



The Anchor



New Hope Lutheran Church

From The Pastor

Things to remember:

- Sign up Sheet for placing flowers on the altar is near 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.

March 2024

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Grace and peace, to the Saints of New Hope Lutheran Church,
 How is Lent going for you? As Christians saved by Grace alone, we are not required to, “give up”, anything for Lent. But it is not necessarily bad to give something up, as long as it is being done for the right reason. If, we give something up to show we are dedicated to Christ or that we have the will power over sin, that may not be the proper motivation. If we deny ourselves things in our life because they interfere or somehow derail our time in His Word or other study, then it is a good thing, or of course your sin. At this time of Lent we are called to repent of sin and turn towards Christ.

As with giving something up, just to say we did it, the idea of Lent is not temporary. We are to repent of sin and pray for strength not to repeat it. One way to help in this endeavor, is to avoid the place or the situations can lead to sin. The Book of James says, **“But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.”** As in defensive driving, “The best accident, is the one you are never in.” What James is telling us is, “Nip those desires in the bud”. Don’t feed them.

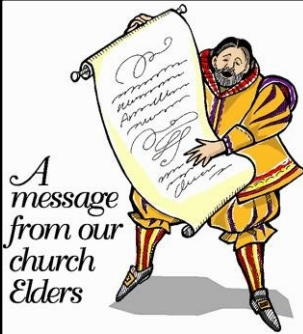
But we are all human. We will sin. We are literally born sinful. We sin either by, willfully encouraging those desires or by, “falling into sin”. Not to forget the we by nature are sinful and unclean. But the Lent season leads us into the time of Easter. First comes Maundy Thursday, the day our Lord instituted the Lord’s Supper. Then of course we come to Good Friday, the day our Lord was nailed to the cross. And of course, Easter, the day He rose from the dead and showed His power over death and the Devil. All of this is done for you.

Many of our friends, family and neighbors don’t know about this season of Lent. Many of them don’t even understand that they are sinful. The Lord’s Supper doesn’t make sense to them, and they see no reason for Christ dying on the cross. Because of this, the stone rolled away, the empty tomb and the risen Christ, contains no joy for them. If our loved ones don’t know their problem, they won’t see the need for Christ.

So, I would suggest that you use this time of year and invite someone that needs to hear the Word. We have plenty of opportunities in March to bring people to church. So, remembering the season of Lent, remembering our Lutheran Theology, start with repentance. Look at the sin in your own life and seek forgiveness. Pray for the right words to ask your friend to church. Then pray that the Spirit works through the word they hear, and they will be convicted of their sin and they too will look to Jesus for salvation. It is not that we are to try and “sell” them on Jesus, the Word of Christ does the work. You can bring them to the Sunday services, Wednesday nights, or the special services during Holy Week. We pray that the Gospel calls them to faith the just like you were.

In His Service,
 Pastor Mark
 Matt 16:15

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

Lenten Services/Holy Week

Lent Midweek Services at 4 p.m. at the Granville church and 7 p.m. at the Newark church on the following Wednesdays:

March 6

March 13

March 20

Maundy Thursday, March 28 - 7 p.m. at the Granville church

Good Friday, March 29 - 8 p.m. at the Newark church

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:30-9:10 a.m. Breakfast Buffet - Newark

9:30 a.m. Easter Day Joint Site Worship - Newark



Christ has risen! Alleluia!

Easter Breakfast



New Hope Lutheran Church Easter Breakfast

Granville location

March 31, 8:30 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.

Mark your calendars for our Easter breakfast on March 31, from 8:30 a.m. until 9:10 a.m., to enjoy fellowship and food with our brothers and sisters in Christ before we worship our Risen Lord and Savior.

Watch the announcements throughout March for more details and to sign up for items that you can provide. Contact Hillary with any questions, 330.881.7738 (call or text) or email me at hprestridge@charter.net. Thank you

Fellowship

Let's Meet and Eat

Girls' Night Out – Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 PM



- Mariposa Mexican Restaurant, 5 North 3rd St. Newark, OH
- 6:00 pm
- RSVP to Carol by Sunday, March 10, if you will be joining us. 740-404-9152, or cworst@roadrunner.com

Please note the time change from our usual meeting time as we pushed it out half an hour to accommodate the Women's Bible Study group.

New Hope Lunch Bunch – Tuesday, March 19

- Bob Evans, 1001 Cherry Valley Road SE, Newark, OH, 43055
- 11:30 a.m.
- All are welcome, no reservations needed!



Hey Pastor

Hey pastor, are you going to write about Gift Cards, again?

Yes. There are really two items I want to bring up on the subject of Gift Cards.

First, Apparently, in the last few weeks there was another request texted out asking for gift cards. Once again as a reminder, I will never text you to send me gift cards. I have never and I will never will. Please delete and block any text you receive like that.

Second, I did ask for Gift Cards in November for the Seminarians. The difference this time is, I asked you for them in front of you. This time it truly was me that was requesting them. You might remember, these cards were for the Christmas Bazaar for the students at the Fort Wayne Seminary. All the cards were collected and sent off to the seminary. Last month we received a thank-you letter from the seminary, and it informed us we had sent \$710 in cards.

We also received thank-you notes from a number of seminarians. That is really the point of this paper. I have copied a few of them and they can be found on the table at the back of the church. Please take a moment to look at them and understand the help that you have provided.

