



Life Line

September 2011

New Life Lutheran Church

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Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord!

Regular Worship Hours Return

September 4th

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am



**PLEASE WELCOME STUDENT SEMINARIAN
PETER MANNOJA on September 4**

Peter will be part of the Ministry in Context program through the Lutheran School of Theology. This program is prior to Peter's year of internship. For the Ministry in Context Peter will be involved at New Life by devoting 7 hours per week through May 5 practicing skills in various aspects in the ministry of the congregation. Peter will have the opportunity to demonstrate his leadership skills, complete specific requirements for the

program by participating in worship and other ministries in the church, and work with the congregation to pursue the sharing of the Good News. Join the New Life family in welcoming Peter between services on September

4. Cake and punch will be served.



Mother rabbit had her babies in the middle of my back yard. Mother rabbit dug a hole in my newly laid sod. Mrs. Rabbit hid her babies under a covering of fur and grass. She stood watch over the nest from the corner of the yard. Mother was especially anxious when I mowed the grass.

I had to change my pattern of mowing to avoid the rabbit nest. I had to change a little, but our dog Bullwinkle had to make some big changes. To protect the baby rabbits Bullwinkle was no longer allowed to go out to the back yard to do his thing. So he would wait at the back door - wanting to go into his familiar fenced in back yard so he could run and do his thing, which included talking to the dogs next door.

Instead he had to do his business in the front lawn while chained up on a leash. His only delight was to be able to bark at passers-by, but the chain restrained him from running up to them, or jumping up on them to get their attention and strokes of their hands on his fur. Change is hard on a dog.

Good news - cute little rabbits are running around and have left their nest; Bullwinkle gets his back yard back! But life will not be the same. God, the creator, has added a few cute bunnies to the world. There already is a hole in the back yard that smells like wild life. A hole he doesn't have to dig. And perhaps he'll have some more friends he is unable to catch, to chase around the yard, much like that pesky squirrel.

I ponder the thought that change happens to humans as well as dogs. It is not surprising that circumstances dig many holes in our lives that force us to move out of the familiar. There are times when we feel like whining at the back door of life and want what was. New patterns and situations can cause us to expect some new adventures and when we chase those exciting expectations we may find ourselves at the end of our leash. And even if life gets back to what may be close to what one might consider normal, it's never like it was.

What I do know, is that a loving creator, God, is standing in our corner watching and encouraging us with the promise of new life, revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ. In the midst of change we are not alone. In the midst of our barking, because life is not going our way, there is forgiveness. In the midst of change, there remains the gift of life to be celebrated. And when we think everything is going smoothly again, the young rabbits will devour our garden or a rabbit will start digging another hole.

Pastor Paul

September has arrived. Schools are in session – Sunday schools as well. Football is once again found on the TV. Sunday worship services have returned to the normal schedule. Our committees have been meeting this summer preparing goals for the next 12



months. As we progress into our first year of the vision let ministry plan, we are making new paths in our faith journeys. On the first Sunday in October, New Life Committees, Council, and interested congregational members will meet to share ministry goals and priorities for the next 12 months. Committees will be presenting as well as listening to the various activities and priorities planned. The purpose is to share with the other committees to determine if there are any overlaps in activities as well as areas where groups can collaborate and pool resources.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions regarding the vision ministry plan. If members do not have a copy of the vision ministry plan, copies are available from a Kiosk in the back of the Sanctuary, on the New Life website – www.newlifebolingbrook.com or from the church office.

This and future combined Leadership meetings will be very important in maximizing the efforts of our committees, congregational members, and resources of New Life in our key result areas: Welcoming Community, Faithful Learning Community, and Serving and Witnessing Community. By attending and participating, we are going beyond 'Imagining'.

If you have the chance to attend, please keep Sunday, October 2, 1 to 3:30 p.m. open and you will be certain to learn more of our Teams in action.

