

June Scheduled Events

June 1st

3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids

June 4th - New Member Sunday

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany with Holy Communion 12:30 pm Lions Club meeting 9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life come meet our new members! 10:00 am Worship at New Life with Holy Communion & new member recognition 4:00 pm Vacation Bible School Begins

June 5th 4:00 pm Vacation Bible School

June 6th 4:00 pm Vacation Bible School

June 7th 4:00 pm Vacation Bible School

June 8th

10:30 am American Legion Auxiliary 4:00 pm Vacation Bible School 5:45 pm Vacation Bible School Program & Dinner

June 11th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany 9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life 10:00 am Worship at New Life 4:00 pm Lions Club meeting

June 12th

1:00 pm Visitation for Bill Nitz 2:00 pm Memorial service for Bill Nitz

June 14th

6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

June 17th

9:00 am Private Event

June 18th - Father's Day

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

June 25th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany 9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life 10:00 am Worship at New Life 5:00 pm Youth Grades 6-8 Nerf war 6:30 pm Youth Grades 9-12 Nerf war

Rothsay Round-up Breakfast

New Life plans to host the Rothsay Round-up breakfast again this year on July 8th, prior to the parade.

Please watch for more updates and volunteer opportunities in future newsletters and bulletins.

If you would like to help offset expenses by donating to the breakfast, please indicate Round-up breakfast on your donations.

Thank you!

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



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

Peter Drucker, America's management guru, tells of a hospital administrator who held his first staff meeting. They worked through a rather difficult matter and the new boss felt the matter was settled. But then suddenly one of the staff asked, "Would this have satisfied Nurse Bryan?" The arguments immediately started all over again and did not stop until a better solution to the problem had been hammered out.

Who was this, Nurse Bryan? The administrator soon found out. She had been a long serving nurse in the hospital. Whenever a decision regarding patient care came up, Nurse Bryan would ask, "Are we doing the best we can to help this patient?" As a result of her conscientious concern, patients on her floor did better and recovered faster. Gradually as time went by, the whole hospital learned to adopt what became known as "Nurse Bryan's Rule."

Though she had retired ten years earlier, the standard she had set was still providing vision for employees in the hospital. Her secret? She took every aspect of hospital work back to the central question: "What can we do to best do our job as a hospital?"

In like fashion, the apostle Paul, set the standard for us, as followers of Christ. He wrote:

"If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." [1 Corinthians 13:1-7]

I seem to hear a lot of people, today, claim the title of Christian. That claim is a claim of vision as to what we can do best to make Christ and his mercy known in the world. But, I wonder, does the standard that the apostle Paul set before us more than 1,950 years ago still hold any sway?

To put it another way . . .

An artist, seeking to depict the meaning of evangelism, painted a storm at sea. Black clouds filled the sky. Illuminated by a flash of lightning, a little boat could be seen disintegrating under the pounding of the ocean. People were struggling in the swirling waters, their anguished faces crying out for help. The only glimmer of hope appeared in the foreground of the painting, where a large rock protruded out of the water. There, clutching desperately with both hands, was one lone seaman.

It was a moving scene. Looking at the painting, one could see in the tempest a symbol of humankind's hopeless condition. And, true to the Gospel, the only hope of salvation was "the Rock of Ages", a shelter in the time of storm. But as the artist reflected upon his work, he realized that the painting did not accurately portray his subject. So, he discarded the canvas and painted another. It was very similar to the first: the black clouds, the flashing lightning, the angry waters, the little boat crushed by the pounding waves, and the crew vainly struggling in the water. In the foreground the seaman was clutching the large rock for salvation. But the artist made one change: the survivor was holding on with only one hand, and with the other hand he was reaching down to pull up another person who was drowning. That, it seems to me, is the New Testament picture of witnessing - that hand reaching down to rescue the perishing. Until that hand is extended, there is no Gospel - and no hope for the world.

Take care and God bless!

Fastor Randy

New Life Lutheran Church Unapproved minutes from May 10th, 2023

The New Life Lutheran Church council met May 10th, 2023 at 6:34pm. Members present; Pastor Randy Whitehead, Bruce Brenden, Brandon Langfeld, Kristin Torgerson, Kevin Brenden, Jennifer Honer, Jessica Nelson, Steph Olson, Joyce Peterson, Marlowe Rasmusson, and Diane Kunze.

