

Great Expectations

Newsletter of New Hope Lutheran Church Columbia, MD

September 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

For the 2016-2017 academic year New Hope will be hosting a student from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. Practice in Ministry (PIM) is a course offered at the seminary that is a ‘collaborative process that introduces students to the sequence of field education experiences that prepares them to be effective pastors or deacons for the work of the churches in congregations, agencies, care facilities, and ministries in campuses, camps, and schools.’ New Hope is no stranger to being a teaching congregation, having had a number of students in the past as interns and PIM students. And so we have a new opportunity to nurture a future leader of the church.

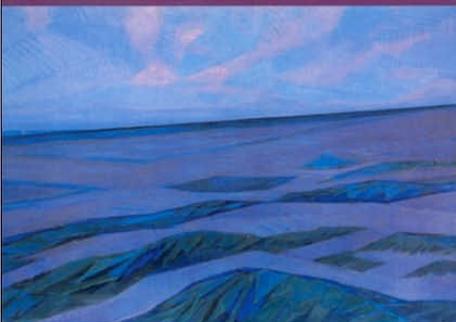
This is an important role for us to fill. Being a mentor congregation to introduce the student to ministry in a new context is a privilege. It is a sacred task! We will have the responsibility to help form and shape a leader for ministry in the church and the world. However, it will not only be a time for the student to learn, but it will also provide us an opportunity to reflect on our own faith, to rediscover what is important for us as church, and to reimagine through the new eyes of the student what God is calling us to do at New Hope.

Some practical responsibilities of the course for us include paying for mileage for the student, offering a twice a month lunch with members of the congregation (be ready to volunteer!), offering opportunities for participation and assistance in worship; education; & service ministries, as well as teaching and preaching on a limited basis throughout the year. The student will also have to interview individuals in the congregation to get an understanding of the ‘personality’ of the congregation, etc. (be ready to say yes!). I, as pastor, will also be committing to a few hours a week to mentor the student in ministry.

Pastor Ginny Price

SPEAKING OF SIN

The Lost Language of Salvation



Barbara
Brown Taylor

Speaking of Sin

Speaking of Sin, The Lost Language of Salvation by Barbara Brown Taylor is our newest book study at New Hope. So, most people would not rush to sign up for a book study on sin – too depressing and too outdated! Who speaks of sin anymore? Only the church, and sometimes we are even uncomfortable with the word in the church. That’s the point that Taylor tackles in this little book (102 pages!). If we don’t consider the concept of sin, it weakens the power of grace. “Taylor calls sin a helpful, hopeful word...which enables us to move from guilt to grace.”

Taylor, an Episcopalian priest and professor of Religion and Philosophy at Piedmont College, is an insightful author of many books. This book is available online for under \$5 including shipping and handling. At the end of September we will be beginning small group studies of 3 to 4 sessions in length held at different times during the week and led by different leaders. Look for more information in the Ministry Connections.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SERVICE WEEKEND Part 1



September 9-11, 2016

Choose one or more ways to help our local and international neighbors. You can help with a food drive at Harris Teeter for the Route 1 Day Resource Center; assemble school kits, quilts, and blankets for Lutheran World Relief; assemble spice bags for bean soup jars; assemble bags to hand to the homeless on the streets; help paint a labyrinth on our lawn; walk the labyrinth; attend the Day Resource Center 8th Anniversary Potluck/Cookout and meet some of our friends and volunteers at the DRC; watch a movie with our friends after the meal.

You can sign up at church on the bulletin board in the coat closet or contact Kathy Piet (kampers1@verizon.net / 410-340-6479).

Friday activity: Help paint a prayer labyrinth on our front lawn, Friday evening, 6:30 pm.

