

New Life News

New Life Lutheran Church & Little Bethany Lutheran Church
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New Life office hours
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
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September Scheduled Events

September 1st

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

September 5th

3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids

September 8th - Rally Sunday

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life
9:00 am Sunday school Rally Sunday
10:00 am Worship at New Life with blessing of backpacks

September 11th

1:00 pm Quilters meeting
6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

September 15th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life
9:00 am Sunday school
10:00 am Worship at New Life Holy Communion
11:00 am Sunday Funday Carnival
11:15 am First communion class

September 16th

6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

September 18th

3:30 pm First Communion Class
6:30 pm Confirmation parent & student meeting

September 22nd

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life
9:00 am Sunday school
10:00 am Worship at New Life

September 25th

5:00 pm Confirmation
6:00 pm Youth group for grades 6-8
7:30 pm Youth group for grades 9-12

September 29th

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life
9:00 am Sunday school
10:00 am Worship at New Life

Office managers hours:

Tuesday, September 3rd - Friday, September 6th
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Regular Office manager hours will be:

Monday through Thursday
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

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September Dan & Renae Froslic
Kim & Stacey Lang

October Travis & Stephanie Olson
Gayla Western

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



The unknown future can be a scary thing--if we let it be. But, why let it be?

There is a very old mariner's chart, drawn way back in 1525, on display in the British Museum in London. It outlines the North American coastline and adjacent waters. The cartographer, however, made some intriguing notations on areas of the map that represented regions not yet explored. He wrote: "Here be giants," "Here be fiery scorpions," and "Here be dragons." Eventually, the map came into the possession of Sir John Franklin, a British explorer in the early 1800s. Scratching out the fearful inscriptions, he wrote these words across the map: "HERE IS GOD."

The unknown future can be a scary thing. Think of the hours and days we have spent fretting and worrying about what might be:

We worry about harm coming to our loved ones, serious illness, and death.

We worry about economic concerns—will we have enough money, do I need to change jobs or my career, or take on yet another job?

We worry about immigration, liquid borders, corrupt government, amendment rights.

We worry about pollution, access to clean water, climate change.

We worry about gun violence, terrorism, and threats of growing war.

We worry about our children, our parents, our siblings and spouses.

We worry about those traveling whether by train or plane or automobile—accidents happen, so many because of distraction or drug and alcohol abuse and misuse.

For many of our younger people who are overwhelmed with the options, they worry about what career to choose, what education is needed, how will I pay for it, and what if I discover I don't like the career path I have chosen?

For many of older adults the fear of dementia, Alzheimer's, and worry about independence and elder care options consumes them.

And the list goes on, doesn't it?

To make it worse our politicians on both or all sides, so anxious to get or keep a seat at the table, play upon these fears, seeking always to blame the other side for the troubles, and never taking ownership of their own failures and foibles. Rather than rolling up their sleeves and getting down to the hard business of working together to achieve livable compromises (which is the very basis of a constitutional democracy), they do little or nothing but play the blame game, and little or nothing gets done.

If that is not enough, the media on both or all sides, seeking more and more of our attention, feeds the hysteria. And, in a capitalist society, there are always those out there selling us more and more of the supposed solutions to heal ourselves of the anxiety it all provokes—alcohol, drugs (both legal and illegal), more and better insurance, security services of any and all kinds, better cars and boats and phones and computers and luxuries of every and all kinds—all at a price—which only adds to the anxiety.

And we, largely, give in to this rat race of a maze. And, we feel exhausted because of it. And, we buy into the fearful inscriptions of giants and scorpions and dragons in unknown regions of the future.

That is and will be the case, until we, like Sir John Franklin, the British explorer, scratch out the fearful inscriptions, and trusting God, write in, "HERE IS GOD." Here is God leading us into the future.

Of course, the only way to do that is to spend some time, some significant time, with him and his chosen vehicle in this world, his church—not the building, but the people. Food for thought. Take care and God bless!

Pastor Randy

New Life Lutheran Church

Unapproved minutes from August 14th, 2024

NLLC council met August 14th at 6:30pm.
Members present; Kristin Torgerson, Renae Froslic, Brandon Langfeld, Kevin Brenden, Marlowe Rasmusson, Pastor Randy Whitehead, Bruce Brenden, Jessica Nelson, Jennifer Honer, Steph Olson, Heather Nelson, and Joyce Peterson.