1.0 Approval of agenda: Motion made to approve agenda by Joyce and seconded by Steph. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of April 2023 Council minutes: Motion made to approve minutes by Kevin and seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report April 2023: Motion made to approve treasurer's report by Jennifer and seconded by Kevin. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Technology update: Foundation approved the tech/sound updates and equipment has been ordered.

4.2 Round-up Breakfast: Committee will set up a meeting for planning, and Brandon has volunteered to help as well.

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: Flyer from a roofing company, and a few letters from places asking for donations.

5.2 Upcoming events:

May 17th – Cemetery clean-up and bonfire May 20th – Private Event May 21st – Private Event May 24th – Baccalaureate at the Baptist church May 27th - Private Event & Emma Buckingham's Grad Party May 29th – Memorial Day Program June 4th – Tentative new member Sunday June 4th – Tentative new member Sunday June 4th – Private Event June 10th – Private Event June 12th – Bill Nitz's Funeral

5.3 New member Sunday: Community care as well as worship & music are meeting to plan this.

5.4 Worship in the park: Park has been booked for 7/9 and special music is in the works.

5.5 Synod Council request: The synod requests all church councils meet virtually on 2/12/2024 at 6:30pm.

6.0 Pastor's report: Confirmation has been completed and orientation for upcoming confirmands just happened, possibly 9 students and there will be two specific nights parents are suggested to come with the kids.

Due to lack of interest in rural churches Pastor Randy suggested he would put together a list of benefits that may attract any new pastors as they are not wanting to leave larger areas.

7.0 Youth Director's report: n/a

8.0 Office Manager's report: There are 10 newsletter mailings, will be cutting back on the number of newsletters printed for pick up. Discussed having gluten free wafers and if there is a need. 7/3-7/7 Patty will be out of the office.

9.0 WELCA: Lena went well and will possibly be back next year. There will be a sign out sheet for anything coming and going from the building for anything WELCA. Quilt sale will continue twice a year for a one-month period. WELCA will also be giving the church \$500 from the bake sale that was held during the meatball dinner.

10.0 NLLC Foundation report: option A for tech/ sound as approved. Upcoming scholarship applications deadline is July 1st.

11.0 Committee reports:

<u>Worship & Music (Jennifer):</u> Seniors possibly performing at baccalaureate. Also, the team has been cleaning cabinets out around the building.

<u>Education (Steph):</u> 6/4-6/8 is vacation bible school. Food has been taken care of, suggested confirmands helping with vbs. Kids really enjoyed worship/music's help with the flower display on the last day of Sunday school.

<u>Youth (Jessica):</u> Final WOW happened and 3 stayed. Confirmation orientation happened, 2 nights for parents to attend with their youth (Wed after Labor Day and then in Jan). Last service event for 22/23 year is 5/17 cleaning two cemeteries.

<u>Evangelism & Mission/Family Life & Social</u> <u>Concerns (Joyce):</u> Senior recognition went well! Looking for donations for more care bags.

<u>Church Property (Marlowe):</u> Clean-up of the grounds will be happening. Continued work on the roof repair and still assessing water damage from the ice dam. Retaining wall is starting to sag and needs to be leveled.

Council Minutes Continued

Stewardship (Kevin): n/a

12.0 Adjournment: Next meeting will be June 14th at 6:30pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:53pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Torgerson

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What is Your Standard?



You may want to make a gift to your parish, but wonder how large your gift should be. There's no right answer to the question, "How much should I give?"

Giving guidelines

The ancient principle of tithing sets an historic example. Centuries ago, ten percent of earnings was the standard. Looking at the changes in taxation, earnings, and living costs, some modern authorities have suggested even five percent is important. Thus, a couple earning \$80,000 per year could consider a guideline between \$4,000 and \$8,000 in annual charitable gifts.

But every gift should come from the heart, not just the pocket. Asking how much, exactly, to give to those who need our help, is asking us to tell you what is in your heart.

Your church touches the lives of people and makes them better. It is a place where the work of Christ can continue. It is your link to the wisdom of the past and the promise of the future. That kind of meaning cannot be reduced to giving formulas and percentages. It requires a response from the heart.



