

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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November Scheduled Events

November 1st

6:00 pm Confirmation

November 2nd

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids

November 5th - All Saints Sunday & Daylight Savings

8:45 am Worship at LB with Holy Communion

9:00 am Coffee at NL

10:00 am Worship at NL with Holy Communion

November 6th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

November 7th

10:30 am Bible Study

10:30 am Quilt Tying

November 8th

5:45 pm Pop-up Supper

6:00 pm Confirmation

6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

7:00 pm WOW

November 9th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

10:30 am American Legion Auxiliary

November 11th - Veterans Day

Rothsay Lions Club meeting

November 12th - Harvest Festival

9:00 am Coffee at NL

9:00 am Sunday School at NL

10:00 am Joint Worship at NL & **Sunday School sings**

11:00 am Lunch Fellowship

5:30 pm Youth dinner & a movie

November 13th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

November 14th

10:30 am Bible Study

November 15th

6:00 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm WOW

November 19th

8:45 am Worship at LB

9:00 am Coffee at NL

9:00 am Sunday School at NL

10:00 am Worship at NL with Holy Communion

5:30 pm Save the cook dinner

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship **at the Rothsay Baptist Church**

November 20th

6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

November 21st

10:30 am Bible Study

November 23rd - Thanksgiving

Private family gathering

November 26th

8:45 am Worship at LB

9:00 am Coffee at NL

10:00 am Worship at NL

November 28th

10:30 am Bible Study

November 29th

6:00 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm "Young" Women's fellowship

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November Marvin & Joyce Peterson

December Chris Buckingham & Terri
Anderson
Nathan & Patrice Ziegler

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



In New York City a boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. The boy held up a sign which read, "I am blind, please help."

There were only a few coins in the hat – spare change from but a few of the many people hustling past the boy on their way to something, somewhere. About mid-day a man was walking by and took notice of the boy. He took the coins from his pocket along with a few dollar bills and dropped them into the boy's hat and turned to leave. Suddenly, however, the man turned back to the boy and asked, "Can I see your sign for a moment?" A little confused but grateful to the man for having tossed some change into his hat, the boy shrugged his shoulders and said, "Sure, I guess." The man then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He then put the sign back in the boy's hand so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the boy's hat began to fill up as never before. A lot more people paused to give money to the blind boy.

That afternoon, the man who had changed the sign returned to see how things were going. The boy recognized his footsteps and when the man drew near asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning?"

"Yes," said the man. "I hope that was okay?"

"And how," said the boy, "What is it that you wrote? There are so many more people taking notice and tossing money in my hat."

"I simply wrote the truth," said the man. "I wrote what your sign already said, but in a little different way. I wrote, 'Today is a beautiful day, but unfortunately, I cannot see it.'"

Nice story, but what has this to do with us? A lot. Friends, both sides of that sign spoke the truth. The original message said the boy was blind, but the opposite side of that sign conveyed, to everyone walking by, how blessed they were to be able to see, and how grateful they should be for that. That, for many, made a huge difference.

Life in this world is not always easy. At times, it is quite hard. At those times when life seems to be full of troubles, it can be difficult to maintain an attitude of gratitude. Often, all we see are our problems. It's like a dark and angry storm cloud overshadowing us and pouring down rain as if from buckets.

But then there are also times when everything seems to be smooth sailing. Often, we take such blessed moments for granted, as well. We're caught up in the harmony and pleasure, the comfort and ease of it all. Sometimes, at such times, sadly, we simply forget to be thankful.

Psalm 100 says, *"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."*

Despite what the psalm says, despite our best intentions, too often we fail to be the thankful people we should be. Why? My sense is that we tend to think of thankfulness as an emotion, but it's not. Rather, true gratitude is a habit we need to cultivate. It's a way of looking at the world and all the good things in it with a sense of appreciation, regardless of whether or not our current situation is to our liking. Gratitude is a heart-centered approach to being at peace with ourselves and with all we have been given.

So, how do we go about cultivating this sense of gratitude? How do we put it into practice? Well, we are all different, aren't we? And, as such, we need to work this out for ourselves. But here are a few suggestions we might want to try.

