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

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Let's Have a "HA" in Hallelujah!

"God has brought me laughter, and
 everyone who hears about this will
 laugh with me."
 Genesis 21:6

(NH)²: New Hope Notes & Happenings

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

Deuteronomy 34:4 (NIV) The LORD said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob...I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." Every parent is like Moses. They do not enter the promised land. They prepare a world they will not see.

With August comes the beginning of another school year. Children and adults, summer festivities and relaxing behind them, return to the classrooms. With my own children off to Purdue and my nephew and grandson entering a new grade, I found this excerpt for all the parents out there praying and lifting up their children before God, rather intriguing.

"When W.P.L Mackay was seventeen, he left his humble Scottish home to attend college. His mother gave him a Bible in which she wrote his name and highlighted verses of Scripture. Unfortunately, college was the beginning of a downhill slide for him. At one point, he pawned the Bible to get money for whiskey. However, his mother continued to pray for him until she died.

Eventually, Mackay became a doctor. While working in a hospital, he encountered a dying patient who repeatedly asked for his "book." After the man died, Mackay searched the hospital room to find what book it was that had been so important to him. He was surprised to find the same Bible he had once pawned!

Mackay took the Bible to his office and stared at the familiar writing of his mother. He thumbed through the pages, reading the many verses his mother had underscored in hopes her son might heed them in his life. After many hours of reading and reflection, Mackay





"So Christ himself gave... the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service,"
 Ephesians 4:11-12

Sunday Service Schedule:

Service with Pastor—
 August 3rd, 10th, & 17th
 Visiting Speaker Service—
 August 24th
 Fifth Fellowship Sunday—
 August 31st

Pastor Plans:

 Sept 7 will be our Congregational Annual Meeting after church. We will discuss where we were, where we are, and where we pray to be! Please hold this important meeting in prayer and plan to attend. As it will coincide with our Bday and Anniversary Sunday, treats will be provided by the Ziemer's.

 Aug 3 will be the blessing of children and backpacks - bring your backpack to church Sunday. We will be praying over the children and adults going back to school!

prayed to God for mercy. The physician later became a minister, and the Bible he once had treated so callously became his most precious possession.
 (God's Little Devotional Journal, Honor Books. 2000. p 104.)

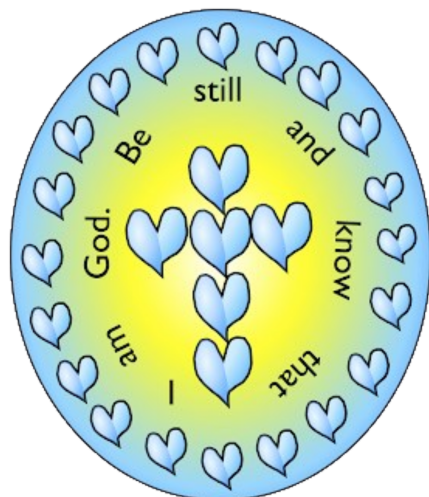
You may not live to see how your children will turn out. But you can trust that nothing you do for their spiritual wholeness will have been in vain! When you turn your children over to the Lord in prayer, you can rest in the knowledge that they will always be in His hands."

Happy back to school everyone!
 Reverend Hinkle

Lutheran Aerobics



In God



We Trust

Praying for Those Who Need Courage...

Working with Daily Trials:

Greater Monticello Community,
Jackie, Meghan, Carolyn S.,
Carol H., Reinert Spille,
Jennifer Scherer, Barb Hamblin,
Rita Ayers, Frank S.,
All affected by natural disasters,
Hurricane Helene,
The California wildfires, Texas
flooding, The Ukraine & Middle
East conflict,

Facing Life's Long-Term Challenges:

Kelly Dold, Vern and Kathy Barnett,
Ruth Erdmann, Mike Closson, Beth Dean,
Harvey and Waneta Garbison,
Maci Wisenburger, Nancy Larimore,
Owen Ott, Rhonda Montgomery, Doug Spille,
Kolter Kesling and family, Rhonda Kinnaird,
Kennedy Corn

For The Families of those who have Completed their Baptismal Journey

Phyllis Layman

As They Serve Our Country and Community:

Joseph Gregorick, Wesley Hopkins, Braxton Baker, Ashton Klein, Aaron Marshall,
Benjamin Lloyd, Chris Williams, Blaze Jones, Kiersten Nies, Jaylynn Layman,
Area First Responders.

