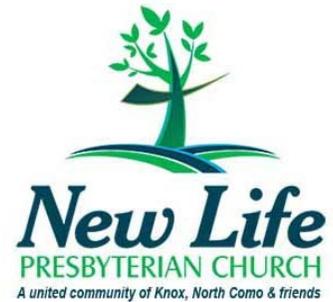


# New Life News

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## Riz's Reflections...

*Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal. If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me.*

— John 12:24-26

Dear Church,

Peace be with you. This year, although fairly new, has certainly started with shocking events in D.C. that have not been witnessed since the early nineteenth century. There is a need for us to collectively turn the page from divisive, toxic rhetoric in order to heal and move forward as a nation that sees one another as neighbors, not as enemies. The wisdom of the gospel encourages us to be transformed through the teachings and life of Jesus, who stood in a line of prophets that challenged people - especially those with authority - when they strayed from the word of God.

Whether we are seeking to live more faithfully in our daily lives or live into a new year's resolution or goal, we are confronted with the proposition of practicing new behaviors. This is certainly not an easy task as you can expect to encounter pushback from individuals, groups, and even yourself when you depart from entrenched behavior. Practicing new behaviors requires a psychological shift so great that the gospel compares it with dying to what we previously knew. The agrarian example of a grain of wheat dying and falling to the ground so it can bear more fruit is a timeless example of what Christ calls us to do in this life; which is to be in the world but not of it.

This radical call to live anew was such an affront to so many in power that Jesus was branded an enemy of the state and executed. Jesus called people to forgive rather than judge and punish, to love ones enemies, to fellowship with those labeled as sinners and outcasts and to offer every corner of our lives as living sacrifices to God. This takes discipline to truly live as disciples of Christ.

Experts inform us that practicing new behaviors takes repetitive consistent

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*Daring to live  
in Jesus  
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## Riz's Reflections... (cont'd)

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practice for a behavior to become a habit. But in order for that to happen you must find meaning in what you are doing. The work we are engaged in is the work Christ calls us to as heirs of Christ; which is to make disciples of all nations. That is another component in learning new behaviors - teaching this new way of life to others. In Presbyterian-speak we call it living the Great Ends of the Church (see the Book of Order).

It is my fervent prayer that together in a spirit of unity and reconciliation we will sow the seeds of the kingdom, today and throughout this year, that will bind up wounds and ease tensions so that we may truly live as one nation committed to being a light to all nations. May God grant us all the strength to follow Jesus in word and deed recklessly loving one another as we chart a new way forward.

In Christ, Rev Riz

## North Como Preschool Update

Hello Families —

I know that many of you have been waiting for information on registration and class offerings for the 2021-2022 Pre-K and Preschool year.

We will start accepting registrations on a first-come-first-serve basis on **Friday, February 26th**. Due to the pandemic, registrations may be emailed with payment made via check (USPS) or payment through the GivePlus App. **Please note:** the February 26th registration is for current families, alumni families, Little Bag of Learning families, and family members of New Life Presbyterian Church.

### Class offerings for the 2021-2022 NCP School Year

\$75 non-refundable registration fee

#### Preschool classes

(age 3 by September 1<sup>st</sup> and potty trained)

9-11:30 | \$145 monthly

(1 teacher and 1 assistant teacher: 16 students)

Monday/Wednesday or



## NORTHCOMO PRESCHOOL

Tuesday/Thursday

### Option Lunch Bunch

11:30-12:30

\$50 monthly

### Pre-K classes

(age 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>)

9-12:30 | \$230 month

(1 teacher and 1 assistant teacher: 18 students)

Monday/Wednesday every other Friday or

Tuesday/Thursday every other Friday

To learn more about NCP, schedule a tour, or receive an application, please contact Sher Noot, [director@northcomopreschool.org](mailto:director@northcomopreschool.org).

Registration will open to the public on March 26th.



### Operating Fund—Thru December of FY 20-21

Year-to-date income exceeds expense by about \$60,000 — that’s an impressive number, but it’s just a little over what we expected for the end of December. Income typically exceeds expenses early in the year while expenses exceed income later in the year.

The results are even more skewed towards the first half this year because we had \$20,000 of Presbytery and Synod COVID operating grants to start the year. Session limited budgeted expenses to the actual expenses incurred in fiscal 2020 (that is, no increase in actual spending). At this point, that seems realistic.

