

New Life News

New Life Lutheran Church & Little Bethany Lutheran Church
www.newlifeparish.net
 New Life office hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
newlife@rtelnet.net or 218-867-6557

April Scheduled Events

April 1st

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

April 3rd

6:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal & pictures

April 4th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids

April 6th

5:00 - 8:00 pm Meatball Supper

April 7th - Confirmation Sunday

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 Confirmation & Holy Communion

11:00 am Mason Heidecker's Confirmation party

April 8th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

April 10th

1:00 pm Quilting

6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

April 11th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

April 11th - 17th

Pastor Randy is on vacation

April 12th & 13th

Tour of Tables

April 14th

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

April 15th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

April 18th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

April 21st

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

April 22nd

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

April 24th

6:00 pm "Young" Women's Fellowship

April 25th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

April 28th

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

April 29th

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

Table of Contents

Cover & Events	Page 1
Table of Contents/Council members.....	Page 2
Letter from the Pastor.....	Page 3
Council minutes	Page 4
Meatball Supper.....	Page 5
Bake Sale & Announcements.....	Page 6
Stewardship & Financial Information.....	Page 7
Haiti update & Homebound List.....	Page 8
Member information & Youth Events.....	Page 9
Calendar.....	Page 10
Birthday/Anniversary/Volunteers lists.....	Page 11

NLLC COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bruce Brenden, President
218-731-6559 kbrenden@hotmail.com

Brandon Langfeld, Vice President

Kristin Torgerson, Secretary
218-205-2281 knotorgerson@gmail.com

Joyce Peterson, Evangelism, Family Life &
Social Concerns Committee
218-770-4006 mjpeterson@rothsay.us

Jennifer Honer, Worship & Music Committee

Stephanie Olson, Education Committee
218-867-2546 stepholson80@gmail.com

Jessica Nelson, Youth Committee
701-412-6512 jessica.l.krick@gmail.com

Kevin Brenden, Stewardship Committee
218-849-1124 klbrenden@rothsay.us

Marlowe Rasmusson, Property Committee
218-770-1045 marlowe@rtelnet.net

SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

April	Stacy & Jennifer Honer
May	Jim & Julie Boyce Bruce & Kim Brenden

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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

We know love by this, that he [Jesus] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. [1 John 3:16]

[Jesus said,] “I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.”

Around the year 124 A.D., some Christians, in Athens, Greece, were on trial before the Roman Emperor Hadrian. Defending these Christians was a non-Christian lawyer by the name of Marcianus Aristides, who was referred to as Aristides the Just. Here is a part of Aristides’ summary speech in defense of those Christians . . .

“Christians know what love is. They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If a man has something, he gives freely to the man who has nothing. If they see a stranger, Christians take him home and are happy, as though he were a real brother. They don’t consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, brothers instead through the Spirit, in God. And if they hear that one of them is in jail, or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer, they all give him what he needs. If it is possible, they bail him out. If one of them is poor and there isn’t enough food to go around, they fast for several days to give him the food he needs This is really a new kind of person. There is something divine in them.”

The amazing thing is that trial occurred at a time when and in a place where the Christian faith was illegal. Now, at least here in our nation, the Christian faith is legal. My question is, if we modern Christians were put on trial for our Christianity, would there be enough evidence to convict us? Would anyone outside of our faith speak even half as elegantly about us as Aristides the Just spoke about the Christians 1,900 years ago?

Gordon E. Harris, wrote in *LectioAid* (2nd quarter, 1994), “Loving one another is the very heart of the Gospel, the proof that we have passed from living under the power of hate and death—like Cain—to living under the power of love and life, like Christ, who showed his love by offering his life for us. Here is our pattern of self-sacrifice, whether it be in great things or in small. It is deeds that count, not words.”

Take care and God bless!

Pastor Randy

New Life Lutheran Church Unapproved minutes from March 10th, 2024

The New Life Lutheran Church council met March 10th at 11am. Members present: Renae Froslic, Bruce Brenden, Marlowe Rasmusson, Brandon Langfeld, Kevin Brenden, Kristin Torgerson, Steph Olson, Joyce Peterson, Jessica Nelson, Jen Honer, Heather Nelson, and Pastor Randy Whitehead.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Kevin.

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

2.0 Approval of February 2024 Council minutes: Motion made by Steph Olson, seconded by Brandon Langfeld. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report February 2024: See report. Motion made by Kristin Torgerson, seconded by Jen Honer. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Technology update: Questions on making sure Wi-Fi reaches the Sunday school rooms.

4.2 Lenten season: Offering: motion to donate half of the Lenten offering to World Hunger and the other half to local food shelves, made by Jen Honer, seconded Kristin Torgerson. Motion carried.

4.3 Meatball Supper: Flyers will be hung up by council. Meat bundles will be available for silent auction as well as Arne Moen's creations. Discussions on possible virtual sign up for food and service.

4.4 Prairie Days Breakfast: Jen is lead on this, discussed utilizing some church committees to be involved.

4.5 Vacation Bible School: 6/9 is the tentative date.

5.0 New business: Please update member info for each member, there is a link on the website and Facebook.

5.1 Correspondence: reviewed mail

5.2 Upcoming events:

March 13th – Quilting & Lenten dinner & Worship.

