



Life Line

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New Life Lutheran Church

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Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord!

New Life for New Life Vision Journey

Our journey continues as we plan for the way we will turn our Guiding Vision for New Life 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:

- On **Saturday, September 18 at 9am- Noon**, 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. **We hope that everyone will attend.** Join us for breakfast at 8:30am.

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. The **ministry design discussion** with the teams and the entire congregation will kick off in October as we incorporate our dreams from September's Celebration of the Future.

- October 3 – Our **EnVision II study groups** start. This will be a three week Study focusing on how, as a congregation, we do ministry, build relationships and use our resources. We hope that **everyone will join a study group**. Please contact the church office if you want to share the gift of hospitality by hosting a group.
- October 9 – On this date our newly enlisted Design Teams will be trained. Expect to hear more in the coming weeks. 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.
- October 27 – **EnVision II Celebration**. All study groups meet together in the Fellowship Hall to share insights they received from their groups with others over a simple meal.

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**

From the Pastors Desk.....

Forty years, is it a lot or is it a little? It may well depend upon what it is in relation to. In the life of the universe it is smaller than a spec. In the life of the church perhaps it is the size of a dot. In relationship to the existence of this country, perhaps a little dash would do. In relationship to the existence of the community called Bolingbrook, forty years is quite large. In providing and growing relationships with God, it is HUGE!!!

The amount of faith, hope and love that has been experienced in and transported from this congregation into the world is beyond imagination. The power of God has multiplied the world. Our building may have been located on highway 53 for forty years, but the real church, the people of faith have never been confined by these walls. Thousands of faithful followers have gathered in this place, and have over these years, accepted the challenge and charge to "go and serve the Lord" out there in the world.

The Guiding Vision Statement calls on this community of faith to imagine even grander things in the years to come. We're forty years old, we're forty years young. It is all relative and dependent upon to whom we are related. We are children of God, brothers and sisters in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit with gifts to "go and serve the Lord". Thanks be to God.

Pastor Paul



**New Life's 40th 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 40th anniversary year continues throughout 2010 with visits from former pastors, interns, and seminary students.

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.

A Message from Council.....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Greetings! During these hot, hot days of summer it is hard to believe that the fall is right around the corner—but it is. As we approach September it is certainly an exciting time for the people of New Life. While I have enjoyed seeing so many different people on Sunday mornings during the summer, on September 5th we will return to three services of worship each Sunday, 8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; and 11:00 a.m. September also brings the return of the Christian education hour from 9:30-10:30 when Sunday school, Confirmation, and High School Sunday school meet. This year Sunday school will begin on September 12th with an opportunity for teachers to get to know their students. Rally Sunday will be held on September 19th. On September 26th New Life Lutheran will celebrate 40 years of ministry. What an awesome time to celebrate the faith walk of this congregation as well as reflect on your own faith walk! Even as we celebrate 40 years of ministry we continue to look forward to our future through the New Life for New Life visioning process. Small groups will be meeting through the fall in design teams to unpack the vision statement and to discern God's plan for his people of New Life. It is exciting to imagine how we can live out our lives doing God's work.

In July our congregation responded generously to a plea for funds for Camp Victor by raising about \$1500.00 through free will donations. This money, along with about \$300.00 in Visa gift cards was sent to Camp Victor and will be used to help complete the final homes to which they had committed. Thank you for your generosity, it will go far in doing God's work in the Gulf Coast area.

July also brought a need to replenish the Good Samaritan Fund. This is a fund that is used to help people in our community who find themselves in financial need and in July it was essentially depleted. Again, after raising this ministry to the congregation, we were able to raise about \$1300.00 (about \$600.00 of this money has already been used to assist individuals in our community). In order to continue to lift up this important ministry of our congregation we will have two Sunday's in September designated as Good Samaritan Sunday's. On both September 12th and September 19th we will take a good will offering at the end of each service. An anonymous member of the congregation has offered to match whatever is collected on these two Sundays.

Our financial situation continues to be an issue in front of the Council. As of the end of July our weekly giving is approximately \$5000.00 behind our spending plan for the same period. As a Council we continue to look at ways to reduce spending so our ministry in this community can continue to grow.

Enjoy these last few days of summer and see you in the fall!

You sister in Christ

Sandy Niemiera, Council President

Summer Worship Hours Ending

We return to our regular worship times on Sunday, September 5th.

8:00am / 9:30am/ 11:00am

Mark your calendars!!

Chancel Choir

Rehearsals for Chancel Choir begin on September 8th at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend and share a joyful noise! No prior experience is necessary.

Questions? Please contact Dodie Peters at 630-226-9260

Regular Worship Times Resume!

We return to worship at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. starting Sunday, September 5. 8:00 and 9:30 services use the organ and piano for music while the 11:00 service has the Celebration Band. All three services offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the opportunity to praise God for the gift of Grace.

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, September 2. We are currently working on creating Training Videos for all Worship Participant Roles.



Advent Devotional

The Natural Church Development Committee will be taking names of those who would like to contribute to the next Advent Devotional Book.

