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New Life News

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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 Froslie ~ 512 3rd Ave S. Room A-2 Moorhead, MN 56560 (218-233-1535)

Dorothy Knutson ~ 2401 11th St. S # 323 Moorhead, MN 56560

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



Need for Lutheran World Relief Kits

- *Notebooks, 70 pages (wide) need 4 per kit
- *Rulers
- *Bar Soaps

- *Blunt scissors
- *Bath Towels (new or used; color preferred)
- *Other School supplies

School supplies can be found at Walmart and Dollar Store, both in Fergus Falls. Please bring to Church office or quilting room.

Any donations are very much appreciated!

LWR will be sending kits and quilts to LW in October, we send these items to disaster areas all over the world.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

June 2025

June Income \$12,870.90

June Expenses (\$19,744.67)

June Net Loss (\$ 4,873.77)

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



June 2025 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving	
1 4 1	#4.050.00	100%
June 1st	\$1,652.00	
June 8th	\$2,759.00	80%
June 15th	\$2,822.00	
June 21st	\$50.00	60%
June 29th	\$1,027.00	
E-giving	\$1,831.00	40%
Total:	\$10,141.00	20%
		2070
Goal:	\$15,684	
Total:	(\$5,543.00)	0%



Led by:

PASTOR RANDY & JESS NELSON

10-12 August

Medora, ND

OPEN TO ALL 7TH-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS.PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR GROUP AND WE SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR FAITH AND GROW IN RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER.



AUGUST 22ND

4pm-7pm
Fergus Falls Aquatic Center
600 Randolph Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

YOUTH 7TH -12TH GRADE SPOTS GUARANTEED FOR 9 PEOPLE

SIGN UP WITH JESS!

Jessica.l.krick@qmail.com or 701-412-6512 Additional Driver needed! Meeting at church at 3:30 to return at 7:30

August

DAY	2	တ	16	23	30	
SATURDAY						
FRIDAY	1	80	15	22 7:00 pm Pool Party Fergus Falls Aquatic Center	29	
THURSDAY		7	41	21	28	
WEDNESDAY		9	13 10:00 am Mission Quilters 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting	20 6:30 All Committee Meeting NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	27	
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8/01 ~ Eldon Brenden

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8/04 ~ Rebecca Olson

8/05 ~ Samuel Heidecker

8/06 ~ Cassie Brandt

8/06 ~ Todd Sorum

8/06 ~ Roger Steiner

8/10 ~ Marvin Peterson

8/11 ~ Mykel Oien- Wander

8/15 ~ Patrick Jensen

8/16 ~ Zachary Christ

8/16 ~ Nicole Oien

8/17 ~ Renae Froslie

8/18 ~ Jim Estes

8/18 ~ Jasper Schleeter

8/19 ~ Grace Reber

8/21 ~ Darrell Tollefson

8/24 ~ Brian Torgerson

8/26 ~ Cheri Hanneman

8/27 ~ Beau Brandt

8/27 ~ Bruce Schultz

8/28 ~ Steven Ouse

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8/08 ~ Eric & Jessica Nelson

8/15 ~ Gene & Holly Nord

8/15 ~ Ashley & Kacey Watterud

8/22 ~ Eric & Hannah Andersen

8/26 ~ Gary & Collee Brandt

8/29 ~ Brandon & Hillary Langfeld

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



August 31st:

We are always looking for volunteers for future readings. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office at 218-867-6557 or email new-life@rtelnet.net.



SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS FOR THIS MONTH

August 3rd: Jennifer Honer

August 10th: John Reber / Heather Reber

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Training is available.

Website/App

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For many folks this passage of scripture is a favorite. It was spoken to God's people in a time when it seemed as though God had either forgotten them or was actively punishing them. It came as a promise of presence with, commitment to, and hope for a people short on hope and searching for vision.

