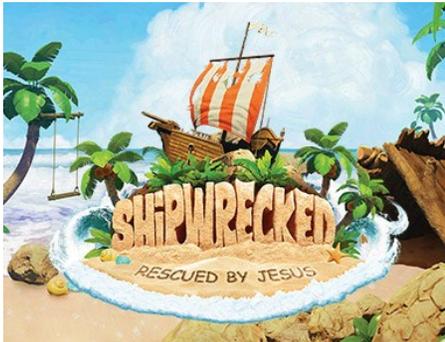




# LIFE LINE

New Life Lutheran Church Newsletter

June 2018



## Vacation Bible School

**Shipwrecked! - June 18 – 22, 9:00 am – Noon**

All youth age 3 (must be potty trained) - 5th grade are invited to join in this week of an island adventure!

Cost is FREE!

Register now on our website: [www.NewLifeBolingbrook.org](http://www.NewLifeBolingbrook.org)

Share this fun summer opportunity with your friends!

- Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life. As part of a multi age crew, youth will have fun while discovering God's word and His promises through...
- Bible Discovery to experience bible stories in an interactive way
- Imagination Station with hands on discoveries
- Sing & Play as a fun way to remember God's promises
- Ship Rec Games for some high energy fun
- Art with hands on projects each day
- Snacks for our hungry bunch of adventurers

Kids leave Shipwrecked VBS knowing that there is Someone bigger than their struggles, Someone stronger than their weakness, Someone who loves them unconditionally...Jesus. And that's a treasure worth having!

## VBS Fundraiser Recap

Once again New Life has faithfully supported the youth in our congregation and community! Thank you to everyone who supported our VBS ministry through your generous contributions. New Life continues to demonstrate that kids are our treasure by meeting the commitment to offer VBS for free. We raised \$740 which is enough to sponsor 74 kids. That's 74 young lives that will be impacted by learning about God's word and His promises. Now help us fill those spots by signing up your kids and inviting your friends to join us at Shipwrecked VBS!

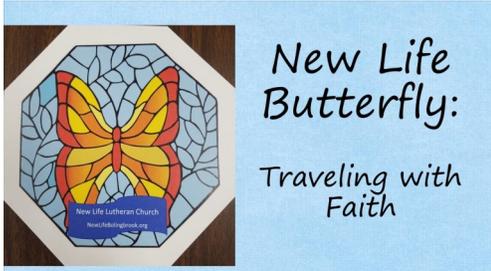


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# Welcome Our New Director of Music

We are pleased to welcome Agata Olszakowska to our New Life staff. She is the new Director of Music and started May 15. We are excited to have her join us on Sunday mornings as well as share her music ministry throughout the congregation. Please introduce yourself and be sure to wear your nametag to help her learn all of us.



## New Life Butterfly: Traveling with Faith

Discover the world on the wings of New Life's butterfly! On Pentecost, we kicked off a fun new photo project for the summer.

Every year people travel to different destinations throughout their summer adventures. Maybe it's somewhere close or maybe it's far away.

The incredible fact is that even when you aren't physically at church, New Life is with you wherever you travel. You bring your church community and faith wherever you go. You are never without it. This has significance especially as we celebrated Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is still at work; calling, gathering, and empowering followers of Jesus. We all have a story to tell about our church community and our faith. When we tell our stories, we strengthen, encourage and invite those around us. And that's our first goal for this project.

We know it's not always easy to get that conversation started. So we have the New Life Butterfly for you to remember this place, this community, this message of Pentecost wherever your summer travels take you.

Each family received their own New Life Butterfly on Pentecost. If you still need one, they are available on Sunday mornings from an usher or the church office during the week. Put it in your car, pack it in your suitcase, don't leave home without it.

Then whenever you are having an adventure, take an ExtraOrdinary picture with the New Life Butterfly that includes the place, people or an object from your adventure. And maybe someone will ask, "what's that?". And that's your opportunity to talk about New Life!

- "We're doing this fun summer photo project about where we travel with our faith."
- "We are keeping our community connected even when we aren't together."
- "I started attending New Life..."
- Maybe even invite them to join you for worship or an upcoming event.
- You could even give them your New Life Butterfly! We'll make more!