In Christ's service,

Jack Schlea
Council President

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Youth Ministry Calendar Summer—Fall 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)

Ms. June

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

Pastor Rakel

Tina & Jim Blumenstein—SSAY Coordinators (VBS ages)

Sally Minor—Confirmation Leader

Julie Selep—Sunday School

Beth Girardier - Youth Education Coordinator

September

11th Sunday School Begins

18th Rally Sunday – Jello Fest 2011

18th SUPPLY Youth group

25th Confirmation - JAB Parent Night

October

2nd SUPPLY Youth Group

16th SUPPLY Youth Group

23rd JAB Night

29th Bibles and Bagels (3rd graders)

30th Confirmation (9th graders)

November

4th-6th LOMC Confirmation Retreat (Confirmation - JAB)

6th SUPPLY Youth Group

20th SUPPLY Youth Group

27th NO Sunday School

December

4th SUPPLY Youth Group

8th Confirmation - JAB Christmas Caroling



Sunday School

Sunday School start up time is fast approaching - it will be back in session on September 11th at 9:30a for children age 3 *(by September 1st and potty trained)* thru high school. Registration forms thru 5th grade are in the Narthex. Forms for grades 6-7-8 will be sent home with a letter.

Save the Date! Sunday, September 18th Rally Day Jell-O Fest



Come and join us for a day of fellowship, fun and Jell-O. Wander around the fellowship hall and check out the jell-o creations made by some of the churches committees, test your taste buds in the "What Flavor am I" contest and try your hand at some jell-o painting.



Why are we talking about Operation Christmas Child in September when our shoebox date isn't until **November 20th**? *(see how I slipped the date in there)*

Back to School Sales are a great time to stock up on notebooks, pens, crayons, pencils/pencil sharpeners etc. You can even get great deals on hand & face towels right now - think College Dorms! So save a few bucks and pick up a couple of extra items when you are finishing stocking your children's back packs! Then put them away and bring them in November!

Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Investing Wisely

When you consider investing, you should start by asking, "Why am I investing?" If you are investing to enhance your personal kingdom rather than God's, you need to re-think your motives. Certainly, you should be investing so you can properly provide for your family and yourself. However, to amass money for your own security while neglecting the needs of the needy and the work of spreading the Gospel would go against God's plan for your money.

As God's steward, you acknowledge that it is God's money that you are entrusted to manage. Because you are a steward, you have the responsibility to honor God with all that you do with your money, which includes investing. With the awareness that it is God's money and that you will be held accountable for what you do with it, you should question even more:

"How much risk is appropriate?"

"What level of risk is appropriate when investing God's money?"

Before you are able to invest any money, you must establish an emergency fund that will be accessible immediately in the event of job loss, health problems, or another emergency. This fund should be large enough to sustain you and your family for at least three to six months. After this fund is in place, you are free to invest.

Simply put, there are three categories or types of investments:

Cash. You can choose to keep cash under your mattress (sort of like the third servant in the Parable of the Talents) or to put your money in bank savings or money market funds. This is a no-risk investment option that provides only a small return.

Fixed income investments. A fixed income investment occurs when you lend your money to a person or institution. In return for your money, you get the promise of being paid a certain interest rate and the future return of your principal. Examples of this type of investment are



bank certificate of deposits (CD's), corporate bonds, municipal bonds, government bonds, etc. All of these investment vehicles pay interest, and, on specified dates, the principal is returned.

Equities (growth). Equity refers to an ownership position. If you own stock, you own part of the company. The same pertains to real estate, collectibles, antiques, etc. As an owner, you want the value of what you own to increase. Because mutual funds offer professional management and diversification into stocks of several companies, mutual funds are a good and smart way to invest in a growth investment.

Wise investors make allocations among these three investment choices. As your investments grow, you should place some money in all three categories. The allocation mix among these three will be determined by several factors, such as your current and future needs, goals, age, and dollar amount of investments.

BLESSINGS FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ON YOUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY!

Please keep these and all service member in your prayers.



Bob Beckett - son of Dick & Laurena Beckett. Stationed at Fort Carson.

SPC. Beckett, Robert
PO Box 13519
Colorado Springs, CO 80902

Please contact the office with information on your loved one that is serving in the military.



Holy Rollers Bowling begins September 10th.
We bowl every other Saturday - so ***NO Weekly Commitment!***
6:30pm Practice; 6:45pm Start. Please sign up in the Narthex or Contact
Pattie Buege at 630.740.0509 for more information.



Congratulations to New Life Softball on a hard fought season!

