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## April 1, 2025 Ice Damage

The end of March ice storm left behind incredible damage to the SNH landscape, trees, fencing and shed roof. What a blessing that there was no damage to the church building or to a single headstone! Two headstones were turned slightly on their bases, but were easily move back into place.

A work crew of David Brazeau, David Breyhan, Jennifer Chirko, Roger Dobbe, Joe and Sharon Ehr, Donna and

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Above: Mike Huglen loading brush into Roger Dobbe's UTV trailer.

Left: Hard at work are Don Romundson and Roger Dobbe.

Below: Sally Prideaux and Don Romundson at the end of a work day.



## 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*

## 2025 Calendar of Activities

All activities at SNH

**Wednesday, May 14—8 a.m.** . Workday at the Church and Grounds

**Tuesday, May 20—9 a.m.** Waupaca Co. Historical Society Leaders Tour

**Tuesday, June 24—5 p.m** ..... Sons of Norway Annual Picnic

**Friday, July 4—2 p.m** .....Firecracker Celebration Gathering

**Saturday, July 26** ..... Private Wedding

**Wednesday, Sept 24—8 a.m.** Workday at the Church and Grounds

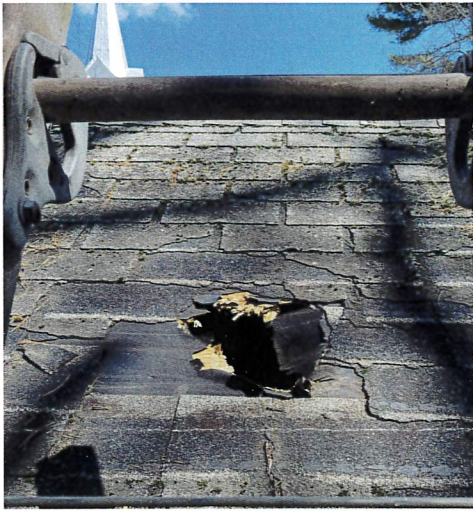
**Saturday, October 4—11 a.m. – 3 p.m.** .....14th Annual Pie Social

**Saturday, December 13—10:30 a.m.** ..... Wreaths Across America



# South New Hope Cemetery Association

## April 1, 2025 Ice Damage



*Large, ice laden branches fell onto the shed roof creating 2 large holes.*

*Below: Dan, Denise, Tom and Roger making a plan for the roof repair and replacement.*



*Shed roof and gutters work has been completed!*

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Mike Huglen, Sally Prideaux, and Don Romundson tackled the removal of fallen trees and branches over numerous days. The cemetery was back in immaculate condition when then work had been completed.

Two large branches had pierced through the back side of the shed roof. The roof was temporarily repaired until a new metal roof and rain gutter system were installed. The work was completed by Dale Dobbe, Roger Dobbe, Tom and Denise Maves, and Don Romundson with the use of Don's scaffolding to provide a safe work environment. Thank you to all the skilled volunteers!

The fence company that installed the chain link fence has been contracted to do the multiple location fence repairs. Quotes are being secured for the replacement of the black, aluminum fencing along Cty T.

SNH's insurance company has issued a check to pay for the repairs and replacement for the fencing and shed roof. Thank you to Thrivent for providing a grant to offset the costs of the workers food, beverages and a few tools.

This is a good time to reflect. This is a good time to begin on work on the interior of the church. Please support us in this restoration.



*Donna Huglen clears the driveway near one of many areas of damaged fence*

## Thrivent Action Teams

Are you a Thrivent member and interested in learning how to apply for an Action Team Dollars to support the South New Hope Cemetery and Church projects?

Thrivent provides members with up to two "Action Team" cards worth \$250 every year! Action Team grants can be used for projects and events at South New Hope Cemetery and Church. The grants are donated directly from Thrivent's business and not from Thrivent member's accounts. Call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 or go to [thrivent.com/action-team](https://thrivent.com/action-team) for more information. It's easy to apply and takes 5-10 minutes. Contact Sally Prideaux when you are ready to sponsor a Thrivent Grant for one of our many upcoming projects.

## Sons of Norway Annual Potluck – June 24th

The Sons of Norway Vennligblad Lodge is hosting their annual Midtsommer Picnic on the grounds of the lovely South New Hope Church with the gathering on Tuesday, June 24th at 5:00 PM. In case of rain, our picnic will be held in the basement Fellowship Room.

All Sons of Norway members and their friends and the South New Hope Trustees are welcome. This is a potluck with brats provided. Please contact Charlotte Hensler at 715-592-4916 to let her know you are coming. Plan to stay for a while after the picnic for sharing time together and to play a game of Kubb. Bring your lawn chairs, pleasant smiles and good weather with you to the picnic.

The height of summer, June 24, marks the longest, brightest day of the year for the Land of the Midnight Sun in Norway. After long dark winters, this time is a joyous celebration of a much-awaited summer.



