

# New Life News

New Life Lutheran Church & Little Bethany Lutheran Church  
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## May Scheduled Events

### **May 2nd**

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan  
 3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids

### **May 5th**

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany with Holy Communion  
 9:00 am Coffee at New Life  
 9:00 am Last day of Sunday School at New Life  
 10:00 am Worship at New Life – with Holy Communion  
 & Sunday School sings

### **May 6th**

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

### **May 8th**

1:00 pm Kits & Quilting  
 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

### **May 9th**

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

### **May 12th - Mother's Day**

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany  
 9:00 am Coffee at New Life  
 10:00 am Worship at New Life with Noisy offering

### **May 13th**

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

### **May 15th - Newsletter Deadline**

6:30 pm Confirmation Orientation

### **May 16th**

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

### **May 17th & 18th**

Synod Assembly at Concordia

### **May 19th - Senior Recognition Sunday**

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

### **May 20th**

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

### **May 22nd**

7:00 pm Baccalaureate at New Life

### **May 23rd**

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

### **May 25th**

2:00 pm Private Event

### **May 26th**

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

### **May 27th - Memorial Day**

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

### **May 28th**

2:00 pm Blood Drive

### **May 30th**

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

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### **SERVICE GROUP LEADERS**

<b>May</b>	Jim & Julie Boyce Bruce & Kim Brenden
<b>June</b>	Marvin & Joyce Peterson

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Kathryn Thornton is a scientist and educator, and a former NASA astronaut. She is a veteran of four space shuttle flights. In the foreword to a National Geographic book, she wrote about viewing the earth below from the shuttle orbiting high above. In the daylight passes, she said she and her fellow astronauts saw the churning motion of the oceans, the upheaval of the Himalayan mountain range in Asia, and made out many volcanoes, but saw little evidence of human activity. However, as they passed over to the night side of earth, they witnessed a very different perspective. . . .

*On the night passes in orbit, evidence of human activity is abundantly clear. Densely populated landmasses are lit up brilliantly, whereas sparsely inhabited deserts are almost completely dark. Lights outline continents, particularly in the Northern Hemisphere, where people live along the coastlines. Strings of lights illuminate rivers and in some places, even highways, where densely populated towns and cities have grown up along these transportation arteries.*

I think that many people, when they/we imagine God, tend to think of him as looking down on us from his heavenly perch high above. How accurate this image is in relation to reality; I don't profess to know. But let's work with this image for a moment. As I write this, I can't help but wonder what God sees when he looks down on us. More specifically I wonder what he sees in us--the Church. Is our activity as his followers, his representatives, his hands and feet and voice in this world as evident as say the clustering of lights witnessed by astronauts passing over the dark side of our planet. Or, could it be that our activity, as his Church is so feeble and sporadic, that it just blends into the landscape, largely undetectable —as the human activity appeared to the astronauts on the bright side of the world?

As we are called upon by God, in Jesus, to let our light shine brightly, rather than hiding it under a bushel basket, it would be a terrible shame, a great tragedy to not be the light in this world.

Perhaps we all need to ask ourselves, "Am I just blending in, or am I, in my worship and prayers, in my kindness and acts of love letting God's light, his generosity and love shine through me?"

May this May be bright for us and for all.

Take care and God bless!

**Pastor Randy**

# New Life Lutheran Church

## Unapproved minutes from April 10th, 2024

The New Life Lutheran Church council met April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Members present: Steph Olson, Bruce Brenden, Brandon Langfeld, Pastor Randy Whitehead, Marlowe Rasmusson, Kevin Brenden, Joyce Peterson, Renae Froslic, Jessica Nelson, Patty Ziegler, Kristin Torgerson, and Heather Nelson.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Jessica.

**1.0 Approval of agenda:** Two additional items added. Motion made by Steph Olson, seconded by Joyce Peterson. Motion carried.

**2.0 Approval of March 2024 Council minutes:** Addendum to Feb: Property committee was asked to get mulch for around the church. Motion made by Steph Olson, seconded by Joyce Peterson. Motion carried.

