

# New Life News



## NLLC COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mike Heidecker, President  
701-866-7235 mheidecker@rdequipment.com

Jessi Christ, Vice President  
218-329-7496 jessi.christ@gmail.com

Brenda Balken, Secretary  
701-771-0004 brendamae88@yahoo.com

Joyce Peterson, Evangelism, Family Life & Social Concerns Committee  
mjpeterson@rothsay.us

Diane Kunze, Worship Committee  
218-671-0031 dianehansen\_link@hotmail.com

Stephanie Olson, Education Committee  
218-867-2546 blahbob@yahoo.com

Jessica Nelson, Youth Committee  
701-412-6512 jessica.l.krick@gmail.com

John Reber, Stewardship Committee  
218-770-8145 john.reber@gmail.com

Lorin Hansen, Property Committee  
218-867-2252

## 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

### 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

### NEW LIFE CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

1:30 pm Tuesday, May 12th - TENTATIVE

### LITTLE BETHANY WELCA BIBLE STUDY

2:00 pm Tuesday, April 14th - TENTATIVE

### NLLC COUNCIL

6:30 pm Wednesday, April 8th

### LENTEN SUPPERS

Wed., April 1st - ACTIVITIES & MEAL CANCELLED

### LENTEN SERVICES

Wed., April 1st - ACTIVITIES & SERVICE CANCELLED

### PALM SUNDAY

Sun., April 5th - ACTIVITIES & SERVICE CANCELLED

### MAUNDAY THURSDAY

Thurs., April 9th - ACTIVITIES & SERVICE CANCELLED

### GOOD FRIDAY

Fri., April 10th - ACTIVITIES & SERVICE CANCELLED

### EASTER SUNDAY

Sun., April 12th - ACTIVITIES & SERVICE CANCELLED

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sun., April 19th - RESCHEDULED FOR OCT. 25th, 2020

### SEEDS OF HOPE SUNDAY

10:00 am Sunday April 26th - TENTATIVE

### Office Manager Hours

CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WITH QUESTIONS OR UPDATES

## **NLLC Committee Members**

\* Bold are just to help differentiate each individual and their contact information.

(If you are on this list and your information is incorrect or missing please contact Patrice in the office)

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>Christian Education:</b>	Hillary Langfeld <b>Missy Amundson</b> Nikki Oien	hillary_johnson@hotmail.com <b>meshelman@hotmail.com</b> n_august16@hotmail.com
<b>Church Property:</b>	Brian Buchholz <b>John Kunze</b> Jon Reber	btbuch81@rrt.net
<b>Evangelism, Family Life, &amp; Social Concerns:</b>	Marlowe Rasmusson <b>Nancy Aaberg</b> Tracy Buchholz <b>Faith Waldoch</b> Linda Haarstad <b>Gail Reber</b>	marlowe@rtelnet.net  btbuch81@rrt.net <b>waldochf@yahoo.com</b> haarstad.linda@gmail.com <b>gail.reber@gmail.com</b>
<b>Stewardship:</b>	Tammy Lankow <b>Bruce Brenden</b> Kristen Heidecker	tmoenlankow@gmail.com <b>kbrenden@hotmail.com</b> kheidecker@rothsay.k12.mn.us
<b>Worship &amp; Music:</b>	Heather Reber <b>Jennifer Honer</b> Steph Curtis	hreber@rothsay.k12.mn.us <b>stacyandjen@yahoo.com</b> scurtis@rothsay.k12.mn.us
<b>Youth:</b>	Kari Carlsrud <b>Kellie Barry</b> Heather Nelson	jkcarlsrud@yahoo.com <b>kopsahl11@icloud.com</b> Heather.Nelson@state.mn.us
<b>NLLC Foundation Board:</b>	Julie Brenden <b>Eric Nelson</b> Mike Heidecker <b>Chris Heier</b>	jbrenden@rtelnet.net <b>enelson58@gmail.com</b> mheidecker@rdoequipment.com
<b>Council Representative:</b>	John Reber	john.reber@gmail.com
<b>NLLC Cemetery Board:</b>	Harry Opsahl <b>Kim Lang</b> Tom Jensen <b>Kevin Watterud</b> Alan Brandt <b>Warren Helgeson</b>	   <b>kskj@rothsay.us</b>
<b>Service Group Coordinators:</b>	Elaine M Balken <b>Tracy Buchholz</b> Deb Opsahl	ewbalken@rtelnet.net <b>btbuch81@rrt.net</b> dopsahl59@icloud.com
<b>Nominating Committee:</b>	Steph Curtis <b>Doris Moen</b> Heather Reber <b>Mary Jo Gaugler</b> Bruce Brenden <b>Lynn Brenden</b>	scurtis@rothsay.k12.mn.us <b>wadomoen@prtcl.com</b> hreber@rothsay.k12.mn.us <b>cupajo28@hotmail.com</b> kbrenden@hotmail.com
<b>Audit Committee:</b>	Arnie Moen <b>Dan Froslic</b> Natacha Evans	amoen@rtelnet.net <b>danfroslic@gmail.com</b>
<b>Synod Assembly Delegates:</b>	Marlowe Rasmusson <b>Faith Waldoch</b>	marlowe@rtelnet.net <b>waldochf@yahoo.com</b>

