

New Life News

New Life Lutheran Church & Little Bethany Lutheran Church

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June Scheduled Events

June 1st

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life with Holy Communion

5:30 pm VBS Begins

June 2nd

5:30 pm VBS

June 3rd

5:30 pm VBS

June 4th

5:30 pm VBS

June 5th

5:30 pm VBS

6:30 pm VBS Program

June 8th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life with Baptism

June 11th

10:00 am Mission Quilters

5:45 pm Worship & Supper

6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

June 13th

7:00 pm Youth movie night

June 15th - Father's Day

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life

June 16th

6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

June 18th

5:45 pm Worship & Supper

June 20th

2:00 pm Youth Sandwich prep

June 21st

8:00 am Prairie Days Breakfast

11:00 am Youth Serving Lunch at East Park

June 22nd

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life

10:00 am Worship at East Park

June 25th

5:45 pm Worship & Supper

June 29th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life

June 30th

1:00 pm Bud Magnusson's Visitation

2:00 pm Bud Magnusson's Funeral

June Office Manager Hours:

June 3rd - 10 am - 1:30 pm

June 4th - 11 am - 2:00 pm

June 5th - 10 am - 1:30 pm

June 9th - 10 am - 1:30 pm

June 11th - 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

June 13th - 10:00 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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218-770-1045 marlowe@rtelnet.net

SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

June	Nicholas & Nancy Aaberg Casey & Stephanie Curtis
July	Joel & Amy Meyer Wayne & Doris Moen

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



In his book, "Tell Me About It," noted author and columnist Jeffrey Zaslow shared this story:

Years ago, my father coached a team of eight-year-olds. He had a few excellent players, and some who just couldn't get the hang of the game. Dad's team didn't win once all season. But in the last inning of the last game, his team was only down by a run. There was one boy who had never been able to hit the ball--or catch it. With two outs, it was his turn to bat. He surprised the world and got a single!

The next batter was the team slugger. Finally, Dad's players might win a game. The slugger connected, and as the boy who hit the single ran to second, he saw the ball coming toward him. Not so certain of baseball's rules, he caught it. Final out! Dad's team lost! Quickly, my father told his team to cheer. The boy beamed. It never occurred to him that he lost the game. All he knew was he had hit the ball and caught it--both for the first time. His parents later thanked my dad. Their child had never even gotten in a game before that season.

We never told the boy exactly what happened. We didn't want to ruin it for him. And till this day, I'm proud of what my father did that afternoon.

In a world where sports seems to be a god for so many people, and winning the ultimate glory, Jeffrey Zaslow's father showed the power and majesty of the one true God—full of mercy and grace.

Take care and God bless!

Pastor Randy

I just want to take a moment to thank everyone for their love and support over the course of the last 5 years as of your office manager. It has been an honor to be part of this congregation in a bigger way.

As some of you may know my family is undergoing some major changes (in a good way) so I need the extra time at home to dedicate to my family. We plan to continue being members of this congregation, just in a new way!

This is a bitter-sweet moment and I'm thankful I had this opportunity to serve you.

Thank you and many blessings,
Patrice Ziegler

New Life Lutheran Church

April 9, 2025 Unapproved minutes

NLLC council met on May 14th at 6:30 pm. Members present: Heather Nelson, Joyce Peterson, Marlowe Rasmusson, Pastor Randy Whitehead, Jessi Lehn, Heather Reber, Renae Froslic, Steph Curtis and Brad Schmidt.

1.0 Approval of agenda: Addition of 5.4. Motion to approve the agenda made by Joyce Peterson, seconded by Jessi Lehn. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of April 2025 Council minutes: Motion to approve the council minutes made by Jessi Lehn, seconded by Marlowe Rasmusson. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report April 2025: Negative balance for April - paid Lightspeed Electric Bill, ordered the new computer for Renae and put a 2-year protection plan on it, and paid the Synod Assembly Registration. Motion to approve the financial statement made by Joyce Peterson, seconded by Marlowe Rasmusson. Motion carried. Joyce Peterson made a motion to pay Renae Froslic for the quilt material for the Senior Quilts. Jessi Lehn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Technology update: Computer for Renae got ordered. We are in need of 2 handheld microphones. Pastor Randy will look into ordering those.

