



# *Life Line*

*August 2010*

## *New Life Lutheran Church*

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*Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord!*

### **Summer Worship Schedule: Worship at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.**

During the Summer, we take a leisurely tour through the different styles of worship here at New Life. The differences are mostly in what the music sounds like and how Holy Communion is distributed. Here's what you experienced in June and July and can expect for August:

#### **June: 8:00 style or "Traditional"**

This means most music is accompanied by the organ and during the communion portion of the service, many congregational parts are sung. The congregation also kneels around the altar for the distribution of communion and partakes of the wine in small glasses versus intinction (dipping).

#### **July: 9:30 style or "Blended"**

This means the music is a mix of newer hymns and older hymns, so songs are accompanied by the organ and piano. During the Holy Communion portion of the service, the distribution style is intinction, meaning the wafer is dipped into the chalice of wine or grape juice.

#### **August: 11:00 style or "Contemporary"**

This means the music is led by the Celebration Band and songs range from traditional hymns to Christian rock songs from the radio. The prayers of the people are sung and Holy Communion is like that of the Blended style service—intinction.

#### **What stays the same?**

Scripture readings, the sermon, prayer requests, offerings and the reason why we gather in the first place—to worship the God made known in Jesus Christ our Lord and be inspired to serve another week in Christ's name.

### **Worship Committee**

Worship Committee meets the first Thursday of every month from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Genesis Room. Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 5. We are currently working on creating Training Videos for all Worship Participant Roles.

## ***A Message from Council.....***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Greetings and God's blessings. The summer sun is shining and the glory of God's creation is all around us. I hope you have had some time to relax and enjoy the warmth of summer and of God's love.

Summer is traditionally a time to visit with family and friends. Sometimes these visits include traveling away from home. When our routines and focus changes it can be easy to forget that we are also part of God's family and that we need to take opportunity for fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. I pray that each of you are able to take time to worship regularly with your New Life family during the next several weeks of summer.

At our July Council meeting we were sad to learn that the Camp Victor in Ocean Springs, Mississippi will be closing, after five years, at the end of August because of a lack of federal funding. The Camp Victor Ministries have been a steady presence in the Gulf Coast since Hurricane Katrina. Since their inception Camp Victor and Mission on the Bay have served over 1,250,000 meals, organized 60,000 volunteers, mucked/gutted 3,500 homes, rehabbed or built anew 550 homes, and managed 2,200 individual or family cases. These camps have also infused \$15 million in to the coast economies. While the camps are closing at the end of August they are hoping to have a "close-out" construction crew to honor the commitments that have already been made but in order to do this they need to raise \$35,000. If you are interested in making a donation to Camp Victor you can contact Pastor Paul or the church office. We will also have a designated Sunday when offerings to Camp Victor can be made.

Our financial situation continues to be an issue in front of the Council. The beginning of summer has brought with it a drop in our monthly giving. While at the end of May we were still about \$900 to the positive when comparing regular giving with our spending plan we ended the month of June \$338.42 behind our spending plan. While we do know that summer giving is frequently down we are encouraging each of you to remember New Life Lutheran Church and to continue to make your tithes and offerings.

Have a blessed summer remember to stay cool, be safe, and to enjoy the wonderful weather.

You sister in Christ

***Sandy Niemiera, Council President***

**Worship Note** - New Life member and Seminarian Bridget Thien will be spending her internship year at Immanuel Lutheran Church, in Jackson, Michigan - come send her off during Worship on Sunday, August 8th.



## New Life's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Come celebrate with us on  
September 26, 2010

Worship Service ~ 10:00a.m.  
Reception on the East Lawn ~ 11:30 a.m.  
Catered Luncheon ~ 12:30 p.m.

Bishop Gary Wollersheim will be preaching and we will have Pastor Huwe and Pastor Brown as guests. Following the service there will be a catered luncheon with *Limited Reserve Seating* in the fellowship hall. Tickets for the luncheon will be \$10 (13 and over) and \$5 (ages 5-12) and 0-4 free. Tickets will go on sale August 1st.

Our celebration of this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year continues throughout 2010 with visits from former pastors, interns, and seminary students.  
Visiting pastor's schedule: Aug. 29, Pastor Al Creighton

If you are interested in helping with the anniversary celebration ~ ~ we will need people to help set up and clean up on September 26 ~ ~ please contact the church office.

### New Life Trivia!

Question #1 Who was the second pastor of New Life?

