

JOURNEY Sunday School JOURNEY Sunday School is meeting in a virtual capacity over Zoom. Pre-K through 1st Grade group will meet at 9:30 and 2-5 Grade will zoom at 12:00. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie at orangeles5@msn.com.

"What's Next?"

We know that we're going to come back together. We also know that some things will never be the same. The Executive Committee and Church Council have identified 3 projects that we believe will best prepare New Life to keep and reach members and others with the love of Jesus and share that love with a world in need. As we come back together:

- We need to continue to reach out to those that are not ready to re-gather - digital is the new back pew (updates & upgrades in internet, technology & network)
- We need to provide the best worship experience possible (new monitors, keyboard, etc)
- We need to re-gather as safely as possible (touch free bathrooms)

Our goal is to raise approximately \$15,000 for this project. We'd like to ask you to prayerfully support this aggressive "What's Next" campaign as we move forward toward the future together as New Life Lutheran Church. Please contact John Sperry with any questions at jdsperry@gmail.com.

Schedule for this week

- Sunday 11.22.20 - Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am; JOURNEY Sunday School (Zoom) 9:30 am & 12 pm
- Monday 11.23.20 - Office Closed
- Tuesday 11.24.20 - Executive Committee 6:30 pm; Church Council 7:30 pm
- Wednesday 11.25.20 - Food Pantry 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday - Happy Thanksgiving!
- Sunday 11.29.20 - Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am; JOURNEY Sunday School (Zoom) 9:30 am & 12 pm; Advent Box Pick-Up 8-12



We are a congregation of the Southeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

www.newlifenorwalk.org

Office Phone (515) 285-5965

Rev. Nathan J. Liedtke - Pastor

Pastor Nate's Email: nate@newlifenorwalk.org

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

We are the 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.



November 22, 2020: Christ the King Sunday

Fall Theme: WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS

You fear you won't make it through. We all do. We fear that the depression will never lift, the yelling will never stop, the pain will never leave. In the pits, surrounded by deep walls and aching reminders, we wonder: Will this gray sky ever brighten? Will this load ever lighten? Will the fighting stop? God doesn't promise that getting through trials will be quick or painless. It wasn't for Joseph - tossed into a pit by his brothers, sold into slavery, wrongfully imprisoned, forgotten and dismissed. This Old Testament story teaches us to trust God to trump evil. We will get through this!

**Today's Theme:
Is God Good
When Life Isn't?**



Unlike us, God never gives up on a person. Never. Long after we have moved on, God is still there, probing conscience, stirring conviction, always orchestrating redemption. Fix your enemies? That's God's job! Forgive your enemies? Ah, that's where you and I come in. We forgive. "Do not let the sun go down on your anger. And do not give the devil an opportunity" Ephesians 4. 26-27 (NASB). Anger gives ground to the evil one. Bitterness invites those who have upset us to move in and stink up the place. It's time to air it out, to clean out the clutter and let it go. *-adapted from You'll Get Through This. Max Lucado (2013)*

Welcome Visitors & Newcomers A warm welcome to visitors & newcomers! It is great to have you worship with us today. We invite you to reach out to us via email (newlifelutheranoffice@gmail.com) phone (515.285.5965) or through our website at newlifenorwalk.org. We'd love to hear from you!!

Online Giving Even as we have not been able to gather together, thank you for your regular and continued financial support of this church. We have experienced true generosity even as we've been shifting ministries online. We are significantly behind in our expected offering to date. If you are able to make up, catch up or give a little extra, we would be so appreciative. Consider setting up an online giving account available through our website. Online giving is safe, easy and consistent. Reach out to John Sperry or Lance Taylor with any questions. Venmo is also available @NLLCNorwalk

Operation Christmas Child New Life has once again participated in Operation Christmas Child. Filled shoeboxes need to be returned by noon today. Contact Pat Stoffell with questions at stoffel.pat@principal.com.

Food Pantry Last week over 90 families receiving food, resources, and assistance through the food pantry. As schedules have changed, we're looking for some folks who might help with the food distribution on Wednesdays. Stop by and give a few hours of your time from 3:30-6:30 pm or email Jim Lund at jklund24@yahoo.com. Your financial support sustains this vital food ministry for the whole community!

Braving the Wilderness Book Discussion Pastor Nate is hosting a new book study/discussion based on Brene Brown's bestseller *Braving the Wilderness*. The book is available for purchase or download online. Discussions will be held via Zoom on Thursdays in November at 8 pm. Plan to participate in as many meetings as possible.

Warrior Giving Project (formerly known as Project Santa) The goal of the The Warrior Giving project is to help Norwalk families meet basic needs over the holiday season. New Life has adopted six families in order to provide Christmas blessings to our neighbors. We won't have gift tags for you to take this but rather there is a complete list of needs listed at newlifenorwalk.org. For more information follow the Warrior Giving Project on Facebook @WarriorGivingProject.

Advent Box Pickup - Next Sunday The season of Advent begins next Sunday. Members of the congregation are assembling advent boxes for you to use at home during this time of physical distancing. You are invited to drive by and pick up your advent box on Sunday, Nov. 29 anytime in the morning. At home devotions, worship resources, kids activities, candles and readings will be in each box so that you can celebrate this season of Advent in your home

Holy Communion Holy Communion elements along with a home communion liturgy are available in the south entrance.

