

New Life News

February



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LITTLE BETHANY WELCA BIBLE STUDY

2:00 pm Tuesday, February 11th

NLLC COUNCIL

6:30 pm Wednesday, February 12th

ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30p,m Wednesday, February 26th

NEW LIFE & LITTLE BETHANY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Worship Times

Little Bethany - 8:45 a.m.
 New Life Lutheran 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion:

Little Bethany ~ First Sunday
 each month
 New Life ~ First and Third
 Sunday each month

Coffee Fellowship:

9:00 a.m. at NLLC
 9:35 a.m. at LBLC, 1st Sun. only

Sunday School

Kids Power in Christ at NLLC
 9:00 a.m. Sept-May

Youth Group at NLLC

Check the Youth Page

WELCA/Bible Studies:

2nd Tuesday of the Month
 1:30 NLLC
 2:00 Little Bethany

SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

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| February | Gary & Kari Johnson Brandon & Hillary Langfeld |
| March | Joe & Lori Tillman John & Diane Kunze |

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!



Diana's faith in Christ was very important to her, and she wanted that for her friends, as well. All through high school, she did her best to share her faith with others, especially her four best friends. She was never "preachy," but when the opportunity arose, she shared her faith story and what a difference Jesus made in her life. There were many late-night conversations touching on life and love, dreams and fears, right and wrong, death and what heaven might be like. Always, Diana sought to encourage her friends with the love of Christ.

After graduation the group of friends tried to stay in touch. Having moved to different parts of the country for college, the opportunities to gather dwindled and the deep conversations like the ones of old happened less often.

While Diana's friends always treated her with respect and even welcomed her sharing her faith, they never really invested themselves in their own faith journeys, and Diana was so very disappointed in this. She thought their lives could be so much better and more meaningful if they would turn to Jesus.

After college Diana accepted a job clear across the country and soon lost touch with her four friends, but never stopped praying for them. A number of years later, when she was able to come home for the Christmas holiday, she happened to run into one of those best friends at a local shopping mall.

Her friend was pushing a stroller and proudly introduced Diana to her young daughter who was 18 months old. Soon they relocated to a booth in a restaurant to catch up with one another. As the conversation continued, Diana discovered her friend wasn't married, she was raising her daughter on her own. She delved deeper and Diana's friend told how she had made one poor choice after another after college and she found herself in a very bad place. Wishing to forget about things for a while, she made another poor choice--she ended up at a party, drank too much, and passed out. That night she was raped, and she didn't even know by whom. It turns out that her daughter was the product of that rape.

As the friend continued to tell her story, Diana's friend shared that when she found out she was pregnant, she went to her parents. However, they had turned her away, saying, "You've embarrassed the family and yourself. What will people say! You got yourself into this, you'll have to get yourself out." After that, Diana's friend didn't know what to do. She told how she considered an abortion, but couldn't go through with it. At what's end, she came to a very dark place. She was so distraught, she said, that she was planning to take her own life.

"I'm so sorry this all happened to you!" Diana said. "I'm so sorry I wasn't there for you!"

"Don't be sorry, Diana," her friend countered. "You were there for me! In fact, if it wasn't for you, I wouldn't be here today, nor would my daughter! There I was, ready to down a bottle of pills and end it all. My life was passing before my eyes . . . and I remembered you. I remembered all those conversations we had. I remembered how you said so many times and in so many ways that we are never too far away from God that he cannot reach us and save us. Back then, I didn't understand; I couldn't understand. But as I held that bottle of pills, lost and shaking in fear and frustration, something clicked. That love of God you always spoke of and exuded, seemed to reach out and embrace me. I dropped the bottle and I wept.

I cried for so long I lost track of time. But, they were good tears, cleansing tears. I don't really remember how I got there, but eventually, I found myself at your old church.

