

CALENDAR

Aug 7 - Worship - Pastor
Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m.

Aug 9 - Deanery - New Hope
Lutheran 9:00 - 12:00 noon

Aug 14 - Worship - Pastor
Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m.

Aug 21 - Worship - Pastor
Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m.

Aug 21 - Council Meeting -
directly after worship

Aug 26 - LEAD meeting San
Marcos 6:00 p. m.

Aug 27 - LEAD meeting San
Marcos 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Aug 28 - Worship - Pastor
Jessica Cain 9:30a.m.

Aug 28 - Free community
meal - 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE
hosts Deanery
Tuesday August 9th
9:00 a. m. - 12 noon

FREE
COMMUNITY
MEAL

Sunday August
28th
12:00 noon to
1:30 p.m.

Menu:
Chicken Alfredo
Casserole
Salad
Garlic Bread
Desserts

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WORSHIP
(9:00 - 9:25 a.m.)Food & Fellowship)
9:30 a.m. Worship

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Pastor's Corner

by Pastor Jessica Cain

As our second year together begins, we at New Hope have some exciting ventures planned. We will continue to have God-centered, joyful worship each Sunday with breakfast beforehand. On the fourth Sunday of each month through October, we will prepare and serve our free community meal. The meal will also happen in November and December, but we will be adjusting the date due to Thanksgiving and Christmas. I am impressed by the momentum we have been gaining in this service to Blanco. Please continue to spread the word about the meal. In November, we will host Fifth Quarter and help in preparations for the Ministerial Association's Thanksgiving Dinner. Certainly there will be other opportunities to serve in Blanco, as well.

Our biggest new endeavor starts at the end of August. You may know that we have decided to jump into the Missional River, an initiative of the Southwestern Texas Synod. Nelson Jonas, Helen Knoll, and myself are currently the team leading this effort at New Hope. I would love to have a few more participants; please feel free to talk to me about joining us.

The Missional River is a joint effort between leadership in

our synod and LEAD—an organization working on “growing ministries and faith communities to serve the world, living every day as disciples.” The purpose of the initiative is to discover how to be mission and community-centered churches in the twenty-first century. Much has changed about our world, our nation, and ourselves in the last several decades but many churches continue to use the same strategies and programs that worked in the 1950s. No longer can we assume that if we build bigger, better programs and buildings, people will flock to our doors. So what will work? How can we share the Good News of Christ in this day and age? These are questions the Missional River will help us begin to answer.

My call here is both to you who are already devoted to New Hope and to the wider community—to develop our mission in Blanco. This is not a work that I can do by myself. The Missional River and those who participate in the leadership team will be a great aid to this task. But without the support of most of the congregation, this effort will be in vain. I invite each of you to prayerfully consider where God is calling you as an individual and New Hope as a group. Everyone is invited to the first gathering of the congregations involved in Missional River. This will be at First Lutheran in San Marcos on the evening of Friday, August 26 and 9-3 on Saturday, August 27. New Hope will cover the cost for anyone who wishes to participate.

Let us go forth boldly into the unknown places where God calls.

Refreshment Corner

Each Sunday Morning one of several talented cooks provides a variety of delicious breakfast treats served between 9:00 and 9:25 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come early and enjoy

Schedule:

Aug 7 - Johnson
Aug 14 - Tomlinson
Aug 21 - Knoll/Villarreal
Aug 28 - Foegelle
Sept 4 - Greathouse
Sept 11 - Granberg
Sept 18 - Johnson
Sept 25 - Tomlinson
Oct 2 - Knoll/Villarreal
Oct 9 - Foegelle
Oct 16 - Greathouse
Oct 23 - Granberg
Oct 30 - Johnson

Birthday's/Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS
Aug 28 - Omar Villarreal

ANNIVERSARY— none

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL - August 28th 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Our original free community meal began on September 13, 2015 when New Hope hosted a free community meal as part of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. This is an initiative by the ELCA to encourage congregations to reach out into their communities on the same day other congregations across the nation are doing the same. The meal was so well received the New Hope members committed to serving a meal a month October through February. At the Annual New Hope Lutheran Congregational meeting the members voted to continue the Free Community Meal each month to the end of the year 2016. The meals will be served the fourth Sunday of the month except November and December. Nov and Dec dates will be announced in October. **The Menu for August 28th will be Chicken Alfredo Casserole, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Desserts.**

We held our free community meal this month on July 24th. A great big thank you to Helen for heading up this worthy event on her own. (Tanja was on 'vacation' in July.) We served a simple, but very tasty meal, of chili dogs, potato salad and watermelon. Even a simple meal takes more than you would think to prepare, serve, and clean up. Many thanks to those who helped out: Helen, Cheryl, Pastor Jessica, Becky, and Lynn. We had a pretty good turn out, and served about 25 meals all together. Most of them were taken to go. People seem to be enjoying our meals. We need to keep working towards getting word out, so more will join us!

We will need our members to bake again for our August meal. The desserts always go over really well, and we really appreciate all baking contributions!

Baby Joseph has been a real pleasure and blessing! Pastor really appreciates all of us helping to care for him during service. He and Pastor were our meet and greet team this month, as guests came for the meal (see photo's below) He is so adorable!

By Cheryl Foegelle



ALL FAITHS MEDICAL MINISTRY



Medical Equipment Ministry: During the more than 20 years that All Faiths Chapel occupied the location where New Hope meets today, its members created and maintained a ministry that provides equipment to local residents who have special medical needs. The storage building on the property houses wheelchairs, walkers, powered hospital beds, braces of many different types, crutches, breathing assistance equipment, and assorted other items. These are available on a no-charge basis with a checkout list. New Hope has committed itself to continuing this ministry in conjunction with the people who founded All Faiths.

If you have a need, call either **Connie Granberg: 833-4423**, or **Alan Cooper: 833-4301**.