

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NewDay Potluck

Our next potluck will be Sunday, November 5, immediately following the worship gathering. The theme for the potluck will be "International Foods"!

## Alpha Meets Monday Evenings

6:00-8:00 pm at Taco JED

Alpha is a community gathering over a meal while discussing faith and life's big questions. All are welcome. Contact derek@newdaycov.org to get involved.

## Middle School & High School Group Upcoming Opportunities

- Monday, October 23: Game Night at Friendship Place
- Monday, October 30: Pumpkin Carving & Costume Party
- Friday, November 3: All Nighter at the Mall of America

Contact melinda@newdaycov.org for more info.

## NewDay Game Night

On Friday, November 10, everyone at NewDay is invited to the Cabin at 7 PM for a Game Night! Bring your favorite game and come for a fun evening together. Snacks and desserts will be provided.

## NEWDAY WEEKLY EMAIL

If you would like to receive NewDay's Weekly Email, with information about upcoming community opportunities, write your name and email here, rip it off, and leave this at the Offering Table in the back.

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP GATHERING

Satisfy us in the morning with  
Your unfailing love, that we  
may sing for joy and be glad  
all our days.  
Psalm 90:14

NEWDAY COVENANT CHURCH

## *A New Day for NewDay*

A look into why we gather, from the book of Acts



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October 22, 2023  
Pastor Kari Jacott  
Reframing

# SCRIPTURE READING

## Acts 8:1-8

8 And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. 2 Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. 3 But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. 4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. 5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. 6 When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. 7 For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. 8 So there was great joy in that city.

## Acts 8:26-40

526 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." 34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

# NOTES

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## SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Reflect on a time in your life when you've had a change of plans, or things have not worked out the way you had hoped they would? What was it and what happened?
2. What was your response or reaction? Name some of your thoughts, feelings and behaviors that were a result.
3. The early church faced a quick and sudden persecution following Stephen's death. Many had to leave their homes, livelihoods and families as a result. Yet, they spread the Good News of Jesus "wherever they went" and became a mobile body of Jesus followers. How does their example encourage you today, if you face opposition because of your faith, or for the global church at large?
4. What were some of the after-effects that accompanied Stephen when he would go into towns, cities, healing in Jesus' Name?
5. Phillip was willing and ready to go when the Holy Spirit prompted him to. What do you think gets in the way of us living more like this today?
6. Can you recall a memory when you responded to the Holy Spirit's prompting?

Some things to pray for:

- More awareness and willingness to follow Jesus no matter what.
- Be attentive to the Holy Spirit this week as you go about your day.
- Notice the needs of people around you, and be willing to respond and help, in Jesus' Name.

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