

# 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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## January Scheduled Events

### **January 5th**

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

### **January 8th - 11th**

Heritage room & Fellowship hall booked for private event

### **January 8th**

5:30 pm Confirmation  
6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

### **January 12th**

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

### **January 15th**

10:00 am Quilters Group  
5:30 pm Confirmation

### **January 19th**

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  
Youth Escape room

### **January 20th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

### **January 22nd**

5:30 pm Confirmation  
5:30 pm Young Women's Fellowship

### **January 24th-26th**

Confirmation Retreat

### **January 26th**

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

### **January 29th**

5:30 pm Confirmation

### January Office Manager Hours:

Jan. 6th & 7th: 1 pm to 3:30 pm  
Jan. 9th: 1 pm to 3:30 pm  
Jan. 13th - 16th: 1 pm to 3:30 pm  
Jan. 21st - 24th 1 pm to 3:30 pm  
Jan. 28th - 30th 1 pm to 3:30 pm

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### **SERVICE GROUP LEADERS**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>January</b>  | Joel & Amy Meyer<br>Wayne & Doris Moen                    |
| <b>February</b> | Mike & Kristen Heidecker<br>Brandon & Hillary<br>Langfeld |

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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



John Berstecher writes: “When it was built for an international exposition in the [late 1800’s], the structure was called monstrous by the citizens of the city, who demanded it be torn down as soon as the exposition was over. Yet from the moment its architect first conceived it, he took pride in it and loyally defended it from those who wished to destroy it. He knew it was destined for greatness. Today it is one of the architectural wonders of the modern world and stands as the primary landmark of Paris, France. The architect, of course, was Alexandre Gustave Eiffel. His famous tower was built in 1889. In the same way we are struck by Jesus’ loyalty to another structure--the church--which he entrusted to an unlikely band of disciples, whom he defended, prayed for, and prepared to spread the gospel. To outsiders they (and we) must seem like incapable blunderers. But Jesus, the architect of the church, knows this structure is destined for greatness . . .”

I’ve been thinking about this short devotional passage since I found it a few weeks ago. It intrigues me—Jesus, the “architect” of the church, and “the Church” destined for greatness. I wonder, “Is the present structure of the church built according to Jesus’ designs? Or, have we, his disciples, consciously or unconsciously, cut some corners along the way? Does the present church look anything like what Jesus had envisioned?” I think these are pretty good questions for us, as a Christian community, to ask.

What do you think? In what ways do we reflect what Jesus, our architect, had envisioned? In what ways do we not? What must we begin to think and do differently to “reform” the church, our ministry, ourselves to become that structure destined for greatness? I’d like to invite you to ponder these questions, as well, . . . and, in time, share your thoughts.

Below are a few selected quotes I happened upon over the last several days that might guide and expand our thoughts:

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and to comfort all who mourn. [Isaiah 61:1-2]

A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing. [Martin Luther]

Once the Devil was walking along with one of his cohorts. They saw a man ahead of them pick up something shiny. "What did he find?" asked the cohort. "A piece of the truth," the Devil replied. "Doesn't it bother you that he found a piece of the truth?" asked the cohort. "No," said the Devil, "I will see to it that he makes a religion out of it." [Klyne Snodgrass]

The task ahead of you is never greater than the power behind you.

The Greeks had a race in their Olympic games that was unique. The winner was not the runner who finished first. It was the runner who finished with his torch still lit. I want to run all the way with the flame of my torch still lit for Him. [J. Stowell]

In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love, and not one of us is going to come off very well, and were it not for my absolute faith in the loving forgiveness of my Lord, I could not call him to come. [Madeleine L'Engle]

For a Blessed and Joy-filled New Year, I pray, for all of you and yours!

*Pastor Randy*

# New Life Lutheran Church

## Unapproved minutes from December 18th, 2024

NLLC council met December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Members present; Bruce Brenden, Brandon Langfeld, Kevin Brenden, Jennifer Honer, Heather Nelson, Steph Olson, Joyce Peterson, Marlowe Rasmusson, Pastor Randy Whitehead, Patrice Ziegler, and Renae Froslic.