March 14th, 18th, 21st, 25th, & 28th Tai Ji Quan

March 17th – Youth Skate City

March 18th-22nd Patrice out of the office

March 18th – Lions Club meeting

March 20th – Lenten dinner & Worship

March 24th – Palm Sunday

March 26th – ACT testing

March 28th – Maundy Thursday – Seder meal

March 29th – Good Friday @ RBC

March 31st – Easter Sunday

April 1st, 4th, 8th, 11th, 15th, & 18th – Tai Ji Quan

April 3rd – Confirmation Rehearsal

April 4th - Communion in Pelican Rapids

April 6th – Meatball Supper

April 7th – Confirmation Sunday

April 12th & 13th – Tour of Tables

April 14th - Luther Crest Speaker

6.0 Pastor's report: see report.

7.0 Youth Director's report: see report. Sold 100 subs for the super bowl, made almost \$400. 3 youth are signed up for camp, Jessica will be staying at camp.

8.0 Office Manager's report: N/A

9.0 NLLC Foundation Report: N/A

10.0 Committee reports: Heather Nelson was introduced and welcomed as the new education committee representative.

Worship & Music (Jennifer): Working on special music and song leaders.

Education (Steph): n/a

Youth (Heather): n/a

Community Care Committee (Joyce): 22 bags have been completed, a few more things will be purchased to complete bags that have been started. Will be sitting down to figure out if there's enough funds to sponsor two children.

Church Property (Marlowe): Dish washer is now working. Spring cleanup was brought up.

Stewardship (Kevin): discussed pledge cards.

11.0 Adjournment: meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 12:40. Next meeting will be April 10th, 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Torgerson

SIXTH ANNUAL

Swedish Meatballs made by Norwegians Supper

**Saturday, April 6, 2024
from 5-8 pm**

New Life Lutheran Church in Rothsay, MN
Freewill donation for supper

Swedish meatballs and
real mashed potatoes served
with gravy, lefse, corn,
dinner rolls, and dessert

MEATBALLS TO GO!

No time to eat in? Stop by to pick up
meals in a divided to-go container.

New Life 
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proceeds go to the ministry and mission of New Life Lutheran Church.

Plus, don't miss out!

Bake Sale and Quilt Raffle

Attention bakers!

We need your homemade goods for our **BAKE SALE** during the **Meatball supper on April 6.**



Some ideas to consider: cookies, bars, cupcakes, cakes, pies, candies, bread, buns, snack mixes, lefse, rømmegrøt, rosettes, krumkake, jellies, jams, pickles, salsa, home canned vegetables.

Please package your items to sell. Details for drop off to come. Contact Julie Brenden for further info.

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

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!

"Young" Women's Fellowship

Young Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, April 24th.

At 6:00 PM at New Life Lutheran church in the heritage room.

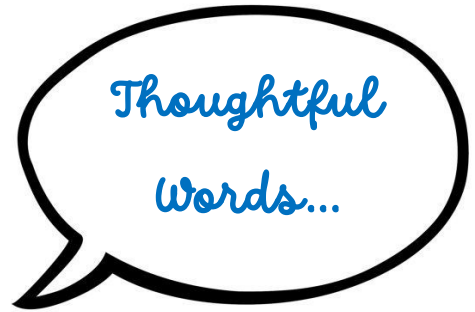
Please join us for fellowship, fun and treats! No homework necessary.

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

Hope to see you there!

In First John, we read:

“How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” (verse 17)



Frequently, however, a Christian will not be called upon to give his life; or even risk it, for his fellows. But he (or she) will have frequent opportunity of showing them his love in less exacting ways. Many of them suffer material hardship and privation; a Christian who is blessed with this world’s goods will instinctively show “the love of God” by sharing what he has with others less fortunate. If, on the contrary, he hardens his heart and refuses to show them compassion in such a practical way, what is the use of his talking about “the love of God.”? By paying it lip-service without exhibiting it in kindly and helpful action, he is simply bringing on himself and his associates the charge of hypocrisy. It is love “in word and truth” that is expected from a child of God, not the kind of pious talk that devalues the currency of heavenly love because it is unmatched by corresponding action.

--by Commentary, *The Epistles of John* by F.F. Bruce, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, MI.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

February 2024

February Income	\$ 21,847.98
February Disbursements	(\$ 16,184.88)
February Less in/out Income	(\$ <u>5,865.00</u>)
February Net Loss	(\$ 201.90)

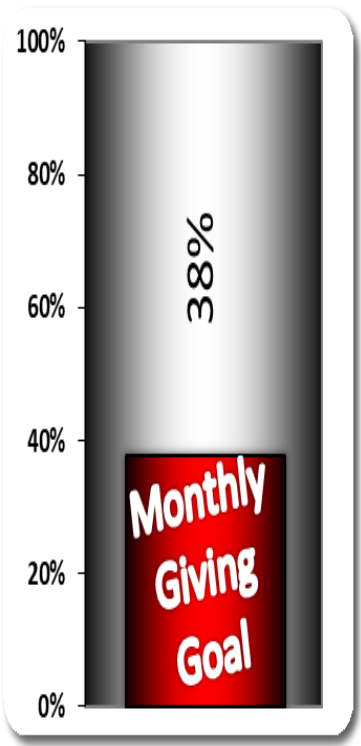
Scan the QR code to give to New Life Lutheran Church online!



