

A MAP Forward After around 14 months of COVID, we're all ready to move forward. The church council has voted unanimously to engage in a LISTENING Process with church consultants, Kairos and Associates, to move boldly into the future together. This intentional listening process will help us as a congregation to move into a world after COVID. It is our hope that we will clearly define the needs of the community and the hopes of our congregation over this summer. We'll need your help to make this a successful process. Watch for more information. A Mission Assessment Profile Survey will be available for all members and friends of the congregation to help us discover needs and issues within Norwalk and the surrounding community and the church's potential to respond to those needs.

Worship Assistants Needed If you would like to help with Sunday worship this month, there is a sign-up sheet on the desk at the south entrance or you can go to newlifenorwalk.org under the 'members' tab. Thank You!

Schedule for this week

- Sunday 5.2.21 - Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am; Adult Forum 9:30 am; New Comers Coffee 11:30 am; Men's Group 6 pm
- Monday 5.3.21 - Office Closed; GIG Bible Study 6:30 via Zoom
- Wednesday 5.5.21 - Food Pantry 4:30 - 6:30 pm; Confirmation Class 7 pm
- Saturday 5.8.21 - Breakfast Fundraiser pick-up 8 am - 12 pm @ the South Basement entrance
- Sunday 5.9.21 - Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am; Breakfast Fundraiser pick-up 9 - 10:30 am @ the South Basement entrance; JOURNEY Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:30 am

Please use this place for notes:



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We Exist: To Grow in Faith and Make Christ Known.

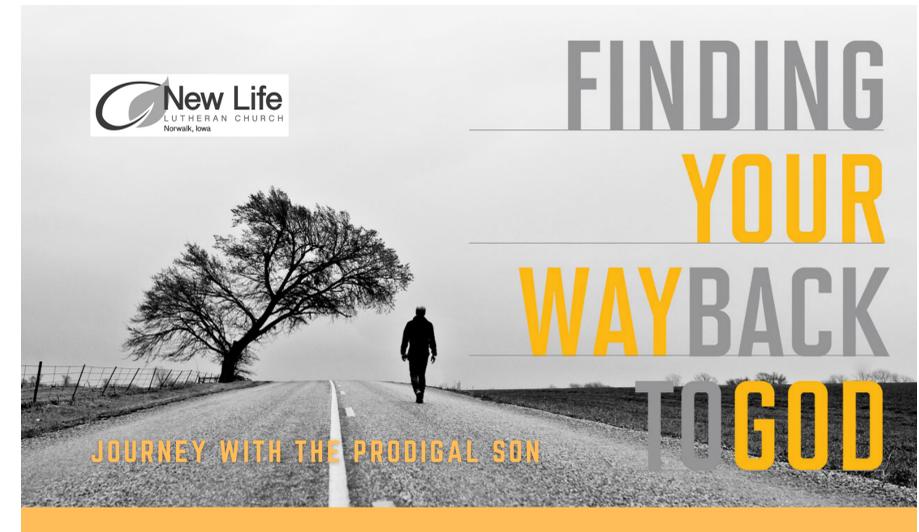
This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.

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May 2, 2021 | 5th Sunday of Easter

Our longing for love, purpose, and meaning in life finds fulfillment in a relationship with God. Regardless of where you are on your journey, you can find your way back to God and awaken to living a life that matters! This five week sermon series following Easter will help us to see that there is a pattern which awakens us to finding love, purpose, and meaning in life when we find our way back to God. Join us online or in person as we dig deep into the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15.

Welcome Visitors & Newcomers A warm welcome to visitors & newcomers! It is great to have you worship with us today! We have a gift for you in the south entrance area. Join us for a Newcomers Coffee this Sunday at 11:30 am. Connect with us online on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter, or through our website at newlifenorwalk.org. Email us at newlifelutheranoffice@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!

Online Giving Thank you for your continued financial support of this church. Please consider setting up an online giving account available through our website. Online giving is safe, easy and consistent. Reach out to Lance Taylor (financialsecretarynllc@gmail.com) with any questions. Venmo is also available @NLLCNorwalk.

Girlfriends in God Update We are studying Elijah using a resource by Priscilla Shirer. All women are welcome to attend. Let Kari Murray (515.669.7339) or Lisa Smith (515.360.4828) know if you are interested, and we will send you the zoom link and videos. On May 24 at 6:30 pm GIG will meet at the Church's fire pit for study & a time of fellowship.

New Life Community Garden Can you help? We are looking for volunteers to plant on May 15 or 22 and to weed, water, and harvest throughout the summer. Please let Kari Murray (drpepdrnkr@hotmail.com) know if you are interested in helping. Last summer we donated over 500lbs of fresh produce to the Norwalk Area Food Pantry thanks to our many volunteers who worked diligently all summer!

Tithe Your Stimulus Our financial Secretary Lance Taylor has asked members to prayerfully consider tithing their stimulus to the church to help us reach our full potential for ministry in this community.

Did you miss last week's Journey Together Event? Make plans now to join us for our next event on May 23 following 10:30 worship, we'll have some good food, a time of fellowship and some fun learning too!

Mark Your Calendars On Sunday, May 16, 6 of our 8th grade students will celebrate Affirmation of Baptism. We give thanks to God for the gift of faith that has been stirred up in these students as they say "yes" to God's promise for them and for the world.

Adult Forum 'Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple'. Adult Forum has begun a six week journey together toward a greater understanding of Simon Peter, the man Jesus called to be the "Rock" on which he built his church. Adult Forum meets each Sunday at 9:30 am.

Newcomers Coffee Have you been visiting for a while either in person or online? Would you like to learn more about New Life? If so, please plan on joining Pastor Nate for a time of conversation and a cup of coffee following late worship this morning.

Men's Group meets this evening from 6 - 7:30 pm. We are studying Morgan Snyder's book 'Becoming a King'. Becoming a King is an invitation into a radical reconstruction of much of what we've come to believe about God, ourselves, and the meaning of life. All are welcome to attend.

Summer Helpers Needed We need folks to mow, to help maintain the flower beds surrounding the building, or commit to tending our flag for a few weeks at a time. If you can help, please sign up at newlifenorwalk.org under the 'members' tab. There are sign-up sheets provided in the church office.

Breakfast Fundraiser Surprise Mom on Mother's Day with homemade Breakfast Burritos and Cinnamon Rolls & help support our youth attend Mission Trips this summer to New Orleans and Milwaukee. Drive-up/walk-in orders welcomed, but pre-orders are encouraged to guarantee availability. Preorder forms are available on the desk at the south entrance or go to newlifenorwalk.org to preorder. Donations accepted by cash, card or Venmo. Venmo available @NLLCNorwalk

Sharing Some "Shoe Love" The Norwalk Area Ministerial Association (NAMA) is looking to continue help families who are struggling to provide basic needs for their children. NAMA is starting a shoe closet to provide any child in need of tennis shoes with new shoes that fit for the 2021-2022 school year. New Life is partnering with NAMA as a Community Champion. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 before May 31. Please consider a generous gift to get this program up and running (no pun intended).

Youth Group On Sunday, May 16th, we'll gather to do some service projects around the church, enjoy lunch and play some games together.