How many times in high school had you invited me to come? But, I never did, did I? But that day, I did go. Your pastor—she's amazing. She sat and listened to me pour out my heart. Then, she took me to a shelter, and they were great. They never cast any blame around, they just accepted me! Then, they walked with me through my pregnancy and the birth. Your church has stuck by me, as well. They've welcomed me and my daughter. I thought they'd look down on me, but instead, they have just surrounded us with love.

Don't feel sorry for me, Diana. It has been a lot to go through; but I've gotten through it because of you! You planted those seeds in my heart, God caused them to grow. My daughter and I are here today, largely because of you and your persistent love. And we're in a good place. Thank you! Thank you for your faithfulness!"

Diana's heart melted; her eyes swelled with tears. "God is good," she thought as she and her friend embraced and wept together tears of acceptance and joy.

It is often easy for us to think that our witness for Christ doesn't really matter—but it does. We may not be around to see the harvest, but then, that's not our job, is it? Rather, it is our privileged purpose to simply sow the seeds, the seeds of love. In time and circumstance, God will cause them to grow. The thing is, if we don't ever plant the seeds, how can they ever grow?

We tend to think of February, because of Valentine's Day, as the month of love. Yes, the ground is frozen and covered with snow, but still, it's the perfect time for sowing the seeds of God's love.

Take care and God bless!

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Randy*

**New Life Lutheran Church
Unapproved Minutes
January 8, 2019**

New Life Lutheran Church Council met at 6:30 p.m. on January 8, 2020 at NLLC in Rothsay, MN. Present were: Mike Heidecker, Jessi Christ, Kristi Pfingsten, John Reber, Diane Kunze, Steph Curtis, Jessica Nelson, Lorin Hansen, Joyce Peterson, Pastor Randy, Char Boe and Renae Froslie.

The meeting opened with devotions from Kristi

1.0 Joyce made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Steph seconded it, motion carried.

2.0 Diane made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from Dec. 2019, Lorin seconded it, motion carried.

3.0 John made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Joyce seconded it, motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing Business

4.1 Technology Update.

Gavin Larson will not be doing sound. Chris Buckingham and John hard wired the internet in the sanctuary. Two new laptops were donated to the church by John. One will be utilized in the sanctuary and one was given to the youth

4.2 Job Descriptions

John made a motion to accept the new custodian job description as a working document Diane seconded it. Motion carried.

4.3 Stewardship Campaign

It is in transition waiting for the pledges to be entered into Icon.

4.4 Weather Protocol

Decision to close church will be made Saturday night by 8 pm. The office manager and pastor will contact WDAY, KVLV and Fox news stations. Facebook and the app will also be utilized.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Correspondence: NA

5.2 Upcoming events

January 26th Annual Meeting and Potluck

February 26th Ash Wednesday

5.3 2020 Budget Presentation

John made a motion to present the proposed budget to the congregation at the annual meeting. Diane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5.4 Secretary Transition—office hours/start date

Start date is January 14th.

5.5 2020 Council Devotional Schedule Sign up

John will take February for devotions.

5.6 Signers on the General and Youth Account

Motion by John that Patrice Ziegler and Renae Froslie are authorized signers on the NLLC General Fund at FSB of Rothsay and that Kristi Pfingsten will be taken off the account. Seconded by Joyce. Motion carried. Motion by John the Patrice Ziegler and Jessica Nelson are authorized signers on the NLLC Youth Account at FSB of Rothsay and Kristi Pfingsten will be taken off the account. Joyce seconded the motion. Motion carried. Change in signers will be effective February 1, 2020

6.0 **Pastor's Report—**

Randy talked about a number of ideas he has for the new year. Full report is on file in the office.

7.0 Youth Director's Report – Jess is looking into new venues to let the youth know about upcoming events. Snapstories is one and also Tick Tock. In Sunday School they have been talking about forgiveness and relationships. Service Project for February will be valentines for shut ins. These will include college students and veterans. Went to Sky zone on Jan. 12.

