

New Life News

New Life Lutheran Church & Little Bethany Lutheran Church

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New Life office hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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May Scheduled Events

May 1st

10:00 am Partners building use

May 4th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany with Holy Communion

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship 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 7th

5:00 pm Youth Spring cleaning

May 10th

9:35 am Young Women's Fellowship at Mary Jo's home

May 11th - Mother's Day

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life

May 14th

10:00 am Mission Quilters

6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

May 15th

2:00 pm Blood Drive

May 16th

8:00 pm Youth Lock-in

May 17th

10:00 am Building reserved for Private event

May 18th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee with Senior recognition

10:00 am Worship at New Life with Senior
Recognition

7:00 pm Baccalaureate **at the Rothay Baptist
Church**

May 19th

6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

May 25th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life

May 30th - June 1st

Synod assembly

May 31st

Wedding at Little Bethany

May Office Manager Hours:

May 1st: 1 pm to 3:30 pm

May 5th - 8th: 1 pm to 3:20 pm

May 12th: 1 pm to 3:20 pm

May 14th: 1 pm - 2 pm

May 21st & 22nd: 1pm - 3:20 pm

May 27th - 29th: 10 am - 1:30 pm

Patrice may be in the office during other times that aren't posted. Feel free to stop by if you see her at the church.

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May	Matt & Missy Amundson Chad & Heather Nelson
June	Nicholas & Nancy Aaberg Casey & Stephanie Curtis

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



Jesus came to do for us what we couldn't do for ourselves. He was the long-awaited messiah. However, relatively few recognized him, because he didn't act the way most people were expecting the messiah to act. Instead of a sense of godliness about them, they seem to have had a sense of worldliness about them. This is what Dave Roper shared about worldliness . . .

The Bible defines worldliness by centering morality where we intuitively know it should be. Worldliness is the lust of the flesh (a passion for sensual satisfaction), the lust of the eyes (an inordinate desire for the finer things of life), and the pride of life (self-satisfaction in who we are, what we have, and what we have done). Worldliness, then, is a preoccupation with ease and affluence. It elevates creature comfort to the point of idolatry; large salaries and comfortable life-styles become necessities of life.

Worldliness is reading magazines about people who live hedonistic lives and spend too much money on themselves and wanting to be like them. But more importantly, worldliness is simply pride and selfishness in disguises. It's being resentful when someone snubs us or patronizes us or shows off. It means smarting under every slight, challenging every word spoken against us, cringing when another is preferred before us. Worldliness is harboring grudges, nursing grievance, and wallowing in self-pity. These are the ways in which we are most like the world. [Dave Roper, The Strength of a Man, quoted in Family Survival in the American Jungle, Steve Farrar, 1991, Multnomah Press, p. 68]

When Jesus announced the beginning of his ministry, he shared the job description of the messiah recorded in the Book of Isaiah. The Gospel of Luke shares this story:

¹⁴ Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." [Luke 4:14-21]

A few years later, the apostle Paul wrote to the Christian community in Philippi saying that, as followers of Christ, we should reflect Christ, and act in a similar way. Paul wrote:

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. [Philippians 2:1-11]

We, too, are called to have the same mind, to act with the same godliness—and so are our leaders. And it's not just our religious leaders, but all leaders, especially if they are claiming to be Christian. Humility, . . . kindness, . . . with servant-hearts, . . . respecting one another, even if we don't agree with one another, . . . helping one another, not demonizing or hurting each other, . . . Not peddling fear, but fostering hope and understanding. We are called to love, to be gracious and generous, to be forgiving and uplifting, to be godly, not worldly.

It's a tall order, and at times we will fail. But God is with us, forgiving and respecting, strengthening and uplifting, encouraging and redirecting, counting on us to love one another.

Take care and God bless!

Pastor Randy

New Life Lutheran Church

April 9, 2025 Unapproved minutes

NLLC council met on April 9th following the Lenten Service. Members present: Heather Nelson, Steph Olson, Stephanie Curtis, Joyce Peterson, Marlowe Rasmusson, Pastor Randy Whitehead, Jessi Lehn, Heather Reber, Jessica Nelson, Renae Froslic, and Brad Schmidt.

