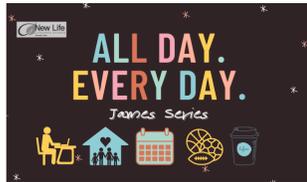


# New Life Lutheran Church

WE EXIST: TO GROW IN FAITH AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN



FALL SERMON SERIES ALL DAY. EVERY DAY



OWLS OUT TO LUNCH SEPTEMBER 10, 2021



HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

# MONTH IN REVIEW

## In Case You Missed It

After a summer of meeting for 1 combined worship service at 9:30 each Sunday, as of September 12 we have returned to our regular schedule of worshipping at 8:15 & 10:30 each Sunday with time for Sunday School & Adult Forum at 9:30. We also started a new sermon series based on the book of James. James lays out a faith that works itself out in the details of life, every single day of the week. Sunday...Monday...Tuesday...and at any time of the day... 7:00 am, 3:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 1:00 am. James presents a faith that is to be lived out ALL DAY. EVERY DAY. This so important, not only because it is the way we glorify God in all of life. It is also important because people want to know that Christianity is relevant and that Christians are sincere.

- Confirmation classes have begun with 23 students taking part. This year we are offering 2 meeting times each Wednesday evening (6:15-7:15 & 7:15-8:15) to better facilitate the student’s & their families’ schedules. Parents and mentors are also being invited to sit in on classes at various times during the month.
- The children elected to give their August Noisy Offering to Meals from the Heartland. We’re pleased to report that thanks to the support of the congregation, they were able to send a check for \$320 to help feed hungry people worldwide.
- The OWLS got together for lunch on September 10 at The Chicken in Orilla. The group of 16 enjoyed a great lunch outside on a beautiful day! The next luncheon is scheduled for October 8 at Old West on Fleur.
- Some members of our High School Youth have started meeting for breakfast on Thursday mornings before school at Maid Rite for a check-in and some prayers.

### Financial Snapshot

Monthly goal: \$20,446.  
total offerings: \$23,518 (5 Sundays) YTD: - \$13,184

### Weekly Attendance

By the numbers (in-person) attendance  
Sept 5: 72  
Sept 12: 86  
Sept 19: 91  
Sept 26: 80

### Food Pantry Use

During the month of September an average of 59 families visited the food pantry each week. Of the families utilizing the food pantry this month, 19 were 1st time users.

•The Men's Group got together on September 19 to make plans for the next few months of study and discussion. They will be reading and discussing "At Your Best" by Carey Nieuwhof.

•After an extended hiatus due to the pandemic the Adopt a Highway program has resumed. A group of young people and adults got together on September 12 to take care of NLLC's stretch of Highway 28, south of town. Before they left to do this clean-up, a group stayed behind to serve up some brats & dogs to folks following 10:30 worship. Originally, this lunch was planned as a fund raiser for next year's youth mission trip, however after word of the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida to the New Orleans Mission that our youth served last summer, the kids decided to send the proceeds from this fundraiser to the Mission. Thanks to all who supported this effort, they were able to send \$560 to them.

•The Action Team met on September 23 to review and evaluate the results of the congregational surveys that were completed over the past few weeks. They have identified multiple programs and ministries that we are currently involved with as well as some ideas for new ways to get more involved in the community. The various programs and ministries are identified on the board in the back of the worship space. For the first 2 Sundays in October, they are asking that you take a few minutes to review the findings and then place an "x" next to those items that you support, are involved with or would like to see New Life invest in, in order to grow in faith and make Christ known.

•We've been invited to lead worship once a month at Holland Farms Senior Living at 9:30 on the fourth Thursday of the month. Unfortunately, due to an illness outbreak in the facility, we were unable to meet in September. Our next opportunity to serve will be October 28.

### COMING IN OCTOBER

OCTOBER 8 - OWLS @ OLD WEST ON FLEUR

OCTOBER 10 - MEN'S GROUP

OCTOBER 17 - CHILI COOK OFF AND PIE SOCIAL

YOUTH COOK-OUT & NIGHT SCAVENGER HUNT

OCTOBER 28 - SR WORSHIP @ HOLLAND FARMS

OCTOBER 31 - POP CAN DRIVE

## NLLC Community Garden



This beautifully maintained garden located on the lot just south of the church building is yielding an incredible harvest. As of Wednesday, September 29, the New Life Gardeners have donated 417 lbs of fresh produce to the Food Pantry. This is in addition to what the gardeners have used for their own families or shared with the congregation each Sunday.