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

April 2023

| April Income | \$ 16,993.36 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| April Disbursements | \$ 16,600.41 |
| April Less in/out Income | \$ 2,930.75 |
| April Net Income | \$ 3,323.70 |
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Scan the QR code to give to New Life Lutheran Church online!



May 2023 Giving Outlook

| Week | Giving | 100% - |
|----------|-------------|--------------|
| 7-May | \$3,411.00 | |
| 14-May | \$1,825.00 | 80% - 🔗 |
| 21-May | \$1,762.00 | - %2 |
| 28-May | | |
| | | 60% - |
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| e-giving | \$430.00 | 40% - |
| | | Monthly |
| Goal: | \$13,346.15 | 20% - Giving |
| Total: | \$7,428.00 | Glaine |
| | | Goal |
| | 56% | 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.

- 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)
- Harold Larson ~ 1131 S. Mabelle Ave Room C-205 Fergus Falls, MN (Pioneer Care)
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- Phyllis (Hauger, Shirley) Morrill ~ 803 Mill St. S. Apt # 323 Fergus Falls (218-770-8642)

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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 be on the look-out in the bulletin for future events.

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.

QUILT SUPPLIES

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

Thank you for your donations!

BABY CARE KITS

- Light weight cotton t-shirts, no onsies,6 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

FUNERAL FOR BILL NITZ

Bill passed away December 18, 2022.

Memorial Service: 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 12, 2023 at New Life Lutheran Church. Visitation one-hour prior to the service at the church.

Lunch will follow the service at the Fergus Falls VFW Post 612, 420 E Washington Ave. Fergus Falls, MN 56537

New Member Sunday

June 4th

Join us for a special coffee hour at 9:00 am to meet the newest members to our church family.

All new members are invited to coffee and worship to be introduced to members or NLLC and be shown around the building. New members will also be acknowledged during our 10:00 am worship service.

The community care committee is continuing to work on Birthday bags for food shelves and Care bags. To make this happen we will continue to accept the following donations.

For Birthday Bags:

- Matching birthday plates and napkins
- Silverware
- Pop (any flavor)
- Cake mixes and frosting

- Aluminum disposable 9x13 cake pans

• Ginger snaps, Ginger chews, or

Ginger Tea (For nausea)

Handwritten note

Prayer Shawl

- Birthday gift bags
- Birthday candles
- Balloons

Pedometer

Snacks

We assemble birthday bags to accommodate a party of 12 attendees. If needed you can pick up a list of all needed items on the table by our display. We appreciate any donations from a completed gift bag down to one cake mix. All will be used.

For Care Bags:

- Devotional
- Chapstick
- Water Bottle
- Lemon drops/Hard candy
- Unscented hand sanitizer
- Comfy socks
- Unscented hand lotion
- Journal/notepad
- Pens/Colored pencils, something fun to write with
- Puzzle books/Brainteasers/Magazines/Coloring or activity book for adults

Thank-you again for all the support, Community Care Committee

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Vacation Bible School

June 4th - June 8th 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The VBS program will be on June 8th at 5:45 pm.

This event is for children currently in 4 year old Pre-K through 5th grade.

Please sign-up at newlifeparish.net or visit; https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx? formId=a2133e54-2968-4e16-a9d0d9e81cd58b4e

We are in need of volunteers, food donations and/or monetary donations to purchase supplies. If you are willing to help, please find the volunteer and donation lists at the church, or indicate VBS with your donation.

We appreciate all of your support to make our Vacation Bible School an amazing experience for everyone!

Youth Nerf War

Sunday, June 25th 5:00 - 6:00 pm for Grades 6-8th 6:30 - 7:30 pm for Grades 9-12th

We will meet at New Life for pizza and a Nerf war. Please bring any Nerf guns and darts that you would like to use for this event.



VBS Volunteers

We are looking for some youth volunteers to help with VBS June 4th-8th.

