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JANUARY 2023

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Sign up Sheet for placing flowers on the altar is across from the coat rack.
- The online calendar is ready for viewing. If you have information to be entered on the calendar, give the information to our secretary, Judy Moore.
- If you have any information for The Anchor, it needs to be submitted to the office in time to have The Anchor printed on the last Sunday of the month.

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The Anchor



New Hope Lutheran Church

FROM THE PASTOR

Grace and peace to all the Saints at New Hope Lutheran Church,

Among the blessings the Lord has given us is His Word. In His word is contained what He wants us to know about Him. Over the centuries civilizations have worshiped gods they knew nothing about and were left to guess what made them happy. Our faith is the opposite of that. Our faith is built on His word which was composed by many human authors over thousands of years. These authors, inspired by the Holy Spirit, all tell the same story.

I have refereed numerous times to the Bible as a “Love Story”. There are many people that will describe the scriptures as rule book to live by. The problem with that kind of thinking is then you are left with all Law, and the Bible is an “instruction” book on how to get to heaven. If it is read in that way, your salvation becomes a work that you perform. When one reads the scriptures, they will find that this isn’t true. The Bible is not a, “cookbook” on salvation. What all of these authors point to is that salvation is a free gift of God through the work of Christ on the Cross. The scriptures tell us God Loves us so much, He sent His Son to die for you.

This is one of the reasons I encourage you to read the scriptures. You know what I say, "Chapters a day, and you are through the Bible in a year". This time of year, society wants you to think about losing weight, saving money or some other thing you can do to make your life better. You have been given faith at your Baptism. That faith is strengthened through being in His word and receiving the Lord's Supper regularly.

So, I would encourage you to do those things over the next year. Being in God's Word and receiving the Sacrament are not works that you perform to make God happy. These are the exercising of the gifts that you have been given. Exercising these gifts strengthens your faith and helps you to better understand that your salvation is not something you work for but, rather something that has been done for you. So, feel free to join us in any of our Bible studies and come to the table of the Lord often. Doing these things will remind you of the comfort that no self-help program can bring. Because as Ephesians tells us, **"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God"**.

In His Service, Pastor Mark

MINISTRY CLARITY TEAM INTRODUCTION LETTER

Dear Saints of New Hope Lutheran Church,

In March of 2015, a new church was formed, New Hope Lutheran Church of Licking County, Ohio. The church, in coordination with the Ohio District - Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), was created through the merger of Our Savior Lutheran Church - Newark and Pilgrim Lutheran Church - Granville. Both churches came with over a fifty-year history and traditions. In the last seven years, there have been numerous changes. We have added two new pastors, Pastor Mark (2016) and Pastor Terry (2019). We have also taken a bold step to reach out to our community with the addition of Hope's Door.

Over the years, the composition of our congregation has changed. Naturally, we have members that have gone to be with the Lord, we have had members move away, we have had members move in, we have people from the community take the step to come and join us. These are good and natural events in the lifecycle of a church. But we as the executive board feel now after these seven plus years it is time to take a renewed look at our ministry.

Recorded in Matthew 28, just prior to His ascension, Jesus instructed His Church, **"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."** This is often referred to as the "Great Commission". It is our desire to follow the model our Lord and Savior set out for us. It is our desire to get the lifesaving message of Christ, crucified, risen and returning to the members of our church and the members of our community.

After prayer and discussion, the board has contracted with Lutheran Church Ministry Clarity Team. This process is based on you, the members of New Hope Lutheran Church. This program will start with this survey, we are also constructing a visioning team that will interpret the results. We will have a visioning event to present the results. We will also have visits from the program pastor and a series of meetings to develop a plan.

In the meantime, if Pastor Mark ask you to join the Visioning Team, please prayerfully consider joining the team. Please make an effort to attend the visioning meeting so your voice can be heard. Please take the time to fill out the questionnaire found below; please answer the questions as completely as you can. Please note, the Visioning team and the executive board will not have direct access to the results. The teams will only receive filtered non-specific results. Please return your questionnaires by January 8, 2023.

