



# LIFE LINE

New Life Lutheran Church Newsletter

July 2018

## Interfaith Potluck Lunch and Learn

July 21, from 11:30 am—1:30 pm

How well do you know Islam? Can you answer these questions?

- What is Ramadan?
- How many times a day do Muslims pray?
- What is hajj?
- What is an Imam?
- What is Hadith?
- What is halal?
- What are the five pillars of Islam?
- What is the Kaaba?
- What is the holy book for Muslims?
- What does the word Islam mean?

Bring your curiosity and questions as we learn more about our community and we build relationships with our neighbors. We will be guests of the families at Masjid Al-Jumu'ah Mosque in Bolingbrook at 351 Veteran's Parkway. Feel free to bring your family too! Bring a dish to share but please be aware of Muslim dietary restrictions (no meat, gelatin, lard). Sign up at [www.newlifebolingbrook.org/events/](http://www.newlifebolingbrook.org/events/) If you have any questions, please contact Joe Giganti.

## Friends and Neighbors Picnic

July 15, 11:30 am

Everyone is invited to join us for this potluck picnic as we celebrate our community! Following the 10:15 worship service, deli sandwiches will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Some of the fun activities planned are live music from Mariachi Matters, Bolingbrook Park District train rides, a climbing wall and more! This is a great opportunity for everyone to reconnect during the summer and to invite your friends and neighbors to experience the community of New Life. Please register on our website!

## Collection for Individual Advocacy Group Homes

June 18 - July 15

We are part of a community with lots of different people. Some may look like you. Some may like to do the same things as you. All love to know they are part of a community that cares for them. You can help provide that care by donating items for Individual Advocacy Group.

IAG provides homes to help adults with special needs live full, self-directed lives with dignity and independence. They provide a full array of services for people with developmental, intellectual, emotional, behavioral, neurological or mental disabilities. The children at VBS got the collection started and we want to build upon that. Collection boxes are available in the narthex. We hope we'll consider participating by donating any of the following items: Paper towels, napkins, paper plates, plastic cups, toilet paper Juice or juice boxes, snacks, cookies, canned fruit, pasta Sunscreen, bath products, hair products, deodorant, nail polish, cologne/perfume, Coloring pencils, crayons, markers, coloring books, colored paper, picture books, Flip flops, baseball hats, visors, sun hats, purses of all kinds

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# New Life Butterfly: Traveling with Faith

Discover the world on the wings of New Life's butterfly! We are inviting everyone to participate in this fun summer photo project.

Even when you aren't physically at church, New Life is always with

you. You bring your church community and faith wherever you go. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to share our faith and church community with others. When we tell our stories, we strengthen, encourage and invite those around us. To help get that conversation started, you can use the New Life Butterfly to remember this place, this community, and your faith.

When you travel, whether that's somewhere close or far away, take the New Life Butterfly with you. If you still need a New Life Butterfly or need to replace yours, 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 when 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 if someone asks you, "what's that?", that's your opportunity to talk about New Life!

To help keep us all connected as a church community during the summer months, we invite you to share those pictures. On the back of the butterfly are instructions of where to send photos and short description of your adventure.

- Go to our Facebook page. There will be a weekly post with the New Life Butterfly: Traveling with Faith. Click on comment and attach your photo.
- Or if you aren't on Facebook, email it to [susan@newlifebolingbrook.org](mailto:susan@newlifebolingbrook.org)
- 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.

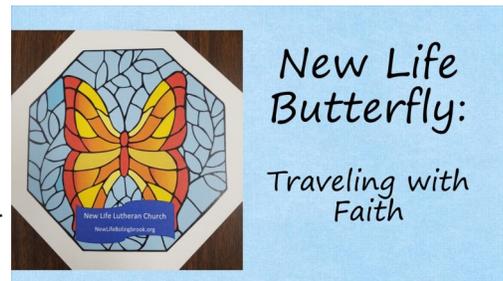
*God's Spirit is full of power and can transform lives.*

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

## ELCA National Youth Gathering

As you read this, these youth and chaperones have already returned from Houston, Texas representing New Life at this faith filled event: Sarah Bouhuys, Jessica Brown, Allison Brown, Marysa Cristofaro, Harrison Dehnert, Hailey Dehnert, Hannah Ritz, Liliana Santoyo, Jeremy Weitendorf, Kyle Widler, Vicar Chelsey and Norb Weitendorf.

The theme of this year's gathering was "This Changes Everything." We can't wait to hear about their experience and how they grew in faith and were challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. A week with 30,000 high school youth and adult leaders from ELCA churches across the country, is bound to move everyone! They spent their days attending worship, service projects, interactive learning, prayer groups, and having fun. They will be sharing their experience on a Sunday sometime in July. Stay tuned for that date.



# Farewell from Vicar Chelsey Olson

What a journey it has been these last 12 months. What wonderful things I have learned and what inspirational and joyous things I have experienced here at New Life. As I write this reflection, I am filled with love and tears. New Life Lutheran Church welcomed me with open arms. I was a part of many committees, I had the joy of leading Bible Study, I was able to lead service, write sermons, and enjoy many dinner and lunch visits with members. I loved getting to know each and every member and hearing their life stories. This community is a family that loves deeply and really enjoys welcoming new people into their hearts. New Life definitely made their way into my heart and I will cherish every moment and memory I shared here.

