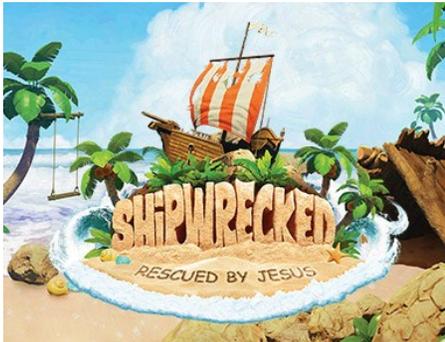




# LIFE LINE

New Life Lutheran Church Newsletter

May 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 adventure!

Cost is FREE!

Registration is available on our website.

This is a great opportunity to invite friends to join you here at New Life.

Make sure your summer plans include attending New Life's VBS. Venture onto an uncharted island where kids are rescued by Jesus! Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life. Every experience at VBS is designed to create the best possible environment for God to connect with the hearts of your kids!

**Transforming Experiences:** A constant media feed and increasing push toward excellence has led to waves of worries and struggles that kids have never faced before. Kids leave Shipwrecked VBS knowing that there is Someone bigger than their struggles, Someone stronger than their weakness, Someone who loves them unconditionally...Jesus.

**Easy-to-Learn Bible Truths:** At Shipwrecked VBS, kids learn one important Bible Point each day, and it's reinforced often through Bible adventures, key Bible verses, songs, snacks, and hands-on explorations that help children know that Jesus is with them through all of life's storms!

**Interconnected Experiences:** Small multi age crews bring kids together with older youth and adults that help them discover God anew. Kids develop a deeper connection to Jesus in a more personal way. They don't just learn a Bible story every day; they experience it.

Plan on joining us for bible stories, science, song, games, crafts and of course food for our hungry bunch of adventurers.

## VBS Fundraiser – Kids Are Our Treasure Sundays, May 6 & 13

New Life has faithfully supported the youth in our congregation and community in many ways. One big way is through our commitment to offer VBS for free so everyone can attend. To help continue this tradition there will be an opportunity to sponsor a child for \$10. We are hoping to offer this faith-filling experience to 60-75 kids this year. Please stop by the narthex on these Sundays to add to our treasure chest.

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# National Youth Gathering Update!

On June 26-July 2nd, 2018 our SUPPLY youth group is attending the ELCA National High School Youth Gathering, held in Houston TX. We will be gathering with 30,000 high school youth for five days! This will be a time where individuals will build community and develop new relationships. It will be a chance to have a life changing and wonderful faith filled experience. This gathering will be an opportunity to learn, listen,

connect, and engage with one another.

We will:

- Stand up – using your gifts to serve God.
- Stand for – using your talents to care for all people.
- Stand with – God's creation using your passions to better God's creation and change the world.

New Life Travelers: *Vicar Chelsey Olson, Norb Weitendorf, Sarah Bouhuys, Allison Brown, Hannah Ritz, Harrison Dehnert, Jessica Brown, Jeremy Weitendorf, Liliana Santoyo, Kyle Widler, Marysa Cristofaro, Hailey Dehnert*

We are excited to announce that we are teaming up with Joyful Spirit Lutheran Church as well! All together we will be traveling with 13 youth and 3 adult leaders. We are thrilled for this fun and exciting journey!

*Vicar Chelsey Olson*

## Spring Youth Offering

The Spring Youth Offering will be wrapping up on May 20. We wanted them to have a say on where their offerings go and cheerlead their giving to help others and say thanks to God. So, the youth previously voted to support the ministry of Habitat for Humanity. All the weekly youth offerings given from March 11-May 20 will be directed to this ministry. Watch for the announcement of their total efforts.

Then it will be time to kick off the Summer Youth Offering. All youth will receive new colorful envelopes on May 20 to begin that quarter. Youth will also be voting that day on the new ministry or charity to support with their offerings. 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 of the basic practices of faith is saying thank you to God for his many blessings. One tool to develop this faith trait is through weekly offerings where we acknowledge all the gifts we receive from God. This year, we will be distributing youth offering envelopes on a quarterly basis.

Youth Offering envelopes will also be available in the back of the sanctuary at the Welcome Kids spot if someone forgets their envelope on Sunday. Also, any offerings made in labeled youth envelopes will be recorded on your family's giving statement.

If you have any questions about this updated ministry, please contact Pastor Rakel or Susan Brown.

## S.U.P.P.L.Y. Plant Delivery

If you ordered plants through S.U.P.P.L.Y., they will arrive on Saturday, May 12. You can pick up your order at church between 10:00 am – Noon. If you are unable to come to church that day, plants will be moved into the fellowship hall and can be picked up on Sunday after services.

