

Nov 1 - Worship - Pastor Jessica Cain - All Saint's Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Nov 8 - Worship - Pastor Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m.

Nov 8 - Free Community Meal at NHL - 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Nov 10 - Deanery - Zion, Fredericksburg

Nov 15 - Worship - Pastor Jamie Brouzard 9:30 a.m.

Nov 21 - Place at the Table 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Nov 22 - Worship - Pastor Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m.

Nov 24 - Community Thanksgiving Dinner 6:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran

Nov 29 - Worship - Pastor Jessica Cain 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Free Meal
Sunday Nov 8th
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Place at the Table
Saturday
Nov 21st

Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Tues
Nov 24th - 6:30
Trinity Lutheran Church

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

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5th Quarter



New Hope Lutheran hosted 5th Quarter after the home football game on Friday October 23rd. Pouring rain didn't stop these students from joining us after the game.

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 the food and fellowship.

Schedule

- Nov 1 - Knoll/Villarreal
- Nov 8 Foegelle
- Nov 15 - Greathouse
- Nov 22 - Granberg
- Nov 29 - Johnson
- Dec 6 - Tomlinson
- Dec 13 - Knoll/Villarreal
- Dec 20 - Foegelle
- Dec 27 - Greathouse

Birthday's/Anniversaries

- Nov 3 - Carolyn Jonas
- Nov 4 - Johanna Villarreal
- Nov 15 - Roger Sparkman
- Nov 20 - Lois Sparkman

- Nov 22 - Becky and Bennie Greathouse - Anniversary



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL - Sunday November 8th - 12 noon to 2:00 P.M.

Our next free community meal will be Sunday November 8th. 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

This all began on September 13, 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.

Since this community meal was well-received, we decided to do a three-month experiment to see if we can increase our outreach into the community. On the second Sunday of each month for the rest of 2015, we will have a free community meal. On October 11 we hosted a spaghetti dinner and it was even more successful than the first one. We are anticipating quite a crowd for our third free meal on Sunday the 8th. Menu is Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and desserts. Please invite people to attend.

One of the best ways for us to become better known in Blanco is to reach out to those in need in our community. Please continue to support this experiment as we attempt to serve God through serving our neighbors.

Light Night - Halloween

Churches of Blanco band together and host a fun late afternoon/early evening event for youngsters to come to play games, listen to music and eat hot dogs on Halloween at the parking lot of the First Baptist Church. Pastor Jessica organized a ring toss game, a Football Toss and pin the tail on the "CAT" games for New Hope to participate in Blanco's Light Night Halloween Event. Members helping: Pastor Jessica and her husband Wes, Connie West, Teresa Woosley, Susan Villarreal, Laurie Kirkscey, Helen Knoll, Tanja and Travis Tomlinson. Duan Tomlinson, a Blanco volunteer fireman brought down the big fire engine for the kids to see.



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**.

November Pastor's Corner

By Pastor Jessica Cain

¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

There are times when each of us feels like Paul. We feel as if we are different people depending on what kind of company we are keeping. When we are with our families, we act as mothers, fathers, children, or siblings act. When we are at work, we act like we have the authority, knowledge, or power our job demands. When we are with friends, we may be more free and relaxed.

What Paul is talking about is not quite the same as our natural human inclination to “fit in” wherever we find ourselves. Rather, Paul is making some intentional decisions to be more like those with whom he is interacting. When he is with those who have the law (specifically God's law set out in the first five books of the Bible), he speaks to them about God in Christ by using their common knowledge as a starting point. When he is among those who have not grown with this law, he finds a different kind of common ground with them. His goal in becoming a Jew for Jews, Greek for Greeks, law-abiding for the law-abiding, etc. is to share the Gospel message.

Jesus did something similar. He spoke to people based on what they understood. If he was talking to fishermen, he talked about the Kingdom of God as a fishing net or a lake. If he was among farmers, he spoke about God's Kingdom as a place where seeds are scattered. If he was with shepherds, he talked about God the Great Shepherd.

The message of God active in the world is not specific to our context. God does not just come to Caucasian Americans. God is not just for men, or for women. God does not love just adults, or just children. God is the God of all people, and when we carry God's message throughout our lives, we are called to remember this. We are called to speak to people of color as beloved ones of God. We are called to speak to men, to women, to adults, and to children as people Christ died to save. God sends us to be Jews to Jews, under the law to those under the law, outside the law to those outside the law. We are sent into the world to tell of a God who loves. Period. How are we doing?

Pastor Jessica



President's Report

November 1, 2015

October has passed and it's starting to look like Fall. We had another eventful month at New Hope thanks to all of your hard work and support. We had our second free community meal on the 11th, where we provided a free spaghetti meal to anyone in the community that was interested. We had another good turnout for that activity. We hosted the Fifth Quarter activity following the football game on the 23rd, where we served hot dogs, chips and lots of good deserts, it was a good turnout. We had to cancel our worship on the hill service on the 25th due to rain. The 25th we welcomed in four new members to our congregation. October 31st we had a booth at the Community Light Night activity, where we had games and handed out candy to the trick-or-treaters.

November will be just as busy we will hold our third feed the community free meal on the 8th. The 15th Pastor Jamie Brouzard will conduct services for us since Pastor Cain will have off that Sunday. We will have our youth activity "A Place at the Table" on the 21st. The children will be decorating cookies for that activity.

All that we do is because of you and your hard work and dedication, and for that I thank you so very much. The more we work together the more we can accomplish. If I can be of assistance please contact me via E-Mail at petefoegelle@yahoo.com or at (830) 833-9910.

Worshiping God, Serving Others. New Hope, Where All Are Welcome.

Blessings,
Your Friend in Christ,
Pete Foegelle

Place at the Table - Saturday November 21, 2015

Place at the Table will be Cookie Decorating this month. Youngsters from 2 years up will enjoy decorating cookies on Saturday November 21, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30. p.m. We are asking the parents or grandparents to stay and join in the fun.

We are asking members to bake cutout cookies for the kids to decorate. Due to the age of the children we will not be cutting out or using the oven to bake cookies. - we will simply be decorating them.