

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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January Scheduled Events

January 2nd - Office Closed

January 3rd

6:00 pm Confirmation
 7:00 pm WOW

January 4th

3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids

January 7th

8:45 am Worship in Little Bethany with
 Holy Communion
 9:00 am Coffee and fellowship at New Life
 9:00 am Sunday School at New Life
 10:00 am Worship at New Life with
 Holy Communion

January 10th

1:30 pm Women's Quilting group
 5:45 pm Pop-up Supper
 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

January 12th-14th

Confirmation Retreat

January 14th

8:45 am Worship in Little Bethany
 9:00 am Coffee and fellowship at New Life
 9:00 am Sunday School at New Life
 10:00 am Worship at New Life – Noisy offering

January 15th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

January 17th

6:00 pm "Young" women's fellowship
 6:00 pm Confirmation
 7:00 pm WOW

January 18th

Annual report deadline

January 21st

8:45 am Worship in Little Bethany
 9:00 am Coffee and fellowship at
 New Life
 10:00 am Worship at New Life with
 Holy Communion
 TBD Youth Bowling

January 24th

6:00 pm Confirmation

January 28th

8:45 am Worship in Little Bethany
 9:00 am Coffee and fellowship at
 New Life
 9:00 am Sunday School at New Life
 10:00 am Worship at New Life

January 31st

6:00 pm Confirmation

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SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

January	Mike & Linda Haarstad Pat Nelson
February	Dan & Renae Froslic Kim & Stacey Lang

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



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

Back in 1968, if you had asked most anyone which nation would dominate the world of watchmaking throughout the rest of the century and into the 21st century, most everyone would have answered the same, “Switzerland, of course.” Why would they have answered that way? Because Switzerland had dominated the world in watchmaking for the previous 60 years!

At that time the Swiss definitely made the best watches in the world. On top of this they were committed to constantly refining the technology in their watches. It was the Swiss who first came forward with the minute hand on their watches and then the second hand. They led the world in discovering better ways to manufacture the gears, bearings, and mainsprings of watches. They even led the way in waterproofing techniques and creating self-winding models. By 1968, the Swiss made 65 percent of all watches sold in the world. As such, they also laid claim to 90 percent of worldwide profits in watch sales. And, because the Swiss were so innovative, there was no reason to expect that anyone else would rival them any time in the near future.

But then, a man by the name of George W. Theiss invented a digital watch utilizing Quartz crystals. He took his design to Switzerland since they were the greatest watchmakers. He sought their backing for the manufacture of his new design. When the renowned Swiss watchmakers examined his invention, they said, “This isn’t a watch. It doesn’t have hands to tell time. It just has little numbers. You gotta have a big hand and a little hand to make a watch.” Then, when they opened the back, they were even more negative. “This thing doesn’t even have gears or springs or jewels. It’s just a lot of electronic parts. This thing isn’t a watch!” They wanted to have nothing to do with it.

Disappointed, but undeterred, Mr. Theiss took his revolutionary idea to Japan where he found industrialists who weren’t so sure about what exactly made up a watch. Instead of rejecting Mr. Theiss’ design, they agreed to manufacture it. Lo and behold, the watchmaking world was changed.

By 1980, the Swiss had laid off many thousands of watchmakers. At that time they controlled a mere 10 percent of the world market in watch sales. Why? Because the Swiss watch industry had refused to consider a new development—the Quartz movement—Mr. Theiss’s invention. Because it had no main-spring or knob, it was rejected. It was too much of a paradigm shift for them to embrace. Seiko, on the other hand, accepted it and, along with a few other companies, became the world leader in the watch industry.

The lesson of the Swiss watchmakers is profound. A past that was so secure, so profitable, so dominant was destroyed by an unwillingness to consider the future. It was more than not being able to make predictions—it was an inability to rethink how they did business. Past success had blinded them to the importance of seeing the implications of the changing world and to admit that past accomplishment was no guarantee of future success.

As we enter a new year, 2024, I wonder if we Christians aren’t in a similar situation as the Swiss watchmaking industry was back in the late 1960’s and the 1970’s. The world is changing around us. The question is, does our relatively secure and dominant past so blind us, that we fail to see that we need to adapt? Is our perception of “the way it always was” keeping us from addressing the true needs of our members and the world around us? What seemed to be working back then, doesn’t seem to be working that well anymore.

We can, if we choose, take a “what must we do to adapt and remain relevant?” approach. Or, better yet, we can trust that God is still with us, and that the changes are simply an opportunity for us to open our eyes and ears and hearts to one another and to God’s Spirit once again, and creatively address the challenges that God lovingly places before each generation to bring us all closer to God and to one another. It seems to me that where others might see only death, Jesus comes to bring new life!