March 2024 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
3-Mar	\$2,635.00
10-Mar	\$2,368.00
17-Mar	
24-Mar	
31-Mar	
e-giving	\$655.00

Goal:	\$15,000.00
Total:	\$5,658.00



38%

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.

Joy Toso ~ 215 Skogmo Blvd # 203
Fergus Falls, MN

Debbie Faulkner ~ 1131 Mabelle Ave. Room B-209
Fergus Falls (Pioneer Care)

Marilyn Haarstad ~ 1131 Mabelle Ave Deerwood
Room 206 Fergus Falls, MN
(Pioneer Care)

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)

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.

Update on Haiti!

Hello friend,

I appreciate the numerous emails and texts you've sent, demonstrating your concern for the safety of our Teach Haiti students. **Your care is truly appreciated.** As far as we know, our students are safe, staying in their homes while our teachers work diligently to maintain online classes. The situation in Port-au-Prince is alarming.

These circumstances in Port au Prince place an additional burden on us to provide extra resources for our teachers and staff to ensure the well-being of our students. This only possible because of your support. We are grateful for your support and prayers during this challenging time.

Nevertheless, our school in St. Michel continues to function, benefiting from the relative security of the northern part of the country.

As you feel led, please join in prayer for the following:

1. The well-being of our students.
2. Wisdom for our staff and administration.

Stability for Haiti.

We are truly grateful for your prayers and support to help generate change in Haiti!

With Gratitude,
Miquette McMahon

Membership Information

We are doing our best as a church to improve our methods of communication and making sure our members are well informed. You can help us make this possible by scanning this QR code and by filling out the form for each member of your family!



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 rehearsal and pictures will take place at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 3rd for those students being confirmed this year.

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 7th at 10 am. Please join us as we have three youth affirming their faith during our worship service.

Upcoming Youth Events (Grades 6-12)



Fun Event:

The youth will be headed to do an escape room together later in the month! Keep an eye out for details and a link to sign up with!

Service Events:

Meatball supper April 6th, 2024 from 5-8pm. The youth will be primarily serving by doing dishes and clearing tables. You can sign up on the church website under the youth tab. Please consider helping with our churches biggest fundraiser of the year, anyone is welcome to use the link parents or youth.

April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	2	3 6:00 pm Confirmation rehearsal & pictures	4 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan 3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids	5	6 5:00 pm Meatball Supper
Confirmation 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 11:00 am Mason Heidecker's Confirmation party	8 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	9	10 1:00 pm Quilting 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting	11 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	12 Tour of Tables	13 Tour of Tables
				Pastor Randy is on vacation April 11th - 17th		
14 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	15 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan 6:30 pm Lions Club meeting	16	17	18 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	19	20
21 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 Sunday School at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	22 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	23	24 6:00 pm "Young" Women's Fellowship	25 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	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 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	30				



- 4/03 ~ Cynthia Haugrud
- 4/03 ~ Lydia Umlauf
- 4/05 ~ Henrik Schmidt
- 4/08 ~ Clifford Moen
- 4/08 ~ Stacy Wigdahl
- 4/09 ~ Weston Langfeld
- 4/11 ~ Ralph Ouse
- 4/14 ~ Debra Opsahl
- 4/18 ~ Erin Aaberg
- 4/18 ~ McKenzie Tillman
- 4/21 ~ Tanya Ackert
- 4/22 ~ Kali Brandt
- 4/29 ~ Julie Boyce

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.



- 4/8 ~ Cory & Sommer Rian
- 4/11 ~ Jeff & Tulsa-Leigh Kugler
- 4/22 ~ Mike & Kristen Heidecker
- 4/29 ~ Charles & Nita Neuleib

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.

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



- April 7th -
- April 14th -
- April 21st -
- April 28th -

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



- April 7th - Nathan Ziegler
- April 14th - Jessica Nelson
- April 21st - Heather Reber
- April 28th - 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.

Website/App

Website: www.newlifeparish.net



App: Download **sharefaith** app from google play or the app store. Open sharefaith app Church is

NLLC Rothsay

Find us on **Facebook** at **New Life Lutheran Church**



New Life Lutheran Church
PO Box 278
102 Main Ave. West
Rothsay, MN 56579

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

«FIRST NAME» «LAST NAME»

«ADDRESS1»

«CITY, STATE» «Z1P»

New Life News is a monthly publication of New Life Lutheran Church and Little Bethany Lutheran Church.
Articles are due by the 15th each month.

Pastor: Rev. Randy Whitehead
Office Manager: Patrice Ziegler
Youth Director: Jessica Nelson



(218) 867-6557
e-mail: newlife@rtelnet.net
www.newlifeparish.net