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South New Hope Cemetery and Church were blessed with a productive 2025!

The number of volunteers and attendees that came out to help at our work days and special events was tremendous. The camaraderie and joy of friends provided us with a fun environment while much work was accomplished.

Our monetary donors were a blessing. Six Thrivent Action Team Dollars were provided by sponsors, Roger Dobbe, Lucille Dobbe, and Don Romundson, to provide a total of \$1,500 in additional funds to support our 2 newsletters, 2 work days, the Pie Social, and the Wreaths Across America event. The Pie Social brought in almost \$2,000 in revenue. Please use the enclosed donation card. The restoration of the church's interior walls is our next goal!

Since the publication of the Summer 2025 newsletter, much exterior work has been accomplished with the contracting of Nate Harms. The church's metal roof and steeple have been repainted. The front of the church, the bell tower, and small areas of peeling paint on the other sides of the building have been scraped, primed and painted. Due to the age of the building, future touch-up painting will be necessary, but the church looks beautiful. The biggest challenge for Nate was to reach the top of the steeple with his lift and he successfully completed the job!

The wedding of Brian and Sandy Huglen was held just after the completion of the exterior painting. We welcome future weddings, funerals, and events at the church.

With all this support, we had a productive 2025.
Mange tusen takk to our volunteers and donors!



God Jul og Gott Nytt År!

or

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Sally

Board of Trustees President

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

2025-2026 Calendar of Activities

All activities at SNH

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

Tuesday, April 14, 11:30 a.m. SNH Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 8 a.m..... Workday at the Church and Grounds

Tuesday, June TBD, 5 p.m. Sons of Norway Annual Picnic

Saturday, July 4, 2 p.m. Firecracker Celebration Gathering

Wednesday, September 23, 8 a.m...... Church and Grounds Workday

Saturday, October 3, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. 15th Annual Pie Social

Saturday, December 12, 10:30 a.m...... Wreaths Across America

Any event changes/updates will be announced on the webpage.



South New Hope Cemetery Association

13th and 14th Annual Pie Socials



Welcome to the Pie Social. Note the Church's fresh paint on the front wall siding, the belltower, and the metal roof and steeple!



DeAngelo Maves provided the power for the pressed apple juice that was served at the event. The apples were provided by his grandparents, Dan and Denise Maves, from their apple trees. Dan and Sally Prideaux did the easy work of feeding the apples into the apple press.



Long line of guests hungry for pie! Decisions, decisions...



Only a few pies remained at 2:15 p.m. with more people arriving until 3 p.m. Uff da!



Susan and Arno Morton are annual guests at the pie social. Arno was teasing Gary Anderson about his thoughts on absconding with Gary's entire lime pie.



Descendents of J. Gerhard and Mary Anderson that have all volunteered for the pie social over the years (L to R): Julie (Thiege) Dillon, Kathleen (Anderson) Thiege, Gary Anderson, Jill (Thiege) Bukowski.

October 2024 -

What a fabulous donation of 68 delicious pies from our SNH neighbors and friends for the pie social which was a sold-out event! The hungry attendees were served pie, ice cream, coffee and apple juice by Julie Dillon and Jill Bukowski, Kathleen Thiege's two daughters, and our South New Hope Trustees. A bonus this year was the 10 baker's dozen Norwegian rosettes made by Pam Lysne.

October 2025 -

Our annual Pie Social was a great success due to the efforts of all the dedicated pie bakers providing 65 pies and the event volunteers! We are so blessed to have so many people supporting our efforts. This year, Thrivent Action Team Dollars of \$250 helped offset the cost of plates, cups, and plasticware. Pies, ice cream, whipped cream, apple juice and coffee were offered to the attendees.

Thank you to the dedicated pie bakers, many of whom have contributed their delicious pies since the first pie social event, and to the many new bakers. The bakers, with many baking multiple pies, are: Ruth Aanrud, Darlene Allen, Barb Betro, Julie Brazeau, Peg Breyhan, Jill Butkowski, Melba Carey, Julie Dillon, Roger Dobbe, Kathy Ehr, Judy Floistad, Ida Frizzell, Lloyd Groshek, Norm Groshek, Charlotte Hensler, Sandy Horvedt, Gayle Huglen, Jamie Lane, Karen Lane, Pat Ludeman, Denise Maves, Kathleen Miller, Gail Olson, Linda Packer, Sally Prideaux, Becci Roberts, Romona Romundson, Carol Romundson, Marlene Sannes, Kelley Scott, Margaret Shaw, Carla Struble, and Carol Wolding.

The 2025 Pie Social revenue of almost \$2,000 will help support the church's restoration fund with our goal of restoring the church's interior walls.



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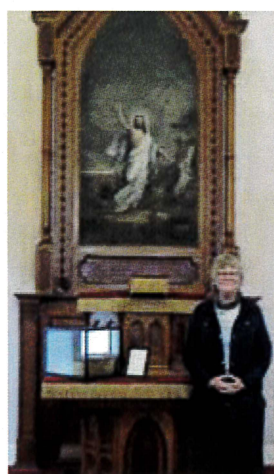
was held again this year at the South New Hope Church June 24. Despite high temperatures outside, great food and conversation were enjoyed by Vennligfolk members and guests alike inside!



