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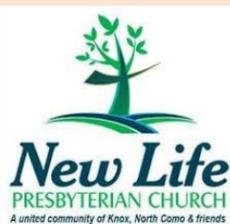
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"Ruling elders have responsibilities for the life of the congregation as well as the whole church." ~ PCUSA Book of Order



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New Life Presbyterian Church

May 2019

New Life News

Riz's Reflections...

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:13-16

Dear Church,

Resurrection greetings! I pray that you all had a blessed Easter. One of the questions that has been on my heart is, how do we live our lives post Easter in a world engulfed in strife? The answer to this question was inspired by Roger Carlson, who when asked what advice he has for people today, he replied, "live exemplary lives." Mr. Carlson was a Marine in WWII and one of their mottos is "Ductus Exemplo" which means to lead by example. Our text from Matthew also encourages us to lead exemplary lives by letting our light shine before others. But what does that look like out in the world?

To understand this practically, we must examine what the scriptures say about living a life pleasing unto God. In Romans 12, Paul lays out what is known as the marks of a true Christian. One of the things that Paul says is to "outdo one another in showing honor." Having respect for one another cultivates healthy relationships that form robust communities. To honor another, it is first important to love yourself and know that you are forgiven, washed clean and made anew. To live with honor means to make decisions that are morally and ethically upright. In order to do that, we need to know what the Lord requires of us as it is outlined in scripture and to place the voice of the Lord above all other voices in your life. Obedience to God above all takes courage.

Courage is another trait of living an exemplary life. It is not always easy to let your light shine, especially when you are in hostile territory. Preaching to the choir, so to speak, is not very challenging, but to speak out about what is right and just in the face of injustice and persecution can be daunting. Paul encourages us to be courageous, "Do not be overcome by

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Riz's Reflections (cont'd)

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evil, but overcome evil with good." One of the struggles for the disciple is to not reply to evil with evil, but to be courageous and take the path of the cross and to combat evil with good. Being courageous also means that we must be open to movement of the Holy Spirit that brings about new life through change. God was doing a new thing in the life of Christ on earth and if people were not open to the change they would have been stumbling blocks to the ways of God. Scripture reminds us to take heart and to not be afraid in the face of change because the Lord is with us. Commit to letting your light shine boldly, because the darkness cannot overcome the light.

The final trait is to live a life of commitment to the Lord. The word commitment comes from the Latin "committere" which means to unite with. We are certainly called to unite our lives with each other and with our Lord as we are reminded each month when we participate in the gift of Holy Communion. In the

Romans text we are called to "contribute to the needs of the saints." To live into this we must stretch our temporal understanding to include the saints in the here and now and the future saints to come. We are to respond to the immediate needs of the saints in our midst and the future saints of tomorrow that need to be trained in the ways of the kingdom and who will need a place to worship. This means that we are to share what God has entrusted to us and give joyfully out of our abundance and in doing so we keep the flames of faith burning for future generations as we simultaneously model for them what it means to be faithful stewards of our resources.

Let us take up our cross each day and lead exemplary lives that are worthy of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. May God empower you to boldly let your light shine by living lives of honor, courage, and commitment so that we may give glory to the Lord of All.

In Christ,
Rev Riz

Come Celebrate Earth Day—Sunday, May 5th



Please join our celebration of Earth Day Sunday on May 5th, with a special worship service followed by activities, fun, and earth-friendly snacks. Our theme will be "The Generations Speak: Visions of the Future" and we are very happy that this year the youth will be enthusiastically taking part in both worship and following events.

All ages are encouraged to bring coins or small amounts of money to give at our "Coins for Creation" table in the Great Room. These donations will be used to buy a bag of Moringa Tree Seeds through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, which will be sent to a community in need. These trees grow quickly and their leaves are added to food as an important source of nutrition for groups of people struggling with malnourishment. Since planting trees will take more carbon dioxide out of the air and replace it with oxygen, our donated Moringa trees will also help fight against the negative effects of Climate Change. This is a win-win for everybody, so we hope you will explain to the children in your life why it is a good idea for them to share a few coins from their piggy banks or allowances to join the adults as we all help one another and watch over and protect God's good creation.

PS—Remember to bring in your small electronics (old cell phones, laptops) and used printer cartridges for our **spring recycling collection**.