1.0 Approval of agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Joyce Peterson, seconded by Jessica Nelson. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of March 2025 Council minutes: Motion to approve the council minutes made by Jessi Lehn, seconded by Brad Schmidt. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report March 2025: Motion to pay the Lightspeed Electric bill for \$4,936.26 made by Steph Curtis, seconded by Joyce Peterson. John Reber gave a quote for a computer for Renae. Approved a computer with a number keypad. Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Steph Olson, seconded by Jessi Lehn. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Technology update: No updates at this time.

4.2 Area strategy update: No updates at this time.

4.3 Staff reviews: Jessi, Heather N and Heather R will get together to prepare the staff reviews and get forms dispersed to "co-workers" and congregation to get feedback for evaluations.

4.4 Meatball Supper Recap: \$3341.71 brought in from supper, \$120 in donations to help in covering costs for the supper, \$1302.35 brought in from the bake sale, \$173 brought in from wooden spoons, \$260 brought in from After Meals, \$825 brought in from meat raffle, \$170 brought in from lefse. Total brought in - \$5852.06. "Gluten Free" meals were prepared but nobody asked/ate any of that. Steph Olson will pick up Thank You cards and the council will help get those written on and sent out.

4.5 Lenten Season Recap: Very successful Lenten Season - Congregation is liking the service with the meal. Sound needs to be looked at in Fellowship Hall.

4.6 New Council Introduction: Steph Curtis was welcomed back to council.

4.7 Vacation Bible School: VBS will run from June 1st-5th and will again coordinate with the swimming lessons bus. Curriculum has been picked out and start time will be at 5:30 pm. Hillary Johson will work on food, Jess Nelson is going to reach out to volunteers for the week. 5th graders are going to become "helpers".

4.8 Prairie Days Breakfast: Jen Honer will coordinate the meal but would like feedback from Property as to what the money could go towards (upkeep on the building/grounds).

4.9 All Committee Night: August 20th, 6 pm

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: Nothing at this time

5.2 Upcoming events:

April 13th - Palm Sunday - Kids are singing. Patty ordered Palm Branches.

April 14th - Lions Club Meeting

April 15th - Mission Quilters

April 17th - Maundy Thursday - Worship will be at Little Bethany

April 18th - Good Friday Worship at New Life

April 20th - Easter Sunday / Hansen Family Gathering

April 23rd - Confirmation rehearsal and pictures at 6:00 pm

April 27th - Confirmation Sunday / Sophie's Family Gathering

May 11th - Mother's Day / Hone Baptism

May 15th - Blood Drive

May 17th - Private graduation party

May 19th - Lions Club Meeting

May 30th - June 1st - Synod Assembly

May 31st - Wedding at Little Bethany

5.3 Private Event Use: Jess will look into making/getting a sign for the double doors past the offices to let the public know that the space is closed for a private event. Supplies (paper towels) ran short after the meatball supper and Tour of Tables. Pastor Randy will help keep track of those types of supplies. Joyce Peterson made a motion to add Randall Whitehead as a signer to the Supply Account with access to a debit card for New life Lutheran Church Account held at Farmers State Bank. Jessi Lehn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Baccalaureate: Sunday, May 18th at 7:00 pm at the Baptist Church.

5.5 Senior Recognition Sunday: Sunday, May 18th at 10:00 am. Care Committee will provide

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muffins. Quilts have been made for seniors.

6.0 Pastor's report: Guidons Sunday is June 1st - There will be a speaker at both NLLC and Bethany. Miquette Denie will be here for the Worship Service on June 29th, possibly with a brunch and inviting surrounding churches to this event. Pastor Randy will be out of the building on April 10th. Working on bulletins for Maundy-Thursdays and Good Friday. Steve (Bud) Magnussen passed away and they will have a service in June.

7.0 Youth Director's report: Youth served 2 successful Lenten meals. Confirmation is right around the corner so they are getting ready for that. They are now learning what the different religions look like - how are they the same, how are they different from ours? Easter breakfast is coming up too. Jess is communicating with parents/congregation to help out with that.

8.0 Office Manager's report: No report.

9.0 NLLC Foundation report: No report.

Worship & Music (Jessica): Proposing to continue the Meal & Worship for June and July. Committee's maybe take a week? Julie Brenden and Jill Brenden are going to sing special music on Easter Sunday.

