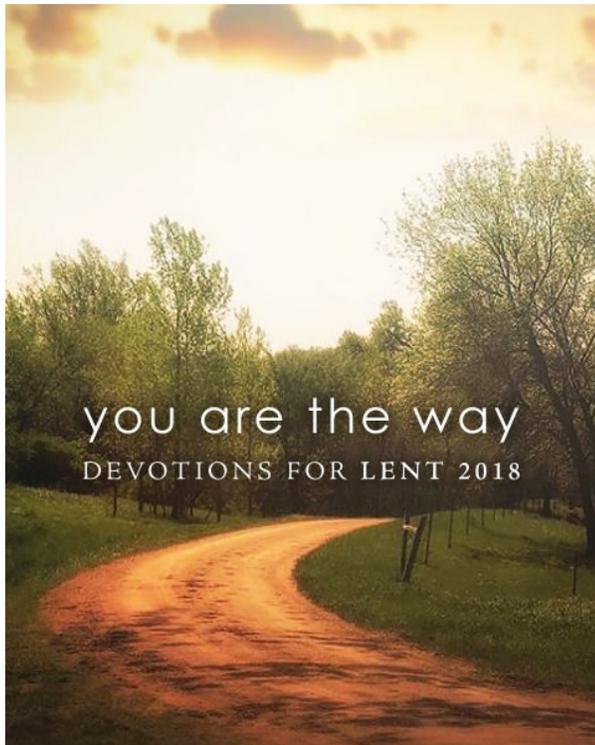


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New Life Lutheran Church Newsletter

February 2018



Lent 2018

2018 Lenten Devotional: you are the way

Everyone is encouraged to take a copy of the 2018 Lenten daily devotional, you are the way based on Jesus' "I am" sayings from the Gospel of John. Devotionals will be available at church beginning Sunday, February 11.

Lenten Dinner Church

**Thursdays, Feb 22, Mar 1, 8, 15
from 6:00 to 7:00pm**

6:00 to 6:30 Dinner Potluck

6:30 to 7:00pm Church

Each evening of Dinner Church includes food and fellowship, plus worship with Holy Communion, all in the Fellowship Hall. Using the you are the way Devotional as a guide, we dive deeper into scripture, prayer and our faith. Join us for Dinner Church this Lent and bring a dish to share! All ages will find meaning in this one hour together.

Lenten Sundays

Youth faith development shifts to the sanctuary for Lent as all ages worship together during this church season. To embrace all ages in worship together, some parts of worship evolve a bit: Visual Prayers, Confirmation youth leading us in litanies and serving Communion, Children's sermon and Kid's Offering up front. We love having all ages in worship and believe everyone is enriched by time together and worshipping in ways attuned to different age groups.

New for Lent: Youth water blessing

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Imagine our Jubilee Campaign

Our *Imagine our Jubilee Campaign* has officially kicked off. This campaign effort is to raise the funds required to retire the debt, renovate and update the narthex and sanctuary and address maintenance issues.

At the Kickoff Celebration we shared our new video and brochure that share our needs, hopes and dreams for this campaign. This video and brochure are available on our website if you didn't get a chance to see it or you want to see it again! Copies of the brochure are also available in the narthex. Another exciting item at the Celebration was the announcement of pledges received to date from advance gifts! This number is growing each week and you can follow our progress in the narthex.

In case you are thinking, "I haven't been asked yet", don't worry. Everyone will have the opportunity to join us in this jubilee campaign. There are volunteers busy working behind the scenes to meet with people for advance gifts. It is personal outreach that is thoughtfully prepared to fully explain our campaign, different ways a gift can be made and answer your questions. Please know that everyone will be asked in some form between now and including Commitment Sunday on March 4. In the meantime, we ask you to prayerfully consider being one of the special "angels" by making one of the few key pacesetting gifts that we need to assure our campaign's success. Several gifts in an amount equal to 1% to 10% of our overall goal would be a "God send" to us and will all but assure our success.

A way to be involved in the campaign right away is serving as a volunteer. There are many events and steps to make this campaign complete and many hands make light work. If you are interested in sharing your time, please contact the church office or fill out a volunteer card located in the narthex and place in the box.

Another way to be involved is attending several of the upcoming events we are offering in support of the campaign.

Creative Giving Seminar: Wednesday, February 28 7:00 pm at church.

This is an educational opportunity to learn about various ways that gifts can be made whether that is to this campaign or leaving a legacy for family members. This information may enable you to make larger and more beneficial gifts than you thought were humanly possible. In addition to a video and printed materials, there will be a Certified Public Accountant, Attorney, and Certified Financial Planner available to answer your questions.

