

CALENDAR

July 3 - Worship - Pastor Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m.

July 10 - Worship - Pastor Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m.

July 17 - Worship - Pastor Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m.

July 17 - Council Meeting - directly after worship

July 24 - Worship - Pastor Jessica Cain 9:30a.m.

July 24 - Free community meal - 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

July 31 - Worship - Pastor Jessica Cain 9:30a.m.

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Sunday July 24th 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Menu: Hot Dogs Chili Potato Salad Watermelon

Looking ahead, New Hope Lutheran will host Deanery on Tuesday August 9th. 9:00 am - 12 noon

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New Hope Lutheran

Rev. Jessica Cain pastor@newhopeblanco.org 9th & Elm P.O. Box 754 Blanco, Texas 78606 830-330-0017 WORSHIP (9:00 - 9:25 a.m. )Food & Fellowship) 9:30 a.m. Worship

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Thank you, Thank you ,Thank you!!!

The members of New Hope Lutheran want to extend a great big Thank You to all the Pastor's that came to New Hope during Pastor Jessica's maternity leave. We enjoyed everyone's ability to go with the flow and the sermons were great!

Pastor Jamie Bouzard (twice) Pastor Kara Stewart Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones Pastor Alex Raabe Pastor Judith Spindt (twice) Pastor Dick Bremer (twice) Pastor Becky Sogge

Pastor's Corner

by Pastor Jessica Cain

As I return from maternity leave to be with you once again, I am overwhelmed by thankfulness. I appreciate all those who have made this an easier transition for our family.

First, I must thank everyone who worked together to fill in the gap when Joseph arrived early and I went on leave two weeks before I intended. While we were as ready as possible as a family, his arrival certainly changed all our carefully laid plans at work! Thanks especially to Pete and Helen who navigated this transition with grace and joy.

Thanks to all of you for celebrating Joseph's birth with

us. I have felt nothing but excitement from the congregation since I announced my pregnancy. You have been wonderfully supportive of our growing family. I especially appreciate the baby shower that Tanja and Helen worked so hard to put together. My only regret is that Joseph came early and we were unable to celebrate together! Thanks for your many gifts for him, from the necessities like diapers and wipes to the beautifully handmade items. A special thanks to everyone who recognized how challenging this transition would be for James and made him feel loved, as well.

While I have been on leave, you have done a remarkable job of moving right along with the business of the church. I am not surprised by this, but just want to lift up how self-sufficient New Hope has been. Without me there, everything that needed to be done was done. I was able to step back from my work so that I could care for my family and myself, and that has been a truly wonderful gift. Thank you for making sure worship and the community meals were settled. Thank you for caring for one another in my absence. A special thanks to the council for working hard during this time.

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

- July 3 - Tomlinson July 10- Knoll/Villarreal July 17 - Foegelle July 24 - Greathouse July 31 - Granberg Aug 7 - Johnson Aug 14 - Tomlinson Aug 21 - Knoll/Villarreal Aug 28 - Foegelle

Birthday's/Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

- July 7 - Henry Greathouse July 19 - Jace Greathouse July 25 - Russell Kirksey July 28 - Cara Bachmeyer ANNIVERSARY- July 8 - Pete and Cheryl Foegelle July 22 - Russell and Laurie Kirksey July 30 - Alan Cooper and Susan Marshall

**FREE COMMUNITY MEAL - July 24th 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. This is an initiative by the ELCA to encourage congregations to reach out into their communities on the same day other congregations across the nation are doing the same. The meal was so well received the New Hope members committed to serving a meal a month October through February. At the Annual New Hope Lutheran Congregational meeting the members voted to continue the Free Community Meal each month to the end of the year 2016. The meals will be served the fourth Sunday of the month except November and December. Nov and Dec dates will be announced in October. **The Menu for June 24th will be Hot Dogs, Chili, Potato Salad, Watermelon.**

One of the best ways for New Hope Lutheran to become better known in Blanco is to reach out to those in need in our community. Please continue to pray about this endeavor as we attempt to serve God through serving our neighbors.



Pasta Casserole



Salad

**On June 26th we served Pasta Casserole with a Salad, Garlic Bread and Desserts. Nelson and Carolyn Jonas had brought fresh tomatoes from their garden and our guests were able to take some fresh tomatoes home with them.**

**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**.



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Finally, I want to publically thank the many wonderful pastors who stepped in to lead worship, preach, preside over Communion, and provide a pastoral presence during my leave: Jamie, Dick, Judith, Becky, Alex, Kara, and Phil. I hope that you enjoyed hearing different voices and perspectives. I have thanked them myself and hope you were able to do so as well!

And now, it is time again for us to move forward together. In my absence, the council made the decision to “jump in” to the Missional River. We will be participating in this learning endeavor for the next two years. During that time, we will get to know our neighborhood, discover what God is already at work doing here, gain skills for interacting with the city around us, and much more.

I encourage you to keep Helen, Nelson, and myself in your prayers as we work on this team. You are invited to come to any of the gatherings—the first is August 26 and 27 in San Marcos. Let's jump into what God is doing with both feet!



**Tellers:**

**July 3** Becky Greathouse

**July 10** Nelson Jonas,

**July 17** Carolyn Jonas

**July 24** Tanja Tomlinson

**July 31** Cheryl Foegelle