



# LIFE LINE



## Advent Candlelight Services

**December 5, 12 & 19**

In addition to Sunday mornings, there is another opportunity for you to pause in this season of waiting. Every Wednesday during Advent, a simple worship service is being offered from 7:30-8:00 pm. This is a way to set aside a quiet time to engage the hope, love and promise of Advent.

## Advent Devotional

Hopefully everyone picked up and is using our devotional this year. It is not a booklet but rather a Mason Jar. Simply choose a tag each day that could include an Advent prayer, activity, conversation starter, or social media prompt. (reminder to include #NewLifeAdvent2018 if you use social media.) We encourage everyone to be using this at home as a way incorporate faith into your family. It's all about keeping things simple and helping preserve what's truly important: hope, peace, joy, and love. If you still need one, please contact the church office. It's never too late to join in.

## Worship during Advent, Christmas & Epiphany

All ages gather in worship for these special weeks leading up to Jesus' birth. The goal is to simply worship together as a community, being mindful of the many stages of life our congregation holds. It is quite a gift to be in a room together. Worship is an important part of everyone's faith development. In addition to the regular Sunday worship schedule, here are the special services for Christmas.

### **Christmas Eve: December 24**

4:00 pm – Worship with Holy Communion, and Candlelight

10:30 pm – Pre-service Music Concert

11:00 pm – Worship with Holy Communion and Candlelight

### **Christmas Day: December 25**

10:00 am – Worship with Holy Communion

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## Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 16

We invite you to this special performance from our Adult Choir. "Christmas Presence: A Gathering of Hope, Peace, and Love." Beautiful music for a beautiful season will be performed at both the 8:15 and 10:15 service. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite someone to experience the hope filled message at New Life.

## SUPPLY Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, December 16

High school youth will be giving their time and talent to make pancakes and more for the congregation and guests. Breakfast is served from 9:00-10:30 am. There will be a free will offering at the breakfast. These offerings will be used to support high school activities as well as the summer mission trip in July to Erie Pennsylvania.



## Christmas Caroling December 18 at 7:00 pm

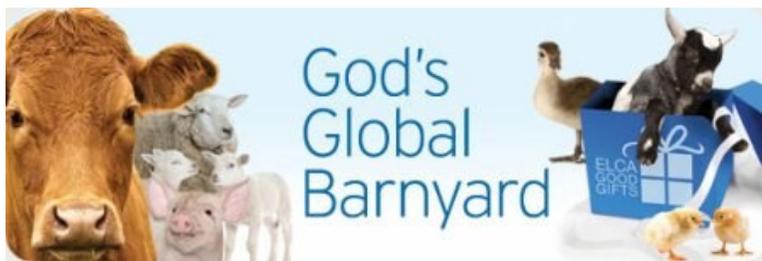
Young and old and everyone in between is invited to join in this fun night of bringing the sounds of Christmas to the senior residents at Greenleaf apartments.

We will be meeting at church at 6:30pm to carpool over

to buildings. Feel free to wear festive hat and even bells on your shoes if so inclined!

Song sheets provided, no choir experience needed to make a joyful sound.

## God's Global Barnyard



In this season of giving, we are offering a unique gift opportunity that you don't have to wrap! This ELCA ministry provides the gift of animals to help fight hunger and transform lives around the world. You can choose your gift from various animals such as chicks, bees, pigs, goats and cows. Gifts range from \$10 -\$500. If the gift is in honor of a

friend or loved one, there are beautiful cards to tell them about their "gift."

In addition, our youth have selected this ministry to receive their Advent youth offerings. Our SPARK classes have set some lofty goals as to what animals/dollars they want to reach! Children received barn banks for God's Global Barnyard. These barns will continue to be available throughout the month. Or there are youth offering envelopes in the Welcome Spot at the back of the sanctuary. Youth will continue to have the opportunity to bring their offering to the altar each Sunday. Totals and animals given will be announced in January.