8.0 Office Manager's Report— No Report

9.0 WELCA - No Report

10. NLLC Foundation Report—Derrick Pfingsten, Thomas Webster, and Sarah Peterson received scholarships. Foundation will offer donations for quilt materials, Sharefaith Website, and the scholarships listed above.

11. Committee Reports

Worship and Music: Not meeting in January.

Education: Steph Curtis is working with Steph Olson to become council representative.

Evangelism and Mission/Family Life and Social

Concerns: Movie in February along with soup. Looking for a project for Lenten service. All the tags were filled for the angel tree. Trying to find ways to get people more involved such as nominate your neighbor for a hidden talent.

Church Property: Light in fellowship hall repaired.

Stewardship: See 4.3

Meeting closed at 8:30 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristi Pfingsten

Groundhog Day

Sun. Feb 2nd

Join us for
Family time
& Sub
Sandwiches



Bring a dish of your favorite



Super Bowl Food or Snack



Movie:
Groundhog
Day

Sunday Feb 2, 2020

11:20am - 1:45pm

Evang., Family Life & Social
Committee

*"Associate yourself with men
of good quality if you esteem
your own reputation, for 'tis
better to be alone than in bad company"*

- George Washington



You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of
an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:32

The following is a list of our members who are either
in a nursing home or are homebound. If you are
nearby and have a few minutes to spare, most of
them would love to have you stop by and say Hello.
You can always call ahead and see if a visit would be
welcomed.

Berdella Sogn ~ 394 Woodland Dr. #109,
Fergus Falls. (Phone 998-7262)

Alvin Johnson ~ 394 Woodland Dr. #110,
Fergus Falls. (Phone 998-7262)

Debbie Faulkner ~ 1131 Mabelle Ave. Room B-209
Fergus Falls (Pioneer Care)

Cynthia, (Pioneer Care) Coordinator (218-739-7700)

Lonny Western ~ 117 E Hilltop Dr. Fergus Falls
(218-739-5613)

Delores Lerbakken ~ Rosewood on Broadway,
1351 N. Broadway, Fargo, (701-277-7999)

Gilman Nord ~ 215 E. Skogmo Blvd. Apt.13 Fergus
Falls, MN 56537

Phyllis Balken ~ 1315 S. Mable Ave.
Fergus Falls, MN 56537 (218-998-9974)

If you know of someone who should be on this list,
please call Kristi at the church office.

Attention Shoppers!!!

The holiday shopping season is upon us and we need your help! We are accepting new items to put together raffle baskets for our Meatball Dinner Fundraiser. We all love a great deal so please be on the lookout for items to donate to make our baskets great! Here is a list of items we are currently looking for:

Snow Day Fun

Toboggan
Saucer sled
Snowball maker
Igloo maker
Snow paint
Chap stick
Hot chocolate
Marshmallows
Hand warmers
Boot warmers
Mittens (adult and children)
Hats (adult and children)
Gloves (adult and children)
Scarves

Winter Survival Kit

Collapsible Shovel
Hats
Scarves
Mittens
Hand warmers
Boot warmers
Matches
Flashlight
Granola Bars
Jumper Cables
Small galvanized can and candle
Blanket
First aid kit
Spare Batteries for flashlight
Pencil and paper
Red bandana

Movie Night

Microwave popcorn
Flavored popcorn salts
Family friendly movies
Comedy movies
Western movies
Pop
Movie candy
Popcorn bowl
Popcorn bags
Snuggly Blanket

Kid's Creation

Washable Markers
Paints
Paint brushes
Playdough
Crayons
Construction Paper
Kids scissors
Glue sticks
Coloring books
Stickers
Googly eyes
Pipe cleaners
Foam shapes
Drawing paper

Spa at Home

Basket
Lotions
Bath salts
Bathrobe
Fluffy slippers
Facial Kits
Massage oils
Pedicure kit
Manicure kit
Bath gels
Bath poofs
Loofa scrubs
Relaxation candle
Relaxation CD
Any items for self-pampering!!!