**1.0 Approval of agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda made by Jen Honer, seconded by Marlowe Rasmusson. Motion carried.

**2.0 Approval of Noveber 2024 Council minutes:** Motion to approve November council minutes made by Jennifer Honer, seconded by Heather Nelson. Motion carried.

**3.0 Treasurer's report November 2024:** Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Kevin Brenden, seconded by Brandon Langfeld. Motion carried.

### **4.0 Ongoing business:**

**4.1 Technology update:** N/A

**4.2 Area strategy update:** Discussion with Dennis Preston, Pastor Randy will follow up.

**4.3 Harvest festival & community service recap:** Went well, next year it may be best not to have the harvest festival and community Thanksgiving worship on the same day. Discussion on combining dinner with the pie auction next year.

**4.4 Budget planning:** Finalize the budget in January.

**4.5 Staff reviews:** Patrice will send Job descriptions to Heather to get peer reviews in place.

**4.6 Meatball supper:** Steph will get advertising for coordinator information to Patrice for the newsletter. The Supper is tentatively planned for March 29th with Steph Olson and Heather Nelson as co-coordinators.

**4.7 Annual meeting:** Will be held on February 2nd with the reports deadline of Jan. 15th.

**4.8 Lenten Season:** We will move forward with dinners being held, and youth will be leading Lent worship services.

### **5.0 New business:**

**5.1 Correspondence:** Synod Annual report, Habitat for humanity, welcome house, heath resource center, and some place safe. Most looking for donations.

### **5.2 Upcoming events:**

December 16<sup>th</sup> – Lions Club meeting

December 18<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Worship at 5pm

January 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Quilted footprint in Fellowship Hall

January 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School sings

January 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Confirmation retreat

**6.0 Pastor's report:** see report.

**7.0 Youth Director's report:** 8 kids came and tied 3 blankets that were donated to churches united. Some came to earn honor society hours. We had a birthday party for Jesus with a while elephant gift exchange. Feed my starving children is not yet open to the public, but Jess is trying to get those time slots reserved. As escape room is being planned for Jan. 19th. Youth will make Superbowl subs again this year to fundraise.

**8.0 Office Manager's report:** Council decided to push back the Newsletter until Patrice returns from vacation, to ensure the meatball supper update gets in there. Service group booklets have been printed and are ready for pick up at the church. Patrice will print an extra for the kitchen.

**9.0 NLLC Foundation report:** The committee met and paid a few things and awarded a scholarship. Discussion on order of operations to seek reimbursements from Foundation. Council decided that the proper procedure will be those seeking reimbursements must first request funding from the church, and the church will move forward to asking Foundation if necessary.

### **10.0 Committee reports:**

Worship & Music (Jennifer): Harvest festival was a work of worship and music and youth working together. Now working with a Christmas choir for Church on Dec. 22nd and 24th.

Education (Steph): The Christmas program was a success.

Youth (Heather): n/a

Community Care Committee (Joyce): Met and packed 40 Christmas bags.

Church Property (Marlowe): Watching the snow on the roof to make sure there are no ice jams. Had to reset the timer for the outdoor lights following a power outage. Marlowe will discuss laying salt outside with property committee.

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## December 18th Council minutes Continued

Stewardship (Kevin): Have received 21 pledge cards back, hoping there will be quite a few handed back in.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Patrice Ziegler*

**11.0 Adjournment:** Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 8:21pm. Next meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

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### The Meatball supper is being planned for March 29th!

We need your help! We are looking for volunteers to help with the following areas to help the meatball supper have another successful year:

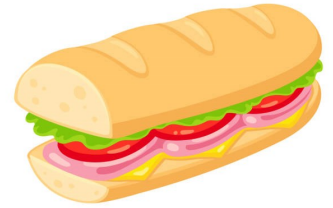
- Silent auction coordinator
- Bake Sale coordinator
- Volunteers to serve the meal  
(we have two shifts)
- Volunteers to set up
- Volunteers to clean up
- Volunteers to clear tables  
(we have two shifts)
- Volunteers to help recruit helpers  
(for the jobs above)



If you are interested in any of the opportunities above to help make the Meatball Supper a success please contact Heather Nelson, Steph Olson, or contact the church office.

