

New Life News

New Life Lutheran Church & Little Bethany Lutheran Church
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New Life office hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
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August Scheduled Events

August 1st

3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids
5:30 pm Bible Study

August 4th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life
11:00 am Youth Bible Study & Donuts

August 11th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany with Holy Communion
9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life with Holy Communion
11:00 am English Tea with Elise

August 14th

6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

August 18th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life with Lee Brenna
11:00 am Youth Goosechase Scavenger Hunt

August 19th

6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

August 22nd

5:30 pm Bible Study

August 25th

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

August 26th

5:30 pm Lions Club meeting

August 29th

5:30 pm Bible Study

Pastor Randy will be on vacation
August 2nd - 8th &
August 15th - 21st

August office manager hours:

Tuesday, July 30th - Thursday, August 1st
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday, August 6th - Thursday, August 8th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Monday, August 12th - Wednesday, August 14th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday, August 20th - Thursday, August 22nd
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday, August 27th - Thursday, August 29th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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August Mike & Linda Haarstad
Pat Nelson

September Dan & Renae Froslic
Kim & Stacey Lang

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



For most of us, when the month of August draws nigh, we know that changes are coming soon—a change in weather, a change in our apparel, a change in our schedules, a change in our activities, often a change in our focus. These are just a few of the changes. Some of those changes are welcomed, some--not so much.

A big change in our family is that our youngest child, Elise, will be leaving her job as a Bible Camp Program Director near Williston, ND, and venturing 4,200 miles across the Atlantic Ocean to serve our parent church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in its Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program. She will be in England doing this mission work in a church in the south London area for 10-11 months. Some of you, I'm sure, are a little familiar with YAGM as Hailey Brenden from our church, New Life, served our denomination in this missionary program a few years back.

While I'm excited for my daughter in this new adventure, I'm also concerned—it's a long way away. I've already been studying maps of London and the surrounding area, and going online trying to figure in what areas she will be relatively safe, and what areas she should avoid—as if she's going to listen to her dad.

With this weighing on my mind, I came across this short devotion as I was preparing to write for this newsletter . . .

Em Griffin writes, in Making Friends, about three kinds of London maps: the street map, the map depicting throughways, and the underground map of the subway. "Each map is accurate and correct," he writes, "but each map does not give the complete picture. To see the whole, the three maps must be printed one on top of each other. However, that is often confusing, so I use only one 'layer' at a time.

"It is the same with the words used to describe the death of Jesus Christ. Each word, like redemption, reconciliation, or justification is accurate and correct, but each word does not give the complete picture. To see the whole, we need to place one 'layer' one top of the other, but that is sometimes confusing--we cannot see the trees for the whole! So, we separate out each splendid concept and discover that the whole is more than the sum of its parts." [John Ross.]

While there are many layers to being a parent, as we watch our kids grow and mature and venture out into a complicated world, perhaps the most important layer is the foundational one—the one that makes all others possible, the one that reminds us that God is love, that God risked it all to redeem us, to reconcile us to God and one another, and to make us, not perfect, but truly whole again. And Christ's mission to make his redeeming, reconciling, justifying love known, is now our mission, as well. That involves some risk—but it's all part of that mysterious, scary, wonderful process of trusting God.

Take care and God bless!

Pastor Randy

New Life Lutheran Church

Unapproved minutes from July 10th, 2024

New Life Lutheran Church council met July 10th, 6:30pm. Members present: Kevin Brenden, Heather Nelson, Renae Froslic, Pastor Randy Whitehead, Bruce Brenden, Jen Honer, Joyce Peterson, Steph Olson, Marlowe Rasmusson, and Kristin Torgerson.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Joyce.

1.0 Approval of agenda: Motion made by Jen Honer, seconded by Heather Nelson. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of June 2024 Council minutes: Motion made by Jen Honer, seconded by Joyce Peterson. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report June 2024: See report. Motion made by Heather Nelson to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Steph Olson. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Technology update: N/A

4.2 Prairie days breakfast, float & worship in the park: Breakfast sandwiches, caramel rolls, juice, milk and coffee will be served. Pricing was discussed. Banners were made for the float by Hillbilly Laser in Pelican. Youth will be handing out suckers. Pastor Randy will be providing the sermon for worship.