Wrap it up!

Christmas wrapping paper
Birthday wrapping paper
Baby wrapping shower paper
Wedding wrapping paper
Bows
Assorted Ribbon (tulle, satin, etc.)
Scissors
Scotch tape
Gift bags
Tissue paper
Gift tags

Baker's Dream

Rolling pin
Rolling board with cloth cover
Assorted cookie cutters
Cookie stamps
Cookie scoops
Measuring cups
Measuring spoons
Cookie Sheets
Bundt cake pan
Cake pan
Sprinkles
Colored sugars
Cupcake liners
Cupcake tin
Flat spatula
Apron
Oven Mitts
Mixing Bowl
Hand held mixer
Assorted extracts

Game Night

Board games – Adult and children's games
Card games – Adult and children's games
Regular decks of cards
Dice
Dice shaker
Snacks – chex mix, microwave popcorn
Pop
Small note pads for score keeping



If you come across great deals on other items such as electronics, small kitchen appliances, etc. those make great raffle items too!!

There will be baskets available at the church for you to leave your donations. Keep your receipts to turn them into the church office to get your last minute tax deductions.

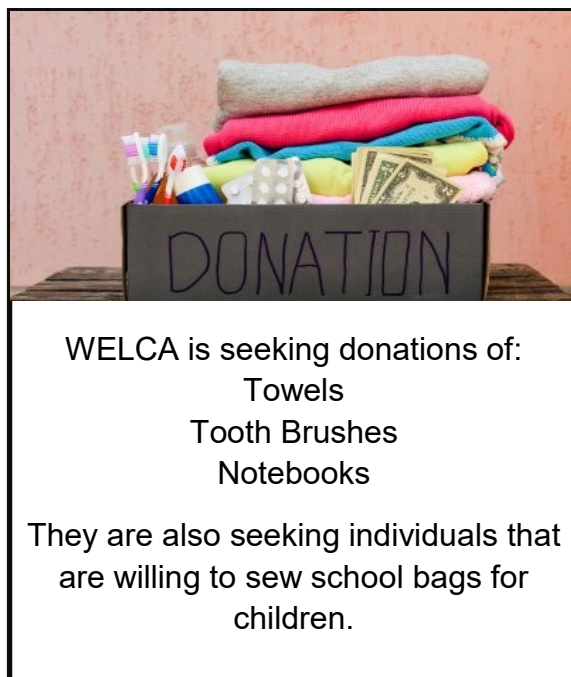
“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”



Circle Meetings

Little Bethany WELCA
2:00 pm Tuesday, February 11th

NLLC WELCA MEETING
1:30 pm Tuesday, March 10th



WELCA is seeking donations of:
Towels
Tooth Brushes
Notebooks

They are also seeking individuals that
are willing to sew school bags for
children.



Baby Shower

Shannon (Wilde) Bilden
Saturday, February 8th

9:30am

Kellsey Steeves
Saturday, February 22nd

11:00 am



Check-Out Romance

"I met my husband while I was working in a science library. He came in every week to read the latest journals and eventually decided to take out the librarian instead of the books. After a year and a half of dating, he showed up at the library and started rummaging through my desk. I asked what he was looking for, but he didn't answer. Finally he unearthed one of the rubber stamps I used to identify reference books. 'Since I couldn't find the right engagement ring,' he said, 'this will have to do,' and he firmly stamped my hand. Across my knuckles, in capital letters, it read NOT FOR CIRCULATION."

