



New Life Notes

March/April 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

1. The Consistory agreed to keep our current vision statement "Making Christ real to people in their everyday lives." A mission statement reflecting how we are implementing our vision is needed for the Pastoral Search process. The Consistory is working on a mission statement and welcomes input from the congregation.
2. There are several maintenance issues that need addressing including, wall heaters, water softener upkeep, furnace upkeep, lightbulbs. A maintenance person will be hired for several hours each month to address ongoing maintenance issues.
3. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to share Christ and benefit from sharing our space with the Day Care and other Churches. Rent contracts with United Church of God, Faith Alliance Hmong Church and the New Life Day Care were updated and increased to reflect increased utilities and building costs. Specific

expectations regarding sharing space were reviewed.

4. The Consistory welcomes suggestions in the suggestion box. If at all possible, please sign your suggestions so that we can get back to you personally. The Consistory decided that there are too many regulations and the expense is too great to purchase and install an electronic sign at this time.
5. It was agreed to continue with the ValPak mailings and website support. We are looking for ways to increase the number of people who receive our fliers.

2019 ASSESSMENTS

What is that "Assessments" envelope that is in our box of offering envelopes? The Wisconsin Classis of RCA churches has a budget to provide support and services to the local congregations. The total budget amount is then allocated among the individual members. This turned out to be \$89.92 per person for 2019. This covers about one third of the budget, and the rest comes from donations and other sources.

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."

THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their concerns, prayers, and cards during my recent surgery and recovery. It meant a great deal to me to know how much my church family cared. ~ Dee T.

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.

The supported missions for the next 2 months are: March -The Gideons; April - RCA-Scheenstra.

NOTES FROM THE DAYCARE

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

Our February Bible stories focused on "The Lost Son" and "The Good Neighbor". Our song was Little Bo Peep who lost her sheep (and then found them).

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It's not too early to start thinking ahead to spring/summer, and we are in need of volunteers to assist with lawn mowing duties at the church. We alternate weeks with the other 2 churches, so this isn't an every week commitment. As soon as we have a contact person and have acquired additional information on how the schedule works, we will print updates in the Sunday bulletin. Please prayerfully consider participating in this very important church ministry.

VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT SALE UPDATE

Because of the support and generosity of the members of New Life, Kathy C. was able to sell \$130 worth of craft items and a check was subsequently written to New Life Women for the same amount, which they had designated for the Ark Project. Thank you so VERY much for the tremendous support!!

ARK PROJECT UPDATE

To date, the Ark Project has received \$420 in donations. The Consistory members in attendance at a special meeting on Sunday, February 24th, gave their approval for the money to be spent. The New Life Women had also designated the money from the craft sale to go toward the Ark Project which was \$130. With the combined monies from individuals and the New Life Women, the following animals will be purchased: Alpaca, Goat, Pig, Hope Basket (rabbits and chickens), Bees, Ducks, Flock of Hope (chicks, goslings, ducks). Further

participation in the Ark Project is being suspended while the Consistory re-evaluates the current missions. Stay tuned for updates in future newsletters.

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 C. who maintains the Facebook page.

OUTREACH NOTES

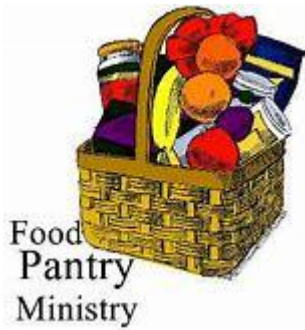
As a new member of the Consistory and the Consistory representative for Outreach, I've been spending some time going over all the different ways that we minister to others in our community and also within the New Life community. I will be posting examples of our outreach projects on one of the bulletin boards in the hallway, over the next few weeks. Take a few minutes the next time you're in church, either before or after worship, to check out all of the news. ~ Kathy

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 C. approval to set up a bulletin board in the hallway with this information. Check it out!



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

We made our monthly food pantry delivery in February and presented them with 30 bags of food, a bundle of toilet paper, and \$20 cash. Outstanding!!

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, tooth paste/tooth brushes, 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 inaugural issue of the New Life newsletter. The plan is to publish the newsletter every two months.

