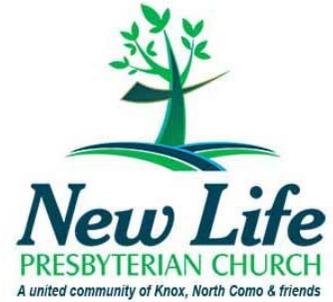


New Life News

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Riz's Reflections...

Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you. - Hosea 10:12

Dear Church,

Peace be with you. I pray that your Easter celebration was filled with joy and hope of the resurrection of our Lord. We have moved into a new, yet familiar season; the church is now open for limited in-person worship and Spring is upon us. Being back together has been a long time coming and still longer for those who await the vaccine and those who are no longer able to gather together in person due to health or other reasons. The way we gather together as a faith community has been forever changed by a virus that has swept through our world, shifting all that we have known as normal. This radical unavoidable change has also given us time to think about what truly matters to us and consider how might we best support what we cherish and hold dear. Time away from our church family and ministries can also give us a new perspective on how we might approach ministry and the needs of our community—locally and globally.

Spring is indeed a time of hope. I say this because when you plant, you hope that the seeds will take root and yield a fruitful harvest. Hope is something that is not yet manifest but it is yet to be seen. In our text from Hosea, the prophet is speaking to Israel at a time when they have wandered away from the Lord. Both the prophet and God have become frustrated with the way things are, but they did not give up hope for a better day and they instructed the people to plant the seeds of righteousness in their hearts and communities so the love of the Lord may blossom and bear fruit of the kingdom.

As we enter back into the church building, might we consider our individual and collective ministries with new lenses that allow us to reach out wider and deeper with God's love in new ways to those who have yet to know the good news of Christ and to our community we already know. For example, going forward we will always have an online component to our worship so there is no barrier to coming together as a community of faith. This will look different than it was before, and we will have to shift some practices to make sure those

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who are worshipping with us online or over the phone feel included and know they are indeed part of this church family. Committees might also consider online and phone options just as Session has adopted to eliminate obstacles to gathering, such as driving at night and inclement weather. This can be a time to think creatively about how we gather, share space and resources, ask questions such as what it means to live as a faith community in which geographic distance is no longer a stumbling block. How might we increase our collaborations with other churches and organizations for the enhancement of communities near and far, and what new ministries might emerge as a result?

This is a time for us to shape this new world we are living in by breaking up the unplowed ground of ministry inside our church walls and outside. May God enliven our imaginations to sow righteousness in new ways so together, we can reap the fruit of unending love.

In Christ,
Rev Riz

North Como Preschool Update



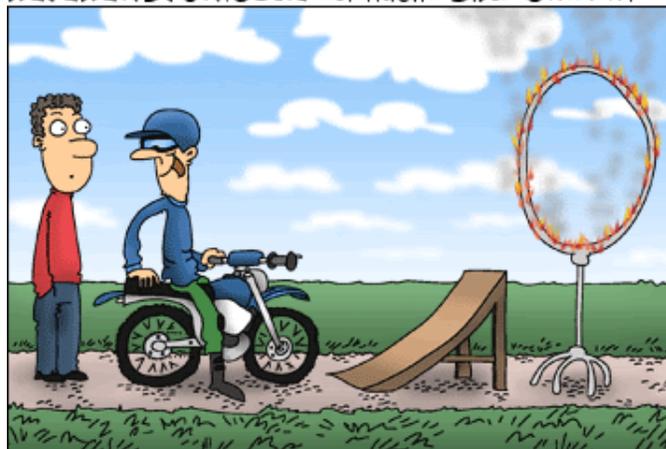
NORTHCOMO PRESCHOOL

2021—2022 Registration for families new to North Como Preschool begins on Friday, March 26th. We still have spots available! Pre-K classes run Monday/Wednesday and every other Friday or Tuesday/Thursday and every other Friday from 9-12:30. Tuition is \$230 monthly. Our preschool classes run Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday from 9-11:30. Tuition is \$145 monthly.

There is a \$75 non-refundable enrollment fee. If you would like more information about how North Como Preschool could be a good fit for your family, please email Sher Noot, Director, at director@northcomopreschool.org.