Please scan the QR code below and answer the short questionnaire on your smartphone. If you don't use a smartphone there are questionnaires at church, you can fill out and we can scan them in for you. If you have any questions, call or email Pastor Mark.



BIBLE STUDIES

Winter 2023 – Bible Studies at a Glance

Early Sunday (before Worship)

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Bible Study – Granville

Subject – **Justification & Sanctification:** The Lutheran Difference Series Bible study series on what

BIBLE STUDIES

Bible reveals about being declared and made holy.

Mid-Morning Sunday (before Worship) – Newark

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.* Bible Study/Sunday School – Newark

Subject – **The Book of Galatians**

Wednesday Evenings

7 p.m. Bible Study – Online

Subject – **The Book of John**

The Book of John is a great book to study to see Jesus as the Christ. John 20:30-31 says, *"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."*

Thursday Morning

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Bible Study – Granville

Subject – **1 & 2 Samuel**: Samuel describes a time when Israel rebelled against God, demanding an earthly king to lead her and ushering in the reign of King David and the ancestor of Jesus Christ.

Thursday Evening

4:30 p.m. **Women's Bible Study** - Newark

Subject - **"The Heart of Jesus; a study of Women in the gospel of Luke"** 12 part series, books will be available for you. For questions call or text Danielle Larison 614-562-0525.

New Hope Lutheran Church site locations –

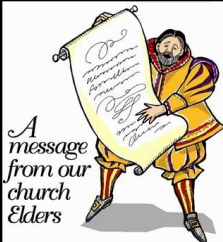
Granville: 309 West Broadway, Granville

Newark: 1137 Sharon Valley Road, Newark

Hopes Door: 27 North 4th Street, Newark

*Coffee available

BOARD OF ELDERS' INFORMATION



Elders are chosen from the congregation to help with its spiritual life as well as other needs. If you have any concerns, struggles, questions, or comments, please consider contacting any of the Elders. Our desire is for your continued growth in the grace of God through the Word and Sacrament, and love towards God and our neighbor.

Scott Bates Scott Gibson Scott Taylor Scott Wagner

LET'S MEET AND EAT

New Hope Lunch Bunch – Tuesday, January 17

- Bob Evans, 1001 Cherry Valley Road, Newark, 43055
- 11:30 a.m.

Girls' Night Out – Tuesday, January 17

- Watts Restaurant, 77 S Main St, Utica, OH 43080
- 5:30 p.m.
- Let Carol know by Sunday, January 15 that you can join us

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Andy Benner 1/5

Adam Libertini 1/9

Lenny Kirby 1/10

Neil Hall 1/11

Borgany Bierly 1/16

Camper Gibson 1/22

Steve Prestridge 1/29



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Steve & Hillary Prestridge 1/1 29 yrs.



"Love is the condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own."

- Robert Heinlien

PRAYER CHAIN

If you are in need of prayers and you do not want to wait until Sunday, put the Prayer Chain warriors to work. Call the first person on the list below. They will ask for the name of the person and reason you are requesting prayers. You can be as specific with details or as private as you choose. If you can't reach the first person, call the next person on the chain. The person you call on the prayer chain will say a prayer with you and then after you hang up, they will call the next person on the list and each call will result in prayers.

Joann Presley – 366-2475, 740-670-6274	Carolee Ellis – 740-403-4117
Starla Doty – 220-203-1055	Elise Frueh – 740-877-3679
Danielle Larison – 614-562-0525	Holly Webber – 740-507-2923
Tracey Hartsough – 734-394-9775	Erin Allen – 614-206-7895
Jackie Taylor – 614-361-5543	Borgany Bierly 740-644-2499
Charlene Schrock – 740-403-0722	Carol Worst – 740-404-9152

It's not too late for you to join the Prayer Chain. Talk to Joann or Carol on Sundays and we will add your name to the list.

