



New Life Notes

July/August 2019

Vision: Making Christ real to people in their everyday lives.

NEW EMAIL

The Church has a new email address. The new address is newlife11919@gmail.com. Please make a note of it for future reference.

NOTES FROM THE CONSISTORY

Much is happening on the Consistory front:

- The Consistory is dedicated to determining the will of Our Lord for New Life Community Church. To this end the Consistory has started Bible Study and prayer at the beginning of each meeting. The Elders meet in prayer monthly before Consistory meetings. The Congregation is encouraged to pray for our Church and the Lord's direction for us. An All-Congregation potluck and meeting will be held August 24th to receive input from the Congregation.
- The Deacons fund will be reestablished to attend to needs within the Congregation. The fund will be administered through Missions and the Congregation will have the opportunity to donate on designated Communion Sundays.
- The Consistory is in the process of determining our building needs, now and in the future. A building envelope evaluation (What is that? A survey of the outer walls and roof of the Church) was donated to the Church. We will need to check out internal

systems, such as the furnaces and water pump, etc. As of now we know immediate needs include:

- A fix for the roof-top air conditioner, as the drainage is causing a leak in the nursery and choir room ceilings.
- A new roof over the original part of the building is needed in the next year.
- The asphalt on the road and parking lot will need resurfacing.
- The lawn mowers are in need of repair, a lawn service is cutting the grass this year.
- A fire inspection and well inspection were recently completed, and permits are up to date.
- The United Church of God (UCG) has graciously offered to pay for and install new carpet squares in the foyer. The Women's group is working with the UCG to choose colors, type of carpet, etc.

BECOMING A MEMBER OF NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Our Church Congregation currently includes members and several active non-members. All are welcome to participate in the life of the Church, receive communion, attend Sunday School and importantly pray and worship with the Church. Members are able to be nominated for Consistory, vote for a new Pastor, and vote on budgets and other key Church issues. Do you feel called to join New Life Community Church as a member? Please talk with Pastor John or any Consistory member if you would like to join New Life Community Church.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK AND PLANNING MEETING

Saturday, August, 24th

5:30 PM

New Life Community Church

ALL CHURCH PLANNING MEETING AND POTLUCK

What will New Life Community Church be, look like, and be perceived of in 5 years, 10 years? As we begin to map out our future, search for a Pastor, and serve the Lord in ever increasing

ways, we need a plan with input from all our Congregation. Please mark your calendars and attend our potluck and planning session. Pastor Kent Vant Hul, our representative from the Classis, will be there to help lead the discussion. See you there!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Children meet every Sunday, except Communion Sunday's, after the Kids Korner. The children learn Bible stories through lessons, videos, crafts and games. Teachers rotate through the Sunday's. Kudos to Winnie Pearson who participates in every session, giving the children the consistency they need to learn about Jesus and the Bible.

Children's Sunday School will begin after summer break in mid-September.

Do you feel called to teach our children? Please see Marcia Staum if you are interested.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Each week we pray for those who are suffering with a medical concern, illness or death of a friend or loved one. As such, we like to share our praises of joys! If you have some good news to celebrate & share we would love to say joyful prayers with you also!

If you have a prayer concern or joy to share, please contact Pastor John by personal contact on Sundays so that it can be held up during the Sunday morning worship service.

Prayer Message: "Because Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith, our lives are open books to be read by those around us."

COMMUNION OFFERING

Every month there is an offering envelope in the envelope box titled 'Communion Offering.' The money collected goes toward New Life's support of various programs and missions as approved by the Consistory. It is an important ministry to support mission programs that benefit others and all of you are encouraged to use that 'communion envelope' each month as you participate in the Lord's Supper. It's another way for us to give thanks for all that God has given us.

Just because the Communion Offering envelope is at the beginning of the month in the envelope box, doesn't mean you can't turn the envelope in on any Sunday during the month. The supported missions for the next few months are: **July** – Milwaukee Rescue Mission; **August** -

Scheenstra: RCA missionaries Roger and Sue Scheenstra with the Africa Inland Church to provide services in agronomy, animal husbandry, evangelism, and primary healthcare among a semi-nomadic people in eastern Africa. **September** - Deacons' Fund: The consistory has reinstated the Deacon's fund for the month of September. This fund was set up for the use of congregational members who have come upon hard times and have a specific need that they are just unable to meet. It is usually a loan that can be paid back whenever possible. The Deacons' Fund will be collected twice a year.

NOTES FROM THE DAYCARE

One of the bulletin boards in the hallway has been put to use providing information about what happens during the day downstairs. Watch for changes, we plan to update it every month.

We have the summer school-age program under way. This makes the daycare a busy, fun place that is full of youthful energy. In addition to the on-site activities, this is the time for periodic outings. Some of these are: The Zoo, Algonquin Park, Lynden Sculpture Garden, and Just 4 Fun Playland. So much fun, so little summer.

RECYCLING & SAVING

We have learned that Campbell's has discontinued it's Saving For Education labels program. **But!!** Box Tops for Education is going strong! The Labels Container was taken care of and we are down-sizing to a smaller container, that will be used to continue to collect boxtops in, and they will go to the NLCC Daycare. The newer, smaller container will be on the Welcome Center counter, up & running soon!

Also, we will no longer be collecting your used ink cartridges. That has not proved to be of any benefit to us, therefore we will no longer be taking those in. You can take them to OfficeMax & they will take them and recycle them for you.

Any questions please feel free to see Julie Pearson. ~~ Thank you!

NEW LIFE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you know that New Life has a website? If you have access to the Internet, you have access to the website. Check it out at www.newlifemilw.com. While there please check out the different ways in which New Life is extending itself to the community. Check out the current week's bulletin, copies of the newsletter,

calendar of events. See something that needs to be added or changed? Contact Kathy Cormany who is the Consistory rep. for Outreach.

Did you also know that New Life has a Facebook page? We sure do! You can find us by doing a Facebook search for New Life Community Church Milwaukee. 'Like' us and keep up to date with all that's happening at New Life! If you have something that you'd like posted on Facebook, contact Kathy Cormany who maintains the Facebook page.

WHO YA GONNA CALL?

You have a plumbing problem. You have a furnace problem. Looking for a new barber/stylist? Need any or all parts of your house painted?

****Who Ya Gonna Call??****

The Consistory has given Kathy Cormany approval to set up a bulletin board in the hallway with this information. Check it out!

Who else can you add to the list? Contact Kathy to have your favorite person's name/details added to the list.



Food
Pantry
Ministry

OUTREACH UPDATE: FOOD PANTRY PARTNERSHIP WITH ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

We continue to make our monthly food pantry deliveries to St. Catherine's of Alexandria Catholic Church. The food pantry volunteers, and the recipients of the food items are so very grateful! Keep up the good work!!

Below is a listing of some of the items that go into each bag which they normally would have to buy at Aldi's:

- Canned Veggies, Fruit, or Tuna
- Pork and Beans
- Canned Pasta (preferably with meat to make it more nutritious)
- Peanut Butter or Jelly
- Boxed Mac and Cheese
- Noodles

- Soup
- Crackers
- Rice
- Cereal
- Boxed Potatoes
- Stuffing Mix
- Baby and Toddler food is also needed as well as Soap, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, Other toiletries.

This is yet another wonderful way for us to give thanks for what God has graciously given us, by helping others in need. Let's keep up the good work that is being done in the name of God.

NOTES FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Thank you everyone for your kind words regarding the New Life newsletter. Please address all comments, suggestions for articles, etc. to me, Kathy Cormany, with a note in my mailbox at church.