Anna Josephine Frogner and Carl Clementson

Married on March 9, 1922 at South New Hope Lutheran Church, Anna and Carl lived on Clementson Road until they moved to Iola.

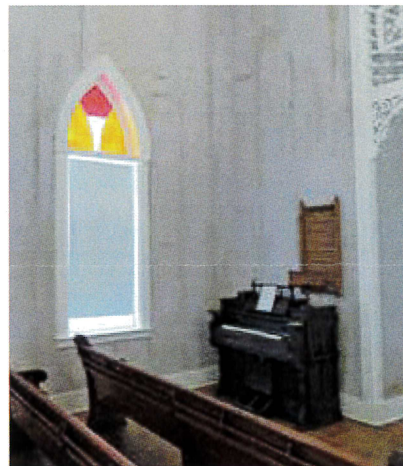
Standing on the altar on November 6th is their granddaughter, Barbara Clementson Klien during her visit to the church where she was greeted by Sally Prideaux and Gary and Elaine Anderson. Many family stories were shared. Gary remembered that during his youth he had been served generous scoops of ice cream by Vivian (Clementson) Wogsland at her Nelsonville restaurant. Vivian is a niece to Carl Clementson.



Sandra Ross & Brian Huglen Wedding

On July 26, Brian and Sandy Huglen were joined in marriage at South New Hope Church by officiant Craig Lambert, a Huglen family friend. Brian and Sandy's blended family of six adult children (three from each side) were in the wedding party. It was a lovely, July day and our church was the perfect setting for their nuptials.

Congratulations! Wishing you many joyous years together!



New Wall Treatment Is Our Next Goal!

South New Hope Church provides a lovely setting for weddings and other special events. Unfortunately, the beautiful, ivory colored wallpaper that was professionally installed in our church in the 1960's is showing its age. The

glue has come through the wallpaper, the edges have lifted and the color has become mottled.

The Board of Trustees would like to restore the interior walls by stripping the old paper and giving the walls a fresh wall treatment. We hope you'll be inspired to support our restoration efforts with a generous gift.

We welcome guests to visit the cemetery and church. Please contact one of the trustees should you be in the area and wish to have the doors of the church opened during your visit.

A Quiet Sitting Place

As the board of trustees have tried to encourage the use of our little church and grounds, I realized a number of years ago that a quiet place to sit and enjoy the surroundings might be a nice addition. I researched many types of ready-made benches and realized that heavy benches were quite costly. So, I decided to try and make one myself. I ordered reusable molds for the concrete ends and cut and planed and varnished donated wood for support, seats and backs. Three have been made and sold with proceeds going to church restoration. Each has a plaque attached to the back boards stating who donated it and in honor of whom. We truly appreciate the following families who purchased – Lindell, Dobbe and Peterson.

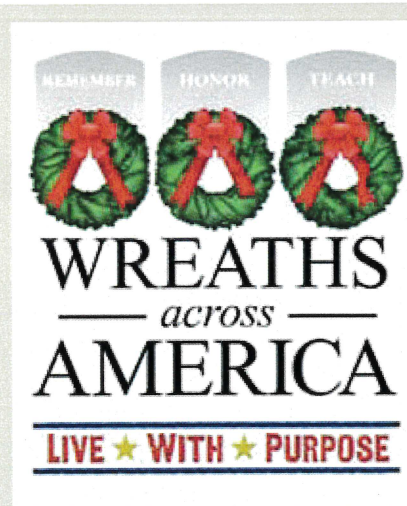
Submitted by Sharon L. Ehr



Fund Raising Items for Purchase

1. Custom made park benches available. Brass engraved plaque indicating donor or honoree. \$500.00
2. Church style bird houses: \$25.00
3. Limited number of unframed color pictures of South New Hope in the fall: 5 x 7 \$5.00 8 x 10 \$10.00
4. Book: *Water Like the Soul of An Angel: Memoirs of a Fisherman* by Jack Jelinski: \$20.00 See the article on page 3 for more information.

If interested in making a purchase, please contact us at southnewhope1889@gmail.com



South New Hope Church is among the organizations marking Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 13.

The nationwide event remembers deceased veterans, honoring all who have served and help teach the next generation the value of freedom.

We invite the public to join us at South New Hope Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. that day. After Roger Dobbe's presentation in the Fellowship Room, there will be a laying of the wreaths and the playing of taps. Cake and refreshments will then be served in the Fellowship Room.

All are welcome to sponsor a wreath or participate with us in the laying of the wreaths.

For more information on sponsoring a wreath, visit the church's website at www.southnewhope.com.

2026 Work Days

We welcome new volunteers to join our dedicated volunteers at our work days. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with people arriving throughout the morning. Most of the work ends around noon, yet people stay as long as they wish to work into the afternoon to complete tasks like picking up sticks, raking, or cleaning an area of the church. Food and beverages will be available throughout the morning. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy the day with those we've known for years.

Please join us. Many hands make for little work!

Mange Tusen Takk

...to the Trustees that have generously given their time, donations, for all the repairs and maintenance of SNH property and grounds!
...to Sharon and Joe Ehr for their dedication in building the cemetery benches!

...to Mary Lou Marshall for her artistic graphic design and donated time for our newspaper ads, flyers, and for our newsletters!

...to Don Romundson for contracting the downing and removal of the dying Cherry tree in the cemetery!

...to our 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 generous church and cemetery donors for continued maintenance and restoration.