

New Life News

New Life Lutheran Church & Little Bethany Lutheran Church
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September Scheduled Events

September 4th

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

September 11th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am First Day of Sunday School at New Life
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life with Installation of
Sunday School Teachers
11:00 am Rally Sunday Carnival

September 14th

6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

September 18th

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

September 21st

3:30 pm First Communion Class
5:30 pm Confirmation class
7:00 pm Confirmation class

September 24th

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Ashley Watterud's Baby Shower

September 25th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Sunday School at New Life
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life
11:14 am First Communion Class

September 28th

3:30 pm 3rd Grade Bible Class
5:30 pm Confirmation class
7:00 pm Confirmation class

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SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

September Corey & Carla Moen
Eric & Jessica Nelson

October 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!

Psalm 8

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ² Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴ what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? ⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

In my files, recently, I came across an old *Bits & Pieces* handout from May of 1990. It carried this short story within it:

Celeste Sibley, one-time columnist for the *Atlanta (GA) Constitution*, took her three children to a diner for breakfast one morning. It was crowded and they had to take separate seats at the counter. Eight-year-old Mary was seated at the far end of the counter and when her food was served, she called down to her mother in a loud voice, "Mama, don't people say grace in this place?" A hush came over the entire restaurant and before Mrs. Sibley could figure out what to say, another customer at the counter said, "Yes, we do, miss. Would you please lead us?" Then, most all the people in the diner bowed their heads. Mary bowed her head and in a clear voice said, "God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food. Amen."

Yes, indeed, out of the mouths of babes! Sometimes, we get so caught up in the busy-ness of our world, and we forget about who we are and what we are about. Thank God that God chooses, at times to speak to us out of the mouths of babes like little, innocent Mary. Thank God that there are people like that un-named customer at the counter who are open to the Word of God spoken through the mouths of babes, . . . and who have the courage to validate it!

Take care and God bless!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Randy

New Life Lutheran Church Unapproved minutes from August 10th, 2022

The New Life Lutheran Church Council met August 11th 2022 at 6:30pm. Members present were Pastor Randy Whitehead, Steph Olson, Patty Ziegler, Bruce Brenden, Marlowe Rasmusson, Renae Froslic, Diane Kunze, Jessi Colby, Kevin Brenden, Joyce Peterson, Jessica Nelson.

The meeting opened with Devotions by Jessi.

1.0 Approval of agenda: Bruce made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 5.4 seconded by Steph. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of July 2022 Council minutes: Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Diane. Motion Carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report July 2022: Kevin made a motion to approve the treasurer's report Seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Technology update: N/A

4.2 COVID situation update: N/A

4.3 Foundation Account signers: Some accounts have multiple signers others only one. Moving to have two signers on all accounts. Renae being the second signer on all accounts as the Treasurer. Bruce moves to approve the recommendation of the Foundation board for signers on their accounts, Diane 2nd. Council carried the motion.

4.4 Wedding Booklet: Jessi sent in edits with a few questions for Randy to look over. Will be looked over and presented to council at the meeting in September for approval

4.5 Round-up Breakfast: Overall the meal went well, lots of community members showed up to support and share in conversation. Donations were able to help us garner a small profit but we wouldn't have broken even without that generosity. Keeping the idea in mind for a 3rd year, considering doing a per plate charge vs just doing a free will donation as well as changing up the menu to cut costs.

4.6 Foundation Funding Request: Request was made to subsidize \$16,000 of operating expenses of the church. The foundation approved \$12,000. Where that money comes from within the foundation, consulting documents that have dictated how each fund is able to be used to support the church.

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: A Thank you note about the breakfast, thanking the volunteers.

5.2 Upcoming events:

August 12th and 13th American Legion
Auxiliary Meeting

August 14th WELCA Quilting

August 19th Youth Lock-In event

August 21st Lions Club Meeting

August 24th WELCA quilting and kits

September 11th Rally Sunday

5.3 Foundation funding request: Rally

Sunday: Dunk Tank and cotton candy machines being reserved for use. Carnival games for kids to play. Serving a meal of: brats, hot dogs, chips, cookies/bars, lemonade, water. Patty will be putting out an event invitation, as a way to help get a small idea of how many may attend and plan for food. Further communication and planning to be done via telephone and zoom.

