

# New Hope Lutheran

## CALENDAR

- Nov 4 - Fifth Quarter
- Nov 6 - Worship - All Saint's Day - Pastor Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m.
- Nov 6 - Confirmation Class at NHL - Lunch to be served
- Nov 8 - Deanery - 9:00 - 12:00 noon Bethany/Fredericksburg
- Nov 8 - Interagency Council Meeting (Trinity)
- Nov 13 - Worship - Armed Services recognition - Pastor Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m.
- Nov 13 - The Listening Team - meeting 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Nov 14-20 Pastor Cain on Vacation. - Pastor Jamie Bouzard 9:30 a.m. Nov 20th
- Nov 20 - Free Community Meal 12:00 noon—1:30 p.m.
- Nov 20 - Blanco Thanksgiving meal at St. Ferdinand's Catholic Church 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 27 - First Sunday of Advent: Worship - Pastor Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m. - Sanctuary decorating after worship

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

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## All Saints Day

The first Sunday in November is always the celebration of All Saints' Day. We remember all those who have died in the faith—particularly those we have lost in the last year. All Saints' Day actually occurs on November 1; this is why October 31 is known as "All Hallows' Eve." The color for this day is white, the color reserved for the highest festival days in the church. We celebrate resurrection, the new life that we believe God has granted to all through Christ. Our readings for the day focus on the promise of resurrection.

Please feel free to bring in mementos, pictures, etc. of your loved ones who have died to place near the altar on November 6. You can take these items home with you after worship that day.

**Chaperones needed for Fifth Quarter. New Hope is hosting this event Friday night (November 4th) after the football game. 9:00 to 11:30 ish. Please help if you can.**

## 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:

- Nov 6 - Tomlinson
- Nov 13 - Knoll/Villarreal
- Nov 20 - Foegelle
- Nov 27 - Greathouse
- Dec 4 - Granberg
- Dec 11 - Johnson
- Dec 18 - Tomlinson
- Dec 25 - no worship service

## Birthday's/Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS

- Nov 3 - Carolyn Jonas
  - Nov 4 - Johanna Villarreal
  - Nov 15 - Roger Sparkman
  - Nov 20 - Lois Sparkman
- ANNIVERSARY—Bennie and Becky Greathouse**

## Armed Forces Recognition

During the service on November 13, we will have an armed forces recognition. At the Synod Assembly in May of this year, we passed a resolution called "Gratitude and Support for Military Personnel, Veterans, and their Families."

One aspect of this resolution is, to "designate one Sunday each year to especially remember those in military uniform, the veterans who have served, the wounded in their recovery and in their coping, and the families of those who have served who live with pain and loss". We will observe this Sunday over Veteran's Day weekend.

You are invited to provide the names, branches of the military, and any other information about your friends and family in the military. There will be a place to do so in the fellowship hall on October 30 and November 6, or you can email Pastor Jessica. We will have a special prayer and recognition time during worship on November 13.

## FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Sunday  
November 20th  
12:00 noon to  
1:30 p.m.

### Menu:

**Turkey, Dressing,  
Mashed Potatoes,  
Green Beans,  
Desserts**

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## FREE COMMUNITY MEAL - November 20th

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. It has been an inspiration to watch this endeavor grow into a service to the Blanco Community that has grown and grown each month. Due to the holiday schedule the meal for November and December has changed to the 3rd Sunday of both months. (November 20th and December 18th). **November 20th Menu: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans and dessert.**

## "LIGHT NIGHT" (Halloween—October 31, 2016)



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For several years, Blanco First Baptist Church in conjunction with other churches has held in their parking lot "Light Night", an event designed for children to have some safe Halloween fun. There were games, food, and a "Trunk-r-Treat" lineup. Tanja Tomlinson, Nelson and Carolyn Jonas, Travis Tomlinson and Helen Knoll were in the "Trunk-r-Treat" car lineup passing out candy.



## 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**.

## Pastor's Corner

by Pastor Jessica Cain

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*Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:18-19, NRSV*

On October 28, I had the privilege of attending Now What? A Symposium on Repurposing—Our buildings, our outreach, our leadership. It took place at Northway Christian Church in Dallas, sponsored by the building commissions of the UCC, ELCA, and Disciples of Christ denominations. We spent the day in worship, prayer, and conversation about being Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

You have heard me say more than once that the world is changing, and that the church in the United States has been slow to respond to these changes. We still function under the assumption that if we build it—programs, structures, etc.—then they will come. This is just not the case anymore. So, now what?

At the symposium, we heard from speakers who have answered this question in many ways. One pastor spoke about new ways of inviting people to be a part of our churches. Particularly with millennial's (those born between 1980 and 2000), the old model of inviting people to worship and expecting them to join us in what we are already doing just doesn't work. Rather, we make connections—particularly through the Internet and social media. Then we meet for coffee, a meal, or a Bible study outside of church property. Later, when we have an established relationship, we might be able to invite that person to join us in worship. Some may never come on a Sunday morning, but that doesn't make them any less a part of our community. Obviously, this is a long process—we will not multiply our worship attendance day by day, but this is also not our goal. Our goal is building relationships and sharing Christ with love.

A speaker from the Missional Wisdom Foundation shared his experience of repurposing a church basement for the group's headquarters. They worked to change it from a room that "smells of hymnals and despair" to one that is multi-functional. Many people from the community are now able to use this space for meetings, crafts, study, and more. The entire makeover had a minimal cost—repainting, new light fixtures, and furniture from Ikea and Target.

Our final presenter was a pastor from the Pittsburgh area. The congregation she serves was advised by the national church to move out of the city as white flight happened. However, the church remained and now serves as a hub for all kinds of youth-focused community events. There are so many groups and activities happening at the church building that they sometimes have to usher one group out to make room for the next. Over the summers, they host college students doing mission trips. The congregation has used its facility for the sake of the community. Rather than fleeing or crumbling, they followed God's call to do a new thing.

In the afternoon, we had discussions and brainstorming sessions about how to rethink the work of our own congregations. I am excited for New Hope as our Listening Team works to listen to God in Scripture, God in one another, and God in the community. What is the "new thing" that is happening in Blanco? What "former things" is God calling us to remember no longer? Now what?

## Listening Team Update

by Nelson Jonas

The Listening Team: Pastor Cain, Helen Knoll, Nelson Jonas and Becky Greathouse were commissioned by the congregation during our October 30, 2016 worship service. Following lunch on October 30<sup>th</sup> we held our fourth Team meeting, along with members of the congregation, and continued to work on Step One – Building and Training the Listening Team, from the Tune In Guide.

The Team finalized and signed the Listening Team Covenant and will post it on our bulletin board. As part of Step one we had a very interesting discussion of the page 22 worksheet of the Tune in Guide; Training Exercise for Understanding My Worldview. Please obtain a copy of this one page worksheet and complete it for reflection of your own life experiences.

Our next meeting will be Sunday November 13, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as we hope to complete Step One and move into Step Two – Listening to God in Scripture and Prayer.

We are reading Chapters 3 and 4 of the Book of Acts for our November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please join us at our meeting and read these scriptures along with the Team and pray for guidance for our Team and the congregation.