

New Life News

New Life Lutheran Church & Little Bethany Lutheran Church

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New Life office hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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October Scheduled Events

October 1st

8:45 am Worship at LB with Holy Communion
9:00 am Coffee at NL
9:00 Sunday School at NL
10:00 am Worship at NL with Holy Communion
11:00 am Youth Lock-in Ends
11:15 am First Communion instruction

October 2nd

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

October 3rd

10:30 am Bible Study

October 4th

3:45 pm First Communion instruction
6:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm WOW

October 5th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan
3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids

October 8th - Pastor Appreciation Day

8:45 am Worship at LB
9:00 am Coffee at NL
9:00 Sunday School at NL
10:00 am Worship at NL & **Sunday School sings**
11:15 am 3rd Grade Bible class

October 9th - Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

October 10th

10:30 am Bible Study

October 11th

3:45 pm 3rd Grade Bible class
6:00 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

October 12th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

October 15th

8:45 am Worship at LB
9:00 am Coffee at NL
9:00 Sunday School at NL
10:00 am Worship at NL & First Communion
11:15 am WELCA meeting

October 16th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan
6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

October 17th

10:30 am Bible Study

October 19th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

October 22nd

8:45 am Worship at LB
9:00 am Coffee at NL
10:00 am Worship at NL

October 23rd

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

October 24th

10:30 am Bible Study

October 25th

6:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm WOW

October 26th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

October 29th - Reformation Sunday

8:45 am Worship at LB
9:00 am Coffee at NL
9:00 Sunday School at NL
10:00 am Worship at NL & 3rd Grade receive Bibles
11:00 am Youth Turkey Trot

October 30th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

October 31st - Halloween

10:30 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Trunk or Treat

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SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

October	Jim & Julie Boyce Bruce & Kim Brenden
November	Marvin & Joyce Peterson

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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

As I was driving to work the other day, I saw a flock of geese, in their characteristic “V” formation, flying quite low. Their trajectory was straight and true. I then noticed a group of smaller birds fluttering about, zig-zagging this way and that, arcing suddenly toward an intersection with the flock of geese. I assumed the two sets of birds were flying at different altitudes as neither group altered their flight path. As I watched, I discovered they were not flying at different altitudes, but the same, and there was an intersection in their flight paths. When it happened, the geese (the bigger birds) kept flying straight and true as the smaller birds intersected the middle of their formation. The smaller birds, realizing too late they were veering into the flock of geese, didn’t hit any of the geese, but were tossed about by the draft emanating from the wings and the formation of the geese. A number of the smaller birds tumbled multiple times before they regained their bearings, regrouped, and continued on together in yet another different direction.

What intrigued me about what I saw was the determination and focus of those geese. The invasion of their formation by the other birds didn’t seem to faze them one bit. None of them moved their heads or missed a beat of their wings trying to avoid a collision. No, they flew straight and true, keeping their eyes on their leader, keeping perfect pace, undistracted and unwavering. Needless to say, I was suitably impressed by those geese, their focus and determination.

I am envious of those geese. I wish I had such focus and determination. I wish I could keep my eyes, in a similar way, on my leader—God, who has come to us in human form in the person of Jesus the Christ. I wish the Church, in its many and various formations, had such focus and determination, as well.

Over and over again Jesus said, “Come, follow me.” And, Jesus proceeded to cross many long-established boundaries, he proceeded to cast aside many tightly held traditions, making great and small sacrifices all along the way to make the truth of God’s love and mercy known to all people. And he said, again, “Follow me.” He never said to follow him would be easy. In fact, he went out of his way to tell people that following him would not always be easy, and it would require making sacrifices—sometimes great, sometimes small. *“If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”* [Mark 8:34]

What we soon discover when we choose to truly follow Jesus is that the sacrifices themselves are part of the journey—the journey to ultimate joy in, through, and with him. Truly following Jesus involves our time and talents, our relationships and resources.

As individuals, as families, and as the Church, are our eyes set on Jesus? Do we have the focus and determination to not let the many distractions and invasions deter us from our path and our task? Is our focus on “the mission”? Or, possibly, is it placed elsewhere?

Maybe, just maybe, it’s something we should think about, and then talk about. What do you think?

Take care and God bless!

Pastor Randy

New Life Lutheran Church

Unapproved minutes from September 13th, 2023

The New Life Lutheran Church council met September 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Members present: Bruce Brenden, Brandon Langfeld, Kevin Brenden, Jennifer Honer, Jessica Nelson, Joyce Peterson, Patrice Ziegler, Kristin Torgerson, Steph Olson, Marlowe Rasmusson, and Renae Froslic.

The meeting was opened with devotions done by Joyce.

1.0 Approval of agenda: Motion made by Joyce, seconded by Steph. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of August 2023 minutes: Motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Marlowe. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurers Report August 2023: Income is improving thanks to more donations. Approval of treasurer's report motion made by Steph, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried.

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Technology Update: The TV has been installed, working on getting wiring in place. Big thanks to John Reber and Nathan Ziegler for their efforts in making this happen!

