



# LIFE LINE

New Life Lutheran Church Newsletter

February 2019

## Mac n Cheese Bake-Off

### Saturday, February 23 from Noon – 2:00 pm

Our high school youth are hosting the 2nd Annual Mac n Cheese Bake Off.

**Calling all chefs!** Your creative creations of mac n cheese will be featured at this tasting.

**Calling all lovers of mac n cheese!** Your taste buds are needed to vote for the winners of the best tasting mac n cheese.

**Calling all New Life family and friends!** This is a fun event for all ages and an opportunity to bring people with to experience New Life's hospitality.

Register here: <http://www.newlifebolingbrook.org/events/mac-n-cheese-bake-off/>

If you don't want to enter mac n cheese bake-off, we still encourage you to sign up to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to round out our meal together.

## 50/50 Raffle

As part of the Bake-Off, high school youth are hosting this FUNdraiser to help support the youth ministry here at New Life. 50/50 raffle tickets will be offered on the Sundays leading up to the Mac n Cheese Bake-Off as well as at the event. Winner will be announced at the Bake-Off. Tickets cost \$1 per ticket or \$3 for 5 tickets or \$5 for 10 tickets. Good luck!

## High School Summer Mission Trip

One of the biggest upcoming youth ministry events is the summer workcamp. New Life youth have been participating in these workcamps for many years. We are fortunate to have youth willing to take one week out of their summer to experience first-hand the amazing power of serving a community to accomplish God's work.

Through the workcamp, youth will be providing home repairs at no cost for elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged people who need their help. Project crews typically serve the same resident for the entire trip, creating an environment where meaningful relationships develop. In six short days, these teens might have rebuilt a porch, installed a wheelchair ramp, painted, weatherize a home, installed handrails or other repair projects. This year youth will be traveling to Worthington, Minnesota on July 6 – 13. Please consider supporting the 50/50 raffle as a way to help fund their trip and have an impact on their faith journey.

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## Imagine Our Jubilee Campaign

For almost 50 years, our church has been ministering to the needs of our community and families gathered at New Life. We strive to be a church that is open and available to our community, not just on Sundays. We share the resources we have and open our doors to support the needs of groups like Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts; AA, NA

and Al-non groups, King Purpose dance team, Mariachi Matters music program and other churches without a building.

To continue to care for and improve our ministry and facilities we undertook this ambitious campaign goal. It will allow us to better support the vibrancy of our church as well as extend our reach into the community. 2018 was the first year of our three-year campaign.

This campaign was undertaken with several goals in mind. 1) allow our church to be debt free by our Jubilee anniversary in 2020, 2) repair/replace HVAC systems and update our sanctuary and narthex. Let's imagine the possibilities of how meeting these goals would help us to better serve one another, our community and Christ.

Due to the time of printing this newsletter, we don't have the final numbers for January yet. But still exciting things to share about the progress being made.

Total Amount Pledged: \$535,375

Total Amount Received as of mid-January: \$241,210

- This is 43% of our goal in less than 12 months!
- Additional payments made to our mortgage balance with campaign funds: \$100,000
- Current mortgage balance: \$294,868
- Shortening our mortgage will decrease our interest costs and therefore take less money from our yearly operating expenses which would allow more resources for ministry.
- One goal of Campaign: Repair and Replace HVAC Systems: It has certainly been a blessing to have these items completed as winter weather hit us hard in January.
- Our new energy efficient systems will save us operating expenses in the future.

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. It's not too late to be a part of building New Life's future.

We are excited as we enter the 2nd year of this three-year campaign. We look forward to celebrating our progress as part of New Life's 49th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, March 3.

## New Life's 49th Anniversary Celebration—Sunday, March 3

This will be a special day to bring all of the New Life family together with ONE WORSHIP service at 10:15am. This will be followed by a luncheon in the fellowship hall. We want to highlight our past, celebrate our present and imagine our future, together. There will be ways to interact with New Life's past through pictures and other fun activities. And we will be seeking your ideas for ways to celebrate our upcoming Jubilee in 2020. This is for all ages and we hope to help everyone connect regardless of how long you have been at New Life! More information will be coming out weekly. Save the date now!

# Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack

**Saturday, February 16 from 3:30-5:30 pm**

Thousands of people will be coming together to pack over ONE MILLION meals and we need you to be one of them! This volunteer packing experience will be at North Central College in Naperville. At least 6,200 children die each day from hunger-related causes. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. Volunteers will be scooping ingredients, weighing serving bags, sealing bags and packing boxes. Minimum age to volunteer is 5 years old. It's a fun, upbeat, team atmosphere.

Register yourself, your family and friends that you invite to join you here: <http://www.newlifebolingbrook.org/events/feed-my-starving-children-mobilepack/>

Personal donations are not required to pack; however, FMSC humbly requests them. Each volunteer packs about \$50 worth of food. FMSC receives no government aid. FMSC relies on donations from volunteers like you and can only send meals as they have funding.

## Youth Education News



All Youth Classes are in session each Sunday this month.

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

Winter Youth Offering: After such strong support and involvement from our youth last year, we are happy to continue this ministry. The

organization selected by our youth for the winter is Lutheran Child and Family Services. This agency provides hope through adoption and foster care. They help children join their “forever families” by supporting birth moms and adopting parents. They provide foster care so children can grow up safe and protected. Youth envelopes area available from Susan Brown or at the Welcome Spot in the back of the sanctuary. Offerings to this ministry can also be placed in the basket on the altar during the offering.

