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New Life News

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New Life office hours

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March Scheduled Events

March 3rd

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

March 4th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

March 6th

5:30 pm Lenten Hotdish Dinner

6:45 pm Lenten Worship with S.A.M. Jerry Peterson

March 7th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids

6:30 pm Fergus Falls Conference Assembly

March 10th - Daylight Savings (spring forward)

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee at New Life

9:00 am Sunday School at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life – Sunday School sings, Noisy offering, & Gideon's

11:00 am NLLC Council meeting

March 11th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

March 13th

10:30 am Quilting

5:30 pm Lenten Shredded Turkey Dinner

6:45 pm Lenten Worship with Pastor Ale Tulu

March 14th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

March 16th

9:30 am "Young" Women's fellowship at Steph Curtis'

Church office closed March 18th—22nd.

March 17th - St. Patrick's Day

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany 9:00 am Coffee at New Life 9:00 am Sunday school at New Life 10:00 am Worship at New Life with

Holy Communion

12:00 pm Youth Skate City

March 18th

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

March 20th

5:30 pm Lenten Chili Dinner

6:45 pm Lenten Worship with Pastor Randy

March 21st

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

March 24th - Palm Sunday

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee at New Life

9:00 am Sunday School at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life

March 25th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

March 26th

8:30 am ACT testing

March 28th - Maundy Thursday

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

6:15 pm Seder Meal

March 29h - Good Friday

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March Travis & Stephanie Olson

Gayla Western

April Stacy & Jennifer Honer

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



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

Have you ever been confronted with a message that has changed your perspective? King Duncan tells the story of how one church chose as its Lenten theme, "Forty Days of Love." Each week members of the congregation were encouraged to show their love and appreciation in different ways. The first week they were encouraged to send notes to people who had made positive contributions to their lives.

After the Ash Wednesday worship service, a man in the congregation wanted to speak to his pastor. The pastor describes the man as "kind of macho, a former football player who loved to hunt and fish, a strong self-made man." The man told his pastor, "I love you and I love this church, but I'm not going to participate in this Forty Days of Love stuff. It's OK for some folks," he said, "but it's a little too sentimental and syrupy for me."

A week went by. The next Wednesday this man waited after church to see his pastor again. "I want to apologize for what I said last Wednesday," he told him, "about the Forty Days of Love. I realized on Saturday that I was wrong."

"Saturday?" his pastor repeated. "What happened on Saturday?"

"I got one of those letters!" the man replied. The letter came as a complete surprise. It was from a person the man never expected to hear from. It touched him so deeply he now carries it around in his pocket all the time. "Every time I read it," he said, "I get tears in my eyes."

It was a transforming moment in this man's life. Suddenly he realized he was loved by others in the church. This changed his entire outlook. "I was so moved by that letter," he said, "I sat down and wrote ten letters myself."

Receiving that letter was a transforming experience for *Mr. Macho*. It came from a mailbox rather than a mountaintop, but the effect was the same - his perspective was changed.

God has a way of breaking into our lives. For each of us the breaking in comes in different ways, taking us by surprise, but, none-the-less, we are changed.

The Lenten season is God's gift, given through his Church. It is a gift inviting us to discover, again, the wonder of God's grace and constant love. It is a gift that also invites us to be part of God's grace and love being extended to others.

A prayer for all of us . . .

Lord God, our Creator and Redeemer,

Thank you for your love which transforms us, even, and especially, when we are not expecting it. You have created us to be creative like you. In our creativity, help us to discover new ways to reach out to others and touch their hearts, minds, and souls. Give us courage to step out of our comfort zones into the messy wonder of your redeeming and sustaining ways. Amen.

Take care and God bless!

Tastor Randy

New Life Lutheran Church Unapproved minutes from November 29th, 2023

The New Life Lutheran Church council met February 7th at 6:30pm. Members present: Patty Ziegler, Jessica Nelson, Jennifer Honer, Kristin Torgerson, Pastor Randy Whitehead, Bruce Brenden, Brandon Langfeld, Kevin Brenden, Marlowe Rasmusson, Renae Froslie, and Steph Olson.