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



Grace and peace to you in the name of our loving God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. "A new normal" is what they are calling it—life under the threat presented by the COVID-19 virus. Social distancing is another term we've been hearing. It means to physically separate ourselves from others, put a greater space between us and others to help slow down or possibly stop the spread of this virus. As the church, because we value one another and our neighbors so highly, we are doing our best to comply with the best advice of our health professionals. In the coming weeks, we will be, in a sense, taking a sabbath from doing the sabbath as we usually do. We will not be gathering physically in our church buildings, or anywhere else. The danger, according to health officials is just too great. Instead, we will have to rely on our modern technology to, as best it can, bring us together and sustain us as a community in the coming weeks, possibly months. At this point we just don't know a definite timeline. And, as you know, it's not just the church, it's pretty much the whole of our society that must make adjustments, and patiently, graciously, obediently wait it out.

While part of me laments greatly the incursion upon my life and yours, another part of me has been recalling some advice I received from a wise, old professor at seminary 30 some years ago. He said something like this: "There will be times in your life and in the life of the world when circumstances will seem to be conspiring against you, and so much of what you have come to rely on will seem to be crumbling beneath your feet. In those times, while it may seem that God has abandoned you, he has not. More likely, amidst the chaos and calamity, God is drawing ever closer to you, reducing the distance you and the world have introduced between yourselves and God. Rather than dwelling on what you have lost or feel you are losing, flip it all over and take another look. Perhaps from that perspective you will discover, not the curse you think you are experiencing, but the incredible gift of new life and renewed hope God is offering.

According to a Greek legend, in ancient Athens a high-ranking soldier noticed the great storyteller Aesop (author of Aesop's Fables) playing what seemed like childish games with some local kids. The soldier haughtily laughed and chided Aesop, derisively asking him why he wasted his time in such frivolous activity.

Aesop looked at the man for a moment, then responded by picking up a nearby bow. Aesop bent the bow, loosening its string, and placed the unstrung bow on the ground. Then he said to the critical soldier, "Now, answer this riddle, if you can. Tell us what the unstrung bows implies."

The soldier looked at it for several moments but had no idea what point Aesop was trying to make. Finally, Aesop explained, "If you keep a bow always strung, always bent, it will eventually assume that shape and lose its power or break; right? But if you let it go slack, it will be more fit for use when you want and need it. My friend," Aesop said, "people are like that."

I think Aesop was right, people are like that. We all need to take some time--to get unstrung from what many call the rat race of life. Perhaps, when we flip this whole thing over and look at it from a new perspective, we might just discover that God, amidst the chaos and calamity, is somehow drawing ever closer to us, reducing the distance we and the world have introduced between ourselves and God. Rather than dwelling on what we feel we are losing, maybe we can discover an incredible gift of new life and renewed hope? Perhaps we can take this time, this opportunity to rest and play seemingly frivolous games with our kids. Perhaps we can reclaim what it is to be family. Perhaps we might have enough time and distance to re-evaluate our priorities, re-sculpt our calendars, and re-embrace the loving God that draws ever closer to us.

