

New Life News

New Life Lutheran Church & Little Bethany Lutheran Church

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Typical Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

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March Scheduled Events

March 1st

5:30 pm Lenten Supper

6:45 pm Lenten Worship

March 2nd

9:00 pm Tai Ji Quan

12:00 pm Bible Study

March 4th

7:00 pm Youth Ice cream bar & game night

March 5th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany with Holy Communion

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

March 6th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

March 8th

5:30 pm Lenten Supper

6:45 pm Lenten Worship

7:45 pm NLLC Council meeting

March 9th

9:00 pm Tai Ji Quan

10:30 am American Legion Auxiliary meeting

12:00 pm Bible Study

March 10th

10:00 am WELCA "Love Days"

March 11th

10:00 am WELCA "Love Days"

March 12th - Daylight Savings

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, Sunday School sings & Noisy offering

March 13th

9:00 pm Tai Ji Quan

March 15th

5:30 pm Lenten Supper

6:45 pm Lenten Worship

March 16th

9:00 pm Tai Ji Quan

12:00 pm Bible Study

March 18th

10:00 am Private Baby Shower

March 19th

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 with Holy Communion

12:30 pm Lions Club meeting

March 20th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

March 22nd

5:30 pm Lenten Supper

6:45 pm Lenten Worship

March 23rd

9:00 pm Tai Ji Quan

12:00 pm Bible Study

March 25th

5:00 pm Meatball Supper

March 26th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life

11:30 am Private Bridal Shower

March 28th

8:00 am ACT Testing

March 29th

5:30 pm Lenten Supper

6:45 pm Lenten Worship

March 30th

12:00 pm Bible Study

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SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

March	Jim & Julie Boyce Bruce & Kim Brenden
April	Cheryl Oien Henry Wander & Nikki Oien

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



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

Calvin and Hobbes was a daily syndicated comic strip created by cartoonist Bill Watterson that ran 1985 to 1995. The strip followed the humorous antics of the title characters: Calvin, a precocious and mischievous six-year-old boy; and Hobbes, his sardonic stuffed tiger.

Brett Younger writes, "In the very first Calvin and Hobbes comic strip, Calvin's dad is working on the car, when Calvin walks up in a safari hat and says, 'So long, Pop! I'm off to check my tiger trap! I rigged a tuna fish sandwich yesterday, so I'm sure to have a tiger by now!' His dad replies, 'They like tuna fish, huh?' As Calvin walks off, he says, 'Tigers will do anything for a tuna fish sandwich!' The final frame shows Hobbes, hanging by his foot from a tree, munching on a tuna fish sandwich. He says to no one in particular, 'We're kind of stupid that way.'

Every day we are tempted to be less than we can be. Without giving it much thought, we choose what's easiest. We seldom consider how much more is possible. We take tuna fish when we could do better. We're kind of stupid that way."

I think Brett Younger is right about us.

The Lenten season was originally created for new Christians--those experiencing a call to become a Christian. They were to spend forty days and nights preparing for their baptism. If at the end of that time they still wanted to follow Jesus, then on Easter morning, just before sunrise, they would be baptized. Then, the sun would rise, signaling the new day, the new era, inaugurated because of the Resurrection. Imagine the significance and power of that whole experience--preparing for their vocation as Christians the same way that Jesus prepared for his vocation as the Messiah; forty days of preparation and self-examination. Later the Church, recognizing the powerful effect this 40-day season had on new Christians, adopted the practice for those who were already Christians. For this group, it was a time of renewal and recommitment to the Christian life. Why? Because, too often, they, like us today, gave into the temptation of being less than they could be. They did so by choosing the easy path rather than the faithful and right path.

Since they were and we are "kind of stupid that way," lent was their and is our opportunity, to once again, make course corrections. So, what is it that will help us reorient ourselves back to God? What practice will we choose, if any, for this 40-day season? Will it be some sort of fast from something? Or, perhaps, adding some habit like a prayer time or devotional time to our schedules? The answers are personal to each of us as we are all different, and respond to different things. But, as a church community we are offering special midweek worship services to help you in this Lenten season of preparation and self-examination. There is a supper each Wed., from 5:30-6:30 pm, followed by a worship service at 6:45 pm. The worship services will be focused on a number of Jesus' parables. And, a number of area pastors will be helping us examine those parables.

Please join us! Have a great and meaningful Lenten Season!

Take care and God bless!