◀ April	May 2019						June ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 8a Project Home Moves Out 9a Quilters	2 6:30p Big Book AA	3	4 9:30a Care Coordinators 2p Daring Group	
				Set-up for Earth Day Sunday (GR)			
5 EARTH DAY SUNDAY 8:30a Choir 10a Worship 11a Fellowship 5p Firing Line AA 5:30p Youth Group	6 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30p Senate DFL District 66	7 9a TOPS 11:45 Staff Mtg	8 9a Men's Breakfast 9a Quilters	9 6:30p Big Book AA	10	11 3:30p KCOC – (GR & K)	
12 8:30a Choir 10a Worship 11a Fellowship 11:15a Faith Circles 5p Firing Line AA	13 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30a Rebekah Circle 5:45p Handbells	14 9a TOPS 11:45 Staff Mtg 6:30p Esther Circle 6:30p Faith Formation	15 NEW LIFE NEWS ARTICLES DUE 9a Quilters 10:45a Meals on Wheels 6p Comosso	16 6:30p Big Book AA 6:30p Stewardship	17 4:00p Skilling Wedding Shower (GR)	18 Building & Grounds Work Day (GR & AT)	
19 10a Worship 10:30a Town Hall Meeting 11a Fellowship 11:15a Faith Circles 5p Firing Line AA 5:30p Youth Group	20 OFFICE CLOSED 5:45p Handbells 7p Finance	21 6:30p Personnel	22 9a Men's Breakfast 9a Quilters	23 6:30p Big Book AA	24	25	
26 10a Worship 11a Fellowship 11:15a Faith Circles 5p Firing Line AA	27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	28	29 9a Quilters	30 6:30p Big Book AA	31		

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May Birthdays

4th— Carol Schubring	23rd— James Sargent
7th— Anje Rust	24th— Pamala Hord, Paul Ihlenfeldt
10th— Cathy Newcome	25th— Susan Severiano
12th— Grace Barnes	26th— Chris Cacek
13th— Darrell Chinander	28th— Charles Bauman
16th— Lois Nyman	29th— Jym Hubbell
18th— Daniella Severiano	31st— Amy Schmidt
19th— Anita McLaughlin, Christie Thorsen	

Healing Hummingbird Habits

In our modern and busy world, we live in such manmade environments that it is easy to get cut off from the natural, interdependent world God created for us. May is filled with new life, growth, and beauty, and we hope you will try to get outside to reconnect with God’s good creation in some way. We hope you will not only think of something you can do to make yourself a better steward, but that will make you happy as well!



North Como Preschool News

Wow! It’s hard to believe that another preschool/pre-k year has come to an end! It was such an amazing year with wonderful teachers, families, kiddos, and support from all of you at New Life! This fall marks the start of North Como Preschool’s 50th year! We truly could not be as successful as we are without each and everyone’s support. And I thank you for that! Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year looks awesome! We’re almost to capacity, so if you know of someone who is still looking for a part-time preschool/pre-k class, please have them contact me. Many thanks and happy summer! See you at Park and Ride!

Sher Noot, NCP Director



Membership & Growth Committee

Our committee recruits new members through ads in the St. Anthony Bugle and Roseville Review. New this year is an ad in the Roseville Keys take-out menu. You will also see us at the front door of the church on Sunday mornings greeting visitors and giving them a bookmark with information about New Life Church.

Committee members are: Nancy Irsfeld, Elder; Mary Barraclough; Pete Marchetto; Jeannette Wilson; and Darby Laing.

Stewardship Committee

Our committee strives to encourage church members and friends to give of their time, talents, and monetary blessings. Historically, our primary goal is to raise enough funds to meet the church budget requirements. We will continue to do that, but will also be focusing more on encouraging stewardship of our other gifts and time as well. We are also planning some special fundraising events for specific needs.

Committee members are: Deb Griffin, Elder; Alesia Biro; Bruce Nelson; and Darroll Skilling.

Recognizing our Graduating Seniors GRADUATION SUNDAY JUNE 9th

It is a bitter-sweet moment in the life of a church when we honor and celebrate our graduating seniors, who we send off to continue their journey of learning and faith. Here is the Class of 2019:

Ariyana Aikens

daughter of Kristen & Jason Aikens

Future Plans:

Attend Brown University in Providence, RI

Fun fact:

Aiyana has designed bulletin covers for the church.

Jack Kachel

son of Susan & John Kachel

Future Plans:

Attend University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Fun fact:

Jack has played guitar in worship many times.

Kaelan Lucas

daughter of Robin & Tom Lucas

Future Plans:

Attend Winona State University

Fun fact:

Kaelan has sung in worship with her sister and other youth

Daley Tubbs

daughter of Maureen & Steve Tubbs

Future Plans:

Attend University of Wisconsin—Whitewater

Fun fact:

Daley was the director of High School Musical

Joe Pedro

Son of Tricia & Jeff Pedro

Future Plans:

Attend University of Wisconsin—Whitewater

Fun fact:

Joe was the stage manager for High School Musical

We wish each of these young people all the best as they begin this new stage of their lives.