A special part of my internship that I will take forever with me was working with New Life's High School Youth. Youth ministry has been an ongoing conversation since I arrived here and the youth are very important to New Life. I think there is such value in recognizing our youth's passions and how they feel called as young Christians. I haven't had experience with youth ministry, so I decided this would be a great area for me to work on. Everyone here at New Life cares very deeply for their youth and I hoped that by learning about our youth and their passions that I would be able to help build wonderful, exciting and long-lasting relationships between the youth and New Life's members. We had so much fun going to social events and creating fundraisers to help us get to Houston, TX for our National Youth Gathering. I was also given the opportunity to provide information to our council, my internship committee and to all those that work with High School youth. The youth gave me a wonderful look into their daily lives, their passion for church and their willingness to engage and help their surrounding community.

I had such a positive and loving experience here at New Life, where everybody is somebody. There were many ministries of helping feed the hungry, comforting those who needed it and embracing all people of every background and culture. These amazing possibilities and opportunities to love our neighbor as our self, to encourage one another, and to help all those who need it most, that's what's been most important and beautiful for me on this journey. I think that is part of the hope and wonder of internship. I will miss all of you so much. I am so grateful for all of the wisdom, pastoral experience and love that you have given me this year.

*Vicar Chelsey*

# Get Ready to Welcome our New Intern, Vicar Frantisek

My name is Frantisek and you could say I am a pretty international person. I grew up in the Czech Republic and it was there, where Jesus reached me in my college years. This prompted me to study Mission Work as my undergraduate degree in Slovakia and from there I went on a ministry internship in Switzerland, where I received the call to the ordained ministry. I also met my wife there whom I proposed to in the Netherlands and later married in her home state of Colorado. Now I am here in Illinois to prepare myself for parish ministry in the ELCA.

In my studies and the ministry, I focus on mission and discipleship in various contexts. For instance, I really enjoyed serving the homeless community in Prague and was blessed abundantly by co-founding a dorm outreach club in Zilina, Slovakia. Going forward, I am particularly interested in creating multicultural communities, where people, especially young adults, feel emboldened to take up leadership roles.

Among my various passions are teaching, technology, photography, video games, traveling, and occasionally reading for pleasure. I also like to go to the gym and while I don't watch much of conventional TV, I do watch quite a bit of YouTube, mostly comedy and tech videos.



*Vicar Frantisek*



## Ever Wonder . . .

If you have questions about an upcoming event, and the office is closed?

Visit our website [www.newlifebolingbrook.org](http://www.newlifebolingbrook.org). Under the events tab are all the upcoming events with dates, times, and information you need to know. You can also register for most events right there too! Most events are open to invite your friends and neighbors to join you. What better way to help someone new experience the community of New Life!



## Spotlight on Church Grounds

With summer comes sun, rain and weeds! Just like at your house, the landscaping beds around the church sprout flowers as well as some unwelcome plants. Feel free to stop by for an hour or two to tidy up a bed or two. Use that time to reflect or pray or bring others with you for some together time. The impact is very noticeable and appreciated by all the people who walk through our doors every week!



## Imagine Our Jubilee Campaign

We wanted to let you know that our campaign is thriving and growing. We have people fulfilling their pledges and even some new gifts coming in. For an update, a total of \$535,375 has been pledged to our Imagine Our Jubilee Campaign. As of June 17, we have received \$147,627 of those pledges! Thank you for your continued support to this important initiative to better serve one another and our community. New displays in the narthex will help you track our progress towards pledge fulfillment and our other goals.

We continue to humbly ask 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.

## SAVE-THE-DATE: God's Work. Our Hands

### August 25-26

This weekend will be an opportunity to celebrate our community and work together to make it a better place. There will be a variety of volunteer activities for all ages to serve and love our neighbors. Last year we held a car wash, cleaned up a park, packed birthday bags for the food pantry, and goodie baskets for our local police and fire stations. The specific projects for this year will be posted soon.





There are many ways to volunteer at New Life!

## July Worship Leaders

Worship Assistant:  
8:15 George Sanchez  
10:15 Josh Schmidt

Greeters:  
8:15 Chris & Art Arellano  
10:15 Ken McConnaughay

Ushers:  
8:15 Mike & Lydia Wynn's  
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 officemgr@newlifebolingbrook.org*

## Vicar Evan's Ordination August 19 at 4 pm

Save the date for Vicar Evan's ordination at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 300 Carroll Street, Waukesha, WI!

## 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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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 July:  
Cellphones—recycle at Target stores



#### **Shopping Cart Ministry—July Focus**

Healthy snack foods, crackers,  
granola bars;  
Toilet paper, paper towels

# JULY 2018

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<i>NA at 7 pm</i>	<i>AA 7:00 pm</i>	<i>Al Anon 7 pm</i>	<i>NA 10 am</i> <i>AA 7 pm</i>	<i>Ladies AA 7 pm</i>	<i>PANN 7 pm</i>	<i>Al Anon Study</i> <i>8:45am</i> <i>Al Anon 10 am</i>

1 <b>Worship—8:15 &amp; 10:15 am</b>	2	3 Mariachi—10 am-1 pm Oasis—7 pm	4 Independence Day— Church office closed	5 Mariachi—10 am-1 pm Worship Commi—6:30 p Executive Comm—7:15 p Christ Center of Hope 7p	6 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm Oasis Prayer Service—10 pm	7 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.



Where everybody is somebody, and Jesus Christ is Lord!

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## Sunday Worship

8:15 & 10:15 AM

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