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New Hope Lutheran, Pastor Candice Hinkle, the Indiana/Kentucky Synod, Bishop Timothy Graham, Jeff Truscott, missionary in Singapore, Kathleen Lutz, missionary in Nairobi, Kenya, Our Fellow Christian Churches

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Worship Sunday @ 9:00 AM

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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



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

"...Be shepherds of the church of God..."
Acts 20:28

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JANET

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Observations
from
Janet Beagle

With Thanksgiving

Every once in a while I find myself ruminating on a piece of scripture in a curious sort of way. Not that ruminating on scripture is curious, rather I mean that I get curious about what I'm ruminating on. This happened recently with Philippians 4 and that oft-quoted passage:

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, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

I don't know about you, but I am in desperate need of that peace that transcends understanding.

And so even though this is one of those verses that fades into the background of familiarity, I found myself wanting a piece of that peace badly enough that I took a second look. What, exactly, is it that I must do to get some of that peace?



The Path to Peace

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I found myself really thinking about, was the way in which we are sup-

posed to ask.

With Thanksgiving.

If this is the lynchpin – if the manner in which I ask for God's help is what manifests peace in my life – then I want to know what this means. I want to know exactly what it means to ask with thanksgiving. The more I thought about this single word, the more complex it appeared.

Thank You

Approaching God with Thanksgiving

Here are a few of the ways I think we approach God with Thanksgiving

With gratefulness for what we already have.

It's easy to say but not always so easy to do when our hearts are breaking or fear has camped on our doorstep. The need we are presenting

SEE JANET (Continued on page 4)



We continue our review of God's Ten Commandments this month. As we all know, Christ issued the two great commandments during His time on earth. In Matthew 22, we read of Jesus' interaction with the Pharisees. All the Ten Commandments can be categorized within these two commandments and so for this year, we are going to look at the original Ten Commandments to see how Jesus captured all of them within His two great commandments. We thought, especially in the current world situation, with so many divisive forces encouraging us to build walls of prejudice and hate, centering our thoughts on these two commandments would help us to walk in Christ's way—remembering that Jesus came to save everyone and, because we want to follow in His path, we will want to follow His

commands and live our lives with these two commandments, and therefore the 10 Commandments of the Old Testament, as our focal point.

This month we look at the Seventh Commandment and the explanation that Luther wrote to help people understand its meaning.

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

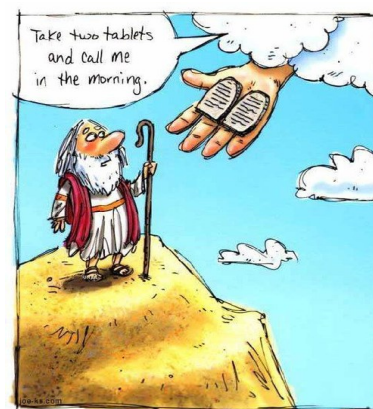
Again, we are looking at the second great commandment, because, of course, God is helping us to consider the ways we need to treat our neighbor as our self. Each of these commandments that address specific behaviors in our daily living are simply summed up with the commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself." One of the great things about Luther's expla-

nations is that he fleshes out the fact that God thinks about these exact statements in a much broader sense. As with the fifth commandment, God is telling us that stealing is beyond the simple act of robbing someone and looks to dishonesty to others in any form.

Treating others with respect is the model Jesus lived throughout His life on earth.

