



Messiah New Hope Lutheran Church

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Sunday, March 31, 2019



Welcome to MNH! We consider ourselves a church family. No matter the tone of your skin, the orientation of your desires, the number in your bank account, or leaning of your politics, we mean it when we say, "**You are welcome here.**"

Learn more about who we are on Facebook or at messiahnewhope.com.



Our MNH Food Pantry is in need of these things

- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Canned Vegetables
(No Green Beans)
- Shampoo
- Pancake Mix
- Laundry Pods



On Palm Sunday we will be celebrating all the kids who have taken first communion this past year!

If you have received communion this past year or wish to receive for the first time on Palm Sunday please let Miranda know.

We will be having First Communion Class on Wednesday, April 10th at 5:30 where we will paint chalices and bake bread.



**SUNDAY March 31
11:45AM-2:00PM**

Sign up now to enter your Chili recipe!

Come and bring your friends to enjoy the tasting and vote for your favorites!

Youth Group Silent Auction will be held during this event.

Trophies awarded for winning chili's.

Necessities for Neighbors Sunday



Our goal this year is to raise **\$750** to help buy toilet paper! We want to beat our total of \$720 raised in 2018! There is a basket on the table in the Narthex. We are currently at \$308 towards our goal! For \$4.00 per pack of 12 or about 33 cents for a double roll, so collecting monetary donations can have a bigger impact and the toilet paper is delivered directly.

SERMON NOTES



The 7 Undisputed Letters of Paul Sunday Adult Study Today: Philemon

Each week we will begin with a brief devotion, then, after discussing the background, overall themes, and structure of each letter, we will study a larger well known passage from the book. Participants will be encouraged to read the entirety of each book during the week following our meeting and a schedule will be provided! We will take a week off for Easter and then study the 6 disputed letters of Paul after.

Children of God

We love our children and take seriously the promises that we make to them at the service of Holy Baptism. To show that love, we welcome them to stay for worship, to come forward for Children's Time and Noisy Offering, and to use the coloring pages and activity books in the back of the worship space. Feel free to nurse, to use the nursery space, and to ask any questions you might have!



Thought for the Week

In this week's text for first service, Jesus tells a story about a son who ponders his father's love after he spurned it. The grace he receives is outlandish. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed his obedience earned his place in the home. I've grown to dislike this text. It's lack of justice aggrieves me. I can't read the younger son's return as repentant, just practical. If he had "when he came to himself", which is not exactly repentant, but pragmatic, compared himself to his brother, then maybe we would have signs of trying to be more responsible. Instead, we have a young man who forced his father to fake his death to lose 1/3 of his land which undoubtedly impacted servants and neighbors coming back with this rehearsed little speech seeking to manipulate his father.

Deep in my being I rely on grace, but I do wonder if it's such a good idea. It's my theological, "This is why we can't have nice things" coming out. Opening the kingdom to humans means opening it to sinners. And opening it to sinners means that it will be unfair, unsavory, and dangerous. So dangerous that when Jesus opened his arms wide to welcome us, we nailed them to a cross.

Join us at 5:30 on Wednesdays during Lent to enjoy warm soup suppers and fellowship with our community!

Offering benefits our Campership Fund!

This week: John 19:28, "I am thirsty."



SAVE THE DATE

March 13: Lent Wednesdays Begin

March 31: Chili Cookoff

April 7: Necessities for Neighbors

April 14: First Communion Celebration

April 21: Easter & Easter Brunch

April 28: Synod Assembly & Bishop Election Forum

May 12: Last Day of Sunday School

May 19: Graduation Sunday

May 26: Summer Schedule Begins

July 30-Aug 1: Vacation Bible School



Altar Guild is now accepting donations for lilies for Easter Sunday. Please label your donation or place it into the provided envelopes.



BREAD BREAK

FEEDING GOD'S COMMUNITY

After each service on April 14 for a Bread Break presentation by Mike and Jean Bauman. Here we will learn about the future of Bread Break and what assistance it will need to keep running at the capacity it is and hopefully to help it grow!

Did you know MNH has a benevolence fund?

Available to members upon request. This is a great place to give gifts in honor or memory of a loved one or friend! See the newsletter for the policy regarding its operation.

Giving to MNH

1. Sunday Morning Offering (Would you like envelopes? Drop a note in the offering plate!)
2. Simply Giving Electronic Debit Program (see brochures on the table in the narthex).
3. Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to MNH (call your rep, login to your account, or ask the office for help!).
4. Lead a Thrivent ActionTeam (call your rep, login to your account, or ask the office for help!).
5. Give by Text (Text a dollar amount to (605) 250-1131 from any smartphone and you will receive a link to register).



Sunday, April 21 our Youth will be providing brunch in between services. We will serve from 9:30-10:15. We will be collecting a free will offering to help our kids go to camp this summer!

We will be serving eggs, pancakes, and ham. Join us to celebrate Easter!

Calendar

MAR 31	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:30 AM	Education Hour
	10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship
	11:45 AM	Chili Cook Off
APR 01	1:00 PM	Lutheran Women Today <i>(Meet at MNH)</i>
	APR 03	5:30 PM Dinner
APR 07	6:30 PM	Lent Worship
	7:00 PM	Choir & Youth Group
	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship
APR 10	9:30 AM	Education Hour
	10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship
	2:30 PM	Necessities for Neighbors
	5:30 PM	Dinner
APR 11	6:30 PM	Lent Worship
	7:00 PM	Choir & Youth Group
	6:00 PM	Food to You

PLEASE PRAY

God's Healing for ...

Emery Hankle (Susie Oberg)
 Robert McIntire (Kay Nordlie)
 Pam Miller
 Alec Bakke (Ardys Christiansen)
 Rose Sagness (Cindy Johnson)
 Jane Leite (Paul DeBoer)
 Sue Theobold (Bev Heitman)
 Jesse Goebel (Jennifer Goebel)
 Brenda Abbott (Dee Burgers)
 Melori O'Connell (Tiede)
 Eli & Kristi Butler (Cindy Johnson)
 Pam Eastman (Kay Nordlie)
 Becky Edison (Valoy Nordlie)
 David Johnson (Stephen Johnson)
 Janet Pallone (Ken Cunningham)
 Delores Moe (Char Johnson)
 F/F Tristan Kuehn
 Nicole Iatarola (Lipponen)
 John Nordlie (Valoy Nordlie)



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SERVING SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:15 AM Worship

Greeters: Lowell & Cindy Johnson
Ushers: Jon Moeller
Reader:
Assistant:
Communion:
Coffee Set up/Hosts: Charlie & Nyla McIntyre
Coffee Treats: Nyla McIntyre, Fern Getting, & Maddy Holland

10:30 AM Worship

Greeters: Krista, Jonah, & Elsa Ohrtman
Ushers: Doug & Stephanie Knutson
Assistant:
Communion: Lori Gooch
Coffee Hosts/Clean up: Cindy & Lauri Lipponen

SERVING SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:15 AM Worship

Greeters: Chad, Jane, & Madison Weber
Ushers:
Reader:
Assistant:
Communion:
Coffee Set up/Hosts: Margo & Don Skinner
Coffee Treats: Margo Skinner, Patti Bruggeman, & Marlys Madsen

10:30 AM Worship

Greeters: Cindy & Lauri Lipponen
Ushers:
Assistant:
Communion:
Coffee Hosts/Clean up: Renae Eidenshink