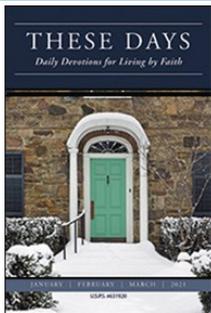


### Church Parking Lot Security

**Unfortunately, there have been several recent break-ins to vehicles parked in the church parking lot. Please remember to lock your vehicle and remove any “tempting” items from sight.**



### These Days Daily Devotions



*“These Days Daily Devotions” for January, February, & March are now available on the Opportunities Table at the church. We understand that this doesn’t make them very convenient to many of you. Please let us know in the church office if you would like one mailed to you. There are a limited number of large print editions available.*

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### Please Share your Photos!

For those of you who watch worship online, you are probably familiar with the 5-minute countdown before the service. In an effort to remind each other of our fellowship, we would like to fill that time/video with pictures of people in our church family. If you’re willing to share a photo, you can upload it at <https://cutt.ly/NLPCPhotoUpload>. If that is something you don’t have the ability to do, feel free to send your photos directly to [deb@newlifecyclechurchroseville.org](mailto:deb@newlifecyclechurchroseville.org), or mail them to the church office, 965 Larpenteur Ave W, Roseville, MN 55113. Call Deb in the church office with questions.



## Daring Group meets (online) February 6 at 2p

We aren't loving our neighbors when we ridicule them or use dehumanizing language. ("Those idiotic animals stormed the capitol!") At the next Daring Group, we'll discuss [Brené Brown's understanding of the political divide](#) in our country. "Dehumanizing is the most significant driver of insurrection and it always starts with language," she says. "We are all responsible for recognizing it, stopping it, and holding people accountable for dehumanizing language and actions."

**Newcomers are welcome.**

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



## Garden Fundraiser Update



With your help, we raised \$1100! We received a \$200 challenge grant from Seed Money, bringing our total to \$1300!

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Your support encourages and inspires us. Watch in the Spring as we put your generosity to work adapting our gates and building wheelchair-accessible planters.

## COVID Innoculations—from MN Dept of Health

The Minnesota Department of Health has set up COVID-19 **community vaccine clinics for Minnesotans age 65 and over**. This is currently a limited pilot program. **You can pre-register for an opportunity to make an appointment** beginning every Tuesday at noon. Those who are randomly selected to get an appointment will be notified the following day.

Minnesotans age 65 and older can pre-register to make an appointment by visiting [mn.gov/vaccine](https://mn.gov/vaccine) or by calling 612-426-7230 or toll free, 1-833-431-2053 on Tuesdays. Pre-registration will be open for 24 hours, starting at 5 a.m. on Tuesday and closing at 5 a.m. on Wednesday. During this 24 hour time period, it does not matter when you pre-register. Pre-registering earlier in the day will not increase your chances of getting a vaccine appointment.

Minnesotans should attempt to pre-register online before dialing the call center. **If you are randomly selected to receive an appointment for a shot, you will be notified on Wednesday** via text, email, or phone call. If you are using a landline, please be sure to answer your phone. **Reservationists will make only two attempts to contact you**, within about two hours, but you can call back if you miss the first call. You will then need to follow the instructions and make your appointment ASAP. Minnesotans who are not randomly selected to make an appointment will be placed on the waitlist. If you were on the waitlist last week, you will be automatically pre-registered for the random selection this week and do not need to pre-register again.

**Appointments are required** to receive a shot.

Minnesotans without an appointment should not visit a community vaccination pilot site. No walk-ins will be accepted, and anyone with the intention of walking in for an appointment will be asked to leave and given information on how to sign up for an appointment.

Be prepared to provide the following information during the registration process:

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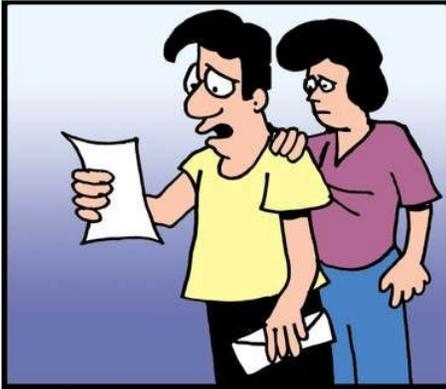


## COVID Innoculations—from MN Dept of Health (cont'd)

- Name
- Minnesota address
- Phone number
- Email (optional)
- Gender/race/ethnicity
- Date of birth
- Health information, including underlying conditions, current illnesses, and allergies.

Minnesotans who are selected to make an appointment should arrive at their assigned pilot site no earlier than 15 minutes before their appointment time to ensure social distancing. Educators will need to show an employee ID or a paystub to prove employment. More information on scheduling can be found at [Find My Vaccine](#).