Our second goal for this project is to keep us as a church community connected. On the back of the butterfly are instructions of where to send photos and short description of your adventure.

1. Go to our Facebook page. There will be a daily post with the New Life Butterfly: Traveling with Faith. Click on comment and attach your photo.
2. Or if you aren't on Facebook, email it to [susan@newlifebolingbrook.org](mailto:susan@newlifebolingbrook.org)
3. Or if you don't have email, print out your picture and give it to Susan Brown or place in her mailbox.

Then start looking at where our community of faith is traveling by visiting our Facebook page, our website or the display on the wall right when you enter church.

*God's Spirit is full of power and can transform lives.*

*We humbly ask that He give us strength and courage to dare to share that faith wherever we are.*



# National Youth Gathering Update!

The theme of this year's gathering is "This Changes Everything." The Gathering theme offers a great opportunity for everyone involved to reflect on Ephesians 2:8 – "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

Grace is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize they are enough because of what Christ has done and are called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news.

We are proud to have 10 youth and 2 chaperones representing New Life at this faith filled events.

*Sarah Bouhuys, Jessica Brown, Allison Brown, Marysa Cristofaro, Harrison Dehnert, Hailey Dehnert, Hannah Ritz, Liliana Santoyo, Jeremy Weitendorf, Kyle Widler*

The gathering is held every 3 years where 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from ELCA churches across the country gather for a week of faith formation. Days are spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship. Young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

## SUPPLY Sponsorships

The ELCA National Youth Gathering is quickly approaching! On Sunday, June 3 and June 10, we invite you to meet our 10 youth and 2 chaperones that will be traveling to Houston for this faith filled event. They will be in the narthex hosting one last fundraiser to help get them there and back. You are invited to talk with them about their interest in going, what they will be doing, what they are looking forward to or just details about the trip. Then we hope you'll consider sponsoring our youth through your donation.

## Young Family Picnic: Friday, June 22

New Life will be hosting a Young Family Picnic on Friday, June 22. This is the last day of VBS. Stay tuned for the time and more details. We are looking forward to gathering our young families for fun and fellowship. It will be a great way to meet parents and their children.



## Spring Youth Offering Results

Youth have the opportunity to have a voice on what their youth offerings support. This is a way to encourage them to help others and strengthen the faith practice of thanking God for many blessings. All the weekly youth offerings received from March 11-May 20 will be given to **the ministry of Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$123.45.**

Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families. Since its incorporation in 1988 in Will co., Habitat for Humanity has built 53 houses in our community - 20 houses in Joliet and 32 houses in Lockport Township.

## Summer Youth Offering



All youth in church on May 20 were able to vote on a new ministry that will be supported with their summer offerings. The ministry selected was ELCA – Water Filters. These simple, ceramic water filters are a lifesaver. It's capable of purifying water without electricity or chemicals. These filters cost \$30 apiece.

All youth will receive new yellow envelopes on May 27. Susan Brown will be handing them out or mailing them if you are unable to be at church. The

Summer Youth Offerings will run from May 27 – September 2.

As a church, we want to encourage parents and give them meaningful tools to support the faith development of their children. One tool to develop this faith trait is through weekly offerings where we acknowledge all the gifts we receive from God.





## Ever Wonder . . .

How do I share a musically talent I have? Whether you sing or play an instrument we would love to have you be part of our worship services. Whether you are a solo act or want to be paired up with someone, our new Director of Music would be happy to help you plan something that meets your schedule and needs. Just contact the church office to get connected with Agata Olszakowska. We invite you to make a joyful noise!



## Spotlight on Communion Prep

Every Sunday we are invited to the Lord's table for communion. So every Sunday a volunteer has to set out the wine and wafers before both services as well as taking care of putting the elements away after service. If you would like more information about this opportunity to serve, please contact Nancy Leiting or Joe Giganti. If this is way that you would like to use your time and talents to serve one another, please contact the church office to be added.