Mark your calendars: **Monday, April 26, Parkway Pizza** is partnering with North Como Preschool! 5% of all sales (dine in, order online, and takeout) will be donated to NCP. What a great way to support two local businesses and not have to cook lunch or dinner! I'd say it's a win-win for everyone!!

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(See Matthew 7:13-14)

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THERE'S NO REASON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW CAN'T BE AWESOME!

THANKS to our Sound Booth/Sunday morning volunteers!

In the past 12 months, a team of volunteers has quickly put together the ability for our faith community to continue worshipping together. It's time to recognize their efforts – and know that their jobs continue even as we begin to open the Sanctuary for worship.

Our **Sound Booth** team consists of Pete Marchetto (the younger), AD Dickson, and Larry Lane. They have had some additional assistance at times from AD's brother, Andrew Lynch (Bishop), and a couple of AD's sons. Running the sound booth for worship involves moving cameras, streaming on Facebook, YouTube, and Twitch, all the while trying to keep up with which slide is to be showing at each particular moment to coincide with a video or whatever is happening live in the Sanctuary. No easy task!!

Pamela Schoon (communications) monitors the **Facebook** feed from the comfort of her home. She lets us know when the service has gone live, and makes sure everyone has access who wants it. She also provides valuable insight to the Worship team.

We also have a group of folks who manage our **Zoom** feed. This team consists of Deb Griffin, Sara Drake, Andy Ihlenfeldt, and Mike Hirabayashi. This also happens in the comfort of our own homes. This is the only place where people can call in and listen to the service if they don't have a way to connect by computer or mobile device.

A team including Pastor Riz, Pete Marchetto, AD Dickson, Pamela Schoon, and Deb Griffin meets every Thursday afternoon (via Zoom) to review learnings from the previous week and to go over what is coming up the next Sunday, and sometimes beyond that. The Sound Booth team is responsible for getting the big screen and projectors up in the Sanctuary so we can have touchless services, and are setting up the Great Room for any of our church family who don't fit in the Sanctuary.

Please take a moment to share some appreciation with these behind-the-scenes folks!

Operating Fund—thru February of FY 20-21

Year-to-date income still exceeds expense by over \$60,000. February was another good month for contributions and some expenses budgeted for early in 2021 have been delayed.

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.



These Days Daily Devotions



"These Days Daily Devotions" for April, May, & June are now available on the Opportunities Table at the church. We understand that this doesn't make them very convenient for 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.

~Deb, 651.488.5581 x210

Daring Group meets on Zoom April 10th at 2p

Daring Group has
new meeting dates.
We'll be meeting

- April 10
- May 8
- June 5
- July 3 and
- August 14.

On **April 10**, in
addition to sharing our
highs and lows, we'll
discuss Brené Brown's
[conversation with
Jennifer Rudolph Walsh
and Ashley C. Ford.](#)

We'll talk about the
power, privilege, and
peril of sharing our faith
stories.

**Newcomers and re-
connectors are welcome.**

Contact Kate Wolfe-
Jenson to find out more.
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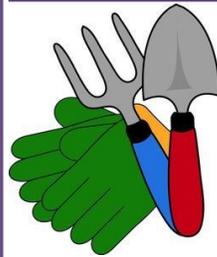


Return of the Sunday Morning Offering!

Yes, indeed! Starting Easter Sunday you can bring your offering to church! But don't expect the ushers to be passing the plate down the pews. No, for our socially-distanced worship service we will be using a drop-box positioned in the atrium just outside the sanctuary. You may place your offering in the drop-box either before or immediately after the worship service. You may also continue to use PayPal, the Give tab on our website (NewLifeChurchRoseville.org/give) GivePlus+ and the US Postal Service to deliver your offering. As always, it's very helpful for each person to include their assigned envelope number and any comments no matter the payment method. If giving cash, please BYOEnvelope. 😊

Thank you for your continued faithful support of NLPC!

Spring has Sprung!



The church gardens and landscaping need help waking up for Spring. Volunteer to Adopt-a-Bed and do a little or a lot of clean-up and removal of dead leaves, etc. Let the church office know if you are willing to help out as we prep our church for Spring and reopening.

Make a Reservation for Worship

Yes, we're coming back to the church for worship on Sundays! We know that's great news for many of you. We're looking forward to it as well. We will also continue streaming our services going forward.