Pastor Randy

New Life Lutheran Church

Unapproved minutes from February 15th, 2023

The New Life Lutheran Church Council met February 15, 2023, at 6:30 pm. Members present were Pastor Randy Whitehead, Joyce Peterson, Bruce Brenden, Steph Olson, Kristin Torgerson, Renae Froslic, Kevin Brenden, Marlowe Rasmusson, and Diane Kunze.

The meeting opened with Devotions by Joyce.

1.0 Approval of agenda: Motion made to approve the agenda by Joyce with the additions of Rothsay Round-up and Senior Recognition, seconded by Diane. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of January 2023 Council minutes: Motion made to approve the minutes by Kevin, seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report January 2023: AmazonSmile is ending the program so there will be no more income from that. Motion made to approve the Treasurer's report by Joyce, seconded by Steph. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Technology update: N/A

4.2 Meatball Supper: Add to the flyer what the funds go towards. There are still donations needed for food and funding for the dinner. Steph had access to a \$250 gift card thru Thrivent to put towards groceries. Check to see if the truck stop can order from food services. WELCA will be having a quilt raffle.

4.3 Lenten Season: Pastor Randy talked about the round Robin put in place for Lent. Discussed Lenten suppers and scheduled groups to cover them, council will be taking 15th and will be serving Chili. WELCA will take 29th.

5.0 New business:

5.1 New Council Member Introduction: Kristin Torgerson is the secretary. Brandon Langfeld is the new Vice President (not able to attend).

5.2 2023 Devotional Schedule: Members filled in most of the schedule.

5.3 Correspondence: Wilkin County wants to combine land parcels, Bruce signed to submit. Bishop is encouraging church leaders to participate in retreat.

5.4 Upcoming events:

February 19th – Lions Club meeting
February 22nd – Ash Wednesday

February 26th – Youth Sky Zone

March 1st – Youth Lenten meal & Worship

March 3rd-5th – Tentative Confirmation
Retreat

March 8th – Community Care Committee
Lenten meal & Worship

March 9th – American Legion Auxiliary

March 15th – Lenten meal & Worship

March 18th – Private Baby shower

March 19th – Lions Club meeting

March 22nd – Lenten meal & worship

March 25 – Meatball Supper

March 26th – Private Bridal Shower

March 29th – Lenten meal & Worship

5.5: Custodial/Supply account signer: A motion to remove Connie & Darrell Tollefson and add Kristen and/or Nate Hanson to supply account was made by Steph Olson and 2nd by Joyce. Motion on the floor has been carried.

5.6 Evangelism & Mission/Family Life & Social Concerns name change: A motion was made to change the name of the Evangelism & Mission/Family Life & social concerns committee to the community care community by Joyce, 2nd by Steph. Motion carried. This will be brought in front of New Life Lutheran church congregation at the Annual meeting, as well as other congregational changes that will be made and needed to be added to the bylaws.

5.7 Rothsay Round-up Breakfast: Round-up is scheduled for 7/7-7/8 this year. There will be discussion on whether or not to continue having a breakfast.

5.8 Senior Recognition: Senior recognition scheduled for 5/7. Baccalaureate suggested for 5/24. Check with school and the Baptist church.

6.0 Pastor's report: Laptop computer program subscriptions ended, and Randy needs a code to be able to access Microsoft programs. 2/14 Randy took a comp day. He visits 13-15 people (combined areas), not enough time for all 24 visits. His mileage will be going up, suggested to do what he can and not overdo it. Explained minute in mission and everyone agreed it's a good addition to worship services. Randy is making tickets for the quilt raffle. There have been requests for live stream services to be brought back. It's been brought to the council's attention Jessica has been here 10 years and has no vacation in contract and

Council Minutes Continued

discussed terms of equitable vacation to be added into her contract. Discussion by council by common consent that something should be granted.

7.0 Youth Director's report: N/A

8.0 Office Manager's report: N/A

9.0 WELCA: 16 people were at the last meeting and we had a great meeting.

10.0 NLLC Foundation report: CD- renewed for 25 months at 3.45%.

11.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Diane): There has been discussion on live streaming troubleshooting during services. There are glitches during live streams due to it being a free program, to pay for it would cost \$3-5K. Suggested to make tech positions a paid position due to technology issues/ troubleshooting. Suggested someone reach out to John Reber or Nate Ziegler to see what else is available or other churches are utilizing. Shut-ins requested to Pastor Randy to bring back live stream. Also working on Easter flower set up,

similar to years past. Diane is stepping down in worship and music due to other commitments. Jennifer Honer will replace her for her term. Looking into replacing Jennifer's current position. Bruce thanked Diane for her service in music and worship.