## Feed My Starving Children—June 30

There will be another opportunity to pack food at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora with the Bolingbrook Mosque on Saturday, June 30, from 9:00 am—11:00 am. There are a variety of jobs to do and children 5 and older can participate, making this a great family event. This is an Interfaith project to continue communication with the Muslim families in our community. In addition: unwanted game DVD's (games only) are being accepted by the Feed My Starving Children location. There is a collection bucket in the fellowship hall.



## Imagine Our Jubilee Campaign

Thank you for continuing to faithfully fulfill your pledge commitments. We are excited to announce that we will be sending an additional \$35,000 this month to pay down our mortgage! This is in addition to the \$25,000 that was sent in April. This shortens the length of our loan and the overall interest payments we will have to make. How wonderful that our campaign is on track to meet the goal of retiring the debt which will allow us to better meet the needs of our community in the future. Watch for exciting new displays in the narthex of our progress towards this and our other goals. We continue to boldly pray that those who made commitments to this campaign will be able to fulfill those pledges in a timely manner. Campaign envelopes are now a part of the regular mailing of monthly offering envelopes. If you do not receive monthly offering envelopes but would like campaign envelopes, please contact the church office. You can also use online giving to fulfill pledge payments. Go to [www.NewLifeBolingbrook.org](http://www.NewLifeBolingbrook.org) and click on Giving in upper right corner. If you were not able to make a pledge in the past, but would like to participate in the future, please contact the church office for more information. Everyone has different gifts and every gift continues to make a difference as we approach our 50th jubilee.



## June

### Anniversaries

<i>Brian &amp; Michelle Engel</i>	<i>6/3</i>
<i>Mike &amp; Melissa Green</i>	<i>6/3</i>
<i>Bruce &amp; Sharon Texley</i>	<i>6/5</i>
<i>Peter &amp; Helen Ullery</i>	<i>6/5</i>
<i>Kyle &amp; Danielle Conn</i>	<i>6/7</i>
<i>Steve &amp; Jennifer Scheele</i>	<i>6/7</i>
<i>Justin &amp; Teryl Snedden</i>	<i>6/8</i>
<i>Al &amp; Tina Thompson</i>	<i>6/8</i>
<i>Warren &amp; Alyson Wold</i>	<i>6/8</i>
<i>Bill &amp; Joanie Palmer</i>	<i>6/10</i>
<i>Debbie &amp; Terry Countryman</i>	<i>6/13</i>
<i>Jared &amp; Gladys Carlson</i>	<i>6/16</i>
<i>Greg &amp; Jackie Rahn Sr.</i>	<i>6/17</i>
<i>Dorothy &amp; Robert Dominiak</i>	<i>6/18</i>
<i>Jennifer &amp; Kenneth Price</i>	<i>6/18</i>
<i>Ken &amp; Sue McConnaughay</i>	<i>6/19</i>
<i>Steve &amp; Stacie Ritz</i>	<i>6/19</i>
<i>Mike &amp; Dawn Morfoot</i>	<i>6/22</i>
<i>David &amp; Carole Perkins</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>Bruce &amp; Pat Conrad</i>	<i>6/29</i>

*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.*



## First Communion June 3 at the 10:15 am service

We will be welcoming to the Lord's table for the first time our 4th grade youth to receive the sacrament of the Holy Communion.

*Owen Allen Delk, Celina Renée Moreno,  
Boru Eugene O'Brien, Faye Ilene Ritz*

They will be preparing for this day by having a retreat on Friday, June 1 to learn about this Holy Meal of God's grace.

## Graduate Recognition: June 10

On June 10, we want to celebrate our young adults who will be graduating from high school or college with any type of degree. They will be receiving a special blessing at worship and be listed in the bulletin. Please contact Susan Brown to share your information.

## Adult Retreat: June 15-16

Due to the retreat in May having to be rescheduled, you have another opportunity to join in this faith building event. We invite you to set aside the time for studying scripture and prayer as in individual as well as with others. The retreat will be held at the beautiful Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center in Oregon, IL. David Miller, former New Life member, will be the leader. This is also a great opportunity to build deeper friendships, beyond just Sunday mornings.

Cost is \$100 which includes meals and housing. Reserve your spot on our website, call the church office or contact Ken McConnaughay.