Adult Education - Fall 2011

Adult Education is charged with developing lifelong learning opportunities for spiritual growth at New Life. Sundays at 9:30 is the primary Adult Education hour. Other classes on different days will also become part of Adult Education. A number of classes have been scheduled for Fall 2011:

Survey of the New Testament is a six session class that will meet at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings. The first class will be September 11th. The class will cover the four Gospels; Book of Acts; Letters of Paul; General Letters; and Revelation. The New Testament is the story of the person and work of Jesus of Nazareth. Learn about the fulfillment of promise and the kingdom of God. *John Beaugard will lead this class which will be held in the Genesis Room.*

On Wednesday evenings beginning September 7th at 7:30 a four session class on "*Taste & See: Ways to Study the Bible*" will be offered. This class takes a unique approach. You will experience various aesthetic elements including art, drama and other senses to delve deep into the meaning of Scripture. *Lucy Wynard will lead this class which will be held in the Confirmation Classroom.*

A three week series on *Biblical Stewardship* is scheduled for October 30th, November 6th and November 13th. The class will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. The topics are: Money ... Blessing or Curse? ; Growing as Stewards; Using Our Spiritual Gifts. Stewardship and your faith are linked. *John Beaugard will lead this class.*

A class entitled, *The Advent Conspiracy* will meet from Sunday November 27th to December 18th at 9:30 am. If you are tired of how consumerism has stolen the soul of Christmas you will want to attend this class. Learn how to reclaim Christmas and make it what it should be: a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world. *Dan Wynard will lead this class.*

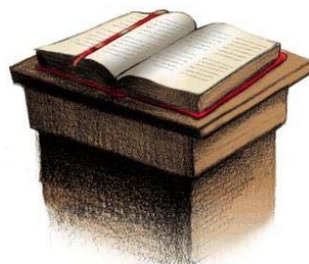
The Adult Education Committee is developing more classes to fulfill its mission to provide lifelong learning.

Read and study God's word – it is an important faith practice!

Adult Education

John Beaugard	Daryl Giganti
Sue McConnaughay	Dawn Morfoot
Sandy Niemiera	Dan Wynard
Lucy Wynard	
Mike Stoehrmann – Council Linking Person	
Pastor Raket – Pastoral Resource	

If you are interested in signing up for either or both classes that begin in September please respond to the Church Office or John Beaugard.



Study the **Bible**
with us



Chancel Choir

First Chancel Choir Rehearsal on September 7th at 7:30PM. All are welcome.

Contact Dodie Peters (dodiepeters452@yahoo.com or 630-226-9260) for more information about the choir.

Possibilities Choir

All youth entering 3rd grade through 6th grade are invited and encouraged to join the Possibilities Choir. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:30pm - 7:30pm during the school year and sing on Sunday's during 11am worship (except the 2nd and last Sunday of the month).

Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30pm. Our first Sunday to sing will be Sunday, September 25 at 11am (Yep, it's a last Sunday of month and we are singing since Cherub choir hasn't started yet.)

We have a lot of fun serving through song and hope you will join us! Please contact Possibilities Choir Director, Sally Minor 630-441-0756 (mobile) with any questions.

Jr/Sr High Choir

Calling all Jr/Sr High youth (entering 7th through high school) who like to make a joyful noise -- come join us! The Jr/Sr High Choir rehearses on Wednesday from 7:30pm - 8:30pm during the school year through April and sings on the second Sunday of the month during 11am worship.

Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:30pm. Our first Sunday to sing will be Sunday, October 9.

Please contact Sally Minor 630-441-0756 (mobile) with any questions!

New Life Tutor Program

This fall the New Life Tutor Program will again opens its doors to the children of our community for another school year. We invite you to come and reflect the person of Jesus Christ to children that are struggling in school to not only help them in their school work, but to also be a Christian influence in shaping their way of thinking and living.

This ministry appeals to many because it requires only one hour each week, on either Tuesday or Wednesday evening. It is a very small time commitment with a HUGE blessing as the relationship between tutor and child grows throughout the year. The tutoring team consists of tutors that have various educational backgrounds, so no one has to worry that they may not have an answer to a child's question, for help is always available. **All are welcome to join in this ministry and all supplies and resource materials are provided.**

Come meet new friends and get to know your church family better. Our goal for this year for the Tutoring Program is to have no child on the waiting list. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way.

