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**We Are
An
Inclusive
Faith
Community**

**Ministries of Faith
Super Sundae
Sunday,
September 9**



Ministries of Faith Super Sundae is Sunday, September 9, immediately after worship. All committees and small group ministries are invited and encouraged to showcase their ministries at this time. Tables will be set up starting on Saturday, September 8 at noon. You may set your space up after that time or before the worship service on Sunday. Faith Formation will provide the ice cream. Participating committees and small groups are asked to provide an ice cream topping and a carnival game. Let us know if you would like a table and/or a particular spot. Also let us know what topping you will bring, and a game you can contribute. Carole Rust from the Earth Care Team has requested committees to bring local or organic toppings if possible. We are of course looking for volunteers to help with ice cream scooping and dishwashing/cleanup. Please confirm with Ann or Josh that you will be participating in this event. Thank you!

Pumpkin Patch

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER Oct. 6 - October 31

Once again, we are partnering with Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers to have our very own Pumpkin Patch on the church grounds, providing a fun, festive atmosphere for the fall season! It is a no-risk fundraiser, with no upfront costs, and is our primary fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip. The hardest, and most stressful, part of this fundraiser, however, is unloading the pumpkins. They don't get off the truck on their own, but with many people, this task is more manageable. All help is appreciated! **Pumpkins are scheduled to be delivered Saturday, October 6.** Volunteers will also be needed to run/operate the Pumpkin Patch beginning Sunday, October 7. More information to come.



From Pastor Riz



Life Lessons

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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Dear Church,

Peace be with you. There are milestones, then there are some incredible milestones. This month one such tremendous milestone has been reached by George and Lois Jenkin as they celebrate seventy years of marriage. I had the opportunity to sit down with the Jenkins to ask them about their marital longevity and also to inquire about what it was like to be charter members of North Como. Here are some of the things I learned.

The first is be polite. It makes interactions easier and it is also how the two began talking after George held the street-car so Lois could get in. Become friends first and build on that foundation. That makes for a healthy long-term relationship. Don't take things too seriously and laugh a lot! George's sense of humor was something that Lois really appreciated as it helped to cultivate a joyful perspective on life. Patience is crucial for the long run. Don't assume the worst and go off the handle. You have to work on issues when they come up says, Lois, things are not always going to be easy. Take your vows seriously and always grow the love between each other.

The Jenkin's were present when North Como had its humble beginnings in a house. They stayed because they saw and experienced a group of dedicated people who were enthusiastic about growing the church and maintain it for generations to come. Lois remarked that it was a place in which they developed long lasting friendships by using their gifts to serve side by side. George mentioned that church was a place for folks to learn what was right and wrong and to keep you on the straight and narrow. George and Lois let their light shine outside the church as they lived out their faith by loving their neighbors. There were some neighbors that didn't have a car so after the Jenkin's went to church they would let the neighbors use their car so they could attend their local church.

When asked what advice do you have for us as a church today the couple offered this. Keep the church going and in doing so you build up your faith and make friends in the process. They also encouraged parents and children to participate in church activities together. A family that prays together, stays together.

Thank you to George and Lois Jenkin for sharing your wisdom with us! May the joy of the Lord be yours always. Love never fails.

*In Christ,
Rev Riz*

Announcements & In Your Words



NORTHCOMO PRESCHOOL

Well, the State Fair is wrapping up, which can only mean one thing... It's back to school time! If your family has a little one at home, ages 3-5 but has not entered kindergarten yet, please check out North Como Preschool. NCP was started in 1970. We offer affordable tuition based classes. Preschool classes run two or four days per week from 9:00 am - 11:30 am. Pre-K classes run two, three, or five days per week from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We also offer "flexible" scheduling.

If you are interested in learning more about our programs and how North Como Preschool might be a good fit for your family, please contact Sher Noot, Director at director@northcomopreschool.org

MEALS ON WHEELS—SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS WITH CARE

Every three Wednesdays, volunteers from our church faithfully drive eleven Meals on Wheels routes in our community, checking in on dozens of homebound persons and bringing them friendly greetings and a fresh hot meal. Would you like to participate? We have openings for shared routes and substitute drivers. Delivery time is 10:45 am -12 noon. Some workplaces offer a longer lunch hour for folks who volunteer. Please contact Syd Jensen sjensen@cbburnet.com or Dawn Miller miller1567@msn.com to learn more.