The meeting was opened with devotions: Jennifer

- **1.0 Approval of agenda:** Motion made by Kevin Brenden, seconded by Steph Olson. Motion carried.
- 2.0 Approval of January 2024 Council minutes: Motion made by Steph Olson, seconded by Kristin. Motion carried.
- 3.0 Treasurer's report January 2024: set up prepaid insurance acc to take insurance automatically. Motion made by Brandon, seconded by Kevin Brenden. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

- 4.1 Technology update: see report. Motion made by Jennifer Honer to approve the upgrade wifi service with Park Region, seconded by Brandon Langfeld. Motion carried. Motion made by Kevin Brenden to approve new docking station, seconded by Jennifer Honer. Motion carried.
- **4.2 Annual meeting:** Bruce kept a tally of who took the annual report and those that didn't will get them in the mail.
- 4.3 Contemporary Worship Coordinator position: Motion made by Kristin Torgerson to hire Heather Reber for worship coordinator, seconded by Steph Olson. Motion carried.
- 4.4 Lenten season: theme is Psalms for the journey. Serving dates: 2/14 Pastor Randy, 2/21 Youth, 2/28 Council, 3/6 Care, 3/13 Doris Moen & daughters, 3/20 Youth.
 - 4.5 Meatball Supper: April 6th, 2024.
- 4.6 Prairie Days Breakfast: talks of changing parade time, once that's decided breakfast time will be decided.
- 4.7 2024 Devotion Schedule: December-Jennifer Honer and July- Jessica Nelson

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: n/a

5.2 Upcoming events:

February 10th – Youth Sub making @ New Life & Women's Fellowship @ Jennifer Honer's February 11th – Sunday School Sings February 14th – Ash Wednesday Dinner 5:30 pm & Worship at 6:45 pm

February 19th – Lions Club meeting February 21st – Lenten dinner & Worship February 28th – Lenten dinner & Worship March 6th – Lenten dinner & Worship March 7th – Communion in Pelican & FF conference assembly

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5.3 Vacation Bible School: Looking for volunteers.

6.0 Pastor's report: see report.

7.0 Youth Director's report: 11 kids went to sky zone. 60 super bowl subs have been sold.

8.0 Office Manager's report: see report.

9.0 NLLC Foundation Report: see report. Also, a memorial wish list has been created.

10.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Jennifer): looking for volunteers for song leaders, Easter Garden orders will be happening soon and cut off for orders is March 11th.

Education (Steph): n/a

Youth (Heather): n/a

Community Care Committee (Joyce): n/a

Church Property (Marlowe): discussed ice on roof, dish washer has been looked at and potentially fixed. See report.

Stewardship (Kevin): see report.

11.0 Adjournment: meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 8:43pm. Next meeting is March 10th, 11am.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin Torgerson

Lenten Schedule

Lenten Season has begin, here is a look at the schedule.

March 6th - The Community care committee will be serving supper at 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Free will donations go to B-day bags. S.A.M. Jerry Peterson will be leading worship at 6:45 pm.

March 13th - The Moen Family will be serving Shredded Turkey buns for supper at 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Pastor Ale Tulu will be leading worship at 6:45 pm.

March 20th - The Youth will be serving chili for supper at 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Pastor Randy will be leading worship at 6:45 pm.

Holy Week

March 24th Palm Sunday



Sunday school will be held at 9:00 am.
We invite our Sunday school students to participate in a palm parade during the 10 am worship at New Life.



March 29th Good Friday

Community Worship at 7:00 pm at the Rothsay Baptist Church.

March 31st - Easter Sunday

The new life youth will be serving an Easter breakfast from 8:45-9:45 am before worship.

We will be serving egg bake, muffins, and fruit for a free will donation helping to continue youth events and get kids to camp!

