



New Life Lutheran Church
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"Disciples of Jesus Growing Disciples of Jesus"

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New Life Lutheran Church
December 8, 2024

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Reader: Sophie Schmidt



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



NOISY OFFERING



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (The Westerberg Family)

Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.

Amen.



GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:12b-13

I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Psalm 89:1-4

¹ I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

² **I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to my servant David:

⁴ **'I will establish your descendants forever and build your throne for all generations.'**

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**THE NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM**

HYMN *What Child Is This*

HYMN **We Three Kings**

HYMN **Hark, The Herald Angels Sing**

SCENE 1

SCENE 2

SCENE 3

HYMN **Silent Night**

HYMN **Joy to the World**

HYMN **Go Tell It On The Mountain**

PROGRAM CONCLUSION



THE PRAYERS



THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.



OFFERING



BENEDICTION

The God of peace bless you,
the love of Christ sustain you in hope,
and the anointing of the Spirit remain upon you
now and forever.

Amen.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God!

Thank you for joining us for our program today!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

- December 8th** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New life
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship at New Life - **Sunday School Program**
- December 11th** - 10:00 am Quilting
5:00 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm Youth tying blankets
- December 15th** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life
11:00 am Christmas Choir Practice
1:00 pm Open house at Pastor Randy & Mary Jo's home

There will be no Sunday school for the rest of December. Classes will resume on January 5th, 2025 at 9:00 am.

We will see you back in the classroom next year!

December Office Manager Hours:

Dec. 9th - 12th: 1 pm to 3:30 pm
Dec 16th - 19th: 1 pm to 3:30 pm
Dec. 23rd 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
The church office will be closed
December 25th - January 5th.

Quilting Update

Quilters Group will meet on
Dec. 11th 2024,
from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Bring a sack lunch.
Sincerely, Ruth A.

CARE COMMITTEE
CHRISTMAS BAGS!

The CARE Committee will be delivering Christmas Bags again this year!
Looking for volunteers to bake goodies to put in the bags and help pack.
Also, volunteers help deliver. A sign-up sheet will on table outside Fellowship Hall.
WILL BE PACKING DEC. 8 AFTER CHURCH SERVICES.
Please place goodies on the table in the Heritage room
- Thank-you Care Committee Team.



Pastor Randy & Mary Jo would like to invite you to a Christmas Open House at their residence near Lake Park on Sunday, December 15th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Potatoes, BBQ Meatballs, cheese & crackers, cookies & candy will be served along with a few hot and cold beverages to drink as folks visit and come and go as their schedules allow. All are welcome, we look forward to your visit!

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*Christmas Eve
Worship*

Christmas Eve Candlelight worship

Tuesday, December 24th

5:00 pm

At New Life Lutheran Church

Upcoming Youth Events

Blanket Tying and Movie night!

December 11th 6:30-8pm

6-12 grade welcome

Bring a snack or drink and Jess will provide the fabric and scissors!

Birthday Party for Jesus!

December 22nd 2:30-4:00pm

6-12 grade welcome

Gift ball, Christmas themed Games, white elephant exchange and sock/hat/glove drive.

Bring a white elephant gift to exchange and if you're able socks/hats/gloves to be donate to shelters!

New Life Annual Meeting

The New Life annual meeting will be held on February 2nd following worship.

Please get reports to Patrice as soon as they are available. The report deadline is January 15th.

Emailed (newlife@rtelnet.net) or digital copies preferred.

Details Coming Soon



Did you say "Indoor Water Park" in Brainerd, MN?

Winter Confirmation Retreat
January 24-26, 2025