

# New Life News

New Life Lutheran Church & Little Bethany Lutheran Church  
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## May Scheduled Events

### **May 1st**

9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life  
9:00 am Sunday School at New Life  
10:00 am Joint Worship with Little Bethany at New Life  
with Holy Communion  
11:00 am Potluck Lunch

### **May 4th**

6:00 pm Confirmation Orientation  
6:30 pm WOW

### **May 7th**

10:00 am WELCA kits and quilts  
2:00 pm Grades 6-8 Hamar & Our Saviors  
Cemetery Clean-up  
4:00 pm Grades 9-12 Friborg Cemetery Clean-up

### **May 8th - Mother's Day**

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

### **May 11th**

6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

### **May 12th**

10:30 am American Legion Auxiliary Meeting

### **May 14th**

3:00 pm Morgan Linder's Bridal Shower  
(bride to be of Ben Brenden)

### **May 15th**

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany  
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life  
10:00 am Worship at New Life  
12:30 pm Lions Club meeting  
5:00 pm Grades 6-8 Nerf War & Pizza Party  
7:00 pm Grades 9-12 Nerf War & Pizza Party

### **May 22nd**

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany  
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life  
10:00 am Worship at New Life with Senior  
Recognition  
7:00 pm Baccalaureate Service

### **May 29th**

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany  
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life  
10:00 am Worship at New Life  
3:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary

### **'May 30th - Memorial Day**

10:00 am Memorial Day Program

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### SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

<b>May</b>	Alan & Mary Brandt Faith Waldoch
<b>June</b>	Kevin & Julie Brenden Chris & Erin Watterud

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.*

[Hebrews 12:1-3]

Long ago, in a far-off country, lived a band of minstrels who traveled from town to town performing music to make a living. They had not been doing well. Times were hard; there was little money for common folk to come to hear the minstrels, even though their fee was small. Attendance had been falling off, so early one evening the group met to discuss their plight. "I see no reason for opening tonight," one said. "To make things even worse than they may have been, it is beginning to snow. Who will venture out on a night like this?" "I agree," another disheartened singer said. "Last night we performed for just a handful of people. Fewer will come tonight. Why not give back their meager fees and cancel the concert? No one can expect us to go on when just a few are in attendance." "How can anyone do his best for so few?" inserted another. This last one then turned to another sitting beside him and asked, "What do you think?" The man of whom he asked this question was considerably older than the others. He looked straight back at his questioner and the other troupe members and said, "I know you are discouraged. I am too. But we have a responsibility to those who might come. We will go on. And, we will do the best job of which we are capable. It is not the fault of those who come that others do not. They should not be punished with less than the best we can give."

Heartened and inspired by his words, the minstrels went ahead with their show. They had never performed better. When the show was over and the small audience gone, the older man called his fellow troupe members to him. In his hand was a note, handed to him by one of the audience members as they were leaving. The older man said, "Listen to this, my friends!" There was something electric in his voice that caught all of their attention. The older man unfolded the note, and then proceeded to read from it proudly, "Thank you for a beautiful performance." It was signed very simply — "Your King."

Life is complicated, and often, quite messy. We can easily become discouraged. God knew discouragement is a terrible product of this fallen world--so he came to us in the person of Jesus to set us free to be all we can be. That is Christ's purpose and pleasure. In him, we, too, find our purpose and our joy as we share ourselves with one another..

Take care and God bless!

*Pastor Randy*

## New Life Lutheran Church Unapproved minutes from April 13th, 2022

The New Life Lutheran Church Council met April 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Members present were Pastor Randy, Jessi Colby, Bruce Brenden, Kevin Brenden, Diane Kunze, Steph Olson, Joyce Peterson, Patty Ziegler, Renae Froslic, Marlowe Rasmusson and Doris Moen.

The Meeting opened with Devotions by Pastor Randy.

**1.0 Approval of agenda:** Bruce made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

**2.0 Approval of March 2022 Council minutes:** Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Steph. Motion carried.

**3.0 Treasurer's report March 2022:** Joyce made a motion to approve the report seconded by Diane. Motion carried.

#### **4.0 Ongoing business:**

**4.1 Technology update:** Discussion on rewiring can lights so they can be dimmed to prevent glare on screen. Discussion on issues with video and sound.

**4.2 COVID situation update:** No issues.

**4.3 Lenten Season – donations received:** Donations received from offering and the two meals served by the Council will be divided between area food shelves.

**4.4 Foundation Account signers:** Will have discussion at next Foundation meeting.

**4.5 Wedding Booklet:** Committee meeting after church on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**4.6 Meatball Supper:** Bruce gave report. Thank you to everyone!