Devotions: Jessica

1.0 Approval of agenda: Motion made Joyce Peterson, seconded by Kristin Torgerson. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of July 2024 Council minutes: Motion made by Kristin Torgerson, seconded by Jen Honer. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report July 2024: see report. Motion made by Kevin Brenden, seconded by Joyce Peterson. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Technology update: Working on tv for the Sunday school area.

4.2 Prairie Days Breakfast, float, & worship in the park: Went well, made about \$800 after expenses, served 120 sandwiches. A binder has been made for future leadership. Can the money raised be used for betterment of different areas of the church? It was suggested for meal options sold by the church at the park. Parade went well with the float. A motion was made to use the money (Prairie days) towards betterment of different areas of the church and moving the heritage display into the fellowship hall. Motion made by Jen Honer, seconded by Joyce Peterson. Motion carried.

4.3 Memorial Tree: na

4.4 Rally Sunday: (Sept 8th) Calendar is being made and will be going out. Looking for volunteers. There will be blessing of the backpacks during church and potentially breakfast after.

4.5 Sunday Funday: see report. It was requested for funds to cover the cost of the bounce house and dunk tank, a formal request will be done this week.

4.6 Parking lot handicap painting: waiting to hear back on the stencils to get the painting done.

4.7 Area strategy update: waiting to meet with Rebel Hurd (from the synod) on what's next.

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: na

5.2 Upcoming events:

August 15th – 21st – Pastor Randy is on Vacation

August 18th – Lee Brenna is leading worship

August 19th – Lions club meeting

August 22nd, & 29th – Bible Study

August 25th - Youth group scavenger hunt

August 26th – Lions club meeting

September 5th – Communion in Pelican

September 8th – Rally Sunday

September 15th – Sunday Funday

September 16th – Lions club meeting

6.0 Pastor's report: attendance (whole yr) is averaging 66, online is 41. Winter months average 80 in person, summer months 42. 8-10 people have been attending the bible study. First communion (Oct 6th) and 3rd grade bible classes have been scheduled, post cards will be going out. Huge thank you to Jennifer Honer for the fundraiser for Elise for her mission. Questions on if we were interested in doing meals for farmers during harvest.

7.0 Youth Director's report: scavenger hunt 8/25, September youth will be helping with Sunday funday and rally Sunday. Confirmation (starting 9/18) has been moved to 5pm on Wednesdays and youth group is at 6:30. 9/25 is the first night of youth group.

8.0 Office Manager's report: See report.

9.0 NLLC Foundation report: money was set aside for Elise's mission. Money was set aside for worship/music and was allocated up to \$800 for a smart tv. Major updates have been brought up on where the funds will come from and to plan for.

10.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Jennifer): Lee Brenna is coming for service 8/18. There will be another outing, a pine pot at Thompson greenery, watch for sign ups.

Education (Steph): Enrollment is open for Sunday school. Looking for volunteers.

Youth (Heather): Will be meeting with Jen and setting up a meeting with Jess.

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New Life Lutheran Church
Unapproved minutes continued

Community Care Committee (Joyce): 8 bags were made, 6 will be going to the cancer center. Relooking at doing birthday bags for the food shelf, it was suggested about being dispersed through the county. The group talked about taking on the school bags but has a lot on their plate of things they do. 10/6 planning on doing bingo and soup/sandwiches with free will offering with money going towards Elise's mission. They will be doing Christmas bags.

Church Property (Marlowe): Met Sunday, John is looking at options for fixing the foundation on the sign. Looking for the stencils for the parking lot painting. Question on who/where the paper towel dispensers are (missing two). A council member questioned how the women's restroom sinks sprays.

Stewardship (Kevin): It was talked about members discussing stewardship, having a Thrivent member come to talk about planning. Talent/opportunity cards will be happening again to get people involved. An updated directory was brought up.

11.0 Adjournment: Next meeting is September 11th at 6:30. Motion made by Heather Nelson, seconded by Steph Olson. Motion carried. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted
Kristin Torgerson

Sunday, September 15th

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Join us for our carnival with fun for all ages!

Don't miss your chance to soak Pastor Randy or Jessica in the Dunk tank; or let your kiddos burn off some energy in the bounce house.