We are currently in Phase 1 of our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan which means:

- ◆ 14-day case rate must be below 30 cases per 10,000
- ◆ No singing, food, fellowship, nursery care, water fountains, or paper bulletins
- ◆ Attendees must wear masks over nose and mouth at all times and maintain social distance of 6 feet between family units.
- ◆ Sign in and out at church entry
- ◆ Capacity limited to 45 people in the Sanctuary. An overflow area, also socially distanced, will be prepared in the Great Room where attendees will watch the service on a monitor.
- ◆ Main restrooms will be open for use.

If you would like to participate in in-person worship beginning Easter Sunday, sign up [here](#), or contact Deb in the church office.

Free Groceries

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

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

Where:
965 Larpenteur Ave W, Roseville

CHOICES OF:

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

www.keystoneservices.org/foodmobile



On Easter Sunday, we'll be welcoming new members into New Life church. Please be sure to make them feel welcome! We'll also feature them in the May issue of *New Life News*.

OGHS



For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

We will accept donations to OGHS through Sunday, April 11. Gifts may be made online [here](#), through your GivePlus app, or by check mailed to the office. Please include your envelope number if you have one.

Another option is to give through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. It's fun to look through the catalog to find a need that touches your heart – \$200 will help start a community garden where it's most needed in the US, \$50 buys a share of a dairy cow for a family in Kenya (\$450 will buy the cow), \$150 will help provide nutritious, filling meals for ten women-headed households through packs filled with seeds for kale, tomatoes, onions, cabbage and okra. If something touches your heart but is out of your price range, consider teaming up with another family to reach your giving goal.

When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Each gift to OGHS helps to improve lives of people in challenging situations. It is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Join us!

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Maundy Thursday OFFICE CLOSED 11a Reopening Meeting 1p Worship Prep 6:30p Maundy Thursday Service	2 Good Friday OFFICE CLOSED	3
				4 EASTER 10a Worship 10:30a Kenya church 11:00a Fellowship 11:15a Faith Formation 5p Firing Line AA	5 EASTER MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED	6 9:45a TOPS 11:30a Staff Meeting (Z)
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18 10a Worship 10:30a Kenya church 11:00a Fellowship 11:15a Faith Formation 5p Firing Line AA	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 9:45a TOPS 11:30a Staff Meeting (Z) 6:30p Esther Circle (Z)	21 1p Keystone Food Mobile	22 1p Worship Prep	23	24
25 10a Worship 10:30a Kenya church 11:00a Fellowship 11:15a Faith Formation 5p Firing Line AA	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 9:45a TOPS 1p Former Dementia Caregivers (Z) 6:30p Session (Z)	28 9a Men's Breakfast 10:45a Meals on Wheels	29 11a Reopening Meeting 1p Worship Prep	30	

Staff work schedule:

Riz—takes Saturdays and Monday off, but is always available in case of emergencies.

Maryfran—works Monday through Thursday, 7a-2p (off on Fridays). While the building is closed she is in the office usually on Monday and Tuesday.

Deb—works from home Tuesday through Thursday, 9a—2p (off on Mondays). While the building is closed, she is in the office only on Fridays, usually about 9:30a—1:30p.

Pam—Takes Mondays off, and is allotted only 10 hours/week. E-notes deadline is Tuesday at noon.

See back of this publication for contact information.

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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.

April Birthdays

1st— David King	15th— Alice Brotherton, Michael	26th— Julie Kehne, Irene Meinen
2nd— Robert Jensen	Evan Carson, April Rust,	27th— Arlene Faehn
6th— Kristi Peterson	Marilyn Stock	28th— Ella Inks
7th— Ken Phipps	17th— Susan Bloomquist, Jackson	29th— Bill Beck, Savannah Jones
8th— Tyler Schmidt	Gienger	30th— Geoffrey Sargent,
9th— Lorraine Bangle, Ben	18th— Edward Zoerb	Kristopher Sargent,
Ihlenfeldt	19th— Carole Ruse	Nathaniel Sargent
10th— Lois DeVout, Janet Tschida	21st— Terry Lee	
12th— Honorine Asoh, Pete	22nd— Thomas Colbeth	
Marchetto (younger)	23rd— Ann Bursch, Conrad Miller	
14th— Joan Domian	24th— Jack Huftel, Judi Klotz	



If your April 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)