

# New Life News

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## Riz's Reflections...

*You will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.” These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes! They said, “You Galileans!—why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly—and mysteriously—as he left.” – Acts 1:8-12*

Dear Church,

Peace be with you. It has been a couple months since our state went under the Stay at Home order and I sincerely hope that you have adjusted to these circumstances as well as one can be expected to. I have certainly found it quite challenging to adapt to ministry without in-person worship, meetings and fellowship. Stressful, anxious, lethargic are some words I would use to describe my feelings under lock down. Moving from a centralized ministry, which is what I've known all my life, to a decentralized ministry is a learning curve that is like climbing a sheer mountain.

This shift in ministry paradigm is something that the disciples encountered in Acts, as the good news was centralized in the incarnation of Jesus and his teachings; but as our text informs us, he ascended into heaven and the disciples were left with a decentralized ministry model. As overwhelming as this must have seemed to the disciples, there was also a sense of wonder and creativity to share this life-changing message of new life with the world. There was good news, in the midst of life-changing events.

There is also indeed good news and growth that has come out of this pandemic that I would like to share. Our response to our current crisis has been multi-pronged and intentional. For a church without a projection screen, we had to make the jump to online worship quickly, and we are grateful for our sisters and brothers at North Presbyterian for helping us along this journey. The streaming worship component will be a permanent feature of our Sunday morning gathering as it allows those who are not able to attend still worship; and it gets the message out in a broader way, so anyone in the world with an internet connection can worship with us. In addition, all

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We are  
An  
Inclusive  
Faith  
Community

**So, in retrospect...**

in 2015 not a single person got the answer right to the question, "Where do you see yourself in five years?"

~ LuAnn Hudson

**Riz's Reflections... (cont'd)**

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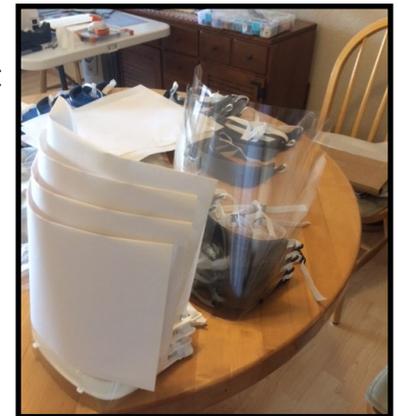
of our meetings are now virtual, which has its pros and cons, but allows attendance in almost any situation. There is now a virtual game night every Friday for you to participate in. Once you are online, there are a variety of games to choose from (see instructions in E-notes).

The church has taken up a new ministry of 3D printing as we print PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for our frontline healthcare workers who are experiencing a shortage of these needed supplies. Also, members have been sewing cloth masks for those who don't have them, as this is needed if you are going into places where you are not

able to safely distance. To deal with the shortage of sanitizing supplies, we have also been making alcohol wipes to disinfect surfaces.

Food has been a concern for some prior to the pandemic, and food insecurity has been exacerbated in this time of crisis. We have

responded to this by placing non-perishable items in tiny libraries throughout the neighborhood, and we encourage you to do so in your neighborhoods. The Seeds of Hope Community Garden will be expanding by almost five hundred square feet, creating additional plots that will be used exclusively for donating crops to area food shelves.



For a small church, you surely are making a big difference in our world. No need to look up or behind for too long, church, there is much work to be done as we boldly exhibit the kingdom of God to the world. We may be scattered to our homes, but we are still the people

of God called to follow the path of Christ that gives abundant life. Thank you for all that you have done. And if you want to be involved in one of these ministries, reach out! There are always opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents for good. To God be the glory!

With Hope,  
Pastor Riz

**Reopening Plans**

We are all looking forward to the day when we can worship and fellowship together safely. A team has started discussing this issue. The team's goal is to consider options and maximize safety for all of our congregation, ministries, and building users.

A different team is looking at ways to support each other, worship, and minister as we continue to physically distance.

Your prayers for this team are appreciated!

If you have questions or comments, please send me an email at [maryfranc@newlifechurchroseville.org](mailto:maryfranc@newlifechurchroseville.org).



