



Life Line

May 2011

New Life Lutheran Church

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Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord!

New Life Dinner Theater!



Make plans to dine and laugh when the New Life Drama Team presents the Christian comedy "Camp W". Counselors and campers wise-crack their way through the day at this run-down Christian Youth Camp. Will their misadventures succeed in destroying the camp?

Which will it be:

Blow-it-up or Shut-it-down?

Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7

6:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner

7:00 Curtain

Sunday-Mother's Day, May 8

3:00 PM Dessert

4:00 PM Curtain

Tickets are available at the church office or from the cast: Mark Arentsen, Shireen Behzadi, Scott or Bonnie Bovaird, Gwyn Eggestein, Josh or Jennifer Schmidt, Mike or Morgan Selep and Christian or Stephen Tomsy. Adults Friday/Saturday: \$15.00, Adults Sunday: \$10.00. Children any day: \$5.00. Children 5 and under: FREE. Free Child Care provided.

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Who is it really?

On Mothers day weekend May 6, 7, and 8, I get to be someone else. That's right the New Life Acting Guild (or whatever a group of thespians from New Life call themselves) is putting on the hilarious play Camp "W". It is a comedy, so qualifying for a part was easily for me. This preacher has a minor role, but I get to play the lawyer! If you read this article prior to Mothers day, I'm sure tickets will still be available.

Acting allows one to pretend to be another person. I find that to be an interesting and enjoyable endeavor. One gets to imagine what kind of person they are. One gets to look, talk, and respond in a whole different way to life's challenges that the story line provides.

Then again perhaps the interesting and enjoyable part of an acting venture is that you don't have to be you. Maybe a play affords some moments when one can escape the challenges of their real life.

All of us find reality a bit overwhelming at times, and want to escape. There are times we wish we were someone else. There are times when we would want our story line to be different. People try all kinds of tricks to escape the reality of their lives. Truth is one can not escape reality very long it catches up with us sooner or later.

We just were reminded of that Maundy Thursday story where a frightened Peter was claiming and acting as if he was not a follower of Jesus. He was brought back to a harsh reality by the call of a rooster, and then to another reality by an empty tomb.

Truth is we are Easter People. We know where the story line ends: in salvation. We are Easter People and we see that the challenges and celebrations of life through the resurrection lens. We are an Easter People and we live in the peace and love and hope of a risen Lord.

I can play a lawyer. It should be fun. But I know who I am.

I am an Easter People! Thanks be to God!

Christ has risen indeed, Alleluia!

Pastor Paul

New Members Class

The Spring New Members Class begins the week after Easter, on Sunday, May 1st. It meets at 9:30am in the Genesis Room and is open to all members who would like to learn a bit more in depth about our shared Lutheran faith and the intricacies to New Life. Please speak with Pastor Raket if you or someone you know may be interested. ***New Members will be formally received at the 10:00 worship service on June 5, with a welcome luncheon following the service. All are welcome!***

Dear Fellow Members,



Council has met with the New Life Vision Team to review the Ministry Plan as prepared by the Writing team. Council discussed the plan in detail and will now begin to prepare for a Council Retreat in late May to begin to layout the direction of the ministry as well as to present the plan to the Congregation.

Council will also be reviewing recommendations from the Finance Committee regarding the current expenses to receipts situation since New Life's financial statement is again in the negative. Finance Committee will be weighing several potential actions that will keep operating funds available until the receipts can catch up to the planned giving. Prayers of support are always needed for this part of our ministry.

This year we again will have four delegates to the Synod Assembly in June with all four slots now filled. There are numerous activities on the calendar for April and May so please be sure to participate.

Yours in Christ,
Jack Schlea
Council President

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8:00am & 10:00am

June's 35 Years of Ministry at New Life



We will be celebrating June Charnevsky's 35th work anniversary at New Life. The celebration will be between the 9:30 am and the 11am services on Sunday May 1st with cake. Please plan on coming to church during that time to celebrate with June and the whole New Life Family.