Saturday activities: Non Perishable food collection at Harris Teeter 1 pm – 3 pm; Tie fleece blankets for Lutheran World Relief 2 pm - 4 pm (Fellowship Hall); Assemble bags for homeless 2 pm – 4pm (Fellowship Hall); Assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief 3 pm – 5 pm (Fellowship Hall); Assemble spice packets for soup jars 3 pm – 5 pm (Fellowship Hall); Cookout/potluck with our friends from Route 1 and all the serving congregations celebrating 8 years of service to the homeless 5:30 pm – 8 pm; Family Movie Night following cookout; walk the prayer labyrinth any time during the day.

Sunday activities: Help complete unfinished projects between services, knit or crochet prayer shawls during services; walk the prayer labyrinth any time during the day.

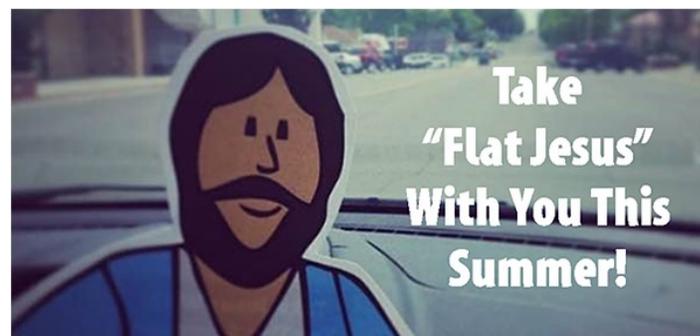
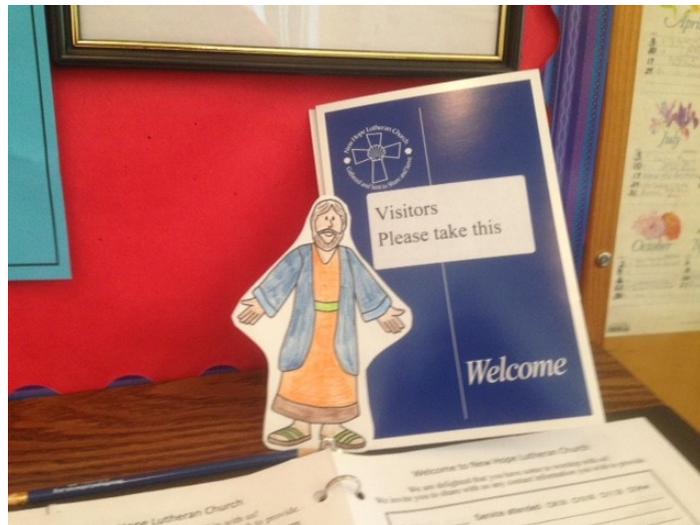
God's work. Our hands.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SERVICE WEEKEND Part 2

September 17-18

Prepare and deliver dinner to the fire station around the corner from church. We are looking for a couple of family units to work together to prepare and deliver a meal for a shift of 10 people either on Saturday or Sunday; there are 3 shifts each day.

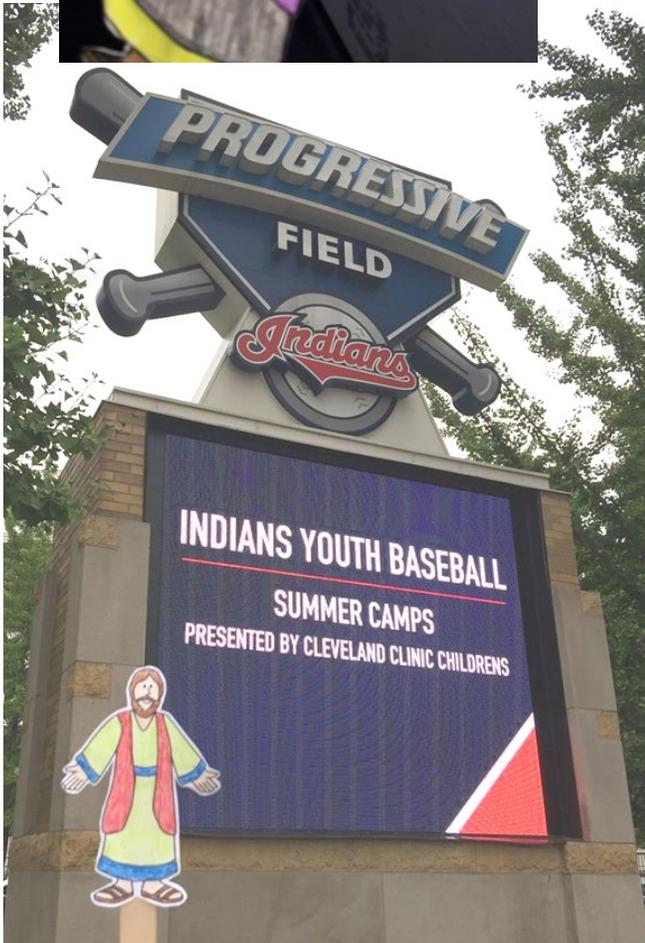
If you are interested, please contact Kathy Piet (kampers1@verizon.net, 410-340-6479).