## Fundraiser!

Super Bowl Subs are once again on the menu. Get your order in on the sign up sheet by January 26th to secure yours! Checks can be made out to New Life Lutheran Youth.



Thanks again for making this a fantastic fundraiser last year and we hope to be a part of your Super Bowl Celebrations again this year!

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## Open House

Joyce Peterson is turning 70 years old!

You are invited to help celebrate Joyce with an open house in her honor!

**When:** February 1st

**Time:** 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Where:** New Life Lutheran Church



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## Young Women's Fellowship

will meet on Wednesday, January 22 at 5:30 in the Heritage room at New Life Lutheran Church.

Please join us for fun, fellowship and faith!

## Quilting Update

Quilters Group will meet on

January 15th 2025,

from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Bring a sack lunch.

Sincerely, Ruth A.

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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

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

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## 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.

The New Life Nominating committee is looking for anyone who would want to volunteer for the following openings:

President

Vice President

Secretary

**Council seats:**

Property

Stewardship

Christian Education

Church Property

Community Concerns committee x 2

Stewardship

Worship & Music

Youth

NLLC Foundation

**Committees:**

Cemetery Board x 2

Service Group coordinator

Nominating Committee x 6

Audit Committee

Synod Assembly Delegates for  
May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> x 2

### NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### November 2024

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| November Income   | \$ 13,185.48          |
| November Expenses | <u>(\$ 15,685.22)</u> |
| November Net Loss | (\$ 2,499.74)         |

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

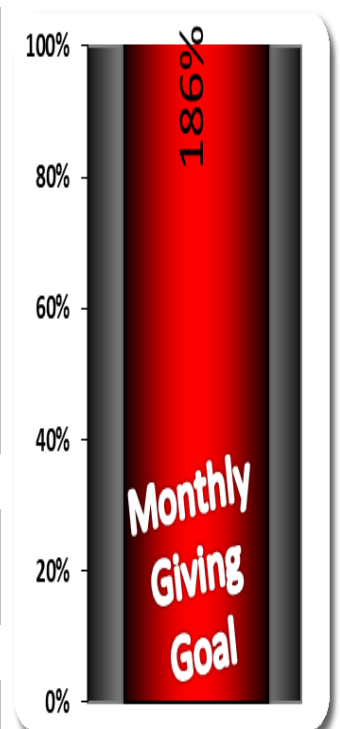


### December 2024 Giving Outlook

| Week     | Giving     |
|----------|------------|
| 8-Dec    | \$6,261.00 |
| 15-Dec   | \$5,278.54 |
| 22-Dec   | \$7,196.37 |
| 24-Dec   | \$1,627.00 |
| 29-Dec   | \$3,717.32 |
| e-giving | \$3,850.00 |

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>Goal:</b>  | <b>\$15,000.00</b> |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$27,930.23</b> |

**186%**





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



Winter Confirmation Retreat  
January 24-26, 2025

Winter Confirmation retreat!

**January 24-26** in Brainerd, MN.

Open to all 7-8 grader AND PARENT  
CHAPERONES!

Let's relax at the hotel, let loose in  
the water park, and dive into the  
word of God while we catch our  
breath between laughs and lazy river  
races.

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**Upcoming Youth Events**  
(Grades 6-12)



**Service event:**

Feed My Starving Children

Who: anyone 5+

What: Packing meals at the mobile packing site

When: January 11 or 12 -exact date and time tbd based on response from the organizer

Where: (Atonement Lutheran Church 4601 S University Dr, Fargo, ND 58104)

Why: To help be the hands and feet of God

How (to sign up): There will be a list posted outside the sanctuary as soon as we have a solid date, time, and # of spots.

**Youth Group Event:**

Who: A 6-12 graders

What: escape room!