Question #2 What New Life group began on Sept. 10, 1988? They met 13 times during a season on Saturday nights, and had to pay \$5.70 per person each time they met. This group still exists today.



Check out our website at [www.newlifebolingbrook.com](http://www.newlifebolingbrook.com) to find the answers.

### VBS - Galactic Blast

There were about 113 children (+ teachers and crew leaders) who had an awesome week singing about God, making crafts, having snacks, learning about the stars and planets and playing games outside. Thank you, parents, for the opportunity of getting to know your child(ren). Watch for pictures of them in action in the September newsletter.



## New Life for New Life Vision Journey

Last fall, leaders and members of the church contributed to reflecting on and naming key opportunities and challenges that must be considered as we look to the future of our church. With the beginning of the new year we began a time of prayer and reflection, to ask and answer anew, “What is God calling us at New Life Lutheran Church to be and to do.” A panel of members listened to and interacted with many leaders and members in Bible study, discussions and, a time of retreat. We now have the fruit of that work; a work we believe has been guided by the Holy Spirit.

The “Imagine Series” or also known as the Guiding Vision for New Life was unveiled a few weeks ago and has been the main topic in many of the Sunday sermons over the past weeks. We are only beginning to explore the power and implications of those words for the life of the church. As members, groups and committees begin to discuss and use the Guiding Vision for prayer and reflection the vision will have its impact. Trusting in the power of what God is doing in our midst, our Guiding vision can bring freshness to our ministries here at New Life and can provide renewed energy and enthusiasm – we simply need to spend time with it, read it and use it in our daily activities. Together we will seek to explore how this vision calls us each personally and the church corporately to move into the future. Expect to be touched by it, and if you are open, even changed by what God is doing.

Our journey continues as we plan for the way we will turn the vision into more specific goals and action strategies for the future. A number of events are planned that invite and need the gift of your participation:

- We are currently forming 3 Teams, we are calling them Design Teams, that will work with the vision to develop ministry plans for our future. Expect to hear more in the coming weeks. If you are interested in being a part, please contact a member of the New Life Team.
- On August 28, an “Unpacking the Vision” gathering will be held. This meeting for leaders and interested members will help us begin to identify what must happen to turn our vision into action. .
- On September 18, we will hold a Celebration of the Future. This will be a very active and creative morning inviting all members to come and take a walk in the future as we imagine what the most dynamic, faithful and fruitful future for our church might look like. Building in interactive ways on all the creative ideas of those present, we will seek to think in terms of God’s possibilities. Please make plans to be there. You have a gift to give that no one else can give.
- October 9 – On this date our newly enlisted Design Teams will be trained. Stay open to the Spirit, God may be calling you to be a part of this important work.

October 23 – On this day leaders and members will come together, working with our Vision and learning from the Celebration of the Future to draft Ministry goals for the next 3 to 5 years.

As you can see, lots will be happening this fall, as all of this leads up to and then will flow from our celebration of 40 years of ministry here at New Life. Building on that past we look to the future God has in mind. We look forward to your participation. God has blessed us through the years and now is blessing and calling us into the future through the New Life for New Life process. It is by God working through you that this is happening. ***Thanks be to God***

New Life Youth Ministry exists to

**Worship** God in Jesus Christ,

**Tell** the story of God's love,

**Share** God-given gifts with others and through

**Encouragement**, create a community of belonging that

**Serves** Christ and neighbor.

You have not seen these words before, This purpose statement has been developed over the past year and a half by youth ministry coordinators here at New Life. We have been reading the book, *Purpose Driven Youth Ministry* by Doug Fields, who writes this, "Far too many youth workers are busy doing programs but they can't articulate their biblical purpose behind what they're doing... In the absence of biblical purpose and leadership, there is little chance of developing a healthy youth ministry."

He demonstrates creating a purpose statement around biblical purposes in order to keep a community of Christians grounded in what really matters—God. (if you are thinking this sounds a lot like *Purpose Driven* stuff by Rick Warren—you're right! Doug Fields was until recently the youth pastor at Rick Warren's church in Houston, Texas.)

Having a healthy youth ministry here at New Life is a priority and has been for years. We want youth to explore their faith through worship. We want youth to share the good news of Christ with those who need to hear it. We want youth to celebrate their God-given gifts, gifts that they uniquely have. We want youth to be encouraged, feel supported and uplift one another on their journeys through life as disciples of Christ. We want youth to experience serving Christ by serving others. We think these are God-centered purposes for how and why there should be youth group, youth fellowship, youth retreats, youth mission trips, Confirmation, JAB, SUPPLY, Sunday School, VBS and all that other fun stuff that youth get to do here at New Life. Do you agree?