This is an opportunity to share your faith as we grow together!

If you have been looking for a way to be involved but are afraid of being in front of everyone, this is your chance.

Volunteer to write a short devotional, in the comfort of your own home, that will bless readers and writers alike. Please contact Josh Schmidt to get started on the next step of your faith journey today. 630-739-4119



SUNDAY SCHOOL starts on September 12th at (9:30a) for children age 3 by end of August (potty trained) thru high school. **RALLY SUNDAY** is September 19th with a special craft to complete. There are registration forms (up to grade 6) in the narthex on a table next to the Info Booth.

Middle school students forms will be sent home in a letter to parents for a meeting with the Confirmation leaders. Hope to see you that 2nd Sunday in September.

Men & Boys Retreat



Sixteen hardy men and boys lived a rugged, adventurous out of doors existence, at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center in Oregon, Illinois. Setting up tents in the rain, building campfires to roast their marshmallows and hotdogs, to ward off starvation, canoeing in circles and going nowhere, putting worms on a hook just to have the fish eat them! Singing songs around the campfire that kept the wild animals away, taking time to listen to stories about Jesus, sleep-

ing on the ground in tents with mosquitoes singing in ones ear, praying to God in the middle of God's great out of doors. Being the church with now walls, no air conditioning and a bit of a sunburn. Enjoying almost every minute of it, even the times that challenged one's patience. God's children, men and boys of New Life Lutheran Church

were on retreat, sharing an experience together at the end of July at LOMC.

We plan to throw the tents in the car and hotdogs in the cooler again next summer. There is always room for more in the great out of doors at the Men and Boys Summer Campout.



JAB Junior Adult Believers

Welcome to our 6th grade youth! You are now able to be a participant in JAB! JAB is New Life's Middle School youth group (**grades 6,7,8**). We meet one Sunday evening per month in our Youth House from 6:30pm - 8pm (unless otherwise noted).

This year we will be participating in a bible study and how it relates to Sebastian, our 4 year old little boy from Tanzania.

JAB chose to sponsor him on his Christian journey last April at the Quake. Our trips and activities will center around Sebastian and how GOD works through us every day.

THIS IS YOUR SPECIAL TIME TO BE WITH PEERS AND YES, FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS INVITED (as long as they meet the 6-8th grade criteria).

Mark your calendars for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 FROM 6:30-8PM when we will meet each other, EAT, and begin our journey with Sebastian.

*Please contact Amy Beaugard or Pastor Rakel if you have any questions.
SEE YOU THERE !!*



SUPPLY Youth Group

SUPPLY begins again in September on Sunday, September 19th from 6:00 to 8:30pm at the Youth House. We will have all the favorites—team building, snacks, and thought-provoking thinking. Friends are always welcome. Beginning in October, SUPPLY Youth Group will meet **2 times a month**; the first and third Sundays. SUPPLY is the New Life High School youth group and includes all 9th-12th graders.

SUPPLY Sunday School

Sunday School for SUPPLY begins on Sunday, September 12 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!

Youth Ministry Calendar Fall—Winter 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-5th grade)

Amy Beaugard—J.A.B. Coordinator (6-8th grade)

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

Sally Minor—Confirmation Coordinator (7-8th grade)

Julie Selep— Youth Education Coordinator

Ms. June

Pastor Rakel

September

11th SSAY Fall Kick-off—fun games & safety (SSAY)

12th Sunday School begins (3yrs—high school)

19th Rally Sunday/Bible Presentation (all ages)/(3rd graders)

19th SUPPLY Youth Group

26th 40th Anniversary Celebration—NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

26th JAB Bible Study

October

3rd SUPPLY Youth Group

9th-10th SUPPLY Camping Trip

17th SUPPLY Youth Group

24th JAB Bible Study

30th Bibles and Bagels (3rd graders & families)

30th Trunk or Treat (all ages—family event)

31st Confirmation (9th graders)

November

5th-7th Confirmation Retreat (JAB & Confirmation)

7th SUPPLY Youth Group

14th JAB Bible Study

21st SUPPLY Youth Group

December

5th SUPPLY Youth Group

11th Drop & Shop (SSAY)

TBD Christmas Caroling at Greenleaf (all ages—family event)

12th JAB Bible Study

18th Christmas Program rehearsal and show (SSAY)

19th Last day of Sunday School

19th SUPPLY Youth Group

=== 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:

Sunday, September 12 from 9:00- Noon on the mobile coach at church.

If just 1 percent more of us gave blood, all national blood shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future. Be part of that 1%!

Sign up now in the narthex to give a free gift of life to save someone else.

100% of blood donated is returned to the communities served by Heartland. 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! The 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 Pull-over. 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!

Thank you for your show of appreciation for our U.S. Military Men and Women. During the summer months we offered several opportunities to make a card, write a note or prayer message. We will be sending 10 pounds worth of these handmade cards to service men and women 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!