When: January 19th we will have lunch at the church, enchiladas with Spanish rice, and then head to Fergus!

Where: Oak and Iron in Fergus Falls

How (to sign up): sign up via email or the sheet on Jess' office door!

# January 2025

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                            | SATURDAY                          |
|---|--|-----------|--|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|   |  |           | <b>1</b><br>New Years Day  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                          | <b>4</b>                          |
| <b>5</b><br>8:45 am Worship at LB<br>9:00 am Coffee at NL<br>9:00 am Sunday School at NL<br>10:00 am Worship at NL  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>5:30 pm Confirmation<br>6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting                     | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                         | <b>11</b>                         |
|   |  |           | Heritage room & Fellowship hall booked for a private event Jan 8th-11th              |           |                                   |                                   |
| <b>12</b><br>8:45 am Worship at LB<br>9:00 am Coffee at NL<br>9:00 am Sunday School at NL<br>10:00 am Worship at NL | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br><b>Newsletter Deadline</b><br>10:00 am Quilters<br>5:30 pm Confirmation | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>                         | <b>18</b>                         |
| <b>19</b><br>8:45 am Worship at LB<br>9:00 am Coffee at NL<br>10:00 am Worship at NL<br>Youth Escape room           | <b>20</b><br><b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b><br>6:30 pm Lions club meeting | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b><br>5:30 pm Confirmation<br>5:30 pm Young Women's Fellowship                | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br>Confirmation Retreat | <b>25</b><br>Confirmation Retreat |
| <b>26</b><br>8:45 am Worship at LB<br>9:00 am Coffee at NL<br>9:00 am Sunday School at NL<br>10:00 am Worship at NL | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>5:30 pm Confirmation  | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>                         |                                   |



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.

- 1/1 ~ Jessica Brandt
- 1/1 ~ Danielle Moen
- 1/1 ~ Cory Rian
- 1/2 ~ Marilyn Moen
- 1/2 ~ Nathan Ziegler
- 1/3 ~ Chris Buckingham
- 1/4 ~ Sandra Amundson
- 1/4 ~ Andrea Sanger
- 1/6 ~ Linda Frosolie
- 1/7 ~ Justin Nord
- 1/11 ~ Summer Wigdahl
- 1/12 ~ Sarah Peterson
- 1/12 ~ Becky Schmidt
- 1/15 ~ Gary Brandt

- 1/15 ~ Caryn Brenden
- 1/15 ~ Gayla Western
- 1/16 ~ Linda Haarstad
- 1/17 ~ Sue Erickson
- 1/18 ~ Madilynn Johnson
- 1/19 ~ Kim Lang
- 1/19 ~ Lucas Nord
- 1/19 ~ David Opsahl
- 1/19 ~ Ashley Watterud
- 1/23 ~ Dan Amundson
- 1/23 ~ Cole Lang
- 1/23 ~ Corey Moen
- 1/24 ~ Elaine Amundson
- 1/24 ~ Sandra Fosse

- 1/24 ~ Diane Kunze
- 1/25 ~ Mabel Schmidt
- 1/25 ~ Avis Wiese
- 1/26 ~ Wylie Brenden
- 1/26 ~ Madison Honer
- 1/26 ~ Chris Watterud
- 1/27 ~ Jessica Holland
- 1/27 ~ Elise Whitehead
- 1/29 ~ Tahmor Brandt
- 1/29 ~ Joyce Peterson
- 1/30 ~ Brett Frosolie
- 1/30 ~ Donna Nord
- 1/31 ~ Gene Amundson
- 1/31 ~ Cheryl Erickson



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.

- 1/5 ~ Breck & Molly Eckley
- 1/11 ~ Adrian & Cindy Haugrud
- 1/12 ~ Llyal & Eileen Braton

### SCRIPTURE READERS FOR THIS MONTH



- January 5th -
- January 12th -
- January 19th -
- January 26th -

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



- January 5th - Jennifer Honer
- January 12th - Stephanie / Heather
- January 19th - John Reber
- January 26th - Jessica Nelson

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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