

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 3.17.19 - Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am; Education Hour 9:30 am; Short and Sweet 5:30 pm
- Monday 3.18.19 - Office Closed
- Wednesday 3.20.19 - Wellness Walk 5:00 pm; Soup Supper 5:45 pm; Mid-Week Lenten Worship 6:30 pm
- Saturday - Morning Run 7:30 am
- Sunday 3.24.19 - Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am; Education Hour 9:30 am; Short and Sweet 5:30 pm

March Memory Verse

So whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31

Attendance last week: (Sun. 3.10 & Wed. 3.13) 198

Worship Assistants

	Today 8.15	Today 10.30	3.20.19 6:30	3.24.19 8:15	3.24.19 10:30
Ushers	Seymours	Cody Bales &	Halvorsons	Pacas	Alan & Val H
Media	Eugene Schultze	Spencer Taylor	Karen C	Ron G	Cody Bales
Reader	Kathy Weeks	Jon Lund	Lisa Smith	Reagan G	Ben Liedtke
Greeter	Greg Hayworth	Grant Fletcher	Dan Blom	Hydes	Mike Geisler
Coffee	Jim Jones	Amanda Fletcher & Kerrie L		Wanda L	Sandi Walsh & Wanda V
Servers	Hayworths	Danene V & Wanda V		Eugene S & Allyson S	Drews
Nursery	n/a	Laura & Brooke K		n/a	Abbie Olson & Allee C
Scrip	n/a	n/a		Dave L	Krista Place
Host	Daira Driftmier	Audrey Harriman	Abbie Olson	Laura Kimball	Jessica Iverson
Counters	Krista Place			Ron Fels	
	Denise Sebek			Karen Chapman	
Altar Guild	Jean Bragg				

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)*

Family of Jon Danielson - friends of Mark LeMaster
 Pete & Marsha Foreman and family - friends of Krista Place
 Patricia Acheson - Karen Samuelson's niece
 Brenda Caster - friend of Krista Place & Leslie Merriman
 Ryan - Wanda Vetterick's young cousin
 Cindi Hautekeete - Alan Hautekeete's sister-in-law
 Judee Schumann - Beth Hayworth's mother



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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.



March 17, 2019

2nd Sunday in Lent

We live in a clock-ticking, fast-paced world. Being "busy" has become a measure of worth in our society. We get big points for productivity, collecting accomplishments, having and being "more." But our very souls are paying a high price. What does it cost our communities, our relationships, and our personal well-being to be so busy? Lent traditions of "giving something up" developed over the centuries. But instead of thinking of "giving up" as punishment in some way, we are going to see it as making more room for God and moving in the direction of "self-care" so that we might have more spiritual and energetic reserves. In order to make more room, we invite you to focus on de-cluttering and lightening up your lives.

Order of Worship

Gathering: *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* ELW 777
(8.15) *Cornerstone* (10.30)

Reading: Psalm 23 page 435

Message: Preparing a Table

Song of Response: *The Lord's My Shepherd* ELW 778 (8.15) *Beautiful Name* (10.30)

Offering Song: *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* ELW 818 (8.15) *Beautiful Things* (10.30)

Distribution: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* ELW 484
(8.15) *Come as You Are* (10.30)

Sending Song: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*
ELW 545 (8.15)



The Twenty-third Psalm is a great comfort to us as we imagine the green pastures and still waters. It also recalls the dark valleys and calls us into the not-so-easy practice of sitting down at the table with our enemies. An unhurried God is present with us in the good times and in the difficult time and invites us to be radically present to each other in the same way. Have we been too busy to be really present to one another?

Silent Auction

Our Annual Silent Auction will be held from March 24 - April 14. The auction raises funds for this summer's youth mission trip to Louisville, KY. Donation to the auction need to be received by March 17. Please let Amanda Fletcher know what you would be willing to donate (thefletchercrew@gmail.com or 515.210.9474).

Girlfriends in God New Bible Study

Girlfriends in God has started a new book study based on Beth Moore's book *The Quest*. Dates: 3.10, 3.24, 4.7, 4.24, 5.8, 5.22. All sessions meet from 6:30 to 7:45 pm at the church. *Participants are encouraged to purchase the Quest Study Journal by Beth Moore.

Soup Suppers & Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Come join us on Wednesday evening for a simple meal of soup and bread followed by worship. Soup Suppers are provided by each committee of the church and proceeds from the free will offering are used to help fund this summer's youth trip. Soup Suppers begin at 5:45 followed by worship at 6:30 pm. This week's meal will be provided by the Executive Committee.

Noisy Offering Update

We raised just over \$100.00 for Joppa Outreach with our February Noisy Offering. Thanks to everyone for their generous support! For March we will be supporting the Norwalk High School Dance Marathon, which raises funds for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital.

Lenten Outreach Initiative

For more than 150 years Lutheran Services of Iowa has empowered Iowa children, adults and families through therapy, parent education, crisis intervention, residential treatment for youth and community support for people with disabilities and people of refugee status. Pick up some information about LSI at the display table in the back.

Are you well?

How are you? Like, really? How is your whole self? Wellness is increasingly understood as multi-dimensional — made up of spiritual, vocational, intellectual, emotional, physical, social, and financial dimensions of well-being. Spiritual well-being is intertwined with and influences our well-being in all other dimensions. During Lent, we want to focus on two areas of wellness; Physical Well-Being and Emotional Well-Being. It's our goal to have 40 families participate in one or both of these areas as we move towards wellness.

1. Sign up to participate in several physical activities and take the movement challenge during lent by running, walking, biking and more with Daira Driftmier, Lisa Smith, Pastor Nate and Kari Murray.
2. Sign up for a gratitude challenge which offers opportunities to get together and practice gratitude, a book study and a challenge to write and say thank you on a regular basis. Read the book "Grateful" by Diana Butler Bass and come to two group discussions. **Books are available for purchase in the back of the worship space.**
 - Wednesday, March 27 2:30 & 7:30 -(Part 1 & 2)
 - Wednesday, April 24 2:30 & 7:30 - (Part 3 & 4)

First Communion Classes

This year, two classes will be offered on Sundays from 11:45 am-12:30 pm. Classes will meet on April 7 & 14. First Communion will be celebrated during Maundy Thursday worship on April 18. If you have a student in second grade, or have missed first communion instruction for any reason, please plan to attend both classes with your child.

Welcome & Thank You

Welcome to Pastor Dwight Dubois who leads us in worship this morning. Pastor Dubois is the author of The Scattering: Imagining a Church that Connects Faith and Life.