THE ADVENTURES OF FLAT JESUS... JESUS GOES WITH US EVERYWHERE!

Don't forget to take pictures of Flat Jesus as he accompanies you on your many adventures this summer!
Like our Facebook page: NHLC-Flat Jesus, and then post the pictures.

Or, you can send the pictures to
Sharon (Info@NewHopeLutheran.org) or
Cindy (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org)
and they'll post them for you!



Cold Weather Shelter at New Hope

November 28 – December 5, 2016



Ooops, I meant cold. It's difficult planning to care for people during the cold fall and winter months when it is in the upper 90's with a heat index over 100 -- but that's what the CWS team has been doing. This is the first in a series of articles/updates about the Cold Weather Shelter at New Hope and how you can help/participate. This article is about the different types of volunteers we need to make this a smooth, pleasant experience for everyone. We have included contact information for the different areas should you have more questions. We have also planned an orientation session in November to clarify roles just prior to the CWS week at New Hope.

For those who volunteered last year, thank you so much! I do have very good news to pass along to you about the older couple who was with us for the week. Sometime during the winter they were able to move out of the CWS and into the Grassroots shelter. In August they moved out of Grassroots and into their own apartment!!!

MEALS

CONTACT PERSONS

SUZZONE SAGE (SuzonneS@verizon.net / 410-290-8278)

EMILY PHILLIPS (EmilyPhillips77@gmail.com / 410-530-8923)

Breakfast – 1 to 2 volunteers are needed every day, 5:30 am – 7 am to complete set up and serve

Dinner – 1 to 2 families (or a group, similar to Bible study or women's group) are needed to work together to prepare and serve the meal every day. The menu would be your choice, but you would need to coordinate with SUZZONE AND EMILY so that we don't have the same meal every night. The serving people must be at church at 5:30 pm to have dinner ready to serve by 6 pm. Serving includes cleanup from the meal, and may include preparing lunches for the next day.



LAUNDRY

CONTACT PERSON

SUZZONE SAGE (SuzonneS@verizon.net / 410-290-8278)

We need 2 people per day, Tuesday through Saturday, who are able to do no more than 2 loads of laundry. Laundry must be picked up by 7 am and returned between 5:30 and 6:30 pm the same day.



CLEANING CREW

CONTACT PERSON

SUZZONE SAGE (SuzonneS@verizon.net / 410-290-8278)

We need 1 person per day, Tuesday through Monday, to empty the trash cans and mop/tidy the downstairs bathrooms. This person can come after 7 am; the best times are between 8 am and 1 pm while the church office is open.

We need 1 person per day Friday and Saturday to empty the trash cans and mop/tidy both the upstairs and downstairs bathrooms.

We need 1 person on Sunday afternoon, after the last service, to empty the trash cans in the upstairs and downstairs bathrooms.