Contributed by Ruth E. Chodrow

Applying Bible Principles

Two men were visiting a factory where they were shown the rooms where huge machines were operating. Inside those rooms, the noise level was extremely high. Then the guide showed them a smaller room which was very quiet. One of the men commented that there was not much going on in this particular room. To which the guide replied, "This is the most important room in the entire plant. This is where the power comes from to run the huge machines. We call this room 'The Quiet Room.'" In the same way, the "power room" of the Christian life is the place where we daily meet and commune with God. It's where we find strength and power to meet the challenges that await us. Why don't we do that more often? Why for many of us is our private time of devotions sort of "hit and miss," with a greater emphasis on the "miss" than on the "hit"? Could it be that we do not sense our need of spending time alone with God each day?

The apostle Paul wrote, "Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God" (2 Cor. 3:5). In other words, on our own, we cannot live the Christian life. We are powerless to be what God wants us to be and to live as God wants us to live. "Our competence comes from God." That is why it's important for us to make time in our busy schedules for time alone with God.

Horatio Bonar, a minister who lived in the 1800s, knew this truth. This is how he expressed it in one of his hymns:

*Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with Thee the royal wine of Heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
I have no help but Thine; nor do I need Another arm save Thine to lean upon;
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.*

Think about this: There is no demand made upon your life or mine which isn't a demand upon the life of Christ in us. Only as we spend time alone with him, meditating upon the Word of God, bringing our requests in prayer, and receiving fresh strength can we be the kind of Christian God wants us.

Do you want to be effective in serving the Lord here at New Life? Do you want to do more than just go through the motions of Christian service? Do you want your efforts to make an impact on people for the sake of the Gospel and for eternity? Then realize that your strength and power come only from the "power room" of spending time daily in the Lord's presence so that you will have all that you need for the day ahead.

Inspirational Confidence Story -Abraham Lincoln

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln had two business ventures fail, lost 8 different elections and had a complete nervous breakdown before becoming president in 1816? His story is a great inspirational confidence story in that he shows how if you just keep moving towards your dream, you'll eventually make it. Abraham Lincoln overcame great setbacks and obstacles on his journey. Take a look at the synopsis of his life and see whether you would have had the courage to continue on.

Amazing how much he went through yet he kept on going. A lot of people would have given up after the first failed business. Abraham Lincoln is a perfect example of why you can't let setbacks knock you down for long. His life made a difference in the world and yours can too, if you just keep going after your dreams.

³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.
Romans 5:3-4

by Catherine Pratt
www.Life-With-Confidence.com

DIY Window Clings

Kid's Page



Want to make your own heart window cling?

Here's what you need:

- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Construction paper
- Multicolor tissue paper
- Transparent contact paper

Start by cutting hearts from pieces of construction paper.

The hearts can be as large or small as you wish, as long as the finished size fits into the transparent contact paper.

Use a hole punch to create a starting point for removing the center of the heart.



Next,
Cut tissue paper into small strips/squares.

Remove the backing from the transparent contact paper to expose the adhesive, lay the contact paper smooth side down on a table. Position the red construction paper heart on top of it. Make sure that the contact paper extends around the outside of the heart. Get creative and overlap pieces of tissue paper on the inside of the heart. The tissue paper will stick to the adhesive side of the contact paper.



Finally,

trim excess contact paper from around the edge of the heart, leaving roughly 1/2" overhang.

Apply the clings to a clean window and enjoy the light streaming through the transparent tissue paper.

Pencil in on your calendars

Sunday, February 16th
Snow People Building Contest
(Weather Permitting)
And other snow/winter games
Location TBD but will be in
Rothsay.
Cookies and Hot Cocoa with
devotions at the church.




Service Opportunity



Saturday, February 1st
Feed My Starving Children
Sign up with Jessica ASAP
She needs to register spots.
Meet at the church at 10 am.
We will serve from 11 am- 1 pm.
Lunch at the Truck Stop afterwards.