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

## Thank You & Welcome Volunteers

*"Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matt 25:23)*

A great big thank you to Deb Griffin (stewardship) and LuAnn Hudson (personnel). They have both just stepped down from chairing their respective committees. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Stepping up to the challenge of chairing a committee is Bruce Nelson for stewardship and Alesia Thompson-Biro for personnel. Thank you for answering the call!

**FREE  
GROCERIES**



**Keystone's mobile food shelf is coming to New Life Presbyterian Church!**

**When:** 3rd Wednesday of each month, 1 - 3 p.m.

**Where:** 965 Larpenteur Ave W, Roseville, MN

**CHOICES OF:**

Meat, milk, bread, fresh produce, canned vegetables, rice, beans, pasta, cereal, snacks and more!

[www.kestoneservices.org/foodmobile](http://www.kestoneservices.org/foodmobile)



# February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	2 9:45a TOPS 11:30a Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 10:45a Meals on Wheels	<b>4</b> 11a Reopening Team 1p Sunday Worship Prep	<b>5</b> TBD Murder Mystery Game Night	<b>6</b> 2p Daring Group
7 10a Worship 10:30a Kenyan Church 11:15a Adult Ed, Fellowship, Faith Formation 5p Firing Line AA	<b>8 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>9</b> 9:45a TOPS 11:30a Staff Meeting 1p Former Dementia Caregivers 6:30p Faith Formation	<b>10</b> 9a Men's Breakfast	<b>11</b> 1p Sunday Worship Prep 5p Building & Grounds	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Valentine's Day</b> 10a Worship w/ Communion 10:30a Kenyan Church 11:15a Adult Ed, Fellowship, Faith Formation 5p Firing Line AA	<b>15 OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>NEW LIFE NEWS ARTICLES DUE</b>	<b>16</b> 9:45a TOPS 11:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p Esther Circle, Personnel	<b>17 Ash Wednesday</b> 1p Keystone Food Mobile  6:30p Ash Wednesday Service (FZYT)	<b>18</b> 11a Reopening Team 1p Sunday Worship Prep	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 1st Sunday in Lent</b> 10a Worship 10:30a Kenyan Church 11:15a Adult Ed, Fellowship, Faith Formation 5p Firing Line AA	<b>22 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>23</b> 9:45a TOPS 1p Former Dementia Caregivers 6:30p Session	<b>24</b> 9a Men's Breakfast 10:45a Meals on Wheels	<b>25</b> 1p Sunday Worship Prep	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 2nd Sunday in Lent</b> 10a Worship 10:30a Kenyan Church 11:15a Adult Ed, Fellowship, Faith Formation 5p Firing Line AA						

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## 2021 Church Leadership

**Buildings & Grounds:** Cynthia Reimers-Erickson

**Celebration & Worship:** Cindy Ward-Thompson

**Church & Society:** Mari Hirabayashi

**Community Garden:** Pete Marchetto

**Congregational Care:** Joanne Kallstrom

**Faith Formation:** Anice Lucas

**Finance:** John Kachel

**Membership & Growth:** A.D. Dickson

**Nominating:** John Bootier

**Personnel:** Larry Lane

**Stewardship:** Deb Griffin

**I.T.:** Larry Lane



## Volunteer Opportunities

**Liturgist** — Sign up [here](#) or call Deb in the church office. You can either pre-record your parts of the service or be in person at church. Script is provided in advance. Reading skills are the only qualifier.

**Zoom Worship Host** — Sign up [here](#) or call Deb in the church office. More help in this area is welcome! Detailed instructions are provided.

**Zoom Fellowship Host** — Sign up [here](#) or call Deb. If we don't have a Fellowship host, there can be no fellowship after worship. If you're able to attend Zoom fellowship, you probably qualify to host.

## February Birthdays

2nd— Derward “Ducky” Johnson	16th— Sandy McGiffin, Greg Ritter
3rd— Dennis Konkell, Jovante Van Dyke	18th— Ian King
6th— LuAnn Hudson, Barbara Rafn	19th— Michelle Barnes
7th— Myrna Mackinnon	20th— Carolyn King, Darby Laing
10th— Sarah Heikkila	21st— Perry Jones
11th— Peder Sandhei, Jr., Elliot Schultz	22nd— Joe Thompson
14th— Oliver Bogen, Jr.	23rd— Drew Hatton, Gayle Stout
15th— Georgia Harris	24th— Nova Casterlin, Ron Linebarger, Siena Rust

27th— Amanda Herbst, Nancy Holt

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If your February 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))