

New Life News

New Life Lutheran Church & Little Bethany Lutheran Church
www.newlifeparish.net

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
newlife@rtelnet.net or 218-867-6557

February Scheduled Events

February 2nd

5:30 pm Confirmation
 7:00 pm Confirmation

February 3rd

4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

February 6th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany with Holy Communion
 9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
 9:00 am Sunday School at New Life
 10:00 am Worship at New Life with Holy Communion
 11:00 am New Life Annual Meeting
 6:00 pm Youth Snack bar & Trivia

February 7th

4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

February 8th

12:00 pm Joshua Bible Study

February 9th

6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

February 10th

10:30 am American Legion Auxiliary meeting
 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

February 13th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
 9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
 9:00 am Sunday School at New Life
 10:00 am Worship at New Life - Sunday school sings

February 14th

4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

February 15th

12:00 Joshua Bible Study

February 16th

5:30 pm Confirmation
 6:30 pm WOW
 7:00 pm Confirmation

February 17th

4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

February 20th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
 9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
 10:00 am Worship at New Life with Holy Communion
 Youth Event TBD

February 21st

4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

February 22nd

12:00 pm Joshua Bible Study

February 23rd

5:30 pm Confirmation
 7:00 pm Confirmation

February 24th

4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

February 27th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
 9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
 9:00 am Sunday School at New Life
 10:00 am Worship at New Life

February 28th

4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

Table of Contents

Cover & Events	Page 1
Council members.....	Page 2
Letter from the Pastor.....	Page 3
January council minutes.....	Page 4
Weather announcements/ Bible Study/Lions Club.....	Page 5
Stewardship/Financial Information.....	Page 6
Annual Meeting updates/AmazonSmile.....	Page 7
WELCA.....	Page 8
Youth.....	Page 9
Calendar.....	Page 10
Birthday/Anniversary/Volunteers lists.....	Page 11

NLLC COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jessi Colby, President
218-329-7496 jessicolby@gmail.com

Bruce Brenden, Vice President
218-731-6559 kbrenden@hotmail.com

Doris Moen, Secretary
218-770-7758 wadomoen@yahoo.com

Joyce Peterson, Evangelism, Family Life &
Social Concerns Committee
218-770-4006 mjpeterson@rothsay.us

Diane Kunze, Worship Committee
218-671-0885

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

Marlowe Rasmusson, Property Committee
218-770-1045 marlowe@rtelnet.net

SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

February	Corey & Carla Moen Eric & Jessica Nelson
March	Elaine M. Balken Casey & Stephanie Curtis

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace to you and peace in the name of God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
In the 6th chapter of John we are told a wondrous story:

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

If you were that boy with the five loaves and two fish, would you have been willing to give them up? Or, would you have wanted to keep them for yourself?

What do you think that boy was thinking when Jesus held up the fish and bread and thanked God?

He might have been surprised and thrilled to be so close to Jesus, and useful to boot. Or, he might have been hungry and upset with himself for not eating his meal before Andrew found him and asked him to share it. Or, perhaps he had just caught the fish, traded a few for some bread, and was proudly taking this hard-earned meal home to his impoverished family. Then he was intercepted by Andrew, and unable to say "no" to his request. Maybe he was kicking himself feeling he'd somehow let his family down. Who knows? In fact, he might have been feeling all those feelings at the same time!

And then Jesus fed thousands of people with those five loaves and two fish. The boy got to eat and eat until he was full, and so did everyone else! Perhaps including his family. We can imagine he must have been bursting with pride and joy that he hadn't kept his small cache of food to himself!

And, what about us? What do we have that we might share? I know, it often seems like so little, especially when so many are in such great need. Who are we? "No one." What can we do? "Next to nothing. Why even try?"

Why try? Because Jesus says so! God created us to be community with one another and with him. Together we can and do make a difference!

The apostle Paul said we Christians are to do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share (1 Timothy 6:18). Even if all we have is just a little, we can still share something with others in need. Sometimes just a smile shared can make all the difference in the world! And, sometimes, (we might think it ironic, but it is the divine economy), . . . sometimes that little we choose to share is the perfect medicine we desperately need.

So, look around you, see a need, share what you have, and watch what happens!