Citation:

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



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to God can feel all-consuming. How can we think of anything else when our request looms so large before us? But genuinely meditating on the things we are grateful for is the first step to asking God with thanksgiving.

With gratefulness for what we will have.

This aspect of thanksgiving expresses trust that God is answering our plea in the best possible way, recognizing His wisdom and His timing and His providence. Even when we do not see positive change, we can know that God is working behind the scenes. And along the way we can thank God for the small progresses, the small hopes, the small glimpses that He is indeed working all things together for our good.

With grateful boldness.

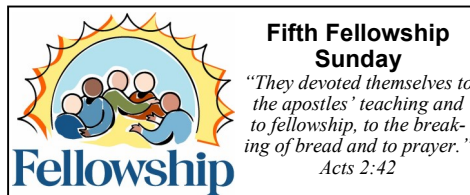
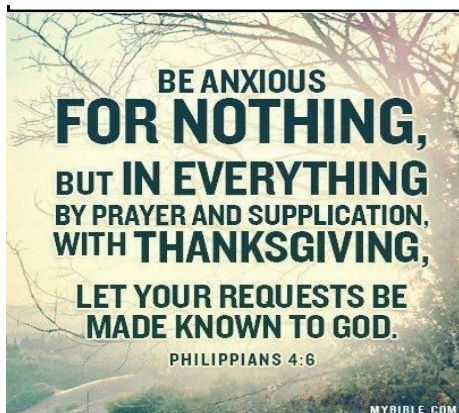
Our Father does not want us to ask in a sniveling, unworthy kind of way. Instead, Jesus said, ask and it will be given to you. If you who are sinners know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give to you all that you need?

Boldly approach the throne of grace. As children of God we have been given a deep assurance of the Father's love for us. He wants us to come to Him with every prayer and petition, knowing that He will hear us. Be bold.

Our Father has given us the promise that we can come to Him with every request and need. Let us lay our request before him with Thanksgiving.



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



Fifth Fellowship Sunday

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42



We celebrated our 2nd Fifth Fellowship Sunday on June 29, with great success! We met at the Fellowship Hall that morning and had the opportunity to learn about the sport, "Ball Dart's." NH has fielded a team, for the church league, for many years, under the guidance of the late Jim O'Neal and Glen

Haskel. This year we did not have a team, but on this morning, past members, Rick Raderstorf, Ray Ziemer, and Kyle Ashton, Glen's grandson took time to teach those present how the game is played and reminiscence about past times that the NH team had. We want to thank Rick, Ray, and Kyle for sharing their expertise and for those who brought treats to be enjoyed! Lisa Baxter won the door prize!

Now, onto our next Fellowship Sunday, August 31st (this month!), at the Leuenberger cottage, on Lake Shafer. Details will be in August Sunday Bulletins. We hope many can come and join us for breakfast!

Christ in Our Home

A devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily.
1 Corinthians 7:35

This month we think about,,,,,
God's Promises

Tuesday, March 21
Isaiah 42:14-21

A Promise

I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. (v. 16)

Isaiah's prophetic voice of caution, challenge, and comfort underscores God's plan and promise. But when I'm distressed, I often miss it.

Under an inky sky, I startled as our car rolled to a stop. The kids and I chorused, "What happened?" "We're out of gas," said my husband. "I'll have to walk to the gas station." "And leave us here in the dark?" I

shot back nervously....

Just then, approaching headlights pierced our darkness. "Can I help you?" asked a stranger. Fifteen minutes later, the girls and I were comfortably inside the house....

Now wasn't the time to tell my little ones that much longer waits in dark unknowing would surely come upon them. I prayed they'd remember at such times that God has a plan and a promise, whether we see it or not. I was just grateful that, at this moment, we did.

Lord of light and promise, strengthen my faith when I fail to see your hand protecting me. Amen.

Christ in Our Home, n.d. Published Quarterly, Augsburg Press, CIOH, \$11.00 year subscription.