4.2 Area strategy update: No new updates at this time.

4.3 Staff reviews: Heather N, Heather R, Jessi L, Steve Froslic and Jeff Anderson will get together for staff reviews.

4.4 Vacation Bible School: Planning is in full swing. Some group and station leaders are set to go. Posts are out on Facebook. Still looking for more volunteers and food or monetary donations. Jess has messaged individuals and is waiting for responses.

4.5 Prairie Days Breakfast: Jen Honer is working on this. She is looking for volunteers for 3 shifts (6:00-7:30 am, 7:30-9:00 am, 9:00-10:30 am). 12 dozen caramel rolls are also needed.

4.6 All Committee Night: August 20th, 6 pm

4.7 Baccalaureate: Sunday, May 18th @ 7:00 pm at the Baptist Church

4.8 Senior Recognition Sunday: Quilts are ready, muffins will be served by the Care

Committee, there will be a table with baskets for the seniors set up for cards, etc.

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: Luther Crest Letter

5.2 Upcoming events:

May 15th - Blood Drive
May 16th - Youth Lock-In
May 17th - Private graduation party
May 18th - Senior Recognition/Baccalaureate at RBC
May 19th - Lions Club Meeting
May 21st - Confirmation Orientation
May 30th - June 1st - Synod Assembly
May 31st - Wedding at Little Bethany
June 1st - Gideon's presentation during worship
June 1st-5th - Vacation Bible School
June 7th - Private Wedding Event
June 8th - Anderson Baptism
June 21st - Prairie Days Breakfast
June 29th - Miquette Deni Presentation during worship with brunch following

5.3 Parking Lot: Motion made by Marlowe Rasmusson to fix the parking lot for no more than \$7,000. Joyce Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5.4 Patty's Resignation: Patty has resigned effective June 18th. The executive committee will get together to go over the job description and update it, and come up with a salary or hourly wage to bring to council at the June meeting. The job will be posted on Facebook.

6.0 Pastor's report: Pastor Randy would like to take kids to Medora for a retreat. Cost is \$425 per student. He would like to get the cost down to \$200 per student - can the church cover or would the congregation sponsor a student? "We Give Online" cards are updated and laminated in the sanctuary. Pastor Randy has some ideas for the Summer Wednesday Evening services. The council will provide the first two meals. June 11th - Brats, chips, salads. June 18th - Taco bar. Church will be from 5:45-6:30 pm. The church got a call from someone in need who is behind on their electricity bill. Joyce Peterson made a motion to give \$250 to the family in need. Jessi Lehn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7.0 Youth Director's report: A handful of students are signed up for the lock-in. Nobody came to the Spring Cleaning event in May. Maybe a weekend day would be better as opposed to a Sunday night.

8.0 Office Manager's report: N/A

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9.0 NLLC Foundation report: No new updates at this time

10.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Jessica): The “Fill Your Cup” Campaign is in full swing. Bags have been delivered and connections made/rekindled. Jen is working on getting things together for the prairie days float. Baccalaureate will be on Sunday May 18th at the Baptist Church and Senior Sunday will be Sunday morning along with a quilt presentation.

Education (Steph Olson): N/A

Youth (Brad Schmidt): Details are being worked out for the Fall Fundraiser. The committee is getting together after VBS to choose date/time.

Community Care Committee (Joyce): They are working on “New Mother/Baby” bags. They are also reaching out to spread the word about Miquette Deni’s presentation on June 29th. There will be an Egg Bake Breakfast following that service.

Church Property (Marlowe): Stacked ovens are not holding temp when both are running. Steph Curtis will contact Bruce Nelson about looking into this issue. Marlowe put new batteries in the outdoor lights. He is also working on the toilet that has running water into the bowl. Parking lot will get repaired. The big sign along the main road is cracking on both sides of the foundation, so that needs to be repaired.

