



# LIFE LINE

## Northern Illinois Food Bank

### January 12 from 9:00-11:30 am

The spirit of giving continues into the new year! You, your family and friends are encouraged to give of your time by serving at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Your hands are needed to sort and package the food donations they receive. This new distribution point is a source of nutritious food and hope for more than 71,500 community members each week. This hands on ministry is an opportunity to gather the community of New Life to work together. The food bank is conveniently located in Joliet. To volunteer, you must be at least 8 years or older. Sign-ups are needed on our website. Carpooling is available from church.



## Blood Drive

### January 13 from 8:00 am - Noon

We are ready to kick off another year of giving life by sponsoring a blood drive. You can 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 are able to donate with parental consent.

It's super convenient to donate and attend worship. So use this as an opportunity to invite a friend to join you that morning. Anyone who donated in November would be eligible again for this drive (except double red donors, you have to wait 16 weeks).

In addition, we wanted to give a huge thank you to everyone who shared the gift of donating in 2018. Through the amazing generosity of 72 donors, we were able to help 216 people. (One donation can save the lives of 3 people!)

And if that wasn't helpful enough, we earn points for every donor and drive that allow us to select gift cards for our Good Samaritan fund. So every donor does make a difference.

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## Annual Congregational Meeting January 27 at 11:30 am

Have you been wondering about what is happening on the roof construction, or the finances here at church, or what is going on with our sewer line which runs under our neighbor's property? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the solution is for you to attend the Annual Congregation Meeting which is scheduled for January 27th after the 10:15 service.

Presentations on those topics as well as elections of new Council and committee members for the next year are planned for the meeting. Please plan to attend to be informed, to have your questions answered and to be inspired by the fantastic committees and Spirit-filled ministries here at New Life.

## DIAPER DEPOT

New Life Lutheran Church



## Diaper Depot Success!

In just 3 short months, we have served 80 families through the Diaper Depot! What an awesome way to use our building to meet a clear need in our community. In addition, it is awesome to be partnering with the United Way of Will County to make this happen. They are providing the majority of the items such as diapers, wipes, baby wash and diaper cream for the depot.

You can be a part of this ministry in two ways. 1) Tell others about this resource. Invite families to visit the Diaper Depot. Share our Facebook posts about the Depot. You can get a flyer from Susan Brown in the office if you want to post somewhere in our community. 2) 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.

Our Diaper Depot is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month from 6:00-8:00 pm. Upcoming dates: January 13th and 27th. 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. Children need not be present to receive diapers.

Thank you to Nancy Leiting and our volunteers who staff the depot. And thank you for demonstrating the welcoming presence of our church by helping to meet the needs of our community.



## Imagine Our Jubilee Campaign

Earlier this year, we announced the public phase of a three-year campaign. For almost 50 years, our church has been ministering to the needs of our community and families gathered at New Life. This campaign was undertaken with several goals in mind; all of which would allow our church to be debt free by our Jubilee anniversary in 2020, maintain/update our facilities and imagine the possibilities to better serve one another, our community and Christ.

While we don't have the final numbers for year end at the time of this printing, there are several exciting things to share!

Total Amount Pledged: \$535,375

Total Amount Received as of mid-December: \$229,950

- This is almost 43% of our goal in less than 12 months!
- Additional payments made to mortgage balance with campaign funds: \$95,000
- Current mortgage balance: \$297,109
- Shortening our mortgage will decrease our interest costs and allow more resources for ministry.
- One goal of Campaign: Repair and Replace HVAC Systems: COMPLETED!
- Our new energy efficient systems will save us operating expenses in the future.

All of these accomplishments are because of you! You who love this church and the ministry we do through New Life. We continue to be humbled by the strong and faithful commitment of people following through on their pledges. If you have any questions about your pledge or would like more information to make a pledge, please contact the church office.



## **Men's Retreat: A Retreat on Jesus' Great Commandment: An Invitation to Love**

David Miller, current Pastor of St. Timothy Lutheran and former New Life member is the retreat leader.

