

Welcome Visitors & Newcomers

A warm welcome to visitors & newcomers! It is great to have you worship with us today. Please complete the information in the black welcome pads as they are passed and then pass it to your neighbor. Please take a welcome packet from the tables at the entrance.

At New Life we host an open table for Holy Communion. All are welcome to receive this free gift of God's grace. We believe Jesus is 'really present' in, with and under the bread and wine. Even though the bread and wine do not change in physical form, Jesus presence in, with and under the bread and wine makes this much more than a remembrance or symbol of God's love. Because of Christ's presence we also believe the real effects or benefits of this meal are; the forgiveness of sin, life with God here and the promise of life with God to come.

Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. First communion instruction is scheduled before Holy Week for 2nd grade students. Gluten free wafers are also available for those that prefer that option. Note: The wine is red and the grape juice is white. The nursery is staffed during worship (10:30) and is located south of the worship space.

This Week at New Life

- Sunday 1.20.19 - Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am; Education Hour 9:30 am; Federwitz family presentations; Kindergarten & 3rd grade Bible presentations; NLLC Annual Budget Meeting 11:30; Youth Group to Smash Park 11:45 am.
- Monday 1.21.19 - Office Closed
- Tuesday 1.22.19 Financial Peace University 6:30-8 pm
- Wednesday 1.23.19 - Food Pantry 4:30-6:30 pm; WOW 6:30 pm; GIG 6:30; Confirmation Class 7 pm
- Saturday 1.26.19 - Men's Breakfast Bible Study 7:30 am
- Sunday 1.27.19 - Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am; NLLC Annual Meeting 9:30 am; JOURNEY Sunday School 9:30 am; Getting to Know Your Bible Class 11:30 am

Noisy Offering Update

The January offering will benefit the Federwitz Family Ministries through Lutheran Bible Translators.

Worship Assistants

	Today 8.15	Today 10.30	1.20.19 8:15	1.20.19 10:30
Ushers	Halvorsons	Drews	Thompsons	Thronsons
Media	Ron Groskreutz	Cody Bales	Ed Kuhl	Sandy Anderson
Readers	Kathy Weeks	Jon Lund	Karen Haug	Ella Sperry
Greeter	Ron Fels	Jeri Trilk	Wanda Loebe	Abe Mondloch
Coffee	Christy Groskreutz	Wanda Vetterick & Sandi Walsh	Deb Bemis	Abbie Olson & Theresa Drew
Servers	Eugene Schultze & Allyson Seymour	Kari Murray & Leslie Merriman	Pacas	Richard Geist & Krista Place
Nursery	n/a	Laura & Brooke Kimball	n/a	Amy Thacker & Tanner Merriman
Scrip	n/a	n/a	Kathy Weeks	n/a
Host	TBD	Abbie Olson	TBD	John Sperry
Counters	Lisa Smith		Ron Fels	
	Abbie Olson		Justin Fletcher	
Altar Guild	Allison Halvorson			

Recent Additions & Updates to the Prayer List*

Philippians 4. 6-7 - Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (NRSV)

*Illness or Injury * (A complete Prayer List is available in the back)*

Janet Searcy - friend of Russ & Krista Place

Gary Hays - Jeff & Allison Halvorson's brother-in-law

The Green family - friends of Bill & Danene VanZuuk

Tom Cahill - Sheila Taylor's father

Maddy Snow - young friend of Kyle Bales

Carol Shafer - Lori Prier's mother

Attendance last Week: (1.9 & 1.13) 149

New Life Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 27 9:30 am

All active and confirmed members are eligible to vote



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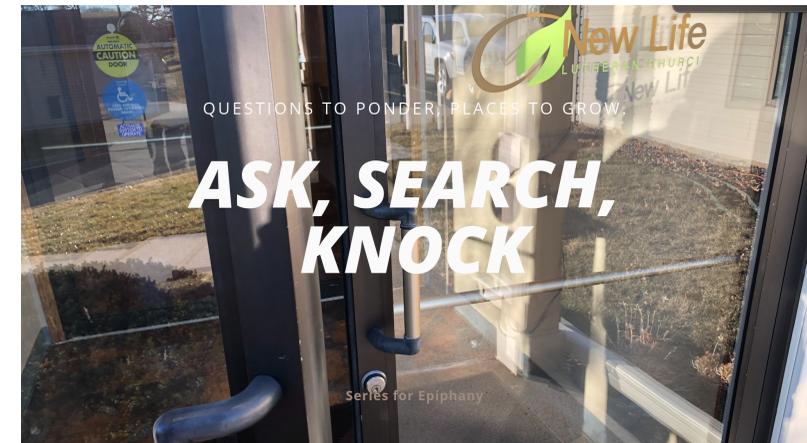
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We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person--questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.



