

# New Life News



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### ANNUAL MEETING INDOOR/PARKING LOT

10:45 am Sunday, February 28th

#### CONFIRMATION

5:30 pm Wednesday, March 3rd

7:00 pm Wednesday, March 3rd

#### YOUTH GAME NIGHT VIA ZOOM

8:00 pm Sunday, March 7th

#### NLLC COUNCIL MEETING

6:30 pm Wednesday, March 10th

#### ACT PRACTICE TESTING

8:00 am Tuesday, March 16th

#### YOUTH ESCAPE ROOM VIA ZOOM

8:00 pm Sunday March, 21st

#### CONFIRMATION

5:30 pm Wednesday, March 24th

7:00 pm Wednesday, March 24th

#### ACT TESTING

8:00 am Tuesday, March 30th

### 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:

Cancelled until further notice

#### 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:

Cancelled until further notice

### SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

- March** Alan & Mary Brandt  
Eric & Kim Larson
- April** Kevin & Julie Brenden  
Chris & Erin Watterud

### NEW Office Manager Hours

- Tuesday - 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
- Wednesday - 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
- Thursday - 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

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\* Bold are just to help differentiate each individual and their contact information.  
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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

*A famous rabbi and his friends had spent the entire morning working far from their village. The labor was difficult and dirty. At noon his friends brought a pail of water so their teacher could wash his hands thoroughly. To their surprise he used only a few drops of the water. How could it be that this pious Jew, a teacher no less, would skimp on the commandment to wash completely before eating?*

*Cautiously, one of his friends said, "Rabbi, you used so little water. It was not nearly enough to get your hands clean."*

*Wordlessly, the rabbi pointed to the young servant girl coming up the path from the distant well. She was bent low under a heavy bar laid across her shoulders. From the two ends of the bar hung massive pails of water.*

*Then he said, "How could I do the washing at the expense of this poor girl? The water I saved may well prevent another trip to the well for her."*

*Later the friends talked about the rabbi's action. They learned that in certain circumstances obedience to the commandments comes at the expense of others. And, they discerned from the actions of their wise friend, that lovingkindness is the greatest virtue residing at the heart of those commandments.*

The story above is a retelling of an old Jewish folktale. The Jewish rabbis who relied on such folktales to help teach their students about their relationships with God and one another, taught that the well-being of the world rests on three things: the study of Scripture, prayer, and loving-kindness.

Some people, even today, would say that following God is a simple and easy matter. But, often it is not so simple. Seldom is it all that easy. Too often we take too much for granted. Seldom do we pause long enough to see that in this world of ours, so messy with sin, our actions and inactions have consequences that reverberate far beyond ourselves. And, if we fail to take these into account, they will have a way of coming back to haunt us, . . . or our children and their children.

The thing is that whether or not we identify ourselves or previous generations as part of the cause of any injustices to us or anyone else, there are major problems, generational problems, that we have the opportunity to now address-as hard as they may be. And if we don't address them with honesty, integrity, and some self-sacrifice now, what heavier burdens will we be creating for our children and grandchildren?

I think, perhaps, those old Jewish rabbis have given us a pretty good place to start in addressing the well-being of our communities, our nation, and our world: the study of Scripture, prayer, and loving-kindness. Another Jewish rabbi from about 2,000 years ago put it another way when he was asked which is the greatest commandment. . . .

Jesus answered, "'Hear, O (people of God): the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Take care and God bless! Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Randy*

There was no Council meeting in February.

It was decided by the executive council to hold a joint February/March council meeting on March 10th at 6:30 pm.

## Indoor Worship

**Little Bethany Lutheran Church simultaneous services at 8:45 am**

**New Life Lutheran Church Sundays at 11:00 am**

We appreciate your cooperation and willingness to follow the guidance provided to us from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Without everyone's compliance the indoor worship services will not be allowed to continue. Here are the practices that will allow us to have indoor worship:

\*Masks must be worn at all times inside the building along with social distancing (maintaining 6 feet between household groups).

