

# New Hope Lutheran

Newsletter

June 2025

## *Awakened to Life*

The long, cold and dark winter has been replaced by light and warmth

Nature has come to life. It happened quickly. Just a few warm days and the birch leaves have grown almost to their full size, the tulip flowers are opening and the rhubarb is starting to be edible.

The long, cold and dark winter has been replaced by light and warmth. Without the sun, life on Earth would be impossible. The light of the sun is the key to all growth and life.

The evangelist John also writes about the light that has come into the world: "Light has come into the world" (John 3). The light sent by God is Jesus Christ, our Savior. Jesus was sent into the world to proclaim the message of the kingdom of God and to free each of us from the power of sin, death and evil.

Through Jesus' work on the cross, we can live close to God. Jesus also left us a task. The task of carrying the message of the kingdom of God forward and baptizing people, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

After Jesus ascended to heaven, the Holy Spirit was sent into the world. The Holy Spirit's task is to glorify Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is our travelling companion.

On June 8th, Pentecost will be celebrated, which is the day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit sent by God, descended from heaven as a helper, comforter and remover of fears. The Holy Spirit creates faith and love in us. Like the light of the sun, the Holy Spirit creates new things and creates growth in us humans. The Holy Spirit

is like a spotlight that permanently points to Christ.

Spring is the time of new creation in nature.

The Holy Spirit is constantly at work in the world. The Holy Spirit works especially in connection with baptism and communion. The light radiated by the sun and the Holy Spirit have much in common, as both bring about growth, seeing colors, warmth and life. Sunlight is essential for growth and life.

The work of the Holy Spirit is essential for spiritual growth and life. Without the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, both the disciples and we would be left alone and would not succeed in fulfilling the mission entrusted to us.

The Holy Spirit makes us alive just as the sun awakens nature to life in spring. Without the work of the Holy Spirit, we would remain in darkness, for God is present in the world through the Holy Spirit. Spring is a time of new creation in nature. In the same way, God is constantly creating new things through the work of the Holy Spirit.

We come to life when the Holy Spirit touches our innermost being. In that moment, love enters us in a completely new way, and the message of Pentecost is true every day of the year. In the words of Psalm 104: "When you send your spirit, they are created."

Pastor Saku Lemmetyinen

Juva Congregation

## Council Corner

Here are some highlights from the May council meeting:

1. The Mother's Day service was a success and we were very pleased with the number of people who came out for coffee.
2. The Father's Day Service on June 15 will follow the same format with the Finnish Service at 9:30, followed by coffee at 10:30, then the English service with Pastor Paul at 11:00 am.
3. We are looking for sacristans for the English services at Finlandia. There is a list of duties to take down the altar after the service and to pack it away.
4. I am sad to report that Hilikka our secretary has handed in her letter of resignation. She will be retiring on December 31. We will be looking for a bilingual person (Finnish and English) to be her replacement.

That is all for now. See you next month.  
Jane Ansamaa, NHLC Council Secretary.

## June has arrived!

Mother Nature has started to show all her glory. The trees have leafed out and turned green, the flowers are blooming to attract the bees and the black flies and mosquitoes are doing their best to find us when we are outside.

Last month we approved the call for our new pastor. After our congregational meeting we sent all the information to the Eastern Synod Bishop and she has sent the offer of Call to Pastor Krista. She acknowledged receipt of the Call. She has a period of 30 days to formally accept or reject the offer. I will let you know what the outcome of our offer is as soon as we know.

This summer we will continue alternating our English and Finnish services. This summer we will have some of the Finnish services led by visiting pastor(s). Keep an eye on the monthly calendars to verify which Sundays will have a visiting pastor.

On June 15 we will have a Father's Day coffee between the Services. This is the same as we did for Mother's Day. The Finnish Service will start at 9:30, the coffee will be served at 10:30 and the English Communion service will be start at 11:00 am. With this being the second Finnish Service for June there will not be a Finnish service on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I hope you have a great summer.

Jimmy Krats  
Chairperson

## Upcoming events

### English Worship and Sunday School

June 1 11:30pm Regent St

### Finnish Worship

June 8 9:30am Voima

### Father's Day

June 15 at Voima

9:30 Finnish service

10:30 Coffee

11:00 English service

### Kahvi Time

June 4, 11, 18, 25 10 - 1 Regent St

### Council Mtg

June 11 6:30pm Finlandia

### LCW

June 11 11:00am Regent St

### Mission Circle

June 18 2:00pm Impola

### Kammari

May 6, 20 2:00pm Impola

### Meadowbrook

June 3 10:00am

## **BREAKING NEWS!!**

### **WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED!**

I have received confirmation from Pastor Krista Riipinen that she has accepted our Call to be the new pastor for New Hope.

She will be starting as our new pastor on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

She has already started to make arrangements to move herself and her family to Sudbury. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for their move from Finland to Canada.

I will keep you updated as the summer goes on.

Jimmy Krats  
Chairperson

### **Thank you Hilkka!**

Our church family is both grateful and saddened to announce that our cherished office secretary and treasurer, Hilkka, will be retiring in December 2025 after ten years of dedicated service. Hilkka has been the heart of our church office, managing everything from finances to administrative duties with grace and efficiency. Her kindness, attention to detail, and willingness to assist anyone in need have made her a trusted and beloved presence among our congregation. Hilkka's impact extends far beyond her role—she's been a friend, a problem-solver, and a steadying force. While we will deeply miss her, we are incredibly thankful for all the years she has given to the church. Hilkka, your hard work, warmth, and dedication will never be forgotten. We wish you nothing but happiness in your retirement, knowing that you leave behind a lasting legacy of service and love.

