



# newhope *news*

*Lutheran Church - Agoura Hills*

October 2018

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## **Youth Ministry Staff FINALLY! Let's Celebrate!**

After a long process of searching for part-time youth staff, the interview committee and Council have suggested we hire Pastor Scott Fielder as our youth minister.

As you know, our previous youth staff left at the end of the year and we have been without this position since. Deacon Lynn has stepped up with summer programming. Kailey Vitt and I have been team teaching confirmation. The youth committee has been working on finding and interviewing candidates. We had some tremendous candidates who didn't fit perfectly the position and so decided to keep searching. Just a couple weeks ago we became aware of Pastor Scott's availability! Now we are looking forward to him starting in mid-October!

### **Introducing Pastor Scott Fielder!**

His last name may be familiar because his spouse, Pastor Nikki, was our Sabbatical supply pastor last summer (2017). Pastor Scott attended California Lutheran University and Luther Seminary in Minnesota. He and Pastor Nikki worked at Lutheran Retreats, Camps, and Conferences Southern California. While Pastor Nikki is serving in youth ministry in Simi Valley; Pastor Scott has been providing important Intentional Interim Ministry in a variety of parishes, most recently in La Crescenta, CA.

### **Youth Position: What we are asking Pastor Scott to do.**

The Youth Director is a part-time position of approximately 20 hours per week. The Youth Director will promote the integration of our youth into the full life of New Hope Lutheran congregation. He will encourage volunteers and parents to provide fellowship and faith building activities consistent with our church (ELCA).

Specifically, Pastor Scott will be helping to teach and direct our confirmation ministry. He will be organizing events for middle school and high school students. Immediately he will be organizing our upcoming Middle School Youth Gathering weekend (mid-November) and planning winter camp at Camp El Camino Pines.

**Unique Position:**

Since Pastor Scott is involved in Intention Interim Ministry he assists congregations who are without a pastor, during their interim period. This means he is not presently available to be with us on Sunday mornings. The upside is our students, program, and whole church family get a lot of skill and experience wrapped into a part-time position. We are feeling blessed!

**Welcome Event:**

Currently we are planning a welcome event for Pastor Scott on Monday, October 29th at 6:30 - 8:00 PM. We are planning for food, drinks and fun so make sure to mark your calendar. We hope to see you here in the youth room at church on October 29th!

It is time to celebrate! All members are welcome! See you then!

*Pastor Craig*





## Caring Corner

Let us remember the following people in our prayers.....

Gary Alwood is recovering from hip surgery.

Bob Green is recovering from eyelid surgery.

Lou Fiore is recovering from a broken foot.

Jill Fisher is recovering from surgery.

Continued prayers of healing for Floyd Bealer, Steve Blair, Elisabeth Brown, Evelyn Colby, Bob Davis, Holly Dolliver, Mariella Edgar, Chris Fisher, Sandy Hansen, Del Hultgren, Chuck Kemmerer, The LaVanne Family, Joyce Lawson, Reeta Leland, Ava Grace McConnell, Cheryl Merrill, Ann Nelson, Cindy O'Hare, Aho Pilehvari, Sharon Pryor, Arnold Reuter, Jane Taschereau, Rose Topliss, Fred Turner, Jax Rains-Turk, and Vega Wolf.

Prayers for our servicemen - Landen Anderson, Gerren Blair, Taylor Blair, Heather Brown, Keith Brown, Patrick Clohessy, Cynthia Colby, Logan Hershman, Kyle McCarley, Ikenna Olelewe, and Jason Retter.



## Church Directory Update

Be sure to update your directory with this new information.

**Mary Gallagher**

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## PET SITTER AVAILABLE

I am an experienced pet sitter who can stay in your home and take care of your pets, bring in mail/newspapers and water plants.

I am also available for daily cat care which includes feeding, playing and litter box cleaning.

Excellent references. I can be reached by text, phone or email.