In the coming weeks we will do our best to provide you with worship opportunities, daily devotions, and activity suggestions online. Also, by mail for those who do not have access to "the web." If you have suggestions to help others through this "new normal" time, please let us know so we can add them to our list.

I will be praying for you: for your safety, your health, that you might have a deep well of patience and grace, and that we all might find the gracious presence of God... even amidst the sense of chaos.

Yours in Christ,

*Randy Whitehead*

Pastor, New Life and Little Bethany Lutheran Churches

**New Life Lutheran Church**  
**Unapproved Minutes**  
**March 11, 2020**

New Life Lutheran Church Council met at 7:25 p.m. on March 11, 2020 at NLLC in Rothsay, MN. Present were: Jessi Christ, Brenda Balken, John Reber, Diane Kunze Jessica Nelson, Steph Olson, Joyce Peterson, Lorin Hansen, Randy Whitehead, Patrice Ziegler, Renae Frosle, Avis Weise, and Char Boe.

The meeting opened with devotions from Randy

- 1.0 Lorin made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Jessica seconded it, motion carried.
- 2.0 Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from February 2020, Jessica seconded it, motion carried.
- 3.0 John made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Brenda seconded it, motion carried.
- 4.0 Ongoing Business

**4.1 Technology update** – John suggested we find a way to stream Sunday services and is looking for recommendations on how to run it, Jessica suggested it could be something that confirmation students can use as worship points to run.

**4.2 2020 Council Devotional Schedule sign up**

The rest of the members chose their months on the Calendar

**4.3 New Council Member Introduction**

Everyone introduced themselves to those present.

**5.0 New Business**

**5.1 Correspondence:**

Insurance quote from Church Mutual. Renae was going to look it over and compare it to the current insurance we have.

Julie Jerger with the Easter Cantata Choir sent a Facebook message to the church and they would like to perform on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Joyce made a motion to have them come perform, Diane seconded, motion carried.

Wilkin Soil & Water Conservation District would like to have us join in their observance of Soil & Water Stewardship week, April 26 - May 3. They will be sending us 100 Information pages to be given to the congregational members.

**5.2 Upcoming Events:**

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Council Lenten Supper. Decided to have a Chili bar. Council decided who was to bring what for the meal.

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Maunday Thursday service at Little Bethany with communion

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday service at New Life

April 12<sup>th</sup> - Easter.

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation. Pastor Randy talked to Dan Pflugsten about making the crosses for Confirmation this year.

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Seeds of Hope Sunday

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> responder appreciation/potluck Will need to be moved to a different day due to a baptism and First Communion

- 6.0 Pastors Report** – Confirmation retreat went well, there were 13 kids, Jessica, and Randy that attended. Randy would like to say a big “Thank you” to Mary Jp, Jessica, and Eric Nelson for allowing the weekend to happen the way it did.

Lenten season is progressing well and attendance is up this year. Randy would like to give a big “Thank you” to Joyce for coordinating the animals and playing the organ.

- 7.0 Youth Report** – Youth Committee had 2 meetings. They are going to begin to sell stocks in the end of April or May and then again in the fall. They will be in \$10.00 increments.

Senior's & youth will be serving Easter breakfast again this year.

The committee plans on getting a calendar of events set up for the big events coming up in the next year.

Attendance for youth Sunday school has been low but is expected to pick up once winter is over.

Family service day is planned for the end of the month.

- 8.0 Office Managers Report** – There is one family that would like to discontinue their membership. Council told Patrice to remove them and follow through with any transfer information.

Crystal Piekarski from Marco met with Patrice on March 3<sup>rd</sup> she wanted to introduce herself and go over the current contract since she is our new agent. Crystal asked Patrice to see if there is any interest in getting a color printer instead of the current one from the council. At this time the council decided there isn't really a need.

Patrice let the council know there are 4 families looking to possibly join the church. Joyce was going to discuss setting up a New Member Sunday.

There is a baptism for Dante Joe March on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- 9.0 WELCA** – Avis and Char recommend washing and polishing the pews before the floor in the Sanctuary get redone.

