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SOUTH NEW HOPE'S MISSION STATEMENT

To restore and preserve the church building, its grounds and cemeteries; to develop historical archives preserving the Norwegian heritage and memories for current and future generations so that all may experience how South New Hope Norwegian Lutheran Church served as the heart of the community.

November 8, 2010

A Message From... Our Chief Executive Officer

Another year is coming to a close. The anticipation of a new year is always accompanied with hopes and wishes for new adventures and productive projects. We, the Board of Directors at South New Hope, also have some new ideas and promotions we are anxious to implement.

During the last two years of Covid, our accomplishments have been small, but actually quite evident. Our time sensitive lights in the steeple have demonstrated the glow of our spirit. Our memorial benches have given our members and supporters more enthusiasm and opportunities to support our dual mission of cemetery care and church restoration, as well as providing an inviting venue for family gatherings and social activities. This historic church and grounds are also a perfect setting for weddings and catered receptions. Our new lawn care specialist has demonstrated, with his meticulous care, our commitment of showing our love to this historical monument to the world and surrounding community. If you were present at the fourth of July Firecracker parade, you had an opportunity to view our slide presentation, "The History of South New Hope". This presentation as well as the sale of church replica birdhouses are examples of our effort to gain more followers and supporters of our missions and ultimate goal.

In the coming year we hope to have an open house to celebrate our acceptance into both the State and National Historical Registries. We also anticipate the opportunity to present musical and educational programs from time to time. Local communities and organized associations can expect more correspondence in the form of letters and emails to encourage support and participation in upcoming events.

Restoration of the church and grounds is a constant undertaking. Indoor plumbing, to include kitchen and bathroom facilities, is a necessary step as are other projects such as insulation and interior improvements. Outdoor improvements to include a pavilion or stage for music and educational programs are also being planned. These projects will not happen overnight, but with continued support from local groups and the general public, we at SNH believe we can make this happen.

So, with an eye toward an exciting and productive 2022, all of us here at South New Hope wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Calendar of Activities - All activities at SNH

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| December 18, 2021, | Wreaths Across America, 10:00a.m. |
| Sunday, May 1, 2022 | Annual Meeting at the church;
1:00p.m. Election of Officers |
| June 10, 2022 | Wedding at South New Hope |

Please check our Facebook page for the latest updates of activities at South New Hope or email: info@southnewhope.org



South New Hope Cemetery Association

NEW HOPE POWERPOINT

A PowerPoint presentation on the history of the South New Hope church was presented to the Iola Historical Society on the evening of June 28, 2021 at their facility in Iola. Then, Ardie Stoltenberg and Sharon Ehr presented the program to the Sons of Norway at their monthly meeting held on August 9th at the Scandinavia Bowling alley. Both presentations were enthusiastically received and generated numerous questions and comments. The Iola Historical Society featured extensive coverage of the program in their summer newsletter "Window".

If your group or an organization would wish to have the program presented as a part of their regular meeting, please feel free to contact either Ardie Stoltenberg @715-824-7130 or Marshall Lysne @715-824-2347.



OUR LAWN CARE SPECIALIST

Anyone who drives by South New Hope Church usually takes at least one or two quick looks at its attractive park-like lawn and grounds. This year the credit for this meticulous work, week after week, belongs to Rick Meyer and his wife Natalie. Rick and Natalie joined us in early summer after our previous groundskeepers prepared for college and other areas of interest. A resident of Iola, Rick is a member of the Iola Village Board and also has the responsibility of being the Parks and Recreation director of that village. A retired auto sales representative and a home improvement specialist, Rick grew up in Broadhead, Wisconsin where he was a member of wrestling and track teams while in high school. Rick and Natalie enjoy fishing and kayaking and it is apparent from their work at SNH, that they enjoy and excel at gardening and lawn care as well.

11TH ANNUAL SOUTH NEW HOPE PIE SOCIAL HUGE SUCCESS



The 11th annual pie social at South New Hope was a huge success. Organized by Jill Burkowski and her sister Julie, the church was decorated in a fall harvest theme, and the weather contributed a beautiful day. There were about sixty donated pies of all types. From mixed berry to pecan, to key lime and the old standards of apple and pumpkin. There was even a touch of Norway with rosettes boxed and sold by the dozen. There were about 250 participants in the event.

The sanctuary of the church was open, and many visitors came to see the PowerPoint presentation of the history of South New Hope as well as enjoying the architecture of the original church unchanged since its construction in 1889.

Please remember the first weekend in October in 2022 for another chance to experience a tasteful and historically delightful day.

Duane Olson of Amherst Junction won the raffle of a basket of goodies and a nice bottle of wine.

Pie Social Raffle Winner



DID YOU KNOW?

