

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAISE

The Consistory has decided that as a church we should celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with a Christmas Eve candlelight service on Monday, December 24 at 7:00pm. There will be a brief meditation with lots of music and singing and of course the traditional candlelight Christmas songs. Perhaps we can arrange something so that those who cannot drive during dark can be picked up and brought home, and don't have to miss this joyful worship. More information to follow in the month of December.

Here is the advent candle reading schedule for the Sundays in Advent.

December 2nd: Dave Williams Family

December 9th: Tim Laur Family

December 16th: Jerry Hesslink Family

December 23rd: Jim Staum Family

December 24th: Sondra Ferguson & Julie Pearson Family

The Soles4Souls box is ready for donations. Please place your gently used shoes in the box in the foyer and bless somebody's new year.

We congratulate the following members who were elected to Consistory at our December 16, 2018 Congregational Meeting. Sharon Chrusniak - Elder for a three year term. Kathy Cormany - Deacon for a three year term. Julie Pearson - Deacon for a two year term.

We would like to thank the following exiting Consistory members for their service and dedication. Steve Floyd, Elder; Sue Goss, Deacon; and Mindi Williams, Deacon.



Pastor John and Henriette extend to every one at New Life Church wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year. May our Lord's best fill your hearts and homes as we celebrate both His love at Christmas and count on His faithfulness for the future. May goodness and mercy follow us all the days of 2019. Bless the Lord O my soul!!



New Women's Committee would like to say thank you to everyone who donated items for the angel tree project supporting the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. The MRM was thrilled for the many donations and especially thankful for the thermal underwear. Thank you for so generously supporting our Christmas project!!

TEN MINUTE TALK-ABOUT

Continuing today, as a way to deepen our experience of worship, members of the consistory will be offering a short discussion about an idea or topic related to the sermon and scripture readings. Grab your coffee and snack and join our team leader at the tables in the sanctuary!

CHURCH FAMILY

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor John at (262) 783-5975 or e-mail him at revjhb@netzero.net or perhaps by personal contact on Sundays. Please do not hesitate to seek encouragement.

Please continue to pray for our church and offer your services to promote the health and well-being of Christ's Body in this place.

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Sunday, December 23, 2018

New Life Community Church

Our Vision:

Making Christ real to people in their everyday lives.

Sunday Worship

December 23, 2018

PRELUDE "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Wilbur Held
"Angels from the Realms of Glory" Alexander Matthews

GATHERING HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" vs. 1-2 Hymn # 131

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

ALL: In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

ONE: In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

ALL: We love Him because He first loved us. Let us worship God!

SEASON OF PRAISE "Go Tell It On the Mountain " vs. 1 & 3 Hymn # 138
"How Great Our Joy!" vs. 1-2 Hymn # 144

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT READING AND LIGHTING OF CANDLE OF PEACE

THE LORD'S GREETING

GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

KIDZ KORNER Sondra Ferguson
(Children ages 4 & under may go to the nursery)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-20 page 1017

SERMON AN EVENT AND A MESSAGE Pastor John

HYMN OF RESPONSE "While Shepherds Watched" vs. 1,3, 4 Hymn # 135

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING Our Church and Its Missions

OFFERTORY "Ding! Dong! Merrily on High" Mark Hayes

OFFERING RESPONSE "The Doxology" Hymn # 624

OFFERING PRAYER

SENDING SONG "What Can I Give Him?" Hymn # 154

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" F. Zachau

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Today's Calendar	9:30am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Worship & Praise
	11:30 am	Coffee Fellowship

Serving the Lord!	December 23, 2018	December 24, 2018
Greeters	Tim & Ellie Laur	Garry Kamerling & Fred Day
Ushers	LeeAnn Utech & Rosemary Burdon	Jim & Marcia Staum
Advent Reading	Jim Staum Family	Sondra Ferguson & Julie Pearson Family
Kidz Korner	Sondra Ferguson	Ellie Laur
Children's Sunday School	Julie Pearson	None
Sound Room	Marcia Staum	Winnie Pearson/Dave W
Deacon	Dave Williams	Jan Newquist
Talk-About Leader	Carol Woerfel	Chuck Newquist
Counter	Jim Staum	Carol Woerfel
Coffee Fellowship	Team 2	Team 2

Welcome to New Life! We are glad you are here. If you are a first time visitor, please accept our gift at the Welcome Center and join us in fellowship after the Worship Service. Stay for coffee, treats and conversation. Please take one of the pew Bibles home with you if you don't have one of your own. Make sure to fill out one of our connection cards and place it in the offering plate or give to an usher.

Assistive listening devices are available in The Sound Room (located at the back of the Sanctuary) for those needing auditory amplification.

We have Nursery for infants and toddlers, age 4 and under immediately after The Kidz Korner, as well as Sunday School for children ages 5 to 12. If your children do go to nursery or Sunday School, please meet them in their classroom immediately following the service. Sunday School does NOT meet the first Sunday of the month. Children's Activity Bags are located on the wall at the first Sanctuary entrance. Parents and children may also sit in the Narthex area during the service and still participate in worship. We hope you will come back and join us in Worship and Fellowship again.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. What are some of your favorite themes in Luke's Gospel?
2. What are some of your favorite themes in Luke's second book, the book of Acts?

