



## New Life Presbyterian Church August Newsletter

“The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and the work of the church.”

– Book of Order (F-1.01)

Dear Church,

Peace be with you. The 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (G.A.) of the PCUSA just concluded in St. Louis and I wanted to share with you some highlights from the national meeting. Before that, lets take a look what is G.A. and what does it do? General Assembly consists of commissioners elected by presbyteries, half are ruling elders and the other half teaching elders. The bi-annual denominational gathering examines issues within the church to ensure that our theology, faith and practice are uncorrupted. G.A. sets priorities for the church and witnesses to social issues locally and globally. Here is a summary of the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly:

- The assembly voted 332-178 to not divest in fossil fuel companies but rather request the Mission Responsibility Through Investment group maintain investments in the fossil-fuel industry while simultaneously advocating for sustainable energy solutions.
- A recommendation was made from The Presbytery of The Twin Cities Area (PTCA) that Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail” be adopted as a contemporary statement of faith and as an aid for Christian study without any official constitutional standing. The assembly voted instead to commend the document for study and initiate the process toward including it in the PCUSA Book of Confessions, which takes a minimum of four years to complete.
- The internal structure of the PCUSA was modified as the A Corporation which is the secular portion that handles the business of the church. It will move from being led by the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board to a shared governance model that will include 5 of the 6 PCUSA agencies.
- Per capita was voted on by the Assembly to increase its rate in 2019 to \$8.95 per member up from \$7.73 per member.
- During the opening worship \$47,000 was raised in offering. Presbyterians then marched to St. Louis’ City Justice Center and offered the money as bail for incarcerated non-violent offenders as a statement against mass incarceration.
- The Assembly declared an imperative for the reformation of the Presbyterian Church to become a transformative church in an intercultural era.
- An approved action by the Assembly called for an immediate end to the government’s zero tolerance policy towards undocumented families entering into the United States.
- The Assembly approved asking our denomination and congregations to pray and act in response to the high rate of gun violence in our country. In addition to calling for an immediate moratorium on all executions.

These overtures and actions reflect who we are and where we stand as a denomination in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As the covenanted people of God we are reformed and always reforming. May the love of God, the peace of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit guide you today and always in this changing world. Pastor Riz

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**We Are  
An  
Inclusive  
Faith  
Community**

Hello Congregation,

Thank you very much for all who volunteered to be musicians for the summer n

I hope you have been enjoying the performances from the volunteer musicians.

I also appreciate family choir members and we will continue to sing in August and September as well.

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday is family choir, so please, join us.

**I have a few new announcements.**

We will have **two different rehearsal days: Mondays and Wednesdays** after Ministries of Faith Carnival in September.

We will have the **hand bell rehearsals every Monday** from 5:45PM to 7:00PM.

We will have the **choir rehearsals every Wednesday** from 5:45PM to 7:00PM.

In addition, the **Commosso orchestra group** will be every **Wednesday from 7:00PM to 8:00PM.**

**We need more volunteer musicians in each group: Prime Chimers, Choir and Commosso.**

If you have been playing some instruments more than 1 or 2 years, please, join Commosso.

If you can sing, please, join the Choir.

If you cannot play any instruments and cannot sing, we have an opportunity to become a hand bell choir member.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Julie Lueck*

Director of Music Ministry



### **The Men's Breakfast Group**

The Men's Breakfast Group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month 9-10:30 a.m. The group will meet at Denny's restaurant, at 2045 Twin Lakes Pkwy. W., just north of County Road C and Cleveland Ave. B (next to Aldi's). The group discusses issues of the day from a faith-based perspective. Join us! (For information, call Warren Wolfe, 612-791-5316).

### **Congratulate Your Fellow Parishioners**

There are many stars in our midst! Three Ribbons were won at the Ramsey County Fair Last week. Please join us in congratulating our church quilting group. Ginny and Kay made the tops of two of the quilts and other members of our quilting group assisted with pinning, knotting, binding and hemming of the "Falling Leaves" and "Fish" quilts. Faith designed and made the "Woodstock" quilt completely by machine stitching.

