



LIFE LINE

Visitation Ministry

There are times when we feel alone and lost. It is then that we need to hear the words Jesus spoke to his disciples; "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

There are many among us who also long to hear those words spoken aloud. They may feel alone in a hospital room dreading the pronouncement of a doctor. They may be locked in loneliness and grief at the death of someone. They may be in a dorm room surrounded by new faces and new places and longing for the familiar of home. They may feel forgotten.

It is at those times that we are called to be the messenger. We are each called to bring God's presence and God's words to God's people. Visitation is an act of ministry in which a someone goes to see a member or friend of the congregation. As so we want to be intentional about equipping people to visit members and friends of the congregation to nurture them in faithfulness.

Al Creighton is preparing several discussions/classes to teach you how to be an effective visitor to carry the words to those who need to hear them. It will also help you feel comfortable in this role and allow you to bring the Eucharist to those you visit. We invite you to develop your unique gifts through this training. The first class will be scheduled in July and will be open to all who are confirmed members. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Al Creighton at alan.creighton@att.net or call him at 630-951-8049.



CONNECT Dinners

At the beginning of this month is a new opportunity to connect. The goal of these dinners is to have small groups of New Lifers get to know each other better over a shared meal in someone's home. We get together for meals all the time at church. This is just a smaller version of that! We can't wait to share the stories of this first edition where

people build friendships one conversation at a time.

If you weren't able to participate this time, we hope to offer a second edition over the summer.

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Roof work

Weather is cooperating and scheduled roof work begins April 29. It is anticipated to last 2 weeks, barring any delay due to weather. During construction, entering the building from the west entrance (back of building closest to parking lot) will be severely restricted as the contractor will be using a portion of the parking lot and courtyard to stage materials for the roof. Please refer to this guide to access the building.

ENTRANCE TO BUILDING:

- ◆ WEEKDAY MORNINGS or AFTERNOONS, please use the front entrance, closest to Rt. 53. You may park in the circle drive in front of the building or in the middle parking lot section in the back and walk around to the front entrance.
- ◆ WEEKDAY EVENINGS, there will be one entrance on the west (back of building) that will be open. It might be the first set of double doors into the fellowship hall, or the office door.
- ◆ WEEKENDS, including Sunday morning, please park in the middle or farthest portion of parking lot in the back. There will be one entrance on the west (back of building) that will be open. Please leave the circle drive in front of the building (closest to Rt. 53) for handicapped or those with limited mobility. As always the front door (closest to RT. 53) will be open.

Please exercise caution when accessing the church throughout this construction period. We appreciate your flexibility and patience during this process.

ONE DAY Electronic Recycling

On Sunday, May 5, we are making it easy to help care for God's creation! Bring any of the following items to the church that day and they will be responsibly recycled:

computer hard drives, laptops, servers, printers, facsimile, scanners, VCR and DVD players (not the movies), video game consoles (not the games), cable and converter boxes, satellite receivers, music keyboard, land-line phone and docking stations.

However, it will NOT include TVs, CRTs, flat screens or monitors! This is ONLY a one day, one chance, don't miss it.

Lawn Crew

Volunteers are needed to help care for the church property by mowing the grass. Volunteer for one week or several since this is an ongoing need throughout the summer. Your time and talent to serve this church need helps us to use our financial resources wisely by not having to pay an outside service. You can sign up at <http://www.newlifebolingbrook.org/ministries/adults/> or contact Dave Anderson.

Co-ed Softball Team

Come have some fun in this Christian recreational league for young adults and young at heart. Sign up on poster in narthex or contact Ryan Diepen at ryandiepen@yahoo.com. Invite your friends as a way to introduce them to the community of New Life. Cost is \$30 a player. Games start in early May and are played at local park.

Youth News

The last Sunday for Youth Classes before the summer break is May 19. We will also be honoring our teachers that Sunday for their faithful devotion. After that, all youth are welcome and encouraged to come worship with all of the New Life community. Worship is an important part of faith development too.