5.4 Pew cushions- Color has been chosen, will be visiting with a representative in the coming week. Will be considering next cushion type and amount of pews to be completed to adjust price.

6.0 Pastor's report: Concerned that with the many members of the congregation experiencing health issues and loss, that the figure for gas/mileage reimbursement needs to be addressed soon. August 23rd at Hope Lutheran in Fergus Falls meet and greet with the bishop to begin at 5:30, great opportunity to visit about and learn more about many things that will be beneficial to our congregation.

7.0 Youth Director's report: Confirmation retreat a success mostly due to the great planning from Randy. 4 attended and were able to learn more about the story of Joseph, bond with one another, and enjoy time at the lake. Looking forward, we are having a lock-in on the 19th- bonfire, pizza, breakfast, minute to win it games and other activities.

8.0 Office Manager's report: Lots of odds and ends to catch up on from summer. Most energy going to Rally Sunday and Sunday school things

9.0 WELCA: Gathering items for various bags, meeting this Sunday to work on some quilting.

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New Life Lutheran Church
Unapproved minutes from August 10th, 2022 continued.

10.0 NLLC Foundation report: Working one getting schedules for scholarship applications and other deadlines associated with that. Discussing the rates for the CD's rates that have changed and they are discussing how best to move forward.

11.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Diane): Did not meet.

Education (Steph): Met and discussed the class and teacher set up. Looking at changing curriculum as there hasn't been as much excitement found in the program they've been using. Moving to the older kids having more focus on more in depth topics. Looking to expand supply of substitute teachers. The last day of Sunday school will be Mothers Day again this year. Registration forms being updated and sent out soon. Rally Sunday ideas in progress.

Youth (Jessica): See 7.0

Community Care Committee (Joyce): Met and have decided to shift gears, care bags will always be available but they are moving their focus to promoting birthday bags again as they were so well received by the pantries last year. They will start that Rally Sunday and go through November/December. Looking at sponsoring a child/ren from Haiti in place of a

missionary, this would cost \$36 a month and they are thinking that can be funded through a noisy offering once a month.

Church Property (Marlowe): Freak accident with some water damage during the last big storm. Some damage to the retaining wall from snow removal this fall, making mowing more difficult. Talk about adding stakes or reflectors to mark that area better and avoid further damage. Weed control and fertilizer need to be addressed as what we have been doing is no longer an option. Two lights have gone out needing to be replaced and maybe should be placed on pedestals. Propane tank should be filled before prices go away from summer pricing. Breakers being addressed and needing to be labeled after recent work done.

Stewardship (Kevin): Will meet on the 21st following worship to plan for the year ahead.

12.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Nelson

Community Care Committee would like to thank-you for the support of our "care bags." We assembled 20 bags have given out 6. We will be taking some to the cancer center and keeping a few to have on hand if anyone needs one. If you know of someone who needs or would like one, please feel free to contact any committee member.

We have decided to bring back the Birthday Party in a Bag as it was a big hit at the local food shelves, and they have asked about continuing it. We will be accepting donations for this project for the next couple of months.

We are proud to announce our new missionary project! We have decided to sponsor a child in Haiti through the TeachHaiti School of Hope program. The aim of their program is to provide education to children where it would not have been possible otherwise. Our plan is to have a "noisy offering" once a month to support at least one child. .

More information to come.

Community Care Committee

Use Your Talent to God's Glory



Have you heard about the school for animals that was set up in this forest? All the animals decided it was time to set some criteria for who should be allowed to live in the forest, so a number of them came up with a curriculum that included tree climbing, swimming, flying, and running. They decided all animals must pass each of these classes in order to graduate.

Well, the first class was in tree climbing, which of course the squirrels passed with flying colors. The fleet-footed deer, however, flunked the course. When it came to running, the deer got straight A's, but the geese kept falling over frontwards. Now, in flying, the bald eagle flew circles around the squirrels, who kept falling off the branches onto the ground below.

The point, of course, is clear. God has given each part of his creation a talent according to their ability and that includes humans, as well. We are the ones who have decided that to be talented means that we excel in one of three or four areas and we are willing to pay enormous salaries to those who meet our criteria.

