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March Scheduled Events

March 1st 12:00 pm Joshua Bible Study

March 2nd - Office Closed 5:30 pm Lenten Supper Soup & Sandwich 6:45 pm Lenten Worship

March 3rd 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

March 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
5:30 pm Youth Group Games, Grades 6-8
7:00 pm Youth Group Games, Grades 9-12

March 7th

4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

March 8th 12:00 pm Joshua Bible Study

February 9th 5:30 pm Lenten Supper Chili 6:45 pm Lenten Worship 7:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

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

March 13th - Daylight Savings 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\Council & Committee Installation

March 14th 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

March 15th 12:00 pm Joshua Bible Study March 16th

5:30 pm Lenten Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Worship

March 17th - Happy St. Patrick's Day! 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

March 20th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship at New Life with Holy Communion
11:00 Youth Service Event
12:30 pm Lions Club meeting

March 21st 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

March 22nd 12:00 pm Joshua Bible Study

March 23rd 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Worship

March 24th 8:30 am ACT Practice Test 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

March 27th 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany 9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life 10:00 am Worship at New Life

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March	Elaine M. Balken
	Casey & Stephanie Curtis

April Wayne & Doris Moen Brian & Tracy Buchholz Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our loving God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Many years ago, back when I was in college, I met a professional law enforcement sketch artist who rendered drawings of potential suspects from eyewitness descriptions. I, myself was a witness in a case and was flown down to San Antonio, Texas, to meet with her and some federal agents investigating the case. I was nervous about the prospect of my describing the person accurately enough for her to make a proper drawing. She had anticipated this, so to reassure me, prior to the session where she was to sketch the person I was describing, she pulled out a three-ring binder. She then paged through this binder showing me and the federal agents present her sketches of potential suspects in various crimes. Beside the vast majority of those sketches, she had also posted a photo of the person who was eventually captured and convicted for the particular crime in question. As she said, the sketches seldom were perfect renderings of the persons in the mug shot photos, but almost always there were certain aspects in the drawings that helped lead to the identification of the suspects. As I looked at her sketches and the photos, I saw that she was right—and that knowledge eased my stress level considerably. I realized I didn't have to describe the person perfectly. All I had to do is describe him the best I could. The sketch artist did render a drawing that day.

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A few years later, I happened to be watching an edition of "Sixty Minutes" and to my surprise, one of the segments was a profile of that sketch artist, and how her sketches were responsible for the capture of a huge number of suspects over the years!

I'm not sure what sparked this memory this week, but it did get me to thinking: if a witness were to describe me and my life to an artist, would his or her rendering reflect, at all, that I am a follower of Christ Jesus? Maybe that is a question we should all be asking ourselves on a regular basis? And what are those aspects that would convict us as being Christ's disciples?

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn. [Isaiah 61:1-2a]

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [Matthew 25:34-36]

[Jesus] said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." [Matthew 22:37-40]

On March 2, we enter the season of Lent—what a great time to ask just such questions and seek just such answers!

Take care and God bless!

Fastor Randy

New Life Lutheran Church Unapproved minutes from February 9th, 2022

The New Life Lutheran Church Council met February 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Members present were Pastor Randy Whitehead, Jessi Colby, Joyce Peterson, Diane Kunze, Patrice Ziegler, Steph Olson, Renae Froslie, Avis Wiese, Kevin Brenden, Bruce Brenden, Marlowe Rasmusson, and Doris Moen.

The meeting opened with Devotions by Joyce.

1.0 Approval of agenda: Bruce made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 4.7 and 5.3. Seconded by Steph. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of January 2021 Council minutes: Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Steph. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report January 2021: \$2000.00 was transferred from savings to meet expenses. Joyce made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Diane. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Technology update: They are working on the blue screen background for easier reading.

4.2 COVID situation update: No changes.

4.3 Lenten Season: March 2nd is Ash Wednesday. Pastor Randy will be in charge of supper. February 9th the Church Council will serve a chili supper. The Council meeting will be held after Lenten service February 9th. We will find out which Wednesday Little Bethany and The Youth Group would like to serve. There was discussion on the Easter Breakfast.

4.4 2022 Devotion Schedule: Council completed he schedule for the year.

4.5 Foundation Account signers: Bruce will get verbiage needed to submit paper work for change of signers for Foundation Account.

4.6 Wedding Booklet: Discussion on Wedding Booklet updates. Member and Non-member fees. Will continue this discussion at future meeting.