\*Attendees will need to keep your coats and personal items with you as you enter the sanctuary and are seated.

\*All people entering the building will need to sign in and provide a contact number. This is for contact tracing should the church be informed that someone attending has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

\*Congregational singing will not be allowed due to added risk of the spread of COVID-19. We may incorporate some special music, but this will be very limited and highly regulated according to MDH guidelines.

\*No food or beverages served, and no fellowship time, before, during or after the worship service.

\*Offering plates will not be passed. Offerings can be dropped in the offering containers as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

\* At NLLC at least 3 volunteer staff will be needed for each service. One to assist with the signing in process, one to direct people, one to serve as the Compliance Officer (the state mandated person charged with ensuring everyone in attendance is complying with the rules.

**Please also note that MDH guidelines continue to discourage vulnerable people from attending indoor worship services even with the above precautions. Vulnerable people are defined as those 65 years old and older, and/or those with pre-existing conditions.**

For all those uncomfortable with the higher risk of exposing yourselves or others to COVID-19 in such an indoor group setting, we will continue our drive-in, parking lot worship services at NLLC at 10 am each Sunday, and our online worship services.

**Thank you for your continued patience and understanding in these challenging times!**



8:45 am at Little Bethany Lutheran Church

10:00 am at New Life Lutheran Church

(Tune in your radio to 101.3, online  
bulletins available at [newlifeparish.net](http://newlifeparish.net))

Please feel free to bring a lawn chair to sit outside,  
you can also bring an umbrella or canopy for shade.

Feel free to wave or yell "Hello" to others while practicing social distancing and  
maintaining 6 feet away from those not in your immediate household.

Masks are not required but are encouraged if you are sitting outside of your vehicle.

If you are unable to access the online version of the weekly bulletin for  
the parking lot worship service and would like a copy mailed to you  
please call Patrice in the church office at 867-6557. If no one is  
available please leave your name, number, and mailing address on the  
answering machine and we will add you to the list.

### Lenten Season

Lent this year will be an online bible study. Videos will be posted on the NLLC Facebook page  
and on the website at [newlifeparish.net](http://newlifeparish.net).

We are looking for 8-16 people who would be willing to come in and record a chapter reading from  
the book of Mark for these bible study's.

If you are interested and willing please give the church office a call to sign up for a time to come in  
and record. We appreciate your help! 218-867-6557

## Open House

25th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for:

Marvin & Joyce Peterson

March 27th at the Rothsay Event Center

from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Hosted by Kristi Friederichs & Sarah Peterson.

All COVID guidelines will be followed, if you have any questions please call Kristi at 218-731-5374

## WE WANT YOUR BAGS

The Rothsay Lions Club is taking part in the Trex Recycling Film Challenge along with other nearby clubs. Club members will collect bags and plastic film for the next 6 months. You can drop your bags off with a Lion Member or drop them off in the box in the New Life Lutheran church entry area. We will bring collections to the weigh in on the 3rd Saturday of each month for the next 6 months. The bags and film need to be clean and free of paper labels. Your donations will help us win a bench made out of recycled bags and film!

Acceptable recycling items include:

- Bubble wrap
- Grocery bags, all colors
- Case Over Wrap
- Bread Bags
- Dry Cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Produce bags
- Paper towel/toilet paper over wrap
- Ziplock/food storage bags
- Icebags - Dry without metal clips
- Wood Pellet bags
- Stretch Film
- Pallet Wrap
- Furniture Foam Wrap

Lion members include: Missy Amundson, Darrel Tollefson, John & Diane Kunze, Becca Paine, and Kevin & Justin Matheson.

More information can be found at: [www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs/](http://www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs/)

*The great commandment given by Jesus was to love.  
To fulfill this, Christians worship and share.*



Let's talk about ... SHARING.

Sharing is both serving and giving. It's part of our "stewardship." We believe that it is the privilege of Christians to dedicate what they have and what they are to God. We commonly speak of time, talents and possessions, and how you use these is a choice you make that indicates the depth of your faith.