The kitchen mats in the kitchen need to be washed or replaced. Council asked Patrice to look in to purchasing new mats.

Tour of Tables is coming up and WELCA would like to get a better review this year than last.

Avis was able to get the tax refunded from the purchase of the chairs which was \$341.91. WELCA would like to put this money towards the purchase of a freezer for the church.

There was an anonymous donor of \$100.00 to go towards the purchase of a blender, Avis was going to talk to Julie Brenden to see which type of mixer is needed.

WELCA is asking that the church not loan out the chairs for different events and suggests if someone asks for chair use, we refer them to the REC in town to utilize their chairs. This will preserve the chairs and keep them from getting damaged.

Four women came and cleaned out the pantry. They are asking that before ordering things for the pantry we run it by WELCA or have a sign up sheet to help with the overabundance of products already owned.

Avis mentioned that n order to change the membership at SAMS club we needed to have a Letterhead stating that Kristi is no longer working at the church. The council suggested that Jessica & Patrice have their names put on the cards, John made the motion, Diane seconded, motion carried. There is currently \$100.00 in rewards from the purchase of the chairs and that money will go to WELCA since they made the purchase.

- 10. NLLC Foundation report** – There was a CD that matured on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and that CD was renewed

**11. Committee reports:**

**Worship & Music** – Palm Sunday there will be a butterfly craft during Sunday school. There will also be donuts, juice, and coffee. There will also be a tree set up in front of the Sanctuary so the children can put their butterflies on it during the service.

Easter the music & worship committee has been discussing having a brass or choral piece for the service

The clipboards for reader and sound volunteers will be passed around instead of just sitting by the office to try to boost congregation involvement.

**Education** – Steph Olson said that VBS is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday school met their goal this last month is offering, and the kids were rewarded with ice cream.

Joyce said she had some piano accompany books that she would be willing to give Sunday school to look through.

**Youth** – see 7.0

**Evangelism and Mission/Family Life and Social Concerns** Joyce said that she would like to have some type of event to help Reygan Balken raise money for her mission that she discussed with the church on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>.

She will also be looking into a date for a new member Sunday. Recognize and welcome any new members into the congregation during worship and also have a potluck following.

**Church Property** – Lorin is still waiting on a quote for the emergency light battery replacement from lightspeed electric. One of the flower beds needs to be replaced when it warms up. Lorin was going to take a look at the pothole in the parking lot and put cones up.

**Stewardship** - No report

Meeting closed at 8:53 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Patrice Ziegler*



102 Main Avenue West  
PO Box 278  
Rothsay, Minnesota 56579  
Office phone: 218-867-6557  
Office email: [newlife@rtelnet.net](mailto:newlife@rtelnet.net)

Friday, March 20, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With heavy hearts, we write to you to announce that we have decided, for the safety of our congregation and staff, to close the New Life Church building to all activities and worship services until further notice. This means that in-person worship services for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday along with any activities have all been cancelled. There will be no Sunday school, Confirmation, youth hours or events, or any other activities happening during this time. Please note Confirmation Sunday is rescheduled for Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. This will allow students time to fulfill any requirements not currently met. First communion will also be rescheduled for Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> so that families are able to better prepare.

Please know that during this crisis, while the church may not be meeting for worship services and other activities, the church and its staff will still be working. We are working to provide online worship, daily devotionals, suggested family activities, and bible studies via Facebook & on the church website <http://newlifeparish.net>. Our youth director, Jessica Nelson, will be hosting regular online calls with our youth to check in and continue to provide a support system for the students. Patrice will continue to work mainly from home with ongoing communications online through the newsletter, mailings, phone calls, and texts. Pastor Randy will be working both at the church office and from home. Pastor Randy and Patrice will both be keeping an eye on the church voicemail so, please know that we will return your calls as soon as possible. You are also welcome to call Pastor Randy directly at (701) 238-1863.

Pastor Randy will be available for home visits and to bring communion to you, if needed, for as long as the MDH and CDC guidelines allow. While he has and will continue to be diligent in following MN Health guidelines for hand washing, disinfecting, etc., in light of the virus, there is no guarantee that he has not nor will not come into contact with someone carrying COVID-19. Pastor Randy will also be available for hospital visits, but please note that most hospitals have severely limited access to visitors. It may take special permissions from hospital officials for him to be allowed in.

