

NEW LIFE NEWS

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New Life Lutheran Church & Little Bethany Lutheran Church

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New Life office hours:

Wednesday's 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

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September Scheduled Events

September 1st— Labor Day

September 7th: RALLY SUNDAY

8:45 LB Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life

September 8th

9:00 am Tia Ji Quam Class

September 10th

10:00 am Mission Quilters

6:30 pm New Life Council

September 11th

9:00 am Tia Ji Quam Class

September 14th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life with Baptism

5:00 pm Family Pig Roast

September 15th

9:00 am Tia Ji Quam Class

6:30 pm Lions Club

September 17th

6:30 pm Confirmation Meeting

September 18th

9:00 am Tia Ji Quam Class

September 20th

11:00 am Memorial Service for Theresa Moen

September 21st

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life

September 22nd

9:00 am Tia Ji Quam Class

September 24

5:30 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm Young Women's Fellowship

September 25th

9:00 am Tia Ji Quam Class

September 28th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life

September 29th

9:00 am Tia Ji Quam Class



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SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

September

Jordan & Kellie Barry
Hary & Deb Opsahl

October

Ruth Anderson
Tom & Mary Jensen

November

Matt & Missy Amundson
Chad & Heather Nelson



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



Amanda, a 16-year-old girl, was driving one evening with friends, when she accidentally backed into a light pole. She didn't hit it hard, but it was enough to snap the pole, which came crashing down on the car. A 12-year-old friend in the car had been severely injured; in fact, she was brain-dead when she arrived at the hospital. A hospital chaplain-in-training, by the name of Michael, worked with the 12-year-old's family as they went through the heart-wrenching process of realizing the truth about her condition and allowing the life support to be removed from her body.

The following morning, Michael visited Amanda, the driver, in her hospital room. Physically, she was recovering well, but emotionally, she was distraught knowing that her actions had killed her friend. She told Michael, "I'm going to be like a daughter to her parents. I'm going to go over to their house every day and baby-sit for them. I'll wash their dishes for them every night. I'll go over every weekend and mow their lawn." On and on she went. But Michael gradually helped her realize the truth that no matter what she did, she could never replace their daughter. She could never do enough to make up for her actions. All she could do is ask for forgiveness and hope that her friend's parents would find it in their hearts to forgive her.

The parents who lost their daughter did forgive Amanda. She was set free from trying to pay back a debt she could never repay no matter what she did.

In a way, Amanda's story is very much like ours. God has created each of us and has blessed each of us differently, but always, incredibly. And all God has asked of us is to trust in him and love one another. But, despite the best of our intentions, we haven't always trusted in him and loved one another. In fact, we have sinned greatly—so much so that we could never do enough to make up for it.

Amazingly, incredibly, however, God himself has breached the gap between us and him. He suffered and died on a cross to show us forgiveness and set us free from trying to pay back a debt we can never repay no matter what we do. Thanks be to God!

While we can never repay God, God hopes we do not take the freedom he offers as a license to sit aside and do nothing, or to continue to make poor choices in our relationship with him and in our relationships with others. Because what we do or don't do still has consequences for us, for our families, and for so many others who surround us. We can strive to show them the freeing forgiveness and the awesome presence and guidance Christ Jesus offers, or we can abandon them to the winds of an often stormy, self-obsessed world. One option offers peace, even in turmoil; the other, anything but. "One's philosophy is not best expressed in words. It is expressed in the choices one makes. In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility." [Eleanor Roosevelt]

As our schedules adjust to the changing seasons, I pray we all keep or move our relationships with God at or to the very center. I wish you all a super September and a delightful Fall season!

Take care and God bless!

Pastor Randy



New Life Lutheran Church

August 13, 2025 Unapproved minutes

NLLC council met on August 13th at 6:30 pm. Members present: Heather Nelson, Jessica Nelson, Steph Olson, Marlowe Rasmusson, Pastor Randy Whitehead, Heather Reber, Renae Froslic, Brad Schmidt, Joyce Peterson, and Lora Ryan.

1.0 Approval of agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jessica Nelson, seconded by Steph Olson. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of July Council minutes: Motion to approve the council minutes made by Steph Olson, seconded by Joyce Peterson. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report July 2025: Motion to approve the financial statement made by Joyce Peterson, seconded by Steph Olson. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Technology update: No update.

4.2 Area strategy update: No update.

4.3 Staff reviews: Evaluations were passed out at the council meeting for people to fill out to give feedback regarding church positions (Custodians, Pastor, & Youth Director).

4.4 All Committee Night: August 20th, 6:30 pm. A letter and agenda will be sent out.

4.5 Staff Debit Cards: Jess Nelson made a motion and Joyce Peterson seconded the motion to remove Patrice Ziegler from the New Life Lutheran Church general checking account and add Lora Ryan, Administrative Assistant to the New Life Lutheran general checking account. The signers on the general account will be Renae Froslic and Lora Ryan. Allow Lora Ryan to have a debit card and online access to the New life Lutheran Church general account. Motion carried.

4.6 Supply Account Debit Cards: Joyce Peterson made a motion and Brad Schmidt seconded the motion to add Randall Whitehead to the New Life Lutheran Church supply account and allow Randall Whitehead to have a debit card and online access to the New Life Lutheran Church supply account. The signers on the general supply account will be Renae Froslic, Kristen Hanson, and Randall Whitehead. Motion carried.

4.7 Daycare Update: Steph Curtis met with Wideth who has the architectural plans, and they gave a proposal to update the blueprints.

Proposal is \$4,000-\$7,000.

RAEDA applied for a community grant to pay for this.

If the NLLC Council is willing to move forward, the Rothsay Areawide EDA may be willing to pay the fee up front and fund-raise or replenish their funds through a grant or other fundraising options.

To move forward, we need the council to approve the work by Wideth and agree to lease the space.

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: None

5.2 Upcoming events:

August 18th - Lions Club Meeting

August 18th - Synod Road Trip

August 20th - All Committee Night

August 22nd - Youth Pool Party

5.2 Printer: We are having issues with the current copier through Marco. We are looking at a copier from Liberty that sounds like it could be an option.

5.3 Food Shelf: We need to fill the 18th and 25th for the food shelf. Heather Nelson and Steph Olson will go on the 18th and Pastor Randy will go on the 25th.

6.0 Pastor's report:

There were 3 Wednesday Supper/Worship services. 6 in total in June and July. Attendance ranged from 8-24 people - with 15 people being the average. A huge thank you to Joyce for providing music at some of the Wednesday services.

15 people attended the Summer Confirmation Retreat. 8 youth, 4 parent chaperones and drivers & drivers, 2 church staff members, and a volunteer music leader.

Thanks to Jess for covering the July 27th service while Randy was on vacation and thanks to Pastor Ali from Our Savior's Lutheran in Barnesville for covering a funeral at Little Bethany while Randy was away.

Randy is working on coming up with a day and time twice a month to have staff meeting now that Lori is on staff.

7.0 Youth Director's report:

They went on a confirmation retreat - they had a great time. They sang songs, hiked, and drove through the badlands where they saw lots of wildlife. They also worked through the book of Easter.

They will have a pool party on August 22nd in Fergus Falls.

Pig roast on September 14th from 5:00 -7:00 pm, with fire pit, bouncy house, yard games, etc. This will be a community event in the evening.

Programming for the fall - looking to start 5th and 6th grade Youth Group twice a month to be together, have fun and worship. Have one night of the Youth Group a month splitting the kids into 7-9th grade and 10th-12th grade.

Service Events will be happening - possibly Ronald McDonald House, Feed My Starving Children, etc. Maybe a trip to the cities for a service project and something fun.

8.0 Administrative Assistant's Report: Lori is going through the desk to clean/go through items in there. She works on the bulletins and newsletter, etc.

9.0 NLLC Foundation report: No report

10.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Jessica):

- The summer dinner series went decent overall. Do we want to continue this? If so, what does that look like? More discussion at the All-Committee Meeting on August 20th. Add puppets to this service?

New Life Lutheran Church

August 13, 2025 Unapproved minutes

- Rally Sunday will be on the 7th. September 14th is the Pig Roast, Contemporary Church service that day.
 - Harvest Festival Service is on November 23rd - Church Service followed by soup meal, Pie Auction. Community service will be on November 23rd at 6:30 pm - desserts and coffee prior to the community service.
- Jess will make a sign-up sheet for those interested/willing to read at church, so we know who to reach out to.

Education (Steph Olson):

- Put a note in the bulletin for Sunday School teachers, they have 2 teachers so far. Looking to have 7-8 teachers/helpers.
 - Need a music leader for Sunday school.
- Have Coffee Servers help prepare the Sunday school snack.

Youth (Brad Schmidt):

Pig Roast on September 14th - very casual, it will be free will offering.

Community Care Committee (Joyce):

"Fueling the Farmers" again the 2nd Saturday of October. Do we involve the Baptist Church on this? This will be brought up at the All-Committee Meeting.

Church Property (Marlowe):

- We need to pay the bill for the coffee pot, but they are still figuring out the bill.
- The Fire Alarm System needs to be updated to contact

the correct person if there is something going on with the Fire System.

Moving the planters to the back kitchen patio area to clean up the front corner of the church.

Stewardship (Steph Curtis):

- The committee met on July 27th to discuss the current budget and plan for the 2026 campaign.
- They are planning to send a year-end reminder via mail and email as we have a budget shortfall.
- They are working with Thrivent to provide a couple of educational presentations.

o Paying down debt, saving, etc.

Estate planning, planned giving, tax benefits of giving etc.

11.0 Adjournment: Randy Whitehead will do snacks for September. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 9:18 pm. The next meeting is on September 10th at 6:30 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Steph Olson and second by Marlowe Rasmusson.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Reber

Memorial Service for
Theresa Moen
Saturday, September 20th
11:00 am
New Life Church
*Please keep her family in your
prayers.*

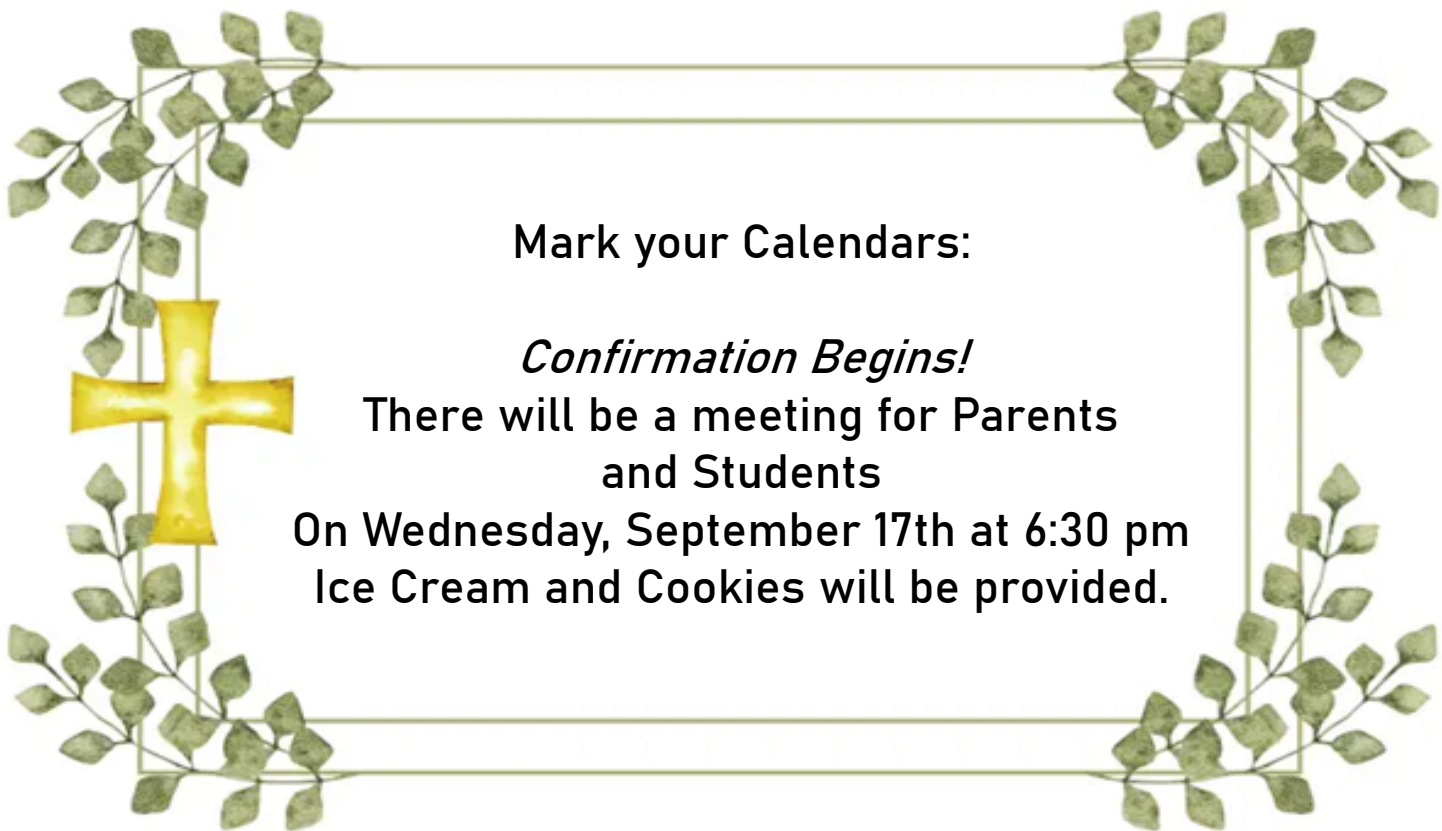


JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!
YOUNG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 6:00PM IN
THE NEW LIFE HERITAGE ROOM

ALL are welcome!

CONTACT Mary JO GAUGLER FOR MORE
INFORMATION.



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

Joy Toso ~ 215 Skogmo Blvd # 203
Fergus Falls, MN

Harold Larson ~ 1131 S. Mabelle Ave Room C-205
Fergus Falls, MN (Pioneer Care)

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Betty Magnusson ~ 1131 S Mabelle Ave Room C206-1
Fergus Falls (218-736-8824)

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

Charlene Boe ~ 1307 S Mabelle Ave
Fergus Falls

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)

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Moorhead, MN 56560

Karol & Dianna Brusven ~ 3102 S University Dr
Fargo, ND 58103

**Mission quilters will be
meeting on
Wednesday, September
10th from
10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
Please bring a sack**

Need for Lutheran World Relief Kits

- *Notebooks, 70 pages (wide) need 4 per kit
- *Blunt scissors
- *Rulers
- *Bath Towels (new or used; color preferred)
- *Bar Soaps
- *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.

*CARE: Looking for donations for our
Birthday bags!*

*See display in the fellowship hall!
Will meet September 7th after church
services to assemble Bags.
Watch for information on
Honoring Our Vets in November.*



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 2025

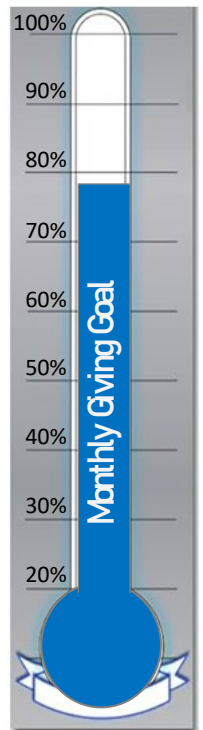
July Income \$12,249.47
July Expenses (\$18,213.96)
July Net Loss (\$ 4,541.90)

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



July 2025 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
July 6th	\$2,237.00
July 13th	\$2,342.00
July 20th	\$1,577.00
July 27th	\$4,251.22
E-giving	\$1,790.00
Total:	\$12,297.00
Goal:	\$15,684
Total:	(\$3,386.78)





Happy
fall
& Y'all!



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5TH AND 6TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER 1ST - DECEMBER 17TH 2025
6-7PM

SNACKS, DEVOTIONS, AND FUN!
REGISTER AT NEWLIFEPARISH.NET

Medora™

AUGUST 10TH TO THE 12TH



2025 SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	8 9:00 am Tia Ji Quam	9	10 10:00 Mission Quilters 6:30 NLLC Council Meeting	11 9:00 am Tia Ji Quam	12	13
14 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL 5:00 pm Pig Roast	15 9:00 am Tia Ji Quam 6:30 pm Lions Club Meeting	16	17 6:30 pm Confirmation meeting with parents & students	18 9:00 am Tia Ji Quam	19	20 11:00 am Memorial Service for Theresa Moen
21 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	22 9:00 am Tia Ji Quam	23	24 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Young Women's Fellowship	25 9:00 am Tia Ji Quam	26	27
28 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	29 9:00 am Tia Ji Quam	30				



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.

9.01: Loretta Faulkner
 9.02: Marlys Carlsrud
 9.03: Loken Brandt
 9.03: Mary Brandt
 9.09: Raylaynd Brandt
 9.09: Paul Fosse
 9.10: Stacey Hone
 9.10: Nathan Kroeplin-Oien
 9.11: Hans Schmidt
 9.14: Oliver Langfeld
 9.15: Travis Maras
 9.15: Bonnie Sorum
 9.16: Michael Nelson
 9.19: Sharon Flatin
 9.19: Daryl Schleeter

9.22: Teagan Holland
 9.22: Nita Neuleib
 9.23: James Boyce
 9.24: Rachel Brenden
 9.26: Samuel Whitehead
 9.27: Destiny Eckley
 9.27: Tom Jensen
 9.30: Eric Nelson



9.01: Daniel & Renae Froslic
 9.02: Brian & Rebecca Foro
 9.05: Bruce & Kimberly Brenden
 9.06: David & LouAnn Opsahl
 9.06: Travis & Stephanie Olson
 9.07: Roger & Kathryn Bilden
 9.12: Jeremy & Kari Carlsrud
 9.13: Allan & Sara Shirley

9.23: Wayne & Doris Moen
 9.23: Darrell & Connie Tollefson
 9.26: Paul & Lori Jorgenson
 9.28: Robert & Charleen Boe

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.

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH

September 7th:
 September 14th:
 September 21st:
 September 28th:



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



September 7th: Jennifer Honer
 September 14th: John/Heather Reber
 September 21st: Stephanie Curtis
 September 28th: Nate Ziegler

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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