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New Life News

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September Scheduled Events

September 1st - 14th

Pastor Randy is on Vacation

September 3rd

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany with Jessica leading worship

9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life with Jessica leading worship

September 6th

5:30 pm Parents night during Confirmation7:00 pm Parents night during Confirmation

September 10th - Rally Sunday

9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life & Congregational meeting

9:00 am Sunday School begins at New Life 10:00 am Worship at New Life with Lee Brenna & Noisy offering

September 11th

10:00 am WELCA meeting and officer election

September 13th

6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

September 17th

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

11:00 am Sunday Funday Carnival

11:00 am Congregational meeting

September 18th

6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

September 20th

5:30 pm Confirmation

6:30 pm WOW

7:00 pm Confirmation

September 24th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life

9:00 am Sunday School at New Life

9:00 am Youth Muffins and Madlibs at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life

September 27th

5:30 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm Confirmation

September 30th - October 1st

Youth Lock-in

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September Jeremy & Natacha Evans

Stacy & Jennifer Honer

October Jim & Julie Boyce

Bruce & Kim Brenden

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It was a small island resting in a natural harbor known as Subic Bay, The Philippians. Our ship was PASTOR anchored in the bay, and after nearly six months on that ship, a friend, a fellow Marine, and I decided we were going to spend the day on that island which served as a day resort for military personnel. While there, we did some hiking, then checked out some snorkeling equipment, and headed to the designated snorkeling area. The water there was cloudy with sand being kicked up by the waves; not great for snorkeling—not if you want to see anything, anyway. My friend, who had been to the island before, suggested we go to the other side of the island, which was very rocky, to snorkel. So, even though there were multiple signs warning snorkelers to stay away from that area because it was dangerous, we figured "what's a few rocks? We're tough, we're Marines, we can handle a few rocks." So, we crawled over the rocks and boulders on our hands and knees and slid into the water. There we were treated to the most amazing sight. Below the waves were hundreds of fish of every stripe and color. It was like pictures you would see in National Geographic magazine. It was incredible.

That's just half of the story. The other half is this. I'm not really a swimmer, so I hugged the shoreline, often propelling myself through the water by grabbing and pushing off the rocks and boulders just below me in the water. And all was going well. The one complication was that this was the ocean, and just a few years before that, the movie "Jaws" had come out. As I half swam, half crawled over the submerged rocks and boulders, the shark theme music from that movie kept popping into my head. And, when it did, I would quickly turn and look behind me to see if any great white sharks were following me. It was when I was distracted, looking over my shoulder for sharks that it happened. No, it wasn't a shark behind me. It was when I turned back around to look in front of me, that I came face to face with some kind of eel. It was just inches from my snorkeling facemask. I got an extreme closeup of its eyes, but what I was most focused on was its teeth—which I wanted nothing to do with. I didn't know what to do at that point, other than to turn and head the other way as fast as I could. At that moment, I discovered that, if need be, I could swim, and faster than I ever would have imagined. As I beat that hasty retreat, I looked over my shoulder to see that that eel had basically the same reaction to me as I had to it. It was squiggling off at lightning speed in the opposite direction.

As I recall that experience, I'd like to focus on those signs that warned us to stay away from the dangerous, rocky areas. At the time, we thought it was just the rocks themselves that presented the danger, and we chose to ignore that danger. But what I know now, after that experience, is that those warning signs were also about what was living in and amongst those rocks--which added significantly to that danger—something we hadn't considered before.

In the gospels, Jesus tells us, urges us, even commands us to love one another. To love even our enemies. In a way, this is a warning—warning us away from not loving one another. But, we humans, throughout our history, have chosen largely to ignore this advice, urging, and command. We have seen only the surface danger, and we decided we are resilient enough to traverse that danger. But we missed the other dangers lurking amidst the uneven ground and rocks and boulders.

When some have so much and others have so little--and the ones with so much choose to hold tightly to what they have and what they enjoy, instead of truly sharing with those who have so little (and so little opportunity to change that), it is a recipe for the chaos of ongoing animosity, social upheaval, violence in our homes and on our streets, and wars that draw in still more and more people in. That is the hidden danger.

By hidden, I mean that it may not affect us directly here and now, but it will eventually have its terrible effect—perhaps 5 or 10 years down the line, or upon our children, or their children. Someone will end up paying the price for our failure to truly love one another. Is our present *comfort* worth that? Look at the legacy of the slave trade in America. In no way was that loving of one another. So now, even now, 158 years after its supposed end, we are still dealing with its repercussions—because we have failed, over and over since then, to truly love one another. We have failed to open our hands, to sacrifice a little of our *comfort* to uplift those around us. And the sins of the fathers have reaped vengeance upon their children and grandchildren. When will it stop?

It will stop when we choose to heed Jesus' advice, urging, command, and warning to truly love one another. It will stop when we recognize that we are all connected, we are one family—under God. It will end when we open our hearts and hands to truly share our blessings, when we open our ears and our minds to the plight of others, when we choose to not put our comfort and perceived security over the well-being of others.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [Matthew 25:34-40]

Take care and God bless!