**Preschool News**

The 2019-2020 school year has been a year of learning, not only for the kiddos at North Como Preschool, but also for the teachers and for the grown-ups. We have learned to show care and love for one another, not only from the heart, but from a distance. NCP teachers have risen to the challenge of staying connected to our preschool/pre-k community outside of our school walls. And in return, they have stayed connected to us.

I am so proud of the community that we have become. Together, we have grown stronger through this. We have thought outside of the lines and stepped outside of the box. We have faced challenges that we have not encountered previously. We have Zoomed and Facebooked. We have taught via YouTube. We have put together learning packets for pick-up and, on occasion, home delivery. We have mailed cards and letters. We have had Facetime calls with our little humans who were having big emotions and missed us much.

I am proud and humbled to be a part of this community of amazing teachers and families. I look forward to continuing to learn and grow with them in the future.

With gratitude,  
Sher



Heidi, Charly, Stephanie, Sher, and Sandy

**Our family of graduates...**



**Darby Laing**  
Master of Education  
in Visual Arts  
Augsburg University  
April 2020



**Alexis Jensen**  
Bachelor of Science in Fashion Design  
St Catherine University Class of 2020

**Adopt A BED!**  
Would you like to continue being outside and gardening, but have already readied your own gardens?  
The church has perennial beds all around the outside of the building that need weeding, removal of last year's growth, and general maintenance.  
Let the office know, and we will stake your claim!!

## Daring Group meets online June 6 at 2p

Brené Brown learned that calling the man-made rules of the church into question did not mean that she loved God less. Is that something that you've explored? We'll talk about it at the next Daring group, as we consider [Brené's interview with author Sue Monk Kidd](#).

Matthew 22:37 tells us that the most important commandment is, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (In Luke it's heart, soul, strength. Mark makes it soul, mind, and strength.) Does loving God mean loving church? We'll meet using the [Zoom](#) platform.

Contact Kate Wolfen-Jenson to find out more. [Kate@Jensons.com](mailto:Kate@Jensons.com) or 651.402.5927.

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### To the Roseville NLPC congregation:

The Roseville NLPC Session has taken careful and prayerful consideration of the current COVID-19 status in our community, related government policies, medical expertise, and religious leadership perspectives. At this time, our decision is to NOT open our church to face-to-face services nor other activities of groups larger than 10 individuals. Given our congregation's demographics, church staff input, and recommendations from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, Session does not feel it is in our church family's best interests to re-open in the near future. We will continue to monitor healthcare and other developments, plan the steps to take to re-open at the appropriate time in the future, and adjust our direction as improvements warrant. We wish you and your families wellbeing and spiritual wholeness during these times.

With God's Love and Blessings, Roseville NLPC Session

### Quarantine Recipe Favorite

#### Sausage and Kale Soup

- 1 box of chicken stock
- 1 cup water
- 1 pound ground Jimmy Dean hot sausage
- 2 cups diced potatoes
- 1 bag frozen kale (can also use spinach)
- 2 cups milk

Cook the sausage. Drain and add to chicken stock and water. Add potatoes and kale (spinach). Bring to a boil and cook until potatoes are soft. Add milk and bring back to a boil.

If you don't want to have as much spice, you can use regular sausage.

~LuAnn Hudson



### Game Night during Social Distancing

Game night continues during the month of June.

Every Friday. 7:30p. Zoom. Bingo!

Silliness. Join us. Because.

Go to [Directions on how to set yourself up to play](#) to learn how to set up your computer and smartphone/tablet so you can play.

See you Friday!

[Zoom Meeting Information](#)



## Stewardship Report

As of Monday, May 18th, we've received \$6,167.90 toward our Per Capita goal of \$10,147, which is about 61% — not too bad for the middle of a global pandemic! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this piece of our Presbyterian obligation, especially if you've paid it forward for another person(s).

We've begun receiving [Giving Plan cards](#) in the office, and so far have indications of \$61,330 toward our 2020-2021 budget. We hope these will continue to come in so our Church Finance Committee can get an idea of what we'll have to work with in the coming year. I know this has been a tough time for many of us and it's hard to make a commitment. Please know that your Giving Plan can be changed at any time if you find your circumstances have changed. The Treasurer's report on [page 8](#) gives us great news regarding your continued giving this year. We are so grateful for you and the support you're giving to keep this wonderful place running smoothly.



