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***Daring to live  
in Jesus  
transforming  
love***

## Riz's Reflections...

*All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. — 2 Corinthians 5:18-21*

Dear Church,

Peace be with you. This summer has been a bit more of what we are used to as pandemic restrictions have eased up allowing people to travel and enjoy activities that many have been missing. Yet it is also unusually hot and dry as many parts of the state are under drought warnings with even some parts of Minnesota experiencing extreme drought. Science indicates that weather patterns are become extreme, with colder winters and hotter summers. And if that wasn't enough, just about everyone I have had meaningful conversations with concur that our world is more divided than they can ever recall. So how do

we begin to turn things around? The wisdom of scripture speaks about reconciliation, which brings about restoration.

In the text from 2 Corinthians, Paul writes to a church divided caused by rival missionaries who disparage the apostle. This rift in the church is taking people off of the path of life and is not the beloved community that Christ preached about. Take this scenario and amplify it and you basically have the state of our nation today. Reconciliation is certainly in order to restore relationships with one another and our eco system, but there are some steps that must come before we can get there according to our Co-Moderators of the PCUSA; Elona Street-Stewart and Reverend Gregory Bentley.

Street-Stewart (a member of New Life) and Bentley have outlined actions to bring us to the place of reconciliation and eventually a new beginning which they call the, "Six R's." The first in this formula for healing is Remembrance. Our collective and individual memory is often forgetful, and we gloss over past wrongs perhaps because they are inconvenient truths. In addition,

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

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we need to remember what God has called us to do; to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

The next is Remorse. When we recall past harm to another or the environment, do we truly feel regret? If not, there is more spiritual work that needs to be done before we can jump to the next step of Repentance.

To repent literally means to turn around from what we have been doing, but this is only possible if we understand the negative actions that have caused damage and want to choose a different path.

The next action is Repair. When relationships are broken and soil or other parts of the eco system are damaged they need to be fixed. Repair can take many forms and the length of time may vary

but it is an essential step if we are to move forward as committed members of the body of Christ.

After the harm has been addressed and reparations are made, we can move into Reconciliation which means to bring about restoration. This is the step in which we begin to work together in harmony for the common good of all of creation.

When all of that hard work is accomplished, we move into the final R which is Resurrection, in which we can begin to experience the new life that offers an abundance for all at the expense of none.

May God grant us the wisdom and strength to undertake this work of reconciliation that brings healing and exhibits the kingdom of heaven as an invitation for all to participate in.

In Christ,  
Rev Riz

Preschool News

Hello Families~

It's hard to believe that we are almost ready to start another school year. Did you know that North Como Preschool has been around since 1970? Pretty darn amazing, don't you think? I would say that the last couple years, due to COVID, were challenging, but we held strong and are proud to say

that we never had to close due to a case of COVID in our school. We follow the CDC, Health Department and the Department of Human Services, Licensing. We are able to provide a safe and caring environment for your children.

We have a few spots still available for this fall. If you are

interested in how we may be a good fit for you and your child, please contact Sher Noot, Director, at [director@northcomopreschool.org](mailto:director@northcomopreschool.org) or text 651.373.0391.



## July 2021 Garden Update

July 1, 2021

The garden went from calm and beautiful to an explosion of veggies.



Larva of Colorado Potato Beetle

### **An invasion of the Beetles.**

#### Colorado Potato Beetles

We had a rough time with the Potato bugs but it looks like it's manageable now.

#### Japanese Beetles

So far the Japanese Beetles are just a nuisance.

**Yeah, Yeah, Yeah.**



Adult Colorado Potato Beetle



Take a walk outside to the garden and see our pollinator garden boxes. Hosting sunflowers taller than Bill.

The bees and butterflies are happy about the wonderful variety of flowers in the boxes.



We are so **Thankful** for the rain and the abundance it has brought.



We made our first delivery of fresh vegetables this season to "Every Meal" on Monday, July 12th. We donated over 120 pounds in our first week.

The veggies we harvested and donated are from the Giving Garden also donations from our Church Home Gardeners and Community Garden members.

**Thanks to all who volunteer to make this happen.**

### **A whopping 120 Pounds and 14 Ounces**



Potato bags are being hosted in the homes of church members. Harvest will be donated to Every Meal.

Potato bags being hosted by the Drake Family.



Our newest Community Gardeners Emma and Pete donate quite a haul of zucchini.

**Save some lives on August 16th**

On August 16th we'll roll up our sleeves and help save lives! We will proudly partner with the American Red Cross to hold another blood drive. The Red Cross has over 135 years of experience providing humanitarian aid - including more than 75 years of supplying blood to those in need.

Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community and across the country. We are very excited about the drive and we hope you are, too. Let's show our community and the patients in need of blood just how much we can do. There are many ways you can help, but most importantly we hope you come out to donate. You can schedule your appointment at church on Sunday mornings, or you can schedule it online. Please go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time> . Make

sure to drink plenty of fluids the day of your donation and have red meat or green leafy vegetables a couple of days prior to the drive. That will help to boost your hemoglobin level. Please contact Ed Galle or Cynthia Erickson ([Cynthia.erickson@minnmicro.com](mailto:Cynthia.erickson@minnmicro.com)) with any questions you may have.

It's not every day that we do something that has such a lifesaving impact. Let's blow this out of the water! Thank you for making New Life Presbyterian Church's blood drive successful. We'll be looking forward to seeing you at the blood drive. Ed Galle and Cynthia Reimers Erickson



**WELCOME New Session Members!**

A warm welcome to our new Ruling Elders:

- Tom Carlson
- Sara Drake
- Butch Inks
- Melinda Maurey
- Kim Spear

We look forward to having all five of these very capable individuals on our Session.