To watch for important updates such as continued cancellations or updates on when the church will reopen we ask that you please follow New Life Lutheran Church of Facebook, download the Sharefaith app and use the access code: 92017, or look on the church website: <http://newlifeparish.net>. Patrice will also try her best to make sure the sign gets updated as well. We understand that not all of our congregation members have access to the internet; we will try our best to send out updates to those who need it through the mail or phone calls. We ask that if you need to be contacted through this method to please call the church office or Pastor Randy and we will add you to a list of people to contact via telephone. Also, if you know of someone that doesn't have access to these platforms please call and make sure that they stay Informed.

In addition, if you need assistance getting the basic necessities please call the church office and we will find a way to get them to you.

Stay home, stay safe, and stay healthy.

Yours in Christ,

*The New Life Lutheran Church Council*

---

Our Mission: "Disciples of Jesus Growing Disciples of Jesus"

# Raffle Donations Needed

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

## Gardner's Delight

Planting soil  
Gardening gloves  
Gardening tools  
Kneeling pad  
Pail  
Pots  
Gardening hat  
Watering can  
Garden hose  
Garden flags  
Windsocks  
Garden ornaments

## 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

## Pet Lover's

Dog treats  
Cat treats  
Pet nail trimmer  
Dog/Cat shampoo  
Grooming brush  
Dog toys  
Cat toys  
Pet bed  
Pet sweaters  
Pet food bowls

## The Great Outdoors

Marshmallow skewers  
Picnic basket  
Blanket  
Water thermos  
Cooler  
Binoculars  
Bird watching book  
Camping lantern  
Tent  
Sleeping bags  
Table top grill  
Outdoor games  
Lawn chairs  
Bug spray  
Sunscreen

## Movie Night

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

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.”**

## IMPORTANT DATES

(Please see page 5 for important information and how to stay informed)

All Lenten meals & services are CANCELLED

Holy week (April 5-10) activities and services are CANCELLED

Easter Sunday activities and services are CANCELLED

Confirmation Sunday has been rescheduled to Oct. 25th

First Communion has been rescheduled to Oct. 4th

Seeds of Hope Sunday is Tentatively planned for April 26th

Baby Shower for  
Kristi Friederichs  
previously scheduled for March 28th  
at Little Bethany  
has been postponed  
until a later (undecided) date.

We would like to say a special thanks to the 19 ladies that braved the VERY, VERY, COLD weather and came to Quilt Day in February! We made 9 quilts, 16 health kits, and 19 school kits. Awesome! Thanks to Diane K. & Avis W. for sewing school bags. Also to Avis W. for getting school supplies and batting for quilts.

Thanks again, God Bless you,  
WELCA

**WELCA "Love Days"**

(TENTATIVE DATES - SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

April 14th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Bring your own bag lunch

&

April 15th 9:00am - 3:00 pm  
Lunch will be served



Circle Meetings

**TENTATIVE DATES -  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Little Bethany WELCA**  
2:00 pm Tuesday, April 14th

**NLLC WELCA MEETING**  
1:30 pm Tuesday, May 12th

**Conference 7 Women of the ELCA**

Spring 2020 Gathering

Scheduled for:

Monday, April 20th

has Been Cancelled

**Seeking Donations**

**WELCA is in need of the following  
for kids school kits:**

- ◆ Notebook - 70 pages, wide ruled  
(4 notebooks per 1 kit)
- ◆ Blunt scissors
- ◆ Rulers
- ◆ Pencil sharpeners
- ◆ Erasers - 2.5 inch

*Grow Old Along with me  
The Best is Yet To Be*

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)
- 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)
- Eleanor Opsahl ~ 215 E. Mill Ave. #101  
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572
- Donna Nord ~ 2401 11th St. S #109  
Moorhead, MN 56560

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

## Applying Bible Principles

It is amazing to contrast our lifestyles with that of the Lord Jesus. Everywhere he went during his three years of public ministry, He reached out to people in need of his touch. He made ministering to people a top priority in his life.