4.2 Rally Sunday: First day went well, more showed up than registered. Rally went well and had a good turnout. Stewardship meeting went well, had 24 in attendance, survey results will be compiled once both meetings are done. Brainstorming ideas for connecting with people who haven't been here or are new. Discussing how to make sure people feel supported and needed within the church.

4.3 Sunday Funday: possibly have older kids help with younger kids. Parking lot will be blocked off and games will be set up, Big J's will also be there.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Correspondence: Letter from the synod office discussing faith-based coaching and various things.

5.2 Upcoming Events:

September 17th – Sunday Funday & congregational meeting
September 18th – Lions Club meeting
September 20th – Confirmation & WOW
September 24th – Youth muffins & madlibs
September 24th - Confirmation
September 30th – Youth lock-in
October 8th – Pastor appreciation day

5.3 Copy price: \$0.10 per page for personal

copies. Approval of copy price motion made by Joyce Peterson, seconded by Marlowe Rasmusson. Motion carried.

5.4 Roof raking: Discussion of roof being raked regularly where there have been issues, property committee can complete this. Also discussed sidewalk snow removal.

5.5 Staff reviews: date to be determined in October, looking at the 10/18

5.6 Budget: asked Renae to put some numbers together to discuss the budget in October.

6.0 Pastor's report: N/A

7.0 Youth Director's report: Great turn out and parent involvement. Talking about older kids leading a service, possibly when the younger ones sing.

8.0. Office Manager's report: Met with Liberty business systems about a new copy machine, still have another year before it would be worth buying out our contract with Marco. Met with ministry brands virtually to discuss bundling various programs.

9.0 WELCA: Officers have been doing it 1.5 yrs and wanting to be done. Discussion on if WELCA should disband and if so, what options are there for separating into other specific groups to carry on certain things.

10.0 NLLC Foundation report: foundation paid for rally Sunday as well as donating money towards Sunday funday.

11.0 Community reports:

Worship & Music (Jen): Song leaders are back, working on special music thru Dec.

Education (Steph): n/a

Youth (Jessica): See 7.0

Evangelism & Mission/Family Life & Social Concerns (Joyce): \$75 in noisy offering

Church Property (Marlowe): salt for softener is being donated.

Stewardship (Kevin) - coordinating sessions with congregational meetings.

12.0 Adjournment: Next meeting is October 11th at 6:30pm. Marlowe is in charge of devotions. Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer at 9:04pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Torgerson

Abundant Life!

Did you ever notice how much bigger a check for \$100 looks in the offering plate than in the envelope to the electric company, or at the supermarket checkout counter? Most of us would not consider sending the power company only what we have left over. And, canned beans and white bread would be a large portion of our weekly fare if we only bought groceries with what is left over. Yet, many are willing to return to God only what is left over after we satisfy our other desires. I have actually heard church officials categorize their giving to the church with “other discretionary spending”!



Giving to the church isn't the same as giving to the poor; churches have fixed expenses too! Only a portion of what churches receive is actually used to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, etc. Yet, experience shows that members who are not generous with the church are not generous with other organizations and causes either.

Live more joyfully

It's all a matter of “an attitude of gratitude.” People, who acknowledge God as the source of whatever wealth they have, generally share it with pleasure and wish they could give more. People who are convinced that whatever they have is solely the fruit of their own efforts, generally are more comfortable with an “I'll take mine first” attitude. Each dollar given away looms large as self-denial. Is there any doubt about who lives more joyfully? Christ promised not wealth, but abundant life!



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

August 2023

August Income	\$ 17,328.60
August Disbursements	\$ 14,502.86
August Less in/out Income	(\$ 710.00)
August Net Income	\$ 2,115.74



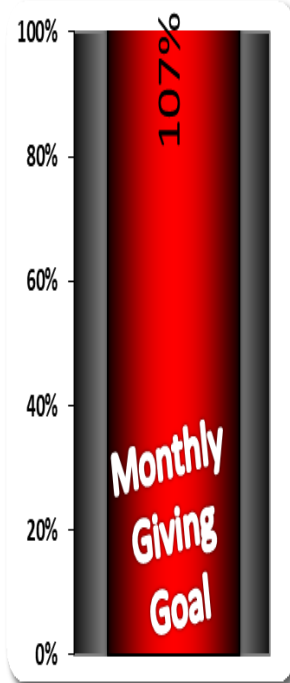
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September 2023 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
3-Sep	\$5,480.00
10-Sep	\$2,570.00
17-Sep	\$3,488.00
24-Sep	\$2,383.00
e-giving	\$325.00

Goal:	\$13,346.15
Total:	\$14,246.00

107%



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)

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 ~ 119 N. Broadway # 109
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 ~ 512 3rd Ave S. Room A-2
Moorhead, MN 56560 (218-233-1535)

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

SPECIAL WELCA MEETING: Call out to all the women of New Life Lutheran Church. There will be a special meeting Sunday, Oct. 15 following our worship service. Current officers' positions will be finished this fall. We will be looking for new officers. If no one steps in during this meeting, we will be voting on how continue or to disband. Please come to have your voices heard!