January 20, 2019

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

We all come with questions. In fact, if we stop questioning, we stop growing. In this series during the church season of epiphany we will grow together in our understanding, knowledge and faith. E.E. Cummings once said, "Always the beautiful answer who asks a more beautiful question." We have some beautiful questions to ask! So let's ask, and search and knock together and answer your questions of faith. Together we'll spend eight weeks pondering and growing in the questions. Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." Matthew 7.7 (NRSV)

Order of Worship

Gathering: *God, Whose Almighty Word ELW 673 (8.15) Cornerstone (10.30)*

Reading: **Luke 4:14-30** page 835

Message: **What about the Bible?**

Song of Response: *Thy Strong Word ELW 511 (8.15) Awakening (10.30)*

Offering Song: *As We Gather at Your Table ELW 522 (8.15) Cannons (10.30)*

Distribution: *What Feast of Love ELW 487 (8.15) O Come to the Altar (10.30)*

Sending Song: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve ELW 551 (8.15)*



What about the Bible?

What if we didn't have the bible? Could we still have faith? How do the scriptures still speak to us today? Just what is the bible anyways? Obviously, the Scriptures that are collected into a book or Bible describe and speak about many things — everything from the creation of the world to the world's end. Because these writings originate from a time period that spans more than a thousand years and come to us in a variety of handwritten manuscripts and fragments, they have been studied carefully with all the tools of research that are available. This research continues to enrich understanding of the Scriptures and their message.

January Memory Verse

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." -Revelation 21:5 (NRSV)

Welcome Federwitz Family

Over the past several years New Life has enjoyed a partnership with the Jonathan Federwitz family who are missionaries serving the people of Papua New Guinea with Lutheran Bible Translators. We are pleased to welcome the Federwitz family to worship with us this morning!

Financial Peace University

"Debt is normal. Be weird!" Financial Peace University begins January 22. This 9 week class is open to all, but registration is required. Sessions will be on Tuesday nights from 6:30 - 8 pm. Sign up online today!

Women's Retreat

Join us at *Cozy Mountain Lodge* on January 25-26 at Amanda Fletcher's home in order to slow down, savor a warm beverage while chatting with friends, and enjoy time with God. Our retreat is a mountain lodge theme where we'll experience meaningful Bible study, worship, connect with other women, and have time for quiet reflection and plenty of laughter! For more information contact Kari Murray 515.669.7339.

"Lincoln\$ for Louisville"

"Lincoln\$ for Louisville" is a fund raiser for our summer mission trip. We are asking your help in collecting Lincoln\$ (\$5) to offset the cost of our trip. Check out the map to see where your Lincoln\$ are taking us! Louisville is about 588 miles or 117 Lincoln\$ away. Thank you for your support! Any questions contact Glenda at 515-229-1128

Annual Meeting

Council President Lance Taylor has called our Annual Meeting for Jan. 27th at 9:30 am. We will discuss and celebrate 2018 and look forward towards where God is calling and leading us into 2019 and beyond. A budget review will take place TODAY following 10:30 worship.

Bible Presentations

Today the families of kindergarten and 3rd grade students will fulfill the promises of baptism and place into the hands of their children the holy scriptures. A 3rd grade "getting to know your bible" class will be held on Jan. 27th.

Coffee with the Council and Pastor Nate

Interested in learning more about New Life? The next Coffee with Council and Pastor Nate will be held following 10:30 worship on February 10. We'd love for you to join us!

Directory Update

It's time to update our Member Directory and we need your help. There is a copy of our current membership information on the table in the back of the worship area. Please take a couple of minutes and review the information we have for you and make any necessary corrections. You may also update your contact information online at newlifenorwalk.org.

Youth Group Today

All Youth, let's get active (indoors) today. We'll carpool from the church at noon today to Smash Park in West Des Moines for pickleball and other games. Students should bring money for their own food. We'll drop youth off at home with parents permission.

Silent Auction Donations

This July, 9 of our youth and 3 adults will be spending a week serving the community of Louisville, Kentucky. As in years past, we will hold a silent auction to raise funds for this trip starting March 24. We are currently looking for donations. Some ideas for donations include: themed baskets, goods and services, baked goods that could be made for the winner at a later date, etc. All donations are appreciated and will be accepted prior to March 17th. Donations may be dropped off at the church office or to Amanda Fletcher. Please let Amanda Fletcher know what you would be willing to donate (thefletchercrew@gmail.com or 515.210.9474).

