

# NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WHAT LENT MEANS TO ME

As many of you know, I was not baptized Lutheran but rather Presbyterian. Growing up in a city of 25,000 in the Upper Midwest, I was surrounded by Catholic friends. During Lent, it always puzzled me why my friends could not eat meat on Friday during Lent. They would complain about it and never could give me an answer why they didn't eat meat on Friday. On the other hand, as a Presbyterian, we were encouraged to "sacrifice something" during Lent but in my family that was not observed either.

So where do I stand in my later years as a Lutheran when it comes to Lent? Every year I pick out something that could "make a difference in my life and the life of others". My focus this year will be to help a dear friend of 40 years who recently lost her husband readjust to being alone. Even though she lives in Reno, NV, I will make more frequent phone

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Sunday Worship Services	9am and 11am
Sunday School	10:15
Finance Meeting	Mar. 2, 6:30pm
Outreach Meeting	Mar. 3, 7:00pm
Education Meeting	Mar 8, 7:15pm
<b>Ash Wednesday - Soup 6:30pm and Service 7pm</b>	
<b>Every Wednesday during Lent there will be Soup and Service at the above time.</b>	
Men's Breakfast	Mar 12, 9am
Future/Property Meeting	Mar. 23, 7:30pm

calls, send her cheery notes and generally pray with her for her good health and well-being.

I encourage each of you to find a service that you can provide to make someone's life better.

Joyce Palmer, Editor

## EVENTS SURROUNDING UPCOMING RUMMAGE SALE

The New Hope Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for April 1 from 4-7pm and April 2 from 8am to 3pm. Volunteers are needed and welcomed as stated below:

Saturday, March 26, 9am Empty Sheds  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 28, 29 and 30 at 9am to Price and Setup  
Rummage Sale as stated above and lastly, volunteers to clean up after sale is over.

**Side-Bar: Mark your calendars for NMSU Choir Event at 7pm on April 1 and Game Night at 6:30pm on April 9!**

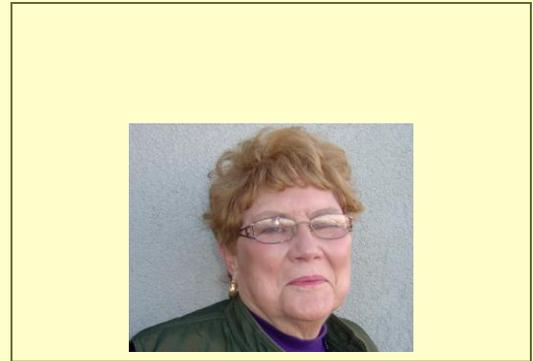
### Your Church Family Focus

## LUCILLE HEMPHILL

Lucille is an “early service” attendee. She recently joined the New Hope church family.

Lucille was born and raised on a farm near Manhattan, Kansas. She attended Manhattan schools and as her sister says, “was the red-headed bombshell of the school.” Her husband, Darrell, was from Manhattan as well; but as Lucille says, “we were NOT high school sweethearts”!. She has two sons and two grandsons. Her older son lives in Dallas and her younger son lives in El Paso. Lucille is a divorced widow.

Lucille had a long career with the federal government; her last assignment prior to retirement was Director of the Computer Technology Division at William Beaumont AMC. After retirement, she involved herself in various



volunteer missions such as driving people to medical appointments and delivering prescriptions to patients in their homes. However recent eye surgery has kept her from resuming this work.

Lucille resides at 9840 Eloise Avenue with her three dogs. She enjoys working out at the Logan Heights Gym; joining her friends for lunch; spending time with her family, walking with her dogs and seeing an occasional movie. We are happy to have Lucille in our New Hope Family.

## CHURCH ACTIVITY

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, a group of 15 participated in a discussion (based on Brian McLaren’s book, “A New Kind of Christianity”.) We were blessed to be led by Pastor St. Clair. Brian McLaren is an innovative Christian leader and activist who has authored several publications.

The group was quite diverse and willing to share ideas and opinions. Of course being led by Pastor St. Clair added to the levity and spontaneity of the discussion. Even though we did not get through the entire book, we concluded at the end of the session that the Christian faith of tomorrow is leaning towards service to all mankind. We look forward to another session to finish discussing the remainder of the book. Watch for the date and join us! Besides the discussion, the lunch and fellowship can’t be beat!



**When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn’t solve your problems HE has faith in YOUR abilities.**