The quilts and the ribbons they won are on display through out the Atrium.

Please stop to have a look and congratulate all the quilters.



### **Operating Fund—fast approaching fiscal year end**

**Bottom line:** As we approach the end of the 2017-18 fiscal year (July 31) expenses exceed income by over \$3,000—which is much better than what our budget had anticipated. However, expenses for July are going to be big (as usual for July,) so we are going to see a deficit, but not as large as originally anticipated. Results are better than budget because expenses are below budget, especially personnel expenses due to vacancies and reduced hours.

## EARTH CARE

### JOIN OUR CHURCH “EAT LOCAL CHALLENGE” AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

We invite you to come to the Atrium table & sign up to participate in the “EAT LOCAL CHALLENGE” Aug. – Sept. Whether it’s Crystal sugar, Wisc. corn or MN tomatoes, fish, & turkey, see if you can eat a certain % of foods or number of meals/wk that are from local sources . Buying locally produced food (the 5-6 state area) instead of food from places like Florida, California or Argentina is a great thing to do for many reasons. Here are 4 :

1. **Local food is good for you and tastes better , too.** The food doesn’t have to travel far, so farmers can choose varieties based on flavor, rather than their ability to withstand a long journey so you can get freshness & flavor.
2. **It’s good for the economy.** The money you spend on local food supports the local economy.
3. **It’s good for the environment.** As you probably already know, the average American dinner is made up of food that travels nearly 1,500 miles before reaching your plate! When you eat local food, you greatly reduce the consumption of fossil fuels, carbon dioxide emissions & wasteful packaging materials.
4. **It’s good for family farms and “food sovereignty.”** With each local food purchase you support family farms in your area and you ensure food sovereignty. Food sovereignty means that no international trade policies or any global food crisis will make one particular community extremely vulnerable to hunger.

We hope you will join your pastor and friends at church to see how well you can do. Don’t forget to pick up a 2016 Minnesota Grown Directory at church to show you where to find orchards, farmer’s markets, & farms all across the state to add to the fun. **Whether your food comes from your garden, the Farmer’s Market or a store, now is a great time to eat local!**

#### MAKING YOUR SPECIAL EVENTS GREEN (AND ITS FREE!)

Are you hosting a family, work or community gathering? Make it a GREEN EVENT! You can use your own recycling containers or check out options for borrowing recycling containers FOR FREE at RamseyRecycles.com. Portable containers are collapsible, and they come with custom signage and bags. **Organics recycling containers are available, too.**

#### SUMMER SCHEDULE COMPOSTING REMINDER

Just in case you missed seeing our composting article, we wanted to make sure people realize that RAMSEY County yard waste sites accept organics for recycling Mon., Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m. -7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. through Nov. The yard waste site at 1943 Pierce Butler Route in St Paul is the closest for Roseville residents. Organics must be in a compostable bag but FREE compostable bags are available at the yard waste sites. Call 6511-792-633-3279 for more information, answered 24/7. Recycling organics (composting) helps the environment by avoiding methane emissions that contribute to global climate change. It also returns essential nutrients to the soil and improves soil health.



#### Hello!

My name is Josh Szyplski and I am very excited to start work at New Life Presbyterian Church as the new Faith Formation Director.

I grew up in Brooklyn Park, MN, attended Gustavus Adolphus College and recently graduated from Luther Seminary. My degrees and studies involved theology, world religions, music performance, and film. I also worked for six years in outdoor camp ministry both in the states and overseas in China. Someday I'd like to go to New Zealand and live as a hobbit for a while.

You can contact me at [joshua@newlifechurchroseville.org](mailto:joshua@newlifechurchroseville.org)

### School Tools Collection in August

During August we'll collect **NEW school supplies** to help kids in our community thrive in their education. Please bring donations to the collection site in the atrium **through Sunday August 26**. Donations will go to our partner neighborhood school, Como Park Elementary, plus Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul for homeless children and others in need.