If you are interested in applying for the position of secretary and/or treasurer, please contact the church office for more information.



**Father's Day services  
all at Voima Hall**

9:30 Finnish service  
10:30 Coffee  
11:00 English service †  
and Sunday School

**Please note that the English  
service time has changed only for  
June 15.**

## Readings for June

### June 1, 2025      7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 16:16 – 34
Psalm	Psalm 97
Second Reading	Revelation 22:12 – 14, 16 – 17, 20 – 21
Gospel	John 17:20 – 26

### June 8, 2025      Day of Pentecost

First Reading	Acts 2:1 – 21
Psalm	Psalm 104:24 – 34, 35b
Second Reading	Romans 8:14 – 17
Gospel	John 14:8 – 17 (25 – 27)

### June 15, 2025      The Holy Trinity

First Reading	Proverbs 8:1 – 4, 22 – 31
Psalm	Psalm 8
Second Reading	Romans 5:1 – 5
Gospel	John 16:12 – 15

### June 22, 2025      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading	Isaiah 65:1 – 9
Psalm	Psalm 22:19 – 28
Second Reading	Galatians 3:23 – 29
Gospel	Luke 8:26 – 39

### June 29, 2025      3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading	1 Kings 2:1 – 2, 6 – 14
Psalm	Psalm 16
Second Reading	Galatians 5:1, 13 – 25
Gospel	Luke 9:51 – 62

## Financial Reports

2025	
April	
Offering	\$8,334.00
Interest	\$7,906.18
Memorial	-
Chaplaincy at	
Finlandia	\$1,455.00
Other	\$2,310.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$20,005.18</b>
Expenses	\$175,011.37
Bank Accounts	
Memorial	\$29,746.47
Current	\$48,483.30
Building Fund	\$1,726.40
Food Bank	\$20.00
Mission Circle	\$794.90
	<b>\$80,771.07</b>

### PAR

PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) is a great way to contribute each month, to support your church.

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May 2025 Scrapbook



Aila Mäki, Hilka McDowell and Paula Reynolds at New Hope's Mayfair table.

## Happy Midsummer June 21, 2025

In Christianity, Midsummer is associated with the commemoration and birthday of John the Baptist. According to the Bible, the date of Midsummer and this commemoration day is six months after Christmas. Christians have celebrated Midsummer since the 5th century.

### Prayer

Lord, our Creator. We thank you for the beauty of nature and the miracle of summer, for everything that grows and flourishes. We thank you for allowing the face of the earth to be renewed. Renew us also with your Spirit. We

thank you for John the Baptist, the one who prepared the way for the Savior. Help us to accept his call. Thank you for the new life you give in your Son Jesus Christ. To you be the praise forever. Amen.



**HANNAH LAKE BIBLE CENTRE SUMMER SCHEDULE 2025**  
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**Summer Theme:** Tulkaa veden ääreen. / Come to the waters.

**Theme Hymn:** Jes. 55:1 Kuulkaa, kaikki janoiset! Tulkaa veden ääreen!  
Isaiah 55:1 Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters.

June

06	Opening Evening	
	5:00	Supper \$30
	6:00	Bilingual Program
07	9:00	Aamuhartaus
	10:00	Raamattutunti
	11:00	Virsiseurat
11	6:30	English devotions
12	5:00	Coffee
	6:00	Finnish devotions
18	6:30	English devotions
19	5:00	Coffee
	6:00	Finnish devotions
21	John the Baptist celebration / Juhannus	
	5:00	Pannukakku, sausage \$15 / ticket
	6:00	Bilingual program
	6:30	Bonfire & sing-a-long
25	6:30	English devotions
26	5:00	Coffee
	6:00	Finnish devotions

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# June / Kesäkuu 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:30 Worship Service † and Sunday School <b>Regent St.</b>	2	3 2:00 Kammari <b>Impola</b>	4 10 - 1 Kahvi Time <b>Regent St</b>	5	6	7
8 <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 9:30 Messu † <b>Voima Hall</b>	9	10 10:00 Meadowbrook	11 10 - 1 Kahvi Time <b>Regent St</b> 11:00 LCW <b>Regent St</b> 6:30 Council meeting / Neuvoston Kokous <b>Finlandia</b>	12	13	14
15 <b>FATHERS' DAY</b> <b>ISÄINPÄIVÄ</b> 9:30 Jumalanpalvelus <b>Voima Hall</b> 10:30 Coffee <b>Voima Hall</b> 11:00 Worship Service † and Sunday School <b>Voima Hall</b>	16	17 2:00 Kammari <b>Impola</b>	18 10 - 1 Kahvi Time <b>Regent St</b> 2:00 Lähetyksiiri <b>Finlandia</b>	19	20	21
22 No services Ei ole jumalanpalvelusta	23	24	25 10 - 1 Kahvi Time <b>Regent St</b>	26	27	28
29 No services Ei ole jumalanpalvelusta	30					

OFFICE OPEN /  
 TOIMISTO AUKI  
**Regent St** **Finlandia**  
 Wed 9 - 1  
 Tues 9 - 12