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

Riz's Reflections...

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues. – Luke 21:9-11

Dear Church,

Peace be with you. The season has changed and we have officially moved into fall, marked by cool breezes, the changing colors of leaves and, of course, our pumpkin patch. We have experienced an enormous amount of change in the last year and a half and many of the changes that we thought would be over still persist. Some changes are predictable like the seasons, but other changes have left us scratching our heads. Who would have thought that we would be as divided as a nation over wearing masks when we go out and get vaccinated? I have heard many of you lament the fact that these issues have become politicized, and while that is indeed unfortunate, there is no going back, and we must deal with this change in our society. To highlight this political divide, a

recent Gallup-Franklin Templeton survey found that Democrats tended to overestimate the risks of the virus and Republicans tended to underestimate its danger. There must be a balance to be struck but we have not yet found that as a society. So we continue to adapt to the multitude of changes the best we can, knowing that we will get things wrong and perhaps get some things right. One positive effect of the pandemic according to a Coravin/OnePoll survey is that 70% of people report that they have learned about themselves during the pandemic and more than half felt embarrassed by what they previously valued.

The fact of life is that we have to deal with constant change in our lives and in the world. From social-cultural shifts, to climate change, the next refugee crisis, we're never really sure what's on the horizon. You as a living organism are always in flux; that is we are never really the exact same day to day to lesser and greater degrees. For instance, depending on what you ate last night your gut bacteria which influences so many of our health functions including

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

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our psychological state, changes. We are constantly dealing with changes as our families grow, kids go off to college, welcome new colleagues at work, deal with the effects of aging or just learning a new hymn. Change can change us, for better or worse, yet it has a way of unsettling us because of what we are used to, recognizing that predictability makes us feel safe. But the fact of the matter is that we cannot avoid change no matter how hard we try.

From the very beginning of the bible to the very last page, the underlying theme, besides the divine, is change. In the scripture from Luke, Jesus is talking to the disciples about some powerful changes to come, including later on in this passage about their future persecution because Jesus was causing changes, that the religious authorities could not adapt to. The

disciples were also learning how to deal with the life-altering shift that came with the good news of the Messiah. As agents of the Good News we are called to share it in word and deed.

In the midst of the most dramatic upheavals, we can take comfort in knowing that God is the same— yesterday, today and forever. And the call to discipleship of the followers of Jesus back then and today remain the same. That call is to use all God has entrusted to us to look at the needs around us and respond as Jesus would have us. As our community changes and the needs change, so too must we adapt to be a beacon of light and a blessing to our neighbors. If you're not sure what that looks like, ask yourselves in response to any situation, what would Jesus do?

In Christ,
Rev Riz

FIFTH SUNDAY Celebration—Hymn Sing & Scripture



Your Celebration & Worship Team got some great feedback after our last FIFTH SUNDAY Hymn Sing, so we thought we'd go that direction again on the next FIFTH SUNDAY, **October 31st!** This time we've also asked for your favorite scriptures which will be blended into the hymn singing for a grand old time!

We hope you'll plan to join us on the 31st for this very special worship service. And if you'd be willing to help with your special gifts and talents, we'd love to have you! We hope to find several creative ways to present the scriptures that have been suggested and some dramatic reading may be involved!

Be sure and let us know of any ideas you may have for these special services.

Committee: **Deb Griffin** (chair), **Sara Drake** (session liaison), **Karin Link** (creative genius), **Margie Johns** (faithful photographer), **Pastor Riz** (spiritual counsel).

Take a Stroll in Our Pumpkin Patch



As September draws to a close we are shifting gears into fall and that means Pumpkin Patch at New Life Presbyterian Church. Our patch will be open, and hopefully manned, Monday - Friday and Sundays from 12:00 to dusk and Saturdays from 10:00 to dusk.

Our wonderful orange spheres of joy were delivered on Sunday, September 26th. With the help of a small but dedicated army of volunteers, the pumpkins were all out in the patch by 3:00pm. Now comes the best part; meeting and greeting our visitors to the patch and supporting our youth mission trip.

This year we are joined by the youth and congregations of North Presbyterian and Trinity Presbyterian as their youth and ours will be participating in mission service together this summer. These are wonderful new relationships and we welcome on board those stepping forward for our youth. You make this project work.

What, you may ask, does it mean to volunteer in the pumpkin patch? Good question. Job description-wise you are there to keep the patch looking good, greet visitors, answer questions (to the best of your ability), take payment for pumpkins and be Christ's hands and feet. But your 2-hour shift is so much more than that job description - it is frequently a quiet time to read or reflect, to touch nature, to absorb sunshine, to witness the change of seasons, to laugh, reconnect and share stories with visitors (some of our regulars have been coming to our patch since their own children were toddlers and those children are now in college or starting families of their own.