Stewardship (Steph Curtis): Stewardship Committee did their match on Easter Sunday. They are sending another letter at the end of May to any of those that haven’t pledged yet. Bruce is talking to Thrivent about doing a couple of workshops this fall. One for retirement planning and one on getting out of debt.

11.0 Adjournment: Renae Froslic will do snacks and devotions for June. Meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer at 9:04 pm. Next meeting is on June 11th following worship. Motion to adjourn made by Joyce Peterson and second by Jessi Lehn.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Reber

Employment Opportunity

Administrative Assistant Position needed:

Part time salaried position that will work 12-18 hours a week

Please submit a letter of interest to the church attn: Pastor Randy Whitehead or email at PastorRandy@newlifeparish.net

Do you and your family have a busy summer planned?
Weekdays filled with activities, pressed for time, and hoping to get away for the weekends?
Could you use a little break in the midst of that busy-ness?

New Life is offering an opportunity for folks to briefly:

- 1) Relax
 - 2) Share a meal and some fellowship, and
 - 3) Worship together
- All in about 45 minutes each Wednesday

During this past Lenten Season, New Life hosted a Wednesday evening combined Supper and Worship Service. It proved to be so popular that the New Life Council decided to try a similar combined Supper and Worship Service for part of this summer. Beginning June 11th and continuing through July 23rd (except for July 2), New Life will be hosting a 5:45 pm Supper and Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday. It'll be a family friendly service—Come as you are. There will be a free will offering asked for the meal.

Otter Tail County needs foster parents,

We need loving homes for children of all ages. If you have ever considered fostering, now is the time to learn more and explore whether it's right for you.

Not everyone can become a foster parent, but everyone can help! Whether it's through providing a meal, offering a listening ear, or helping with daily needs. There are many ways to support foster families through your organization and community.

Help raise awareness about the need for foster parents by sharing this information with your network, using the included resources on social media, and becoming a champion for foster care in Otter Tail County.

Thank you for your consideration.

For questions or more information, please contact:

Jody Dahlen, BSW, LSW

Child Foster Care Licensor/ICPC Social Worker

Otter Tail County Human Services

530 W. Fir Avenue Fergus Falls, MN 56537

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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

April 2025

April Income	\$ 14,718.24
April Expenses	(\$ 22,065.75)
April Net Loss	(\$ 7,347.51)

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

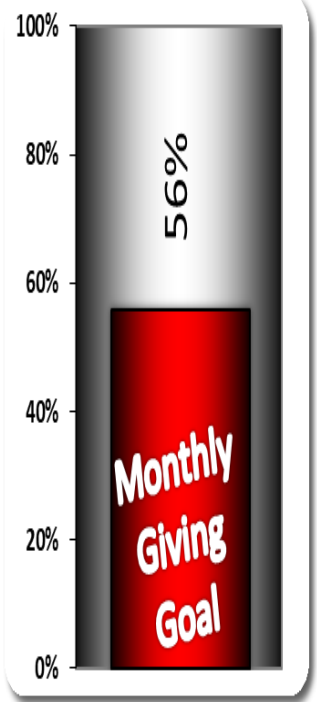


May 2025 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
4-May	\$1,665.00
11-May	\$596.00
18-May	\$4,883.00
25-May	\$1,117.00
e-giving	\$515.00

Goal:	\$15,700.00
Total:	\$8,776.00

56%



Mission quilters will be meeting on Wednesday, June 11th 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.

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)

Obert Aaberg ~ 803 Mill St. Apt # 100
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Betty Magnusson ~ 803 Mill St. S. Apt # 321
Fergus Falls (218-736-8824)

Lonny Western ~ 117 E Hilltop Dr. Fergus Falls
(218-739-5613)

Elaine Amundson - 211 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.

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.

Rothsay Prairie Days Breakfast

Please join us for breakfast before the
Prairie Days Parade Saturday, June 21st,
starting at 8am.

Menu:

Breakfast sandwiches (English muffin/egg/
cheese/sausage)
hash browns
homemade caramel rolls
Juice/Coffee/Milk

This is a fundraising event, all proceeds will
go towards NLLC property betterment.