You can share your time by serving in the activities of your church, as a leader or teacher, and by faithful attendance, recreational and social activities.

You can share your talents and abilities by answering the call for workers in any task, from painting the woodwork to calling on people.

Once there was a man who went to his Pastor and said, "Give me the job that nobody else wants to do." What a marvelous investment of his time and ability.

You can acknowledge the priority of God's work by giving it first place in the apportionment of your income.

So then, part of being a good church member is sharing yourself and what you have with God and your fellow human beings ... your time, your talent, and your possessions.



**NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

January 2021

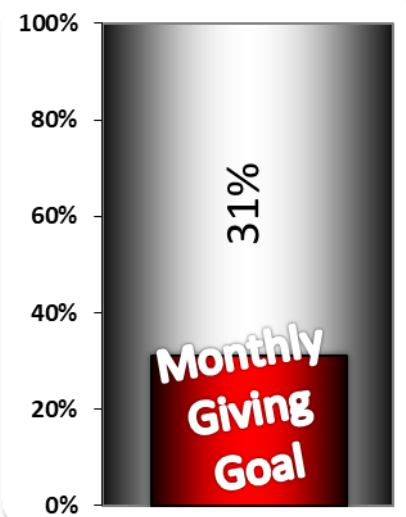
January Income	\$ 12,747.87
January Disbursements	(\$ 15,625.72)
January Less in/out Income	\$ <u>1,608.99</u>
January Net Loss	(\$ 1,268.86)

**February 2021 Giving Outlook**

Week	Giving
7-Feb	1,465
14-Feb	1,856
21-Feb	1,173
28-Feb	
e-giving	705

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>16,728</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5,199</b>

31%





*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. We understand that during this time you may not be able to stop by, but a phone call may go a long ways! You can always call ahead and see if a visit would be welcomed.

Berdella Sogn ~ 394 Woodland Dr. #211,  
Fergus Falls. (Phone 998-7241)

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)

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 at:  
(218) 867-6557.



Circle Meetings

**TENTATIVE DATES -  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Little Bethany WELCA**  
Cancelled until further notice

**NLLC WELCA MEETING**  
Cancelled until further notice



Quilts for sale! Made by the women of New Life Church! All sizes and price ranges. A great gift for Christmas. On display at the church or by appointment. If interested, you can stop by the church Wednesday afternoons or call: Elaine Balken, 218-867-2352 or Dar Rose, 218-867-2276.



### Confirmation Families

We will resume in-person Confirmation classes on March 3, 2021.

These classes will be inside of the sanctuary to allow for social distancing.

Masks will be required.

If you prefer to attend via zoom please reach out to the church office and we will get that set up! 218-867-6557 or [newlife@rtelnet.net](mailto:newlife@rtelnet.net)



### Pencil In On Your Calendars

#### Virtual Game Night via Zoom

**March 7th**

8:00 pm

Join us for a night of fun and laughter!  
We will choose from a variety of different games that we can play together.

These games choices include:

Game of Things  
Name 5  
Say Anything  
Boggle  
Kahoot

Zoom meeting ID for both meetings:  
355 966 9286

Password for both meetings:  
NLLC youth

#### Virtual Escape Room via Zoom

**March 21st**


8:00 pm

Join us in playing Escaping Pharaoh.  
This event will be limited to 10 youth,  
there will be sign up in the church  
foyer with a packet to pick up.

Sign up and packets will be available  
beginning on March 14th.

# March

*New Life Lutheran Church  
Little Bethany Lutheran Church*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 5:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Confirmation	4	5	6
7 8:45 am Worship at LB 10:00 am Parking lot Worship at NL 11:00 am Indoor Worship at NL 8:00 pm Youth Game Night via Zoom	8	9	10 6:30 pm NLLC Council	11	12	13
14 8:45 am Worship at LB 10:00 am Parking lot Worship at NL 11:00 am Indoor Worship at NL	15 	16 8:00 am ACT practice testing	17	18	19	20
21 8:45 am Worship at LB 10:00 am Parking lot Worship at NL 11:00 am Indoor Worship at NL 8:00 pm Youth Escape Room Via Zoom	22	23	24 5:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Confirmation	25	26	27
28 8:45 am Worship at LB 10:00 am Parking lot Worship at NL 11:00 am Indoor Worship at NL	29	30 8:00 am ACT testing	31	29	30	31