SPARK (elementary)

1st Communion for our 4th graders will be June 2.

H2H (Junior high)

They will be doing a service project to care for New Life on May 11. They will be cleaning up the grounds by picking up garbage and sticks throughout our property.

SUPPLY (high school)

This group has recently completed a yard clean up at an IAG group home. This is an organization that New Life has partnered with over the past year. They have houses in our community where adult residents with special needs can live.

Spring Youth Offering

All ages are using their offering to support the United Way of Will County, specifically the Diaper Depot Network. This organization provides the majority of items for all the Diaper Depots in Will County. New Life is the only church and the only location in Bolingbrook to meet the need in our community. The spring offering will wrap up this month and the ministry for the summer youth offering will be announced shortly. Youth envelopes are available from Susan Brown or at the Welcome Spot in the back of the sanctuary. Offerings can be given during youth education class or placed at the altar during worship.

High School Summer Mission Trip – July 6-13

Our youth will be doing God's work with their hands. They 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. As part of this experience, they will explore and interact with the story of David in the old testament. Despite huge successes and devastating failures, David relentlessly pursued God. He recognized God's relentless love and mercy and responded with relentless faith, trusting God to guide and shape his life. Through faith, David became a "man after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22).

Youth attending this year are: Allison Brown, Marysa Cristofaro, Gabrielle Cristofaro, Hailey Dehnert, Haiden Dehnert, Hannah Ritz, Justin Schmidt. In addition, Zach Weitendorf will be attending as a young adult. Our adult chaperones will be Julie Pavlini and Steve Ritz.

SUPPLY Plant Sale

Our youth are fortunate to have so many people in the congregation that support them in developing their faith through hands on experiences. Thank you to everyone who ordered flowers/plants. Those will arrive Saturday, May 11 so stay tuned for pickup instructions. If you missed placing an order or just couldn't decide, there are always a few extras for purchase that weekend. Hurry for the best selection!

New Members

We have enjoyed meeting new guests who visit our church. All are welcome to become official members of the New Life family. We would love to help get you acclimated and answer any questions. Pastor Rakel is available for personal visits to anyone interested in joining New Life. In addition, there is a group conversation on May 5 at 11:30 am to explore Christianity and Lutheranism. Anyone is welcome to attend. And we will be officially welcoming and receiving all new members on May 19 at both services. We are excited to help you discover the active community of New Life.

Cross Bearer

You may have noticed a new part to our worship service. We have recently received a wooden processional cross by our very own Mike Niemiera. This is another opportunity for you to participate in worship. The Cross Bearer – one who lifts high our processional cross as we enter worship and end worship – is open to all. Don't worry, it's not heavy. It is a simple process to learn and you can even watch a video training if that would be helpful. If you are willing to serve in this role, please let the church office know or just approach the worship assistant on Sunday morning.

Diaper Depot

May 12 and 26

Our Diaper Depot is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month from 6:00-8:00 pm. 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.

United Way of Will County, through the Diaper Depot Network, provides the bulk of the items. If you want to be part of supporting this ministry, here are some suggestions.

1. Tell others about this resource. Share our Facebook posts about the Depot.
2. Donate diapers your child has outgrown.
3. Purchase larger sized diapers or pull-ups. Simply drop them off at church and we'll create the pre-packaged bundles.
4. Clip coupons for diapers or other baby products and place in envelope on bulletin board in narthex. This helps families stretch their resources farther.

Adult Education

This wonderful opportunity to learn continues every Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15. This group meets in the Genesis Room across from the copier room. It is open to everyone to join at any time. No prior knowledge is expected. And as an added bonus, they serve coffee and donuts.



March Anniversaries

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

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

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



Vacation Bible School – ROAR!

When life is unfair...God is good!
When life is scary...God is good!
When life changes...God is good!
When life is sad...God is good!
When life is good...God is good!