God's idea of talents, however, is based on their usefulness to others, not on the number of talents, nor how artistic they are. Not only will we be held accountable for using the talent we have been given, but as importantly, whether we have used it in God's kingdom.



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

July 2022

July Income	\$ 17,929.92
July Disbursements	(\$ 15,795.88)
July Less in/out Income	(\$ <u>2,671.00</u>)
July Net Loss	(\$ 536.96)



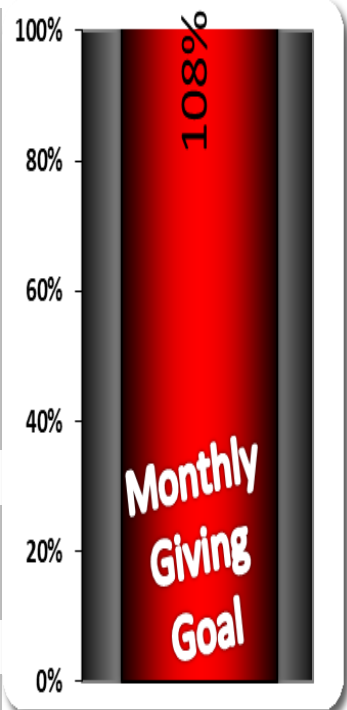
Scan the QR code to give to New Life Lutheran Church online!

August 2022 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
7-Aug	\$2,110.00
14-Aug	\$3,400.01
21-Aug	\$3,025.00
28-Aug	\$5,260.00
e-giving	\$2,055.00

Goal:	\$14,667.00
Total:	\$15,850.01

108%



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.

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

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

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

Linda Frosli ~ A-2 512 3rd Ave S.
Moorhead, MN 56560

Dorothy Knutson ~ 2401 11th St. S # 323
Moorhead, MN 56560

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:

Saturday, October 1st at 10:00 am. Bring a sack lunch.

&

Wednesday, October 19th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.
Potluck lunch, please bring a dish to share.

Please watch for school supply specials in stores during August.

Items needed for kits:

- Notebooks - 70 pages, wide or college ruled
(4 to a kit)
- Erasers
- Blunt Scissors
- Pencil sharpeners
- Rulers
- Pens & Pencils 24 pack, black or blue(5 to a kit)
- Used or new bath towels

We also need sheets of any size (no holes) these are used for the top, inside/batting, and/or the back of quilts.

Thanks to all that have donated or helped in anyway. We really appreciate it!
God Bless you all!

- Quilts and Mission Committee



3rd Grade Bible Introduction Classes and Presentation Event



Pastor Randy will be holding a two session Bible Introduction Course for 3rd Grade Students. Each student will receive a free Bible from the New Life Lutheran Church Congregation.

The classes will be on Wednesdays, September 28th and October 5th, at 3:30 pm. Pastor Randy will have pizza, cookies, and a beverage for the kids to snack on while attending the two one- hour classes. There will be a short homework assignment for the kids and their parents to complete together between the two classes. After the second class, the parents are asked to write a note or letter inside the cover of their child’s Bible and return it to the church for the special public presentation of that Bible to their child at the 10 am worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 30.

It would be very helpful for our planning for parents to call the church office [218-867-6557] and let us know that your child will be attending. If you child has a friend who doesn’t have his or her own church, please feel free to invite him or her, as well. Any questions? Please call the office or Pastor Randy [701-238-1863] Thanks much!

Join us for a carnival on Sunday, September 11th from 11:00 am - 1:30 p.m.

Hot dogs, brats, chips, cookies, and lemonade will be available for lunch following worship. Then head outside to enjoy some cotton candy and ice cream while playing carnival games (fishing for prizes, bean bag toss, etc.) face paint, and a DUNK TANK. You heard that right, bring some cash and have the chance to Dunk Pastor Randy or Jess in the Dunk Tank (there may even be a guest appearance or two from other congregation members).

We are in need of volunteers for the different stations, if you or your youth are willing to help out follow the link to sign up! <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=55816083-0c72-4a4c-88cc-cab8b5e6ed83>

We are also seeking monetary donations to offset costs of rentals. Please indicate “Rally Sunday” on payment. Thank you!



Sunday, September 11th

Sunday school will kick off the year at 9:00 am

Register your child by going to: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=5294db67-bafa-409b-b626-1aad9cc5751c>

Join us after church for lunch and carnival games!