Mimi Beals

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## Risk Taking Mission and Service Opportunities

Please check out our "Help Wanted" section on the bulletin board in the narthex. These are tasks and support projects we are in need of help with. Some tasks may require a one day commitment while others may be 3-6 months, but all offer an opportunity for you to bring your much needed skills and gifts to New Hope. Additional "Help Wanted" cards will be posted as needs arise so please check back often. When you see a card that interests you, please contact the person noted on the card for more information. We thank you in advance.



## New Hope Message

Never miss a New Hope message again! All sermons given at church are posted on YouTube at: [www.youtube.com/user/newhopeagoura](http://www.youtube.com/user/newhopeagoura). Listen to messages again that impacted you - or better yet, share them with a friend.

## eScrip Program

Are you part of the online eScrip program? Did you know that local restaurants are part of eScrip Dining? Dine, enjoy a good meal, and earn contributions for the church. I have also found restaurants across the country participate and have earned donations to the church while on vacation. Contact Joe Bullock if you have any questions.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH. LET'S ALL BE IN PRAYER FOR PASTOR CRAIG THIS MONTH AND EVERY MONTH.



## Online Giving Cards

Many people contribute to the ministry of Christ through our church in a way that does not lead to placing anything in the offering plate each Sunday. Our electronic givers are encouraged to take an ELECTRONIC GIVING CARD now available in the basket near the sound booth, and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed. These cards are symbolic. We believe that recognizing your automated giving is an important modeling of good stewardship. The cards will be recycled for the next service.



The Daytime Book Club will meet at 11:30 AM in the church library on October 2nd to discuss "Women of God" by James Patterson. Please join us if you can. The future books we are reading are.....

November 6th - "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones

December 4th - "Try Not to Breathe" by Holly Seddon

## BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets each Tuesday from 9:30-11:15 AM in the social hall. We are currently using the study from the Gather Magazine from the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.



### Monday Night Bible Study

The Women's Monday Bible Study is open to women of all ages. We meet in the New Hope Library from 7-8:30 PM for prayer, study and fellowship. All women are welcome!



### Prime Timer's Luncheon

Come join us for lunch on Tuesday, October 9th at 11:30 AM in the social hall. Mrs. Lapides, representative of the League of Women Voters, will be speaking on the pros and cons of the measures on the November 13th ballot. Please let Rose Topliss know if you are able to attend. Hope to see you

all there. All adults 50 years and older are invited to join us.



### The New Hope Lutheran Men's Fellowship

Join us on Thursday mornings for Men's group from 7:30-8:30 AM. We are continuing in our stimulating DVD series featuring Rev. Andy Stanley from North Point Community Church near Atlanta, Georgia. His programs are fun, thought-provoking, and Biblically based. Come and help stimulate some great conversations about current issues involving life and faith. Come when you can to enjoy the coffee, donuts, and fellowship with some great men of faith.



### Sunday Morning Adult Study

Join us at 9 AM in classroom 2 each week before our worship service when we delve into a current event taken from the "Wired Word." If you would like to receive a preview of our weekly discussion, email Pastor Craig at [craig@newhopeagoura.com](mailto:craig@newhopeagoura.com) to be added to the mailing list.

### Church Nursery



This is just a reminder that there is a church nursery for infants through 3 years old during the worship service. If there isn't a person in the nursery, please ask an usher and they will let the volunteer

know you need someone to watch over your child while you are in worship. We are happy to watch your child and look forward to spending time with them.



### Amplify

Preschool through 4th grade students are encouraged to attend our Sunday school program, *Amplify*. It takes place after Children's Time each Sunday during the 10 AM service and meets in the *Amplify* classroom behind the social hall. *Amplify* takes the place of Children's Church and Sunday School.

### Sunday Morning Coffee



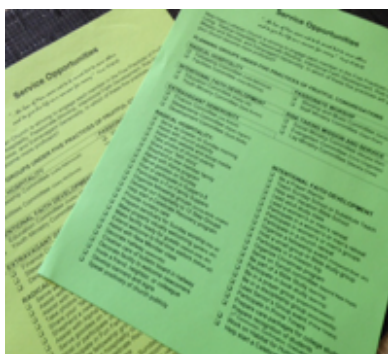
If you enjoy a cup of coffee after worship service, why not put in some money in our coffee can to help purchase the coffee that we serve. The can will be on the goodie table once a month.