Bob Logan defines vision thusly: the capacity to create a compelling picture of the desired state of affairs that inspires people to respond; that which is desirable, which could be, should be; that which is attainable. A godly vision is right for the times, right for the church, and right for the people. A godly vision promotes faith rather than fear. A godly vision motivates people to action. A godly vision requires risk-taking. A godly vision glorifies God, not people.

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Whoever you are, whether presently on a committee or not, please mark August 20 on your calendar, prayerfully think about and dream your dreams about what the church is presently, and what it (we) could be and do in the future, come to the meeting and share your thoughts, dreams, and visions for our faith community.

There are two ways of being united -- one is by being frozen together, and the other is by being melted together. What Christians need is to be united in brotherly love, and then they may expect to have power. [Moody's Anecdotes, p. 53]

I hope every one of you have a great August and a great dream to share. Take care and God bless! Yours in Christ,

Fastor Randy

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. [Corrie Ten Boom]

New Life Lutheran Church July 9, 2025 Unapproved minutes

NLLC council met on July 9th following Wednesday Church & Supper (6:30 pm). Members present: Heather Nelson, Jessica Nelson, Steph Olson, Marlowe Rasmusson, Pastor Randy Whitehead, Jessi Lehn, Renae Froslie, Steph Curtis, Brad Schmidt, and Lora Ryan.

- **1.0 Approval of agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Steph Olson, seconded by Jessica Nelson, Motion carried.
- **2.0 Approval of June Council minutes:** Motion to approve the council minutes made by Steph Olson, seconded by Jessi Lehn,. Motion carried.
- **3.0 Treasurer's report June 2025:** Motion to approve the financial statement made by Jessi Lehn, seconded by Marlow Rassusson. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

- **4.1 Technology update:** Renae got her new computer and it is working well.
- **4.2 Area strategy update:** No update.
- **4.3 Staff reviews:** Reviews will be scheduled in August of this year and going forward will try to schedule in June.
- **4.4** Prairie Days Breakfast recap: 78 full meal deals were served, and additional 30 sandwiches. Caramel rolls were donated and 12 volunteers helped. Total brought in was \$1,140 before expenses.
- **4.6 All Committee Night:** August 20th, 6 pm. A letter and agenda will be sent out.
- **4.7 Parking Lot:** The contractor was here to look at the parking lot. The weather has been delaying progress. They will be watching the weather and will do more spraying.
- **4.8 Administrative Assistant**: Lora Ryan was hired and started July 9. She will be in the office on Wednesdays from 8-5 and Thursday evenings.

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: None **5.2 Upcoming events:** July 9th, 16th, & 23rd - Wednesday Worship and Supper July 19th - Baptism

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5.3 Daycare discussion: Daycare was discussed at length. Steph Curtis will reach out to Wilkin County and Tara at the Cap agency to meet and look at the church for licensing requirements and will report back to council.

6.0 Pastor's report:

- Two baptisms were held in June.
- Presided over three funerals.
- The confirmation retreat is being planned for August 10-12 in Medora.
- Miquette Deni McMann was a guest speaker in June and 5 children are now sponsored for her educational program.

Covering emergencies for Our Saviors for a couple of weeks in July.

7.0 Youth Director's report:

- Made around \$100 at Prairie Days lunch for Medora selling 47.
- Tried a movie night on a Friday night but didn't have any participants this time.
 Looking to do an activity or event for the end of July.

8.0 Office Manager's report:

No report.

9.0 NLLC Foundation report:

No report

10.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Jessica): Community worship was the Baptist church's responsibility.

Looking at planning a summer activity at Glendalough State Park.

Education (Steph Olson): No report.

<u>Youth (Brad Schmidt):</u> Have not met as a committee. Brad and Becky are planning a hog roast-more to come on that.

New Life Lutheran Church May 14, 2025 Approved minutes continued

Community Care Committee

(<u>Joyce</u>): Made \$425 for Teach Haiti, was a great turnout. The noisy offering will be turned in this week. The Care Committee is serving hotdish on July 23 for Wednesday worship.