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD

Altar Guild (Newark)
Danielle Larison

Altar Guild (Granville)
Viki Hall

Elder (Newark)
Scott Gibson

Elder (Granville)
Scott Wagner

Trustee (Newark)
Julie Gibson

Trustee (Granville)
Scott Allen

Acolyte (Granville)
Owen Wagner



JOKES

Sunday School

A Sunday School teacher of small children was concerned that his students might be a little confused about Jesus Christ because of the Christmas season's emphasis on His birth. He wanted to make sure they understood that the birth of Jesus occurred a long time ago, that He grew up, etc. So he asked his class, 'Where is Jesus today?'

Kieron raised his hand and said,

'He's in heaven.'

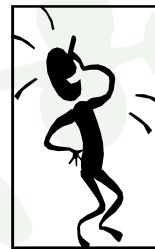
Davey was called on and answered, 'He's in my heart.'

Paulie, waving his hand furiously, blurted out, 'I know! I know! He's in our bathroom.'

The whole class got very quiet, looked at the teacher, and waited for a response. The teacher was completely at a loss for a few very long seconds. He finally gathered his wits and asked Paulie how he

knew this. And Paulie said

'Well every morning, my father gets up, bangs on the bathroom door, and yells 'Jesus Christ, are you still in there?'



COMICS



I AM RUNNING A CHRISTIAN OPERATING SYSTEM CALLED "STAINED GLASS WINDOWS '98" ... IT'S PRETTY COOL BECAUSE WHEN YOU MAKE AN ERROR THE COMPUTER SAYS "FORGIVE THEM FATHER FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO"



THIS YEAR, FOR NEW YEARS, I AM RESOLVING TO DO ALL SORTS OF BAD THINGS SINCE I NEVER EVER STICK TO MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



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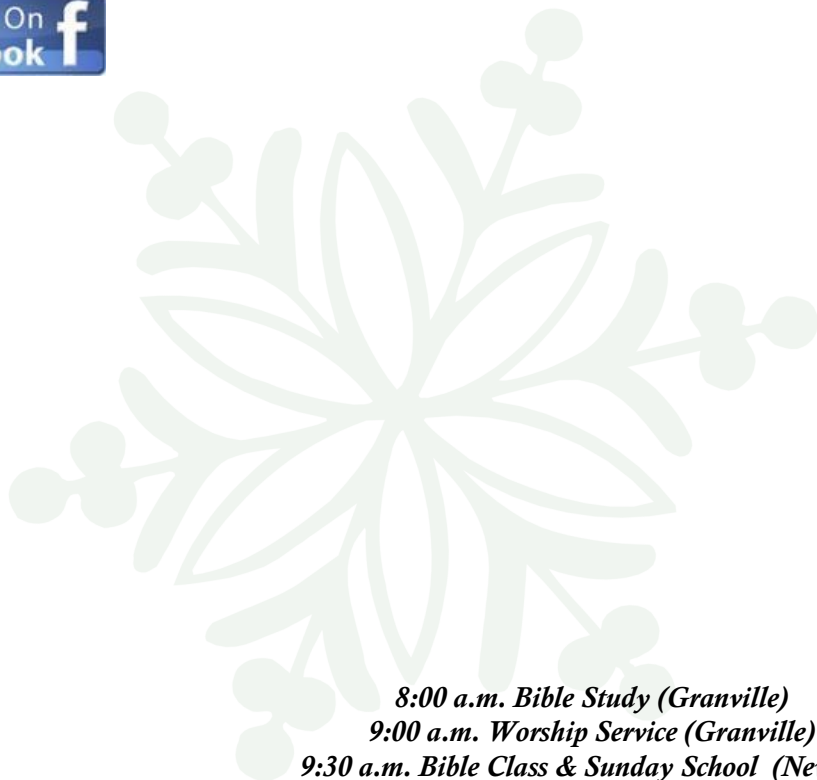


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10:45 a.m. Worship Service (Newark)

Pastor Mark Hartsough Office Hours:
Morning: Monday & Tuesday
Or for and appointment call 740-366-6459 or email
pastormark@newhopelickingcounty.org

Pastor Terry Worst
By Appointment, email
pastorterry@newhopelickingcounty.org

Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
740-366-6459

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