This purpose statement will be shared and fleshed out in many ways all year. We'll interact with it, as well as use it to guide decisions on programming and events. It'll take us awhile to live into this statement and uncover its depths. What an exciting journey! Youth ministry at New Life is indeed already on track and its potential is out of this world. God does amazing things and isn't done shaking us up at all.

Stay tuned,

***Pastor Rakel***



## **Acolyte Re-Training & Refresher**

At New Life, the acolytes are an integral part of a worship service running smoothly. Here they range from young folks who just finished 4<sup>th</sup> grade all the way up through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This year, we added another part to the acolyte's job description. To re-train & refresh previously trained acolytes, one more session is offered this summer. It will last no more than 30 minutes.

***Sunday, August 8, 11:00am  
(immediately after the 10:00am worship service)***

This session will meet in the Sanctuary. All 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> graders are expected attend one of the sessions in order to be prepared for acolyting in worship. If you are unable to attend any of the sessions, please be in contact with Ms. June or Pastor Rakel so another time can be found.

## **Youth Ministry Calendar Summer 2010**

*Please recheck events as times especially can be subject to change*

More information on all events come out to respective groups as dates draw near. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with identified youth ministry liaisons:

Tina Blumenstein and Joy Stella—S.S.A.Y. Youth Coordinators (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Amy Beaugard—J.A.B. Coordinator (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Joe Moles—S.U.P.P.L.Y Coordinator (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Sally Minor—Confirmation Leader

Julie Selep—Youth Education Coordinator

Ms. June

Pastor Rakel

August

14<sup>th</sup> Possibilities Choir Retreat

September

11<sup>th</sup> SSAY Fall Kick-off—fun games & safety (SSAY)

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday School begins (all ages)

19<sup>th</sup> Rally Sunday (all ages) & Bible Presentation (3<sup>rd</sup> graders)

26<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration—NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

***SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:*** *there will be an important mini retreat August 22nd at 1pm to get ready for the fall. Hope many can make it, further info will be given as the time gets closer.*

## SUPPLY Summer Trip 2010

All the youth and adults who headed on the mission trip to North Carolina in June will share their stories **Sunday, August 8**. They had a BLAST and have lots to share!



**SAVE THE DATE**

**ENDING HUNGER  
ONE STEP  
AT A TIME  
CROP HUNGER WALK**

**Sunday, October 17, 2010**

*Look for detailed information in  
September's Life Line*

=== Get to Know Us ===  
\* THE CARE TEAM \*

Seeking to provide care and compassion to our congregation, our community and the world around us. The Care Team is an expression of faith: a response to God's new commandment in John 13:34-35,

*“As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”*

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Save the date –Sunday, September 12 on the mobile coach at church. This is a good opportunity for you to give a gift that can save a life. 100% of blood donated is returned to the communities served by Heartland. As part of their participation in a nationwide resource sharing program, Heartland Blood Centers stands ready to assist other parts of the country during severe blood shortages, national emergencies and increased demands by the armed services. This is also an opportunity to keep you on track to reach the “Four Seasons Club” through Heartland Blood Centers. All you have to do is complete at least **FOUR** successful blood donations in the **calendar year!** Our new Club allows you to give your blood donations anytime, anywhere at a Heartland Blood Center location or mobile blood drives. When you have completed your third successful blood donation (deferrals are not counted) you will receive an email alert notifying you that you can redeem your **Zippo Candle Lighter** online. After your fourth successful donation, you will be alerted to redeem your **Premium Fleece Pullover**. Four Seasons Club gifts will no longer be distributed at our center and mobile locations.

**SERVANT PROJECTS:** We want to provide and promote opportunities for you and/or your family to be of service to caring for someone in our community or God's creation. Watch the website, monthly newsletter, Sunday bulletins, and bulletin boards in the narthex for upcoming opportunities.

***A MILLION THANKS!*** In honor of and to show our appreciation for our U.S. Military Men and Women, we will be offering an opportunity during the summer months to make an individual card. We are asking everyone, all ages, to participate by making a card, writing a note or prayer message. These hand-made cards will be sent to those service men and women to thank them for their sacrifices, dedication, and service to our country. Your letter will be delivered to many USO and Veteran's Hospitals for distribution through the A Million Thanks organization! All materials you need will be provided in the fellowship hall on Sunday August 29. So come a few minutes early to worship or stay a few minutes after to participate in this servant opportunity!

***LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES of ILLINOIS - Coming up in September...*** We will be offering people the opportunity to collect items used in “ditty bags” for foster children when they are initially placed in a home. These children often arrive without much notice and have little to no personal items from home. These “ditty bags” provide the essential items for that first night like toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, shampoo, soap, washcloths, new pajamas and underwear. Watch for sign-up sheets in September.

## ***HOSPITAL SISTERS MISSION OUTREACH***

The Hospital Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis have been involved in domestic and foreign mission work throughout their history. In addition to their hospitals throughout Illinois and Wisconsin, the Sisters have responded to the needs of the poor by living, working and volunteering in communities throughout the world.

The organization's mission is to be good stewards both locally and abroad. They have systems in place to receive, refurbish and redistribute surplus equipment and medical goods to organizations in need. This program offers servant opportunities to care for someone in the world that you can't physically touch as well as learning what it truly means to be "green" and become part of the environmental and social justice movement. As a volunteer, you will be sorting medical supplies at their warehouse in Bedford Park at 5213 W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street. Scheduled volunteer sessions are:

Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Thursday evening from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of a month from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This is an opportunity that you can schedule on your own or with a group of adults from church or your neighborhood. You can go once or once a month. To serve, simply call Mary Ann Skvara, Warehouse & Logistics Facilitator at 708-496-3900 to get on the calendar.

## ***RECYCLING, REUSING, and REDUCING***

We hope that you are continuing your new habits of recycling, reusing and reducing. Just a reminder...

Glasses, hearing aids, magnifiers, "talking" clocks, white canes, cell phones, metal keys & printer ink cartridges is still being collected by Jim Cassidy for the Lions Club.

Electronics Recycling Station at Bolingbrook Public Works Parking Lot. See website for listing of accepted items [www.bolingbrook.com//info/pdf/ElectRecyc\\_10\\_03\\_08.pdf](http://www.bolingbrook.com//info/pdf/ElectRecyc_10_03_08.pdf)

Newspaper/white paper/magazine recycling are available in green/yellow bin at the north end of the parking lot at church.

Pop tabs recycling to benefit Ronald McDonald House is available in the white bucket in the fellowship hall, next to the pop machine.

**FOOD PANTRY:** August is a great time for fruit and vegetables. Since it's hard to put fresh produce in the shopping cart, how about canned fruit and vegetables? Please consider adding food to the shopping cart in the narthex. Everyone has an opportunity to make a difference for even one person. This community resource provides households with an ongoing access to food. Remember, food items must be unopened and unexpired.

**CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION AND YOU** - Getting ready for a garage sale or have things left over from a garage sale? What to do with all those miscellaneous things? Check out [www.willcountylanduse.com](http://www.willcountylanduse.com) for an amazing long list that contains better options than just throwing things in the garage.



## August Anniversaries

	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bobbi & Dave Garbin
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Bruno & Maggie Sadowski
6 <sup>th</sup>		Yolanda & Pete Maksymiw David & Susan Thomas
8 <sup>th</sup>		Andy & Traci Baumgartner
10 <sup>th</sup>		Jane & Rudy Bouhuys Baxter & Timbolin Holmes
11 <sup>th</sup>		Jim & Nancy Hart
16 <sup>th</sup>		Alicia & Keith Mehnert
19 <sup>th</sup>		Charles & Vanda Frederick
20 <sup>th</sup>		Elise & Mike Altamore
21 <sup>st</sup>		Carl & Marilyn Anderson (56 yrs) Bobbie & Al Neverouski
23 <sup>rd</sup>		Pat & Debbie Jahn
24 <sup>th</sup>		Chuck & Terri Henry David & Debbie Tomsky
31 <sup>st</sup>		Jim & Dodie Peters (41 yrs)

if you do not see your name &  
date here please let the church office know.  
Thanks

**Fast Facts** 7/12/2010 - The top 20 "too big to fail" companies on Wall Street received \$283 billion in bailout money from U.S. taxpayers - eleven times more than the entire G20 has delivered in new resources to the 2.7 billion residents of the 78 lowest-income countries.