Education (Steph): Sunday school is going well. Look into buying palms.

Youth (Jessica): N/A

Community Concerns Committee (Joyce): Birthday bags are appreciated. \$86 taken in noisy offering last Sunday.

Church Property (Marlowe): Fixed faucet. Waiting for confirmation on filter changes. Looking for more step stools for the bathrooms.

Stewardship (Kevin): No meeting.

12.0 Adjournment: Next meeting will be March 8th following Lenten services. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Torgerson

Lenten Schedule

Our Wed. evening services will be featuring a number of area pastors and worship leaders delving into a number of the Parables of Jesus. Mark your calendars to make sure you do not miss this great opportunity to draw closer to God and one another. The schedule for the midweek Lenten services features a meal from 5:30 to 6:30 pm each Wed., and worship at 6:45 pm. Here is the schedule for our meals & worship leaders:

Mar. 1 Meal - Lasagna, Worship leader - Pastor Julie Carlson

Mar. 8 Meal - Hotdish, Worship leader - Pastor Phillip Tobin

Mar. 15 Meal - Chili, Worship leader - Pastor Ale Tulu

Mar. 22 Meal - Taco bar, Worship leader - AIM Jerry Peterson

Mar. 29 Meal - TBD, Worship leader - Pastor Randy

Graceful Thoughts

Christian stewardship is nothing less than a way of life. It is the understanding that everything we have, including our own lives, is a gift from God. It is a way of looking at the world ... at everything that touches our lives ... through the eyes of faith.

During this Lenten season and for the rest of the year we have a chance to give back a little of what has been given to us. There are a number of ways to show our love by giving our time, our money, or our talents. We must learn to give every day to add our little bit to that which Christ gave to us during that Easter season long ago.

Proportionate giving is not a mere catch phrase for promotional purposes. This approach says, "Give as God has prospered you."

Don't be concerned with your share of the budget. What really matters is God's share of your income. Proportionate giving is primarily a matter of the heart and not the purse. Give your heart to Christ and let him direct your giving.



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

January 2023

January Income	\$ 14,934.35
January Disbursements	\$ 18,736.82
January Less in/out Income	(\$ 2,454.00)
January Net Loss	(\$ 6,256.47)



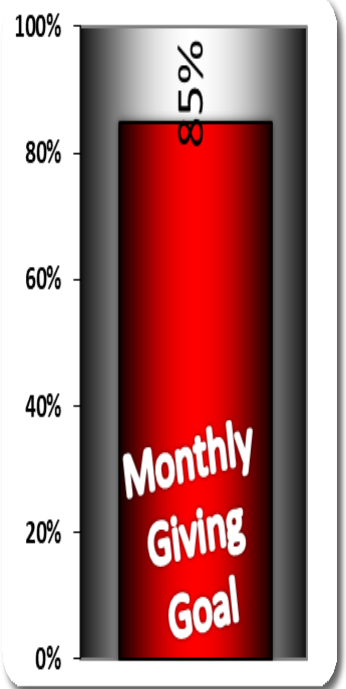
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February 2023 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
5-Feb	\$6,172.00
12-Feb	\$2,193.00
19-Feb	\$2,530.00
26-Feb	
e-giving	\$410.00

Goal:	\$13,346.15
Total:	\$11,305.00

85%



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)

Marilyn Haarstad ~ 411 E. Everett Ave. Apt #155
Fergus Falls (218-736-7729)

Betty Magnusson ~ 803 Mill St. S. Apt # 321
Fergus Falls (218-736-8824)

Steve (Bud) Magnusson ~ 1131 Mabelle Ave
Room C-211 Fergus Falls
(Pioneer Care)

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

Phyllis (Hauger, Shirley) Morrill ~ 803 Mill St. S.
Apt # 323 Fergus Falls (218-770-8642)

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)

Linda Froslic ~ 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 Women's Fellowship

Future Activity Dates: (Please mark them on your calendar and join us!)

WELCA Women's Fellowship will be meeting for our **QUILTING LOVE DAYS:**

Fri, March 10 from 10 am—3 pm (set up at 9:30am)

Sat, March 11 from 10 am— 3 pm

Come for the whole day or stay for as little as one hour! You're welcome for as long as you' are willing and able! Officers are bringing egg bakes for all to eat. Anyone else is invited to bring a dish to share.

We will have stations for each step that goes in to making a quilt...from cutting, pinning, putting together and tying to binding. Please join us! We'd LOVE to see your smiling faces at our LOVE days!!