- We also want to thank
- ⇒ Cynthia Erickson
  - ⇒ Deb Griffin
  - ⇒ Mari Hirabayashi
  - ⇒ Anice Lucas, and
  - ⇒ Cindy Ward-Thompson

for their years of service to New Life in their roles as Ruling Elders. You have served us well!

Information on Committee assignments will be made soon.

**2021 Park & Ride is ON!**

The Great Minnesota Get-Together is on for 2021!

NLPC and our project partners will host Park & Ride, once again, from **August 26th through Labor Day, September 6**, at the NLPC parking lot. We are looking for captains and individuals to volunteer to cover 2-hour+ shifts.

Come, hang out with fellow congregation members, and meet folks from the surrounding community. Sign up online at [SignUpGenius](https://SignUpGenius.com), at the sign-up table in the NLPC Atrium before/after Sunday service, or by contacting John Bootier (612.715.6519 or [jwbootier@gmail.com](mailto:jwbootier@gmail.com)).



# August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10a Worship 10:30a Kenyan Church 11a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & Fellowship 1p Foundation of Life 5p Firing Line AA	<b>2</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>3</b> 9:45a TOPS 11:30a Staff Mtg	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1p Worship Prep 6:30p Big Book AA	<b>6</b> 1p North Suburban Chorus  ← <b>Pastor Riz on Vacation</b> →	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10a Worship 10:30a Kenyan Church 11a Fellowship 1p Foundation of Life Faith Community 5p Firing Line AA	<b>9</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>10</b> 9:45a TOPS 11:30a Staff Mtg 1p Former Dementia Caregivers (Z) 6:30p Faith Formation	<b>11</b> 9a Men's Breakfast Group 10:45a Meals on Wheels	<b>12</b> 1p Worship Prep 5p Building & Grounds 6:30p Big Book AA	<b>13</b> 1p North Suburban Chorus	<b>14</b>
← <b>Pastor Riz on Vacation</b> →						
<b>15</b> 10a Worship 10:30a Kenyan Church 11a Fellowship 1p Foundation of Life 5p Firing Line AA	<b>16</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>17</b> 9:45a TOPS 11:30a Staff Mtg	<b>18</b> 1p Food Mobile 7p Personnel	<b>19</b> 1p Worship Prep 6:30p Big Book AA	<b>20</b> 1p North Suburban Chorus	<b>21</b>
← <b>Pastor Riz on Vacation</b> →						
<b>22</b> 10a Worship w/ Installation of new Elders 10:30a Kenyan Church 11a Fellowship 1p Foundation of Life 5p Firing Line AA	<b>23</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>24</b> 9:45a TOPS 1p Former Dementia Caregivers (Z) 6:30p Session	<b>25</b> 9a Men's Breakfast Group	<b>26</b> 1p Worship Prep 6:30p Big Book AA	<b>27</b> 1p North Suburban Chorus	<b>28</b>
← <b>Park &amp; Ride 8a-Midnight</b> →						
<b>29</b> 10a Worship 10:30a Kenyan Church 11a Fellowship 1p Foundation of Life 5p Firing Line AA  ← <b>Noon-Midnight</b> →	<b>30</b> OFFICE CLOSED  ← <b>Park &amp; Ride</b> →	<b>31</b> 9:45a TOPS 11:30a Staff Mtg  ← <b>8a-Midnight</b> →				

For pastoral care while Riz is on Vacation from August 6th—20th, please call Pastor John Gay at 763-645-4492.

On Sunday, August 8th, Alison Bucklin will be preaching; and on Sunday, August 15th, Ed Martin will be preaching.

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## 2021 Church Leadership

**Building & Grounds:** TBD  
**Celebration & Worship:** TBD  
**Church & Society:** TBD  
**Community Garden:** TBD  
**Congregational Care:** TBD  
**Faith Formation:** TBD  
**Finance:** TBD  
**Membership & Growth:** TBD  
**Nominating:** TBD  
**Personnel:** TBD  
**Stewardship:** TBD  
**I.T.:** Andy Ihlenfeldt

## Operating Fund—Through June of Fiscal 2020-21

Year to date income fell further to a little over \$29,000 in June. It's not unusual for expenses to exceed income in the final months of the year. So, we probably will see even lower net income by the end of the year, but still finish with a healthy surplus. Contributions continue to be better than we expected them to be and spending for most areas is below budget.

## August Birthdays

1st— Ayriannah Lee	8th— Sara Drake	23rd— Terry Cook, Craig Sulzdorf
2nd— Fil Faraci, Julia Hendricksen	9th— Peter Marchetto (Sr.)	24th— Evelyn Schmidt
3rd— Cindy Ward-Thompson	11th— Teien Rose McCarthy	26th— Marie Skilling
6th— Andy Ihlenfeldt, Andrew Peterson, Virginia Redman	12th— David Stewart	28th— Leo Heikkila, Kaludji Ruteye
7th— Janessa Buckley, Keith Buckley, Jan Cryer, Avi'Yon Dickson, Emmett Harding-Bigbear	13th— Joanne Shingledecker, Roy Wilson	30th— John Bootier
	14th— Andris Laizans	
	16th— Katie Marchetto	
	21st— Pamela Schoon	



If your August 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))