

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 for March March 22, 29 and April 5 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 1.26.20 - Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am; Annual Meeting 9:30 am; JOURNEY Sunday school 9:30 am; Men's Group 5:30 pm
- Monday 1.27.20 - Office Closed
- Wednesday 1.29.20 Food Pantry 4:30-6:30; WOW 6:30 pm; Confirmation Class 7 pm
- Friday 1.31.20 - OWLS Lunch at SKIPS 11:30 am
- Saturday 2.1.20 - Council Retreat 8:30 am - 2 pm @
- Sunday 2.2.20 - Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am; JOURNEY Sunday school, Adult Forum & Breakfast, Buddies & Bibles 9:30 am

Mark Your Calendars

- **February 12** - Faith & Family Night and Poverty Simulation
 - **February 16** - Youth Ice Skating & Zombie Burger
 - **February 22** - *WonderFull* Women's Retreat
- Attendance last Week: (1.15 & 19.20) 187

Worship Assistants

	Today 8.15	Today 10.30	2.2.20 8.15	2.2.20 10:30
Ushers	Ordals	Porters	Halvorsons	Drews
Media	Ron Groskreutz	Leslie Merriman	Ed Kuhl	Cody Bales
Readers	Kathy Weeks	Alan Hautekeete	Jim Jones	John Feuling
Greeter	Eugene Schultze	Levermans	Cael Bemis	Grant Fleeter
Coffee	Allyson Seymour	Wanda V & Danene V	Deb Bemis	Abbie Olson & Theresa Drew
Servers	Pacas	Riepers	Loebes	Leslie Merriman & Allee Clark
Nursery	n/a	Emily Blom	n/a	Sheila Taylor
		Tanner M		Spencer Taylor
Scrip	Dave Loebe	Leslie Merriman	n/a	n/a
Host	Abbie Olson	Anna Lund	Abbie Olson	Matt Hill
Counters	Ron Fels		Lisa Smith	
	Krista Place		Barb Anderson	
Altar Guild	Allison Halvorson		Audrey Harryman	

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

Russell Place

Larriane Petrone

George Collier - Young friend of Kylie Bales

Joe Gezel - Shirley Geyer's cousin

Tom Cahill - Sheila Taylor's father

Tracy Offutt - Karen Haug's sister-in-law

Beth Hyde - Don Hyde's mother

Jesse Sellers - friend of Mary Hodges and Jack Kimball

Leanne Willard - Darrell Jurgens' sister

Mark LeMaster's Family

Craig Phinney

Military

Rachael Pearson - Rusty Pearson's daughter



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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 26, 2020

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God's grace and mercy.

Order of Worship

Gathering Song: *Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am* ELW 814 (8.15) *Trust in You* (10.30)

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4 & Matthew 4:12-23

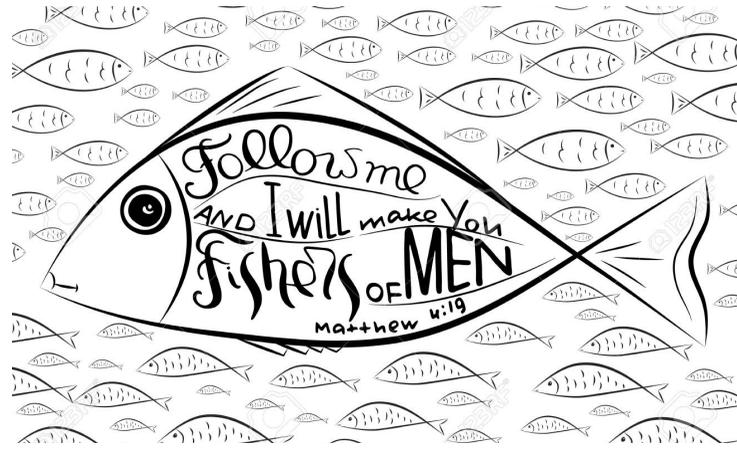
Message: The Light in the Darkness

Song of Response: *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* ELW 817(8.15) *Shadows* (10.30)