**2011 Synod Assembly
In-Kind Offering
benefiting
LSSI's Storybook Project**

The Storybook Project of the Prisoner and Family Ministry program helps parents who are incarcerated remain connected to their children. Volunteers record parents reading books, the books and recordings are then sent to the child. Supplies collected will be used by volunteers and participants at the Dixon Correctional Center

Items to be collected:

New paperback books for children aged infant to 15 years

Blank CD's (CD-R)

Envelopes in several sizes
(6 1/2 x 9 1/2; 7 1/2 x 10 1/2; and 9 x 12)

Plastic sleeves used to package CDs

Donations should be brought to the church office by June 15th so they can be taken to Synod Assembly.

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, May 5. We are currently working on creating Training Videos for all Worship Participant Roles. *If you are interested in being trained as a greeter, reader, or communion assistant, videos are available on Sunday mornings for you to take home, view, and pass along to another person!*

Being a Communion Assistant on Sunday Mornings

Previously, folks signed up to be communion assistants for a month. There is now a new system that began this fall. Worship Assistants now find the communion assistants for each worship service, each Sunday. The Worship Assistant will have a list of folks who are willing to be a communion assistant for any worship service they attend. ****To be on this list, sign-up in the narthex, giving your name and your usual worship time(s).**** The hope is to encourage broad and deep participation within the congregation in this important ministry—serving the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Further—if you would like to be trained to be a communion assistant, a training video is available! Contact the Worship Committee or Pastor Rakel*

Outreach Committee

Out of hibernation and back to ministry! The Outreach Committee will meet Wednesday, May 11 from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Exciting ministry is on Outreach's plate; come be a part of reaching out the community in the name of Christ.



Church Clean Up

Join us May 14th for a day of Fellowship and Work cleaning the church inside and out! Volunteers are needed for gutter cleaning, window cleaning, kitchen organization! Lots to do outside too! We will be planting flowers and tending to the lawn. Can't make it that day? Maybe you could purchase some flowers from the plant sale and donate them to be planted! The youth house storage room will also be reorganized! ***We will be working from 9am - 3pm.*** Lunch will be provided!

If you have questions please contact Diane Kloepfer At 630-783-3473 or dianekloepfer@att.net

There is also a sign up sheet in the Narthex



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC NEEDS:

The choirs will be taking their summer break at the end of May and as a result there is a need for additional members to provide special music for the worship services during the three summer months. If you like to sing or play a musical instrument and would like to participate in this ministry please contact Roland Johnson at 815-886-02175 or e-mail rolflo7@comcast.net or the church office 630-759-7636.



Youth Ministry

SUPPLY Youth Group

SUPPLY Youth Group meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays SUPPLY is the New Life High School youth group and includes all 9th-12th graders. In May, SUPPLY will meet on **Sundays May 1 & May 15 from 7pm to 8:30pm** at the youth house.

SUPPLY Sunday School

Sunday School for SUPPLY is at 9:30 a.m. in the youth house. This year we are doing something called LIVE. It's an awesome program and all that's needed is the youth to do the talking!



First Communion

Youth in the 4th grade will receive their First Communion on Sunday, June 12th at the 10:00 worship service. The First Communion Retreat is Friday, June 10, from 6:00 to 9:00pm.

2011 LOMC Summer Camp Schedule

It is not too early to register for Summer Camp! Some scholarship money (up to 2/3's of the cost) is available. Information on specific camps is located on the bulletin board in the office hallway. A \$50 deposit holds your space. See Ms. June or call 630-759-7636 for more information.



Time to Register for VBS

Vacation Bible School week is June 27th to July 1st and it is for children ages 3 (potty trained) to grade 5 (finished). The times are 9am to Noon.

The theme for this year is:
"Shake it up Café".

Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

JAB Thank You!

