

# New Hope Lutheran

Newsletter

July / August 2025

## Thirst

What is the most pleasant thing about summer? The first thing that comes to mind for me is rowing a boat, the lapping of water against the side of the boat, the cries of seagulls and the heat of the sun on your shoulders and back.

I think that many people's images of summer are somehow connected with water. Have you thought about what water is and how important it is?

In spring, the ice melts and the water can flow freely. Trees begin to suck water from the ground with their roots, which gradually flows up to the branches and so the trees sprout leaves. The rain washes away dirt and dust from the ground.

Water is also powerful. Anyone can dare to pick up water, because it does not explode or burn like gasoline, for example. But how many dare to go down a roaring rapids?

Surely everyone has at least once looked at the smooth stones on the shore of a lake, rounded by water. The water that has collected into a river often carves its way through the rock over a very long period of time, which is why many rapids roar in deep rocky gorges. Water is incredibly powerful, even though it usually acts gently and slowly.

Sometimes there is no water coming out of the tap. You can't wash your hair, you can't shower, you can't brush your teeth, and worst of all, you can't drink water, tea, coffee, or anything else that requires water. We need water for almost everything. However, it is so familiar and ordinary that we don't appreciate it.

It's easy to take water for granted because there is so much of it in Finland. In Israel, Jesus' homeland, there was a shortage of it. Rainwater had to be collected because springs were not everywhere, and digging a well was no use; no matter how deep you dug, you couldn't find water except in very specific places. Rainwater is of course not as good as spring water, at least not for drinking.

Jesus talks about thirst and water. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:6) "Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14) On the one hand, Jesus claims that people who thirst for him are enviably happy. On the other hand, he states that with him they will never thirst again. I think he means that Jesus' followers will no longer thirst for anything else, but will follow Jesus all the more.

What if God is like water? Mightily powerful, gentle and patient, a bringer of joy and refreshment, the giver of a good mood and a clear conscience.

Jesus, refresh us, just as fresh water refreshes the thirsty!

Pastor Jukka Jämsén  
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## Council Corner

Here are some highlights from the June council meeting:

1. Pastor Krista has answered our call and will be assuming her duties in September.
2. The Building Committee has advised that construction is underway and we are looking forward to the building being completed.
3. Services will continue in the same format until our new pastor arrives.
4. Hope that everyone has a great summer. We will see you in the fall.

That is all for now.

Jane Ansamaa, NHLC Council Secretary.

## Upcoming events

### English Worship

July 6, 20 11:30am Regent St

### Finnish Worship

July 13, 27 9:30am Voima



## NOTICE

We have received word from Pastor Krista Riipinen that due to unforeseen circumstances she has had to withdraw her agreement to be our new pastor. The circumstances are beyond her control and she has wished us the best in being able to have success in finding a new pastor. The Church Council will be looking into this. We will keep you informed as things develop.

Jimmy Krats, Chairperson New Hope Lutheran Church

## Have a great summer!!

It is the time of year when many of you go on vacation and visit friends and family or they come and visit us. These visits help restore our sense of well being and re-energize ourselves.

This summer we will have 2 visiting pastors leading some of our Finnish services. Pastor Matti Terho, who led our Father's Day service will preside over a communion service on July 13<sup>th</sup> and Pastor Leena Jenson will lead our Finnish services in August.

Pastor Paul Roellchen-Pfohl will continue to be our Interim pastor and lead our English services for July and August.

We are looking forward to the arrival of Pastor Krista Riipinen in September. We will keep you informed as the summer proceeds.

Please remember to continue to support our church with your offerings during the summer. Our expenses do not stop during the summer vacation period, in fact they will increase this year when we start paying for the moving costs incurred when Pastor Krista moves to Sudbury.

Again, I want to wish you a blessed summer. Take some time and enjoy the world outside.

Jimmy Krats  
Chairperson

## Readings for July

### **July 6, 2025 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading Isaiah 66:10 – 14  
 Psalm Psalm 66:1 – 9  
 Second Reading Galatians 6:[1 – 6] 7 – 16  
 Gospel Luke 10:1 – 11, 16 – 20

### **July 13 2025 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:9 – 14  
 Psalm Psalm 25:1 – 10  
 Second Reading Colossians 1:1 – 14  
 Gospel Luke 10:25 – 37

### **July 20 , 2025 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading Genesis 18:1 – 10a  
 Psalm Psalm 15  
 Second Reading Colossians 1:15 – 28  
 Gospel Luke 10:38 – 42

### **July 27, 2025 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading Genesis 18:20 – 32  
 Psalm Psalm 138  
 Second Reading Colossians 2:6 – 15 [16 – 19]  
 Gospel Luke 11:1 – 13

There will be no newsletter  
 in August.

August calendars will be available  
 at each worship service.

## Financial Reports

**2025**

**May**

Offering	\$5,800.00
Interest	2.78
Memorial	-
Chaplaincy at	
Finlandia	1,164.00
Other	2,326.10
Total Income	\$9,292.88

Expenses	\$15,011.37
Donation to	
Finlandia	\$160,000.00

### Bank Accounts

Memorial	\$29,746.47
Current	52,629.02
Building Fund	1,726.40
Food Bank	20
Mission Circle	910.9
	\$85,032.79

### Investments

Charitus Current	\$243,076.46
Charitus Memorial	83,794.48
	\$326,870.94

## PAR

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

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

Jes. 55:1 Kuulkaa, kaikki janoiset! Tulkaa veden ääreen!

Isaiah 55:1 Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters.

**Theme Hymn:** #147 Sukupolvet ennen meitä

July

2 6:30 English devotions

3 5:00 Coffee

6:00 Finnish devotions

4 – 7 Private rental

9 6:30 English devotions

10 5:00 Coffee

6:00 Finnish devotions

16 6:30 English devotions

17 5:00 Coffee

6:00 Finnish devotions

18 Suvijuhla (mid summer)

5:00 Dinner \$30 / ticket

6:00 Bilingual program

24 – 31 Children's camp

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June 2025 Scrapbook



Pastor Chris Krejlgard & Hilikka

New Hope has duplicates of some items. There is a process we have to follow to pass them on to other churches. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Windsor was excited to receive the advent wreath and some candles.

Hilikka delivered them on her trip to Windsor.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5
6 11:30 Worship Service † <b>Regent St.</b>	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:30 Messu † <b>Voima</b>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 11:30 Worship Service † <b>Regent St.</b> And a double baptism	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 Jumalanpalvelus <b>Voima</b>	28	29	30	31	<div> OFFICE OPEN / TOIMISTO AUKI <b>Regent St</b> <b>Finlandia</b> Wed 9 - 11    Tues 9 - 12 </div>	