Ken Gire describes one such incident in his book, *Intimate Moments With the Savior*:

*. . . she thinks, if I can find this Jesus and but touch the fringe of his garment, I can be cleansed and made whole. And so, with that thin thread of faith, this frail needle of a woman stitches her way through the crowd. . . .*

*This desperate woman pushes her empty hand through a broken seam in the crowd and, for a fleeting moment, clutches the corner of his garment. Jesus is pulled back. Not by the grasp of her hands so much as by the grasp of her faith. Power leaves him to surge through the hemorrhaging woman, and immediately she feels the rush of her youthful health returning. In the flood of those feelings, she releases her grasp and is swept away by the crowd.*

*But Jesus doesn't let her get away. Although the crowd was pressing in on him, her touch was different. And that touch stopped him in his tracks. How ready Jesus is to respond to the hand of outstretched faith.*

Why was Jesus ready to respond to that woman? Why did he take time to get involved? The answer is very simple: He had made needy, hurting people a top priority. This woman's touch was not an imposition or an interruption to Jesus in his ministry. In fact, according to Luke 19:10, it was for people like her that he came!

What does that great story have to do with us? The answer is also very simple: As God's people serving in ministry here at New Life, we are to make the needy, hurting people we encounter along life's way a top priority. Oh, they may not have the same problem this dear woman had, but rest assured, everyone we meet has a need to be touched with the love of Christ through us.

Theresa of Avila said:

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which he is to look with compassion on the world; yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; and yours the hands with which he is to bless us now.*

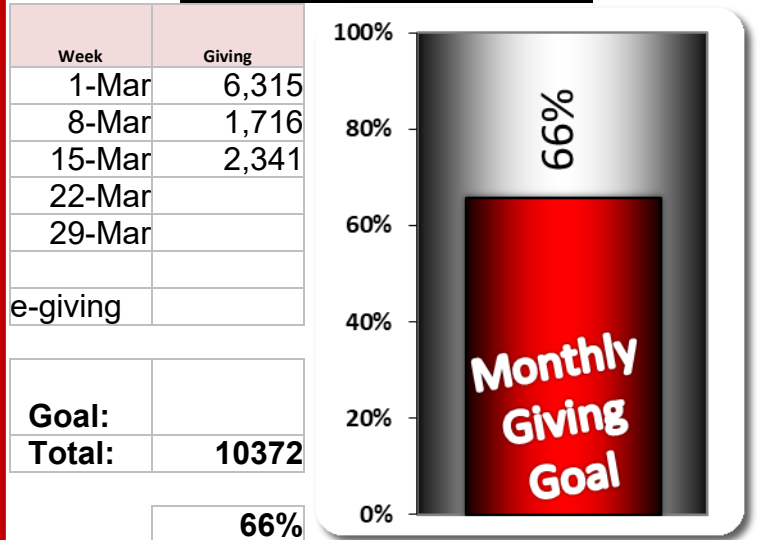
As we think about our lives, may God give us the grace and the determination to use our time in ministry to needy, hurting people who are in need of a touch from the Savior. May God give us the grace and determination — for Jesus' sake — to make them a top priority, even as he did.

### NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

February 29th, 2020

February Income	\$24,732.60
February Disbursements	(\$24,129.50)
Net Income	\$ 603.10

#### March 2020 Giving Outlook





## "I AM" THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE

Discover the hidden words.