#### **5.0 New business:**

**5.1 Correspondence:** Flyers for "Seeds of Hope" on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **5.2 Upcoming events:**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday**  
**April 15<sup>th</sup> Good Friday – Community worship service**  
**April 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday**  
**April 20<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Rehearsal**  
**April 24<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sunday**  
**April 30<sup>th</sup> Prom Dinner**  
**May 1<sup>st</sup> Seeds of Hope**  
**May 4<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Orientation**  
**May 8<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day**  
**May 12<sup>th</sup> American Legion meeting**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> Morgan Linder's Bridal Shower**  
**May 22<sup>nd</sup> Senior Sunday & Baccalaureate**  
**May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day program**

**5.3 Round-up Breakfast:** The Council is planning a Breakfast for Saturday morning, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30 for the Rodeo. Discussion on advertising and menu.

**6.0 Pastor's report:** Joyce made a motion to approve all the Confirmands, seconded by Steph. Motion carried. See Pastor Randy's Report.

**7.0 Youth Director's report:** No report.

**8.0 Office Manager's report:** Patty will be out of the office May 31<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Randy will cover Patty's vacation time.

**9.0 WELCA:** New Officers are: President Diane Kunze, Vice President Mary Jo Gaugler, Secretary Joyce Peterson, Treasurer Natasha Evans. The Signers are Joyce and Natasha.

**10.0 NLLC Foundation report:** No Meeting.

#### **11.0 Committee reports:**

Worship & Music (Diane): Easter flowers have been ordered. There will be special music at the Easter service. Discussion on sound and video.

Education (Steph): Materials have been ordered for Bible School which will be in Early June.

Youth (Jessica): No Report.

Evangelism & Mission/Family Life & Social Concerns (Joyce): We will be serving coffee for Senior Recognition on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be making Compassionate Care Bags and will post items needed.

Church Property (Marlowe): The committee will be looking at ground keeping for summer. They are having outside lighting looked at.

Stewardship (Kevin): They are meeting a couple weeks.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Doris Moen, Secretary*

## **Seeds of Hope Sunday**

Sunday, May 1st

We will hold a 10:00 am joint worship service  
at New Life Lutheran with Little Bethany  
(There will not be a worship service at Little Bethany this day)

Potluck lunch to follow worship, please bring a dish to share.

We hope to see everyone there!

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### **Memorial Day Program**

Monday, May 30th at 10:00 am

at New Life Lutheran Church

Free will donation lunch, following the outdoor  
Taps, in the fellowship hall.

**Open house bridal shower for  
Morgan Lider, bride-to-be of Ben  
Brenden**

Saturday, May 14 from 3–5pm

New Life Lutheran Church

Ben and Morgan are registered at  
Macy's and Target.

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### **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 Marlowe Rasmusson.

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

## Meatball supper Financial

### Income:

Meals	\$3,609.25
Wooden Utensils	\$ 253.00
Bake Sale	\$ 912.00
Meat Raffle	\$ 485.00
After Meal Sales	\$ 340.00
Expense defray	<u>\$ 405.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,004.25</b>

We received a \$250.00 gift card from Thrivent to use for the purchase of groceries. We had many dollars worth of groceries and food items donated; which greatly reduced the cost of our fundraiser!

### Expense:

Baking pans:	\$ 195.82
Advertising:	<u>\$ 234.52</u>
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$ 430.34</b>

**Net Income: \$5,573.91**

The income received from the Meatball supper has gone to support the ministry and mission of New Life Lutheran Church. We thank you all for your donations and support!

### NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### March 2022

March Income	\$ 16,656.90
March Disbursements	(\$ 18,487.69)
March Less in/out Income	( <u>\$ 2,668.15</u> )
March Net Loss	(\$ 4,498.94)



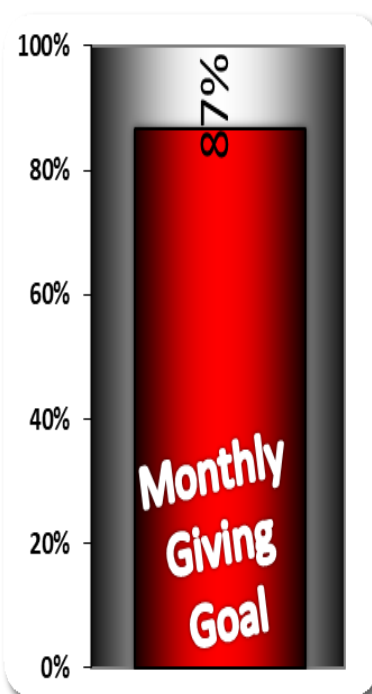
Scan the QR code to give to New Life Lutheran Church online!

### April 2021 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
3-Apr	\$2,355.00
10-Apr	\$2,271.00
17-Apr	\$4,520.00
24-Apr	\$2,050.00
e-giving	\$1,500.00

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$14,667.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,696.00</b>

87%



## *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 ~ 119 N. Broadway # 129  
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.