**3.0 Treasurer's report March 2024:** See report. Motion made by Joyce Peterson to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Brandon Langfeld. Motion carried.

### 4.0 Ongoing business:

**4.1 Technology update:** Park Region sent a quote for updating Wi-Fi, see report. Tweaking sound and video to watch church in the fellowship hall for overflow.

**4.2 Meatball supper:** see report. There were 67 to-go and roughly 340 meals served. Thank you's will be sent.

**4.3 Prairie days breakfast:** see report. Breakfast will be 7/13 from 8:30-10:30. It was suggested to have a float in the parade, will revisit in May.

**4.4 Vacation bible school:** Youth & education committees are meeting April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am to get more ideas and hopefully volunteers to help out with this. Discussion of reusing past curriculum.

### 5.0 New business:

**5.1 Correspondence:** Letter from Luther Crest looking for donations for their auction. Decision was made to ask Arne Moen if he would like to donate some wood items to the auction.

### 5.2 Upcoming events:

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup> - Tai Ji Quan  
April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - Tour of Tables

**5.3 Luther Crest:** see correspondence.

**5.4 Baccalaureate:** will be discussing to see what the kids want for music.

**5.5 Senior Recognition Sunday:** 8 seniors and May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**5.6 Kitchen inventory and duties:** Wanting to make sure there is someone or a group taking care of this area. It was decided that staff would take care of making sure kitchen is stocked. Please let them know if anything needs to be purchased.

**5.7 Reimbursement for Seder meal:** 60 attended. Randy is working on getting receipts together for reimbursement.

**5.8 Request for funds:** Special music requests need to be made to the council or foundation ahead of time, anything over \$100 needs council approval. There needs to be more communication with more than a few days' notice for planning. Motion made to approve current special music expenditure of \$100.00 made by Joyce Peterson, seconded by Heather Nelson. Motion carried.

**5.9 Lights:** John Reber joined the meeting to discuss a quote for switching all bulbs to LED, see report. A proposal will be written up to present to the members of the church for additional fundraising to put towards this project and John will be discussing payment options. Motion made by Heather Nelson to move forward with the project with Light speed electric, seconded by Marlowe Rasmusson. Motion carried.

**6.0 Pastor's report:** see report. Was suggested to move staff reviews to June or July as the synod has suggested. Bruce suggested doing the reviews in August instead, executive committee will sit down and discuss prior.

**7.0 Youth Director's report:** Working on planning an event for April. Youth will do a cemetery clean up. Working on a fundraiser for camp.

**8.0 Office Manager's report:** Tracked extra hours to get caught up when she was on vacation per executive committees request. Her last vacation she put in 15-20hrs extra to get caught up for vacation. 7/1-7/12 Patrice will be on vacation.

**9.0 NLLC Foundation Report:** have a deposit from the church made to the foundation.

### 10.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Jennifer): see report.

Education (Steph): Hoping to get more teachers in the future.

Youth (Heather): n/a

Community Care Committee (Joyce): had a meeting and getting care bags going again. Wanting more communication if there is people who are wanting to be visited and brought a care bag.

Church Property (Marlowe): Some mulch has been put down; small section left to complete the project. Towel dispensers have been addressed. Men's urinal was leaking and has been fixed.

Stewardship (Kevin): Pledge card will be going out with a letter.

**11.0 Adjournment:** meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 8:55 pm. Next meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Kristin Torgerson*

**Because of you, life doesn't stop.**



## **ROTHSAY BLOOD DRIVE**




**TUESDAY, MAY 28  
2:00PM - 6:00PM  
NEW LIFE LUTHERAN-FELLOWSHIP HALL**

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# **Update on Port au Prince, Haiti**

The situation in Port-au-Prince has not improved. Residents remain confined to their homes, schools remain closed, and major businesses operate at reduced capacity and hours. Moreover, food prices continue to skyrocket and become increasingly scarce, further burdening the exhausted Haitian population.