And if you didn't get anything ordered, there will be some extra plants available for purchase. Stop by to see what is available or what catches your eye!

This fundraiser supports our high school youth group, specifically the individuals attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Texas this summer. Thank you for your support.



## A Letter from Our Incoming Intern: Vicar Frantisek Janak

Dear Pastor Rakel Evenson and all at New Life Lutheran Church in Bolingbrook,

It is my pleasure and privilege to accept internship placement into your community for the upcoming internship period 2018-2019.

My name is Frantisek Janak and I am currently in candidacy to be ordained with the blessing and support of Rocky Mountain Synod. My home congregation is All Saints Lutheran Church in Aurora, Colorado. I like Colorado, as it is where my wife Christine has spent most of her life and it was the first state of my residence in the U. S. between 2015 and 2016 (my first U. S. home). I was born in the Czech Republic and lived most of my life in its capital, Prague. It is also where, as an adult, I believed in the Lord and was baptized. This radical change of life led me to go to Slovakia and study Mission Work with Children and Young Peo-

ple in Martin, Slovakia, where I became Lutheran - the undergraduate degree in Lutheran theology and education was my confirmation of sorts. Thanks to this program, I went to Switzerland on a ministerial leadership at International Protestant Church of Zurich, where I received my call to the ordained ministry and also met my wife Christine, who was there dancing in a ballet company.

After finishing my degree in Slovakia and receiving my fiancée visa, I came to the U. S. and married Christine. Fortunately, both in Colorado and Chicagoland, there are plenty of Czech restaurants and expat events, but I do miss living in Prague and seeing my family and friends. We have been both in Chicago (or more specifically Hyde Park), where I study at LSTC, for almost two years now. Christine, as a professional ballet dancer, has been a part of different dance companies, taught at various dance academies (predominantly in the northern Illinois), and also taught yoga and wellness classes at LSTC. Her passions are dance, yoga, photography, hiking, and traveling.

Most of my time is taken up by seminary studies, but I am also employed by LSTC as Community Life Assistant, a part-time position, where I help organize event, work with media, and provide other community support such as welcoming of new campus members. In my free time, I enjoy digital media both as a consumer and a creator as I post my videos to YouTube and publish photos on Instagram, I like playing video games with immersive and intelligent storytelling, occasionally read SCI-FI and fantasy novels, and enjoy road trips and travels with Christine - we take pleasure in exploring cuisine, local culture, and the nature. Christine and I also enjoy watching together interesting TV shows such as Man in the High Castle, Doctor Who, Sherlock, or Victoria.

Upon consultation with Pastor Rakel Evenson, I propose July 24th as the beginning date of the internship . My first Sunday would then be July 29th. We look forward to joining your community for a year very soon,

*Frantisek Janak, Jr.*

Incoming New Life Lutheran Church Intern (2018-2019)



## Ever Wonder . . .

Do you enjoy seeing flowers on the altar for Sunday morning services? Or maybe you are looking for a way to honor someone within the service? You can purchase altar flowers for \$17.50. Acknowledgement will be given if they are in honor or memory of someone or recognition of a special day. There is a sign up in the narthex if you would like to select a specific date. Or you can always call the church office to make your request.

## Spotlight on Committees: Worship



This is a new feature 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.

The Worship Committee's primary focus is the very experience that likely drew many members to New Life — worship!

This committee is responsible for the worship life of the congregation and provides the leadership and training needed so that the worship services at New Life are a meaningful spiritual experience. We focus on doing all we can to bring the New Life Guiding Vision to reality. Our worship experience is centered on God with a strong focus on participation in prayer, song, reading of scripture and receiving the Sacraments. The worship experience at New Life fosters a connected community with a healthy blend of the familiar and the innovative, leading to sincere and reverent worship in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere.

God calls us to serve one another, and he has given each one of us unique gifts to do so. Explore the many ways in which you can use your time and talents to support God's work.

If you are interested in this type of ministry, please contact Chair Julie Pavlini at [juliepavlini@gmail.com](mailto:juliepavlini@gmail.com) or call the church office. We are always open to new members joining our committee, and we meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.

