

NEWLIFE *Connect*

APRIL 2026

JOURNEY WITH JESUS IN JOHN

We have been encouraged to hear from several families representing different generations on how the Bible reading plan has enriched their family over this Easter Season.

In a lot of ways Easter is about family. John shows us Jesus' concern for family when He entrusts care for His mother Mary to John prior to His death on the cross. For most people Easter is a time to gather together and enjoy a family meal and fellowship.

But ever more than that - the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the key to God making His family as large as possible. By believing in Jesus as the Son of God who died for our sins and rose again we become part of God's forever family. We not only get eternal life - we are adopted into God's family with status and inheritance.

So we celebrate as a church - but more than that we are a family - God's children together because of what Jesus accomplished for us when He died and rose again.

Here at NewLife we are excited to share this good news of new life in Jesus Christ at Easter and we want to see God's family grow as new people come to believe in Jesus Christ and discover the New Life he offers. Is there someone you can invite to church this Easter?

Service Times

Good Friday April 3rd : 9 & 11 AM
Easter Sunday April 5th : 9 & 11 AM

ECUADOR SUPPORT

It was a huge blessing to have Pastor Hector Sisalema preach at NewLife last August. We are excited to partner with Pastor Hector and Nancy in 2026 as Missionary Pastors. Pastor Hector serves at Vida Nueva en Jesucristo Baptist Church - Quito, Ecuador. We will be having a special offering for their ministry during the Good Friday Service. A word from Pastor Hector:

We continue with the vision and mission of our church to be disciples that are called to make disciples, who love and serve God and our neighbors. Likewise, the topics in our local church for this New Year have been: January - Bible Assimilation; February - Prayer; March - Worship. We ask you to pray for our congregation to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

COMMON GOOD

***Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
(1 Corinthians 12:7)***

All for the common good. I turned around just in time to witness one of our NewLife Pioneer Lodge team members, embracing an older resident that had just entered the chapel. Turns out, they were neighbors back in the day. An appropriate hug, God's gift of joy to that elderly woman, for the "common good" of the group assembled March 8th.

You don't need special glasses to see the Spirit at work for the common good. The visible outworking, of God's gifted Spirit, is designated by the Apostle Paul as "for the common good" of those assembled. The original word for "common good" is the same word for "symphony." God's "Gift" expression seen through individuals, produces harmonious togetherness. Manifestations of the Spirit for the common good are meaningful, tangible and assembly-strengthening expressions. NewLife is stronger for each outward focused, benevolent, faith-filled activity.

I recently witnessed another meaningful, timely and compassionate embrace in a garage full of moving chaos. One of our NewLife team members, stepped up to put a comforting arm around our host, feeling the effects of a difficult move on a cold day - another evidence of God's Spirit at work for the "common good." By the way, that NewLife moving team was incredible, showing many expressions of the Spirit's gifting "for the common good." In fact, I see expressions of the Spirit around NewLife, ALL THE TIME - God taking individual diversity and building togetherness, all for the common good.

Pastor Lance

AGM

The Annual General Meeting on March 9, we had 28 members present. It was a time of reflection, on how God has worked in 2025 and looking forward to 2026.

Some key takeaways from the pastoral address:

- Focus on engagement in 2026.
- There is no large building projects planned this year, a few small projects.
- Church building is getting used almost every night of the week with bible study groups and fellowship events.
- There is a need for a building team, people to oversee the facility.
- Attendance is growing, any given Sunday we have around 70% of our people. Every week there are new people here that are curious about Christ.

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

The 2026 Young Adults are off to a magnificent start. January, February, and March were packed full of events, activities, and studies, and the upcoming schedule maintains this momentum.

Young Adult Bible Study is held at the church every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. We are averaging 28-30 students per class, which represents a 25% increase in average attendance from last fall. This semester, we've been walking through 1 Corinthians, examining one chapter per-session, and are now moving into the latter third of the book.

We've also launched monthly young-adult prayer nights. After fasting for a day, the young adults meet at our house in the evening, discuss a section of Scripture, enter a protracted time of prayer, and finally, break the fast together (usually with pizza and other healthy delicacies).

My wife, Paige, continues to host her girls' night every other Monday. 10-15 girls regularly enjoy a few hours of fellowship together, make new friends, and grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.



Finally, the young adults are actively involved in church ministry. Many of them greet on Sunday morning, play on the worship team, help with youth and Friday Night Fortress, and engage in other acts of Christian service.

We are very excited to watch the Lord's mighty hand move in this ministry. It is our privilege to obey His commands, and we are eagerly praying for His will to be done as He expands this exciting outreach.

In Christ,
Tanner Hnidey

MANITOU LAKE BIBLE CAMP

Summer is just around the corner! We are pleased to have the team from Manitou Lake Bible Camp join us on **April 19!**

They will present what's new and exciting with Manitou and answer any question you may have. Register your child online or give them a call today at 306-826-5440.