Thanks to everyone who bought one or more raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt during the meatball supper. Special thanks to Barb Watterud and Janice Rudh for designing and sewing it. WELCA made \$318.00, Awesome! The money will be used to buy more quilt and kit supplies when needed. Congratulations to the luck winner of the quilt, Merlin Watterud! Special thanks also to Pastor Randy for making the raffle tickets! Great job!

The next date for WELCA to meet to work on quilting and kits is Saturday, May 7th at 10:00 am please bring your own lunch.

### Things we need for WELCA kits:

- 10-15 sewn bags
- Bath towels 27 x 52 (about) dk color, new or used
- Bar soap of any kind, need 2 bars each for two different kits

Thanks!

- Quilts and Mission Committee

Janice Rudh invites all of the ladies that want to hand-stitch a quilt, to her house starting Monday, May 2nd at 9:00 am, or whenever you can arrive, weather permitting.

Any questions call Janice.



## Vacation Bible School

June 5th thru 9th

Time TBD

Be sure to sign up your student age 4 year old preschool - 5th grade for VBS so that we can have a head count for food and activities.

We are in need of parent and youth volunteers, if you are available, please sign-up!



**SATURDAY,  
JULY 16**

**ROTHSAY  
ROUND  
UP  
BREAKFAST**



**7:30-9:30AM**

**NEW LIFE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**



**FREE WILL  
DONATION**

*To-Go Meals will  
be available*



We are seeking monetary donations for the Breakfast to off set the cost of food that we will be ordering. If you would like to donate to this fund, please indicate that on your payment.

Thank you!



## Confirmation Orientation

May 4th 6:00 pm

We will have a brief introduction to Confirmation for parents and students that will be entering 7th and 8th grade in the 2022 - 2023 school year.

Dinner and Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) will be held following orientation, all are welcome!

### Senior Recognition Sunday

May 22nd

Join us for coffee, juice, and muffins at 9:00 am and worship at 10:00 am as we celebrate the a great accomplishment for these students:

- Emily Anderson
- Chase Balken
- Tanner Heier
- Abigail Honer
- Alise Moore
- Benjamin Ouse
- Summer Wigdahl

### Community Baccalaureate Service

May 22nd at 7:00 pm

We invite the Rothsay community and the Rothsay Public School graduating seniors, along with their friends and family, to a service in their honor.

### Youth Nerf War & Pizza Party

May 15th

5:00 pm Grades 6-8  
7:00 pm Grades 9-12

Join Jessica for a fun filled night with nerf guns and pizza! If you have a nerf gun you prefer, please bring it, otherwise there will be plenty of them available.



### Youth Cemetery Clean-up - Rescheduled

May 7th

2:00 - 3:30 pm Grades 6-8 will clean up Hamar and Our saviors cemeteries.

4:00 - 5:00 pm Grades 9-12 will clean up Friborg cemetery.

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!

# May 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Joint Worship at NL 11:00 am Pot Luck	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00 pm Confirmation Orientation 6:30 pm WOW	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 am WELCA kits and quilts 2:00 pm Grades 6-8 Cemetery Clean-up 4:00 pm Grades 9-12 Cemetery Clean-up
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- 5/04 ~ Heather Nelson
- 5/06 ~ Obert Aaberg
- 5/07 ~ Tulsa-Leigh Kugler
- 5/08 ~ Lori Faulkner
- 5/08 ~ Stevie Zimmerman
- 5/08 ~ Lana Friederichs
- 5/09 ~ Kenadi Carlsrud
- 5/09 ~ Emerson Nelson
- 5/11 ~ Delores Lerbakken
- 5/14 ~ Teddy Ray Burrington
- 5/14 ~ Beckett Meyer
- 5/14 ~ Jeffrey Ostland
- 5/15 ~ Christian Ziegler
- 5/16 ~ Doris Moen
- 5/19 ~ Kay Moen

- 5/20 ~ Breck Eckley
- 5/22 ~ Zayden Motz
- 5/23 ~ Allan Shirley
- 5/25 ~ Sue Gulbranson
- 5/25 ~ Andrew Olson
- 5/26 ~ Brady Johnson
- 5/27 ~ Sandra Ouse
- 5/28 ~ Deborah Faulkner
- 5/28 ~ Sandra Jorgenson
- 5/29 ~ Casey Curtis
- 5/29 ~ Marjorie Halbakken

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.



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.

- 5/01 ~ John & Diane Kunze
- 5/16 ~ Jeff & TyAnn Anderson
- 5/17 ~ Paul & Sandra Fosse
- 5/18 ~ Lyle & Diane Hovland
- 5/19 ~ Jeff & Pat Melkert
- 5/23 ~ Casey & Stephanie Curtis
- 5/30 ~ Paul & Diane Huso

### SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH

- May 1st - Jessica Nelson
- May 8th -
- May 15th -
- May 22nd -
- May 29th -



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

- May 1st - Jessica Nelson
- May 8th - Heather Reber
- May 15th - Jennifer Honer
- May 22nd - Stephanie Curtis
- May 29th - John Reber

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.

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