First Communion

on Sunday, October 2, 2022



Are your kids ready to receive Holy Communion?

If your child has been asking about communion, he or she is probably ready. Are you?

Pastor Randy will be holding two First Communion Instruction and Preparation Classes in the near future. Children wanting to receive first communion instruction are welcome to attend either class. The first opportunity is on Wednesday, September 21st at 3:30 pm. The second opportunity is on Sunday, September 25 at about 11:15 am (following the worship service). Parents are welcome to attend the class with their kids. The class is expected to take 45-55 minutes, and a snack will be served. Following the class, the kids are invited to receive communion for the first time at the 10 am worship service on October 2nd. There will be a special ceremony for them at that time. It would be very helpful for our planning for parents to call the church office [218-867-6557] and let us know that your child will be attending. If your child has a friend who doesn't have his or her own church, please feel free to invite him or her, as well. Any questions? Please call the office or Pastor Randy [701-238-1863] Thanks much!

Youth Skating event

Grades 6-12

2:00 - 4:00 pm Sunday, September 25th

We will be heading to Skate City! We plan to leave the church at 1:00 pm. The cost will be \$10.00, if this is an issue let Jessica know. There is a max of 8 spots, due to transportation cap.

Looking for parent drivers to volunteer transporting students to and from Fargo, let Jessica know if you are able to help.



September Service Event

Our service event for September will be Rally Sunday, September 11th from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm.

Volunteering to help with the carnival and participating in games together. Jessica will buy one round of dunk tank balls for each youth that volunteers their time.

To register to volunteer please go to: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=55816083-0c72-4a4c-88cc-cab8b5e6ed83>

September 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Sunday School NL 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL Installation of teachers 11:00 am Rally Sunday Carnival	12	13	14 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17
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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.

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| 9/1 ~ Loretta Faulkner | 9/14 ~ Donald Aksamit | 9/26 ~ Samuel Whitehead |
| 9/1 ~ Maxine March | 9/15 ~ Travis Maras | 9/27 ~ Destiny Eckley |
| 9/2 ~ Marlys Carlsrud | 9/15 ~ Bonnie Sorum | 9/27 ~ Lexie Jensen |
| 9/3 ~ Loken Brandt | 9/16 ~ Gary Erickson | 9/27 ~ Tom Jensen |
| 9/3 ~ Mary Brandt | 9/16 ~ Michael Nelson | 9/30 ~ Eric Nelson |
| 9/4 ~ Dan Tenderholt | 9/17 ~ Lloyd Ouse | 9/30 ~ Shiela Sogge |
| 9/6 ~ Steve Frosli | 9/19 ~ Daryl Schleeter | |
| 9/8 ~ Mitchell Fabre | 9/21 ~ Maxim Boyce | |
| 9/9 ~ Paul Fosse | 9/22 ~ Nita Neuleib | |
| 9/10 ~ Nathan Kroeplin-Oien | 9/23 ~ Jim Boyce | |
| 9/13 ~ Patricia Melkert | 9/23 ~ Jerry Tenderholt | |
| 9/14 ~ Oliver Langfeld | 9/24 ~ Rachel Brenden | |
| | 9/26 ~ Eileen Braton | |



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| 9/01 ~ Dan & Renae Frosli | 9/18 ~ Greg & Deb Erickson |
| 9/02 ~ Cole & Heather Ouse | 9/18 ~ Bill & Barb Nitz |
| 9/05 ~ Bruce & Kim Brenden | 9/23 ~ Wayne & Doris Moen |
| 9/06 ~ Travis & Stephanie Olson | 9/23 ~ Darrel & Connie Tollefson |
| 9/06 ~ David & LouAnn Opsahl | 9/26 ~ Paul & Lori Jorgenson |
| 9/07 ~ Roger & Kathy Bilden | 9/28 ~ Bob & Char Boe |
| 9/12 ~ Jeremy & Kari Carlsrud | |
| 9/13 ~ Al & Sara Shirley | |

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH

- September 4th -
- September 11th -
- September 18th -
- September 25th -



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



- September 4th - Jessica Nelson
- September 11th - Heather Reber
- September 18th - Jennifer Honer
- September 25th - 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

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