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Schedule for this Week

- Sunday 5.14.23 - Mother's Day; Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am; Education Hour 9:30 am
- Monday 5.15.23 - Office Closed; Open for Prayer 1 pm
- Tuesday 5.16.23 - Grief Share 6:30 pm
- Wednesday 5.17.23 - Food Pantry 4:30 - 6:30 pm, Confirmation Class 6:15 & 7:15 pm
- Thursday 5.18.23 - Food Pantry 9:30 - 11:30 am; Acts Bible Study 12 pm
- Friday 5.19.23 - High School Breakfast at Maid Rite 7 am
- Saturday 5.20.23 - Community Garden Planting
- Sunday 5.21.23 - Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:30 am; Education Hour 9:30 am

Mark Your Calendars

- May 28 - Summer Worship Schedule Begins (9:30 am)
- June 3 - NLLC Day at Miracle League
- June 3-10 - High School Mission Trip to Denver, CO
- June 25-30 - Middle School Mission Trip to Duluth, MN
- July 14 - New Life hosting Lunch in the Park
- July 16-20 - Vacation Bible School

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Kim Driscoll
- Carolyn Dickerson - Mary Demerath's sister-in-law
- Mike Bima - Friend of Sheila Taylor
- Calyn Thompson - Tommy & Connie Thompson's daughter
- Rick Hower - Bob & Mary Hower's nephew
- Rhonda Lohmann & family - friends of Bob & Mary Hower
- Michael Bloomberg - Wanda Loebe's brother
- Marv Mick - Friend of Kim Driscoll
- Bob, Karen & Michael - Friends of Patti Bailey
- Donna Wunsch - Lisa Smith's mom
- Mark Lents - Friend of Emily Blom
- Pam Polke - Friend of Christie Kobernusz
- Roger, Lynn & Leasa - Friends & family of Russ Jansen
- Diane Adair - Friend of Krista Place
- Dave Howard - Friend of Mike Overturf
- Lisa Geyer - Shirley Geyer's granddaughter
- Jameo - Friend of Susan Davis
- Tara - Friend of Linnea Stockwell
- Jeanne Spoden - Sheila Taylor's sister
- Mark LeMaster's family; Alexis, Johnny, Kaleb & Jordyn
- Allison Halvorson
- Cal Muller
- Cindi Hautekeete -Alan Hautekeete's sister-in-law

Sunday, May 14, 2023

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A connecting, growing and serving congregation

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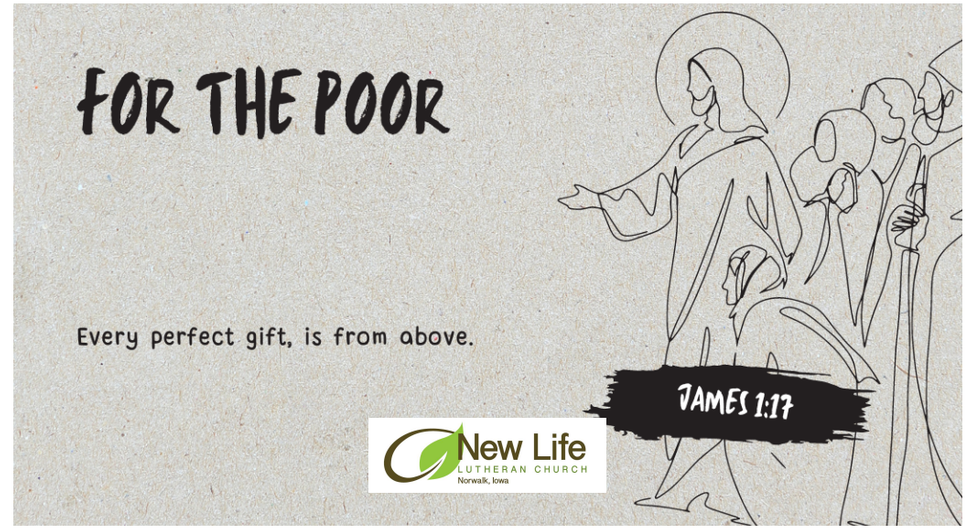

"I have _____ & I have _____." -James 2. 18

- On average, we _____ _____ _____/day.
- This week, _____ _____ (_____ _____ _____) received food because of the Norwalk Area Food Pantry.
- _____ _____ sought food for the first time.
- This spring, New Life confirmation students volunteered _____ _____ of service to help people in need.
- We're serving Lunch in the Park on _____ & _____.
- The food pantry needs: _____, _____ _____ & _____.