Happy Valentine's Day! Happy Presidents' Day! Happy sharing each and every day!
Take care and God bless! Yours in Christ,

Pastor Randy

New Life Lutheran Church Unapproved minutes from January 19th, 2022

The New Life Lutheran Church Council met January 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Members present were Pastor Randy, Bruce Brenden, John Reber, Diane Kunze, Jessica Nelson, Steph Olson, Joyce Peterson, Marlowe Rasmusson, Patrice Ziegler, Doris Moen, Avis Wiese, Janice Rudh, and Char Boe. The meeting opened with Devotions by Jessica.

1.0 Approval of agenda: After the addition of 5.4 Joyce made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by John. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of December 2021 Council minutes: Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Steph. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report December 2021: John made a motion to approve the treasurer's report seconded by Diane. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Technology update: Looking at ways to make bulletin and music easier to read up on screen.

4.2 COVID situation update: No changes.

4.3 New Member Sunday: Tentatively set for May 1, 2022

4.4 Lenten Season: Lent begins March 2nd.

4.5 2022 Budget: Following discussion Diane made a motion to approve the budget seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

4.6 2022 Devotion Schedule: See Devotion schedule for 2022.

4.7 Foundation Account signers: Tabled until March meeting.

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: 1. March 12th is "The Great Synod Get Together". Bruce Brenden to be signer on unknown Wells Fargo account. John made a motion to approve seconded by Jessica. Motion carried.

5.2 Upcoming events:

January 23rd – Youth Service Event: See 7.0

January 27th – Feb 4th Randy on Vacation: Jessica will do Service.

February 6th – Annual Meeting. Ratify Constitutional updates.

5.3 Insurance Policy: After discussion, Church Mutual Insurance will insure Church

and property. John made a motion to approve insurance change, seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

5.4 Wedding Booklet: We will need to review the booklet and make additional updates.

6.0 Pastor's report : Time and Talent Sheet will be available. Please sign up to share your gifts and talents. The Bible study group meets at noon on Tuesdays. They are studying the Book of Joshua.

7.0 Youth Director's report: On January 23 Youth group will meet to write letters and deliver cookies. ELCA Youth gathering registration is on hold. They had a great time at Sky Zone. Jessica has information on a free Class on House Buying. If interested contact Jessica. Youth will participate in "Feed My Starving Children" in February.

8.0 Office Manager's report: Working on annual report.

9.0 WELCA: Results of surveys given. Plan to do another on line survey before Annual meeting on February 6th.

10.0 NLLC Foundation report: No report.

11.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Diane): Scriptures readers needed. Looking at purchasing new banner for Palm Sunday.

Education (Steph): Hoping to continue having Sunday School sing once a month.

Youth (Jessica): See 7.0

Evangelism & Mission/Family Life & Social Concerns (Joyce): Birthday bags completed. Plan on doing more this summer.

Church Property (Marlowe): Furnace filters replaced. Filters should be replaced 2x year.

Stewardship (John): See offering graph. Discussion on the current financial situation.

12.0 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

**Respectfully submitted,
Doris Moen**

Doris Moen

Find our weather related announcements and cancellations one of these ways:

- The New Life Lutheran Church Facebook page
- Using our Sharefaith app (if your app has not worked for some time please uninstall and reinstall it using the directions on page 11)
- The sign out in front of our building.

Worship related announcements or cancellations will also be listed with:

WDAY & KVLV

Pastor Randy will hold a Bible study on the book of Joshua on Tuesdays beginning January 4th and will continue through April.

The study will be from
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.

Soup and Sandwiches will be provided! All are welcome!

ROTHSAY LIONS 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/

Time, Talent and Treasure

It is good for us to reflect upon the way we fulfill our role of steward, with regard to these three gifts from God: *Time, Talent and Treasure*.

Time: This is perhaps one of our most important resources. What do we do with the time that God gives us? Do we waste it? Do we use it to better the world in which we live? Do we spend it in such a way that most of our “time” is for our selfish ends? Do we have a healthy balance in our lives with regard to time? Time used to better our life and the life of those entrusted to us; time for personal relaxation and refreshment. How do you use your time?

Talent: We are perhaps one of the best resources we have in order to reach our destiny. Do I respect my own abilities and gifts? Do I develop them and use them for the kingdom of God? Do I use the gifts God has given me so that others may be happier? Do I see myself as unique, as important and gifted? In what way have I used my talents for myself, for my family, for my church and community? Jesus chastised the person who hid his talents under a bushel basket, or buried them in the ground. Have we done better with our talents than that servant?