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Thank You

"always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 5:20

Earlier this year, we collected food items to support the Purdue Lutheran Ministry (PLM). NH received a kind note from them for our support:

Beloveds at New Hope, Our gratitude to your generous gifts of pantry offerings is on-going. Thank you for your support of PLM and campus ministry. May you rejoice in the abundant love of GOD as you have shared with us.

 Pr.Kristin



August brings the beginning of another school year. Below is the first student dates for our area schools. We pray for God's love and guidance for the students and staff members who begin this new year!

School	First Day
Ivy Tech	August 25
Purdue University	August 25
Frontier	August 8
North White	August 7
Pioneer	August 6
Tri-County	August 8
Twin Lakes	August 7

Faith & Fellowship

They celebrate your abundant goodness...Psalm 145:7

First Sunday of the Month:
Birthday & Anniversary Celebration

Join us on August 3, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after the service, to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries of New Hope family members. Ray and Shirley Ziemer will be bringing treats for us to enjoy!

Interested in furnishing treats for another month? Check out the sign-up sheet at church to



New Hope Outreach Programming

"Carry each other's burdens..."
Galatians 6:2

New Hope has been very successful with several community outreach programs, during 2025. To continue our work in this area, the next project has been selected. Our focus will be the Honey Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

HOW MUCH TO OUTFIT A FIREFIGHTER?



HELMET = \$450.00
HOOD = \$100.00
FLASHLIGHT = \$100.00
COAT = \$1,980.00
GLOVES = \$125.00
PANTS = \$1,800.00
BOOTS = \$480.00
RADIO = \$4,500.00

Did you realize how much it costs to give each firefighter the necessary equipment to protect themselves as they fight a fire?? Many local firefighting companies are just like Honey Creek Volunteer Fire Department. They depend heavily on community financial support. And the community depends heavily on the fire department. NH will spend the months of August and September collecting funds to assist Honey Creek in the purchase of equipment. Watch for the hall display with important donation information!



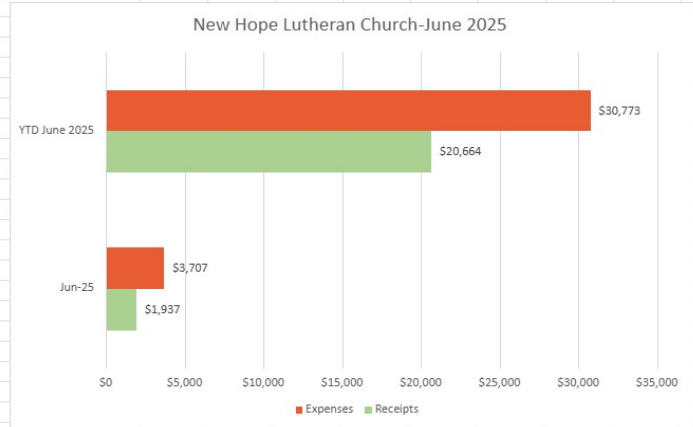
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"But seek His
kingdom"
Luke 12: 31

"Each of you should give what
you have decided in your heart
to give, not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves a
cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7



We broke
our streak—
expenses
were greater
than income
for June.
Hopefully,
we'll start a
new streak
next month!



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's Work. Our hands.

New Hope is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). This church group extends across the world with the goal of, "God's Work. Our Hands." Within the ELCA, is the Indiana-Kentucky Synod

For the first part of the year we have looked at the church and the beliefs that guide the ELCA. This month we want to focus on the service project that the ELCA encourages all of the churches within the ELCA to participate in annually, in September, "God's work. Our hands." To learn more about this, we want to share information from the district:

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully. Scheduled for Sept. 7, "God's work. Our hands." is our annual day of service and an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. The ELCA's first dedicated day of service in September 2013 was held to celebrate the church's 25th anniversary. Through the years we have embraced "God's work. Our

hands." as a way to be church together. On this day we bear witness to the love and concern God's people have for one another. Our congregations do this work every day — loving their neighbors and improving their communities. These acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: All of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. This year we are especially mindful of the challenges faced by our Lutheran social service organizations and other faith-based and human service organizations due to the reduction in federal funding. We encourage you to consider service opportunities with these agencies as you begin to make your plans. Mark your congregation's calendar for Sunday, Sept. 7. If your congregation cannot participate on Sept. 7, please find another time that works best. "God's work. Our hands." Every day. "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.": SHARING GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE As Lutherans, we know the difference that God's grace and love in Christ have made in our daily lives. Because of this, we work together to help others experience that same love and acceptance. We live out this vision through worship and service in our

We thank God for your tithes and offerings and the abundant blessings New Hope is able to give back to God's people through them! *For those giving offering through a debit or credit card, we have created an online giving platform through Vanco. Two online options for giving are: use the QR code or type in this address to your web browser <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZNJ6>. Both will take you to our secure Vanco site.*



congregations and communities, through our individual vocations and through our collective work as church together. "God's work. Our hands." provides an opportunity to be church together and to share Jesus' love by inviting others to join in a day of service. This call for service unites all the ELCA expressions to focus on serving and accompanying our neighbors. There are many ways to serve in our cities and communities, so ELCA members and congregations should research opportunities that make sense for each congregation and its capacity. The idea is to deepen the members' experience and enable congregations to play a critical part in addressing community needs. 3 God's work. Our hands. | 2025 TOOLKIT You may also consider partnering with other congregations in your region or synod or collaborating with a neighborhood organization. These relationships may broaden the scope of your service project and nurture meaningful connections. Welcoming others to join in your activities can lead to deeper engagement and greater opportunities to share Jesus' love with your neighbors throughout the year. The service day should not be seen as replacing worship. You are encouraged to host your service event after worship, or you and your congregation can arrange for a brief worship service at the site where you're serving and welcome others to worship with you. Consider partnering with other ELCA congregations in your area! The possibilities are endless

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

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Wiseley's Word
Puzzles

Citation:

"Twelve Tribes of Israel Word Search Puzzle: Student Handouts." *Twelve Tribes of Israel Word Search Puzzle | Student Handouts*, studenthandouts.com/world-history/ancient-israel/worksheets/twelve-tribes-of-israel-word-search-puzzle.htm. Accessed 16 July 2025.

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The Twelve Tribes of Israel Word Search Puzzle

