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## New Life News

New Life Lutheran Church & Little Bethany Lutheran Church www.newlifeparish.net

New Life office hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm newlife@rtelnet.net or 218-867-6557

### **March Scheduled Events**

### March 1st

Fellowship hall is booked for a private event

### March 2nd

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

### March 5th

5:45 pm Ash Wednesday Supper & Worship in the fellowship hall

### March 8th

10:00 am Young Women's Fellowship at Stacey Hone's

### March 9th—Daylight Savings time begins

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life

9:00 am Sunday school at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life Sunday School Sings

11:00 am Bunco with Soup and Sandwiches

### March 10th

6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

### March 12th

10:00 am Mission Quilts

5:45 pm Lenten Supper & Worship

### March 16th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life

9:00 am Sunday School at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life with Holy Communion

### March 19th

5:45 pm Lenten Supper & Worship 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

### March 23rd

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

### March 25th

8:00 am ACT testing

### March 26th

5:45 pm Lenten Supper & Worship

### March 29th

5:00 pm Meatball Supper

### March 30th

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

### March 30th - April 2nd

Fellowship hall is booked for a private event

### **March Office Manager Hours:**

March 3rd - 6th: 1 pm to 3:30 pm March 10th - 13th: 1 pm to 3:30 pm March 17th - 20th 1 pm to 3:30 pm March 25th - 27th 1 pm to 3:30 pm March 31st - April 3rd 1 pm to 3:30 pm

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March Harry & Deb Opsahl

Jordan & Kellie Barry

**April** Ruth Anderson

Tom & Mary Jensen

### Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



Frederick Booth-Tucker, the son-in-law of William and Catherine Booth, the founders of the Salvation Army, was conducting an evangelistic meeting one evening in the Salvation Army Citadel in Chicago. His topic for the service was the sympathy of Jesus, and how it can make a world of difference in one's life. After the service was over, an agitated man approached him and essentially scolded him, saying, "If your wife had just died, like mine has, and your babies were crying for their mother, who would never come back, you wouldn't be saying what you're saying."

Tragically, only a few days later, Frederick Booth-Tucker's wife was killed in a train wreck. Her body was brought to Chicago and carried to the same Citadel for the funeral. After the service the bereaved preacher looked down into the silent face of his wife and then turned to those attending. He lifted his voice, saying, "The other day a man told me I wouldn't speak of the sympathy of Jesus if my wife had just died. If that man is here, I want to tell him that Christ is sufficient. My heart is broken, yes, but it has a song put there by Jesus. I want that man to know that Jesus Christ speaks comfort to me today."

Empathy. Some people have described empathy as "your pain in my heart." The truth is God knows our pain, whatever it might be from. For our pain, and the pain of every other, is felt by God—he hurts with and for each of us. Imagine the billions of people upon this earth—and God knows, he feels intensely, the pain of each of us. We can't begin to fathom the strength and empathy of our Creator. But our lack of understanding, doesn't negate the power of God's love. It is here, it is there, it is wherever we need it to be, to help and guide us through our pain. Amidst the pain, it can lift us, if we allow it, into the fullness of the hope-filled relationship with God and with one another that we've been created to know and thrive in—despite our present state.

How does God do this? Again, it is beyond our ability to fully grasp, but it has its roots in Jesus, who came to be with us, and ultimately, to die for us. Yes, he died for us, but on the third day, he rose again that we might have life, full and abundant, both here and now, and forever with him. And part of it is found in the loving people God surrounds us with—family and friends, sometimes even strangers, who wrap their arms around us in times of trouble, who help lift us out of the darkness into the light. And part is found, also, as we wrap our arms around others when they are in need. In sum, it's a wonderful mystery that makes all the difference in the world.

Take care and God bless!

Pastor Randy

### New Life Lutheran Church Unapproved minutes

The February	/ 26th (	Council	minutes	were no	t available	at time	e of	publication
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### **Lent Schedule**

This year is going to look a little different for our lent services. Supper and worship will both take place on Wednesday evenings in the fellowship hall at 5:45 pm.

Ash Wednesday — March 5th a mac and cheese bar will be served by the NLLC Council.

March 12th — BBQ's, chips, and caramel rolls will be served by Heather Nelson and Pastor Randy

March 19th — Chili will be served by the NLLC Youth.

March 26th — Cracked chicken and cheesy hashbrowns will be served by the Moen family.

April 2nd — Hotdish will be served by the Community Care Committee.

April 9th — Lasagna will be served by the NLLC Youth.