### Supper's 8

We are in the process of setting up our Supper's 8 fellowship program. Supper's 8 is a group of adults (singles or couples) who get together for a meal in a home. It is a wonderful way to enjoy each other's company in a warm and friendly setting outside of church. Everyone brings a part of the meal. We have a rotating schedule so you will have a chance to share a meal with many members of the congregation. Sign up for this program on the poster board in the narthex. You make this wonderful program a success. If you have any questions, please contact Gail McGinnis or Leila Mader.

# Lay Ministry Community Connections



Do these look familiar? If you haven't ever filled one out, please pick a Service Opportunity Time and Talent sheet from the hallway bulletin board, fill it out and return it to the church office front desk. This is a good way to get involved with our church, meet folks, and serve God all at the same time!

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## Stewardship Musings

By Karen Ingram

“All That I Have,” our 2018 Pledge Campaign slogan is inspired by John 17:10 - “And everything that is mine is yours, and yours is mine, and I am glorified in them.” Please reflect on this passage as you consider what God has given you and what you will give to God in return. If you tithe, consider increasing by 1%. If you don't tithe, consider doing so. Giving 10% back to God can truly make a difference in your life - I know it changed my life. If you have questions about tithing, please feel free to ask me. Pledge cards for the 2019 Congregation Budget will be arriving at your house any day now. Pledge Sunday is October 14th. Your completed pledge card will help the Council prepare the 2019 budget. Thanks for sharing “All That I Have” and making a difference in this community. Mahalo for your prayerful response.

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## CHRISTMAS GREENERY

It's that time of year to order your greenery.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE talk to your neighbors, friends and co-workers and encourage them to send direct delivery gifts. Everyone has a special person who is difficult to shop for and they will love receiving a fresh green wreath or other decoration that fills their home with the aroma of Christmas. The direct delivery gifts are a great idea for companies to send to their clients. It's a special way to say "Thanks." Be sure and make this unique opportunity known to all who like to have beautiful fragrant and REAL Christmas greenery surround them at the holidays. And don't forget to order greenery for your own home too! The greenery will arrive shortly after Thanksgiving.

The last day to order is November 4th. Look for the table after services on October 21st, 28th and November 4th. For more information, contact Gail McGinnis.



## Deacon's Column

It's fall, y'all. That means as of October first, there are eight Sundays left in the church year, and twelve left in the calendar year. There's plenty happening in these 8-12 weeks to do at New Hope, and to do *as* New Hope outside the church walls. We can walk, pray, worship, serve, and celebrate all over the Conejo Valley and beyond.

October is unofficially "walk month". We can walk, and support walkers, every Saturday if that's what you like to do. October 6th is the LSS Walk to Fight Poverty on the CLU campus in Thousand Oaks. October 13th is the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) NAMIWalk in Ventura at the beach near the pier. October 20th-21st is the Relay for Life for cancer research in Simi Valley, and October 27th is the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5k in Thousand Oaks.

November events turn to worship. We have All Saints Sunday on November 4th, Veteran's Day on November 11th, and Thanksgiving Eve worship with our interfaith friends on Wednesday, November 21st. Then Sunday, November 25th marks Christ the King Sunday, the end of the church year.

For all of the Sundays above, we will continue to join together in one service at ten in the morning. It's been good to be together as the body of Christ, and I look forward to seeing you in church, and out in the world.

Blessings,

*Deacon Lynn*





## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowls of Hope

Tickets are on sale for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual "Bowls of Hope" fundraising event to be held November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 11 AM – 2 PM at CLU's Gilbert Arena (60 W. Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks) - \$50 general admission; \$15 for children (2 and younger are free). Enjoy delicious soup from Conejo Valley restaurants, listen to music provided by youth from local schools, bid on silent auction items, catch up with friends....and help Many Mansions provide services to their residents. Tickets are on sale now at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) or [manymansions.org/event/bowls-hope-2018](http://manymansions.org/event/bowls-hope-2018).