Treasure: With the God-given gifts I am able to work, I am able to make money and acquire property and possessions. But God has only placed me in charge of this treasure, not only that I might benefit from it, but that others, who are not as fortunate as I may benefit as well! Am I generous and am I willing to share. Do I hoard or am I willing to let go? Remember, the only treasure we take with ourselves into eternity is the treasure we have given away.

Many calls come to us, for our time, talent and treasure. Do we respond to these calls on the personal level, family level, church level, community level? Do we balance our response to these calls?



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

December 2021

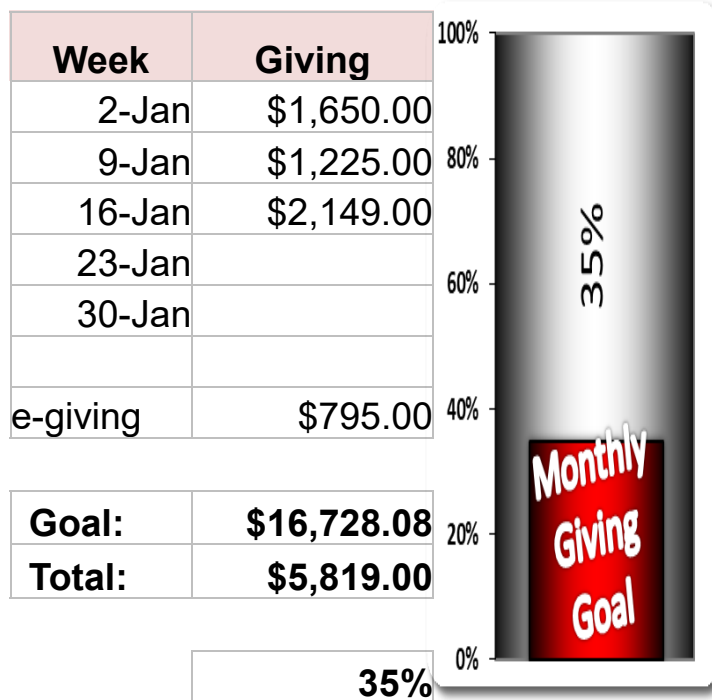
**(These numbers include the forgiven
Payment Protection loan of \$36,935.00)**

December Income	\$ 58,423.03
December Disbursements	(\$ 19,491.53)
December Less in/out Income	<u>\$ 1,532.00</u>
December Net Income	(\$ 40,463.50)



Scan the QR code to
give to New Life
Lutheran Church
online!

December 2021 Giving Outlook



The New Life Lutheran Church Annual meeting will be held on February 6th at 11:00 am! Come and hear what has happened in the past year, and help determine the future of your church!

There will also be a live stream of the meeting on our Youtube page! Please note, we will try to monitor comments on there as best as possible.

Calling all members of



Earn money for our church simply by shopping on Amazon!



Amazon will donate .5% of your purchases to our church, New Life Lutheran Church. All you have to do is use the link below to activate!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1562309>



Using AmazonSmile for donations just got a whole lot easier!

AmazonSmile customers can now support New Life Lutheran Church in the Amazon shopping app on your devices! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations for our church.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your device
2. Select the main menu button & tap on "Settings"
3. Tap on "AmazonSmile".
4. Make sure that you have chosen New Life Lutheran Church and that the location is Rothsay, MN.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.

Happy Shopping!

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)

Irene Melkert ~ 1131 Mabelle Ave. Room B-213
Fergus Falls (Pioneer Care) 218-998-4991

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

Eleanor Opsahl ~ 215 E. Mill Ave. #101
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

Elaine Amundson - 215 E. Mill Ave #200
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

Dorothy Jorgenson ~ 215 E. Mill Ave. #209
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572 (218-863-3012)

Gwen Jorgenson ~ 211 E. Mill Ave #313
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572 (218-863-9623)

Lloyd Ouse ~ 215 E. Mill Ave # 105
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572 (218-303-6056)

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

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.

