

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 by volunteers during worship (10:30) and is located south of the worship space.

This Week at New Life

- Sunday 3.8.20 - Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am; Education Hour 9:30 am; Newcomers Coffee 11:45 am; Iowa Wolves Faith & Family Night 3 pm; GIG 6:30 pm
- Monday 3.9.20 - Office Closed
- Wednesday 3.11.20 - Food Pantry 4:30-6:30; Lenten Soup Supper 5:45 - 6:30 pm; Mid-Week Worship 6:30 pm
- Friday 3.13.20 - Men at McDonald's 6:15 am
- Sunday 3.15.20 - Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am Education Hour 9:30 am; Silent Auction starts

March 22 - First Communion Classes begin

April 4 - Easter Egg Hunt 10 am

April 5 - Palm Sunday Breakfast

April 9 - Maundy Thursday Worship & First Communion Celebration 6:30 pm

April 10 - Good Friday Worship 6:30 pm

Attendance last week: (3.1 & 4.20) 219

Worship Assistants

	Today 8.15	Today 10.30	Wed. 3.11.20	3.15.20 8:15	3.15.20 10:30
Ushers	Hydes	VanZuuks	Ordals	Ordals	Taylor
Media	Ed Kuhl	Cody Bales	Sandy A	Eugene S	Tracy Olson
Reader	Kathy Weeks	Lisa Smith	n/a	Jim Jones	Clift Driftmier
Greeter	Murrays	Jeri Trilk	n/a	Janice A	Dan Blom
Coffee	Jeri Paca	Marty A & Danene V	n/a	Kay Muller	Sandy A & Bonnie Lund
Servers	Christie K & Allyson S	Luedtkes	n/a	Loebes	Danene V & Wanda V
Nursery	n/a	Abbie Olson	n/a	n/a	Daira Driftmier
Scrip	Dave Loebe	Leslie Merriman	n/a	Kathy Weeks	Karen Chapman
Host	Lance T	Matt Hill	Audrey Harryman	TBD	Kathryn Leverman
Counters	Denise Sebek		n/a	Jake Murray	
	Lisa Smith		n/a	Jim Lund	
Altar Guild	Kari Luedtke				

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

Verlaine Hayes

Paul Drew

Kathy Hansen - Amanda Fletcher's mother

Barb Anderson

Earl McCreary - Abbie Olson's grandfather

Gene Anderson - Friend of Lori Prier

Craig Phinnec

George Collier - Young friend of Kylie Bales

Beth Hyde - Don Hyde's mother

Jesse Sellers - friend of Mary Hodges and Jack Kimball

Leanne Willard - Darrell Jurgens' sister

Mark LeMaster's Family



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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 8, 2020 | 2nd Sunday in Lent

Rediscovering the Transformative Power of Mercy

In today's contentious climate, when it seems like the loudest voice often wins, it can be tempting to root faith expression in having the right ideas, the clearest doctrine, the best arguments. But the call 87of the gospel is to be like Jesus, who modeled faith in both word and deed. More than ever, it is urgent for Christians to be not only messengers of trust but also ministers of mercy.

Order of Worship

Gathering Song: *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me ELW 767 (8.15) This Is Amazing Grace (10.30)*

Readings: Genesis 45:1-15 (page 37)

Message: Mercy in Our Homes

Song of Response: *For the Beauty of the Earth ELW 879 (8.15) Chain Breaker (10.30)*

Offering Song: *As the Grains of Wheat ELW 465 (8.15) Captain (10.30)*

Distribution Song: *Let Us Break Bread Together ELW 471 (8.15) No Longer Slaves (10.30)*

Sending Song: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell ELW 883*



Forgiveness can be especially difficult within close relationships—maybe even especially family relationships. The life of Joseph illustrates this. Joseph had every earthly reason to hold a grudge and he eventually had the opportunity to exact revenge, but he chose a different road: the mercy journey. By taking that road, Joseph modeled for us how we can move toward forgiveness, peace and redemption in our relationships. When bad happens to you, how will you respond? Like Joseph, can you find it in your heart to move towards reconciliation. Can you imagine what that might mean in your home?

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Newcomers Coffee

We host a newcomers coffee on the 2nd Sunday of every month. If you've been visiting for a while and are interested in learning more about New Life, please join us for coffee following worship today. We'll meet in the Resource Center behind Pastor's office at 11:45.

Girlfriends in God

As we start into the season of Lent, the *Faithful Bible Study* will change dates and times. We will meet at the church at 6:30 on Sundays, March 8 (Esther) & March 22 (Hosea) and 7 pm on Wednesday (Malachi) April 8. For more information contact Kari Murray (669.7339) or visit newlifenorwalk.org.

Soup Suppers & Mid-Week Lenten Worship

As is our tradition at New Life, each Wednesday through the season of Lent we share a light evening meal of soup and bread followed by an evening prayer service. Soup Suppers are provided by each committee of the church with proceeds from the freewill offering used to support the Youth Mission trips. Soup Suppers begin at 5:45 followed by worship at 6:30 pm. The Board of Worship will host this Wednesday's meal.

Noisy Offering Update

During the month of February the children's Noisy Offering collected \$125.26 to be given to the YESS (Youth Emergency Shelter & Services). THANK YOU! March's offering will go to the DMARC Food Pantry.

Silent Auction

Our Annual Silent Auction will be held from March 15 - April 5. The auction raises funds for this summer's youth mission trips to Duluth, MN & Denver, CO. If you would like to donate a basket of goods or services for the auction, please contact Mike Geisler. Donations to the auction need to be received by March 13. Please let Mike Geisler know what you would be willing to donate (mikegeisler@hotmail.com or 570.4662).

Lenten Outreach

Lenten disciplines call us to fast, to give and to pray. This year we would like to encourage you to *prayerfully give* several different items to be distributed through the food pantry. Knowing that there are many folks who *go without* might encourage you to generously give these items. Contact Jessica Iverson (jessica.c.iverson@gmail.com) with questions. Each week, bring these items; March 1: Dental Care, March 8: Soap & Shampoo, March 15: Shaving Products, March 22: Deodorant, March 29: Feminine Hygiene.

First Communion Classes

This year, three classes will be offered on Sundays from 11:45 am-12:30 pm. Classes will meet on March 22, 29 & April 5. First Communion will be celebrated during Maundy Thursday worship on April 9. If you have a student in second grade, or has missed first communion instruction for any reason, please plan to attend these classes with your child.

Men at McDonald's

During Lent, all men are invited to join one another for breakfast each Friday morning beginning at 6:15 am for fellowship and bible study. Join us this week.

Easter Egg Hunt

The New Life Lutheran Church Board of Education is gearing up for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held this year on Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 am. In order for this event to be success, we are need of wrapped candies that will fit inside the standard Easter eggs. If you could donate a bag (or two!), it would be greatly appreciated as we need over 1200 pieces for the event. Financial donations will be accepted as well in the polka dot box in the back.

OWLS Luncheon

Older Wiser Lutherans will meet for lunch at The Chicken (4221 SE Orilla Rd) on Friday, March 20 at 11:30 am.