**All supplies are welcome**, including: colored markers (thick and thin), colored pencils, glue sticks, pocket folders, #2 pencils, wide-ruled notebooks, crayons, scissors, backpacks, and boxes of facial tissue. Check out the back-to-school bargains, coming up soon! Thanks for helping kids get off to a good start in school this fall.



### Change the World for Hungry Families

We've completed our second year helping kids with food insecurity through The Sheridan Story program at Como Park Elementary School. Each week during the school year someone from our faith community joined with someone from St. Timothy Lutheran Church to distribute 4-5 pound bags of food to 50 children at the school to take home for the weekend. **Thank you, faithful food distributors!** We plan to continue the program next school year. Look for sign-ups starting in the fall.

Our church funds the program for 25 children at \$140 per child for one school year. Your generous donations have provided a good portion of this funding – **Thank you, contributors!** Our Change the World collection (loose change in the offering plate) during August and your Bowl of Abundance contributions on August 26<sup>th</sup> go to the Sheridan Story fund to help replenish funding for the program. Make a joyful noise! If you prefer, donate by check to New Life or cash in a pew envelope marked for the Sheridan Story fund.

***Thank you for helping children in our community have the nutrition they need to learn and grow!***

### Sign up for Park & Ride

*It's fun and the perfect opportunity to get to know people at our church and in the community (and make approx. \$7000 for our church.) You can join in the fun by signing up in the atrium on Sunday, calling or texting Julie Kehne at 612.281.4646, or going directly to [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). Click on "find a signup," then enter [ncpcstatefair@gmail.com](mailto:ncpcstatefair@gmail.com) and the code provided. We have a total of 12 days, so there are multiple opportunities to **help!***



### Happy Summer everyone!

I'm guessing you've noticed that the school supplies are in the stores now, so you know what that means... It's almost time for school to start!

If you or someone you know is still looking for a fantastic preschool or pre-kindergarten program, please tell them about [North Como Preschool](#).

NCP has been around since 1970 and remains a family favorite! We offer 2 day and 4 day preschool programs and 3 day, 4 day and 5 day programs in our Pre-Kindergarten programs.

I would love the chance to meet with your family and friends to see how NCP might be a great fit! We'd love to have you join our NCP Family!

If you are interested, please email Sher Noot, Director at [director@northcomopreschool.org](mailto:director@northcomopreschool.org)



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Ayriannah Lee	August 1	Joann Shingledecker	August 13
Fil Faraci	August 2	Katie Marchetto	August 16
Eric Hendersen	August 2	Pamela Schoon	August 20
John Bloomquist	August 3	Craig Sulzdorf	August 22
Cindy Ward—Thompson	August 3	Terry Cook	August 23
Opal Bull <b>102 years old on</b>	August 6	Evelyn Schmidt	August 24
Andy Ihlenfeldt	August 6	Kirk Buckley	August 25
Kristi Petersen	August 6	Marie Skilling	August 26
Virginia Redman	August 6	Lisa Tepley	August 27
Jenessa Buckley	August 7	Leo Heikkila	August 28
Keith Buckley	August 7	Kaludji Ruteye	August 28
Sara Drake	August 8	John Bootier	August 30
Tein-Rose McCarthy	August 11	Rachel Thomas	August 30
Elaine Bramer <b>100 years old on</b>	August 12	Jim Sargent	August 30



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Steve Smith

Daley Tubbs

Barb Nelson (Clerk)

*(If you have ever been  
ordained as an Elder, you  
are always an Elder!)*

## August Calendar Highlights

Sunday, August 5 — 10:00 am Worship

Sunday, August 12 —10:00 am Worship

Tuesday, August 21 —Session

Thursday, August 23— Monday September 3—**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR**

#### **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR PARK & RIDE**

- September Newsletter articles due August 21 to  
**[office@newlifechurchroseville.org](mailto:office@newlifechurchroseville.org)**
- Sunday bulletin submissions due by noon on Wednesday to:  
**[office@newlifechurchroseville.org](mailto:office@newlifechurchroseville.org)**
- E-Note submissions due by noon on Tuesday to Pam Nofsinger at:  
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