New Life Lutheran Church Little Bethany Lutheran Church

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 8:45am Worship at LB 9am Sunday school NL 9am Coffee Hour NL 10am Worship at NL 11:20am Groundhog Day Potluck | 3 4:30pm Tai Ji Quan | 4 | 5 5:30pm Confirmation 6pm WOW 7pm Confirmation | 6 3:30pm 5 th Grade Youth Hour 4:30pm Tai Ji Quan | 7 | 8 9:30am Shannon (Wilde) Bilden Baby Shower |
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| 23 8:45am Worship at LB 9am Sunday School NL 9am Coffee Hour NL 10am Worship at NL | 24 4:30pm Tai Ji Quan | 25 | 26 6:30pm Ash Wednesday | 27 3:30pm 5 th Grade Youth Hour 4:30pm Tai Ji Quan | 28 | 29 |



February Birthdays

The following is a list of the January birthdays as listed in our church records. If your name should be on the list and isn't (or is on the list and shouldn't be), please call the church office.

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| 2/01 ~ Roger Sundby | 2/16 ~ Amy Meyer |
| 2/04 ~ Bill Nitz | 2/16 ~ Gene Nord |
| 2/04 ~ Kristi Friederichs | 2/18 ~ Mary Jensen |
| 2/06 ~ Ron Amundson | 2/21 ~ Connor Majerus |
| 2/06 ~ Janice Rudh | 2/22 ~ Phyllis Balken |
| 2/08 ~ Pasha Boyce | 2/22 ~ Jennifer Honer |
| 2/08 ~ Korene Moore | 2/22 ~ Kelly Nelson |
| 2/12 ~ Frank Ringer IV | 2/23 ~ Kristen Hanson |
| 2/13 ~ Lynn Brenden | 2/23 ~ Diane Haugrud |
| 2/14 ~ Tanner Heier | 2/25 ~ Noah Brenden |
| 2/14 ~ Paul Ihland | 2/26 ~ Cale Brandt |
| 2/15 ~ Wyatt Curtis | 2/26 ~ Ariana Hansen |
| 2/15 ~ Betty Magnusson | 2/26 ~ Jorolf Ronnevik |
| 2/16 ~ TyAnn Anderson | 2/27 ~ Cora Honer |
| 2/16 ~ Dana Holland III | 2/27 ~ Merlin Watterud |
| 2/16 ~ Harold Larson | 2/28 ~ Shauna Schleeter |



February Anniversaries

The following is a list of the January Anniversaries as listed in our church records. If your names should be on the list and aren't or are on the list and shouldn't be), please call the church office.

2/15 ~ Clifford & Marilyn Moen

February SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS



Looking for Volunteers



SCRIPTURE READERS FOR FEBRUARY

February 2
February 9
February 16 Jessica Nelson
February 23
February 26 John Reber



Website/Mobile Directory/App

Website: www.newlifeparish.net

Mobile Directory: <https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/177579/new-life-lutheran-church>

Access Code: **92017**



App: Download **sharefaith** app from google play or the app store. Open sharefaith app Church is



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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«CITY, STATE» «Z1P»

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February Bible Reading Schedule:

Feb 1: Ex 7-9
Feb 2: Ex 10-12
Feb 3: Ex 13-15
Feb 4: Ex 16-18
Feb 5: Ex 19-21
Feb 6: Ex 22-24
Feb 7: Ex 25-27
Feb 8: Ex 28-29
Feb 9: Ex 30-32
Feb 10: Ex 33-35
Feb 11: Ex 36-38
Feb 12: Ex 39-40
Feb 13: Lev 1-4
Feb 14: Lev 5-7

Feb 15: Lev 8-10
Feb 16: Lev 11-13
Feb 17: Lev 14-15
Feb 18: Lev 16-18
Feb 19: Lev 19-21
Feb 20: Lev 22-23
Feb 21: Lev 24-25
Feb 22: Lev 26-27
Feb 23: Num 1-2
Feb 24: Num 3-4
Feb 25: Num 5-6
Feb 26: Num 7
Feb 27: Num 8-10
Feb 28/29: Num 11-13