ROSEVILLE PAPER SHREDDING DAY

WHEN:

Saturday,
May 18th
8:00a—Noon

WHERE:

Roseville
City Hall
parking lot
at
2660 Civic Center Dr.



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During May your pocket change in the offering plate and the Bowl of Abundance goes to Holy Hammers to help fund a Habitat-for-Humanity home for a local family. If you prefer, donate cash or check (to New Life, memo Holy Hammers) in an envelope. And volunteer to work with our partner churches to build this year's home. Sign up in the Atrium after worship or online at <https://tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/holyhammers/> or check with Jerry Peterson or Larry Lane about remaining volunteer openings.

Summer Music Program

Our **Summer Individual Music Program** will begin June 2nd and run through September 8th. **All kinds of music are welcome** to play and sing during the summer worship services. Anyone can sign up for offertory, communion, or postlude with your own instruments.

The sign-up sheet is available on the magnetic wall in the Atrium, as well as the choir practice room wall, beginning May 1st.

Thank you for sharing your talents!

~ Julie Lueck, Director of Music Ministry

Annual Friends School Plant Sale & Outdoor Garden Fair

WHEN: May 10, 11, & 12 (Friday-Sunday)
Mother's Day Weekend

WHERE: MN State Fairgrounds Grandstand & Adjoining Open Space

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 651.621.8930 or
www.FriendsSchoolPlantSale.com

FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

Why I Give

It was easy for me to agree to write on this topic; why I choose to give (financially) to New Life Presbyterian Church. To be clear, I don't believe for one minute that I'm the model you should follow, in fact, quite the opposite. But my motivation for giving financially is real and I believe that there are those who may read my story and it will resonate with them and perhaps, stir others to consider giving financially in support of New Life.

So a little background may help you to understand more about me and why I give. I grew up in a very evangelical home, where my father was my Sunday school teacher and my mother was a stewardess, preparing communion on first Sundays, and cooking breakfast every Sunday morning for those children and adults who came out early; usually by 8a for our Sunday morning lesson, then a hot home-cooked meal. My parents modeled for me that giving of your time or talents was just one way to support the church.

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Why I give (cont'd)

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Their support financially was tied to how they saw the "Church" and our relationship with the other members in our congregation. We were taught that if people go to the ER for urgent physical concerns, where could they go if in a spiritual crisis? For my family, the answer was clear, the Church! The church is more than a building where we as followers of Christ get the privilege of worshipping together each Sunday and, it is also a place where those who were not members, could come in need of spiritual emergent care. Our family pledged to not only give of their God-provided skills and talents, but also from their financial means to ensure that others not yet in relationship with Christ, or those in critical-spiritual need would have the Church there to care for them.

We knew that the Church is more than just a building, made of mortar and stone. It is our collective soul; where we do the work of Christ. Yes, the church I grew up in and the New Life building is made by man, and these buildings require care and upkeep. New Life's physical building cannot take care of itself, so we, the body of Christ take care of it by paying the utilities, insurance, replacing the roof and all the numerous other things that physical property requires. We do this so that this building stands as a beacon for those in need of a spiritual ER!

I was taught and I still believe that it is not enough for me to say I'm a Christian, when my actions are not supporting what I profess. I give to ensure that this building in which New Life's body of Christ remains, is here well after I cease to exist. I give to ensure that there is funding to send out missionaries to here and abroad to preach and reach those who have yet to know Christ. I give so that one day, our spiritual ER; New Life will have enough staff and resources to reach not only to our community in Roseville, but well beyond anything or anyone here has imagined. I give because I am a follower of Christ and this is just one way I show my love and devotion for Jesus who died for me. So why do you give to New Life?

~~ Peace and Blessings, Alesia Grace Thompson Biro

Your Voice: Our Future

Please join your Session on Sunday, May 19th, for a Townhall meeting. We will worship together at 10:00 and at 10:30 move into our meeting. Your Session will share with you the information gathered from our February and March Listening Sessions. You will hear about...

- ◆ What this congregation envisions for its future
- ◆ This congregation's top priorities
- ◆ Your Session's strategic plan for the next 12 months
- ◆ Plans for the next 3, 5, and 10 years

God is doing something new: come and see what that is!

CPR TRAINING

Roseville Fire Department has agreed to provide CPR training for our New Life church family. Right now, we are trying to determine your interest. This would be training for hands-only CPR & defibrillator use. The program would last 60 to 90 minutes, and is available to anyone over the age of 9 years. They are will to do the training on a Sunday. If you would be interested in this training (at no charge!) please sign up at the table in the Atrium or contact Sandy McGiffin. If you would be interested in a public program, see the most recent *Roseville City News* for that schedule.