## Hat and Mitten Tree

Give the gift of warmth! Our annual tree is back in the narthex to collect NEW hats, mittens, scarves and socks. These items will be given to families right here in Bolingbrook. You can add your donation to help decorate the tree through December 16.

## Christmas Sanctuary Poinsettia Orders

We will be decorating our sanctuary again this year with beautiful poinsettia flowers. You can order a plant in honor or memory of someone. There will be a printed recognition at the services. Plants cost \$12 each. There are envelopes in the narthex on the kiosk to place your order or use the Get Connected slip on Sunday's bulletin insert or call Monica in the church office. Order deadline is December 16.

## Christmas Lights and Card Recycling



Christmas strings of lights that no longer twinkle can be recycled. So whether it's when you are putting them up or taking them down, we will have a spot in the Fellowship Hall between December 9 and January 20 to drop them off. Let's keep these out of landfills! Also, Christmas cards will be recycled by sending them to The Children's Ranch in Nevada where they will be re-purposed. (No Hallmark, American Greetings, or Disney cards are accepted due to copyrights.) These will also be collected in the Fellowship Hall.

## Youth Education News



### SUPPLY Fleece & Fun Saturday, December 8

High school youth will be gathering to make hand tied fleece blankets for pediatric patients before heading to the Christkindlmarket in Naperville for some fun. Meet at the fellowship hall at 4:00 pm.

### SPARK Christmas Party –

### Sunday, December 16

On this specific Sunday, elementary youth are invited back into the classroom for a special edition of youth education to focus on the Christmas story with special activities with their teachers.

## Fall Youth Offering Results

The youth have become very involved with selecting ministries to support with their offerings. The fall offering has wrapped up and we are happy to announce that \$378.29 was raised for the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans! This is an amazing gift that will help provide veterans with supplies necessary to get a job.



## Ever Wonder . . .

**How you can volunteer at other times besides just God's Work. Our Hands. weekend?** One opportunity is at the newly opened Northern Illinois Food Bank in Joliet. They have regular volunteer shifts on

- Weekdays: Tuesdays at 9:00am – 11:30am
- Weeknights: Wednesdays at 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- Weekends: Saturdays at 9:00am – 11:30am

For more information and to sign up, please visit their website <https://solvehungertoday.org/south-suburban-center/>



## Spotlight on Diaper Depot

We are off to a great start with our new partnership with United Way of Will County. They are providing the items for the depot. We are blessed to have this building as a place that can serve our community in many different ways. One of those ways is to help fill the gap for families in need of baby wellness items such as diapers, wipes, baby wash and diaper cream. We have already served 33 families so far!

### DIAPER DEPOT

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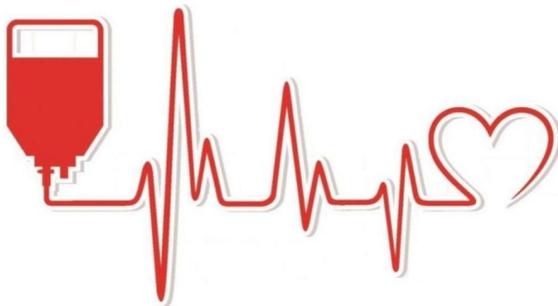


Our Diaper Depot will be open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month from 6:00-8:00 pm. So the dates for December will be the 9th and 23rd. These diapers are free and there are no residency restrictions or paperwork needed. Visitors can receive one pre-packaged bundle of diapers for each child per visit. Please share this resource with others.

Nancy Leiting is organizing our volunteers to staff the depot. Another way you can support this ministry is by donating diapers. Maybe you have diapers that your child has outgrown. Or maybe there is a great

sale on diapers that you want to donate. You can simply drop them off at church and we'll create the pre-packaged bundles. Thank you for demonstrating the welcoming presence of our church by helping to meet the needs of our community.

## Blood Drive Results



Thank you to everyone who shared the gift of donating blood at our November drive! We went well past our goal of 20 donors and had 26 donors! Your amazing generosity will provide a life-saving gift for 78 people. But this is an ongoing need so mark your calendars for our next drive on January 13. You can already sign up for your preferred time at [https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5570504](https://ht.heartlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5570504).