Any confirmation students who volunteer will earn discipleship points for the upcoming year. June 2023

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| FRIDAY | | | | | |
| THURSDAY | 1 3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids | 8 10:30 am American Legion Auxiliary 4:00 pm VBS 5:45 pm VBS Program & meal | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| WEDNESDAY | | 7 4:00 pm VBS | Flag Day 14 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting | 21 | 28 |
| TUESDAY | | 6 4:00 pm VBS | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| MONDAY | | 5 4:00 pm VBS | 12 1:00 pm Bill Nitz Visitation 2:00 pm Bill Nitz Memorial service | Juneteenth 19 | 56 |
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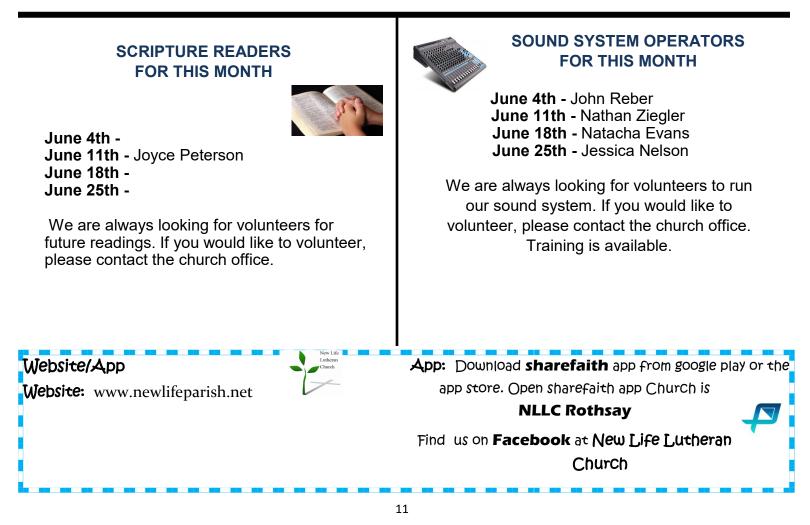


This is the list of birthdays as listed in our church records for this month. If your name should be on the list and isn't (or is on the list and shouldn't be), please call the church office.

- 6/01 ~ Char Boe
- 6/01 ~ Lisa Burrington
- 6/01 ~ Allan Dunbar
- 6/02 ~ Kailee Roskens 6/02 ~ Roberta Ouse
- 6/03 ~ Warren Helgeson
- 6/03 ~ Kellie Barry
- 6/03 ~ Marilyn Ostlund
- 6/03 ~ Cole Ouse
- 6/06 ~ Gina Erickson
- 6/06 ~ Beverly Honrud
- 6/06 ~ Steve Magnusson
- 6/06 ~ Debra Toso
- 6/06 ~ Ian Watterud
- 6/07 ~ Ruth Dow
 - 6/05 ~ Steve & Betty Magnusson
 - 6/07 ~ Michell & Tanya Ackert
 - 6/07 ~ Selvin & Margaret Brenden
 - 6/08 ~ Robert & Loretta Faulkner
 - 6/08 ~ Harold & Debra Opsahl
 - 6/09 ~ Jordan & Kellie Barry
 - 6/10 ~ Dana & Jessica Holland

- 6/07 ~ Scott Zimmerman 6/08 ~ Sommer Rian 6/10 ~ Austin Link 6/10 ~ Curt Zimmerman 6/11 ~ Colleen Brandt 6/12 ~ Madison Tillman 6/12 ~ David Brandt 6/13 ~ Bruce Brenden
- 6/13 ~ Logan Moen
- 6/14 ~ Arlene Haugrud
- 6/14 ~ Roger Peterson
- 6/16 ~ Fran Bever
- 6/16 ~ Loren Cookman
- 6/17 ~ Kathryn Bilden 6/17 ~ Landon Lang

 - 6/13 ~ Kevin & Julie Brenden
 - 6/13 ~ Merlin & Barb Watterud
 - 6/16 ~ Chad & Shiela Sogge
 - 6/17 ~ Eric & Kim Larson
 - 6/20 ~ Daryl & Shauna Schleeter
 - 6/30 ~ Cody & Kayla Schafer



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.

- 6/17 ~ Kevin Watterud
- 6/18 ~ Jordan Barry
- 6/19 ~ Daniel Froslie
- 6/19 ~ Kayla Schafer
- 6/21 ~ Brody Umlauf
- 6/21 ~ Kenzie Jensen
- 6/23 ~ Hillary Langfeld
- 6/24 ~ DuWayne Balken
- 6/26 ~ Lorin Hansen
- 6/28 ~ Austin Brandt
- 6/28 ~ Mason Heidecker 6/28 ~ Peter Rudh
- 6/29 ~ Kari Rudh
- 6/30 ~ Annamaree Toso

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