- 1) Turn off the various forms of media you are exposed to each day for a few minutes. Why? First, quiet is necessary for thoughtful reflection. Second, I recently read that a media expert estimates that the average person is exposed to at least 600 advertisements each day—each telling us we need this or that to be happy and complete, as they try to sell us

Letter from the Pastor continued.

their wares. Assuming we are awake 16 hours a day, that comes to over 37 ads every hour telling us we need more, that we are less than we should be! And we wonder why sometimes we are not feeling grateful?

- 2) Make and take time at the beginning and ending of each day for thoughtful, reflective prayer. As part of that prayer, give thanks—even when you are not necessarily “feeling” it.
- 3) Set an alarm for yourself, sometime mid-day, to remind yourself to pause and give thanks.
- 4) Write and send a Thank-you note to someone for something at least once a week.
- 5) Perform a random act of kindness each day. (If you run out of ideas, simply do an online search of “random acts of kindness.”)
- 6) Say table prayers at each meal.
- 7) At the dinner table each day, have each family member share about something they are thankful for each day, before you say the table grace.
- 8) Plan a family activity each month that has you and your family serving someone or some organization in some way.
- 9) Create and decorate a Gratitude Board in your home or place of work. Supply post-it notes and pens so people can write thank you notes and post them on the board.
- 10) Keep a Gratitude Journal, write in it each day.

When we put into practice our sense of gratitude, it tends to uncover (and even attract) still more things into our lives for which to be grateful. It helps mend frayed relationships and gives us eyes to actually see what so often we miss.

I pray you all have a great and happy thanksgiving—not just the one day designated as such each November, but each and every day of every month and every year!

Take care and God bless!

Pastor Randy

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

September 2023

September Income	\$ 17,274.50
September Disbursements	\$ 18,315.35
September Less in/out Income	\$ <u>420.00</u>
September Net Loss	(\$ 620.85)



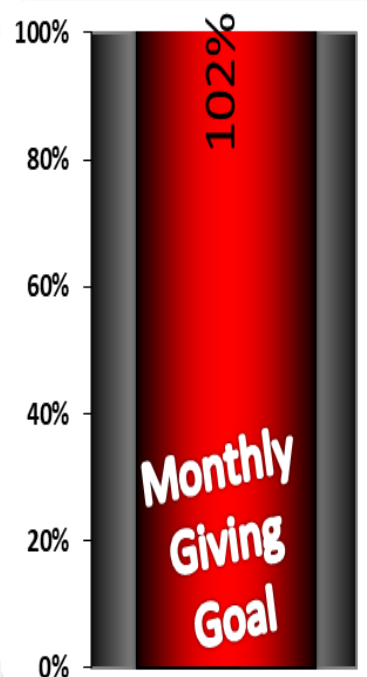
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October 2023 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
1-Oct	\$5,640.00
8-Oct	\$3,234.25
15-Oct	\$2,182.34
22-Oct	\$1,975.00
29-Oct	
e-giving	\$605.00

Goal:	\$13,346.15
Total:	\$13,636.59

102%



New Life Lutheran Church

Unapproved minutes from October 11th, 2023

The New Life Lutheran Church council met October 11th, 2023 at 6:33pm. Members present Jessica Nelson, Kristin Torgerson, Pastor Randy Whitehead, Renae Froslic, Diane Kunze, Patrice Ziegler, Marlowe Rasmusson, Bruce Brenden, Joyce Peterson, Steph Olson, and Brandon Langfeld.

The meeting was opened with devotions done by Marlowe.

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

2.0 Approval of September 2023 Council minutes: Motion made by Steph Olson, seconded by Kristin Torgerson. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report September 2023: Discussed bills paid along with upcoming bills. Motion made by Joyce Peterson, seconded by Brandon Langfeld. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Technology: Going to get ahold of Robbie to do some wiring.

4.2 Sunday Funday: Went well, made \$530.

4.3 Staff reviews: October 25th 5:30pm

4.4 2024 Budget: first round of budget has been reviewed & discussed.

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: Julie Brenden has requested to host a supper the 2nd Wednesday of November aimed to coincide with WOW, everyone is welcome. There would be a suggested donation of around \$5 and rsvp's would be needed for meal planning. Council has given Julie blessings to do the meals.