### **First Communion—June 3 at the 10:15 service**

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



## May Anniversaries

<i>Dick &amp; Laurena Beckett</i>	5/1
<i>Denis &amp; Rose Nickles</i>	5/1
<i>David &amp; Susan Nowicki</i>	5/9
<i>Randy &amp; Carol Mucha</i>	5/16
<i>Lloyd &amp; Judy Marlar</i>	5/18
<i>Nathan &amp; Amy Foster</i>	5/22
<i>Roland &amp; Florence Johnson</i>	5/22
<i>Jamie &amp; Joe Beckett</i>	5/24
<i>Dino &amp; Lorie Cristofaro</i>	5/26
<i>Shawn &amp; DeAnn Scott</i>	5/26
<i>Rakel &amp; Ben Evenson</i>	5/27
<i>Josh &amp; Jennifer Schmidt</i>	5/28
<i>Greg &amp; Cyndi Torkelson</i>	5/29
<i>Mark &amp; Kim Brown</i>	5/30

*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.*



## Imagine Our Jubilee Campaign

We are still celebrating the commitments of many; we are currently just over \$530,000 that was pledged for this campaign. In the midst of our busy

lives, the God of abundance has been with us every step of the way. Now we can remove some of those distractions that have kept us from living out the radical love that God would have us do in this place for the love of our neighbor. So we are happy to report that we were able to pay down our mortgage by an additional \$25,000. This shortens the length of our loan and the overall interest payments we will have to make. Watch for exciting new displays in the narthex of our progress towards this and our other goals.

We will continue to pray and discern the various ways that New Life can minister to the needs of our community and help people thrive. Things that would speak to the many and varied gifts of the people who gather here. Let's keep imagining what we can do as we continue to do God's work with our hands and strive to be Jesus disciples at this time, in this place.

We continue to boldly pray that those who made commitments to this campaign will be able to fulfill those pledges in the timely manner they indicated. 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.

## Summer Lawn Care

Volunteer to use your time to care for God's house. Our grounds need to be kept up over the summer just like your personal house. So there is lawn to mow, trimming, weeding, clean up and maintaining the landscaping during the summer months. Whether you can help once during the summer or once a month, please consider joining in to create a welcoming space for our community. You could choose to serve as a family or work together with other members. Contact Mike Wynns to sign up or for more information at [lydia\\_mike@comcast.net](mailto:lydia_mike@comcast.net).



There are many ways to volunteer at New Life!

## May Worship Leaders

### Worship Assistant:

8:15 Jackie Schmidt  
10:15 Bob Clark

### Greeters:

8:15 Nancy Leiting  
10:15 June Charnevsky

### Ushers:

8:15 Ken & Sue McConnaughay  
10:15 Bruno & Maggie Sadowski, Cathy Taylor

*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)*

## 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*

## 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. Hope you will be able to attend this fun fast paced event. 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.

## Blood Drive Results

Thank you for your support at our last blood drive. We had 14 gracious donors. Since every donation can save up to 3 lives, that means we impacted 42 people!

Our next blood drive will be in the fall on Sunday, September 23. Feel free to donate over the summer by visiting a Heartland Blood Center. Check their website [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) for locations and hours.



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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 May: Spring Cleaning—donate unwanted items to Amvets and get a tax deduction!



### Shopping Cart Ministry—May Focus

Maple syrup & pancake mix;  
Shampoo & bar soap.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NA at 7 pm	AA 7:00 pm	Al Anon 7 pm	NA 10 am AA 7 pm	Ladies AA 7 pm	PANN 7 pm	Al Anon Study 8:45am Al Anon 10 am
		1 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm Tutoring—7 pm	2 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-6 pm Tutoring—6:30 pm	3 Worship Commi—6:30 p Executive Comm—7:15 p Mariachi—6:30-9 pm Christ Center of Hope 7p Mutual Ministry—8 pm	4 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm Oasis Prayer Service—10 pm	5 Celebration Band Rehearsal—10 am
6 <b>Worship—8:15 &amp; 10:15 am</b> Wedding Shower 11:30 am	7 Mariachi—4-6 pm Men's Basketball—6:30 pm	8 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm Church Council—7 pm Tutoring—7 pm	9 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-6 pm Tutoring—6:30 pm	10 Mariachi—6:30-9 pm Christ Center of Hope - 7p	11 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm	12 Celebration Band Rehearsal—10 am SUPPLY Flower Pickup 10 am—12 pm
13 <b>Worship—8:15 &amp; 10:15 am</b>	14 Mariachi—4-6 pm Men's Basketball—6:30 pm	15 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm Outreach—7 pm	16 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-6 pm	17 Mariachi—6:30-9 pm Christ Center of Hope - 7 p Care Team—7 pm Stewardship—7:30 pm	18 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm	19 Celebration Band Rehearsal—10 am
20 <b>Pentecost—Wear Red</b> Teacher/Tutor Recognition <b>Worship—8:15 &amp; 10:15 am</b>	21 Mariachi—4-6 pm Men's Basketball—6:30 pm	22 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm	23 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-6 pm	24 Mariachi—6:30-9 pm Christ Center of Hope - 7 p Property—7 pm	25 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm	26 Celebration Band Rehearsal—10 am
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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](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.



## Sunday Worship

8:15 & 10:15 AM

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