<u>Church Property (Marlowe):</u> Working getting weeds taken care of on the west side. The Sunday School planters will be moved or sold as well. Marlowe will be adding mulch. The water heater went out and was replaced. The coffee pot is now fixed.

<u>Stewardship (Steph Curtis)</u>: Will be gearing up for the fall campaign with a letter coming out in September/October.

11.0 Adjournment: Joyce will do snacks for August. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 8:40 pm. Next meeting is on August 13th at 6:40 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Steph Olson and second by Jessi Lehn.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Curtis

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SIGN UP WITH JESS!

Jessica.l.krick@qmail.com or 701-412-6512 Additional Driver needed! Meeting at church at 3:30 to return at 7:30

August

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SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



August 31st:

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Training is available.

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- **4.6 All Committee Night:** August 20th, 6 pm. A letter and agenda will be sent out.
- **4.7 Parking Lot:** The contractor was here to look at the parking lot. The weather has been delaying progress. They will be watching the weather and will do more spraying.
- **4.8 Administrative Assistant**: Lora Ryan was hired and started July 9. She will be in the office on Wednesdays from 8-5 and Thursday evenings.

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: None **5.2 Upcoming events:** July 9th, 16th, & 23rd - Wednesday Worship and Supper July 19th - Baptism

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5.3 Daycare discussion: Daycare was discussed at length. Steph Curtis will reach out to Wilkin County and Tara at the Cap agency to meet and look at the church for licensing requirements and will report back to council.

6.0 Pastor's report:

- Two baptisms were held in June.
- Presided over three funerals.
- The confirmation retreat is being planned for August 10-12 in Medora.
- Miquette Deni McMann was a guest speaker in June and 5 children are now sponsored for her educational program.

Covering emergencies for Our Saviors for a couple of weeks in July.

7.0 Youth Director's report:

- Made around \$100 at Prairie Days lunch for Medora selling 47.
- Tried a movie night on a Friday night but didn't have any participants this time.
 Looking to do an activity or event for the end of July.

8.0 Office Manager's report:

No report.

9.0 NLLC Foundation report:

No report

10.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Jessica): Community worship was the Baptist church's responsibility.

Looking at planning a summer activity at Glendalough State Park.

Education (Steph Olson): No report.

<u>Youth (Brad Schmidt):</u> Have not met as a committee. Brad and Becky are planning a hog roast-more to come on that.

New Life Lutheran Church May 14, 2025 Approved minutes continued

Community Care Committee

(<u>Joyce</u>): Made \$425 for Teach Haiti, was a great turnout. The noisy offering will be turned in this week. The Care Committee is serving hotdish on July 23 for Wednesday worship.

<u>Church Property (Marlowe):</u> Working getting weeds taken care of on the west side. The Sunday School planters will be moved or sold as well. Marlowe will be adding mulch. The water heater went out and was replaced. The coffee pot is now fixed.

<u>Stewardship (Steph Curtis)</u>: Will be gearing up for the fall campaign with a letter coming out in September/October.

11.0 Adjournment: Joyce will do snacks for August. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 8:40 pm. Next meeting is on August 13th at 6:40 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Steph Olson and second by Jessi Lehn.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Curtis

Help Grow Hearts & Harmonies!

Hey church family! Are you passionate about planting seeds of faith and sharing the joy of music? We're on the lookout for:

- **Sunday School Teachers**: If you love storytelling, crafting, and guiding curious young minds, this is your chance to make a lasting impact in the lives of our kids!
- **Music Director**: Got a gift for leading voices and instruments in praise? Help us lift our hearts in worship every Sunday—and maybe toss in a few heavenly harmonies while you're at it!

Whether you're a seasoned leader or someone ready to try something new, we'd love to have you join the team. Just bring your love, your energy, and your prayers!

Interested? Reach out to the church office or speak with Steph Olson.



Let's make Sunday mornings unforgettable—for ears, hearts, and souls!



A little about me – my name is Lori Ryan, and I grew up in Dalton. I'm the youngest of six (three sisters, two brothers) with many nephews and nieces. My immediate family includes – 4 cats – who are very spoiled. My parents moved to Dalton because my dad bought the elevator with my grandpa. He and my mom grew up in the Bird Island/Buffalo Lake area.

Besides working at New Life, I work full time at LB Homes as Housing Manager at Sheridan House and Marketing & Administration Assistant. You may have heard me on KJ Country (96.5) advertising Sheridan House. I also work two nights a week at a store in Dalton. In my free time, I like to cross stitch and work to my house/yard/gardens.

I'm looking forward to meeting more of you. You can get ahold of me in the office on Wednesday's from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and will be working at home remotely other days, where I'll be checking and responding to emails.

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 Froslie ~ 512 3rd Ave S. Room A-2 Moorhead, MN 56560 (218-233-1535)

Dorothy Knutson ~ 2401 11th St. S # 323 Moorhead, MN 56560

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Need for Lutheran World Relief Kits

- *Notebooks, 70 pages (wide) need 4 per kit
- *Rulers
- *Bar Soaps

- *Blunt scissors
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- *Other School supplies

School supplies can be found at Walmart and Dollar Store, both in Fergus Falls. Please bring to Church office or quilting room.

Any donations are very much appreciated!

LWR will be sending kits and quilts to LW in October, we send these items to disaster areas all over the world.

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June Expenses (\$19,744.67)

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



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Week	Giving	
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June 21st	\$50.00	60%
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For many folks this passage of scripture is a favorite. It was spoken to God's people in a time when it seemed as though God had either forgotten them or was actively punishing them. It came as a promise of presence with, commitment to, and hope for a people short on hope and searching for vision.

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New Life Lutheran Church July 9, 2025 Unapproved minutes

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Besides working at New Life, I work full time at LB Homes as Housing Manager at Sheridan House and Marketing & Administration Assistant. You may have heard me on KJ Country (96.5) advertising Sheridan House. I also work two nights a week at a store in Dalton. In my free time, I like to cross stitch and work to my house/yard/gardens.

I'm looking forward to meeting more of you. You can get ahold of me in the office on Wednesday's from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and will be working at home remotely other days, where I'll be checking and responding to emails.

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 Froslie ~ 512 3rd Ave S. Room A-2 Moorhead, MN 56560 (218-233-1535)

Dorothy Knutson ~ 2401 11th St. S # 323 Moorhead, MN 56560

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



Need for Lutheran World Relief Kits

- *Notebooks, 70 pages (wide) need 4 per kit
- *Rulers
- *Bar Soaps

- *Blunt scissors
- *Bath Towels (new or used; color preferred)
- *Other School supplies

School supplies can be found at Walmart and Dollar Store, both in Fergus Falls. Please bring to Church office or quilting room.

Any donations are very much appreciated!

LWR will be sending kits and quilts to LW in October, we send these items to disaster areas all over the world.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

June 2025

June Income \$12,870.90

June Expenses (\$19,744.67)

June Net Loss (\$ 4,873.77)

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



June 2025 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving	
1 4 1	#4.050.00	100%
June 1st	\$1,652.00	
June 8th	\$2,759.00	80%
June 15th	\$2,822.00	
June 21st	\$50.00	60%
June 29th	\$1,027.00	
E-giving	\$1,831.00	40%
Total:	\$10,141.00	20%
		2070
Goal:	\$15,684	
Total:	(\$5,543.00)	0%



Led by:

PASTOR RANDY & JESS NELSON

10-12 August

Medora, ND

OPEN TO ALL 7TH-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS.PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR GROUP AND WE SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR FAITH AND GROW IN RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER.



AUGUST 22ND

4pm-7pm
Fergus Falls Aquatic Center
600 Randolph Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

YOUTH 7TH -12TH GRADE SPOTS GUARANTEED FOR 9 PEOPLE

SIGN UP WITH JESS!

Jessica.l.krick@qmail.com or 701-412-6512 Additional Driver needed! Meeting at church at 3:30 to return at 7:30

August

DAY	2	တ	16	23	30	
SATURDAY						
FRIDAY	1	80	15	22 7:00 pm Pool Party Fergus Falls Aquatic Center	29	
THURSDAY		7	41	21	28	
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8/11 ~ Mykel Oien- Wander

8/15 ~ Patrick Jensen

8/16 ~ Zachary Christ

8/16 ~ Nicole Oien

8/17 ~ Renae Froslie

8/18 ~ Jim Estes

8/18 ~ Jasper Schleeter

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"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." [Jeremiah 29:11]

For many folks this passage of scripture is a favorite. It was spoken to God's people in a time when it seemed as though God had either forgotten them or was actively punishing them. It came as a promise of presence with, commitment to, and hope for a people short on hope and searching for vision.

Bob Logan defines vision thusly: the capacity to create a compelling picture of the desired state of affairs that inspires people to respond; that which is desirable, which could be, should be; that which is attainable. A godly vision is right for the times, right for the church, and right for the people. A godly vision promotes faith rather than fear. A godly vision motivates people to action. A godly vision requires risk-taking. A godly vision glorifies God, not people.

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A couple of months ago, the New Life Church Council designated Wednesday, August 20, as All Committee Night. It is an evening in which we would like all the members of all the committees (as well as any others interested) to meet at New Life Church for 75 minutes, beginning at 6:30 pm, and ending at 7:45 pm. In the first 40 minutes, we would like each committee to briefly assess their activities over the last 12 months, then briefly "dream and entertain visions" about what they would like to accomplish in the next 12 months, then brainstorm about how we might accomplish those dreams and visions. In the next 20 minutes, we would like the committees to, in a sense, cross-pollinate with each other-- to see how we might work together, to make at least some of our dreams and visions come true. In the last 15 minutes, we'd like everyone to come together, to draw up a vision roadmap for the next 12 months.

Whoever you are, whether presently on a committee or not, please mark August 20 on your calendar, prayerfully think about and dream your dreams about what the church is presently, and what it (we) could be and do in the future, come to the meeting and share your thoughts, dreams, and visions for our faith community.

There are two ways of being united -- one is by being frozen together, and the other is by being melted together. What Christians need is to be united in brotherly love, and then they may expect to have power. [Moody's Anecdotes, p. 53]

I hope every one of you have a great August and a great dream to share. Take care and God bless! Yours in Christ,

Fastor Randy

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. [Corrie Ten Boom]

New Life Lutheran Church July 9, 2025 Unapproved minutes

NLLC council met on July 9th following Wednesday Church & Supper (6:30 pm). Members present: Heather Nelson, Jessica Nelson, Steph Olson, Marlowe Rasmusson, Pastor Randy Whitehead, Jessi Lehn, Renae Froslie, Steph Curtis, Brad Schmidt, and Lora Ryan.

- **1.0 Approval of agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Steph Olson, seconded by Jessica Nelson, Motion carried.
- **2.0 Approval of June Council minutes:** Motion to approve the council minutes made by Steph Olson, seconded by Jessi Lehn,. Motion carried.
- **3.0 Treasurer's report June 2025:** Motion to approve the financial statement made by Jessi Lehn, seconded by Marlow Rassusson. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

- **4.1 Technology update:** Renae got her new computer and it is working well.
- **4.2 Area strategy update:** No update.
- **4.3 Staff reviews:** Reviews will be scheduled in August of this year and going forward will try to schedule in June.
- **4.4** Prairie Days Breakfast recap: 78 full meal deals were served, and additional 30 sandwiches. Caramel rolls were donated and 12 volunteers helped. Total brought in was \$1,140 before expenses.
- **4.6 All Committee Night:** August 20th, 6 pm. A letter and agenda will be sent out.
- **4.7 Parking Lot:** The contractor was here to look at the parking lot. The weather has been delaying progress. They will be watching the weather and will do more spraying.
- **4.8 Administrative Assistant**: Lora Ryan was hired and started July 9. She will be in the office on Wednesdays from 8-5 and Thursday evenings.

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: None **5.2 Upcoming events:** July 9th, 16th, & 23rd - Wednesday Worship and Supper July 19th - Baptism

July 21st - Virtual fireside chat featuring ELCA Global mission July 21st - Lion's Club Meeting July 24th - Aug. 1st - Pastor Randy on Vacation

5.3 Daycare discussion: Daycare was discussed at length. Steph Curtis will reach out to Wilkin County and Tara at the Cap agency to meet and look at the church for licensing requirements and will report back to council.

6.0 Pastor's report:

- Two baptisms were held in June.
- Presided over three funerals.
- The confirmation retreat is being planned for August 10-12 in Medora.
- Miquette Deni McMann was a guest speaker in June and 5 children are now sponsored for her educational program.

Covering emergencies for Our Saviors for a couple of weeks in July.

7.0 Youth Director's report:

- Made around \$100 at Prairie Days lunch for Medora selling 47.
- Tried a movie night on a Friday night but didn't have any participants this time.
 Looking to do an activity or event for the end of July.

8.0 Office Manager's report:

No report.

9.0 NLLC Foundation report:

No report

10.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Jessica): Community worship was the Baptist church's responsibility.

Looking at planning a summer activity at Glendalough State Park.

Education (Steph Olson): No report.

<u>Youth (Brad Schmidt):</u> Have not met as a committee. Brad and Becky are planning a hog roast-more to come on that.

New Life Lutheran Church May 14, 2025 Approved minutes continued

Community Care Committee

(<u>Joyce</u>): Made \$425 for Teach Haiti, was a great turnout. The noisy offering will be turned in this week. The Care Committee is serving hotdish on July 23 for Wednesday worship.

<u>Church Property (Marlowe):</u> Working getting weeds taken care of on the west side. The Sunday School planters will be moved or sold as well. Marlowe will be adding mulch. The water heater went out and was replaced. The coffee pot is now fixed.

<u>Stewardship (Steph Curtis)</u>: Will be gearing up for the fall campaign with a letter coming out in September/October.

11.0 Adjournment: Joyce will do snacks for August. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 8:40 pm. Next meeting is on August 13th at 6:40 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Steph Olson and second by Jessi Lehn.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Curtis

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SIGN UP WITH JESS!

Jessica.l.krick@qmail.com or 701-412-6512 Additional Driver needed! Meeting at church at 3:30 to return at 7:30

August

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SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



August 31st:

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August 4th

2:00 pm Vitalant Blood Drive

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August 11th

Confirmation Retreat to Medora

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August 16th

10:00 am Watterud Baptism

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Joyce Peterson, Community Care Committee 218-770-4006 mjpeterson@rothsay.us

Jessica Nelson, Worship & Music Committee 701-412-6512 jessica.l.krick@gmail.com

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

Brad Schmidt, Youth Committee 701-318-4181 bschmidt@mdf.coop

Stephanie Curtis, Stewardship Committee 218-731-9406 stephcurtis1975@gmail.com

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

SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

August

Mike & Kristen Heidecker Brandon & Hillary Langfeld

September

Jordan & Kellie Barry Family Harry & Deb Opsahl



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." [Jeremiah 29:11]

For many folks this passage of scripture is a favorite. It was spoken to God's people in a time when it seemed as though God had either forgotten them or was actively punishing them. It came as a promise of presence with, commitment to, and hope for a people short on hope and searching for vision.

Bob Logan defines vision thusly: the capacity to create a compelling picture of the desired state of affairs that inspires people to respond; that which is desirable, which could be, should be; that which is attainable. A godly vision is right for the times, right for the church, and right for the people. A godly vision promotes faith rather than fear. A godly vision motivates people to action. A godly vision requires risk-taking. A godly vision glorifies God, not people.

And, George Barna, in his book, <u>How to Find Your Church</u>, writes: "Vision is the ability to understand the history, the present condition, and the potential of the church, and to conceive a plan for action that will maximize the ministry potential. More often than not, vision is a result of having spent much time absorbing the facts about the community, knowing the resources upon which the church can call (people, funding, facilities, equipment, etc.), and devising sound but creative strategies for moving forward. Vision always entails progress: it is never satisfied with the status quo.

A couple of months ago, the New Life Church Council designated Wednesday, August 20, as All Committee Night. It is an evening in which we would like all the members of all the committees (as well as any others interested) to meet at New Life Church for 75 minutes, beginning at 6:30 pm, and ending at 7:45 pm. In the first 40 minutes, we would like each committee to briefly assess their activities over the last 12 months, then briefly "dream and entertain visions" about what they would like to accomplish in the next 12 months, then brainstorm about how we might accomplish those dreams and visions. In the next 20 minutes, we would like the committees to, in a sense, cross-pollinate with each other-- to see how we might work together, to make at least some of our dreams and visions come true. In the last 15 minutes, we'd like everyone to come together, to draw up a vision roadmap for the next 12 months.

Whoever you are, whether presently on a committee or not, please mark August 20 on your calendar, prayerfully think about and dream your dreams about what the church is presently, and what it (we) could be and do in the future, come to the meeting and share your thoughts, dreams, and visions for our faith community.

There are two ways of being united -- one is by being frozen together, and the other is by being melted together. What Christians need is to be united in brotherly love, and then they may expect to have power. [Moody's Anecdotes, p. 53]

I hope every one of you have a great August and a great dream to share. Take care and God bless! Yours in Christ,

Fastor Randy

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. [Corrie Ten Boom]

New Life Lutheran Church July 9, 2025 Unapproved minutes

NLLC council met on July 9th following Wednesday Church & Supper (6:30 pm). Members present: Heather Nelson, Jessica Nelson, Steph Olson, Marlowe Rasmusson, Pastor Randy Whitehead, Jessi Lehn, Renae Froslie, Steph Curtis, Brad Schmidt, and Lora Ryan.

- **1.0 Approval of agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Steph Olson, seconded by Jessica Nelson, Motion carried.
- **2.0 Approval of June Council minutes:** Motion to approve the council minutes made by Steph Olson, seconded by Jessi Lehn,. Motion carried.
- **3.0 Treasurer's report June 2025:** Motion to approve the financial statement made by Jessi Lehn, seconded by Marlow Rassusson. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

- **4.1 Technology update:** Renae got her new computer and it is working well.
- **4.2 Area strategy update:** No update.
- **4.3 Staff reviews:** Reviews will be scheduled in August of this year and going forward will try to schedule in June.
- **4.4** Prairie Days Breakfast recap: 78 full meal deals were served, and additional 30 sandwiches. Caramel rolls were donated and 12 volunteers helped. Total brought in was \$1,140 before expenses.
- **4.6 All Committee Night:** August 20th, 6 pm. A letter and agenda will be sent out.
- **4.7 Parking Lot:** The contractor was here to look at the parking lot. The weather has been delaying progress. They will be watching the weather and will do more spraying.
- **4.8 Administrative Assistant**: Lora Ryan was hired and started July 9. She will be in the office on Wednesdays from 8-5 and Thursday evenings.

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: None **5.2 Upcoming events:** July 9th, 16th, & 23rd - Wednesday Worship and Supper July 19th - Baptism

July 21st - Virtual fireside chat featuring ELCA Global mission July 21st - Lion's Club Meeting July 24th - Aug. 1st - Pastor Randy on Vacation

5.3 Daycare discussion: Daycare was discussed at length. Steph Curtis will reach out to Wilkin County and Tara at the Cap agency to meet and look at the church for licensing requirements and will report back to council.

6.0 Pastor's report:

- Two baptisms were held in June.
- Presided over three funerals.
- The confirmation retreat is being planned for August 10-12 in Medora.
- Miquette Deni McMann was a guest speaker in June and 5 children are now sponsored for her educational program.

Covering emergencies for Our Saviors for a couple of weeks in July.

7.0 Youth Director's report:

- Made around \$100 at Prairie Days lunch for Medora selling 47.
- Tried a movie night on a Friday night but didn't have any participants this time.
 Looking to do an activity or event for the end of July.

8.0 Office Manager's report:

No report.

9.0 NLLC Foundation report:

No report

10.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Jessica): Community worship was the Baptist church's responsibility.

Looking at planning a summer activity at Glendalough State Park.

Education (Steph Olson): No report.

<u>Youth (Brad Schmidt):</u> Have not met as a committee. Brad and Becky are planning a hog roast-more to come on that.

New Life Lutheran Church May 14, 2025 Approved minutes continued

Community Care Committee

(<u>Joyce</u>): Made \$425 for Teach Haiti, was a great turnout. The noisy offering will be turned in this week. The Care Committee is serving hotdish on July 23 for Wednesday worship.

<u>Church Property (Marlowe):</u> Working getting weeds taken care of on the west side. The Sunday School planters will be moved or sold as well. Marlowe will be adding mulch. The water heater went out and was replaced. The coffee pot is now fixed.

<u>Stewardship (Steph Curtis)</u>: Will be gearing up for the fall campaign with a letter coming out in September/October.

11.0 Adjournment: Joyce will do snacks for August. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 8:40 pm. Next meeting is on August 13th at 6:40 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Steph Olson and second by Jessi Lehn.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Curtis

Help Grow Hearts & Harmonies!

Hey church family! Are you passionate about planting seeds of faith and sharing the joy of music? We're on the lookout for:

- **Sunday School Teachers**: If you love storytelling, crafting, and guiding curious young minds, this is your chance to make a lasting impact in the lives of our kids!
- **Music Director**: Got a gift for leading voices and instruments in praise? Help us lift our hearts in worship every Sunday—and maybe toss in a few heavenly harmonies while you're at it!

Whether you're a seasoned leader or someone ready to try something new, we'd love to have you join the team. Just bring your love, your energy, and your prayers!

Interested? Reach out to the church office or speak with Steph Olson.



Let's make Sunday mornings unforgettable—for ears, hearts, and souls!



A little about me – my name is Lori Ryan, and I grew up in Dalton. I'm the youngest of six (three sisters, two brothers) with many nephews and nieces. My immediate family includes – 4 cats – who are very spoiled. My parents moved to Dalton because my dad bought the elevator with my grandpa. He and my mom grew up in the Bird Island/Buffalo Lake area.

Besides working at New Life, I work full time at LB Homes as Housing Manager at Sheridan House and Marketing & Administration Assistant. You may have heard me on KJ Country (96.5) advertising Sheridan House. I also work two nights a week at a store in Dalton. In my free time, I like to cross stitch and work to my house/yard/gardens.

I'm looking forward to meeting more of you. You can get ahold of me in the office on Wednesday's from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and will be working at home remotely other days, where I'll be checking and responding to emails.

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 Froslie ~ 512 3rd Ave S. Room A-2 Moorhead, MN 56560 (218-233-1535)

Dorothy Knutson ~ 2401 11th St. S # 323 Moorhead, MN 56560

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Need for Lutheran World Relief Kits

- *Notebooks, 70 pages (wide) need 4 per kit
- *Rulers
- *Bar Soaps

- *Blunt scissors
- *Bath Towels (new or used; color preferred)
- *Other School supplies

School supplies can be found at Walmart and Dollar Store, both in Fergus Falls. Please bring to Church office or quilting room.

Any donations are very much appreciated!

LWR will be sending kits and quilts to LW in October, we send these items to disaster areas all over the world.

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June 2025

June Income \$12,870.90

June Expenses (\$19,744.67)

June Net Loss (\$ 4,873.77)

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



June 2025 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving	
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June 1st	\$1,652.00	
June 8th	\$2,759.00	80%
June 15th	\$2,822.00	
June 21st	\$50.00	60%
June 29th	\$1,027.00	
E-giving	\$1,831.00	40%
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