Prayer Circle: Saturday, March 3 starting at 7:00 am thru 10:45 am

Join us as a community of believers as we pause to ask for God's blessings on our campaign. You can be a part of this prayerful event by either coming to church or participating from your own home. Time slots begin at 7:00 am and are available every 15 minutes until 10:45 am. Your full-time commitment in the circle can be 30 minutes to a hour. We want to have people and their prayers overlapping all morning. The prayer circle (both at New Life and at your home) are family friendly. Sign up in the narthex or online.

Commitment Sunday: Sunday, March 4 as part of worship services

Please take the time to be informed about this important subject. The outcome of this campaign is important to imagining the possibilities as we minister to the needs of our congregation and community. If you have questions, you can contact the church office, or you can fill out a question card in the narthex and place in the box. Chances are someone else has the same question as you. Everyone is encouraged to consider an uplifting gift to be a part of this campaign for New Life's future needs and ministry. Your generosity is sure to be richly blessed.



EMPOWERED! -The Value of Women

Friday, February 16th

7:00-10:00 pm

At New Life Church

Calling all teen girls (Middle school thru High School)! You and your friends are invited to this event. We'll touch on real issues that real girls experience. How do you see yourself? How does the world see you? Learn to see yourself as God sees you and face the world empowered. In addition, we'll have pizza, make glass beaded bracelets, & have a "super" prop photo booth

shoot! We'll even get a visit from Supergirl (Vicar Chelsey) herself! There will be lots of resources for you to take home. Cost is \$15 per girl, invite a friend! To register or if you have questions, please contact Deb Tom-sky dtomsky@comcast.net. You can also register and pay online through our website at www.newlifebolingbrook.org. Please register by February 10th so materials can be ordered. *"Here's to strong women – may we know them, may we raise them, may be them."*



Feed My Starving Children

Through your hands, we were able to do God's work to help feed the hungry. In January, our group of 40 volunteers, which included members of the Bolingbrook mosque, visited FMSC in Aurora to pack manna meals. These meals consist of a powdered protein, dried vegetables, soy and rice. With the help of other community groups there that day, we

were able to pack 203 boxes which equals 43,848 meals. This will feed 120 kids for a year! Visit our Facebook page to see pictures.

In case you missed the January event, there is another opportunity to volunteer with FMSC this month.

Saturday, February 17, 7:30-9:45 pm

At North Central College, 440 S. Brainard St. Naperville

We are joining forces with surrounding churches, civic organizations, and communities to fill the 6,000 volunteer spots for this MobilePack event at North Central College. Working together to turn hunger into hope! This event can produce 1.2 million meals to feed hungry children around the world.

Feed My Starving Children will be providing all the supplies necessary to pack the lifesaving manna food packs. Our hands are needed to make a huge difference for the thousands of children in need. Our hearts are needed to pray that this food safely reaches the children and that their hunger and spirit are filled. Our financial donations are needed since FMSC receives no government funding and ingredients are purchased through donations.

This is a great family and friends event in a fun, energizing atmosphere. Children age 5 and older can participate. Parking is limited so please consider carpooling, use the public parking decks in Naperville and be prepared to walk to campus.

You must sign up in the narthex or on our website as there are only 45 slots for our group. We are also extending an invitation to the Bolingbrook Mosque to join us again for this service opportunity.



Ever Wonder . . .

If you have ever attended a funeral luncheon at New Life Church, you have seen the wonderful spread of food to provide nourishment and comfort to the family and their friends. This is a ministry of New Life and you can be a part of it too. When the need arises, an email is sent to members who have volunteered to provide a dish for the luncheon. This is usually a side dish of vegetables or salads or dessert items. A few members also help to set up, serve and clean up from the luncheon. This ministry very flexible in that, if you are unable to participate for a date due to your schedule, there will be other opportunities in the future. If you would like to be added to the list for this ministry, please contact Susan Brown in the church office.



Spotlight on Committees: Property

This is a new feature for our newsletter that we are hoping to have monthly that focuses on the important work that various groups of volunteers provide our church. It will help you to know who these groups are, what their focus is, who is currently volunteering and how you can use your time and talents to get involved.

Just as there are many things to maintain, repair, and replace in your home, it is no different with God's house. Our Property Committee is responsible for the upkeep to the exterior and interior of our house of worship and meeting space. This group helps to ensure our property not only meets the needs of our congregation and community groups that we welcome into our space but is inviting and comfortable to all.