Offering Song: *Will You Come and Follow Me* ELW 306 (8.15) *Captain* (10.30)

Distribution Song: *Here I Am, Lord* ELW 574 (8.15) *Oceans* (10.30)

Sending Song: *Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am* ELW 814



Jesus called on these fishermen to follow him. It is interesting to note what kind of men they were. They were not men of great scholarship, or influence, or wealth, or social background. They were not poor, they were simple working people with no great background, and certainly, anyone would have said, with no great future. It was these ordinary men whom Jesus chose. What Jesus needs is ordinary folk who will give him themselves. He can do anything with people like that.

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2020 Summer Youth Mission Trip(s)

We are excited to announce two dates and locations for the 2020 Summer Mission Trips. Six High School students will travel to Denver, CO June 7-12 & eleven Middle students will head to Duluth, MN July 26-31.

Soaper(??) Bowl of Caring

As many of you know, over the past several years we have participated in the National Souper Bowl of Caring initiative during the weeks leading up to and including Super Bowl weekend. This year, we are inviting you to participate in a "Soaper" Bowl of caring during the next 3 weeks by bringing Laundry Detergent to be given to individuals using the Food Pantry.

Newcomers Coffee

We host a newcomers class on the 2nd Sunday of every month. If you've been visiting for a while and are interested in learning more about New Life, we'd love for you to join us for a pot luck dinner and informational discussion on February 9 at 5 pm in the church basement.

Council Retreat

Our Church Council (current, incoming & outgoing members) will hold their Annual Retreat on February 1 from 8:30 am - 2 pm at the City State Bank Community Room - Colonial location.

Faith & Family Night

Our next Faith & Family Night is Feb.12. Come for an evening of worship, faith & family related activities as well as a taco dinner. DMARCC will lead a hunger simulation on Feb. 12 beginning at 7 pm.

Ice Skating & Zombie Burgers!

Ice Skating & Zombie burgers sounds like a great combination for our Youth group! Let's plan on meeting at 2 pm on Sunday, February 16 for a fun afternoon. (invite a friend if you like) Please let Pastor Nate or Mike Geisler know if you're planning on coming.

Breakfast, Buddies & Bibles

High School students are invited to meet at the church on at 9 am to carpool to Maid-Rite for Breakfast, Buddies & Bibles on February 2. Lance Taylor & Matt Hill will lead February's discussion

Women's Retreat

The *WonderFull World* retreat for women focuses on John 3:16, "For God so loved the world." This Christian women's retreat is Bible-based and spiritually up lifting. Join us at the *WonderFull World* retreat on February 22 at Anna Lund's Home. Registration forms are available on the table in the rear of the worship area. For more information contact Kari Murray 669-7339 or (kmurray120@gmail.com).

Message-Pop Ministry

Ever had a day when a friendly word or an 'atta boy (or girl)' could really make a difference? That's what we'd like to give our 1st Responders. Our goal is to distribute 1000 Message Pops to Police Officers and Firemen in Norwalk & Des Moines during the first week in February. Will you help by donating some Blow Pops or Tootsie Pops? The Confirmation kids will attach the individual messages and they'll be on their way throughout the community with a 'Thank you' message from NLLC.

Agape Bags

Would you help assemble emergency care items to be handed out to folks we encounter in our daily lives who are living on the margins? Our goal is to assemble at least 25 Agape Bags for this purpose. Each bag would contain a pair of warm socks, a pair of gloves/mittens, a stocking hat, 6 hand warmers, 2 granola bars and a \$5 bill. A sign up sheet is available in the back of the worship area or sign up at newlifenorwalk.org. We'd like to have these bags ready to distribute by February 9. Agape Bags may then be taken by members to share agape love to those in need.