SUPPORTING FOSTER CHILDREN

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) provides placement and casework services for children who have been removed from their birth families because of abuse or neglect. LSSI is the largest provider of foster care services in the state. Approximately 10 percent of Illinois children under the guardianship of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) are served by LSSI. We are proud to be partnering with LSSI to help the children in our area who face these upsetting family situations. We will be offering people the opportunity to

bring new 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, comb, shampoo, soap, wash-cloths, new pajamas and underwear. Starting September 12, please sign up in the narthex to provide these essential and comfort items to kids caught in a challenging and confusing position. Travel-sized toiletries are welcomed. Items will be collected through the end of the month. Then, we invite everyone to help with assembling the ditty bags on Sunday, October 3 in the fellowship hall between services. If you'd like to learn more about foster care, please visit www.lssi.org

HOSPITAL SISTERS MISSION OUTREACH -

October 23rd - 1-4pm Sign up in the Narthex if you are interested!

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. 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 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 are 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](#)

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

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

FOOD PANTRY: It's back to school and packing a lot more lunches. So please consider a donation of healthy sides to add to a school lunch such as applesauce, whole grain crackers, or granola bars. Items can be placed in the shopping cart in the narthex which is periodically delivered to the DuPage Township Food Pantry. Everyone has an opportunity to make a difference for even one person. Remember, food items must be unopened and unexpired.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION AND YOU

It is estimated that electronic gear makes up 70% of all hazardous waste. To minimize e-waste, think carefully about whether you can upgrade instead of replacing old equipment. When a device really has to go, try to find a new home for it on www.freecycle.org If nobody wants your old equipment, to find a responsible e-cycler, visit www.digitaltips.org

CROP WALK

We are excited to announce our CROP Walk Coordinator for this year, Laurie Freeman. Laurie will be working to promote and organize a team from New Life. The walk will take place on Sunday, October 17 and more people are needed to share their time and talent as walkers and donors for our team. Watch for the registration in the narthex later this month.



New Members Class

The fall New Members Class will begin in October. It will last six sessions and make use of the sometimes-hilarious-and-always-useful Lutheran Handbook.

(How to Stay Alert during Church, pg. 46, and How to Avoid Getting Burned at the Stake, pg. 64, are extremely helpful.)





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	Doug & Ronda Goers Jim & Sherry Thien
17 th	Michael & 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

Note: Worship leaders schedules apply for the first 3 Sundays of September. The Last Sunday is our 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Greeters

8:00am	Jacob Maki
9:30am	Larry & Jennifer Calloni
11:00am	Jack & Barb Schlea

Worship Assistants

8:00am	Carolyn Yost
9:30am	Rose Nickles
11:00am	Shireen Behzadi

Ushers

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

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

Stewardship of Creation

Cleaning Products

Daily Scripture:

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

Psalm 104:29-30

God blesses the world and sees it as "good," even before humankind comes on the scene. All creation, not just humankind, is viewed as "very good" in God's eyes (Gen 1:31). God continues to bless the world: "When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground" (Pss 104:30).

From the ELCA social statement, "Caring for Creation"

Fact:

It is estimated that people flush 12 billion pounds of traditional household cleaning products down the drain each year. These chemicals, such as sodium acid oxalate, break down slowly in the environment, cause water pollution, and are stored in the fatty tissue of wildlife.

Commitment:

Immediate- Make your own multi-purpose cleaning solution. Mix 2 Tbsp baking soda with 1 pint warm water. Add into a spray bottle with a splash of vinegar to cut grease.

Long term- Purchase earth and people-friendly cleaning products for your home. Advocate for its use in schools, churches and other public space. Look for them at your neighborhood store. If they don't have them, ask for them, and continue to ask. Or look online at Seventh Generation

<http://www.seventhgeneration.com>.

Earth Friendly Products <http://www.ecos.com>

Daily Prayer:

Gracious God, we have been blessed with a place to live and a home to care for, give us wisdom to keep our homes safe, clean and hospitable to all your creation. Amen.

"Household Hazardous Products." *Health Goods*. 2006 <http://www.healthgoods.com> (23 January 2006).

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Students Improve through Tutoring



TUTORING

Imagine New Life as a group of committed Christians who are not only living out the good news of Jesus Christ in their own lives but are trained and

equipped to share the good news about Jesus starting in our community and extending to the world.

This fall there will be an opportunity, for all those interested in living out this part of our vision statement, when New Life again opens its doors to the children of the community for another school year of Tutoring. 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.

The Tutoring Program appeals to many in that 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, as help is always available. All are welcome to join in this ministry and all supplies and resource materials are provided.

New Life invites all who are interested in becoming a tutor to come to the Tutoring meeting that will be held at New Life Lutheran Church on Wednesday September 29th between 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Come meet new friends and get to know your church family better as we begin to work together and live out our vision statement in this ongoing ministry to our community. Our goal for the tutoring program is to have no child on the waiting list, so please prayerfully consider serving in this way.

Tutoring meets Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. or Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., starting Oct. 5th and 6th. 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