This group also establishes a schedule for summer lawn mowing. We have our own equipment and by volunteers we can save our congregation significant money every year by using volunteers from the congregation.

Upcoming needs will be a spring cleaning of the building and grounds, organizing our storage, and recruiting volunteers for the lawn crew.

If you have a special talent that could benefit our facilities such as plumbing, electrical, painting, carpentry, HVAC, landscaping or just a desire to help, please contact Michael Wynns at lydia_mike@comcast.net or call the church office. It is likely that almost every member can contribute in some way whether that is serving on the committee or volunteering for a specific project.

Members of this committee are Michael Wynns-Chairperson, Dave Anderson, Justin Bloodgood, Bob Blumenstein, Jeff Brown, Bob Clark, Don Costello, Pastor Rakel Evenson, Greg Krabbenhoff, Randy Mucha, Vicar Chelsey Olson, and Norma Sabine. Meetings are generally the last Thursday of the month 7:00-8:30 pm.



February Anniversaries

- 2/3 Mike & Lydia Wynns
- 2/8 Francisco & Barbara Escamilla
- 2/9 Art & Chris Arellano
- 2/9 Spencer & Mary Gerke
- 2/9 Heather & John Wanner
- 2/14 Rich & Kay Olsen
- 2/17 Rich & Colette Stoehrmann
- 2/20 Rich & Cathy Hess
- 2/28 Scott & Barbara Nelson

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.

SUPPLY Plant Sale Coming Soon!

If you are ready for some warm weather thoughts, how about planning your spring planting? Let the SUPPLY youth group help! Order forms for their spring plant sale will be available in the narthex February 11 – April 2. In addition to flowers and vegetables, herbs will be available this year. Proceeds from this fundraiser help fund the high school ministry, including the National Youth Gathering in Houston Texas this summer.

Blood Drive Results

We are thankful for those who were able to donate at our January blood drive. Heartland collected 17 units. This is even more impressive when you consider these units provide lifesaving gifts for 51 people as every unit can save 3 lives! Please plan on joining us for our next drive on April 15. If you were a double red cell donor from our December drive, you will be eligible to give again. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to donate and then attend worship together as well.

New Life Website—It's New!

We are thrilled to announce a new look, new information, new pictures, and just plain new website. There is more relevant, timely information available now and it will be updated regularly. In addition to current events and ministries, it also contains a page for history and staff. We will be utilizing it to meet the needs of current members in addition to attracting prospective members. We hope to have signups and registrations for events online as well as continuing to offer the paper sign ups in the narthex. We will have the option to pay registration fees online as well.

What is not new is the address:

www.newlifebolingbrook.org

Check it out today!



There are many ways to volunteer at New Life!

February Worship Leaders

Worship Assistant:

8:15 Jerry Streeky
10:15 Norb Weitendorf

Greeters:

8:15 Mort & Carol Erickson
10:15 Heather Wanner

Ushers:

8:15 Larry & Jennifer Calloni (2/40, Sue & Ken McConnaughay, Mike Ferrara,
10:15 Lisa & Ian Mustonen, David & Susan Thomas

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

2018 Church Council Members

We are pleased to announce your Council members for the coming year.

John Beaugard, President
Jerry Streeky, Vice President
Josh Schmidt, Secretary
Cyndi Torkelson, Treasurer
Council Members at Large:

Mark Arentsen, Nancy Leiting, Suzanne Schorsch, Jason
Scott, Sharon Texley, Lorie Cristofaro, Pastor Rakel

Thank you to these individuals for being willing to serve our congregation. Please seek out these people to share your praise, ideas or concern so we can all work together to strengthen our church.



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Recycle Year-Round!

A monthly recycling focus for February:
American Flags—Dpwners Grove



Shopping Cart Ministry February Focus

Soups, broth & chili;
Toothpaste, toothbrushes.

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 Worship Commi—6:30 p Executive Comm—7:15 p Mariachi—6:30-9 pm Christ Center of Hope 7p Mutual Ministry—8 pm	2 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm Oasis Prayer Service—10 pm	3 Celebration Band Rehearsal—9 am
4 Worship—8:15 & 10:15 am Head2Heart 11:30 am	5 Mariachi—4-6 pm Men's Basketball—6:30 pm	6 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm Tutoring—7 pm	7 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-6 pm Tutoring—6:30 pm	8 Mariachi—6:30-9 pm Christ Center of Hope - 7p	9 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm	10 Celebration Band Rehearsal—9 am SUPPLY Mac 'N Cheese Bake-off—12-2pm
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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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