New Life Lutheran Church Unapproved minutes from August 9th, 2023

The New Life Lutheran Church council met August 9th, 2023. Members present; Bruce Brenden, Brandon Langfeld, Kevin Brenden, Jennifer Honer, Jessica Nelson, Joyce Peterson, Marlowe Rasmusson, Patrice Ziegler, and Pastor Randy Whitehead.

The meeting was opened with devotions done by Jessica.

- **1.0 Approval of agenda:** Motion made by Joyce, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried.
- 2.0 Approval of July 2023 minutes: Motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Marlowe. Motion carried.
- 3.0 Treasurers Report July 2023: See report. Less than \$200.00 in savings. Approval of treasurer's report motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

4.0 New Business:

- 4.1 Technology Update: Waiting for purchase of TV before Nate and John get together to install the new equipment. Work on getting final prices to transfer money from Foundation prior to the purchase.
- **4.2 Rally Sunday:** Rally Sunday will be held on Sept 10th with Lee Brenna's band and Lee will give the sermon. Jessica and Patrice want to have the carnival as a good out reach to families, renamed Sunday Funday on Sept. 17th.
- 4.3 Food shelf workers: Finalized the food shelf volunteer calendar.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Correspondence: Olson oil - propane, Donor view brochure, and Synod volunteer and meeting opportunities.

5.2 Upcoming Events:

August 19th – Bridal shower for Madison Honer August 21st – Lions Club meeting August 26th – Bridal shower for Sarah

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Sept 1st-14th - Randy on Vacation Sept 10th - Rally Sunday

September 11th - WELCA meeting

- **5.3 Pulpit Supply:** Jessica will lead worship on the 3rd - no communion. Lee Brenna on the 10th.
- 5.4 Stewardship/family involvement: Had some outreach from the letter. Discussion on having someone speak about it on Sept. 10th and 17th during announcements.

- **6.0 Pastor's report:** Picked up a flower arrangement for Aneta Dillerud's funeral per councils request. Summer confirmation retreat went well, even had some parents attend. Randv will be on vacation Sept. 1st thru 14th, but available for emergencies.
- 7.0 Youth Director's report: July bonfire had 8 kids in attendance. Looking at a new curriculum for youth Sunday school, and will reach out to education committee to help with curriculum.
- 8.0. Office Manager's report: Schedule change in August, will work the 25th instead of the 22nd.
- 9.0 WELCA: Met and worked on kits and quilts. Now focusing on using materials on hand instead of purchasing anything else. Sept. 11th will meet and elect officers.
- **10.0 NLLC Foundation report**: 3 applicants were awarded scholarships, they will be announced on August 13th. There was a request from worship and music to lock-in Lee Brenna for Sept. 10th. Motion to request funding from foundation to meet operational short fall, if needed, made by Diane. Seconded by Jennifer, motion carried.

11.0 Community reports:

Worship & Music (Jen): Huge Thank you to Terri Larson for reupholstering the chair up front. Working on getting song leaders, suggesting a hymn of the month as the opening hymn. Trying to find ways to bring back energy and involvement from community, maybe cutting worship to 45 minutes would help. Discussion on Morris the mouse making a return to worship.

Education (Steph): n/a

Youth (Jessica): See 7.0

Evangelism & Mission/Family Life & Social Concerns (Joyce): 12 Bday bags delivered. Continue on with care bags and will be bringing back Christmas baskets. Will be looking for donations soon.

Church Property (Marlowe): Will fill propane to 70% with CHS. Spray weeds in the cracks of the parking lot.

Stewardship (Kevin) - See 5.4

12.0 Adjournment: Next meeting Sept. 13th at 6:30. Joyce in charge of devotions and assistants. Meeting closed with the Lords prayer at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrice Ziegler



Sunday, September 10th 10:00 am

For worship with special guest Lee Brenna! Lee and Casey will also be leading us in song with a contemporary style worship. We would love to see you there!

Sunday, September 17th 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Join us for our carnival with fun for all ages!

Don't miss your chance to soak Pastor Randy or Jessica in the Dunk tank or let your kiddos burn off some energy in the bounce house. Stay for lunch as Big J's will be set up with a limited menu available to purchase lunch!

Dunk tank balls will be \$3.00 per ball or 3 for \$5.00. If you sign up for direct deposit donations on the day of the carnival you will get 3 free balls!

SUNDAY

FUNDAY

CARNIVAL

Join Us

NLLC Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 10 @ 9 a.m.

OR

Sunday, September 17, following Church

- Year-to-date financial review and state of NLLC.
- Open dialogue on what the Council & Stewardship Committees are working towards.
- Give feedback and input.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. - Ephesians 4:11-16

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 2023

July Income	\$	14,713.52
July Disbursements	\$	16,069.76
July Less in/out Income	(<u>\$</u>	197.00)
July Net Loss	(\$	1,553.24)

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



August 2023 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving	100%	
6-Aug	\$4,180.00	-	13
13-Aug	\$4,970.00	80% -	11
20-Aug	\$2,650.00	-	_
27-Aug	\$1,865.00	500/	
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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.