## COMING UP....

**Lent begins**

**on Ash Wednesday,  
March 6 at 7:30 pm**

This year our journey through Lent will be in connection with Joyful Spirit Lutheran Church! This is an opportunity to journey together as a community of believers. The theme will be experiencing the Stations of the Cross through today's world. There is a variety of gatherings planned like a pool party, Wednesday night groups, pulpit swap, Facebook pictures, bible study and a service project. We invite you to join in this time for spiritual growth and fellowship. Complete schedule will be posted on our website soon.

*A Journey Through Lent*



# Adult Classes

## Adult Education

This wonderful opportunity to learn continues every Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15 in February. They are finishing the subject of Book of Concord through February 10. Then the new topic will be The Life and Times of Flavius Josephus starting February 17 – March 3 led by John Beaugard.

Everyone is welcome at this group to attend for one subject or the whole year! No prior knowledge is expected. And as a teaser, they serve coffee and donuts.

## Diaper Depot

The number of families we serve continues to be strong week after week. What an awesome feeling to know that we are making a real impact on the lives of families in our community. We are demonstrating in a tangible way the welcoming presence of our church by helping to meet the needs of our community. And an idea that seemed impossible becomes a reality when we partner with others like 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.

## DIAPER DEPOT

New Life Lutheran Church



If you want to be part of supporting this ministry, we would welcome your involvement.

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. You can help by donating diapers. Maybe you have diapers that your child has outgrown. Or you found a great sale on diapers. Larger sizes and pull-ups tend to be what we run out of first. You can simply drop them off at church and we'll create the pre-packaged bundles.
3. Clip coupons for diapers or other baby products like wipes, baby wash and diaper cream. This helps families stretch their resources farther.

Our Diaper Depot is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month from 6:00-8:00 pm. Upcoming dates: February 10th and 24th. 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 our volunteers who staff the depot: Nancy Leiting, Cathy Hess and Alyson Wold.



### **February Anniversaries**

Mike & Lydia Wynns	2/3
Art & Chris Arellano	2/9
Spencer & Mary Gerke	2/9
Heather & John Wanner	2/9
Rich & Colette Stoehrmann	2/17
Rich & Cathy Hess	2/20
Scott & Barbara Nelson	2/28

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

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

*Thank you.*

## **IAG Valentine Collection**

February is a great time to share our love for one another. We are hosting a collection of items for the adult residents of Individual Advocacy Group living in group homes throughout our community. In some cases, they have no family to remember them at special times of the year. These items will help bring a smile to their face and remind them that they are loved. Items can be for men or women.

- Simple coloring books/simple puzzle books. (i.e. dot to dot)
- crayons/colored pencils/thin markers
- cologne/perfume
- body wash/shampoo
- toothbrushes/toothpaste
- deodorant
- baseball caps/costume jewelry
- kitchen towels & dishcloths
- colorful paper plates & napkins

We appreciate your participation whether it's with one item or multiple. There will be a collection box in the narthex through February 24.

## **Men's Retreat—March 1 – 2**

Jesus' Great Commandment: An Invitation to Love. All men are invited to take a little time away from everyday life. We will be exploring what knowing and living the love of God means in various areas of our lives. This includes family and personal relationships, church and society. Of course, we will also be praying together.

The retreat will focus on how we can continue to grow into the human beings Christ calls us to be throughout our lives.

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

Cost is \$100 includes lodging and meals at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center in Oregon, IL. The retreat center has semi-private rooms, comfortable common space, wonderful food and beautiful outdoor setting (even if only viewed through the windows).

We already have several men signed up and would love to add your name. You can register on our website <http://www.newlifebolingbrook.org/events/mens-retreat/>

You can also the registration fee online as well.



There are many ways to volunteer at New Life!

## February Worship Leaders

Worship Assistant:

8:15 Sandy Niemiera  
10:15 Bob Clark

Greeters:

8:15 Carol & Mort Erickson  
10:15 Dino Cristofaro

Ushers:

8:15 Mike & Lydia Wynns  
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](mailto:officemgr@newlifebolingbrook.org)*

## Blood Drive Recap

We are grateful for the 13 donors who were willing to donate in January. It's a tough time of year for people to stay healthy enough to donate. So we hope you'll consider our next drive which is April 7. The sign up is already available to select your preferred time at <https://ht.heartlandbc.org/coordinator/drives/view/5570635>

Walk-ins are welcome as well. In addition, students who are 16 years old are able to donate with parental consent. Anyone who donated in January would be eligible again for this drive.

We hope this makes it convenient for you to donate and attend worship. It also can be a great opportunity to invite a friend to join you to donate and experience the worship at New Life.

## Your Council Members

Congratulations to these members newly elected to serve the New Life congregation as a council member. They want to hear your input and ideas and can help answer your questions. So please reach out to one of them. And if you don't know them, introduce yourself! Jerry Streeky, President; Kim Passini, Vice President; Josh Schmidt, Secretary; Mark Arentsen; Lorie Cristofaro; Hailey Dehnert; Nancy Leiting; Josh Schmidt; Sharon Texley; Susan Thomas; 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 February:  
American Flags—Dpwners Grove

### **Shopping Cart**

#### **Ministry**

#### **February Focus**

Soups, broth & chili;  
Toothpaste & toothbrushes.

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