Tutoring meets Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. or Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., starting Oct. 4th and 5th. There will be a Tutor Orientation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27th. Applications for both Tutors and students are in the narthex. If there are any questions please feel free to contact a member of our Tutor Leadership team, Cheryl Deardorff, #630-985-7972, Bob Dominiak, #630-679-9684 or Daryl Giganti #630-759-7206.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" Proverbs 22:6



=== 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 – HEROS NEEDED

Remember 9-11...That date probably still has meaning beyond just a date on the calendar. The outpouring of compassion and patriotism across America following September 11th resulted in blood donations by the thousands. We are hosting a blood drive on September 11 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. to honor and remember those who lost their lives. By giving the gift of life with a blood donation, you are able to be a hero today and save a life tomorrow. While our goal for the blood drive at New Life is not in the thousands, we are hoping to make this our most successful drive ever. Our goal is 35 donors. That will take previous donors continuing to offer their time as well as inspiring more people to donate for the first time. Tell your family and friends to join you here that day! Please sign up in the narthex today to help us reach our goal. All donors will receive an exclusive "Remember 9.11" T-shirt from Heartland Blood Center as a way of saying thank you for your life-saving blood donation.

HOSPITAL SISTERS MISSION OUTREACH

On Saturday, September 24, come along with other New Life members for a hands-on service opportunity. A group will be traveling to the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis from 9:00-Noon. They are able to receive, refurbish and redistribute surplus equipment and medical goods to organizations in need. The servant opportunity involves 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. See the sign up in the narthex. Invite your family and neighbors to join us. This is a great outreach opportunity! And if this date doesn't fit your schedule, consider December 3.

TUTORING

School is starting and that means the New Life tutoring program will be up and running by the first week of October. But we need your time and talent as a tutor to ensure that we can reach as many students as needed. If you are interested in assisting youth in the community reach their greatest potential, please contact Cheryl Deardorff at 630-985-7972. You can choose to

serve on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. or Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. or both nights!

COUPON SEMINAR

Savvy Shopper + Coupons = Reduced Spending

Here is a simple formula for your household that may help at this time of year. Whether it's the cost of all the back-to-school supplies or the rise in food prices or looking ahead to saving for holiday shopping, we could all use some tips on how to get more for less. On Wednesday, September 28 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jen Fredrick, New Life member, will be sharing her tips, strategies and success in this area. So come with your questions! Babysitting will be available.

CROP WALK - October 16

Get your tennis shoes ready and save the date! The 29th Annual Naperville Area CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk is coming soon on October 16. In 28 years, this walk has contributed a total of \$1,066,650 for hungry families. The annual walk helps hungry families locally through the [Loaves and Fishes](#) food pantry in Naperville and the [Northern Illinois Food Bank](#), a regional food distribution center, and helps hungry families around the world through [Church World Service](#). Please consider being a part of the New Life team and register this month in the narthex.

COMMITTEE WORK

Has the start of the school year brought you an opportunity to have a few hours to yourself? Are you considering using your time and talents in service to the church and community? Maybe you are ready to make your church involvement more than just Sunday morning worship. Maybe you are looking to know members deeper than a friendly "Hello, how are you?" The Care Team is a great place to volunteer with lots of action and creative thinking. Please consider joining us. We currently meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Contact Susan Brown for more information at 815-588-3561.

A MILLION THANKS!

Our summer campaign of card making for our military men and women, local firefighters and local police officers has ended. Thank you to everyone who participated and shared their appreciation for these people. Cards for the military will be delivered to family members in our own congregation who are currently serving and many USO and Veteran's Hospitals through the A Million Thanks organization. Your letters for the firefighters and police officers will be delivered to stations right here in Bolingbrook.

HOME OF THE BRAVE

All summer we have asked for your help in compiling our local heroes from New Life who have served as firefighters, police officers or in the military. We have proudly displayed these many heroes in the fellowship hall during the summer months. We hope you had a chance to thank some of them in person.

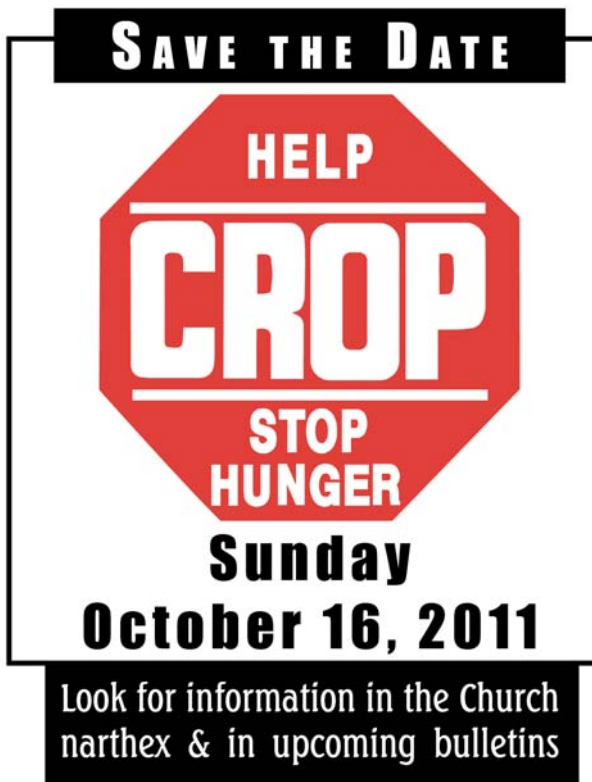
CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

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.