### **Easter Garden**

Spring flowers will once again adorn our church Easter Sunday. A sign up table will be set up in church and order forms available beginning March 2, 2025. **Orders will be taken through March 31, 2025. We cannot assure flowers will be available for any orders received after that date.** Flower choices and prices for this year are as follows:

6.5" pot of tulips \$15

6.5" pot of hyacinth \$15

6.5" pot of daffodils \$15

6.5" pot of begonias \$19

8" spring bulb garden pot \$20

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

**SEVENTH ANNUAL** 

## Swedish Meathalls made by Norwegians Sweet

## Saturday, March 29, 2025 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.



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

And pick up your favorite treats at the BAKE SALE!

Time to bring out the Birthday Bag Program. Looking for donations or create your own bag! Create a Bag:

- 1: Birthday gift bag
- 2: Party Paper Plates
- 3: Party Napkins
- 4: Candles
- 5: Ballons or other party novelty items.
- 6: Foil cake pan 9X13
- 7: Cake Mix
- 8: Pop
- 9: Forks

Be creative make it for boy, girl or a generic one. See sample in fellowship Hall!

Coming in March!!!!!!!

Join us for Family Soup and Bunco (Fun dice game)

Time of fun fellowship and excitement!

Sunday March 9 after Church service.

Partners Tour of Tables theme this year is 'Saturday Sampler' on Saturday, April 5th.

If you have a quilt that you would like to display or one that has a story or history to go with it for the bed turning;

contact Peggy Zimmerman 218-731-2834 or Renae Froslie 218-850-9192

Upcoming Youth Events (Grades 6-12)



Please watch upcoming Bulletins and the Youth Facebook page for any upcoming Youth events!

### **Mission Quilting**

The Mission quilters group will meet on March 12th, 2025, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch. We hope you will join us!

### Young Women's Fellowship

Young Women's Fellowship will meet On Saturday, March 8th At 10:00am

At the home of Stacey Hone Please text for the address, if needed. All are welcome!

### 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 Elaine Amundson - 215 E. Mill Ave #200 Fergus Falls (Pioneer Care)

Doris Jorgenson ~ 1131 Mabelle Ave. Room C-218 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)

Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

Margaret Brenden ~ 1500 7th St. S #4212 Moorhead, MN 56560 (218-284-9114)

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.

### A note from the Stewardship Committee

Thank you to all that participated in our "Matching Offering" day! The total in the offering plate was \$1,308.00 bringing our total to \$2,308.00! The anonymous gift of \$1,000 was not only generous but helped prompt others to give, which is two-fold!

We are excited about what the future holds for NLLC and hope that this has inspired you to bless others whether it's with time, talent, or financial gifts. After all, this is one of the best ways to experience joy!

Together in Christ, NLLC Stewardship Committee

### NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### January 2025

January Income \$ 13,110.90

January Expenses (\$ 17,422.85)

January Net Loss (\$ 4,311.95)

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



### February 2025 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving	100%	8
	T - ,	80% -	136
e-giving	\$465.00	40% -	Monthly
Goal:	\$15,700.00 \$24,357.00	20% -	Giving
iolai.	\$21,357.00 136%	0%	Goal

# March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Fellowship hall booked for a private event
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	က	4	<b>5</b> 5:45 pm Ash Wednesday supper & worship	σ	2	10:00 am YWF at Stacey Hone's home
Daylight Savings 9 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 am Sunday School at NL Sunday School Sings 10:00 am Worship at NL 11:00 am Bunco	10 6:30 pm Lions club meeting	7	12 10:00 am Quilters 5:45 pm Lenten Supper & Worship	13	14	15 Newsletter Deadline
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	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 5:45 pm Lenten Supper & Worship 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting	20	21	22
8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	24	25 8:00 am ACT Testing	<b>26</b> 5:45 pm Lenten Supper & Worship	27	28	29 5:00 pm Meatball Supper
30 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL	31					
9:00 am Sunday School at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	Fellowship hall booked		for a private event March 30th—Apr	-April 2nd		



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 ~ 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

3/17 ~ Lori Tillman

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

3/29 ~ Kimberly Larson

3/30 ~ Kacey Watterud

3/31 ~ Shane Balken

3/31 ~ Sara Shirley



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.

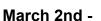
3/12 ~ Arnie & Kay Moen

3/16 ~ Marvin & Joyce Peterson

3/28 ~ Trevor & Korene Moore

3/31 ~ Tom & Mary Jensen

### SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



March 9th - March 16th -

March 23rd -

March 30th -

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

March 2nd & 5th- Jessica Nelson March 9th & 12th - Nathan Ziegler/Heather

March 16th & 19th - Jennifer Honer March 23rd & 26th - Stephanie Curtis

March 30th & April 2nd - 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

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

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### **CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

«FIRST NAME» «LAST NAME» «ADDRESS1» «CITY, STATE» «Z1P»

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