These are the important and timely messages your child will hear throughout the week at VBS

July 15-19 from 9:00 am – Noon.

Games, Science, Crafts, Snacks, Music and Storytelling are what your child will do throughout the week.

Registration is now open at www.NewLifeBolingbrook.org/events. This FREE event is open for children age 3 (potty trained) through 5th grade. This event is open to your friends and neighbors' children too so spread the word that there will be an epic African adventure at New Life this summer.

Imagine Our Jubilee Campaign

Here is an update on the great progress we are making in this campaign. As we enter the second year of this three-year campaign, we humbly ask you to continue your strong and faithful commitment. It is making a difference.

- ◆ Total Amount Pledged: \$535,375
- ◆ Total Amount Received as end of March: \$267,491
- ◆ Our mortgage balance at the beginning of this campaign: \$430,000
- ◆ Current mortgage balance: \$227,788

If you were not able to make a pledge or gift last year, or you have recently joined the New Life family, it's not too late to be a part of building New Life's future. If you would like more information or would like to make a pledge/gift, please contact the church office.



There are many ways to volunteer at New Life!

May Worship Leaders

Worship Assistants:

8:15 Jackie Schmidt
10:15 Carrie Mackie (5/12 & 5/19)
Bob Clark (5/5 & 5/26)

Greeters:

8:15 Nancy Leiting
10:15 June Charnevsky

Ushers:

8:15 Ken & Sue McConnaughay
10:15 Cathy Taylor, Dino Cristofaro

Volunteers are always needed to help with worship. Interested? Contact the church office at 630-759-7636 or officemgr@newlifebolingbrook.org

COMING UP....

Graduate Recognition – Sunday June 9

We will be celebrating all High School and College Graduates on this day. We will try to send an informational sheet to everyone that we know. Or you can call the church office to give your son or daughter's information.

FMSC - Saturday, June 15

Fun family service opportunity at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora

Summer Camp

Lutherdale in Elkhorn, WI and Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center (LOMC) in Oregon, IL offer several options for youth camps over the summer. Please visit their websites for themes, dates, and costs.

<https://www.lutherdale.org/>

<http://lomc.org/summer/>

Your Council Members

Thank you to these members who agreed 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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Recycle Year-Round!

A monthly recycling focus for May: Spring Cleaning!
Donate items to AmVets or other nonprofit organization and get a tax deduction!

Shopping Cart

Ministry

May Focus

Maple syrup & pancake mix;
Shampoo & bar soap.

MAY 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 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-7 pm Tutoring—6:30 pm Adult Choir—7:30 pm	2 Mariachi—4-9 pm Mutual Ministry—6:30 p Worship Comm—6:30 p Executive Comm—7:15 p Christ Center of Hope 7p	3 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm Oasis Prayer Service—10 pm	4 Celebration Band Rehearsal—10 am Mariachi—10 am -12 pm
5 Worship—8:15 & 10:15 am Electronics Recycling - 8 am—12 pm King Purpose—2 pm	6 Men's Basketball—7 pm	7 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm Tutoring—7 pm	8 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-7 pm Tutoring—6:30 pm Adult Choir—7:30 pm	9 Mariachi—4-9 pm Christ Center of Hope 7p	10 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm	11 Plant Sale Delivery—7 am—1 pm Celebration Band Rehearsal—10 am Mariachi—10 am -12 pm
12 Worship—8:15 & 10:15 am King Purpose—2 pm Diaper Depot—6-8 pm	13 Men's Basketball—7 pm	14 Mariachi—4-6:30 pm Oasis—7 pm Church Council—7 pm	15 Bible Study—10 am Mariachi—4-7 pm Tutoring—7 pm Adult Choir—7:30 pm	16 Mariachi—4-9 pm Christ Center of Hope 7p Care Team—7 pm Stewardship—7:30 pm	17 Oasis Choir Practice—8 pm	18 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.
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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