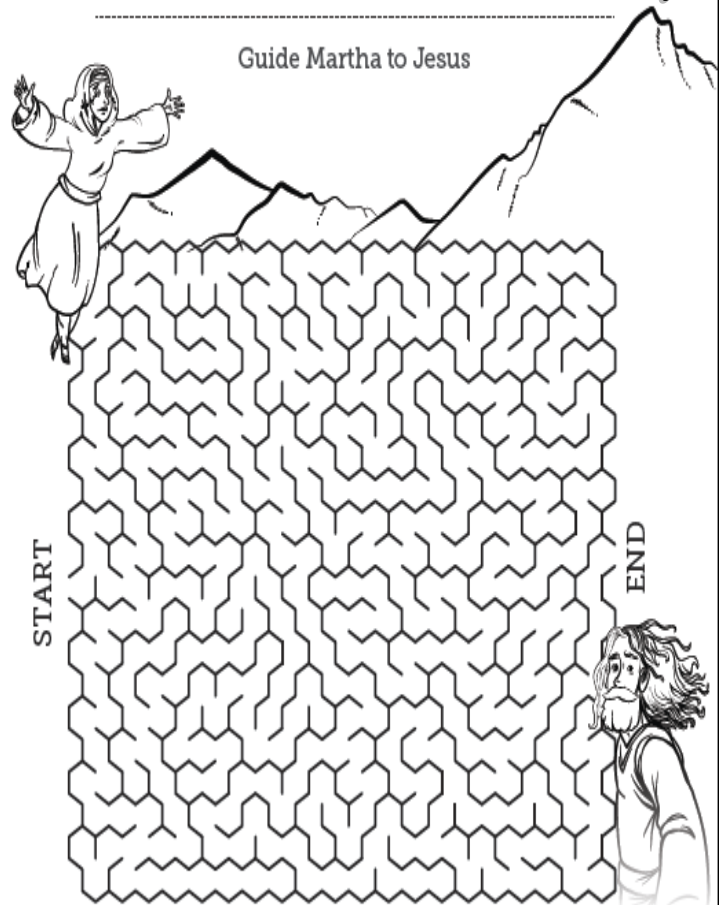
J	E	S	U	S	M	S	L	E	I	E	N	H	E	Z
Z	W	P	O	B	J	A	V	O	V	O	M	I	D	K
M	X	A	F	X	C	H	F	W	I	E	S	H	V	I
W	N	H	U	C	E	K	F	T	Q	K	I	M	C	A
T	M	A	R	Y	K	K	C	X	X	Y	D	L	I	S
E	O	H	C	L	C	E	F	B	M	E	E	N	E	O
D	G	M	I	O	R	E	F	C	T	L	D	B	E	B
Z	Q	F	B	R	B	P	V	M	W	N	N	C	G	A
Y	E	T	U	L	A	Z	A	R	U	S	A	G	O	D
W	J	S	M	A	R	T	H	A	H	L	M	T	I	Y
H	E	C	V	H	D	J	W	N	I	F	M	D	I	O
R	W	F	E	W	E	E	P	D	X	P	O	E	K	E
M	B	J	K	V	G	L	I	L	I	S	C	A	K	F
L	H	F	H	C	D	I	V	C	P	F	E	T	I	H
B	C	I	K	P	U	M	H	K	N	Z	T	H	Z	X

### Word Bank

TOMB	DEATH	COMMANDED
GOD	LIFE	JESUS
RESURRECTION	WEEP	MARY
LAZARUS	BELIEVE	MARTHA



Guide Martha to Jesus



## Pencil In On Your Calendars

Since we are unable to meet in person, I would like to invite you to join in on a Zoom call to keep connected in all of this craziness!

Meetings will happen:

Wednesday's at 8:30 pm

&



Sunday's at 1:00 pm

Keep an eye on the New Life Youth Facebook page to see scheduled events for each Zoom call, important updates, & information on how to access the Zoom calls.

*New Life Lutheran Church  
Little Bethany Lutheran Church*

PLEASE NOTE ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE SEE PAGE 5 ON HOW TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH INFORMATION

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 	6	7	8	9 Maundy Thursday	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday 	13	14 9:00 am - 3:00pm WELCA Love Days 1:30 pm NL Ladies Bible Study 2:00 pm LB Ladies Bible Study	15 9:00 am - 3:00 pm WELCA Love Days 6:30 pm WOW	16 3:30 pm 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Hour	17	18
19 8:45am Worship at LB 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Coffee Hour 10:00 am Worship at NL	20	21	22 6:00 pm WOW	23 3:30 pm 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Hour	24 9:00 am Set up for Prom	25 5:00 pm Prom
26 Seeds of Hope Sunday 8:45am Worship at LB 9:00 am Sunday School NL 9:00 am Coffee Hour NL 10am Worship at NL (Sunday School Singers)	27	28	29 6:00pm Wow	30 3:30 pm 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Hour		