4.3 Seeds of Hope Sunday: 13 participated and talks for doing next year.

4.4 Memorial Tree: Will be discussed at a future meeting

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: Reviewed mail

5.2 Upcoming events:

July 1st – 12th - Patrice is on vacation

July 1st, 8th, 11th, 15th, 18th, 22nd, 25th, & 29th
- Tai Ji Quan

July 11th – Communion in Pelican Rapids

July 11th, 18th, 25th – Bible Study

July 13th – Prairie Days breakfast

July 14th – Worship in the Park

July 20th – Private Bridal Shower

July 28th – Eleanor Opsahl's Birthday open house

July 28th-30th – Confirmation Retreat

August 1st – Communion in Pelican Rapids

August 1st, 22nd, & 29th – Bible Study

August 11th – English Tea for Elise Whitehead

5.3: Rally Sunday: Will be in the works.

5.4 August Food shelf staffing: Jen Honer is volunteering 8/5, Joyce Peterson and Marlowe Rasmusson are volunteering 8/12, Steph & Drew Olson and Heather & Connor Nelson are volunteering 8/19, Kevin/Julie Brenden are volunteering 8/25.

5.5 Sunday Funday: N/A

5.6 Propane Contracts: Received a few new bids for summer fill.

5.7 Parking lot handicap painting: Marlowe is taking care of having this done.

5.8 Area strategy update: The council would like to explore the opportunity of sharing pastoral duties among other churches in our area. This is a conversation to explore possibilities with no other commitments made. Motion made by Jen Honer, seconded by Steph Olson. Motion carried.

6.0 Pastor's report: see report. VBS went well, would like to have all of the volunteers meet and discuss how things went for future VBS. Pastor Randy proposed the church covering \$95 for each youth going to the ND retreat as well as covering the cost for adult chaperones and Jess. Motion made to approve by Jen Honer, seconded by Joyce Peterson. Motion carried.

7.0 Youth Director's report: N/A

8.0 Office Manager's report: N/A

9.0 NLLC Foundation Report: N/A

10.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Jennifer): working with the CARE committee for Elise's tea, will also be meeting to plan out 6 months worth of special music.

Education (Steph): N/A

Youth (Heather): N/A

Community Care Committee (Joyce): continuing putting together care bags, if you know of someone needing/wanting one please reach out. Joyce and Mary Jo attended a conference about the unrest in Haiti. There is a scholarship program that is starting for students in Haiti to attend school, discussed future donations. They asked about doing a lunch and bingo on October 6th to gather and socialize.

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New Life Lutheran Church Unapproved minutes continued

Church Property (Marlowe): still waiting on feedback for the settings on the new water heater. Brought up that cord on another water heater getting hot when under continuous use. For future use sidewalk salt needs to be stored in a bucket with lid. It was also brought up the need to spray for weeds.

Stewardship (Kevin): will be meeting in the near future.

11.0 Adjournment: next meeting is August 14th at 6:30pm. Motion to adjourn made by Steph Olson, seconded by Kristin Torgerson. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 7:55pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Torgerson*

Join us for

ENGLISH TEA WITH ELISE

When: Sunday, August 11, following worship at NLLC

What: Serving finger sandwiches, scones, tea cake, and other goodies!

Why: To Support Elise's mission work!

Elise Whitehead will be serving as a volunteer with Ascension Church in Balham, England (London) as part of Young Adults in Global Mission. Elise is asked to raise at least \$6,000 as part of this call. She will be in church to share more about her mission call on August 11. Free will offering will go towards helping Elise meet her goal.

If you are unable to attend and would still like to donate, go to <http://support.elca.org/goto/elisewhitehead>



LORD, What Were You Thinking?



A Study of Various and Sometimes Puzzling
Biblical Personalities and Events

Thursday Evenings at 5:30 pm
At New Life Lutheran Church

July 25
August 1, 22, & 29

Free Brats and Lemonade
*The rest of the menu is
what you choose to bring!*



Come, eat, and explore the Bible with us!

If you have a group that would like to meet at another time/place,
Pastor Randy would be glad to work with you on that!
For more info call Pastor Randy (701) 238-1863



Phyllis Hauger-Shirley-Morrill is turning 100 years young on July 29th!