4.7 Meatball Supper: Scheduled for April 2, 2022.

5.0 New business:

5.1 New Council Member introduction: Welcome Kevin Brenden!

5.1 Correspondence: N/A

5.2 Upcoming events:

Council/Committee Installation: March 13, 2022 February 20th Youth Service Event March 2nd Ash Wednesday March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th Lenten Meal & service

5.3 Foundation Representative: Kevin will accept this position. Motion made to appoint Kevin Brenden as Council Liaison for Foundation by Bruce. Seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

6.0 Pastor's report: See report. Pastor Randy handed out the "Interests, Time and Talents, Member Survey" for review. These will be handed out to members at 2-3 church services and mailed out to other members if needed.

7.0 Youth Director's report: See report.

8.0 Office Manager's report: No concerns.

9.0 WELCA: Discussion on ideas to increase participation in WELCA. There will be an informational meeting on February 27th after church.

10.0 NLLC Foundation report: No report.

11.0 Committee reports:

<u>Worship & Music (Diane)</u>: The committee is looking at purchasing new banners for summer. Looking into tulips, daffodils, or crocus for members to purchase for Easter Sunday.

<u>Education (Steph):</u> The Sunday School will sing this Sunday. Palm Branches will be purchased for Palm Sunday Service.

Youth (Jessica): See report.

Evangelism & Mission/Family Life & Social Concerns (Joyce): The committee will meet next week.

<u>Church Property (Marlowe)</u>: No concerns. The Committee is planning to meet one Sunday morning a month.

Stewardship: No report.

12.0 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorís Moen, Secretary

The family of Ordean Haarstad would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our church family for your thoughtfulness in word, deed, and prayer, it was much appreciated.

A special thank you to Pastor Randy for making visits to the hospital, Joyce Peterson and Heather Reber for the wonderful music at the funeral, and many thanks to the women and men of the service group for their work serving the meal. 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/

According to Matthew, Jesus was preaching to 5,000 people and dusk was starting to set in, supper was long overdue, stomachs were starting to growl, and all there was to eat were two fish and five loaves of bread. The disciples were aware of the predicament. They said to Jesus, in effect, "This is a sticky situation, and we can't do anything about it anyway. Let's take what we have gathered and go away and eat!"

By nature there is some of that mentality in all of us. Whenever God places us in a situation that challenges us to use our time and talent, and to invest some of ourselves in finding a solution to someone's problem or need, our first response is to remove ourselves from the problem.

Matthew was an eyewitness to the event. Can you imagine the joyful satisfaction ... the uplift in faith Matthew experienced when he was able to write, "But everyone ate, and there was more than enough. They gathered twelve baskets full of leftovers!"

Do you think there could be any symbolic significance to the fact that there were twelve baskets full? One for each disciple? Enough to satisfy their needs for days to come? And all because they trusted God and had the joy and satisfaction that comes with being a partner with Jesus? A partner in his ministry of love and service.

For that matter, some of the most tired, worn out at times, almost burnt out disciples at every church have become that way because they have a difficult time saying "no" when our Lord calls them to join hands with him in using their time and talent to serve their church. Tired? Yes! Weary? Yes! But then, you should be let in on a little secret: You should see their "baskets"!

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

January 2022

January Income	\$	11,709.83
January Disbursements	(\$	15,908.08)
January Less in/out Income	(<u>\$</u>	<u>465.00)</u>
January Net Loss	(\$	4,663.25)

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



February 2021 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving	100% -
6-Feb	\$3,160.00	80% -
13-Feb	\$5,365.30	80% -
20-Feb	\$1,997.50	
27-Feb		
		60% -
e-giving	\$920.00	40% -
Goal:	\$14,667.00	20% - Giving
Total:	\$11,442.80	Goal
	78%	0% -

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)

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 filer 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

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 will meet on February 27th at 11:00 am, following worship.

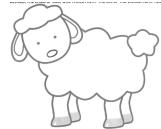
All Women of New Life are encouraged to come and help decide what the future looks like for our WELCA group.

The Lenten season is a gift of the Church to its members. The focus of Lent has always been repentance. And, repentance simply means turning back to God--our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. This year the theme of our midweek worship services for the New Life Lutheran and Little Bethany Lutheran congregations is: "There was Jesus" Our midweek services will feature some of our members sharing about some difficult or challenging or fruitful times in their lives, and how "Jesus was there" in the midst of them in various persons, places, things, experiences, or enlightenments.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2, we will have a simple supper in the New Life Fellowship Hall each Wednesday evening from 5:30-6:30 pm, followed by a worship service at 6:45 pm in the New Life sanctuary. We expect the services to run between 30 to 45 minutes. The suppers are provided by various groups. Any free will donations will be accepted in support of the various organizations, groups, or charities they are raising funds for. Thank you!