Worship at Little Bethany at 8:45 am

Worship at New Life at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday Worship Service March 28, 2024



Passover Seder Meal

at New Life Lutheran Church, Rothsay 6:15 pm

It was a Passover Seder meal that Jesus was celebrating with his disciples "in the night that he was betrayed." Come, eat, drink, and discover the rich meaning of this ancient and powerful Jewish rite/meal and how it can deepen our Christian faith and understanding as well. Bring your whole family!

You can sign-up for this meal in the narthex of New Life or Little Bethany or by calling the New Life church office (218-867-6557). Please indicate the number of adults, youth, and children that will be attending.

There will also be a sign-up for those who would like to volunteer to prepare the meal.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Friend of Teach Haiti,

On this special Valentine's Day, we want to celebrate you as the "loving" friends of our ministry. Your love transcends borders, bringing hope, education, and brighter futures to those in need. Your dedication to making a positive difference is truly heartwarming.

May your day be filled with the same love and joy that you have selflessly shared with others. We are grateful for your invaluable role in fostering education and empowerment. Your love is a beacon of hope that continues to inspire us all.

Happy Valentine's Day to our cherished Teach Haiti supporters!

With heartfelt gratitude and warm wishes, Miquette McMahon Founder-Executive Director

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

January 2024

January Income	\$	14,282.64
January Disbursements	(\$	14,836.10)
January Less in/out Income	<u>(\$</u>	175.00)
January Net Loss	(\$	728.46)

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



February 2024 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving	100%	
4-Feb	\$3,415.00		
11-Feb	\$3,757.00	80% - %	
18-Feb	\$1,690.00	62	
25-Feb			
		60% -	
e-giving	\$395.00	40% -	lea e
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Goal:	\$15,000.00	20% - Givin	g
Total:	\$9,257.00	Givi	1
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	62%	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)

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 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.

Everyone is welcome Quilting

for

Common Hope Mission in Guatemala And Many Local Area Missions.

At North Immanuel Church

Thursday, February 29th 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday, March 1st 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Bring potluck item to share.

Quilting Opportunity

There will be a Women's quilting group meeting at New Life on Wednesday, March 13th beginning at 10:00 am.

We are in need of any sized nice (used or new) fabric and sheets, just no holes please. They will be used for quilts for Lutheran World Relief when we pack in May. Please put donations in quilting closet or call Elaine L. Balken (218-867-2352).

Thank you to all of the ladies that came on Feb. 14th to tie quilts. We finished 2 very big quilts. All of you are very appreciated. Also thank you to the ladies that do a lot of work at home.

Thanks again and God Bless you All, - Quilters

"Young" Women's Fellowship

NEW: TIME, DATE, & PLACE!

Young Women's Fellowship will meet on Saturday, March 16th.

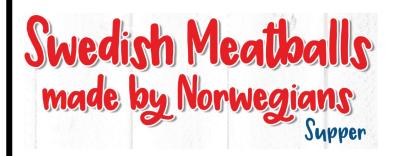
At 9:30AM at Steph Curtis' home.

Please join us for fellowship, fun and treats! No homework necessary.

We are reading, "You Matter More Than You Think" by Leslie Parrott.

Contact Steph or Mary Jo for the address.

Hope to see you there!



Mark your calendars!!! The New Life Meatball Supper will be held on April 6th!

Be on the look out for a sign-up sheet for food donations and volunteering opportunities.

Easter Garden

Spring flowers will once again adorn our church this Easter season. A sign up table is set up in church and order forms available.

Orders will be taken through March 11th, 2024. We cannot place any orders after that date. Flower choice and pricing is listed on the sign-up table in the narthex.

Please reach out to Jennifer Honer for any questions or details - 218-731-9432

The community care committee is still taking donations for the Birthday Bags. If you have questions about what is needed please talk to Joyce Peterson.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with future projects. Please let us know if you are willing to help! A BIG thank you to Jerry Riddle for providing Special music for our February 11th worship service!

We appreciate him generously sharing his time and talents with us!

Sign up for CAMP!!!

Youth in grade 6-12 have the opportunity to attend Luther Crest Bible Camp THIS SUMMER June 23rd- June 28th.