Stay for lunch as Big J's will be set up with a limited menu available to purchase lunch!

Wristbands will be available to purchase for \$10/person with a \$30.00 family cap for the bounce house, carnival games, and face painting.

Dunk tank balls will be \$3.00 per ball or 3 balls for \$5.00. If you sign up for direct deposit donations on the day of the carnival you will get 3 free balls!

SUNDAY

FUNDAY

CARNIVAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Donna Nord ~ 2401 11th St. S #109
Moorhead, MN 56560

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

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

Quilting Update

September 11th, 2024, Let's get back to work! Quilters meeting will be at 1:00 pm, in the heritage room. After our 1:00 pm meeting lets get back to our mission!

See you then!
- R.A.

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

- 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

New Life Lutheran Church Scholarships

Three scholarships are available for NLLC student members.

1. **Arne S. Brenden Christian Education Scholarship** provides financial assistance to students of a Christian college or seminary, or who are pursuing a career in the ministry or Christian education.
2. **Thor Sorum Lutheran Seminary Scholarship** provides financial assistance to students at any Lutheran Seminary in the US.
3. **Hamar-Haas Scholarship** in the amount of \$400 is available one time to any full-time post-secondary student who is a member of New Life Lutheran Church. All three scholarships require students to be enrolled in the subsequent term.

Deadline for application is October 1 and applicants will be notified by November 1. Application is available at the church office.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 2024

July Income	\$ 10,914.04
July Expenses	(\$ 15,850.81)
July Net Loss	(\$ 4,936.77)

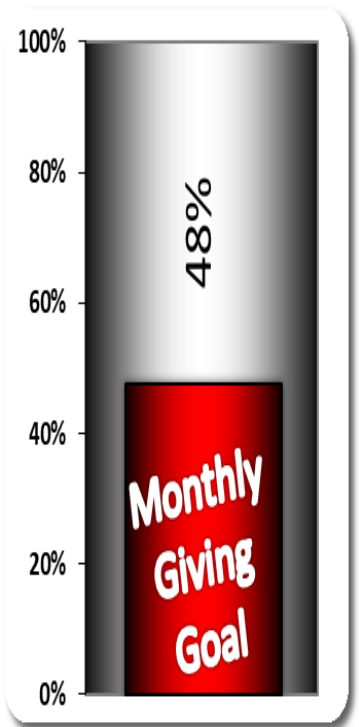
Scan the QR code to give to New Life Lutheran Church online!



August 2024 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
4-Aug	\$1,802.50
11-Aug	\$2,307.00
18-Aug	\$2,615.00
25-Aug	
e-giving	\$405.00

Goal:	\$15,000.00
Total:	\$7,129.50



48%

CARE COMMITTEE

Upcoming Event

BINGO, SOUP AND SANDWICHES FAMILY EVENT

October 6th, 2024 at 11:00 am (after worship)

FREE WILL OFFERING: MONIES GOING TOWARDS SUPPORT FOR ELISE WHITEHEAD



First Communion Class

on Sunday, September 15, 2023 at 11:15 am or
Wednesday, September 18th, 2023 at 3:30 pm



Are your kids ready to receive Holy Communion?

If your child has been asking about communion, he or she is probably ready. Are you?

Pastor Randy will be holding two First Communion Instruction and Preparation Classes for children wanting to receive first communion instruction, all are welcome to attend these classes, only one class needs to be attended. Parents are welcome to attend the class with their kids. The class is expected to take 45-55 minutes. Following the class, the kids are invited to receive communion for the first time at the 10 am worship service on October 6th. There will be a special ceremony for them at that time. It would be very helpful for our planning for parents to call the church office [218-867-6557] and let us know that your child will be attending. If your child has a friend who doesn't have his or her own church, please feel free to invite him or her, as well. Any questions? Please call the office or Pastor Randy [701-238-1863] Thanks much!



3rd Grade Bible Introduction Classes and Presentation Event



Pastor Randy will be holding a Bible Introduction Course for 3rd Grade Students. Each student will receive a free Bible from the New Life Lutheran Church Congregation. Third grade students are welcome to attend either of the class options.