[Giving Plan cards](#) can be completed and mailed to the church at 965 Larpenteur Ave W, Roseville MN 55113. It would also be appropriate to scan yours and email to [maryfranc@newlifechurchroseville.org](mailto:maryfranc@newlifechurchroseville.org).

Thank you! And take care!

Deb Griffin, Chair  
Stewardship Committee  
Alesia Biro, Bruce Nelson, & Darroll Skilling

## Our family of graduates...



**Jackson Gienger**  
Graduating from  
Roseville High School  
Class of 2020  
Plans to join the US Army  
this summer.



**Haylee Slotness**  
Granddaughter of Deb & Pat Griffin  
Graduating from  
Mounds View High School  
Class of 2020  
Pursuing a career in Emergency Medicine



**Joaquin Mancha Jr.**  
Great-grandson of Margie Johns  
Nephew of Jenny Mancha  
Graduating from  
Henry Sibley High School  
Class of 2020

## New Life Responding to Community Needs

New Life Presbyterian has been busy responding to community needs during this pandemic. You may have read snippets here and there about what folks are doing, but this list should help to pull together the information so you can see our collective response.

1. One of the most published actions that we have taken is to make the separate parts necessary for to create face shields for our health care providers. This started with one 3D printer and has grown to ten 3D printers. The printers were initially set up at the church, but all printers have now been adopted and are in use at our church members' homes. Face shields are composed of 3 parts: 1) The forehead brace which holds 2) The shield, which covers the face, and then 3) Straps are used to hold the whole shield to the head. These shields protect the wearer from droplets from sneezes and coughs as well as other bodily fluids.
2. Another item being printed on the 3D printers is ear savers. These are small strips of plastic with spaced nubs which allow individual fitting. The elastic bands of face masks are hooked onto the nubs to hold the mask in place. By using these, the user's ears are spared from the pull of the elastic bands.
3. Respirator masks are also being printed on 3D printers for use by health care providers.
4. Our quilters, as well as some non-members (five people total), have been sewing cloth face masks. The first batch of over 100 was sent to those who we learned were in need in Seattle. Locally, many of the agencies that usually receive quilts from NLPC have requested masks from the quilters. Some of those agencies are Presbyterian Homes and Maghakian Place, and several were given to a local fire station to distribute to organizations in need.



**Two 3D Printers**



**Alcohol Wipes**

5. Two quilters have also prepared and packaged over 1200 alcohol wipes for those who need them.
6. Meetings have been initiated to plan for the reopening of the church. Representatives from Session, Buildings & Grounds, the church Staff, Vision Team, and the preschool are meeting to discuss how to safely reopen NLPC for Staff, services, preschool, and the outside groups that meet at the church.
7. One idea that is under consideration is how we can hold safe outdoor services during the summertime.
 

*Numbers 6 and 7 will depend to a great degree on guidelines and decisions made by state leadership, and we continue to follow those to ensure that we stay in compliance.*

8. We have also donated 44 old choir robes to a care facility needing PPE.
9. Visits to food shelves have increased greatly in the past three months. In response to the increased need in our community, we are populating Little Free Libraries across the community with groceries. Work is underway to increase the size of our community garden. Approval was won from the City of Roseville and so the garden will be expanded by 450 square feet.
10. We are considering holding a farmer's market at the church. This is something that has been considered in the past. We are in a favorable location for this, and are researching options to bring this service to our church, although it may not start this year.