TRANSPORTATION

CONTACT PERSON

KATHY PIET (kampers1@verizon.net / 410-340-6479)



We need 2 – 4 people each day (depending on how many people you can transport) to pick up guests at the Columbia Mall transportation center (in the upper lot near Sears) at 5:30 pm Monday through Sunday. You may need to stop at church first to pick up any necessary car seats.

We need 2 – 4 people each day (depending on how many people you can transport) to transport guests to the Columbia Mall transportation center (upper lot near Sears) between 6:15 and 6:45 am Tuesday through Monday. You would need to be at church by 6 am.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS

CONTACT PERSON

KATHY PIET (kampers1@verizon.net / 410-340-6479)

We need 2 volunteers each evening, 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm, Monday through Sunday. These volunteers help to greet our guests, monitor guests and hallways upstairs and downstairs, and assist the Grassroots worker as needed.

We need 2 volunteers each overnight, 10:00 pm to 7 am, Monday through Sunday (ending Monday am). These volunteers monitor guests and hallways until lights out. These volunteers will sleep most of time while the Grassroots worker is awake, giving the Grassroots worker a 2 hr. time period to sleep. The overnight volunteer can start coffee for breakfast and begin breakfast set up at 5:30 am.



If you are interested in volunteering for any of these jobs or want more information, please contact the person noted for each position.

Orientation Meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 7:30 – 9:00 pm,
at New Hope.



The start of a new school year means we're ramping up our ministries here at New Hope also. Soon we'll be back to three services each Sunday. Would you consider serving in one of the following ways? We are seeking volunteers for the following positions for all three services:

- Assisting Minister
- Lector
- Acolyte (6th- 12th grade)
- Altar Guild
- Usher
- Greeter
- Sound Technician

Training is available for all of these positions and volunteers serve on a rotating basis (so you won't be asked to serve every week!).

If you would like to learn more about these positions before signing up, or would like to volunteer, contact Sharon in the office (Info@NewHopeLutheran.org) or Deacon Cindy (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org).



Churchwide Assembly

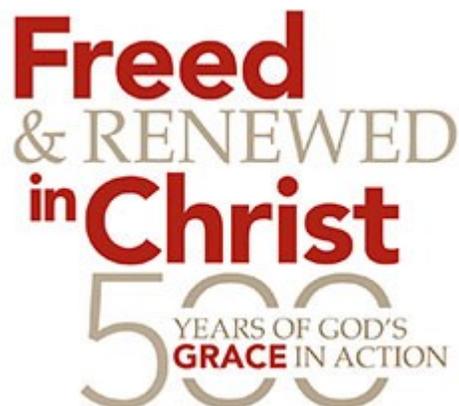
At the beginning of August, I attended the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Churchwide Assembly held in New Orleans. I didn't get to see much of New Orleans; it was a very busy six days of work! Some of the highlights included:

- Election of William Horne as the ELCA vice president.
- Approval of the "Declaration on the Way," a document that presents several points of ministry about which Lutherans and Catholics basically agree.
- Approval of AMMPARO – a strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (the acronym is a play on the Spanish word amparo that translates to protection or refuge).
- Approval of the Word and Service roster – In January of 2017, Deaconess, Associate in Ministry and Diaconal Ministry rosters of the ELCA will be combined into one: the Word and Service roster. The title to be used will be Deacon. I will start using this title immediately.
- Approved deepening relationships with historic Black churches.
- Approved the memorials regarding peace with justice in the Holy Land and justice for the Holy Land through responsible investment.
- Participation in a banquet observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (October 31, 2017).
- Receiving the reports of Bishop Eaton and the many ministries of the ELCA.

The next Churchwide Assembly will be held in 2019 at a place yet to be determined.

If you'd like to find out more about it, you can go to www.ELCA.org or contact me (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org).

--Deacon Cindy Ranker



STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministry is based on the idea that we are called to pass on God's love for people.