1. The first called pastor for SNH was:
 - a. E.P.Kalstad
 - b. O.K. Ramberg
 - c. K.O. Eidahl
2. Construction of SNH Church began in:
 - a. 1888
 - b. 1889
 - c. 1890
3. Cost of initial construction of SNH was:
 - a. \$3250.00
 - b. \$1375.00
 - c. \$895.00
4. The altar painting by Ingeborg Boe was mounted in the church in:
 - a. 1896
 - b. 1905
 - c. 1898

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INTEREST IN SOUTH NEW HOPE CEMETERY LOTS INCREASING

In this past year-to-date, the South New Hope Cemetery Association has sold a total of 4 double lots. Since we have recently completed an official survey of the cemetery, and since there seems to be an increased interest in spending eternity amongst the verdant hills and fields of the New Hope area, we thought we should restate the rules and regulations of the cemetery as there have been some recent updates.

Burial Lots	Costs
1. Single lot.....	\$300.00
2. Double lot.....	\$600.00
3. Staking fee – May 1 - Nov 1	\$ 25.00
4. Staking fee – Nov 1 - May 1	\$ 50.00

Single lots allow one casket with a vault, plus one cremains urn.

All urns must be two feet or more beneath the ground surface.

Two cremains urns are allowed in a single lot.

Graves can only be opened after approval of the Boards of Trustees and only by qualified personnel.

Perpetual care pertains only to general care of the cemetery lawn and shrubbery. Straightening, repair or removing of headstones will be only permitted by a monument company or other qualified personnel.

Additional rules relative to live and artificial flower displays, gravesite decorations, times for removal of decorations, military flag standards and others may be requested at: info@southnewhope.org

FUTURE PROJECTS

There are a number of projects that are either in the planning stage or have been contracted to be completed.

The first is fan installation in the sanctuary. Fans are needed for air circulation in the sanctuary especially when events, such as weddings and other programs are planned in the summer months. In addition, because of the physical placement of the required wiring for operation of the fans, they must be installed prior to the application of insulation in the attic.

Attic insulation is a rather large and expensive project, but one which is required for the most efficient use of our temperature control system for possible year-round use of the building.

The next project on the agenda is the refurbishment of the sanctuary space. It is apparent to the most casual observer that to be attractive for potential events like a memorable wedding or anniversary ceremony, community hymn sings, religious and secular musical presentations, or important gatherings, the interior wall coverings desperately need be addressed. Center aisle carpet runners and altar area floor coverings are also areas of concern.

If anyone who has particular expertise in any of these projects or are interested in donating toward these projects, please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to discuss your interest. Please contact us at: info@southnewhope.org or call us at: 715-824-7130 (Arden Stoltenberg) or 715-824-2347 (Marshall T. Lysne).



Vorder Ordets Gjörere og ikke
dets Hörere alene, hvorved I
bedrage eder selv. Jak.1.22.

**Answer to last issue's
Norwegian quote:
[Bible Verse 1]**

“But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.”
James 1:22

Pictures from this year's FIRECRACKER PARADE



Fall WORKDAY PLANNED

Anytime you look back on a successful day of hard work and feel like you had a good time doing it, you have something you can smile about and be proud of. That is exactly what happened on September 25 at South New Hope. Three tractors, four chain saws, and a dozen determined workers cleaned up a mess of brush and fallen trees which had been left by one of Mother Nature's latest windstorms. Several loads of firewood and an equal amount of brush were cut up and hauled away by our volunteers. Many of the workers were veteran helpers, but we were pleased to have a few new eager faces join the group.

Inside the church, a very aggressive team of workers, headed up by our Grounds Coordinator Sharon Ehr, cleaned and reorganized the kitchen area in preparation for the upcoming pie social.

All of us on the SNH Board of Directors extend a very heartfelt thank you to all the folks who helped in this effort. We hope that you felt as happy and proud as we did at the end of the day.



FUND RAISING PROJECTS

South New Hope is always looking for ways to raise extra funds for the continuation of the church restoration project. Here are a few things that we have to offer in addition to the very successful Pie Social.

- 1. PARK BENCHES:** Skillfully crafted by our grounds coordinator Sharon Ehr and her family. Each bench is handmade with poured concrete ends and planed cedar planks. Brass plaques or wood engraving is available to designate the donor or honoree. Price \$500.00
- 2. CHURCH STYLE BIRDHOUSES:**
By Sharon Ehr and family. Price: \$25.00
- 3. CHRISTMAS BIRCH LOG CANDLE HOLDER SET:**
By our CEO Ardie Stoltenberg: Price: Large log: \$10.00; Small log: \$7.00
- 4. UNFRAMED PICTURES OF SOUTH NEW HOPE IN FALL:** Price: 5x7 \$5.00 8x10 \$10.00
We have only a limited number left.

If interested please drop us a line at: info@southnewhope.org



WREATHS -across- AMERICA

South New Hope will again be recognizing the 26 military service members interred in our cemetery. The service will be on December 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. If you are in the area, please make plans to attend to honor our fallen heroes.

Answer to "Did You Know" (from page 2)

1. O.K. Ramberg
2. 1889
3. \$1375.00
4. 1896