**Despite the adversities, our students persist in their online education. Our dedicated teachers ensure minimal disruption to their learning amidst the chaos. Students maintain a rigorous schedule from 8 AM to 3:30 PM daily, engaging with lessons delivered via WhatsApp and Google Classroom. Additionally, parents visit the school to collect packets for students lacking internet access or smart devices.**

These difficulties have significantly strained our budget, as we need to provide more resources to support our teachers in serving our students. Please pray for a change of heart among the gangs and leaders, bringing relief to the people who desperately need it.

We are grateful and delighted that our school in St. Michel has been operating at full capacity without any interruption since the chaos began in Port-au-Prince.

## **Prayer Request**

The formation of an electoral council in Haiti continues to be delayed due to disagreements among proposed members. Without this council, the establishment of a transitional government remains elusive. Urgent prayers are needed for those in positions of power to resolve these disputes and establish the necessary structures swiftly. The lives of the Haitian people are at risk with each passing moment of instability and anarchy. May a resolution be reached soon to bring stability and safety to the nation.

Please continue to pray for the safety and well-being of our students, parents, and staff in Port-au-Prince.

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New Life Lutheran Church Community Care Committee is bringing back the CARE Bags. We are asking for monetary donations to be used to assemble the Compassionate Care Bags. Each bag is assembled with items of love, encouragement and support. We hope to remind those dealing with health crisis that we will be sending prayers for strength and courage. Monetary donations will be used to purchase items needed to complete the bags. Checks could be made out to NLLC with Compassionate Care Bags written in the memo line. Also asking if you have family member, friend or acquaintance you would like to give a bag to, please contact a committee member.  
Joyce Peterson  
Linda Haarstad  
Peggy Zimmerman  
Mary Jo Gaugler

Reminder still doing the birthday bags.  
We delivered 11 bags to Barnesville food shelf and 11 bags to Pelican food shelf in March.

## Meatball Supper 2024

### Income:

Meal	\$3,744.00
Defray expenses	\$ 125.00
Wooden Utensils	\$ 255.00
After meal sales	\$ 92.00
Bake sale	\$1,305.00
Meat raffle	<u>\$ 815.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,336.00</b>

We served 67 to-go meals and about 340 plates. Serving a total of 407 people.

### Expenses:

Rothsay truck stop	\$ 105.40
Hornbachers-food	\$ 324.12
Rothsay Regional-ad	<u>\$ TBD</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 429.52</b>

Thank you all for your support of our meatball supper!

**Net Income: \$5,906.48**

### NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### March 2024

March Income	\$ 14,751.95
March Disbursements	(\$ 18,130.12)
March Less in/out Income	<u>\$ 3,392.65</u>
March Net Income	\$ 14.48

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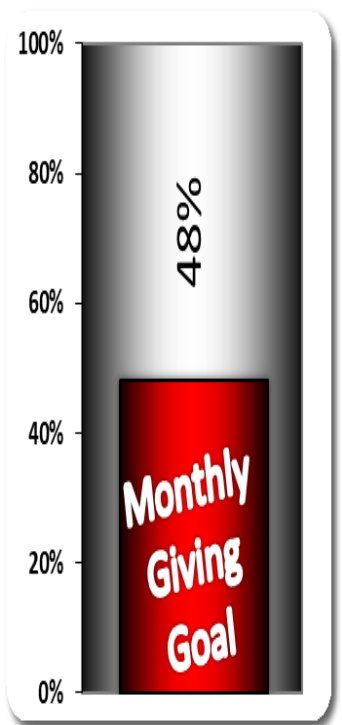


### April 2024 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
7-Apr	\$2,245.00
14-Apr	\$1,470.00
21-Apr	\$2,799.00
28-Apr	
e-giving	\$680.00

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,194.00</b>

**48%**



## *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)

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.

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### Quilting opportunity

There will be a quilting group meeting at New Life on May 8th at 1:00 pm to pack kits and work on quilts. All are welcome to join!