## New Life Softball Team

Upcoming games for this month are scheduled for June 8, 12, 19, 22, 26, and 29. We will try to keep our Facebook page up to date with the latest information. Games are played on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6:30pm at Jaime McGee school in Bolingbrook. Even if you don't play, it's a great opportunity to cheer on the New Life family.

## Interfaith Potluck: Saturday, July 21

The event with the Bolingbrook Mosque had to be rescheduled from May. The new date is July 21. Stay tuned for details and the opportunity to sign up. Thank you for everyone's interest in renewing friendships and making new ones with people in our community.



There are many ways to volunteer at New Life!

## June Worship Leaders

### Worship Assistant:

8:15 TBA

10:15 TBA

### Greeters:

8:15 Sandy Brooks, Dorothy Dominiak

10:15 Sue Ellwing-Ridley

### Ushers:

8:15 Spencer Gerke, Jennifer & Larry Calloni

10:15 Carol & Charlie Ryl-Kuchar, Rich & Sandie Zihala

*Volunteers are always needed to help with worship. Interested? Contact the church office at 630-759-7636 or [officemgr@newlifebolingbrook.org](mailto:officemgr@newlifebolingbrook.org)*

## Care Team Reports Recycling Success!

*In April New Life recycled :*

- 2 American flags to be disposed of properly
- 20 pair of eyeglasses and 1 hearing aid set
- 34 pairs of jeans were donated to The Giving Tree
- 68 empty ink cartridges were recycled at Target
- 6 cell phone were recycled at Target
- 19 towels of various sizes and colors are being repurposed at a geriatric facility in a local hospital.
- MANY batteries were recycled at Batteries+
- MANY empty medicine vials were repurposed
- 35 pairs of shoes (soles only) will be repurposed as playground surfaces by the Nike company
- Our first-ever electronics recycling was a huge success - all items were turned into the recycling center in Naperville and a big thank you to Nikki Eken for transporting all the electronics to the center.

Recycling is something that can be done year round by all of us. Thanks for participating and continue to recycle.

## Your Council Members

These members represent you! So if you have a question or idea for ministry; please reach out to one of these volunteers.

John Beaugard, President; Jerry Streeky, Mark Arentsen, Lorie Cristofaro, Nancy Leiting, Josh Schmidt, Suzanne Schorsch, Jason Scott, Sharon Texley, Cyndi Torkelson



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Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text – right from the directory app.

### It's Easy!

1. Scan this QR code:  
(If you don't have a QR code scanner app, go to your device's app store and search for "Instant Church Directory.")
2. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
3. Enter the assigned password into the app to begin syncing.



## Recycle Year-Round!

A monthly recycling focus for June:  
ink jet cartridges—recycle at Target stores



### Shopping Cart Ministry—June Focus

Canned tuna, chicken, meats;  
Paper plates, & plastic silver-ware

# JUNE 2018

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
NA at 7 pm	AA 7:00 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 1st Communion Re-treat—7 pm Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm Oasis Prayer Service—10 pm	2 Celebration Band Rehearsal—10 am
3 <b>Worship—8:15 &amp; 10:15 am</b> First Communion—10:15 am	4 Mariachi—4-6 pm Men's Basketball—6:30 pm	5 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm	6 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-6 pm	7 Worship Commi—6:30 p Executive Comm—7:15 p Mariachi—6:30-9 pm Christ Center of Hope 7p	8 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm Oasis Prayer Service—10 pm	9 Celebration Band Rehearsal—10 am
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24 <b>Worship—8:15 &amp; 10:15 am</b> Vicar Chelsey's Last Sunday	25 Mariachi—4-6 pm Men's Basketball—6:30 pm	26 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	27 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-6 pm	28 Mariachi—6:30-9 pm Christ Center of Hope - 7 p Proptery—7 pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">National Youth Gathering</div>	29 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm Oasis Prayer Service—10 pm	30 Celebration Band Rehearsal—10 am <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>

# 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](http://www.newlifebolingbrook.org).
2. Click on "Giving" on the top right side of the page.
3. Click on "Donate/Pay Online" to schedule your recurring or one-time contributions. You may also scan this QR code to immediately access the online giving page.

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.



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