Here are some of the situations in which we can minister to others in our congregation and our community:

- People who are struggling in a relationship with friends, co-workers, or family members
- People who are hospitalized
- People who are lonely
- People facing a change in their lives
- Families who have someone in a nursing home
- Parents whose children have special needs
- People in sudden crisis
- People convalescing at home or in an institution
- People who are bereaved
- People who are shut-in or in a nursing home
- Couples adding a child to their family by birth or adoption
- People who are terminally ill and their families
- Single parents
- People who have suffered financial setbacks, or those who have lost their jobs
- People who have recently retired (voluntarily or not)
- People who are struggling with their faith in God

If you would like more information on how you can be trained to serve as a Stephen Minister, please contact the church. Training begins in October, and applications are due by September 11.

If you feel you may like to have a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office, or speak to one of our Stephen Leaders – Sue Biermann and Sue Pumplin. All Stephen Ministry care giving is kept strictly confidential!

Parables: What's the Story?

Growing



Faith Together

It's almost time for Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) to start again! Put **Friday, October 14th at 6pm** on your calendars and come and join us that night! Our theme for the year is *Parables*. We gather at 6 to enjoy dinner and discussion, followed by age appropriate in-depth learning experiences and faith exploration. End the night with prayer and something to take home!

Sign up will begin at the end of September/beginning of October. If you'd like to help in any way (meal, lesson, setup or clean up), please contact Deacon Cindy (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org).



Written by Marla Stahl
Illustrated by Katie Heady

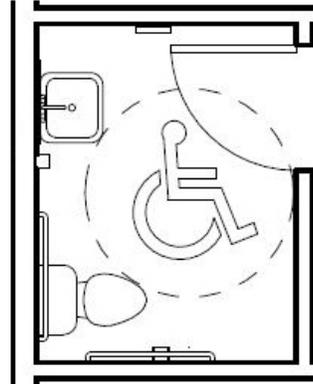
BOOK SALES TO BENEFIT ELLCOTT CITY FLOOD VICTIMS

Two New Hope members have teamed up to produce a new children's book, *Lucy the Amazing Wonder Dog*. This book is the second in a series of Marla Stahl's children's books, both written about the true antics of her own pups. Marla's newest book has the added treat of featuring the adorable illustrations of New Hope member and college student Katie Heady! Katie did a great job of capturing the spirit of Marla's story and her dog's playful antics.

Marla's first book, *Can Sugar Come Out to Play?*, featured a few gorgeous nature photographs from New Hope member and photographer, Dorothy David. Originally written to promote animal rescue and unconditional love for our pets, there is an added feature for those who see it--it really is all about God's unconditional love for us! The repeated mantra in the story is: "I will always love you, no matter what!"

Marla will donate a portion of her September sales proceeds from both books to help victims of the July flood in Ellicott City. She will have a table in the multi-purpose room between services in September for New Hope members to purchase her autographed books. They can also be purchased on line at www.woofbooks.com.

***REGULAR WORSHIP TIMES RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 11
8:30 / 10 / 11:30 AND SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL @ 10AM***



At the August 16 Council Meeting, we focused most of our time on two issues. The Property Committee has been dealing with the fact that the Ladies' restroom is not ADA compliant. Different alternatives for addressing this issue are being discussed, and we have asked for expert architectural advice. Part of this discussion also deals with the need for a family restroom, which (ideally) would be located just off the narthex. Monies are available in the capital reserve and other accounts to cover the architectural work and construction, within reason.

The whole council discussed the prospective budget for 2017 prepared by the Finance Committee. Increases are being suggested in the Outreach category, and in the area of personnel costs, both salaries and benefits. The proposed budget will be distributed by email and on paper within the next several weeks. Questions or comments can be directed to any council member.

-- Charles Nicholas, Council President

We welcome Mr. Jerry Jurik as our new financial administrator!

After several years of service, Mrs. Carol Farrar has decided to retire from her position as financial administrator. Carol was the first person to hold the position. Mr. Jerry Jurik himself is recently retired after a career in business, during which he held several positions in the area of corporate accounting and financial management. Jerry and his wife Susan recently moved to Elkridge to be closer to their family. Please welcome them to New Hope!