On April 1-3, 9 JAB youth and 4 chaperones attended the Chicago II Quake in Bloomingdale, IL. It was a wonderful weekend spent with 300 middle school youth, sharing in music, prayer, fellowship and FUN!!

Thank you to all who participated in our fundraiser at Christmas.



Youth Ministry Calendar Winter-Spring-Summer 2011

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

Amy Beaugard—J.A.B. Coordinator (6-8th grade)
Joe Moles—S.U.P.P.L.Y Coordinator (9-12th grade)
Sally Minor—Confirmation Leader
Julie Selep— Youth Education Coordinator
Ms. June
Pastor Rakel

May

1st SUPPLY youth group
15th SUPPLY youth group
22nd Last Day of Sunday School

June

5th JAB Night
10th First Communion Retreat (4th graders)
12th First Communion Sunday
19th-25th SUPPLY Workcamp Trip to Omaha, NE
27th—July 1st Vacation Bible School

May 22nd Last Day of Sunday School

Summer Worship Hours Begin [June 5th](#)

8:00am & 10:00am

Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Living Within Your Means

Since it is unlikely that you have an unlimited income, your spending must be planned so you can give generously, save aggressively, but still live comfortably. If you typically spend all of your income on your wants and desires, you will find it difficult to live within your means. Spending is easy, whereas giving and saving require self-discipline. Your ability to give and save is made possible by your willingness to control your spending. Improper spending habits are the biggest hindrances to living successfully within your income.

When you intentionally buy fewer things than you can afford, you are choosing to limit your lifestyle. “Self-limitation” decisions are based not on the premise of what you can afford, but rather on what you need. You must ask, “Do I need this certain thing or does God have need of my money to help others and the church?”

What lifestyle does the Bible suggest? Living comfortably is not a sin. God does not condemn being rich, but speaks against the self-centered attitude wealth can cause. Living in opulence without any regard for others does not please the Lord. However, if you love the Lord and serve him and others with your money and time, you are free to live in comfort. Jesus said “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33). Certainly, there is a tremendous amount of diversity among Christians and what they own, but your lifestyle should reflect your relationship with Jesus.



According to Russ Crosson in his book *A Life Well Spent*, we have increased our standard of living at the expense of our lifestyles. He points out:

“We have increased our lifestyles, but in the process haven’t we also lost our ability to really live?

We have amassed wealth, not wisdom.

We have given our children toys, not time.

We have children who have been taught to consume rather than work.

We have fathers who don’t know their children, and marriages that do not work or last.

We have been in a rush to run a race without understanding the finish line.

Could it be that we are being robbed of our very lives because we are not thinking correctly about why we have money and what we are to do with it?”

Our culture promotes monetary wealth. We need to spend wisely, save and give proportionally to our income and be careful not to become a victim of the foolish desires money can create.

Blessings from your Stewardship Committee on your Stewardship Journey!

MAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeters

8:00am	Mike & Sandy Niemiera
9:30am	Jim Thien
11:00am	Rich & Sandy Zihala

Worship Assistants

8:00am	Jackie Schmidt
9:30am	Rose Nickles
11:00am	Amy Beaugard

Ushers

8:00am	Mike Ferrara, Jenafer Shevlin, Mark & Kathy Kircher
9:30am	Jason & Carole Koronkiewicz, David & Susan Thomas
11:00am	Lisa Mustonen

Volunteers are always needed to help with worship - interested?
Contact the church office at 630.759.7636 or
officemgr@newlifebolingbrook.com

May Anniversaries

1 st	Dick & Laurena Beckett Denis & Rose Nickles
7 th	Michelle & Luis Arenas-Bowman
9 th	David & Susan Nowicki
17 th	David & Suzanne Overeem
18 th	Lloyed & Judy Marlar
21 st	Carolyn & Ken Dawidowicz
22 nd	Amy & Nathan Foster Roland & Florence Johnson
23 rd	Steve & Heather Schultz
26 th	Dino & Lorie Cristofaro Shawn & DeAnn Scott
27 th	Pastor Rakel Evenson & Pastor Ben Ingelson Patti & Dan Pfeiffer
28 th	Josh & Jennifer Schmidt
29 th	Greg & Cyndi Torkelson
30 th	Mark & Kim Brown
31 st	Rich & Casie Hess