Amazingly, “New Life” is the name these congregations of ours have chosen as their parish name. So, what do you say, New Life? Let’s live into our name. Let’s live into our God-given call. Let’s live to bring new life to all we can through our relationship with God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and our relationships with one another.

“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” [Joshua 1:9]

Have a Great, Awesome, Joyful New Year! Take care and God bless!

Pastor Randy

New Life Lutheran Church

Unapproved minutes from November 29th, 2023

The New Life Lutheran Church council met November 29th at 7pm. Members present: Bruce Brenden, Renae Froslic, Joyce Peterson, Jennifer Honer, Brandon Langfeld, Kevin Brenden, Marlowe Rasmusson, Patty Ziegler, Kristin Torgerson, Jessica Nelson, Steph Olson.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Jennifer Honer.

1.0 Approval of agenda: Motion made by Jennifer Honer, seconded by Joyce Peterson. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of November 2023 Council minutes: Motion made by Joyce Peterson, seconded by Jess Nelson. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report November 2023: Missed budget by \$6,000. Hoping to give stewardship update soon.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Technology update: Sound quality is being worked on.

4.2 2024 Budget: Will be meeting with Little Bethany to discuss. See report

4.3 Community Thanksgiving service/Save the cook: served 40 people, made \$300.

4.4 Advent & Christmas Worship: Christmas Eve service will be at 4pm at New Life, Little Bethany will have a morning service.

4.5 Annual meeting: Feb 4th 2024.

4.6 Contemporary Worship Coordinator position: Motion made to approve the updated job description by Kevin Brenden and seconded by Marlowe Rasmusson. Motion carried.

4.7 Snow removal: Contract in process

4.8 Lenten season: Youth is serving 2/21 & 3/20 meals before service.

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: Discussed church insurance.

5.2 Upcoming events:

December 3rd – Youth Service event

December 5th – Bible Study

December 6th – Pop-up Supper, Confirmation, & WOW, Young women's

December 7th – Communion in Pelican Rapids

December 10th – Sunday school program & Youth parent meeting

December 12th – Bible Study

December 13th – Quilting & Confirmation

December 14th – American Legion Auxiliary & Lions club

December 17th – Open house at Pastor Randy and Mary Jo's & Youth Christmas party

December 20th – Confirmation & WOW

December 24th - Christmas Eve worship at 4pm

December 25th – January 2nd Pastor Randy on vacation

January 3rd – Confirmation & Wow

January 4th – Communion in Pelican Rapids

January 12th-14th – Confirmation Retreat

5.3 Closing out WELCA: Funds remaining from WELCA will be allocated to the church in a sub account.

5.4 Nomination Committee: Bruce and Patty will be contacting the committee.

6.0 Pastor's report : N/A

7.0 Youth Director's report: Discussion on location of winter retreat. Two events in Dec, making cookies for mentors and a Christmas party. Working on changing up confirmation during the Lenten season.

8.0 Office Manager's report: Jess is working with Patty on learning the website. Looking at altering the website, updating, and making more user friendly. Working on completing yearbook ad.

9.0 WELCA: New Women's Group update, future raffle ability.

10.0 NLLC Foundation report: n/a

11.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Jennifer): cleaned and decorated. Christmas choir is starting to practice Sunday

Education (Steph): Sunday School Christmas program is the 10th

Youth (Jessica): See 7.0

Evangelism & Mission/Family Life & Social Concerns (Joyce): Christmas baskets with names will be assembled and delivered. Noisy offering is going really well.

Church Property (Marlowe): Water heater was replaced. Possibly extending down spouts to help with ice issues.

Stewardship (Kevin): There will be an update during coffee in the near future.

12.0 Adjournment: ended with the Lord's prayer at 9:46pm. Next meeting is January 10th 2024.

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.

Quilting Opportunity

There will be a Women's quilting group meeting at New Life on Wednesday, January 10th at 1:30 pm, with a meeting being held at 2:30 pm.

The quilting group is in need of items for layettes; clothes sized 6-24 months, jackets, shirts, bottoms, cloth diapers, gentle bar soap, and hand towels. Monetary donations are welcome and helpful also.