Save-the-date: March 1-2 at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center in Oregon, IL



## 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 Adult Education

Start your new year by enriching your faith. A new year will begin Sunday, January 6 from 9:15-10:15 am so you won't have to miss worship. The new topic will be the Book of Concord. Don't worry if you've never heard of this, it's not a book in the bible. But you have definitely heard

some of the things in this book like the Apostles Creed, Nicene Creed and Luther's Catechism. This historical and symbolic book of the Lutheran Church consists of ten credal documents that represent Lutheranism. Everyone is invited to join the class leader Kathy Aspeitia to learn and grow together. No prior knowledge is expected. This group meets every Sunday and is open to everyone. You can join in at any time. And as a teaser, they serve coffee and donuts.



## Youth Education News

All Youth Classes will resume on Sunday, January 13

SPARK (elementary) – 10:15 am

SUPPLY (high school) – 10:15 am

H2H (Junior high) – Dinner at 5:30 pm, class 6:00-7:30 pm



*Have you moved or  
changed your phone  
number recently?*

*If so, please contact the  
church office so we can  
update our records.*

*Thank you.*



## Hat and Mitten Tree

Thank you for your support in giving the gift of warmth to so many in our community! There was a total of 84 items donated. Some of these pieces were even handmade knitted items!

Thanks for sharing your time and talent.



## Christmas Lights and Card Recycling

Christmas strings of lights that no longer twinkle can be recycled. So when you are taking them down there is a box in the Fellowship Hall through January 20 to drop them off. Let's keep these out of

landfills! Also, Christmas cards will be recycled! We will be sending them to St. Jude's Ranch for Children's in Nevada where they will be re-purposed. (No Hallmark, American Greetings, or Disney cards are accepted due to copyrights.) There will also be a collection box in the Fellowship Hall for these. All these little things add up by reducing waste in our landfills.

## God's Global Barnyard Recap

Thank you for so much in supporting the ELCA ministry of God's Global Barnyard during the Advent season. Adults contributed \$3180 which equates to 28 sets of chicks, 17 sets of bees, 7 pigs, 7 goats, 4 sheep, 2 fish ponds and 2 cows. We are equally grateful to our youth who used their youth offering during this season to support the Barnyard. They surpassed their goal of \$190 and contributed \$424 which equates to 1 set of chicks, 2 roosters, 1 set of bees, 2 pigs, 2 goats, 2 shares of a cow and 1 share of oxen and plow. What amazing gifts for others who desperately need these gifts of food and income to support their families.



There are many ways to volunteer at New Life!

## January Worship Leaders

### Worship Assistant:

8:15 Jackie Schmidt

10:15 John Schmidt

### Greeters:

8:15 Sandy & Mike Niemiera

10:15 Steve Ritz

### Ushers:

8:15 Jerry Schmidt, Nancy Leiting, Joe Giganti

10:15 Alice & John Shepard

*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....

- Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack at North Central College – February 16
- SUPPLY Mac n Cheese Fundraiser – February
- Mens Retreat – March 1 & 2 at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center in Oregon, IL

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

## Shopping Cart Ministry—

### January Focus

Oatmeal, cereals & coffee;  
Deodorants,  
combs & brushes.

# JANUARY 2019

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	2 Mariachi—4-7 pm Adult Choir—7:30 pm	3 Mariachi—4-9 pm Worship Commi—6:30 p Executive Comm—7:15 p Christ Center of Hope 7p	4 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm Oasis Prayer Service—10 pm	5 Celebration Band Rehearsal—10 am Mariachi—10 am -12 pm
6 Worship—8:15 & 10:15 am King Purpose—2 pm	7 Men's Basketball—7 pm	8 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm Tutoring—7 pm Church Council—7 pm	9 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-7 pm Tutoring—6:30 pm Adult Choir—7:30 pm	10 Mariachi—4-9 pm Christ Center of Hope 7p	11 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm	12 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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