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

BIBLE CLASS

Survey of the Old Testament

We are continuing our Bible fundamentals series. The next class is ***“Survey of the Old Testament.”*** It will be six sessions beginning on Sunday May 22nd (NEW DATE). The class will meet after the first service. God’s plan for salvation begins in the Old Testament. His plan focuses on Jesus Christ and His promises and symbols in the Old Testament which all point toward the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The major sections covered include:

The Pentateuch (first five books of the OT) – tells the story of God’s relationship with the world and the Hebrew people.

Historical Books (Joshua to Esther) – tells the story of the Israelite people’s entry into the Promised Land of Canaan; transition into kingship; division into two kingdoms; downfall and exile; return from exile.

Wisdom Literature (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes & Song of Solomon) – writings of poetry and practical wisdom.

Prophets (Isaiah – Malachi) – the prophets through their oracles speak for God. . Through the prophets God will both enforce the covenants and keep the promises to Abraham and David.

All that is needed is your Bible and a curious mind to gain a basic understanding of the unfolding story of the Old Testament.

If you are interested in attending this class please contact John Beaugard. jbeaugard@rummelins.com



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8:00am & 10:00am

=== 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."

CARE NOTES:

Stop by the kiosk in the narthex to check out the new titles available to help in your faith journey. There are many subjects available for adults, teens and kids.

BLOOD DRIVE:

Thank you for sharing the gift of life. We are very appreciative of our donors and hope to increase our congregation's response at the next drive on September 11.

COMMUNITY EASTER BASKETS

Due to your generous response, the confirmation class was able to pack up 15 Easter food baskets. These baskets were distributed through the FISH food pantry in Bolingbrook to local families who need to experience the love of Christ through our gifts. Thank you.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

April Earth month is over but you can still continue caring for God's creation by recycling at your own home or workplace. This list lets you know where you can take items to be reused and recycled.

1. **Household Batteries** – Recycled at Home Depot or Batteries Plus
2. **Old, worn-out, run down tennis shoes** – Recycled by taking to Lemont village hall.
3. **Glasses, hearing aids, magnifiers, "talking" clocks, and white canes** – Reused by Lions Club.
4. **Sports balls** – Reused by Rebound Sports in Mt. Prospect to send to 3rd world countries.
5. **Large bath towels** – Reused by Naperville Humane Society or other animal shelters.
6. **Cell phones** – Reused by dropping off at most police stations or village halls.
7. **Printer ink cartridges** – Reused by dropping off at office supply stores or many schools recycle.
7. **Greeting cards** – Reused by sending to St. Jude's Ranch for Children.

STILL AVAILABLE NOW AND EVERYDAY AT CHURCH:

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

- **Pop tabs** are recycled to benefit Ronald McDonald House. White bucket is available in the fellowship hall next to the pop machine.
- **Plastic caps** from beverage containers are being collected to be recycled into tubing for dialysis machines. They are located in a tote in the fellowship hall by the kitchen.

MARY MARTHAS:

From the bible (Luke 10:38-42) is the story of sisters Mary and Martha. While Martha was busy preparing a meal for Jesus who had come to their home, Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet to listen to Him. As modern day "Mary Marthas" we as volunteers are called to provide a meal for a member that is in a health care crisis, or recovering at home from illness/surgery or to those who have suffered a loss; and be present to listen and pray for their needs.

We have updated this ministry with an on-line menu calendar called Meal Train that is customized to the family in need. This new tool

- makes it easier to know of the opportunity to serve,
- makes it easier to schedule a variety of people to serve, and
- gives the family a way to receive words of encouragement from many different people as well as know what's for supper.