In addition to our midweek Lenten worship services, members of New Life's Evangelism, Family Life, and Social Concerns Committee have put together some Lenten Devotional Material packets to aid us in our Lenten journey. The packets are suitable for use by families, friends, and individuals during this season. The packets can be picked up at New Life Lutheran Church or Little Bethany Lutheran Church at any of the Wednesday or Sunday worship services, beginning March 2, 2022. The packets can also be picked up at New Life Lutheran Church during regular weekday working hours at the church, 10 am to 2:30 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, beginning March 1. They are also available any time you 0 see Pastor Randy's vehicle in the parking lot! Please stop in. For

those unable to stop in, please give the office a call. Pastor Randy would be happy to deliver a packet to you. Have a great Lenten season, a great Lenten journey!



The Wednesday night Lenten Schedule is as follows:

- March 2nd Soup and sandwich supper served by Pastor Randy's family at 5:30 6:30 pm. Worship at 6:45 pm.
- March 9th Chili supper served by New Life Council at 5:30 6:30 pm. Worship at 6:45 pm.
- March 16th Baked potato bar supper served by New Life Youth at 5:30 6:30 pm. Worship at 6:45 pm.
- March 23rd Supper at 5:30 6:30 pm. Worship at 6:45 pm.

March 30th - Supper at 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Worship at 6:45 pm.

April 6th - Lasagna & salad supper served by New Life Youth at 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Worship at 6:45 pm.

We are excited to announce that the Meatball Supper is coming back!

Swedish Meatballs, real mashed potatoes served with gravy, corn, buns, and desserts. There will also be a bake sale!

When: Saturday, April 2nd

Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: New Life Lutheran Church

Free will donation meal. Take out options will be available.

We are looking for people to help donate food, monetary donations to purchase food, or help with prep, serving, and/or clean-up! Sign up sheets will be passed around during worship or can be found near the church office.

Thank you for your help!

Youth Service Event

March 20th

11:00am - 1:00 pm

We will be making baptismal blankets.

This is a good opportunity for confirmation students to earn service hours. You could also bring your mentor and use it as a mentor meeting!



Youth Group Games

March 6th Grades 6 - 8 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Grades 9 - 12 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

We will gather to play games such as: life size tic-tac-toe, worm Olympics, marshmallow dodge ball, and more.

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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.

- 3/1 ~ Duke Steiner 3/2 ~ Faith Waldoch 3/6~ Maci Tillman 3/6 ~ Derrick Pfingsten 3/8 ~ Benjamin Brenden 3/9 ~ Marilyn Haarstad 3/9 ~ Craig Ouse 3/11 ~ Adrian Haugrud 3/11 ~ Gavin Larson 3/11 ~ Chad Nelson 3/11 ~ Sandra Watterud 3/13 ~ Hailey Brenden 3/13 ~ Brian Buchholz 3/15 ~ Elli Meyer
- 3/16 ~ Karter Jensen 3/17 ~ Eric Larson 3/18 ~ Eugene Boyce 3/19 ~ Dar Rose 3/20 ~ Thelma Wigdahl 3/21 ~ Lexy Dunbar 3/21 ~ Taylor Oien 3/22 ~ Jeremy Carlsrud 3/24 ~ Brian Froslie 3/25 ~ Roger Grunewald 3/25 ~ Kristen Heidecker 3/26 ~ Trevin Erickson 3/26 ~ Kyler Fronning
- 3/27 ~ Joshua Peterson
- 3/28 ~ Mary Ann Tenderholt
- 3/29 ~ Kimberly Larson
- 3/30 ~ Kacey Watterud
- 3/31 ~ Shane Balken
- 3/31 ~ Sara Shirley



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.

- 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 SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH FOR THIS MONTH March 2nd - Stephanie Curtis March 6th -March 6th & 9th - John Reber March 13th -March 13th & 16th - Nathan Ziegler March 20th -March 20th & 23rd - Jessica Nelson March 27th -March 27th & 30th - Heather Reber We are always looking for volunteers to run We are always looking for volunteers for our sound system. If you would like to future readings. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office. volunteer, please contact the church office. Training is available. Website/App App: Download sharefaith app from google play or the app store. Open sharefaith app Church is Website: www.newlifeparish.net **NLLC Rothsay** Find us on Facebook at New Life Lutheran Church

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