Walk-ins are welcome as well. In addition, students who are 16 years old, in general good health and meet the general criteria

are able to donate with parental consent.

It's super convenient to donate and attend worship. Anyone who donated in November would be eligible again for this drive (except double red donors, you have to wait 16 weeks).



## December Anniversaries

<i>Mike &amp; Sally Martin</i>	<i>12/3</i>
<i>Fred &amp; Colleen Mills</i>	<i>12/12</i>
<i>Tanya &amp; Taric Douglas</i>	<i>12/17</i>
<i>Debbi &amp; Blaine Johnston</i>	<i>12/19</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.*

## Adult Education 2018-2019

Adult Education is learning about our faith by looking at various sources which include historical context and theological understanding of Scripture and other relevant sources. No prior knowledge is assumed or expected—you can join in anytime.

### Upcoming Classes for 2018-2019:

- **Book of Concord** – a journey through the historic doctrinal standard of our Lutheran faith.
- **Flavius Josephus - His life and works**
- **Imago Dei in Humanity** – what makes us human. We will look at several views of the image of God
- **Nag Hammadi Scriptures** - a survey of one of the greatest archeological discoveries over the past century
- **Baptism – Its History and Meaning**
- **Sin – The Human Predicament**

WHEN: Sunday Morning

WHERE: Genesis Room

TIME: 9:15-10:15 am

## Imagine Our Jubilee Campaign

November is a time to give thanks and we have a lot to be thankful for! Our total amount pledged to the campaign is \$535,375. After adding in the month of November, we have received \$223,848 total campaign funds. This represents almost 42% of our goal within our first year! We continue to be humbled by the strong and faithful commitment of people following through on their pledges.

Thank you to everyone who is helping us reach our goals for New Life's future. The displays in the narthex will be updated monthly to help you track our progress in this campaign.

Campaign envelopes are 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.



There are many ways to volunteer at New Life!

## December Worship Leaders

Worship Assistant:

8:15 Carolyn Yost  
10:15 Amy Beaugard

Greeters:

8:15 Bruce & Sharon Texley  
10:15 Ken & Sue McConnaughay

Ushers:

8:15 John & Jackie Schmidt, Kathy Aspeitia, Fred Mills  
10:15 Charlie & Carol Ryl-Kuchar, Rich & Sandy 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)*

## Recycling News Update

Unused or expired medications -whether prescription or over the counter ointments, liquids, tablets, or capsules can now be turned into the Walgreens store at Lily Cache and 53. There is a large box by the pharmacy for these items. They should NEVER be put in the toilet or thrown in the trash. The only products they don't take are hydrogen peroxide, needles, illicit drugs or thermometers. Thanks for your concern for the environment.

## COMING UP....

- Los Posadas on December 21 at 5:30 pm hosted by Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project (SSIP)
- Blood Drive on January 13 from 8:00 am - Noon
- Youth Education Groups returns to classrooms on January 13
- Northern Illinois Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity on January 12
- Annual Meeting on January 27 at 11:30 am

## 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 December: defunct Christmas tree lights, used Christmas cards (NO Hallmark, American Greetings, Disney) at New Life

## Shopping Cart Ministry—

### December Focus

Canned meats,  
tuna & vegetables;  
Hand moisturizers & Kleenex.

# DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
						1 Celebration Band Rehearsal—10 am Mariachi—10 am -12 pm
2 Worship—8:15 & 10:15 am King's Purpose—2 pm	3 Men's Basketball—7 pm	4 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm Tutoring—7 pm	5 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-7 pm Tutoring—6:30 pm <b>Advent Worship—7:30 p</b> Adult Choir—8:15 pm	6 Mariachi—4-9 pm Worship Commi—6:30 p Executive Comm—7:15 p Christ Center of Hope 7p	7 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm Oasis Prayer Service—10 pm	8 Celebration Band Rehearsal—10 am Mariachi—10 am -12 pm
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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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