WELCA is in need of the following to finish baby & personal care kits:

Baby Care Kits

Clothes size 6 months - 2 years

- ◆ T-Shirts
- ◆ Sweaters, jackets, sweat shirts
- ◆ Sleepers
- ◆ Receiving blankets
- ◆ Socks & caps
- ◆ Flat fold diapers
- ◆ Hand towels

Personal Care Kits

- ◆ Bath towels, about 52"x27" prefer dk colors (used or new)
- ◆ Toothbrushes

We can always use new or used bed sheets as backs or filler for quilts, any size, patterns, or colors. We can always use donations for school kits and use them at a later date. Thank you for all of your many donations, etc. in a pandemic year. May next year be better!

- Mission Committee

A WELCA meeting will be held in February. A decision on how to move forward will be made at (or prior to) this meeting.

If you would like input on this decision, please fill out the digital survey by February 3rd
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5NKN9SG>



Youth Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Fundraiser

The NLLC youth will be selling sub sandwiches the month of January for Super Bowl Sunday or to be frozen for later use. This is open to anyone within the community.

Orders can be placed for Turkey/Cheese or Ham/Cheese sandwiches on a hoagie bun.

The cost is \$6.00 per sandwich.

Subs will be available for pick up before or after church on Super Bowl Sunday, February 13th.

Orders can be placed by messaging New Life Lutheran Church on Facebook, the clipboard on Jessica's door or by calling the church office at 218-867-6557.

NLLC Youth will have a service event on February 20th.

Event and time to be announced at a later date.

Watch the New Life Youth Facebook page for updates!

Youth Snack Bar & Trivia

February 6th
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Youth grades 6-12 will gather at New Life for a snack bar and trivia night. Everyone should bring a snack to share and their own drinks.

February 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 5:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Confirmation	3 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan	4	5
6 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship at NL 11:00 am Annual Meeting at NL 6:00 pm Youth Trivia	7 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan	8 12:00 pm Joshua Bible Study	9 6:30 pm NLLC Council	10 10:30 am American Legion Auxiliary 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan	11	12
13 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship at NL Sunday school sings	14 Valentine's Day! 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan	15 12:00 pm Joshua Bible Study	16 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm WOW 7:00 pm Confirmation	17 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan	18	19
20 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL Youth Service Event	21 President's Day 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan	22 12:00 pm Joshua Bible Study	23 5:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Confirmation	24 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan	25	26
27 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship at NL	28 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan					



This is the 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.

- 2/01 ~ Roger Sundby
- 2/04 ~ Bill Nitz
- 2/04 ~ Kristi Friederichs
- 2/06 ~ Ron Amundson
- 2/06 ~ Janice Rudh
- 2/08 ~ Pasha Boyce
- 2/08 ~ Korene Moore
- 2/12 ~ Frank Ringer IV
- 2/13 ~ Lynn Brenden
- 2/14 ~ Tanner Heier
- 2/14 ~ Paul Ihland
- 2/15 ~ Wyatt Curtis
- 2/15 ~ Betty Magnusson
- 2/16 ~ TyAnn Anderson

- 2/16 ~ Dana Holland III
- 2/16 ~ Harold Larson
- 2/16 ~ Amy Meyer
- 2/16 ~ Gene Nord
- 2/18 ~ Mary Jensen
- 2/21 ~ Connor Majerus
- 2/22 ~ Jennifer Honer
- 2/22 ~ Kelly Nelson
- 2/23 ~ Kristen Hanson
- 2/23 ~ Diane Haugrud
- 2/25 ~ Noah Brenden
- 2/26 ~ Cale Brandt
- 2/26 ~ Ariana Hansen
- 2/27 ~ Cora Honer

- 2/27 ~ Merlin Watterud
- 2/28 ~ Shauna Schleeter



This is the 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.

- 2/15 ~ Clifford & Marilyn Moen

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH

- February 6th -
- February 13th -
- February 20th -
- February 27th -



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



SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS FOR THIS MONTH

- February 6th - Jessica Nelson
- February 13th - Heather Reber
- February 20th - Jennifer Honer
- February 27th - 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.

Website/App

Website: www.newlifeparish.net



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»

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: Rev. Randy Whitehead
Office Manager: Patrice Ziegler
Youth Director: Jessica Nelson

(218) 867-6557
e-mail: newlife@rtelnet.net
www.newlifeparish.net