## MANNA FOOD PANTRY

Did you know that MANNA serves, on average, more than 1,400 people per month in our local area? With local holiday distribution programs, they serve over 20,000 people each year. Please help support this worthwhile cause by donating food and other household items.

MANNA will gladly accept any unexpired (within 12 months prior to the "sell-by" date), non-perishable food items that are unopened and in good condition. Home gardeners are also welcome to drop off fresh fruits and vegetables that are ripe and in good condition.

The current top priority items are: canned corn, canned tomato, canned

spaghetti, canned chili, canned fruit, canned/bottle spaghetti sauce, canned soup, uncooked rice/beans, ramen noodles, and crackers.

Please leave any donations in the box in the narthex. Any questions, call Ann Ashamalla at 818-613-6818.

## New Hope Endowment Fund

The New Hope Endowment Fund was established to be a perpetual source of income to support mission work at home and around the world that is above and beyond the programs supported through our regular offerings. Monies in the fund are invested and earning interest, which will be distributed through member-sponsored grants to non-profits. You can make a donation to the fund now or leave a bequest in your will. If you would like information on making a gift to the endowment fund, please contact one of the Committee Members: Joe Bullock, Wayne Rickert, Andrew Mansmann, Moeed Khan or Karen Ingram.



## From the Treasurer

Thank you for your continued generosity in 2018! Your giving through August amounted to \$310,615, higher than our expenditures by \$56,491. Thank you for sharing your time and talents too.

"Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best."

- Jackson Brown, Jr.



## Mobile Giving Available

As another option to giving for the church, we have initiated a giving by text option, especially for the "mobile" portion of our community. Look for the flyers in church or speak with Joe Bullock if you have any questions.



## Men's Advance Retreat

*October 26-28*

Put on your calendar the ELCA's Men's Advance workshop this fall, at El Camino Pines. Our own Terry Paulson will be leading the retreat on the theme, "Courageous: Putting On the Full Armor of God." This is a weekend of fellowship, faith enrichment, food and fun. Give yourself a break from the routine of life and recharge and reinvigorate your spirit. Plan on coming for the full weekend or for Saturday alone, but let's make this a well-attended workshop. Come and help make this year's retreat a big success and strong faith experience for you. Register now at the [www.mens-advance.org](http://www.mens-advance.org) website.

## Senior Concerns

Do you have a loved one who would benefit from enriching activities and socialization in a supervised and caring environment? Senior Concern's Adult Day Program in Thousand Oaks offers a safe, secure and welcoming environment where your loved one can spend the day. You can sign up for the schedule that fits your needs and feel good knowing your loved one is being cared for while you get a little break to rest and take care of yourself. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call 805-497-0189 or visit [www.seniorconcerns.org](http://www.seniorconcerns.org).



# All Creation SINGS

## October Birthdays

- 1 Cherie Ash
- Jeanette Wolfe
- 3 Chuck Kemmerer
- 10 Reid Powledge
- 11 Nancy Rowe
- 14 Kathy Rogers
- 15 Mary Ann Fiore
- 17 Darlene Daigle
- 23 Terry Paulson
- 29 John Bell
- 31 Bryce Vitt

Choir practices on Thursday nights from 7 - 9 PM in the sanctuary. Come join us and sing your praises to God. We practice at 9:00 AM on Sundays before the 10:00 AM worship service.



*"We do something for someone else that we may not even remember but can cause that other person's life to turn in some way that's positive."* - Ann Curry

*"Give God your weakness and he'll give you his strength."*  
- Guideposts

*"I believe that without God I am nobody, but that with God, I can do anything."*  
- Dolly Parton

*The deadline for all articles for the November newsletter is October 23rd. Be sure to email them to [gsmcinnis@roadrunner.com](mailto:gsmcinnis@roadrunner.com).*

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