Another Quilting Love Day is scheduled for Monday, April 17th.

On Saturday, May 6, we have a special guest coming— Lena will be here with a fun program that will tickle you pink! Mark your calendars.

Mission work donations needed:

PERSONAL CARE KIT

- Light -weight bath -size towel (between 20"x40" & 52"x 27", dark color recommended.)
- 8 to 9 oz bars of soap in original wrapping.
- Adult-size toothbrush in packaging.
- Sturdy comb.
- Nail clippers.

BABY CARE KITS

- Light weight cotton t-shirts, no onsies, 12 mo. - 2 T
- Long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (no feet)
- Receiving blankets, cotton or flannel, crochet or knitted with lightweight yarn (36" to 52").

- Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred.
- Socks
- Hand towel dark color preferably.
- Gentle bath-size bars soap 8-9 oz.
- Diaper pins or large safety pins
- Baby Caps
- Jacket, Sweatshirts or Sweater

QUILT SUPPLIES

- 1: Sheets for filler and back (No Holes)
- 2: Pillowcases and fabric make squares for tops.

Thank you for your donations.

FIFTH ANNUAL

Swedish Meatballs made by Norwegians Supper

**Saturday, March 25, 2023
from 5-8 pm**

New Life Lutheran Church in Rothsay, MN
Freewill donation for supper

Swedish meatballs and real mashed potatoes served with gravy, lefse, corn, dinner rolls, and fruit dessert

MEATBALLS TO GO!

No time to eat in? Stop by to pick up meals in a divided to-go container.

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Proceeds go to the ministry and mission of New Life Lutheran Church.

Bake Sale

Also, make sure to check out the delicious, home-baked goodies to bring home to enjoy later!

Quilt Raffle

And don't miss your chance to win the handiwork of the NLLC ladies.

WELCA will be auctioning off an old fashioned crazy quilt. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$5.00 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$10.00.

You can purchase tickets every Wednesday evening during lent, Sunday mornings, or during church office hours.

The drawing for the quilt will be held during the meatballs supper on March 25th at 7:00 pm. Need not be present to win.

Other quilts on display are for sale until March 22nd. Youth quilts are \$25.00 and big ones are for \$50.00. Feel free to come in during church office hours to look at the quilts or call Elaine L. Balken (218-867-2352) to set up a time.

Easter Flower Garden Orders

Spring flowers will once again adorn our church this Easter season. If you wish to sponsor a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one, please complete an order form and return it to the church office no later than March 26th, 2023.

Flowers available for order are Tulips (\$14), Hyacinths (\$14), Daffodils (\$14), Begonias (\$17), or a spring bulb garden (\$18).

Forms are located outside of the sanctuary doors and will soon be available on our website.

Confirmation Winter Retreat

The winter confirmation retreat is being rescheduled due to sporting conflicts. Please be on the look-out for event updates on Facebook and in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

Ice cream & Game night

March 4th

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

We will be gathering for an ice cream bar and game night at New Life. Bring your favorite ice cream topping and your favorite game!



Youth Service Event

March 25th

4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

We will need youth volunteers to help with the meatball supper. This is a great opportunity to get in service hours for Confirmation students.

March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 6:45 pm Worship	2 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan 12:00 pm Bible Study	3	4 7:00 pm Youth ice cream & game night
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3/1 ~ Duke Steiner	3/17 ~ Eric Larson	3/29 ~ Kimberly Larson
3/2 ~ Faith Waldoch	3/18 ~ Eugene Boyce	3/30 ~ Kacey Watterud
3/6 ~ Maci Tillman	3/19 ~ Dar Rose	3/31 ~ Shane Balken
3/9 ~ Benjamin Brenden	3/21 ~ Taylor Oien	3/31 ~ Sara Shirley
3/9 ~ Marilyn Haarstad	3/22 ~ Jeremy Carlsrud	
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 ~ Brian Buchholz	3/27 ~ Joshua Peterson	
3/15 ~ Elli Meyer	3/28 ~ Mary Ann	
3/16 ~ Karter Jensen	Tenderholt	



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
 3/28 ~ Trevor & Korene Moore
 3/31 ~ Tom & Mary Jensen

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



March 5th - Jessi Colby
March 12th - Jessica Nelson
March 19th -
March 26th - Jennifer Honer

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

March 5th & 8th - Jessica Nelson
March 12th & 15th - Heather Reber
March 19th & 22nd - Natacha Evans
March 26th & 29th - Jennifer Honer

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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