During September your loose change in the Offering Plate supports our local Meals on Wheels program. Or add your **change to the Bowl of Abundance** on the last Sunday of



the month. You may also donate by cash in an envelope or check to New Life - mark these for Meals on Wheels. Thanks!

Following is a brief introduction to our new ruling elders, elected at the Congregational Meeting on August 5th. They will be installed on Sunday, September 30th

Class of 2020 (Two-year terms)

Amy Lane Larry and I have been members of NLPC since 2014. I've spent most of my life participating in Presbyterian churches, but we belonged to other churches. I've served on various committees – these experiences as well as my relative newness to this church give me a unique perspective as I serve this church family.

Nancy Irsfeld I joined North Como in 1968. I taught in Roseville Schools for 19 years and volunteered in Mounds View Schools for ten more. My husband Jerry and I spend much of our summers at our lake place in Orr MN. I love to travel, read, garden, spend time with family and quilt (for church). In past years I have served as Elder, Deacon, Stephen Minister and Leader, and Lead Usher.

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September Calendar Highlights

Monday, September 3	Labor Day—OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday, Sept. 8	Faith Formation Information Session
Sunday, Sept. 9 11:00 am	Ministries of Faith Super Sundae
Sunday, September 16 11:15 am	Education Begins for All
Sunday, September 30 11:15 am	Potluck

September Birthdays

Bahnmann, Jason 9/1	Thompson, Corwin 9/9	Kachel, Susan 9/21
Heikkila, Luke 9/2	Jenson, Alexis 9/9	Kaul, Mary 9/24
Abongmbu, Estralita 9/2	Link, Dan 9/10	Homme, Dorothy 9/24
Kallstrom, Joanne 9/2	Brandsness, Dean 9/11	Day, Ruth 9/25
Buhaug, Kathy 9/3	McBride, Dan 9/11	Conklin, Barb 9/26
Hubbell, Jan 9/3	Thomas, Olivia 9/11	Link, Freddie 9/26
Nelson, Barb 9/4	McCarthy, Suzy 9/14	Thompson, Corwin 9/26
Hoekman, Devon 9/5	Green, Ann 9/16	Schneider, Jan 9/27
Lee, Kyle 9/5	Zoerb, Tina 9/16	Cook, Betsey 9/27
Koehn, Shawna 9/6	Spear-Wilson, Damian 9/17	Hinds, Bailey 9/28
Williams, Fran 9/7	Gabel, Sue 9/18	Williams, George 9/30
Kerns, Emma 9/7	Oyoo, Johnbosco 9/19	
Wolfe, Warren 9/8	Miller, Dawn 9/20	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!





This fall we will continue our partnership with St. Timothy Lutheran to distribute bags of nutritious food weekly for the weekend for kids who need it at Como Park Elementary School on Wheelock Parkway just east of Como Lake. The Sheridan Story program provides the bags of food; the school selects the children; the partner churches provide funds for the food and persons to distribute it to the classrooms. **Learn more about the benefits of this program at www.thesheridanstory.com.**

You can sign up to be a regular or occasional food bag distributor at the school at New Life's fall kick-off Carnival and on the atrium wall. You will partner with a volunteer from St. Tim's on the last school day of the week (usually Friday) at 1:30 PM, load the bags on a cart, and distribute them to the classrooms as per a list provided by the school. It takes ~30 minutes and is a fun way to flex your muscles for a good cause. **Your donations to the Sheridan Story Fund at New Life will help fund this program.** Our church will provide food for at least 25 children this school year. Any amount is welcome! Consider a gift donation in honor of a special occasion for a loved one who "has everything." ~\$25 provides a student with a weekend's supply of food for a month. A \$75 share funds a student for a quarter. ~\$200 covers one child for the school year – a good investment in that child's future. The Fund is open all year long for donations – just donate to New Life Church, memo Sheridan Story Fund.

Food insecurity (not having regular access to enough nutritious food) is not uncommon in children right here in our neighborhood schools and in over 100,000 children in the Twin Cities. **Hungry children are sick more, can suffer growth and development impairments, perform more poorly in school, and have more social and behavioral problems.** Together, we can make a difference that will last a lifetime for a child.

Music Ministry

We will have the Ministries of Faith Carnival on Sep. 9th

We will start our Hand Bells rehearsal from Sep. 10th (Monday) from 5:45PM to 7:00PM.

We will start the Sanctuary choir rehearsal from Sep. 12 (Wednesday) from 5:45PM to 6:55PM.