If you've been a part of Phyllis's life, please join us in making this a very special occasion! Please send her a birthday card with a short personal message to:

Phyllis Morrill
Mill Street Residence
802 S. Mill Street
Apt. 323
Fergus Falls, MN. 56537

New Life Lutheran Church Community Care Committee is bringing back the CARE Bags. We are asking for monetary donations to be used to assemble the Compassionate Care Bags. Each bag is assembled with items of love, encouragement and support. We hope to remind those dealing with health crisis that we will be sending prayers for strength and courage.

Monetary donations will be used to purchase items needed to complete the bags.

Checks could be made out to NLLC with Compassionate Care Bags written in the memo line.

Also asking if you have family member, friend or acquaintance you would like to give a bag to, please contact a committee member.

Joyce Peterson
Linda Haarstad
Peggy Zimmerman
Mary Jo Gaugler

Grow old along with me , the best is yet to be

The following is a list of our members who are either in a nursing home or are homebound. We understand that during this time you may not be able to stop by, but a phone call may go a long ways! You can always call ahead and see if a visit would be welcomed.

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

Debbie Faulkner ~ 1131 Mabelle Ave. Room B-209
Fergus Falls (Pioneer Care)

Doris Jorgenson ~ 1131 Mabelle Ave. Room C-218
Fergus Falls, MN (Pioneer Care)

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

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

Steve (Bud) Magnusson ~ 1131 Mabelle Ave
Room C-211 Fergus Falls
(Pioneer Care)

Phyllis (Hauger, Shirley) Morrill ~ 803 Mill St. S.
Apt # 323 Fergus Falls (218-770-8642)

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

Eleanor Opsahl ~ 119 N. Broadway # 109
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

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

Gwen Jorgenson ~ 211 E. Mill Ave #313
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572 (218-863-9623)

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.

Quilting Update

The quilters will be taking a break in the months of July and August.

September 11, 2024 we return to our mission work, meetings at 1:00 pm, in the heritage room on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. After our 1:00 pm meeting lets get back to our mission!

We are in need of some donations for the kits, sent out in October.

- From now until Sept. 1st, Walmart in Fergus Falls has notebooks on sale for \$0.45 each, notebooks needed are 70 sheets - Wide ruled (4 notebooks to a kit).

- Bath towels new or used, dark colors preferred. Walmart has these on the top shelf for \$3.00 each (1 towel per kit).

- Ivory or Dove bar soaps (2 bars per kit).

Please drop donations off at the church in the quilters closet or with office staff. All donations are very much appreciated!

Thank you!

- Quilters Group

Graceful Thoughts

John D. Rockefeller was one of the richest people who ever lived. There is probably nothing of material value in this world that John D. Rockefeller could not provide for his children.

However, he had a daughter who became obsessed with the fear that she would die penniless. Her years were haunted with the fear that she would die destitute. Can you imagine such a thing; a Rockefeller worried sick about money?

Can you imagine a child of God worried sick that he or she will go to God's well for spiritual resources in a time of need and find that well dry? Even though God's resources are inexhaustible.

There are even churches that never venture out to do great works for God because they fear that God may let them down. Unbelievable! Our faith is a gift from God. He gives us faith according to our needs; the greater the need, the greater the faith.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

June 2024

June Income	\$ 21,927.33
June Expenses	(\$ 17,952.21)
June Net Income	\$ 3,975.12

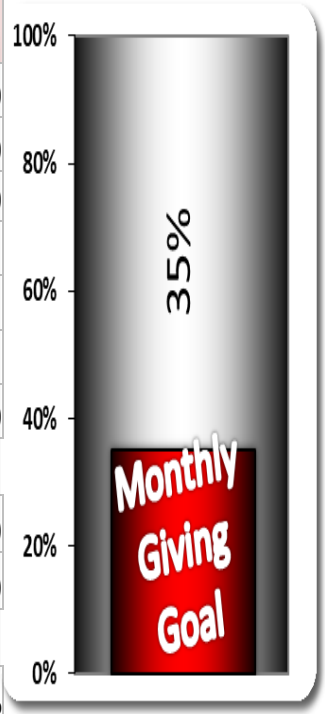
Scan the QR code to give to New Life Lutheran Church online!