The classes will be on Sunday, October 6th at 11:15 am (following worship) and Wednesday, October 9th at 3:30 pm. Parents are asked to write a note or letter inside the cover of their child's Bible and return it to the church for the special public presentation of that Bible to their child at the 10 am worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 27th.

It would be very helpful for our planning for parents to call the church office [218-867-6557] and let us know that your child will be attending. If your child has a friend who doesn't have his or her own church, please feel free to invite him or her, as well. Any questions? Please call the office or Pastor Randy [701-238-1863] Thanks much!

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!



Confirmation

There will be a parent & student meal and meeting held on Wednesday, September 18th from 6:30 - 7:45 pm. Burgers and brats will be served.

Regular classes will begin on Wednesday, September 25th at 5:00 pm.

If you have any questions please let Pastor Randy or Jessica know.

Upcoming Youth Events (Grades 6-12)



- September 15th - youth volunteers to help with Sunday Funday to paint faces, run carnival games, or participate in another way.

- September 25th - We will have youth group for ages 6th-8th grade from 6 - 7pm. Youth grades 9-12 will meet from 7:30-8:30 at the church. We will be playing minute to win it games and planning for the year ahead.

September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	2 Labor Day	3	4	5 3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids	6	7
Rally Sunday 8 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 am Sunday School at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL with blessing of backpacks	9	10	11 1:00 pm Quilters 6:30 pm NLLC Council	12	13	14
15 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 am Sunday School at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL 11:00 am Sunday Funday carnival 11:15 am 1st communion class	16 6:30 pm Lions Club meeting Newsletter Deadline	17	18 3:30 pm 1st communion class 6:30 pm Confirmation	19	20	21
22 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 am Sunday School at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	23	24	25 5:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Youth grades 6-8 7:30 pm Youth grades 9-12	26	27	28
29 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:00 am Sunday School at NL 10:00 am Worship at NL	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.

- 9/1 ~ Loretta Faulkner
- 9/1 ~ Maxine March
- 9/2 ~ Marlys Carlsrud
- 9/3 ~ Loken Brandt
- 9/3 ~ Mary Brandt
- 9/4 ~ Dan Tenderholt
- 9/6 ~ Steve Froslic
- 9/8 ~ Mitchell Fabre
- 9/9 ~ Raylaynd Brandt
- 9/9 ~ Paul Fosse
- 9/10 ~ Nathan Kroeplin-Oien
- 9/11 ~ Hans Schmidt
- 9/12 ~ Travis Shirley Jr.

- 9/13 ~ Patricia Melkert
- 9/14 ~ Oliver Langfeld
- 9/14 ~ Donald Aksamit
- 9/15 ~ Travis Maras
- 9/15 ~ Bonnie Sorum
- 9/16 ~ Gary Erickson
- 9/16 ~ Michael Nelson
- 9/19 ~ Daryl Schleeter
- 9/21 ~ Maxim Boyce
- 9/22 ~ Teagan Holland
- 9/22 ~ Nita Neuleib
- 9/23 ~ Jim Boyce
- 9/23 ~ Jerry Tenderholt
- 9/24 ~ Rachel Brenden

- 9/26 ~ Eileen Braton
- 9/26 ~ Samuel Whitehead
- 9/27 ~ Destiny Eckley
- 9/27 ~ Lexie Jacobson
- 9/27 ~ Tom Jensen
- 9/30 ~ Eric Nelson



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.

- 9/01 ~ Dan & Renae Froslic
- 9/02 ~ Cole & Heather Ouse
- 9/05 ~ Bruce & Kim Brenden
- 9/06 ~ Travis & Stephanie Olson
- 9/06 ~ David & LouAnn Opsahl
- 9/07 ~ Roger & Kathy Bilden

- 9/12 ~ Jeremy & Kari Carlsrud
- 9/13 ~ Al & Sara Shirley
- 9/23 ~ Wayne & Doris Moen
- 9/23 ~ Darrel & Connie Tollefson
- 9/26 ~ Paul & Lori Jorgenson
- 9/28 ~ Bob & Char Boe

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



- September 1st -
- September 8th -
- September 15th -
- September 22nd -
- September 29th -

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



- September 1st - John Reber
- September 8th - Nathan & Heather
- September 15th - Jessica Nelson
- September 22nd - Jennifer Honer
- September 29th - 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.

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