Women's Discussion Group

Ladies!
Join us on the
1st Saturday of the month at 9:30am.



BIRTHDAYS

2	13
Caroline Greaser	Andrew Zaffke
Katherine Norris	14
3	Diane Lamothe
Debi Farris	Sharon Nickolaus
Bob Johnson	15
4	April Orlofsky
Carolyn Bevans	17
5	Danielle Frekot
Carolyn Bublitz	19
Daniel Sonnemann	Christopher Baglione
6	20
Elyse Blume	Carl Christensen
Jason Bricker	Evan Heim
Dick Goodlin	Charles Nicholas
Karen Phelps	Greg Orlofsky
7	21
Kathleen Hart	Don Oliver
Ben Punte	Riley Whittingham
Philip Quarrier	22
Jack Taylor	Julie Clementson
8	24
Deborah Crabtree	Madeleine Henry
Jay Norris	25
Per Struck	Carol Ernst
Kenzo Thomas	Sangeetha Struck
9	26
Keith Bevans	Nicolas Janne d'Othee
Eric Zimmerman	Clarissa Struble
10	28
Michael Berkey	Christine Berning
Liam Bussey-Meaney	29
Robert Lamothe	Jack Nickolaus
12	30
Isaac Harsch	Beverly Hoffman
Kyle Kroll	Deborah Mechtel

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3
Robert Petre & Bernice Ammon (77)
4
Ralph & Karen Waters (93)
5
Chris & Gail Winslow (70)
7
Brian and Liz McFee (13)
8
Timothy & Nicole Mazzei-Williams (02)
11
Anton & Ingrid Bricker (82)
Donald & Belinda Baggett (93)
14
Bradley & Sara Seider (12)
19
Charles & Lois Bailey (87)
21
Rob & Lori Hoffman (85)
24
Tom & Maureen Heim (88)
25
Daniel & Samantha Prettyman (93)
28
Dan & Vicki Ballard (85)

***GREAT EXPECTATIONS
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE***

September 14

Send all articles and pictures to
Carol Henderson
(newsletter editor)
caroluna@comcast.net.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

3	11	19	
Miriam Deffenbaugh	Erna Bunn	Xander Henry-Rose	<i>Additional Baptisms</i>
7	12	21	Sophie Janne d'Othee
Ben Shepherd	Aaron McIntosh	Katherine Norris	Elwood Johnson
Grant Shepherd	14	Sharon Norris	Lindsay Palmer
8	Kayla Mazzei-Williams	27	Pat Ploeger
Ben Ailinger	16	Maddie Palardy	Kathryn Witt
Beth DiMaria	Leah Shepherd	29	
Jacob Premo	17	John Sabatelli	
	Christian Pladna		

prayer group

4th Tuesdays @ 7p
in the Conference Room

OCTOBER 31, 2017

Do you know why that is a significant date? It is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. It was on October 31, 1517 when Luther nailed the 95 theses to the door of the church at Wittenberg. Although he only wanted to start a discussion, he actually started the Reformation (others had sought to reform the church before Luther, but Luther is widely credited with starting the Reformation).



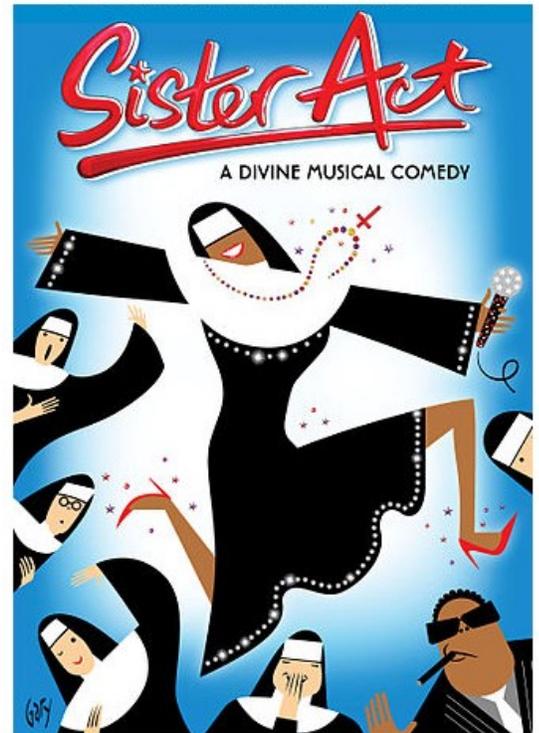
Remembering that we are church and as such, always reforming, how shall New Hope observe this anniversary? Do you have ideas? Would you like to be a part of the planning and preparation? Cindy Ranker is forming a team to look into how we should observe this anniversary. If you'd like to be a part of that, please contact her (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org).