"In order to help those most in _____, we're going to be taken _____ of sometimes." -Father John Ludwig

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 on the welcome tables. Please take a welcome envelope home with you. The best way to stay connected with us is through social media (@newlifenorwalkia), or at newlifenorwalk.org. Glad you're here!*

New Sermon Series: "For Them" Too often we define ourselves as what we stand against. During May we will look at the people, groups and things that God is FOR and move towards being FOR the things that God would have us be. Each week we will focus on moving beyond ourselves and towards others.

Food Pantry The Food Pantry served a total of 92 families on Wednesday & Thursday this week. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this important ministry of the Norwalk Area Ministerial Association. The biggest current need is **boxed cereal, canned fruit & canned spaghetti & ravioli.** If you would like to volunteer to help with the food pantry please contact Jim Lund at jklund24@yahoo.com.

Affirmation of Baptism Next Sunday, 6 of our 8th grade students will celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism . Affirmation of Baptism (sometimes called Confirmation) is the opportunity for these students to say "Yes!" to the promises made for us by our parents at our baptisms. We celebrate an ongoing and lifelong faith journey in this important step in the lives of these students.

Graduate Recognition On Sunday, May 28 (note date change) we will recognize our 2023 High School Graduates by presenting them with blankets and share a special blessing for those graduating High School.

Can Drive The Mission Trippers will be collecting and sorting cans on Sunday, May 21 from noon to 2 pm. Drop off your clean plastic, glass and aluminum and help send youth to Denver and Duluth this summer.

Girlfriends in God has started a new Bible Study on Monday evenings at the church. The next session is scheduled for May 22 at 6:30 pm. We are also planning a service day at Ronald McDonald House on June 17. For more information contact Kari Murray at kmurray120@gmail.com.

Church Picnic We'll be hosting a church picnic and kickball game on Sunday, June 11th following worship. Meat will be provided. You're invited to bring a dessert of side dish to share. We're looking forward to it! See you there.

Lawn Mowers Needed Don't miss out on your opportunity to work on your tan and keep the lawn looking great. Sign up today online.

Bible Study Bring your bible and brush up on the movements of the Holy Spirit in the early church. Pastor Nate will lead Bible Study on Sundays at 9:30 am and Thursdays at noon. Come to either session.

Miracle League On Saturday, June 3rd 9:30 - 10:30 we've volunteered to partner with the Miracle League of Central Iowa to play a game of baseball with youth with special needs. Sign up to reserve a spot today online at **newlifenorwalk.org** or on the form in the south entrance.

Noisy Offering Update Thanks to your generosity, the children's noisy offering was able to give $196 to NLLC Welcome Garden from your contributions from April 16-30. May's Noisy Offering will be given to the Puppy Jake Foundation that provides trained service dogs to military veterans.

Vacation Bible School registration is open! **Ready, Set, Move! VBS** is set for July 16-20 from 5:30-7:45 pm. Help us plan by registering your child as soon possible and encourage your child to invite a friend. As you know, VBS programs are dependent on lots of volunteers. We hope you'll choose to be part of our favorite week of the summer and sign up to volunteer today. Details and online registration are accessible on our website **newlifenorwalk.org** or hard copy forms are available in the south entrance. Completed forms may be left in the church office.

Community Garden We are getting ready to start our 10th season of the community garden at New Life Lutheran Church. Each year, we work as a group to grow produce for the Norwalk Area Food Pantry. Last year, this amounted to over 570lbs! Please contact Kari Murray (kmurray120@gmail.com) to get on our volunteer list. First planting is May 20.

Vision Statement: "*New Life will be a congregation that:* Actively INVITES and WELCOMES all, demonstrates both desire and evidence of a LIVING FAITH, and has the space to meet the needs of a GROWING church and community."

Blessing for Mothers

God of all creation, pour out your blessing on all mothers and those who provide motherly care. You have made them in your image and given them children to love and care for in your name. Bless them with a heart like your heart: loving and kind, comforting and strong, nurturing and grace-filled. As they participate in your ongoing creativity, give them discernment to help their children discover their unique gifts. As they teach their children, grant them wisdom to know what is truly valuable. As they strive to share your unconditional love, give them long-suffering patience and a lively sense of humor. As they model your mercy, help them extend the forgiveness they themselves freely receive from you. In all circumstances fortify their faith, that they may love you above all. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.