July 2024 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
7-Jul	\$1,499.00
14-Jul	\$499.00
21-Jul	\$2,859.00
28-Jul	
e-giving	\$405.00

Goal:	\$15,000.00
Total:	\$5,262.00



Membership Information

We are doing our best as a church to improve our methods of communication and making sure our members are well informed. You can help us make this possible by scanning this QR code and by filling out the form for each member of your family!



Sunday School Registration 2024-2025

Sunday School kicks off on Sunday, September 8th at 9:00 am. The Sunday school calendar will follow the Rothsay Public School calendar. If there is no school on one of the days surrounding the weekend, we will not have Sunday School.

Students will sing during worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month, please try your best to have your student(s) in church to participate those days. A calendar will be sent home on Rally Sunday with more information.

The tentative date for our Christmas program is Sunday, December 8th.

Grades 6-12 will have Sunday school with Jessica in the Heritage room on Sunday mornings. No need to register, just show up!

Please scan the QR code to sign up for Sunday School this year!



Upcoming Youth Events (Grades 6-12)



- August 4th- Bible study and donuts
11am following worship, all are welcome.

- August 18th- Goosechase scavenger hunt and lunch in Fergus Falls. Will need a couple of drivers! Tentatively leaving after worship and returning around 2:30 pm.
Sign up as an individual or a team with Jess on or before August 11th so we can have everyone split up and a plan for time/lunch!

August 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids 5:30 pm Bible Study	2	3
4 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL 11:00 am Youth Bible Study	5 Pastor Randy is on vacation August 2nd - August 8th	6	7	8	9	10
11 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL 11:00 am English Tea with Elise	12 Office hours 10 am – 2 pm	13 Office hours 10 am – 2 pm	14 Office hours 10 am – 2 pm 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting	15 Newsletter Deadline Office Closed	16	17
18 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL 11:00 am Youth Scavenger Hunt	19 6:30 pm Lions Club meeting	20	21	Pastor Randy is on vacation August 15th - 21st		
25 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	26 5:30 pm Lions Club meeting	27	28	22 5:30 pm Bible Study	23	24
				29 5:30 pm Bible Study	30	31



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.

- 8/01 ~ Eldon Brenden
- 8/01 ~ Eleanor Opsahl
- 8/03 ~ Harold Opsahl
- 8/03 ~ Brooklyn Heier
- 8/04 ~ Rebecca Olson
- 8/05 ~ Samuel Heidecker
- 8/06 ~ Cassie Brandt
- 8/06 ~ Courtney Erickson
- 8/06 ~ Todd Sorum
- 8/09 ~ Ashley Haugrud
- 8/10 ~ Marvin Peterson
- 8/11 ~ Emmy Oien-Wander
- 8/12 ~ Paula Tenderholt
- 8/15 ~ Patrick Jensen
- 8/16 ~ Zachary Christ
- 8/16 ~ Nicole Oien
- 8/17 ~ Renae Froslie
- 8/18 ~ Jim Estes
- 8/18 ~ Alise Moore
- 8/19 ~ Lauren Reber
- 8/20 ~ James Nitz
- 8/21 ~ Darrell Tollefson
- 8/24 ~ Kristina March
- 8/24 ~ Brian Torgerson
- 8/26 ~ Cheri Hanneman
- 8/27 ~ Beau Brandt
- 8/28 ~ Steven Ouse
- 8/29 ~ Julie Brenden
- 8/29 ~ Terri Anderson
- 8/31 ~ Wayne Moen
- 8/31 ~ Carolyn Stabnow



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.

- 8/04 ~ Lonny & Lauren Western
- 8/07 ~ Jordan & Andrea Sanger
- 8/08 ~ James & Idella Nitz
- 8/08 ~ Eric & Jessica Nelson
- 8/10 ~ Noah & Caryn Brenden
- 8/15 ~ Gene & Holly Nord
- 8/15 ~ Kacey & Ashley Watterud
- 8/22 ~ Eric & Hannah Anderson
- 8/26 ~ Gary & Colleen Brandt
- 8/27 ~ Katie & Brady Lee
- 8/29 ~ Brandon & Hillary Langfeld

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



- August 4th -
- August 11th -
- August 18th -
- August 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



- August 4th - Jessica Nelson
- August 11th - Nathan Ziegler
- August 18th - Jennifer Honer/Heather Reber
- August 25th - Stephanie Curtis

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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