# Spring Work Day 2025



Work Group (L to R) bottom row: David Brazeau, Barb Betro, center row: Sharon Ehr, Denise Maves, Sally Prideaux, back row: Don Romundson, Roger Dobbe, Tom Maves. Missing from the photo: Karen and Mike Lane, Micheal Hoffman and Lance Manthe



SNH church had a deep spring cleaning on May 14th with the help of 11 dedicated volunteers. The weather was perfect for washing windows and floors, edging the sidewalks and removing the winter dust from the balcony all the way down through the basement Fellowship Room. A special thank you to Thrivent for their grant to help support the event.

Lance Manthe, from Colorado, made this his 2nd annual spring work day while he was on vacation in central Wisconsin. We are so thankful to have this entire great group working together

***Thank You, All!***



## Norwegian Bible

This 1890 illustrated Norwegian Bible encased in a glass box was donated to the South New Hope Church by the Martin and Hannah Wrolstad family. Martin and Hannah were founding members of the church. They are both buried at the South New Hope Cemetery.

## Mange Tusen Takk:

...to the Trustees that have generously given their time and donations for all the repairs and maintenance of SNH property and grounds!

...to Mary Lou Marshall for her artistic graphic design and donated time for our Christmas letter and this newsletter!

...to Thrivent for providing Action Team Dollars to offset our mailing costs of this newsletter!

...to the neighbors that watch over the SNH grounds and church and take time to pick up sticks and sweep the walks throughout the year!

...to the numerous pie bakers, the volunteers and attendees at the Pie Social, so that the event can continue!



# Wreaths Across America 2024

The 2024 Wreaths Across America celebration at the South New Hope Cemetery was held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, December 14th.

A program was held in the church basement prior to the placement of wreaths on the veterans' graves. After MC Roger Dobbe welcomed the attendees, he gave a thoughtful and thought-provoking lecture on those that have fallen for our country. Students from the Amherst High School performed songs including the National Anthem. A history of the Wreaths Across America project and instructions on proper

wreaths laying followed. The next agenda item was a "roll call" with the names of the veterans buried in the cemetery. The church bell tolled once after each name was read. A wreath was placed on the veterans' grave, and each veteran was then thanked for his service to our country. Families of interned veterans were offered the opportunity to place the wreaths on the graves of their relatives.

The final official event was the playing of TAPS by Courtney Groholski, a student from the Amherst High School. Attendees were invited back into the church basement for refreshments and fellowship.

There were 27 wreaths ordered for the graves and with extra wreaths being delivered for the different branches of military service for display on the iron archway and fence in front of the church.

The Wreaths Across America event was made possible through a Thrivent grant and the efforts of many people.



*Respectfully laying a wreath on the graves of Torger Wesley (1835-1905) and Torger Peterson (1834-1905) is Jason Martin. Wesley and Peterson both served as Corporals in Company D of the 15th Wisconsin Infantry.*

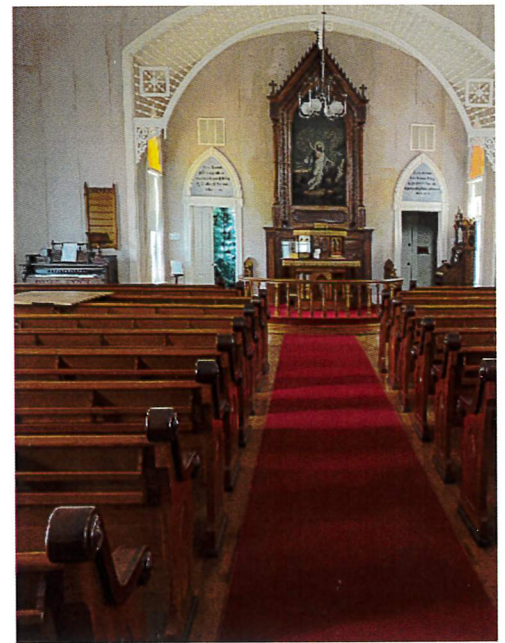


*Gary Anderson laid a wreath on the grave of his great-grandfather, Johan N Loberg 1837 - 1920. Johan was enlisted into Company B of the 47th Wisconsin Infantry.*



*Left corner: The Master of Ceremony was Roger Dobbe who gave a thoughtful and thought-provoking lecture on those that have fallen for our country.*

*Below: The youth performers providing patriot and holiday songs for the event: (L to R) Jason Martin, Layla Stremkowski, Sasha Gollon, Ila Culver, Sam Ruggles, and Cole Jensen.*



## New Church Carpet Runner and Altar Carpet

The church has a beautiful, new carpet runner and altar carpet in the same color as the original carpet! The runner was a gift from an anonymous Wrolstad family descendant. A group donation made by Roger Dobbe, Sharon Ehr, Mike and Donna Huglen, Sally Prideaux, and Don Romundson paid for the completed altar carpet and toward the future kneeling pad and/or pulpit cloth. Thank you all. What a lovely improvement in the appearance of the church!