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)

Debbie Faulkner ~ 1131 Mabelle Ave. Room B-209 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 Froslie ~ 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

Future Activity Dates: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH MEETING WILL BE OUR ELECTION OF OFFICERS!!!! NOTE THIS MEETING NEEDS AS MANY TO ATTEND AS POSSIBLE (officer terms are up). Potluck lunch, bring a dish to share along with the recipe to share.

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 guilt 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

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

Pedometer

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 TeacHaiti program!

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

2023 Hamar-Haas Scholarship recipients

Congratulations to Emma Anderson-Buckingham, Wylie Brenden, and Katelyn Reber for being awarded the Hamar-Haas Scholarship for the upcoming school year. Emma is the daughter of Chris Buckingham and Terri Anderson, Wylie is the son of Kevin and Julie Brenden, and Katelyn is the daughter of John and Heather Reber. All three are 2023 graduates of Rothsay High School.

The Hamar-Haas Scholarship is available one time to any full-time post-secondary student who is a member of New Life Lutheran Church. New Life Lutheran Church has three scholarships open for students — more information is available in the church office.

Sunday School

Registration for the 2023-2024 year is open! Please register your Pre-K - 5th grader online at: https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=5294db67-bafa-409b-b626-1aad9cc5751c

Come and meet your teachers and explore your classrooms as we kick off the year with Rally Sunday on September, 10th at 9:00 am.

Sunday school orientation/registration for 6-12th graders will be in the heritage room.

We are still looking for teachers to volunteer to teach classes! Please sign up on the registration form or let Patrice in the office know you'd like to volunteer.

Confirmation Students & Parents

Confirmation begins on September 6th at 5:30 pm with our first parents night. Please plan to attend with your student for some fun activities and to go over any expectations and questions about the year.

Confirmation classes begin on September 20th at 5:30 (and 7:00 pm, if needed).

WOW will also begin with dinner on September 20th at 6:30 pm, everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Youth Events

- Youth Minish ZONE - September 17th- SUNDAY FUNDAY: There will be Sunday School as normal and a Family/Community fun event from 11-1 if you want to help with the event for service hours, let Jess or Patty know and we will hook you up!
- September 20th- First WOW of the year If anyone would like to play instruments or lead/request a song they can let Jess know
- September 24th- Muffins and Madlibs Sunday school will happen same place and time (Sunday at 9:00 am) but part of our class period will be spent eating muffins and doing madlibs together all are welcome.
- LOCK IN ON SEPTEMBER 30TH OCTOBER 1ST --- Sign up with Jess NO LATER THAN September 24th, cost is \$10 per person to cover food, firewood, and activities.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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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.

9/1 ~ Loretta Faulkner

9/1 ~ Maxine March

9/2 ~ Marlys Carlsrud

9/3 ~ Loken Brandt

9/3 ~ Mary Brandt

9/4 ~ Dan Tenderholt

9/6 ~ Steve Froslie

9/8 ~ Mitchell Fabre

9/9 ~ Raylaynd Brandt

9/9 ~ Paul Fosse

9/10 ~ Nathan Kroeplin-Oien 9/24 ~ Rachel Brenden

9/13 ~ Patricia Melkert

9/14 ~ Oliver Langfeld

9/14 ~ Donald Aksamit

9/15 ~ Travis Maras

9/15 ~ Bonnie Sorum

9/16 ~ Gary Erickson

9/16 ~ Michael Nelson

9/17 ~ Llovd Ouse

9/19 ~ Daryl Schleeter

9/21 ~ Maxim Boyce

9/22 ~ Nita Neuleib

9/23 ~ Jim Boyce

9/23 ~ Jerry Tenderholt

9/26 ~ Eileen Braton

9/26 ~ Samuel Whitehead

9/27 ~ Destiny Eckley

9/13 ~ Al & Sara Shirley

9/23 ~ Wayne & Doris Moen

9/23 ~ Darrel & Connie Tollefson

9/27 ~ Lexie Jensen

9/27 ~ Tom Jensen

9/30 ~ Eric Nelson

9/30 ~ Shiela Sogge

9/26 ~ Paul & Lori Jorgenson

9/28 ~ Bob & Char Boe



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.

9/01 ~ Dan & Renae Froslie

9/02 ~ Cole & Heather Ouse

9/05 ~ Bruce & Kim Brenden

9/06 ~ Travis & Stephanie Olson

9/06 ~ David & LouAnn Opsahl

9/07 ~ Roger & Kathy Bilden

9/12 ~ Jeremy & Kari Carlsrud

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



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 3rd - Jennifer Honer September 10th - Stephanie Curtis September 17th - Natacha Evans September 24th - 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.

Website/App

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