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| JUNE 24-26 | HOMESCHOOL CAMP | ALL AGES | \$89 AGES 5-11 \$59 CHILDREN 45 ARE FREE |
| JULY 6-11 | JUNIOR 1 (DAY CAMP AVAILABLE) | AGES 9-11 | \$359 DAY CAMP \$245 |
| JULY 6-11 | BOLD 1 | AGES 14-17 | \$149 |
| JULY 13-18 | INTERMEDIATE 1 | AGES 12-14 | \$379 |
| JULY 21-25 | JUNIOR 2 (DAY CAMP AVAILABLE) | AGES 8-10 | \$299 DAY CAMP \$199 |
| JULY 26-28 | SQUIRT (DAY CAMP AVAILABLE) | AGES 7-8 | \$159 DAY CAMP \$159 |
| JULY 31-AUG 2 | FAMILY CAMP | ALL AGES | \$89 AGES 5-11 \$59 CHILDREN 45 ARE FREE |
| AUG 3-8 | INTERMEDIATE 2 | AGES 11-13 | \$379 |
| AUG 3-8 | BOLD 2 | AGES 14-17 | \$149 |
| AUG 10-15 | INTERMEDIATE 3 | AGES 12-14 | \$379 |
| AUG 17-22 | TEEN | AGES 15-18 | \$389 |

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
*GST IS IN ADDITION TO REGISTRATION FEE
**CAMPER'S CAN BE IN AGE OF CAMP BY END OF 2026

MANITOU LAKE BIBLE CAMP
Registration Opens January 15

YOUTH

Relationships matter. While cool activities can bring in a crowd, you really can have fun doing anything when it's with people you love! That's been the case with the youth this year. Each event has so many laughs while making epic memories (and incriminating grad photos for future years!!) but we all stay for the connection we have with each other. There's a solid crew of youth who genuinely love Jesus and are learning and growing in Him, and we continue to have new youth popping in who are curious about Jesus.

The past 3 months we've done laser tag at Explosion Gymnastics (in the dark!), nerf wars with Southridge church, guy/girl split nights involving paint night and worm wars, and have made our own YouTube videos (AKA the incriminating future grad material!). We're looking forward to a Spring season of more fun, and welcoming Zoe and Isaiah back from college to join again!

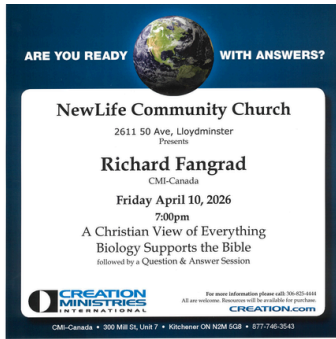


Thank you for your continued prayers. Our leaders faithfully invest in these relationships and it's reciprocated by some truly awesome youth who are growing in relationship with Jesus!



APRIL 5-NO YOUTH
APRIL 12- FEAR FACTOR
APRIL 19- IN 2 GOLF
APRIL 26- FAMILY FEUD & KAHOOT!

UPCOMING EVENTS!



Creation Ministry

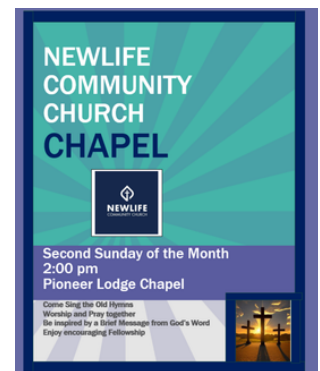
On **April 10** at 7pm we are hosting a speaker from Creation Ministry. He will address some of the most common questions about biblical creation and there will be a question & answer period at the end. He is also bringing resources like books and DVD's that will be available to purchase.

Check out the website: creation.com for more information.

Pioneer Lodge Chapel Service

Pastor Lance and his team are hosting a chapel service at Pioneer Lodge. The second Sunday of the month at 2pm, the next one will be on **April 12**.

If you would like to join this ministry, please reach out to Pastor Lance at lance@newlifecommunity.ca



Men's Breakfast

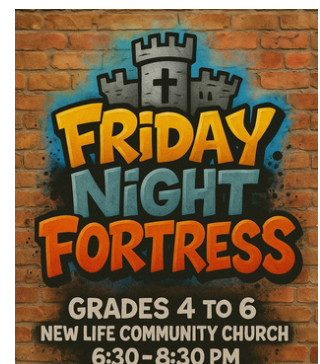
All NewLife men are invited to come and share breakfast together on **April 18** at 7:30am. Be encouraged in the Word as we seek to move up and out in Jesus Christ together.

Please email Derek at derekholmedal@gmail.com to let him know if you are planning to attend.

Friday Night Fortress

All students in Grades 4-6 are invited to Friday Night Fortress! There will be games, snacks and a Bible lesson for our kids. Friends are always welcome!

It will be on **May 1st**, from 6:30-8:30pm.



FAMILY CAMP 2026



NewLife Family Camp will be held on **July 3-6** this year, we are back at Ministikwan Lake SK. Family Camp is only open to our NewLife congregation at this time and is a chance to build relationships and connections within our church.

For accommodations, bring your RV, tent or stay in a cabin. Cabins and power hookups will be given on a first come first serve basis. Please be in prayer for connection, safety and good weather!

Registration will open online or in person **April 7th!**

WAYS TO GIVE

E-transfer: Please send your e-transfers to giving@newlifecommunity.ca.

Cheque or Cash: These can be dropped off on Sunday mornings or during office hours. (Mon-Thurs 9-4pm)

START VOLUNTEERING!

We would like to invite those who would like to take the next step in their walk with God to serve in a ministry area. Here are the ministries in NewLife that you can serve in:

- NewLife Kids
- NewLife Kids Check-In
- Tech Team
- NewLife Students
- Ushers & Coffee
- Hospitality/Food
- Building & Maintenance
- Prayer Team

If you would like more info on these ministry areas or if you would like to sign up, please contact us at comm@newlifecommunity.ca

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