Rothsay school asked about doing advertising in yearbook, Motion made to do an ad by Joyce Peterson, seconded by Brandon Langfeld. Motion carried.

Synod sent info on a webinar for working on budgets and mission donations.

5.2 Upcoming events:

October 15th – First Communion & WELCA meeting

October 17th, 24th & 31st – Bible Study

October 25th – Confirmation & WOW

October 29th – 3rd Grade Bibles & Turkey Trot

October 31st – Trunk or Treat

November 1st – Confirmation & WOW

November 5th – All Saints Sunday

5.3 Harvest Festival: decided on 11/12, taco in a bag will be served by council.

5.4 Community Thanksgiving service/Save the cook: Baptist church is hosting; Pastor Randy is preaching. Will be looking for something for special music.

5.5 Christmas Worship: Discussion on regular service at 10am then traditional 5pm service, more to come.

5.6 Annual meeting: tentatively schedule 2/4/2024.

5.7 Luther crest annual meeting: 10/14/23, Marlowe is planning to attend.

6.0 Pastor's report: see report.

7.0 Youth Director's report: Sept hosted lock in, October youth event. Had 12 kids for the lock in, had a blast. Service event in Sept. was Sunday funday, October turkey trot (29th), November will have the save the cook dinner. Have had 4 kids for Sunday school (youth group age). WOW is going well 4-6 kids have consistently been coming.

8.0 Office Manager's report: n/a

9.0 WELCA: meeting 10/15 following worship to discuss their future.

10.0 NLLC Foundation report: n/a

11.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Jennifer): 12/3 special music and Christmas choir. Will have a sign up for the choir. Looking at ways to incorporate special music more.

Education (Steph): n/a

Youth (Jessica): see 7.0

Community Care Committee (Joyce): noisy offering brought in \$77.

Church Property (Marlowe): Flower bed cleanup 10/21 at 8am

Stewardship (Kevin): n/a

12.0 Adjournment: next meeting November 8th at 6:30pm. Meeting closed with the Lord' prayer at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Torgerson

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

Thanks to Toni, Dar, & Janice for taking LWR quilts and kits to Fargo. They delivered 7 big quilts, 34 school kits, 46 health kits, and 29 layette kits! There are also 10 big quilts and 9 small quilts that they will be delivering to the homeless at a later date (They didn't have room in the van during LWR delivery). Thanks to all that helped and donated, it's really appreciated!

Elaine Balken will be tying quilts in the Heritage room on Tuesday, Nov. 7th from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm. Hopefully the batting will be in by then. All are welcome to come and help, feel free to come and go as your schedule allows. Questions, call Elaine at 218-867-2352. "Many hands make light work."

***God Bless All,
Quilt & Kit Committee***

The New Life Community Care Committee has been working hard on many great things! They are seeking volunteers and donations for the following things:

Christmas Project: We are looking for volunteers to do some baking and some volunteers to deliver goodies and visit for those who are homebound. We are also looking into the possibility of going caroling while delivering goodies. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins and Newsletters.

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

All donations can be dropped off during office hours or Sunday mornings.

TeachHaiti: 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 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.

"Young" Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, November 29th @ 6pm

We will be reading "You Matter More Than You Think" by Dr. Leslie Parrott.

The study is a "no-study-at-home" thing, which means we just do it at the meetings. I have found this works well for busy women. Also, it's a stress-free zone so no one feels they can't come because they haven't done the work. Most importantly it will be a time/place to chat and share life events with other women.

I hope you'll be able to come!



All Saints Sunday is November 5, 2023. During this service we will identify and light candles in remembrance of those members and others connected to the congregation whose earthly journeys had ended anytime over the previous 12 months.

Currently our list of those to be remembered and honored in this way includes:

Donna Larson
Ronald Amundson
JoAnn Hexum
Thelma Wigdahl

Jon Reber
William Nitz
Leigha Ness
Selvin Brenden

Lyle Hovland
Ruth Hansen
Orrin Sorum

If you would like to add the names of one or more of your loved ones to this list, please call the church office (218-867-6557). If no one is available, please leave a message that includes your name, the name of the departed (and its spelling), and the date of his or her passing. Emailing that information to the church office is also an option (newlife@rtelnet.net). Thank you!