All profits from the Pumpkin Patch go directly into the youth Mission trip fund to provide resources to reduce the cost for our youth to participate in the meaningful work of summer mission service around the country. With a successful year, this is the only fund raising that happens for the youth mission trip. While we really appreciate your purchase of pumpkins, your greatness gift to our youth is to walk beside them in manning the patch,

getting to know them and supporting the sale.

A little about our pumpkins. We work with Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, a nonprofit company located in Farmington, New Mexico. The pumpkins are grown on Navajo reservation land which supplies year round and seasonal employment for more than 500 members of the Navajo nation. It also provides a sustainable industry for the reservation and provides money to support a variety of services and educational opportunities to members of the Navajo nation. By working with the group in New Mexico, every pumpkin does double duty in supporting service - first with the Navajo nation and then again with our youth's mission outreach.

You can sign up for some of the best-spent hours of your fall season at SignUpGenius or in the atrium following services on Sundays.

Questions can be directed to Sara Drake, Joanne Kallstrom or Patty Gould.



September 1, 2021

September 2021 Garden Update

Harvest is a time to give Thanks. It brings a smile when you see this bounty.
We are so happy to share this with Every Meal.

2021 Vegetable Donations To Every Meal
So far this season the total is 1,407.08 pounds

July 12 = 120.14
July 19 = 116.04
July 25 = 168.12
Aug 02 = 147.02
Aug 09 = 84.06
Aug 16 = 218.00
Aug 23 = 217.00
Aug 30 = 181.06
Sept 07 = 51.06
Sept 13 = 102.06



What's new, well you can't miss it.

The garden has needed a storage shed for a long time. Thanks to a large donation that put us over the top, the shed is finally built.

Thanks to Michael Wilson and Roy Wilson for constructing this shed. They did an amazing job. Now all the garden supplies have a great storage space.

Tomatoes, Tomatoes and more Tomatoes

Our tomato harvest has been amazing. These wonderful vine ripened gems will surely be missed this winter.

But for now there are lots of green tomatoes still to ripen, hopefully.



September 1, 2021



A shout out and big thanks to the Youth Group. The flowers planted have thrived and perfume the air around them. The mulch around the garden beds has kept the weeds down.

As the season winds down put on a jacket and take a peek to see what's new.

The garden is still filled with sunshine, gentle breezes, ripening vegetables and flowers.



Okra Flowers

RC Blood Drive

New Life Presbyterian Church will hold our next blood drive, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, on **Tuesday, November 2nd**.

An estimated 38 percent of Americans are eligible to give blood or platelets, but of those, less than 10 percent actually donate each year. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve, and become a part of the

lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and New Life Presbyterian Church. If you don't know if you're eligible, show up to find out. And if you can't donate blood, we would love to have you as a Volunteer at our drive.

Drive Details:

- **Drive date: Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021**
- **1:00p—7:00p**

You can sign up at RedCrossBlood.org. Once the drive is listed on their site, use the code NLP to quickly access it. Or sign up in the Atrium on Sunday mornings.

There are many ways you can help, but most importantly we hope you come out to donate. Thank you for making New Life Presbyterian Church such a success. Let's make an impact on November 2nd by adding it to our list of great accomplishments.

Ed Galle and
Cynthia Reimers Erickson



NCP & Parkway Pizza

Parkway Pizza is partnering with North Como Preschool again this year! The 4th Monday of each month is North Como Preschool Day. No need to mention NCP, no code or coupon needed. Parkway Pizza will **donate 5% of their total sales** for the day to the preschool.

Last year we earned almost \$700 from Parkway Pizza and that was only from March through June. Imagine how much we can raise this year as the fundraiser "Dine Out for Schools" is happening from September through June!!

Mark your calendars for the 4th Monday of the month!! (**October 25th**) Support two local businesses, Parkway Pizza and North Como Preschool!! It's a win-win! And the best part... the food at Parkway Pizza is amazing for lunch and dinner!



Meet our North Como Preschool Teachers



(From left to right)

Welcome! My name is **Sher Noot** and I am excited to be a part of an incredible team of teachers. I am also the Director of North Como Preschool. I live in Roseville with my husband Karl. Our son Cooper (20) is attending Century College for Visual Communications Technology. Our daughter Carsyn (17) is a senior at Roseville Area High School. In our house, we have two rescue dogs, Gidget and Zoey, and Pringle a Bearded Dragon and a kitten named Oakley. I am a HUGE hockey fan! In my free time, I enjoy organizing pretty much anything from parties to houses (yes, seriously!), reading, scrapbooking, baking, and drinking coffee or tea! I can't wait to *meet* you!

