word proclaimed and the sacraments — both Holy Baptism and Holy Communion — are called the means of grace. We believe that Jesus Christ is present in these means through the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we describe worship as a "gathering around the means of grace."

There is a basic pattern for our worship. We gather. We encounter God's word. We share a meal at the Lord's table. We are sent into the world. But we do not think about worship in terms of what we do, for it should not be about what we are doing for God. Worship is fundamentally about what God is doing for us. In worship, we respond to God's action. Worship is an encounter with God, who saves us

through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Based on "Worship", found on the ELCA website, this summary of what worship means to a Lutheran hits the nail on the head. Worship is where we meet God, where we acknowledge Him in our lives, where we receive His grace, and where we in turn, go out into the world and proclaim that grace to our neighbors.

Worship for us, and in fact for all churchgoers, has become somewhat tenuous. COVID19 has altered the landscape of our lives in immeasurable ways, more than likely for months, perhaps years to come. We as Lutherans use our time together on Sunday to meet God in person, to reverence all He does in and through us, and to recharge our spiritual batteries in order to go out into a world that seems to recognize Our Father less and less with each passing moment.


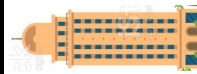

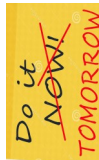














In our current format of gathering together on Sundays, we have lost everything we hold dear in a service. The Liturgy, an order of service which allows us to sing, pray and proclaim the victory on the cross, it's meaning and promise to all of God's children, and something those who don't experience can not grasp its significance in worshipping Our Creator, is something I for one sorely miss. I'm sure you are no different. It is my prayer that we can rectify that soon.

Meanwhile, I urge you to continue to either attend service in person, watch it on Facebook Live, or catch it later on YouTube or the website. While we may feel we are not being nourished as we sit in a pew or listen on our couch, the Spirit is present, living in us so that He can guide us to show others what we have gained from a relationship with God and the salvation won by Jesus. When we understand that, we can do what we at New Hope are called to do, sharing God's gifts with all, proclaiming new hope in Jesus.

In His Service, Jim Culross

Something to celebrate everyday!!!

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6</p> <p>Fight Procrastination Day</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Labor Day</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>National Cherry Popover Day</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>VJ Day, WWII</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Skyscraper Day</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Newspaper Carrier Day</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Be Late for Something Day</p> 
<p>6</p> <p>Fight Procrastination Day</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Labor Day</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>International Literacy Day</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Teddy Bear Day</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Swap Ideas Day</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>911 Remembrance Day</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Chocolate Milk Shake Day</p> 
<p>13</p> <p>Grandparents' Day</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>National Cream-Filled Donut Day</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Make a Hat Day</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Working Parents Day</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Citizenship Day</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>National Cheeseburger Day</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Oktoberfest begins in Germany</p> 
<p>20</p> <p>Wife Appreciation Day</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>World Gratitude Day</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Autumn Equinox Fall begins! First Day of Autumn</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Checkers Day / Dogs in Politics Day</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>National Cherries Jubilee Day</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Native American Day</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Johnny Appleseed Day</p> 
<p>27</p> <p>Crush a Can Day</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>National Good Neighbor Day</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Confucius Day</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>National Mud Pack Day</p> 			



"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?


**LORD JESUS CHRIST,
BE PRESENT NOW**

We don't often sing gathering hymns, so I thought this month I would give a history of one common Lutheran hymn. This hymn was composed by

Wilhelm 11, Duke of Sachs-Weimar born in the castle in Altenburg, present day Germany. He was educated at the University of Jena, studying music and math. He became involved in the Thirty Years War since he controlled the government of Weimar. Gustavus Adolphus, king of Sweden, entered this territory to try and control it. Wilhelm was severely injured and put in prison. When the war was over he restored peace and godliness under his rule. It was then that he found his peace with God and devoted his time to poetry and music, thence this his only hymn.

This hymn was translated from the German into English by Catherine Winkworth. If you browse through your hymnal you will find that she translated many German hymns into English, nineteen to be exact. She was born in England (1827) and taught by her mother. She moved to Germany to live with relatives and became enthused with German poetry and music. She was an early advocate for woman's rights and higher education.

"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

It is amazing to realize how quickly this year is moving by. There are times that it seems like it has been a long time since we learned about the Coronavirus--and how long it has been since we were able to worship together in the Chapel in our Worship Service? And then at other times, it feels like life is moving along very quickly. One thing I know, the Lord is with me every day and he is looking after Jane and me, and our family all the time. I am so thankful for the Love that we receive and experience from Jesus Christ--our Lord and Savior. I am thinking about what each of us are experiencing as a result of the Virus and the interruption of our comfort and peace that we have had with our New Hope Church experience. But Christ is always with us.

We, and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ in the other congregations and synods across the country and the world, have explored different ways to proclaim God's word while physically separated. Many have utilized technology to offer times of worship and devotion. Some are finding helpful ways to interact with one another in real time, while others have created meaning-

ful opportunities for worship on their own time, with or without the need of technology. We long to return to worship in person in our own Lutheran Service. Even as communities are making careful and cautious decisions about when they can and will gather in person for worship, we continue to find ways to offer our prayer, proclamation and praise. As was written in the "Use of the Means of Grace"--Principle 53--"On the grounds of the Word and promise of God, the Church prays, in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, for all the great needs of the world."