Donations needed by **May 5th** are:

- Light -weight bath -size towel (52"x 26", dark color recommended.)
- Sheets or fabric for quilt filler and back (No Holes)
- Cloth diapers
- 70 page notebooks (4 to a kit)

Thank you to everyone who has helped make quilts and pack kits. We are also grateful for all of your donations to help those in need.

***Thank you!***



## 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!



### Senior Recognition Sunday

May 19th

Join us for refreshments at 9:00 am and for worship at 10:00 am as we celebrate the a great accomplishment for these students:

- Cassie Brandt
- Kali Brandt
- Zachary Christ
- Kinsey Heier
- Peyton Kadel
- Elli Meyer
- Gracyn Petersen
- Travis Shirley Jr.

### Community Baccalaureate Service

May 22nd at 7:00 pm  
at New Life Lutheran Church

The Rothsay community and all Rothsay Public School graduating seniors, along with their friends and family, are invited to a service in their honor.

Congratulations Seniors!

## Confirmation Orientation

May 15th 6:30 pm

We will have a brief introduction to Confirmation for any students that will be entering 7th grade or higher in the 2024-2025 school year and their parents.

Sundae's and floats will be served during orientation.

## Upcoming Youth Events (Grades 6-12)

All events are TBD.

Be on the look out for future events via Facebook and bulletins. Also be sure to fill out the member information form so that you can receive updates via email or text.



# May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan 3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 <b>Last day of Sunday</b> School at NL 10:00 am Worship & <b>Sunday</b> <b>School Sings</b> at NL	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 1:00 pm Kits & Quilting 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Mother's Day 12</b> 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	<b>13</b> 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Confirmation Orientation <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	<b>17</b> Synod Assembly at Concordia	<b>18</b> Synod Assembly at Concordia
<b>Senior recognition Sunday 19</b> 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship & Senior Recognition at NL	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan 6:30 pm Lions Club meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 pm Baccalaureate at New Life	<b>23</b> 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 2:00 pm Private Event
<b>26</b> 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan	<b>28</b> 2:00 pm Blood Drive	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan		



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.

- 5/04 ~ Heather Nelson
- 5/06 ~ Obert Aaberg
- 5/07 ~ Tulsa-Leigh Kugler
- 5/08 ~ Lori Faulkner
- 5/08 ~ Stevie Zimmerman
- 5/08 ~ Lana Friederichs
- 5/09 ~ Kenadi Carlsrud
- 5/09 ~ Emerson Nelson
- 5/10 ~ Nathan Hanson
- 5/14 ~ Teddy Ray Burrington
- 5/14 ~ Beckett Meyer
- 5/14 ~ Jeffrey Ostland
- 5/15 ~ Christian Ziegler
- 5/16 ~ Doris Moen
- 5/17 ~ Brad Schmidt
- 5/19 ~ Kay Moen
- 5/20 ~ Breck Eckley
- 5/22 ~ Zayden Motz
- 5/23 ~ Allan Shirley
- 5/25 ~ Sue Gulbranson
- 5/25 ~ Andrew Olson
- 5/26 ~ Brady Johnson
- 5/27 ~ Sandra Ouse
- 5/28 ~ Deborah Faulkner
- 5/28 ~ Sandra Jorgenson
- 5/29 ~ Casey Curtis
- 5/29 ~ Marjorie Halbakken
- 5/31 ~ Declan Andersen



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.

- 5/01 ~ John & Diane Kunze
- 5/16 ~ Jeff & TyAnn Anderson
- 5/17 ~ Paul & Sandra Fosse
- 5/18 ~ Lyle & Diane Hovland
- 5/19 ~ Jeff & Pat Melkert
- 5/23 ~ Casey & Stephanie Curtis

### SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



- May 5th -
- May 12th -
- May 19th -
- May 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



- May 5th - Stephanie Curtis
- May 12th - John Reber
- May 19th - Nathan Ziegler
- May 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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