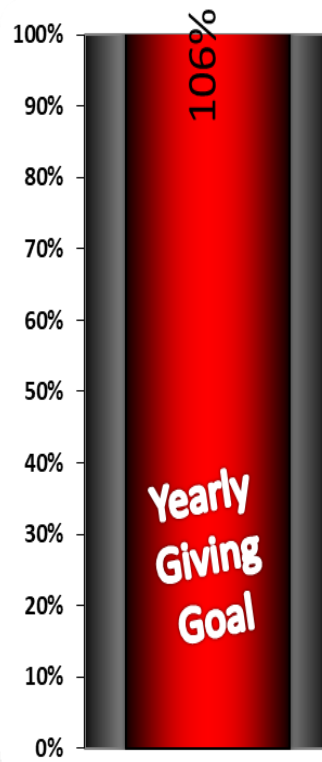
Contact Mary Brandt (218-867-2693) if you have any questions. There is a box in the quilting closet marked Layettes for your donations.

Thank you,
- Quilters

2023 Year to Date Giving

Month	Giving
January	\$11,177.98
February	\$13,656.00
March	\$9,190.00
April	\$18,320.55
May	\$9,883.00
June	\$9,303.00
July	\$11,812.00
August	\$15,140.00
September	\$15,481.00
October	\$17,220.84
November	\$8,820.00
December	\$28,064.00

Goal:	\$ 159,041.63
Total:	\$ 168,068.37
Needed:	\$ (9,026.74)
	106%



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online!

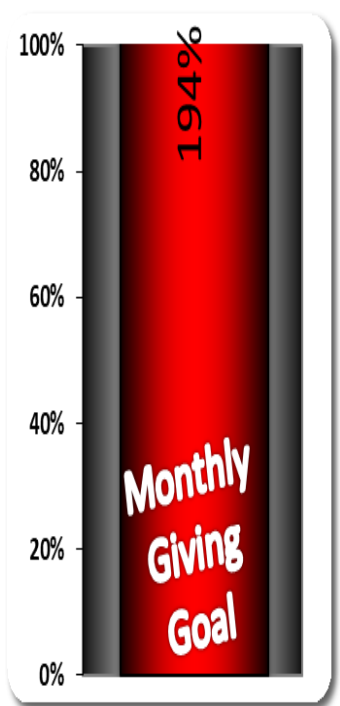


December 2023 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
3-Dec	\$3,280.00
10-Dec	\$5,773.00
17-Dec	\$3,987.00
24-Dec	\$12,514.00
31-Dec	
e-giving	\$2,510.00

Goal:	\$14,458.33
Total:	\$28,064.00

194%



Contemporary Worship Coordinator Opening

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

New Life Lutheran church is looking to hire a qualified individual to fulfill the contemporary worship coordinator duties. Job duties include but are not limited to, coordinating worship music for Contemporary worship services, consisting of 4 songs. Those interested should be knowledgeable about equipment for live music such as microphones, piano, guitar, and monitors. For a full list of duties please contact the church office at newlife@rtelnet.net or 218-867-6557.

If you are interested, please submit a letter of inquiry to the New Life Lutheran Church office by January 31st.



Who: You! (all ages welcome)
What: Supper at church
When: Wednesday, January 10
5:45-6:45pm
Why: To share a meal together
Cost: \$5 per person *
What's for supper? *
Loaded rice bowl (or wrap) with
seasoned chicken or tomatillo pork,
breadstick, and trifle *

Please RSVP by Friday, January 5. Email the church office at newlife@rtelnet.net or sign up on the form in the narthex.

"Young" Women's Fellowship

January meeting for the "Young" Women's Fellowship will be on January 17th at 6:00 pm in the Heritage room.

Hope to see you there!

Confirmation & WOW

Confirmation classes will take place on January 3rd, January 17th, January 24th, & January 31st.

WOW dates are as follows:

January 3rd & January 17th at 7:00 pm

Everyone is welcome!

Annual Meeting

The New Life annual meeting will be held on February 4th following worship.

Please get reports to Patrice as soon as they are available. The Report deadline is January 18th. Digital copies preferred; emailed to
newlife@rtelnet.net

Council & Committee Opportunities

Council openings:

- Worship & Music
- Youth

Committee openings:

- Christian Education
- Property Committee (2 needed)
- Community Care committee
- Stewardship
- Worship & music
- Youth
- Foundation
- Cemetery Board (2 needed)
- Service Group Coordinator
- Nominating Committee (6 needed)
- Audit Committee
- Synod Assembly Delegates (2 needed)

If you are willing to volunteer for one of these roles, please reach out to one of the members of the nominating committee;

Jessi Colby, Renae Froslic,
Jessica Nelson, Doris Moen,
John Reber, or Kristin Torgerson.