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)



Fun: Movie night! June 13th at 7pm! Looking for a host for the Bring a blanket and camp chair OR we will be on the big screen to the heritage room or watch in the sanctuary! Bring a snack or drink if you wish, but there will be popcorn and lemonade provided!

Service: June 21st! Serving lunch at East Park during prairie days!

Need help making the sandwiches on Friday afternoon at the church from 2-5! It shouldn't take too long once we get started and many hands make light work! Let Jess know if you can help!

June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Synod Assembly 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL 5:30 pm VBS begins	2 5:30 pm VBS	3 5:30 pm VBS	4 5:30 pm VBS	5 5:30 pm VBS 6:30 pm VBS Program	6	7
8 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL with Baptism	9	10	11 10:00 am Mission Quilters 5:45 pm Worship & Supper 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting	12	13 7:00 pm Youth Movie night	14 Flag Day
Father's Day 15 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 6:30 pm Lions Club meeting	17	18 5:45 pm Worship & Supper	19 Juneteenth	20 2:00 pm Youth Sandwich prep	21 8:00 am Prairie Days Breakfast 11:00 am Youth Serving Lunch at East Park
22 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 Coffee Hour at NL 10:00 am Worship at East Park	23	24	25 5:45 pm Worship & Supper	26	27	28
29 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NLL 10:00 am Worship at NL with Miquette	30 1:00 pm Bud Magnusson Visitation 2:00 pm Bud Magnusson Funeral					



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.

6/01 ~ Char Boe	6/10 ~ Austin Link	6/19 ~ Daniel Froslic
6/01 ~ Allan Dunbar	6/10 ~ Curt Zimmerman	6/19 ~ Kayla Schafer
6/02 ~ Kailee Roskens	6/11 ~ Colleen Brandt	6/21 ~ Dianna Brusven
6/02 ~ Roberta Ouse	6/12 ~ Madison Tillman	6/21 ~ Brody Umlauf
6/03 ~ Warren Helgeson	6/12 ~ David Brandt	6/21 ~ Kenzie Jensen
6/03 ~ Kellie Barry	6/13 ~ Bruce Brenden	6/23 ~ Hillary Langfeld
6/03 ~ Marilyn Ostlund	6/13 ~ Logan Moen	6/24 ~ DuWayne Balken
6/03 ~ Cole Ouse	6/14 ~ Arlene Haugrud	6/26 ~ Lorin Hansen
6/06 ~ Beverly Honrud	6/14 ~ Roger Peterson	6/28 ~ Austin Brandt
6/06 ~ Steve Magnusson	6/15 ~ Lauren Western	6/28 ~ Mason Heidecker
6/06 ~ Debra Toso	6/16 ~ Fran Beyer	6/28 ~ Peter Rudh
6/06 ~ Ian Watterud	6/17 ~ Kathryn Bilden	6/29 ~ Kari Rudh
6/07 ~ Ruth Dow	6/17 ~ Landon Lang	
6/07 ~ Scott Zimmerman	6/17 ~ Kevin Watterud	
6/08 ~ Sommer Rian	6/18 ~ Jordan Barry	



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.

6/05 ~ Nathan & Kristen Hanson	6/20 ~ Daryl & Shauna Schleeter
6/07 ~ Michell & Tanya Ackert	6/28 ~ Trevor & Stacey Hone
6/08 ~ Harold & Debra Opsahl	6/29 ~ Nicholas & Nancy Aaberg
6/09 ~ Jordan & Kellie Barry	6/30 ~ Cody & Kayla Schafer
6/10 ~ Karol & Dianna Brusven	
6/10 ~ Dana & Jessica Holland	
6/13 ~ Kevin & Julie Brenden	
6/13 ~ Merlin & Barb Watterud	
6/17 ~ Eric & Kim Larson	

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH

June 1st -
June 8th -
June 15th -
June 22nd -
June 29th - Joyce Peterson



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

June 1st - Steph Curtis
June 8th - Nathan Ziegler
June 15th - John Reber/Heather Reber
June 22nd - Jessica Nelson
June 29th - 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

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