**A Little Free Library**

*Many of the projects listed above are in need of financial support. If you are interested in financially supporting these efforts, please contact the church office. So far, we have produced over 250 face shields, 100 cloth masks, over 100 ear savers, 200 respirator masks, 177 packages of sanitizing wipes, and 44 old choir robes. If you would like to get personally involved in any of these efforts, also contact the church office and NLPC will get you connected to the right folks.*

# June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>2</b> 11:30a Staff Meeting (Z) 3:30p Vision Team (Z)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30p Big Book AA (Z)	<b>5</b> 7:30p Game Night (Z)	<b>6</b> 2p Daring Group (Z)
<b>7</b> 10a Worship (FYZT) 10:30a Kenyan Church (F) 11a Fellowship (Z) 5p Firing Line AA (Z)	<b>8</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>9</b> 11:30a Staff Meeting (Z) 6:30p Faith Formation (Z)	<b>10</b> 9a Men's Breakfast	<b>11</b> 6:30p Big Book AA (Z) 7p Building & Grounds	<b>12</b> 11a Reopening Team (Z) 7:30p Game Night (Z)	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10a Worship (FYZT) 10:30a Kenyan Church (F) 11a Fellowship (Z) 5p Firing Line AA (Z)	<b>15</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>NEW LIFE NEWS ARTICLES DUE</b>	<b>16</b> 11:30a Staff Meeting (Z) 6:30p Personnel Meeting	<b>17</b> 10:45a Meals on Wheels	<b>18</b> 6:30p Big Book AA (Z)	<b>19</b> 7:30p Game Night (Z)	<b>20</b>
<b>21 FATHER'S DAY</b> 10a Worship (FYZT) 10:30a Kenyan Church (F) 11a Fellowship (Z) 5p Firing Line AA (Z)	<b>22</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>23</b> 11:30a Staff Meeting (Z) 6:30p Session Meeting (Z)	<b>24</b> 9a Men's Breakfast (Z)	<b>25</b> 6:30p Big Book AA (Z)	<b>26</b> 7:30p Game Night (Z)	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10a Worship (FYZT) 10:30a Kenyan Church (F) 11a Fellowship (Z) 5p Firing Line AA (Z)	<b>29</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>30</b> 11:30a Staff Meeting (Z)				

Check out the [calendar](#) on our webpage for the latest updates!! We have new bright headings for different calendar entries: RED means Ministry Partners, MEDIUM GREEN is for Community Groups, LIGHT GREEN is for fellowship, PURPLE indicates building users, TEAL is for Committees, TURQUOISE indicates Educational groups, and GOLD is for Holidays. The Public and Worship colors remain BLUE.

If you're not seeing all these events in color, click on "Calendars" to the upper right of the calendar and make sure all the boxes are checked.

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## 2020 Church Leadership

**Buildings & Grounds:** Cynthia Erickson & Jackson Gienger

**Celebration & Worship:** John Kachel

**Church & Society:** Mari Hirabayashi

**Community Garden:** Pete Marchetto

**Congregational Care:** Pam Hord

**Faith Formation:** Pete Marchetto

**Finance:** Cindy Ward-Thompson

**Stewardship:** Deb Griffin

**Membership & Growth:** Nancy Irsfeld & Dayan Dickson

**Personnel:** Amy Lane

**Nominating:** John Bootier

## Operating Fund—Through April of Fiscal 2019-2020

Year-to-date income exceeds expense by about \$30,000 – that’s much better than we had projected for April year-to-date. Part of this is attributable to some scheduled disbursements not being made yet, but contributions continue to be meeting goals and several committees’ expenses are below budget. It is encouraging that contributions are not “staying at home” with their donors! Thank you all for your faithful support during these difficult times.

~Jym Hubbell

## June Birthdays

2nd— Cathy Bagaglio, Pat Griffin  
3rd— Erica Inks  
5th— Valentina Wanna  
9th— John Bagaglio, Kay Konkel  
10th— Michael Wilson  
11th— Erik Hendricksen,  
12th— Leif Brandsness, Sam Ihlenfeldt

14th— Audrey Drake  
17th— Izabella Hillstead  
18th— Whitney Kerns, Darroll Skilling, Kari Thomas  
21st— Jill Holterhaus, Isaac Leggs  
23rd— Kathleen Sarrazin  
24th— Ariel Abongmbu, Chris Bell, Ani Heikkila

27th— Michael Bahnemann,  
Kendall Ann Maghakian  
28th— Molly Cacek, Norm Clark



If your June birthday is missing from this list, our apologies. Please let Deb in the church office know so we can include you next time. ([deb@newlifechurchroseville.org](mailto:deb@newlifechurchroseville.org))