New Life Winter Confirmation Retreat

6:00 pm, Friday, January 12

thru

11:20 am, Sunday, January 14, 2024

Theme: Living a Life of Faith and Integrity in a Faithless Society
The Biblical Book of Daniel will serve as our guide

**The Retreat will be held at Pastor Randy's Residence
and at New Life Lutheran Church.**



The cost: \$25/student



[This Photo](#)

It is open to all Confirmation Students.

**We would like to invite at least 2 Confirmation parents
to participate as well (at least one male and one female)**

Parent cost: Free



Items you may want to bring:

Warm outer clothes for outdoor play, Obstacle Course, Snow Shoeing

Swimsuit and Towel for hot tub

Ice Skates for Ice Skating

Ice Fishing Gear

Sleeping Bag and Mat

Beverages and Snacks

Sleds



Sign up deadline: January 9, 2024

Call, Text or email Pastor Randy for further info: (701) 238-1863 or maurandwhitehead@gmail.com

Upcoming Youth Events

(Grades 7-12)



January 7th: 1:00-3:00 pm Service Event. We will be going to help with Feed My Starving Children at the Fargodome. There are still volunteer spaces open. Please sign up using the form on at newlifeparish.net or talk to Jessica.

January 21st: We will be going bowling! Time and location TBD. Watch the New Life youth Facebook page for more information.

January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Years Day	2 Office Closed	3 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm WOW	4 3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids	5	6
7 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 Sunday School at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL 1:00 pm Feed My Starving Children	8	9	10 1:30 pm Quilting 5:45 pm Pop-up Supper 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting	11	12 6:00 pm Confirmation Retreat	13 Confirmation Retreat
14 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 Sunday School at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL 11:20 pm Confirmation retreat ends	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Newsletter Deadline 6:30 pm Lions Club meeting	16	17 6:00 pm "Young" Women's Fellowship 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm WOW	18 Annual Report Deadline	19	20
21 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL TBD Youth Bowling	22	23	24 6:00 pm Confirmation	25	26	27
28 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 Sunday School at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	29	30	31 6:00 pm Confirmation			



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.

- 1/1 ~ Jessica Brandt
- 1/1 ~ Danielle Moen
- 1/1 ~ Cory Rian
- 1/2 ~ Marilyn Moen
- 1/2 ~ Nathan Ziegler
- 1/3 ~ Chris Buckingham
- 1/3 ~ Roger Jorgenson
- 1/4 ~ Sandra Amundson
- 1/4 ~ Andrea Sanger
- 1/6 ~ Linda Froslic
- 1/7 ~ Justin Nord
- 1/11 ~ Summer Wigdahl
- 1/12 ~ Sarah Peterson
- 1/12 ~ Becky Schmidt
- 1/15 ~ Gary Brandt
- 1/15 ~ Caryn Brenden

- 1/15 ~ Gayla Western
- 1/16 ~ Linda Haarstad
- 1/17 ~ Sue Erickson
- 1/18 ~ Madilynn Johnson
- 1/19 ~ Kim Lang
- 1/19 ~ Lucas Nord
- 1/19 ~ David Opsahl
- 1/19 ~ Ashley Watterud
- 1/22 ~ Myrna Anderson
- 1/23 ~ Dan Amundson
- 1/23 ~ Cole Lang
- 1/23 ~ Corey Moen
- 1/24 ~ Elaine Amundson
- 1/24 ~ Sandra Fosse
- 1/24 ~ Diane Kunze
- 1/25 ~ Mabel Schmidt

- 1/25 ~ Avis Wiese
- 1/26 ~ Wylie Brenden
- 1/26 ~ Madison Honer
- 1/26 ~ Chris Watterud
- 1/27 ~ Jessica Holland
- 1/27 ~ Elise Whitehead
- 1/29 ~ Tahmor Brandt
- 1/29 ~ Joyce Peterson
- 1/30 ~ Brett Froslic
- 1/30 ~ Donna Nord
- 1/31 ~ Gene Amundson
- 1/31 ~ Cheryl Erickson



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.

- 1/5 ~ Breck & Molly Eckley
- 1/11 ~ Adrian & Cindy Haugrud
- 1/12 ~ Llyal & Eileen Braton
- 1/25 ~ Larry and Roz Teberg

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



- January 7th - John Reber
- January 14th - Nathan Ziegler
- January 21st - Jessica Nelson
- January 28th - Heather 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



- January 7th -
- January 14th -
- January 21st -
- January 28th -

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

Website: www.newlifeparish.net



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