The next time I will ask you for gift cards, it will not be by text but, it will be in front of you for the seminarians.

Pastor Mark



Happy Birthday

Viki Hall 3/2
 Aubrey Baumbach 3/4
 Daryl Davis 3/4
 Rebecca Manning 3/5
 Marly Myers 3/5
 Ed Parker 3/12
 Rob Tracey 3/14
 Diane Paetz 3/16
 Sandy Libertini 3/17
 Adam Landon 3/20

Marsha Pfeifer 3/20
 Judy Moore 3/24
 Akira Cero 3/25
 Keiner Colmenarez 3/25
 Mary Lou Frueh 3/25
 Scott Bates 3/28
 Benjamin Penn 3/28



March Birthdays

Happy Anniversary

Steve and Hillary Prestridge 3/1 30 years



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
 Starla Doty – 220-203-1055
 Danielle Larison – 614-562-0525
 Tracey Hartsough – 734-394-9775
 Jackie Taylor – 614-361-5543
 Charlene Schrock – 740-403-0722

Carolee Ellis – 740-403-4117
 Elise Frueh – 740-877-3679
 Holly Webber – 740-507-2923
 Erin Allen – 614-206-7895
 Borgany Bierly - 740-644-2499
 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

Viki Hall (Granville)
Danielle Larison Newark)

Elder

Scott Gibson (Newark)

Trustee

Julie Gibson (Newark)
Scott Allen (Granville)

Acolytes

Camper Gibson (Newark)



PSALM 100:2, ESV

Jokes

Jesus Saves

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering.

Finally fed up, God said, 'THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to setup a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job.'

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused.

They faxed.

They e-mailed with attachments.

They downloaded.

They did spreadsheets!

They wrote reports.

They created labels and cards.

They created charts and graphs.

They did some genealogy reports.

They did every job known to man.

Jesus worked with Heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than hell.

Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off..

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known to underworld.

Jesus just sighed.

Finally the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming: 'It's gone! It's all GONE! 'I lost everything when the power went out!'

Meanwhile Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work..

Satan observed this and became irate.

'Wait!' he screamed. 'That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?'

God just shrugged his shoulders and said, "JESUS SAVES"

Comics





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 8AM Bible study (Granville) 9AM Worship (Granville) 9:30AM Bible class & Sunday school (Newark) 10:45AM Worship (Newark) 12:15PM Confirmation Class (Newark)</p>	<p>4 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours</p>	<p>5 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours 6PM Elder's Mtg. (Granville) 7PM Ministry Team Leaders Mtg.</p>	<p>6 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours 4PM Lenten Service (Granville) 7PM Lenten Service (Newark)</p>	<p>7 9:30AM Thursday Morning Bible Class (Granville) 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours (Granville) 4:30PM Women's Bible Study (Newark)</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 10AM BTSF Planning Mtg. (Newark)</p>
<p>10 8AM Bible study (Granville) 9AM Worship (Granville) 9:30AM Bible class & Sunday school (Newark) 10:45AM Worship (Newark) 12PM Confirmation Class (Newark) 2PM Worship Service @ Otterbein</p>	<p>11 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours</p>	<p>12 8AM Pastors Winkel (Granville) 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours</p>	<p>13 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours 4PM Lenten Service (Granville) 7PM Lenten Service (Newark)</p>	<p>14 9:30AM Thursday Morning Bible Class (Granville) 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours (Newark) 4:30PM Women's Bible Study (Newark) 6PM Girls' Night Out (Maniposa Mexican Restaurant)</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 8AM Bible study (Granville) 9AM Worship (Granville) 9:30AM Bible class & Sunday school (Newark) 10:45AM Worship (Newark) 12PM Confirmation Class (Newark)</p>	<p>18 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours</p>	<p>19 11:30AM Lunch Bunch (Bob Evans, Cherry Valley Rd., Newark) 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours</p>	<p>20 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours 2PM TEAM Barnabas (HD) 4PM Lenten Service (Granville) 7PM Lenten Service (Newark)</p>	<p>21 9:30AM Thursday Morning Bible Class (Granville) 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours (Granville) 4:30PM Women's Bible Study (Newark)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 PALM SUNDAY 8AM Bible study (Granville) 9AM Worship (Granville) 9:30AM Bible class & Sunday school (Newark) 10:45AM Worship (Newark) 12PM Confirmation Class (Newark)</p>	<p>25 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours</p>	<p>26 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours</p>	<p>27 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours</p>	<p>28 9:30AM Thursday Morning Bible Class (Granville) 1-4PM Hopes Door Hours (Granville) 7PM Maundy Thursday Service (Granville)</p>	<p>29 8PM Good Friday Service (Newark)</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 EASTER SUNDAY 8:30AM Easter Break-fast (Newark) 9:30AM Easter Sunday Service (Newark)</p>						



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8:00 am Bible Study (Granville)

9:00 am Worship (Granville)

9:30 am Adult Bible Class & Sunday School (Newark)

10:45 am Worship (Newark)

Pastor Mark Hartsough Office Hours:

Morning: Monday & Tuesday

Or, for an appointment call 740-366-6459 or
pastormark@newhopelickingcounty.org

Pastor Terry Worst

By Appointment, email

pastorterry@newhopelickingcounty.org

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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