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following is a list of birthdays as listed in our church records for this month. 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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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3/2 ~ Faith Waldoch     | 3/20 ~ Thelma Wigdahl      |
| 3/6 ~ Maci Tillman      | 3/21 ~ Lexy Dunbar         |
| 3/6 ~ Derrick Pfungsten | 3/21 ~ Taylor Oien         |
| 3/8 ~ Benjamin Brenden  | 3/22 ~ Jeremy Carlsruud    |
| 3/8 ~ Chelsie Lankow    | 3/23 ~ Alexis Lankow       |
| 3/9 ~ Marilyn Haarstad  | 3/23 ~ Kenzie Lankow       |
| 3/9 ~ Craig Ouse        | 3/24 ~ Sam Brusven         |
| 3/11 ~ Adrian Haugrud   | 3/24 ~ Brian Frosli        |
| 3/11 ~ Gavin Larson     | 3/25 ~ Roger Grunewald     |
| 3/11 ~ Chad Nelson      | 3/25 ~ Kristen Heidecker   |
| 3/11 ~ Sandra Watterud  | 3/26 ~ Trevin Erickson     |
| 3/13 ~ Hailey Brenden   | 3/26 ~ Kyler Fronning      |
| 3/13 ~ Brian Buchholz   | 3/27 ~ Joshua Peterson     |
| 3/15 ~ Elli Meyer       | 3/28 ~ Mary Ann Tenderholt |
| 3/16 ~ Karter Jensen    | 3/29 ~ Kimberly Larson     |
| 3/17 ~ Eric Larson      | 3/30 ~ Kacey Watterud      |
| 3/18 ~ Eugene Boyce     | 3/31 ~ Shane Balken        |
| 3/19 ~ Arvella Peterson | 3/31 ~ Sara Shirley        |
| 3/19 ~ Dar Rose         |                            |

# HAPPY anniversary

The following is a list of Anniversaries as listed in our church records for this month. 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.

- 3/12 ~ Arnie & Kay Moen
- 3/16 ~ Marvin & Joyce Peterson
- 3/18 ~ Paul & Emilie Ihland
- 3/28 ~ Trevor & Korene Moore
- 3/31 ~ Tom & Mary Jensen

## SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS FOR THIS MONTH

- March 7** - Jessica Nelson
- March 14** - Heather Reber
- March 21** - Jennifer Honer
- March 28** - Stephanie Curtis



We are always looking for volunteers to run our sound system. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office. Training is available.

## SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH

- March 7** -
- March 14** -
- March 21** -
- March 28** -



We are always looking for volunteers for future readings. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

**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



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### March Bible Reading Schedule:

Mar 1: Num 14-15; Ps 90	Mar 17: Deut 17-20
Mar 2: Num 16-17	Mar 18: Deut 21-23
Mar 3: Num 18-20	Mar 19: Deut 24-27
Mar 4: Num 21-22	Mar 20: Deut 28-29
Mar 5: Num 23-25	Mar 21: Deut 30-31
Mar 6: Num 26-27	Mar 22: Deut 32-34; Ps 9
Mar 7: Num 28-30	Mar 23: Josh 1-4
Mar 8: Num 31-32	Mar 24: Josh 5-8
Mar 9: Num 33-34	Mar 25: Josh 9-11
Mar 10: Num 35-36	Mar 26: Josh 12-15
Mar 11: Deut 1-2	Mar 27: Josh 16-18
Mar 12: Deut 3-4	Mar 28: Josh 19-21
Mar 13: Deut 5-7	Mar 29: Josh 22-24
Mar 14: Deut 8-10	Mar 30: Jud 1-2
Mar 15: Deut 11-13	Mar 31: Jud 3-5
Mar 16: Deut 14-16	