Education (Steph Olson): Sunday School will wrap up the beginning of May. They are singing on Palm Sunday.

Youth (Brad Schmidt): They are looking at doing a Fall Community Fundraiser. Youth will serve Sub Sandwiches at Prairie Days as a fundraiser. They are going to work on the Prayer

Ground area at the front of the church.

Community Care Committee (Joyce): They are also working on Miquettes visit. They are continuing to work on care kits and will help Worship and Music on the community bags. They are going to start a bag for expectant/new mothers. They will service muffins for Senior Recognition Sunday. They are looking at doing a meal at some point being the Lent service was canceled on Wednesday, April 2nd due to weather.

Church Property (Marlowe): They got money back for damaged filters being they weren't usable. Marlowe will work with Jesse Samuelson to get an adapter to get less expensive filters. Emergency lighting system outside is not working. They use 12 volt batteries (\$89 a piece) and we need 4. If weather allows, Marlowe will clean up outside the church before Easter (and anyone else that is around/available). The toilet in the first stall in the women's bathroom has a bad seal so that will have to be fixed.

Stewardship (Steph Curtis): They are going to send a 2nd Ask Letter for those that haven't pledged anything yet. The Stewardship Committee is doing a \$1,000 match on Easter Sunday. They are inviting a Thrivent member to come here to discuss Retirement Planning, Estate Planning, Debt Payoff, etc.

11.0 Adjournment: Heather Nelson will do snacks and devotions for May. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 9:28 pm. Next meeting is May 14th at 6:30 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Steph Olson and second by Jessica Nelson.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Reber

Blood Drive
May 15th
At New Life Lutheran Church
Time: 2:00-6:00 pm
Sponsored by the Rothsay Lions club

Senior Recognition Sunday

May 18th

Join us for muffins & refreshments at 9:00 am and for worship at 10:00 am where graduates will be presented with a quilt. Come help us celebrate the great accomplishment for these students:

- Dylan Christenson
- Isabelle Hanson
- Hannah Christenson
- Josh Honer
- Preston Curtis
- Gavin Toso
- Addison Fetterer

There will be baskets available for those who wish to place cards in them.

Community Baccalaureate Service

May 18th at 7:00 pm

at the Rothsay Baptist 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!

CARE COMMITTEE

New Project

CARE bag Looking ideas for Expecting Mothers and donations!

Continue doing Birthday Bags!

CARE bags for those need support in illness if know of someone please contact one of the committee member.

Please join us for fellowship, fun, and brunch! YOUNG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be held next on Saturday, May 10 at 9:35am Home of Mary Jo Gaugler 17391 Beseau Lake Road Lake Park. (takes 35 min to get from Rothsay to my house)

I can give more exact directions as Google Maps sometimes gets it wrong

UPCOMING EXCITING NEWS!



Miquette Deni , the founder of TeachHaiti will be coming to speak at our worship service on Sunday, June 29.

There will be brunch after worship where she will tell us more about the school.

Come hear what our noisy offering is used for!



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

March 2025

March Income	\$ 27,440.51
March Expenses	(\$ 19,484.63)
March Net Income	\$ 7,955.88

Scan the QR code to
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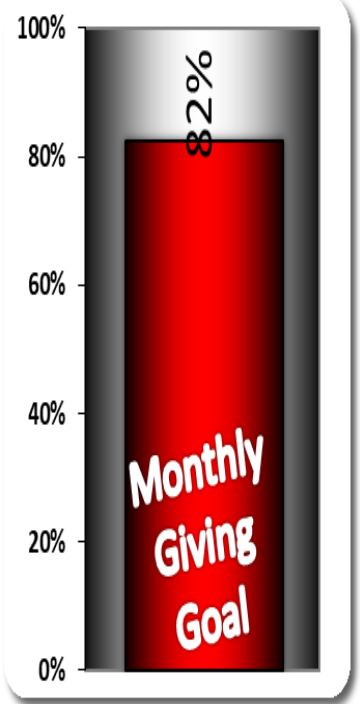


April 2025 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
6-Apr	\$1,458.00
13-Apr	\$2,365.00
20-Apr	\$5,725.00
27-Apr	\$1,558.00
e-giving	\$1,820.00

Goal:	\$15,700.00
Total:	\$12,926.00

82%



Mission quilters will be meeting on Wednesday, May 14th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Please bring a sack lunch.