FOOD PANTRY:

It's back to school and for many families that means packing a school lunch. Please consider packing your grocery cart with a few extra items to donate to our local food pantry. This is an ongoing opportunity for you to share your gifts with those families who struggle to meet their needs each week. You can place your item in the shopping cart in the narthex. Please remember that these boxes, bags, or cans must be unopened and unexpired.



SAVE THE DATE

HELP

CROP

STOP HUNGER

Sunday

October 16, 2011

Look for information in the Church narthex & in upcoming bulletins

AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT THE HEALTHCARE OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD AT A LOCAL MISSION!!

You are needed to help us address the serious unmet medical needs of people in developing countries. With your assistance Mission Outreach can increase access to quality healthcare around the world through our medical recovery and responsible redistribution program.

Each year hundreds of thousands of pounds of medical equipment and supplies are deemed surplus by U.S.-based healthcare providers. Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach recovers these usable items otherwise destined for landfills. The surplus is then sorted, cleaned, repaired, inventoried, and published in an online catalog where needy hospitals and clinics can “shop” for what they need.

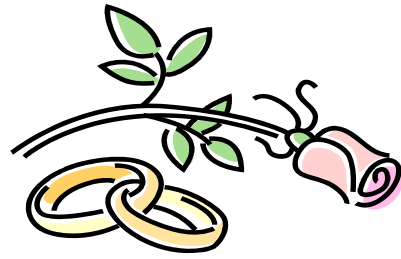
Mission Outreach has experienced an increased demand from healthcare recipients all over the world. We attribute this increase to the quality of items we ship and to the accountability of our recovery and responsible redistribution program. In fiscal year 2010, Mission Outreach shipped 1.28 million pounds of medical equipment and supplies (77 container equivalents) to people in need throughout the developing world.

Volunteers are the heart of Mission Outreach. We need your help to sort and pack supplies, enter data, or assist in the warehouse. Previous knowledge of medical supplies is helpful, but not required. Volunteers must be 13 years of age or older. High School attendees can earn service hours. Learn more at www.mission-outreach.org

Come and join us as we volunteer in this mission on Saturday 9/24 and 12/3, from 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. We will be meeting at the church at 8:15 and will carpool to the warehouse. Please sign up in the Narthex for any or all of these dates. Any questions please contact Daryl Giganti at 630-759-7206 or djgiganti@comcast.net

Are your weekends already too busy? There are always shifts open during the week between Monday – Thursday from 9-12 and 1-4, but hours can be flexible. Please contact Betsy Johnson the Mission's Volunteer Associate at 708/496-3900 to let her know that you are coming and what hours you can work. The mission warehouse is located at: 5213 W. 65th Street, Bedford Park, IL.

September Anniversaries



5 th	Sally & Ryan Minor Jack & Barb Schlea
6 th	Martha & John Kierstein
7 th	Bob & Cary Edgerton Wendy & Brian Smith
9 th	Dale & Coni McClannahan
13 th	Michael & Julia Ferrara
14 th	Laura & Tim Rice
15 th	John & Lisa Mustonen Jerry & Christine Streeky
16 th	Mark & Nancy Blackaller Doug & Ronda Goers Jim & Sherry Thien
17 th	Shireen Behzadi & Rich Johnson Mike & Julie Selep
21 st	Bob & April Clark Jose & Sylvia Galvicius
25 th	Dan & Melissa Dehnert

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

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeters

8:00am Mike & Sandy Niemiera
9:30am Larry & Jennifer Calloni
11:00am Jack & Barb Schlea

Worship Assistants

8:00am Sandy Niemiera
9:30am Rose Nickles
11:00am Charlene Hopper

Ushers

8:00am John Kierstein, Jerry Schmidt
9:30am Rich & Sandie Ziahal
Greg & Sherry Krabbenhoft
11:00am Mike & Sally Martin
Charlie & Carol Ryl-Kuchar

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