Hi! My name is **Karen Sundeen**. I live in Roseville with my husband Matt, and our son, Colin (11th grade). We also have a son, Riley (21, attending UMD) and daughter

Chloe (20, attending UW Eau Claire). My favorite pastime is watching our kids play sports! I love being a "fan"! I also love crafts of all kinds! Making greeting cards, decorating clothing, scrapbooking, and creating wood signs are among my favorites. I also love biking, hiking, music, watching movies and eating out. I have a Family Social Science and Child Psychology degree from the University of MN — Go Gophers! I am lucky to have worked with children for many years as a preschool teacher, in school-age care, and running a home daycare. I am excited to get to know the kiddos and families of NCP!

Hello, my name is **Heidi Wenzel**. I was raised in St. Paul near Lake Phalen. I graduated from Bemidji State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Community Service & Child Psychology. I've been married to Tom Wenzel since 1990. We have a son, age 28, who is a Mechanical Engineer, and a daughter, age 24, who lives and works in Eau Claire as a



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Childcare Specialist. As a stay-at-home mom for 15 years, I've volunteered at my children's school, our church, and Vacation Bible School. I enjoy walking, baking, sewing and vacationing with my family. I am happy for the opportunity to encourage, nurture and teach preschool children.

Hello, my name is **Charly Kasal**. My husband Darrell and I live in Roseville, and we have two sons. Andy is a teacher in Cairo, Egypt with his wife LeeAnn and Kevin is living in Oakdale and working in White Bear Lake. We have two beautiful grandchildren, Maliya and Mason, who are the light and joy of my heart. I also have a grand-puppy named Kannibal. I have a K-6 Bachelor's Degree from Winona State University. I enjoy reading, movies and traveling. I love being here and I am looking forward to meeting you and your child!

Hi! My name is **Kelly Scanlan**. I live with my family in Roseville and my daughter attended North Como Preschool! This year, my kids will be in 9th grade at RAHS and 6th grade at Falcon Heights Elementary. Our family has two cats, three chickens, and two beehives. We love skiing, hockey, gardening, reading, travel, Irish music/dance, and the State Fair. I have a love of books and literacy and sharing books with friends. I am excited to be a part of the North Como

Preschool teacher team.

Membership and Growth

As a new elder, I am in charge of Membership and Growth. There is a LOT that together we can do to spread the Good News, help others, and grow our church.

I have been in the direct mail industry and also an internet marketer since 2004. I think some of that knowledge and experience, combined with yours, will be helpful. But, as with everything, this needs to be a team effort.

Nothing is more powerful than TESTIMONIALS, REVIEWS or WORD OF MOUTH. The newer technologies make this information easier to share.

Please email me any testimonials you are willing to share for our church website about:

- ⇒ Your faith journey
- ⇒ Why you like NLPC and think others would too
- ⇒ Why you believe in Jesus
- ⇒ Best books or sources of information you have read to enrich our faith (other than the Bible)

Thanks, Tom Carlson
tomcarlson@NewLifeChurchRoseville.org



WE'RE BACK IN PERSON!

New Life Presbyterian Church will hold our annual HOLIDAY FAIR TRADE SALE on Saturday, November 6th, from 9a–4p and on Sunday, November 7th, from 11a–2p. We're happy to have some of our old favorites back, including Ten Thousand Villages and Red Lake Foods. We'll also have some new vendors this year, including Global Mamas, which is a local company who partners with African "mamas" with the mission of creating prosperity for African women and their families.

Whether you are looking for wild rice and jam or some unique gift items from around the world—THIS IS THE SALE FOR YOU!

We need some assistance to help make this sale successful! We'd love to have your help and beginning on October 10th, we'll have a table in the Atrium where you can find out more about the sale and sign up for a three-hour shift. This sale is not a fundraiser for our church. Proceeds are returned to fair trade vendors.

We're looking forward to an exciting and successful sale! Thank you!

Fair Trade Committee: Mary Barraclough, Cynthia Erickson, Sandy McGiffin, Tina Zoerb



Save the Date for the annual St. Paul CROP Hunger Walk
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021
 12:30p Registration
 1:15p Walk

New Location:

Meet at Macalester-Plymouth United Church
 1658 Lincoln Ave, St Paul

COVID-19 Precautions:

- Masks required during registration and sendoff, and when entering any indoor spaces.
- Physical distancing is encouraged.
- Please stay home if you are feeling unwell or have been told to quarantine.
- Feel free to walk a different route or at a different time but still

register in the fundraising effort.