There is scholarship money and fundraising opportunities available. Please contact Jessica with any questions.



Confirmation

Confirmation will continue through lent though it will look just a little bit different...

Confirmands will be required to be at church and ready to meet no later than 6:25 pm.

A shortened class time will be held in the yellow Sunday school room. Students should bring their journals (filled out and updated). After meeting we will attend worship together beginning at 6:45.

We would prefer parents attend worship services with their students but Jess will be there each week to sit with students who might be attending alone.

Dinners will be held each week if you and/or your student would like to be there early enough to enjoy dinner before class.

We look forward to going through this season of lent alongside all of you.

Please let Pastor Randy or Jessica know if you have any questions or concerns.

Upcoming Youth Events

(Grades 6-12)



Fun Event:

We will be headed to Skate City Sunday, March 17th. We will leave after church skate from 12-2 and have pizza and pop while we are there. Cost will be \$15 per person if you need to rent skates/rollerblades or \$11 if you have your own. Please sign up in advance with Jessica, we will NEED parent transportation both ways

Service Events:

- Serving a Chili Lenten dinner on March 20th. Sign up for serving and food donations on the website. Looking for one Parent Volunteer per shift (2 shifts)
- Serving Easter Breakfast on March 31st. There will be a sign up available on the website by March 6th for families to contribute food and to assist with service.

March

SATURDAY	2	6	9:30 am "Young" Women's fellowship at Steph Curtis'	23	30
FRIDAY	1	80	15 Newsletter Deadline	55	Good Friday 29 7:00 pm Worship at Rothsay Baptist Church
THURSDAY		9:00 am Tai Ji Quan 3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids 6:30 pm FF Conference	9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	
WEDNESDAY		6:45 pm Lenten Dinner 6:45 pm Lenten Worship	13 10:00 am Quilting 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner 6:45 pm Lenten Worship	5:30 pm Lenten Dinner 6:45 pm Lenten Worship	27
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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	Daylight Savings Starts 10 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 Sunday School at NL 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School Sings at NL 11:00 am NLLC Council meeting	St. Patrick's Day 17 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 Sunday School at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	Palm Sunday 24 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 Sunday School at NL 10:00 am Worship at LB 10:00 am Worship at LB 8:45 am Easter Sunday 31 8:45 am Easter Breakfast at NL 10:00 am Worship at LB



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.

3/1 ~ Duke Steiner 3/2 ~ Faith Waldoch

3/6∼ Macy Tillman

3/8 ~ Betty Froslie

3/8 ~ Benjamin Brenden

3/9 ~ Marilyn Haarstad

3/9 ~ Craig Ouse

3/11 ~ Adrian Haugrud

3/11 ~ Gavin Larson

3/11 ~ Chad Nelson

3/11 ~ Sandra Watterud

3/13 ~ Brian Buchholz

3/15 ~ Elli Meyer

3/16 ~ Karter Jensen

3/17 ~ Eric Larson

3/18 ~ Eugene Boyce

3/19 ~ Dar Rose

3/22 ~ Jeremy Carlsrud

3/24~ Sam Brusven

3/24 ~ Brian Froslie

3/25 ~ Roger Grunewald

3/25 ~ Kristen Heidecker

3/26 ~ Dylan Christenson

3/27 ~ Joshua Peterson

3/28 ~ Mary Ann Tenderholt



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. 3/12 ~ Arnie & Kay Moen

3/16 ~ Marvin & Joyce Peterson

3/28 ~ Trevor & Korene Moore

3/31 ~ Tom & Mary Jensen

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



March3rd -

March 10th -

March 17th -

March 24th -

March 31st -

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

3/29 ~ Kimberly Larson

3/30 ~ Kacey Watterud

3/31 ~ Shane Balken

3/31 ~ Sara Shirley

March3rd & 6th— Jessica Nelson March 10th & 13th - Heather Reber March 17th & 20th - Jennifer Honer March 24th - Steph Curtis March 31st - 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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