# April 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.

- |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4/01 ~ Dexter Aaberg   | 4/18 ~ Erin Aaberg      |
| 4/03 ~ Cynthia Haugrud | 4/18 ~ McKenzie Tillman |
| 4/03 ~ Lydia Umlauf    | 4/20 ~ Lillian Hansen   |
| 4/05 ~ Elaine Sundby   | 4/21 ~ Tanya Ackert     |
| 4/08 ~ Clifford Moen   | 4/21 ~ JoAnne Hexum     |
| 4/08 ~ Stacy Wigdahl   | 4/22 ~ Kali Brandt      |
| 4/09 ~ Weston Langfeld | 4/26 ~ Robert Faulkner  |
| 4/14 ~ Debra Opsahl    | 4/27 ~ Jim Amundson     |
| 4/15 ~ Makayla Webster | 4/28 ~ Selvin Brenden   |
| 4/16 ~ Tamera Lankow   |                         |



# April 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.

- 4/8 ~ Cory & Sommer Rian
- 4/11 ~ Jeff & Tulsa-Leigh Kugler
- 4/22 ~ Mike & Kristen Heidecker
- 4/29 ~ Charles & Nita Neuleib

## APRIL SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS



April 19  
April 26

Looking for  
Volunteers. Please sign  
up next to the  
church office.

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 5  
FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES &  
INFORMATION ON HOW TO STAY  
INFORMED!**

## SCRIPTURE READERS FOR APRIL

April 19  
April 26



## SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| <b>April</b> | Ruth Anderson<br>Jerry Wigdahl & Stacey Wigdahl |
| <b>May</b>   | Matt & Missy Amundson<br>Chris & Anita Heier    |

### Website/Mobile Directory/App

Website: [www.newlifeparish.net](http://www.newlifeparish.net)

Mobile Directory: <https://>

[mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/177579/new-life-lutheran-church](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



**NLLC Rothsay**

Find us on **Facebook** at **New Life Lutheran Church**



New Life Lutheran Church  
PO Box 278  
102 Main Ave. West  
Rothsay, MN 56579



NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT NO. 6  
ROTHSAY, MN 56579

### CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

«FIRST NAME» «LAST NAME»  
«ADDRESS1»  
«CITY, STATE» «Z1P»

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 5  
FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES  
& INFORMATION**

New Life News is a monthly publication of New Life Lutheran Church and Little Bethany Lutheran Church. Articles are due by the 15th each month.



Pastor:  
Office Manager:  
Youth Director

Rev. Randy Whitehead  
Patrice Ziegler  
Jessica Nelson

(218) 867-6557  
e-mail: [newlife@rtelnet.net](mailto:newlife@rtelnet.net)  
[www.newlifeparish.net](http://www.newlifeparish.net)

### April Bible Reading Schedule:

Apr 1: Jud 6-7	Apr 16: Ps 56/120/140-142
Apr 2: Jud 8-9	Apr 17: 1Sam 25-27
Apr 3: Jud 10-12	Apr 18: Ps 17/35/54/63
Apr 4: Jud 13-15	Apr 19: 1Sam 28-31; Ps18
Apr 5: Jud 16-18	Apr 20: Ps 121/123-125/128-130
Apr 6: Jud 19-21	Apr 21: 2Sam 1-4
Apr 7: Ruth	Apr 22: Ps 6/8-10/14/16/19/21
Apr 8: 1Sam 1-3	Apr 23: 1Chron 1-2
Apr 9: 1Sam 4-8	Apr 24: Ps 43-45/49/84-85/87
Apr 10: 1Sam 9-12	Apr 25: 1Chron 3-5
Apr 11: 1Sam 13-14	Apr 26: Ps 73/77-78
Apr 12: 1Sam 15-17	Apr 27: 1Chron 6
Apr 13: 1Sam 18-20; Ps 11/59	Apr 28: Ps 81/88/92-93
Apr 14: 1Sam 21-24	Apr 29: 1Chron 7-10
Apr 15: Ps 7/27/31/34/52	Apr 30: Ps 102-104