Registration:

Visit InterfaithAction.org/Cropwalk. **Follow us on Facebook**

Facebook.com/stpaulcrophungerwalk

Look for more details on posters available on the Mission Table, or sign up here:

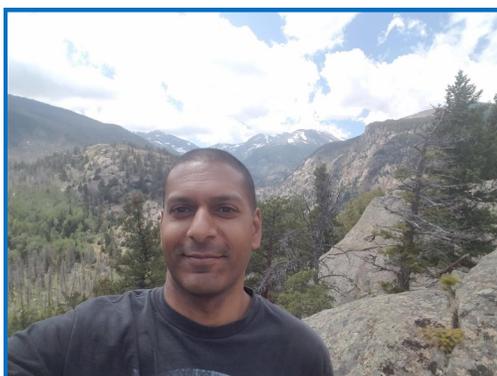


Faith Formation on the Lawn

Beginning the first week in October, our younger youth will be enjoying Faith Formation on the Lawn. **Monday, October 4th thru Thursday, October 7th**, beginning at 5:30p (until 7:30p), Patty Gould and Molly Cacek will be leading children K-5 in learning about The Pumpkin Parable. As long as the weather holds, they will be spending their time outside. They're hoping families will be willing to stay and play together as much as possible.

Kiddos will need a mask and water bottle. As usual for Minnesota, all are encouraged to dress in layers as the temperature can and will shift quickly.

We are looking forward to reconnecting with all of you wonderful folks!



Pastor Appreciation Day

Sunday, October 10th

We don't have anything in particular planned. Just thought you might want to know.



October 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Pumpkin Patch all month!</p>					1 1p North Suburban Chorus	2
3 10a Worship 10:30a Kenyan Church 11a Fellowship 1p Anuak Church 5p Firing Line AA	4 OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK Faith Formation on the Lawn 5:30—7:30p →	5 9:45a TOPS 11:30 Staff Mtg	6 12:30 Fair Trade	7 1p Sunday Worship Prep 6:30p Big Book AA	8 1p North Suburban Chorus	9 7a-11a Great Room Reserved
10 10a Worship 10:30a Kenyan Church 11a Fellowship 1p Anuak Church 5p Firing Line AA	11 OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK	12 9:45a TOPS 11:30a Staff Mtg 1p Former Dementia Caregivers 6:30p Faith Formation	13 9a Men's Breakfast 10:45 Meals on Wheels	14 1p Sunday Worship Prep 4:30p Celebration & Worship 5p Bldg & Grounds 6:30p Big Book AA	15 1p North Suburban Chorus	16
17 10a Worship 10:30a Kenyan Church 11a Fellowship 1p Anuak Church 5p Firing Line AA	18 OFFICE CLOSED 7p Finance	19 9:45a TOPS 11:30 Staff Mtg 6:30p Esther Circle	20 1p Food Mobile 7p Personnel	21 1p Sunday Worship Prep 6:30p Big Book AA	22 1p North Suburban Chorus	23
24 10a Worship 10:30a Kenyan Church 11a Fellowship 1p Anuak Church 5p Firing Line AA	25 OFFICE CLOSED Parkway Pizza for North Como Preschool	26 9:45a TOPS 1p Former Dementia Caregivers 6:30p Session	27 9a Men's Breakfast	28 1p Sunday Worship Prep 6:30p Big Book AA	29 1p North Suburban Chorus	30
31—FIFTH SUNDAY — HYMN SING & FAVORITE SCRIPTURES 10a Worship 10:30a Kenyan Church 11a Fellowship 1p Anuak Church 5p Firing Line AA						

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Operating Fund—Fiscal 2021 (Aug 1—Jul 31) Results

We finished the year with a surplus — thanks to \$20,000 in grants from our Presbytery. Operating income was very nearly 100% of budget

despite pandemic-related disruptions. Expenses, however, were well below pre-pandemic levels. This was due, in part, to staff vacancies

during the year. The preschool also finished the year with a surplus — thanks to \$55,000 in state-provided COVID grants.

October Birthdays

2nd— Gregory McCarthy

4th— Elona Street-Stewart

6th— Willis Cook, Maria Schultz

8th— Daniel O. Onyango

9th— Earl Hoekman, Jo Ann White

10th— Micah Hubbell, Syd Jensen

12th— Patty Gould, Wendy Griffin

13th— Jeanette Wilson

14th— Marjory Johns

15th— Carol Sulzdorf

17th— Elianna Buckley

18th— Jerry Peterson

19th— Bill Hane

20th— Andre Lewis

21st— Adrian Abongmbu, Nancy Cook, Delilah Harding-Bigbear

23rd— Pamela Wanjala

24th— Gerald Buhaug, Aiden Pohl

28th— Mari Hirabayashi

31st— Tom Carlson, Roger Williams



If your October 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 or 651-488-5581 ext. 210)