JOIN US FOR SISTER ACT AT TOBY'S!

Come one, come all - families, friends, singles, couples! On **Friday, October 21**, you're invited to join a group from New Hope to see *Sister Act* at Toby's Dinner Theatre.

A woman hiding in a convent helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she rediscovers her own. Sister Act is the feel-amazing musical comedy based on the smash hit 1992 film that has audiences jumping to their feet! Featuring original music by TONY and 8-time Oscar winner Alan Menkin (Newsies, Beauty and the Beast, Little Shop of Horrors), this uplifting musical was nominated for 5 TONY awards including Best Musical. A sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship, Sister Act is reason to REJOICE!

The evening will begin with an all-you-can-eat buffet, with lots of choices to suit different tastes, served from 6:15 – 7:30 pm. The show will start at 8:00 pm, allowing plenty of time to socialize. As a group, we qualify for a special price; adult tickets are \$49.55 (more than 15% less than the regular price), and children 12 and under pay \$39.05. The ticket price includes dinner (including coffee and iced tea), show, all taxes, and tip. (Other beverages are available for purchase.)



Make reservations by filling out a form from the bulletin board in the narthex (gathering area) near the sign-up board. Place your forms and checks in the box on the organ marked "Toby's". We have a limited number of seats available, so don't wait!

Deadline for signup is Sunday, September 18!

Go to www.NewHopeLutheran.org to view the most current calendar.

September 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 5:45p Venture Crew 6:30p Handbell Reh 7p MOHR 7:30p Choir Reh	2	3 9:30a Women's Discussion Group 6:30p AA
4 8:30 & 10 Worship 10a Adult Sunday School 6p HS Youth Group	5 Labor Day Office Closed 7p Single Again	6 10a Staff Meeting 5p Daisy Troop 7:30p Joyful Noise	7 10a NH Bible St. & Lunch 11a Finance Team 7p Tr 373 7p Sunday School Teacher Mtg	8 5:45p Venture Crew 6:30p Handbell Reh 7p MOHR 7:30p Choir Reh	9	10 8:30a GS CPR 9a Back to School 9:30a Grieving Together 1 - 8p God's Work. Our Hands. 6:30p AA
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18 Witness Sunday 8:30/10/11:30 Worship 10a Sunday School 6p HS Youth	19 5:30p Stephen Min. 7p Single Again 7:30p Global Music Rehearsal	20 10a Staff Meeting 12:30p Racial Justice 5p Daisy Troop 7:30p Joyful Noise	21 10a NH Bible St. 11:45a Meet the Grant Writers 5:30p Confirmation 7p Tr 373	22 1p Fellowship Bib St. 5:45p Venture Crew 6:30p Handbell Reh 7p MOHR 7:30p Choir Reh	23 6p Pack Mtg	24 9:30a Rt 1 Breakfast 3- 6p Friends of Trinity 6:30p AA
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Sunday Worship:
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Holy Communion Served at all services

Pastor: The Rev. Ginny Price

Diaconal Minister: Cindy Ranker

Associates in Ministry
Music: Sue Pumplin & Sharon Punte

HS Youth Director: Kaitlyn Goodson

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