

CALENDAR

Dec 3 - Worship - Pastor Ann Koopmann 9:30 a.m.

Dec 10 - Worship - Pastor Ann Koopmann 9:30 a.m.

Dec 12 - Deanery - New Hope Lutheran , Blanco

Dec 17 - Worship - Pastor Ann Koopmann 9:30 a.m.

Dec 17 - Free Community Meal 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.

Dec 24 - Worship - Pastor Ann Koopmann 9:30 a.m.

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight worship 5:30 p.m.

Dec 31 - Worship - Pastor Ann Koopmann 9:30 a.m.

New Hope Lutheran

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

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Pastors Corner

Advent comes from the Latin “aventus” which means “coming”. This is a translation from a Greek word “parousia”, commonly used to refer to the Second Coming of Christ. For Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from three different perspectives. Historically it was a season of preparation before the feast of Epiphany (and the beginning of the church calendar), the early Christians spent 40 days in penance, fasting and prayer. Originally there was no connection between advent and Christmas. Advent wasn’t firmly connected with Christmas until the Middle ages. In the traditional church calendar, advent is the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, with 2 Sundays looking forward to the second coming of Jesus, and 2 Sundays looking back at the first coming of Jesus as a baby.

It is quite easy to overlook advent, dismissing it as part of a traditional church calendar, and miss the opportunity that there is to use this time to take us through the scriptures, to see how they have been fulfilled in Jesus, and how they will be fulfilled when He returns. Knowing the context of where the birth of Jesus fits in the narrative of God’s plan for us, is vitally important!

Advent candles



These use a collection of 4 candles, usually around a circular wreath of greenery, and often with a central candle. Each Sunday during Advent, an additional candle is lit, each with a special significance. There are specific readings associated with each of the candles.

Advent I - Waiting For Christ To Come - (First Sunday) - Purple candle, signifying that "God is Hope"

Advent II - The Messiah Is Coming - (Second Sunday) - Purple candle, signifying that "God is Love"

Advent III - Rejoice God Is With Us - (Third Sunday) - Pink Candle, signifying that "God is joy"

Advent IV - God Keeps His Promises - (Fourth Sunday) - Purple candle, signifying that "God is peace"

Christmas Eve or Christmas Day - lighting of the white candle to signify that "Jesus has come!"

**FREE
COMMUNITY
MEAL**

**Sunday
December
17th
12:00 noon to
1:30 p.m.**

**Ham, Mashed
Potatoes,
Corn, Dessert**

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FREE COMMUNITY MEAL - Sunday December 17th 12 noon to 1:30

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. It has been an inspiration to watch this endeavor grow into a service to the Blanco Community that has grown and grown each month.

November 26th Ninety Four meals were served.

December Menu: Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Dessert.

Birthday's/Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Dec 9 Cheryl Foegelle

Dec 18 Ruth Johnson

Dec 24 Connie Granberg

ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 20 Roger and Lois Sparkman

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:

Dec 3 - Foegelle

Dec 10 - Greathouse

Dec 17 - Granberg

Dec 24 - Johnson/Marshall

Dec 31 - Tomlinson

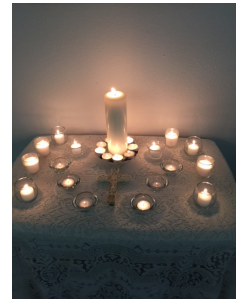
Jan 7 - Knoll/Villarreal

Jan 14 - Foegelle

Jan 21 - Greathouse

Jan 28 - Granberg

**Christmas Eve Candlelight
Worship Service
Sunday December 24th - 5:30 p.m.**



**Gentle, Handicapped Friendly Yoga Class
Wednesdays**

11:00 am - 12:00 noon

Instructor: Sharon Parker

Donations benefit New Hope

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: 512-757-4633**, or **Alan Cooper: 833-4301**.

The last two month have been quite busy for New Hope.

We hosted the Ministerial Alliance meeting on Oct 3.

October 15 the confirmation class was held at New Hope, we served spaghetti with all the fixings.

On Oct 22 we served our monthly Community Meal, this time it was chicken and rice, salad and dessert.

On Halloween, New Hope participated in the Blanco annual light night. We were able to hand out candy from our decorated car trunks. We had a wonderful time!

November 5, Pastor Jessica Cain was as our supply pastor. We were happy to see her and her children. They sure had grown since we last saw them!

On November 19, the Ministerial Alliance hosted their annual Community Thanksgiving Meal fundraiser. New Hope provided green beans for 150 people. The meal was a great success!

New Hope sponsored 5 children from the annual "Tots need Toys" program. I am happy to report that we were able to fulfill all the wishes on their list.

On November 26 we hosted our Community Meal. We served turkey with all the fixings. We served a record breaking 94 meals (that includes all the carry outs). Thank you to everyone that helped.

We are collecting new and gently used items for our December Community Meal (Dec 17). We are hoping to offer a gift table to our guest where they can choose a gift for themselves or a loved one.

Worshipping God, Serving Others, New Hope, Where All Are Welcome
Blessings
Tanja Tomlinson



James and Lucas Lucas and James



Joseph



Johanna and Joseph



Confirmation class. Using patio furniture donated by Jan and Kristi, Daughters of Ray and Edythe Knox – Founders of All Faiths Medical Ministry that New Hope continues in their honor.



Halloween Light Night