	Who: You! (all ages welcome)
	What: Supper at church
	When: Wednesday, November 8 5:45-6:45pm
	Why: to be in community and share in a meal together
	Cost: \$5 per person
What's for supper? Hot ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, dreamsicle salad, and chocolate chip cookies.	
Please RSVP by Sunday, November 5. Email the church office at newlife@rtelnet.net or sign up on the form in the narthex.	

Harvest Festival Sunday

Sunday November 12th we will hold a joint worship with Little Bethany at 10:00 am at New Life for our annual Harvest Festival Sunday. Other important things happening during this worship service are: we will recognize our veterans in honor of Veterans day, Sunday school will be singing, and Noisy offering will be taken (bring your spare change).

Please join us following worship for a taco in a bag lunch provided by the New Life council in the fellowship hall.



Save The Cook & Thanksgiving Worship

Our annual Save the Cook dinner will be held on November 19th from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

The NLLC youth will be serving a baked potato bar with all of the fixings! This is a free will donation meal, proceeds go to NLLC youth group for events and trips.

The community Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at 7:00 pm at the **Rothsay Baptist Church** with Pastor Randy giving the sermon.

We look forward to seeing you!

Confirmation & WOW

Confirmation classes will take place on November 1st, November 8th, November 15, and November 29th at 6:00 pm.

WOW dates are as follows:

November 8th: Come for Pop-up dinner served by Julie Brenden! Please see the Pop-up dinner information on page 8.

November 15th: 7pm Sandwiches and chips for dinner!

Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Youth Events

(Grades 7-12)



November 12th: Youth group dinner and a movie, 5:30 - 8pm. We will have dinner and watch a movie together.

November 19th: Service event will be the Save the cook dinner. We will be serving a baked potato bar at New Life with all of the fixings, prior to worship over at the Baptist church. We will need some youth volunteers (and parents) to help prepare food, serve food, and clean up.

November 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.

11/1 ~ Jessi Colby
 11/1 ~ Jaden Rhodes
 11/2 ~ Nancy Aaberg
 11/2 ~ Charles Neulieb
 11/4 ~ Travis Olson
 11/4 ~ Heather Ouse
 11/5 ~ Michael Heidecker
 11/6 ~ Preston Curtis
 11/7 ~ Molly Eckley
 11/7 ~ Kari Johnson
 11/7 ~ Livvy Oien-Wander
 11/8 ~ Wanda Flatin
 11/8 ~ LouAnn Opsahl
 11/9 ~ John Aaberg
 11/9 ~ Matthew Balken
 11/9 ~ Brett Brenden
 11/11 ~ Sara Umlauf

11/12 ~ Lori Jorgenson
 11/13 ~ Tydan Holland
 11/14 ~ Paul Jorgenson
 11/16 ~ Rhonda Brusven
 11/17 ~ Isabelle Hanson
 11/18 ~ Chase Balken
 11/18 ~ Cody Hanneman
 11/18 ~ Irving Johnson
 11/20 ~ Margaret Brenden
 11/20 ~ Hayden Rian
 11/21 ~ Rylie Ziegler
 11/22 ~ Jaxon Eckley
 11/22 ~ Abigail Watterud
 11/23 ~ Brad Erickson
 11/23 ~ Hollie Zimmerman
 11/24 ~ Brandon Langfeld
 11/25 ~ Marj Amundson

11/25 ~ Tripp Meyer
 11/26 ~ Travis Shirley
 11/26 ~ Barb Watterud
 11/28 ~ Gwen Jorgenson
 11/29 ~ Beverly Muchow
 11/30 ~ Randy Whitehead
 11/30 ~ Toni Rose



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.

11/03 ~ Nathan & Patrice Ziegler
 11/09 ~ Ralph & Roberta Ouse
 11/16 ~ Allan & Shari Dunbar
 11/19 ~ Chris & Erin Watterud
 11/26 ~ Allen & Wanda Flatin
 11/27 ~ Beau & Melinda Brandt

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH

November 5th - Jessica Nelson
November 12th -
November 19th - Isaac Hanson
November 26th -



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

November 5th - Steph Curtis
November 12th - John Reber
November 19th - Nathan Ziegler
November 26th - Jessica Nelson

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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