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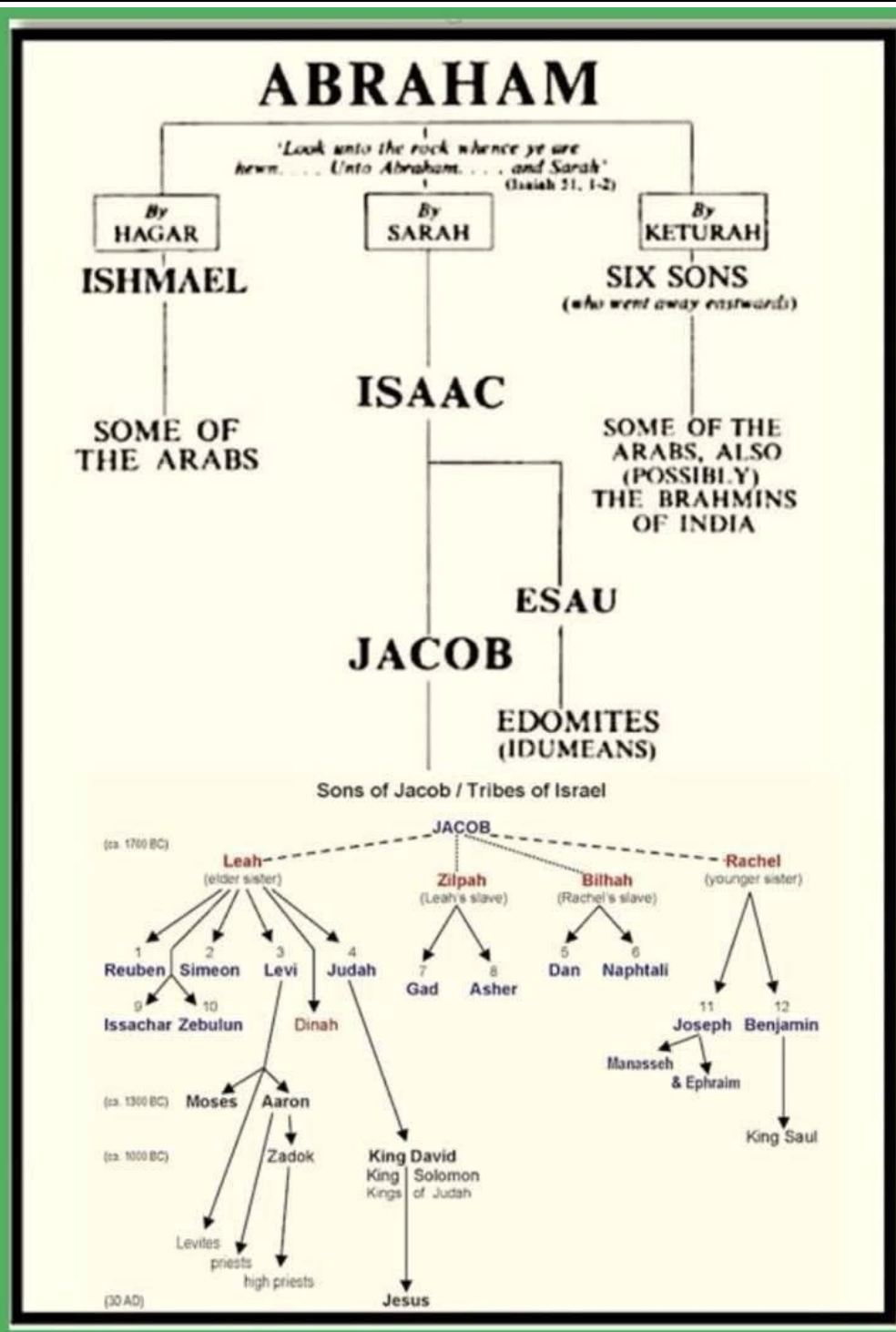
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On the Web

"I will proclaim the name of the LORD." Deuteronomy 32:3

"Pinterest in 2025: Bible Genealogy, Bible Facts, Read Bible." *Pinterest*, 4 June 2025, www.pinterest.com/pin/342625484172772388/.

I find the families of Abraham rather interesting. Through his line, it is possible to trace Jesus' lineage, as you can see on this chart. It is also how Israel was divided into sections, from the sons of Jacob. Next month we'll look at a map of those divisions.



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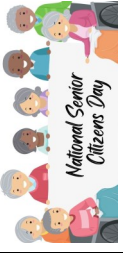
Check out the church's website <http://www.newhopelutheranelca.com/>

**"Let the wise listen
and add to
their learning,"
Proverbs 1:5**

August 2025

**The
Liturgical
Year**

Time after
Pentecost

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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>					1	2
<p>3</p> <p>Faith & Fellowship</p> <p>9:00 Worship Service</p>	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Tessa Kirchner</i>	9
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 Worship Service</p>	11	<p>12 Annual Perseid Meteor Shower – Peak Night</p> 	13	<p>14</p> 	15	16 <i>Tom Smith</i>
<p>17 Kaden Greathouse</p> <p>9:00 Worship Service</p>	18	19 <i>Heidi Kirchner</i>	20	21 Senior Citizen's Day	22	23
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 Worship Service</p>	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>31 Fifth Fellowship Sunday</p> <p>@ the Leuenberger's</p> <p>4900 North Boxman Place</p>				<p>National Senior Citizens Day</p> 		

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