If you are interested in joining this ministry and using this new tool, please sign up in the narthex, contact the church office or Susan Brown to get started.

If you are interested in joining this ministry but don't have email or don't want to use the online tool, you can still to be involved by signing up in the narthex or contacting the church office or Susan Brown. And even if you don't cook or have time to cook; it's still a gift to know where to get good take-out food!

SERVANT PROJECTS:

More and more Christians are becoming aware that the heart of God is to move beyond just the sanctuary and into the world to minister compassion and justice. 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 board in the narthex for upcoming opportunities.

HOSPITAL SISTERS MISSION OUTREACH

The Hospital Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis have a mission 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. The program offers servant opportunities by sorting medical supplies as well as learning what it truly means to be "green" and become part of the environmental and social justice movement. Their warehouse is located in Bedford Park at 5213 W. 65th 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 2nd and 4th Saturdays of a month from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This is an opportunity 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.

F.A.N.S. Friends Family and Neighbors Supporting Students

Here is a volunteer opportunity for individuals to get involved with our Valley View School District 365U students in Bolingbrook. Can you spend an hour each week with a child? Can you be a good listener? Can you help a child gain new skills, interests and expand their experience? If you answer yes, these following mentoring programs are available:

Read to a Kindergarten student during the school day

Lunch buddies: Eating lunch with an elementary school student one day a week, throughout the school year.

One-to-One: Giving time and attention to a middle school child while enjoying shared activities.

High School Mentoring: Developing a positive relationship with a teen, showing them you care.

Being a mentor is about sharing simple moments with a child to provide the extra boost they need to stay in school and grow up right. Training is provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters. For more information, contact Carrie Johnstone at the school district 815-886-2700 x527 or johnstonecl@vvsd.org



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

FOOD PANTRY:

April showers bring May food (or least that's how the rhyme goes for the food pantry!)

We'd like you to consider adding an additional item to your shopping cart to give to the local food pantry. Maybe there is a great deal on cereal or a buy 1, get one free item. It doesn't matter the item just that we help to keep the shelves filled when it comes time for the pantry to distribute the food. You can place your item in the shopping cart in the narthex. This is an ongoing opportunity for you to share your gifts with those families who struggle to meet their needs each week. Please remember that these boxes, bags, or cans must be unopened and unexpired.

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Open letter to all Ushers

I want to thank you all for the time that you have provided in being on New Life's Ushering Teams. You are an integral part in helping the service's run smoothly.

The times for summer services will be at 8 and 10 AM.

Please see the below schedule. If at least two of our seasoned ushers are available for a service it should be adequate. I would expect that there will be times that some of you would not be able to make an appointed service due to summer activities and travel. Should that be the case, please notify your ushering team leader and me. Some teams have not served during the summer, so you may see your names on this schedule. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

June 8 AM - Jerry Schmidt, John Schmidt and John Kiersten
June 10 AM - Sandie & Rich Zihala/Sherry and Greg Krabbenhoft

July 8 AM - Gayle Sieder, Brenda Roeber, Nancy Leiting and Glendora Bland
July 10 AM - Maggie & Bruno Sadowski/Cathy Taylor & Susan-Ellwing-Ridley

August 8 AM - John Schmidt, Pat Jahn, Fred Mills/Daryl and Joe Giganti
August 10 AM - Karas/Nelson/Blumenstein/Costello Families

We are in need of ushers to complete teams for the 11 AM service this fall. One team is down to one person and another two persons. Any referrals would be appreciated.

Thank you all very much.

John Schmidt
(630)898-5475



Graduating?

Have a student (or yourself) graduating this Spring? It is time to BRAG!
Please contact the church office at officemgr@newlifebolingbrook.com or
630.759.7636 with the following information:

Name of Graduate
School Graduating From
Name of next school or Job
Degree
Son/Daughter of ?



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He is
Risen!

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