Mission workers are in need of a few items for their Lutheran World Relief kits.

- School bags, already made
- 70 page Wide ruled notebooks (4 to a kit)
- Kids scissors
- Bath towels (new or used)
- Soap
- Sleepers (6 mo. - 2 years)
- Sweaters/Sweatshirts (6 mo. - 2 years)
- Shirts (6 mo. - 2 years)
- Diapers
- Socks
- Caps

Please leave donated items at the church office or in the quilt room. We will be delivering kits the week of May 19th - 23rd.

Thanks a lot!

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

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)

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)

Elaine Amundson - 215 E. Mill Ave #200
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

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

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

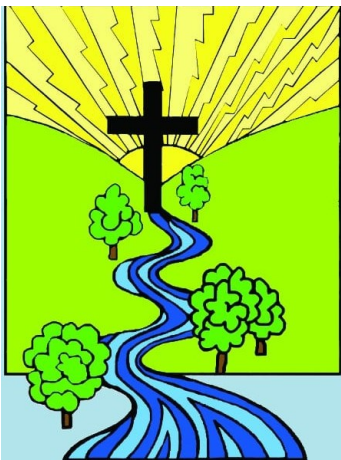
If you know of someone who should be on this list, please call Patrice at the church office at:
(218) 867-6557.

The last day of Sunday school will be held on May 4th, 2025! We plan on having a fun game / outdoor activity to celebrate another successful year!

Sunday school students will be singing in church for the final time this school year at the 10:00 am worship service, so please stay for church after Sunday school is dismissed.

Thank you all for sharing your children with us, we had a fantastic year!

- Sunday school teachers



Our theme for VBS this year is River of life! The program will run June 1 - June 5 from 5:30pm-8:00pm we will be gathering kids in Pre-K - 5th grade to learn about God and have fun together. The program for friends and family will be on June 5th at 6:30 pm with dinner to follow, we hope you can join us! If your child is in swimming lessons please let the bus know they will be dropped off at the church. You can sign your student(s) up online at Newlifeparish.net/forms.

Please consider a suggested donation \$10.00 per student or \$30.00 per family, to help cover costs to our program! This is not required to register for our event.

We are looking for volunteers to help with activities during VBS and volunteers to provide and serve food. If you are willing to help in one of these areas, please find the sign-up sheets in the narthex.

Upcoming Youth Events (Grades 6-12)



Service Event: May 7th from 5-7pm Spring Cleaning, youth and families can help with projects around the church such as dusting, scrubbing walls, and cleaning/organizing other needed areas throughout the church.

Youth Group: May 16th- Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to come hang out for a night of laughter and fun at a lock-in starting at 8:00 pm! Sign up with Jessica no later than May 12th. Friends are welcome, cost will be \$10 per person to offset costs but please let Jess know if that's not possible for your family!

May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10:00 am Partners	2	3
4 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 am Last Day of Sunday School at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL Sunday School sings	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 5:00 pm Youth Spring cleaning	8	9	10 9:35 am Young Women's fellowship at Mary Jo's Home
11 Mother's Day 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	12	13	14 10:00 am Mission Quilters 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting	15 2:00 pm Blood Drive Newsletter Deadline	16 8:00 pm Youth lock-in	17 10:00 am Private event
18 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 Coffee Hour at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL with Senior Recognition 7:00 pm Baccalaureate at the Rothsay Baptist church	19 6:30 pm Lions Club meeting	20	21	22	23	24
25 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NLL 10:00 am Worship at NL	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30 Synod Assembly	31 Synod Assembly Wedding at Little Bethany



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.

5/01 ~ Trevor Hone
 5/04 ~ Jocelyn Hone
 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 ~ 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 4th -
 May 11th -
 May 18th - Isaac Hanson
 May 25th -



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 4th - John Reber
 May 11th - Nathan Ziegler/Heather Reber
 May 18th - Jessica Nelson
 May 25th - 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

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