**ELCA NEWS SERVICE**  
May 12, 2010

## Lutheran Disaster Response Named VOAD's 2010 Member of the Year



Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) was named May 11 as the 2010 Member Organization of the Year by the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). LDR is a collaborative ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

The award was presented at a banquet during VOAD's annual conference May 11-13 in Orlando, Fla. Founded in 1970, VOAD is a coalition of non-profit organizations that respond to disasters and/or develop disaster preparedness and recovery programs.

The Rev. Kevin A. Massey, director of LDR and ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, accepted the award.

This award is in recognition of all Lutheran who love and serve their neighbors affected by disaster," said Massey. "It also recognized the more than 20-year history of Lutherans helping serve in communities from Grand Forks, ND, to New Orleans and in countless other places."

We are all Lutheran Disaster Response because we all chip in and care for our neighbors when we see our neighbors experience any misfortune," said Massey. LDR is a proud member of National VOAD, said Massey, adding that LDR collaborates closely with other organization that serve in disaster, such as the American Red Cross and United Methodist Committee on Relief.

LDR has more than 30 Lutheran-affiliated social ministry organizations that serve as "disaster affiliates," said Michael Nevergall, assistant director, ELCA Domestic Disaster Response.

Joshua DuBois, director of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, delivered the keynote presentation at the banquet.

### **AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS**

#### ***Greeters***

8:30am Amy Foster/Gayle Sieder  
10:00am Megan Smith

#### ***Worship Assistants***

8:30am Jackie Schmidt/Jerry Streeky/Rose Nickles  
10:00am Josh Schmidt/Sue Karas/Amy Beaugard

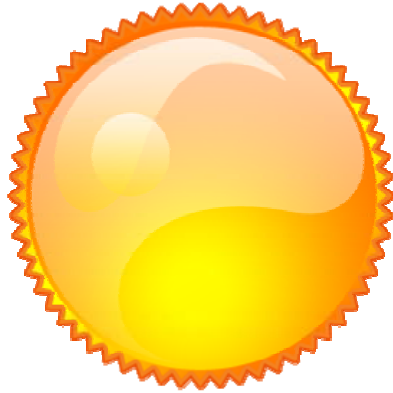
#### ***Ushers***

8:30am John Schmidt, Pat Jahn, Fred Mills, Joe & Daryl Giganti  
10:00am Karas, Nelson, Blumenstein & Costello Families

Volunteers are always needed to help with worship - interested?  
Contact the church office at 630.759.7636 or

# Summer 2010

Enjoy the **SUN** of God



But don't forget

The **SON** of God



Please be sure to worship every Sunday during the summer whether here at **New Life** or on your travels.

# Stewardship of Creation

## Gas Mileage

### **Daily Scripture:**

The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants, for they have transgressed laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt, therefore the inhabitants of the earth dwindled, and few people are left.

Isaiah 24. 5-6

As members of this church, we commit ourselves to personal life styles that contribute to the health of the environment. Many organizations provide materials to guide us in examining possibilities and making changes appropriate to our circumstances.

*From the ELCA social statement, "Caring for Creation"*

### **Fact:**

If fuel economy were improved by 5 m.p.g., American consumers would save 1.5 million barrels of oil per day, more than half of what the U.S. imports from the Middle East. Henry Ford's world-changing Model T got about 25 miles to a gallon of gas. In 2002, all of Ford's total fleet averaged 24.3 miles per gallon, while the entire fleet of American-made cars averaged 24.6 miles per gallon.

### **Commitment:**

*Immediate-* There are simple things you can do to improve your gas mileage. Keep your car tuned up and your tires properly inflated. Keeping your highway speed at 55 mph can improve your gas mileage by as much as 25%, compared to 75 mph.

*Long-term-* Buy a hybrid or a car with low emission. (see [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov) to make side-by-side comparisons of any model). This is not only good for the environment but it puts money into the development of efficient engines. Work to advocate for tougher standards in m.p.g. and tailpipe emission.

### **Daily Prayer:**

Holy God, thank you for your many resources of your creation. Help us to use them wisely and carefully that we might not waste what we have extracted from your creation. Amen.

Environmental Defense, Carbon Emissions Fact Sheet, July 2002

[www.environmentaldefense.org/documents/2209\\_CarEmissionsFactSheet.pdf](http://www.environmentaldefense.org/documents/2209_CarEmissionsFactSheet.pdf)

National Resource Defense Council, OnEarth Magazine, "Detroit Is Still Stuck in Reverse," Erik Ness, Winter 2005

<http://www.nrdc.org/onearth/05win/detroit1>.

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