We will start the Comosso rehearsal from Sep. 12 (Wednesday) from 7:00PM to 8:00PM.

Congregational Care

The new church directories have a few updates. Please make note of the following changes in your copy.



Lucille Fredericksen - sen not son, Ed Galle - Cell phone 651-249-4740 - not 247, Hope Laizans - cell phone is 651-315-2436, Barb & Bruce Nelson Corral Lane not Land, Pamala Wanjala address is 985 Greenhaven Dr., Vadnais Heights, 55127. Julie Kehne phone number is 612-281-4646 not 651. Please let the office know when you have any changes in your address or phone number.

Our new Faith Formation Coordinator Josh Szpulski & his fiancé, Lydia are looking forward to their September 22 wedding at Luther Seminary. Congratulations and many blessings.



Earth Care Team

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/week 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.

HOLIDAY FAIR TRADE MARKET

November 17 and 18, 2018:
SAVE THE DATES!

Our church for years has been involved with 10,000 Villages and in more recent years has expanded our mission to include other vendors. Our church does not make any money doing this project but does make money for others for example Red Lake Nation and third world artisans. Here is our mission with this project:

Mission: To provide a showcase for vendors and non-profit organizations to offer socially just gift options for members of New Life Presbyterian Church and surrounding community members.

Guidelines for Vendors and Nonprofits

- Vendors must be associated with a recognized nonprofit group
- Artisans will be from economically disadvantaged areas of the world or are from an economically or socially repressed group, or are working directly for a recognized nonprofit that benefits from the sale of the items.
- All products, from outside the US, must meet Fair trade standards and be organic and/or eco-friendly where possible
- Products from the US must directly benefit disadvantaged groups (women in poverty, AIDS patients, Native Americans etc.)
- Non-profits participating for donations must be pre-identified through invitation and must meet the qualifications under the due diligence guidelines of the New Life Presbyterian Church session.
- Where products are sold and make a profit, a portion of the profit, up to \$8,000, will be set aside to make the sale self-sustaining in future years. Any amount beyond this will be donated to a pre-specified mission project
- The committee for the Market retains the right to offer some items on an ongoing basis for sale in the internet in association with New Life Presbyterian Church

We are excited to host the event again at our church and hope you are too! Mark your calendar for shopping for your Christmas gifts and contributing to others as well! It is also a lot of fun and so if you are interested in joining us on the two days we would love to hear from you!. Please feel free to contact Syd Jensen at 612-670-7953



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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00am
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00am-2:00PM
Tuesday-Friday

Ruling Elders:

Patty Gould
Pam Hord
Whitney Kerns
Amy Lane
Steve Smith
Daley Tubbs
Barb Nelson (Clerk)

*(If you have ever
been ordained as an
Elder, you are al-
ways an Elder!)*

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Class of 2021 (Three-year terms)

Cynthia Reimers Erickson I first came to North Como when I was recruited as a bell ringer. I became a member in 1994 or 1995 and, besides ringing, served on Stewardship, Budget and Celebration and Worship committees. I have also been a member of the Esther Circle. I consider building community within New Life and participating in the community around us to be important facets of New Life's work. Generosity to those less fortunate and mission work are also high on my list of priorities for the church.

Cindy Ward-Thompson I started attending services after moving from northern Minnesota. I was married to my best friend Joe Thompson at New Life in 2012; Pastor David baptized my son Corwin in the hospital at three days old just before his first open heart surgery. Although my family hasn't been as active as we would like, we look forward to changing that. In the past I have been very involved with Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Duluth and First Presbyterian in Bemidji. I am Director of Bdote Learning Center, a Dakota and Ojibwe school in Minneapolis and am part of the Native American community. I bring a lot of experience in working in education, management, grant writing, finances, and a huge love of Jesus Christ.

Mari Hirabayashi I grew up attending North Como with my family, and I have returned to New Life after moving back to St. Paul as an adult. I have been involved with the Immigration Support, Adult Education, and Earth Care Committees. I am interested in helping New Life be an inclusive, caring, vibrant faith community that supports its members in living out their Christian values in the world.

Deb Griffin I'm a preacher's kid, primarily from the southwestern US, but have lived in 12 states and Canada: Iowa and Minnesota are my favorites. I have loved New Life church since my first step through the doors after moving to Shoreview from Carlisle, Iowa, about a year ago. I have been a Presbyterian since 1994, and have served on 3 sessions prior to this. My hope for New Life is that we will grow disciples of Christ in the five Christian virtues: