

LIFE LINE

New Life Lutheran Church Newsletter

January 2018



Kick off the New Year with a healthy habit...be a blood donor!

Our first blood drive of 2018 is January 14 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. We encourage you to consider giving this priceless gift. If you know someone who is currently

receiving blood transfusions you know how important this life saving gift is. But if you don't, there is someone who needs that lifesaving gift today! Here are some examples of transfusion needs:

- Cancer: up to 8 units/month
- Bone Marrow Transplant: up to 2 units/day
- Liver Transplant: up to 100 units
- Auto Accident: up to 50 units
- Cardiovascular Surgery: 2-25 units

And if you need another reason to give...all donors will receive a certificate from Noodles & Company for a FREE bowl (up to \$13 value). Anyone in good health, at least 17 years old and at least 110 pounds may donate blood. Also in Illinois, if you are 16 years old, you can donate with parental approval. Forms available on line at heartlandbc.org or at the sign in table on January 14. Our goal is 20 donors. If you have friends that would like to give, invite them to join you for the blood drive and stay for worship! Donors from November are eligible to donate again. If you were a double red donor; you would have to wait an additional 8 weeks to be eligible to donate again! Sign-up in the narthex to select preferred time from 8:00 am–Noon. Or sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org. Or just walk-in. Remember to eat breakfast and bring your ID. We'll do our best to get everyone on the mobile coach that wants to donate!

Additional fact: Did you know that by participating in the blood drive you are also supporting the Good Samaritan program at New Life? With each drive and each donor we earn points that can be redeemed for gift cards. In 2017, your donations to the blood drives provided \$50 worth of support for an individual/family in immediate need.

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Youth Education Ministry

We have enjoyed having our youth of all ages be part of our worship services throughout Advent and Christmas. Worship is an important part of our youth ministry. Youth participating in and experiencing worship, learning to sing, pray, reflect, say the Apostle's creed and the Lord's Prayer, is important.

Now, they will be heading back into the classrooms this month to learn more about their faith and to continue building relationships within their small groups.



Elementary Youth Education: Age 3 – 5th grade

Return to class: January 14, Sunday mornings at 10:15am

Youth will continue to learn with hands on, interactive activities in fun and creative ways such as art, cooking, science, music, games and more. Every lesson is based on a bible story. On the first Sunday, everyone will start in church. We will be simplifying the schedule to make it easier to know when youth start in church vs. in class. Please continue to look at the signage in the narthex to direct you or ask a greeter/usher.



Confirmation Ministry: 6th – 8th graders

Return to class: January 21,

Sunday night: Dinner at 5:30 & class 6:00-7:30pm

The Confirmation Ministry will include class learning, fellowship, service event and possibly another retreat in the spring. This ministry is designed to strengthen faith formation for youth and families. The curriculum focuses on the teachings of Martin Luther using the Small Catechism, Lutheran Theology, and The Old and New Testament. These youths will still be attending Sunday morning worship with their family and be a visible part of our congregation.

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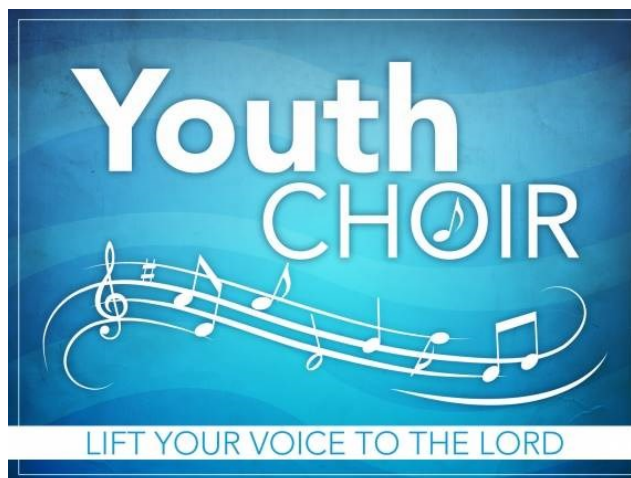


High School Youth : 9th-12th graders

Return to class: January 7, Sunday mornings at 10:15am

This group will continue to start their Sunday mornings at the youth house. They will return as a group to the worship service before communion. There are more fun fellowship events, service projects, and fundraisers coming up. We have 8 youth signed up to participate in the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston Texas in June 2018!

The church and families have a shared role in raising youth in the Christian faith. We appreciate your commitment to model/teach your children in your home. In addition, we appreciate your support in bringing your children to worship, to youth education and participating in activities with them when available. Together we can build a strong faithful community.



It's the start of a new year and new schedule for the Youth Choir. This group is for all 6th graders – high school students who want to lift their voice to the Lord. Practices will be Sundays starting January 7 from 9:30-10:00 am. First performance this year will be Sunday, January 28 at 10:15 am service. All are welcome to join. See Karen Weitendorf for more information.



December Gift Giving Outcomes

New Life is attentive once again in meeting the needs of others struggling in our community and the world. Through your helpful gifts of coats, hats, and mittens; people will be wrapped in warmth during this winter season. Through your thoughtful gifts of kitchen items, bath towels, coloring supplies and personal items, adults at Individual Advocacy Group homes will be able to continue to live independent lives having their needs met and knowing that someone cares for them. Through your generous gifts to God's Global Barnyard, many animals were purchased in honor of someone.

These gifts not only provided a unique gift for someone but helped a family in the world escape hunger and poverty.

We are humbled by your outpouring of care and concern for others. Thank you!

Christmas Light Recycling

Now for the New Season of Christmas - Care Team will again be collecting to recycle burnt out Christmas tree lights and extension cords. There will be a box in the fellowship hall to place those items until Sunday January 14, 2018. Also to keep in the recycling spirit we will also have a box in the fellowship hall to place Christmas cards to recycle by St. Jude Children's Ranch. However we can NOT use any Hallmark, American Greeting nor Disney cards.

Thanks go to you for helping to reduce , reuse and recycle!!!

God's Global Barnyard Updates

Thanks to everyone who purchased animals for God's Global Barnyard to help break the cycle of poverty and hunger for families in need! Together the congregation and our youth were able to provide \$2,110.00 worth of animals - 19 sets of chicks, 7 sets of bees, 6 piglets, 4 goats, 4 sheep, 1 fish pond, 1 cow, and 15 backpacks! With ELCA's matching gifts program, we will actually be donating TWICE that! And that doesn't even include all the animals that were purchased online! Special thanks to our youth, who were able to raise \$140 this year (their best year yet!) – enough for 1 goat, 1 pig, 2 sets of bees & 2 sets of chicks! I believe that we are blessed to be a blessing; so again, thanks for sharing your blessings with others this Christmas! By doing so, you changed the world! -Deb Tomsky



Have you moved or changed your phone number recently? If so, it is important that the church office is contacted so we can update our records. Thank you.

Campaign Kick-off Celebration

We are excited to invite everyone to our Kick-off for the Imagine our Jubilee Campaign. It will be Sunday, January 14 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please come hear about New Life's strong heritage and the exciting future. You'll get a chance to view our new campaign brochure and DVD and learn first-hand of our needs, our hopes and our dreams. Enjoy appetizers and desserts as you join in fellowship with the New Life family! Gifts will not be solicited at this event. But you will learn all about just what we can do in God's name. So please plan to attend our Campaign Kick-Off Celebration.

Nominating Committee Report

Following are the nominations for open committee positions:

Audit committee

2 year term: Nikki Eken, 2nd term

Mission Endowment Fund Committee

3 year term: Coni Coates, Shawn Scott, Greg Krabbenhoft

Congregation Council Members-At-Large

2 year term: Nancy Leiting, Sharon Texley, Mark Arentsen, Suzanne Schorsch (1 year term), Jason Scott (1 year term)

Congregation Council Officers

1 year term: President – John Beaugard,

Vice President – Jerry Streeky, Secretary – Josh Schmidt

Thank you, Greg Krabbenhoft,

Nominating Committee Secretary

The Church Council has nominated the following people for a 2 year term to the Nominating Committee:

1. Sandy Niemiera 2. Sue Ellwing-Ridley 3. Ryan Diepen

The election shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21st.



There are many ways to volunteer at New Life!

January Worship Leaders

Worship Assistant:

8:15 Sandy Niemiera

10:15 Bob Clark

Greeters:

8:15 Sandy & Mike Niemiera

10:15 Steve Ritz

Ushers:

8:15 Jerry Schmidt, Joe Giganti, Nancy Leiting

10:15 Sherry & Greg Krabbenhoft, Beth Girardier

Volunteers are always needed to help with worship. Interested? Contact the church office at 630-759-7636 or officemgr@newlifebolingbrook.org

Feed My Starving Children Service Event

The Care Team and the Interfaith Task Force are pleased to present another service opportunity at FMSC in Aurora on Saturday, January 13 from 9:00-11:00 am. We will be working along side our neighbors from Masjid Al-Jumu'ah Bolingbrook Mosque as part of New Life's Interfaith initiative. This is a family friendly event with children 5 and older able to participate. There are jobs for everyone in a fun and fulfilling atmosphere. This is the last week to sign up in the narthex. Car pooling is available from New Life. This is a great chance to create and build relationships, and share a common goal to feed the hungry.

Recycling for Feed My Starving Children

We are incorporating a recycling project with the upcoming visit to FMSC. FMSC collects used DVD video games and recycles them to support their ministry. Anyone can donate video games whether or not you can attend the serving event. There is a box in the fellowship hall up until Saturday, January 13.



You can help support New Life by simply shopping on Amazon!

Every time you make a purchase AmazonSmiles donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to New Life.

Just visit smile.amazon.com, search for New Life Lutheran Church, Bolingbrook, IL and shop while Amazon gives!

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Recycle Year-Round!

A monthly recycling focus for January: Greeting card for St. Jude's Ranch (no Disney, American Greetings, or Hall-mark)



Shopping Cart Ministry January Focus

Oatmeal, cereals & coffee;
Deodorants, combs & brushes.

JANUARY 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| NA at 7 pm | AA 7 & 8:30 pm | AI Anon 7 pm | NA 10 am AA 7 pm | Ladies AA 7 pm | PANN 7 pm | AI Anon Study 8:45am AI Anon 10 am |
| | 1 | 2 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm Tutoring—7 pm | 3 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-6 pm Tutoring—6:30 pm | 4 Worship Commi—6:30 p Executive Comm—7:15 p Mariachi—6:30-9 pm Christ Center of Hope 7p Mutual Ministry—8 pm | 5 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm Oasis Prayer Service—10 pm | 6 Celebration Band Rehearsal—9 am |
| 7 Worship—8:15 & 10:15 am | 8 Mariachi—4-6 pm Men's Basketball—6:30 pm | 9 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm Tutoring—7 pm Church Council—7 pm | 10 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-6 pm Tutoring—6:30 pm | 11 Mariachi—6:30-9 pm Christ Center of Hope - 7 p | 12 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm BS Troop 34 Lockin 6 p | 13 Celebration Band Rehearsal—9 am Feed My Starving Children Event 9-11 am |
| 14 Worship—8:15 & 10:15 am Blood Drive 8-12 Campaign Kickoff Event 7 pm | 15 Mariachi—4-6 pm Men's Basketball—6:30 pm | 16 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm Tutoring—7 pm Outreach—7 pm | 17 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-6 pm Tutoring—6:30 pm Creative Giving Seminar 7 pm | 18 Mariachi—6:30-9 pm Christ Center of Hope - 7 p Care Team—7 pm Stewardship—7:30 pm | 19 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm | 20 Celebration Band Rehearsal—9 am Pinewood Derby 9-4 |
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Manage Your Giving Online!

New Life is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit www.newlifebolingbrook.org
2. Click on the "Donate Online" button,
3. Click on the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

If you already give via Simply Giving, your profile will link automatically when entering your email address, and you can manage your contributions online at your convenience.

You may also scan this QR code to immediately access the online giving page.



Sunday Worship

8:15 & 10:15 AM

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