Mission work donations needed:

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

- Black or blue pens, not gel ink (4 per kit)
- 70 sheet notebooks (4 per kit)
- Rulers
- Blunt scissors
- 2.5 inch Erasers
- Pencils (5 per kit)
- 24 box Crayons
- Pencil sharpener
- Sturdy drawstring backpack

PERSONAL CARE KITS

- light weight bath-size towel (between20"x40")
- Bath size bars of soap 8 to 9 oz
- adult size toothbrush in original packaging
- Sturdy comb
- Metal nail clippers

BABY CARE KITS

- Light weight cotton t-shirts, no onesies, 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").
- New 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

Kits will be packed in Oct. Please leave donations in the quilt room (fellowship hall closet).

All of your donations are appreciated, thank you very much!

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
- Birthday gift bags
- Birthday candles
- Balloons

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
- Pedometer
- Snacks
- Ginger snaps, Ginger chews, or Ginger Tea (For nausea)
- Handwritten note
- Prayer Shawl

Don't forget to bring your spare change every 2nd Sunday of the month for our Noisy offering! This offering goes to support a student in the TeachHaiti program!

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

Brunch Bible Study

Join Pastor Randy on Tuesdays beginning October 3rd at 10:30 am. We will be studying the First Corinthians, this will be a 10 part series.

Brunch will be provided, feel free to bring a dish to share if desired.



First Communion Class

on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 11:15 am or
Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 at 3:45 pm



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 for children wanting to receive first communion instruction, all are welcome to attend these classes. The classes will take place on Sunday, October 1st at about 11:15 am (following the worship service) and Wednesday, October 4th at 3:45 pm, only one class needs to be attended. 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 15th. 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!



3rd Grade Bible Introduction Classes and Presentation Event



Pastor Randy will be holding a Bible Introduction Course for 3rd Grade Students. Each student will receive a free Bible from the New Life Lutheran Church Congregation. Third grade students are welcome to attend either of the class options.

The classes will be on Sunday, October 8th at 11:15 am (following worship) and Wednesday, October 11th at 3:45 pm. Pastor Randy will have pizza, cookies, and a beverage for the attendees to snack on. There will be a short homework assignment for parents to complete following the class. 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 29th.

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!



When: Tuesday, October 31st

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm

Where: New Life Lutheran Church parking lot

For more information or to reserve a spot for your decorated vehicle, contact Heather Reber at hreber@rothsaystaff.org or 218-867-2116

Confirmation & WOW

Confirmation classes will take place on October 4th, October 11th, and October 25th at 6:00 pm.

WOW dates are as follows:

October 4th: 7pm taco in a bag for dinner!

October 25th: 7pm pasta bar for dinner!

Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Youth Events

September 30 - October 1: lock in 7pm-11am \$10 per person to cover costs. Bring a friend or two and join us for a Bonfire, games, and fun! Register with Jess prior to the lock-in.

October 29th: Turkey Trot following worship. Trot from 11 am - 1 pm and lunch to follow. We could use adult volunteers to walk/drive with a small group around town to pick up non-perishable food items!



October 2023

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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.

10/01 ~ Ericka Balken
10/01 ~ Roger Bilden
10/02 ~ Briggs Brandt
10/02 ~ Skylar Brenden
10/02 ~ Cade Sogge
10/03 ~ John Reber
10/04 ~ Barbara Nitz
10/05 ~ Katelyn Reber
10/05 ~ Eli Schleeter
10/07 ~ Anita Lindberg
10/09 ~ Ethan Curtis
10/09 ~ John Kunze
10/12 ~ Llyal Braton
10/13 ~ Derek Frosle

10/15 ~ Kayla Frosle
10/16 ~ Inez Larson
10/16 ~ Jacob Watterud
10/17 ~ Joshua Honer
10/19 ~ Emma Buckingham
10/19 ~ Reed Haugrud
10/20 ~ Brenda Balken
10/20 ~ Vaeda Rian
10/21 ~ Kiya Amundson
10/23 ~ Robbie Steiner
10/27 ~ Isabelle Larson
10/28 ~ Aaron Brenden
10/28 ~ Kari Carlsrud
10/28 ~ Debra Jorgenson

10/28 ~ Evelyn Rhodes
10/28 ~ Patrice Ziegler
10/29 ~ Marlowe Rasmusson



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.

10/02 ~ Joel & Amy Meyer
10/03 ~ Kevin & Sandy Watterud
10/05 ~ Cale & Jessica Brandt
10/13 ~ John & Heather Reber
10/14 ~ Corey & Carla Moen

10/16 ~ Randall Whitehead & Mary Jo Gaugler
10/17 ~ George & Cheryl Ericson

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



October 1st - Kevin Brenden
October 8th - Jessica Nelson
October 15th - Isaac Hanson
October 22nd - Collin Jacobson
October 29th - John Reber

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

October 1st - Nathan Ziegler
October 8th - Jessica Nelson
October 15th - Natacha Evans
October 22nd - Heather Reber
October 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.

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