As we read God's word in our devotions or hear it proclaimed in worship, we are called to pray for the church and its mission, for the care of creation, for the end to racial injustice and all injustice in the world, for those who suffer, for an end to this virus and for those who have died in faith. From these prayers we are called to action. We are called to be Christ's presence in the world. May our dwelling in the word call us to prayer and lead us to witness to the gospel of Christ in the world, even if that witness may need to take on different forms during the pandemic. May you notice love of God in Christ Jesus among us and share that love with one another. I encourage each of us to reach out to each other in our congregation and to our other friends and family, so that they may see Christ through what we do and say. God Bless you All!!!
Deano



Looking for some words to find peace in this crazy world. Try some of these:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

ROMANS 15: 13

"Be glad for all God is planning for you. Be patient in trouble and prayerful always."

ROMANS 12: 12

"Be still and know I am God."

PSALM 46:10

"The LORD your God is with you. ...He will take great delight in you."

ZEPHANIAH 3: 17

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 4: 6-7

"Pray without ceasing."

1 THESSALONIANS

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

PSALM 23: 1

"The LORD is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made."

PSALM 145: 9

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

WWW
Wiseley's Word
Puzzles

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 A W I A R
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THE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS OF PAUL



Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

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| JAIL | BARNABAS | PAUL |
| EARTHQUAKE | LETTERS | MISSIONARY |
| STONING | STORM | PREACH |
| GOD | ISLAND | SHIP |





"I will proclaim the name of the LORD." Deuteronomy 32:3
 Thomason, Steve. "Paul's Letters." *Steve Thomason*, 19 June 2020, www.stevethomason.net/studies/the-bible-bookshelf/pauls-letters/.

We are all aware of the story of Paul—the young man who was persecuting early Christians. Then along the road to Damascus, he is struck to the ground with a blinding light taking his sight. Jesus talks to him, telling him to go on to the city and wait for directions. The disciple, Ananias, meets him and gives Paul directions from the Lord to become a disciple for Christ. The story is told in detail in chapter 9 of the book of Acts. He went on to become one of early Christianity's best known apostles.

We know that Paul wrote a great deal of the Bible's New Testament. This site tells about those books. We will share the second half of Paul's writings, from this site, in October.

NOTE:
 Many of the materials at the site have a cost.

<p>1st Journey</p>	<p>From Antioch to the</p> <p>GALATIANS</p> <p>You are free from the Law! No Circumcision!</p>	<p>Paul's follow-up to his first churches after the Jerusalem council. No circumcision required!</p>
<p>2nd Journey</p>	<p>From Macedonia to the</p> <p>1 THESSALONIANS</p> <p>Jesus will return for us!</p>	<p>Paul counteracts a false teaching that Jesus had already returned and there was no more resurrection.</p>
	<p>From Corinth to the</p> <p>2 THESSALONIANS</p> <p>We don't know when He's coming, keep working!</p>	<p>Paul rebukes those who had become lazy in light of Jesus' imminent return. They must keep working.</p>
<p>3rd Journey</p>	<p>From Ephesus to the</p> <p>1 CORINTHIANS</p> <p>Stop sinning! Start Loving!</p>	<p>Paul responds to a list of questions and complaints from the Corinthians.</p>
	<p>From Macedonia to the</p> <p>2 CORINTHIANS</p> <p>I'm an apostle, so listen to me!</p>	<p>Paul defends himself against being called a false apostle. Paul is also preparing them for a collection he is taking for the church in Jerusalem.</p>
	<p>From Corinth to the</p> <p>ROMANS</p> <p>Grace thru faith - works of Law = HOPE!</p>	<p>Paul explains the full gospel message of faith in Jesus to a Jewish audience who is confused about how to now view the purpose of the Law.</p>



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Check out the church's website <http://www.newhopelutheranelca.com/>

**"give thanks in all
circumstances;" 1st Thessalonians 5: 18**
September 2020

**The
Liturgical
Year**

Time After
Pentecost

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Kathy Barnett</i>
6 <i>Watch for specific information regarding services, from the Church Council.</i>	7  LABOR DAY	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Chris Dold</i>
13 <i>Watch for specific information regarding services, from the Church Council.</i>	14	15 <i>Nina Kent</i>	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Watch for specific information regarding services, from the Church Council.</i>	21	22 Fall Begins 	23 <i>Marquita Culross</i>	24 <i>Allyson Culross</i> <i>Ashley Culross</i>	25	26
27 <i>Watch for specific information regarding services, from the Church Council.</i>	28	29 <i>Carol O'Neal</i>	30	<p>Birthdays listed in Blue Anniversaries listed in Green</p> <p>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>		

- What types of jokes are allowed during quarantine? Inside jokes!
- Yeah, I have plans tonight. I'll probably hit the living room around 8 or 9.
- Did you hear the joke about the germ? Never mind, I don't want to spread it around.
- If there's a baby boom nine months from now, what will happen in 2033? There will be a whole bunch of quaranteens.
- So many Coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pandemic.
- Verona crisis.
- What's the difference between COVID-19 and Romeo and Juliet? One's the Coronavirus and the other is a
- I'll tell you a Coronavirus joke now, but you'll have to wait two weeks to see if you got it.
- What should you do if you don't understand a Coronavirus joke? Be patient.

Coronavirus Jokes to Retrain Your Face How to Smile



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