

NEWLIFE *connect*

DECEMBER 2025

GOOD NEWS

Christmas is a great opportunity for us to share a message of good news with our world. Not only that – the message of Christmas is a message of good news of great joy for everyone! The Savior has been born. God has intervened in human history to bring salvation to everyone who will believe in His Son Jesus Christ.

Our world and our community are hungry for some good news – and we have that message to share this Christmas. Take the opportunity to invite someone to one of our Christmas services this season. Have someone into your home. Go out and visit someone somewhere that you haven't connected with for awhile. Be God's messenger for someone this Christmas and share the good news of great joy – today a Savior has been born unto you – He is Christ the Lord!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

This year we will be hosting 3 Christmas Eve Service options. **December 23 at 6pm, December 24 at 3 & 6pm.** The services are identical, so choose the one that works best for your celebration schedule and invite some friends and family to join us.

We promise to keep the service within an hour, this service is designed for your whole family so there will be no children's ministry available. It is a good service to invite your co-workers, friends and neighbors to attend with you. We will honor the one hour promise while also presenting a clear picture of Jesus who is the Savior of the World.

NEWLIFE LIGHTS

NewLife Lights is here and growing! Volunteers have been busy cutting and painting the new Peanuts characters! We also had a church family and business make a contribution to a new nativity display. We want to thank those who stayed and helped on our set-up day. Those angels are tricky! This outreach continues to bless our community and Shine the Light throughout December.

Be sure to turn you radio to **103.5FM** and enjoy some Christmas tunes and scripture reading as you drive through our display.

HOPE COMES AS A CHILD!

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders
(Isaiah 9:6).*

Hope comes to us as a child. His child-LIKE-ness makes Him approachable. He arrives as the Lamb of God in childlike simplicity and approachability. Amazingly, this child represents hope, not only for me, but also for a nation buried under centuries of sins. Sins that bring on the judgment of God. But the birth of this child changes all that!

Hope comes to us as a child. This unique child, playing in the streets of Nazareth, will be the Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. Hope, represented by this child, has been stirring restlessly inside the law and prophets for hundreds of years. This prophecy of Isaiah generates hope-filled anticipation, delivered in the form of God's complete identification with humanity. Yes, all human and all God, in one small, unique approachable child.

Jesus comes to offer you and I hope. Hope is His Christmas gift to you. All you need to do is receive Jesus by faith, come as a child, after all, He did!



YOUNG ADULTS COMMUNITY

The NewLife Young Adults Community (YAC) has exciting things coming up for Christmas! On **December 12** at 7 pm, we will be meeting once again for our ugly sweater Christmas party. We'll do our gift exchange and movie night, so bring a gift with a maximum value of \$15 and wear your best 'ugly' sweater.

On **December 19** at 6 pm, we'll be joining with other young adults from the city for the All-Church Young Adults Christmas Banquet at NewLife. Wear your formal attire and come on out for an evening of great food and community.

If you'd like to get connected with the young adults group or would like more information, reach out to me at worship@newlifecommunity.ca.

Cheers,
Ben Lien



YOUTH

What do Popcorn, lasers, costumes, water slides, and Jesus have in common? Youth group of course! We've been enjoying a fun-filled fall with our youth-movie night, swimming, a costume carnival and laser tag with the Southridge youth group. It's been a great time of building relationships and connecting to each other and closer in relationship with Jesus!



We have a solid core group of around 40 youth (gr. 6-12) and they continue to bring friends, some of whom this is their first real experience of a family-type group or exposure to Jesus.

We've been including memory verse challenges and Bible foundations Sunday nights while the Thursday night Sr. high (gr. 9-12) Bible study dive further into God's word.

Seth Briggs is leading the Bible study hosted at Parkinson's with some amazing food! The last Thursday prior to the Christmas break will have a very special meal, that will not want to be missed! Here's what Seth has to say about it:

"We've been having fun going through the letter to the Ephesians together. We've learned about what the gospel is and are now looking at how it applies to us. We're very thankful to Correna and Steve for opening their home and making supper each week"

We appreciate your prayers for all things Youth group related! We're looking forward to going through a Christmas season showing youth how a personal relationship with Jesus is so relevant and essential for joy and peace in the hustle of parties and presents.



If you have any comments, questions or want to be added to the weekly youth email contact me at youth@newlifecommunity.ca.

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Nov. 30 Worship Night
Dec. 7 SR. High Christmas Banquet
Dec. 14 JR. High Christmas Party
Jan. 2 City-Wide Youth event at Servus Centre

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH



Thanks to all who participated in our international outreach this year! NewLife raised enough funds for 180 stars to send to Immanuel's Child and over 30 shoeboxes were packed for Samaritan's Purse! Well done church!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday Night Fortress

Friday Night Fortress will be a "Christmas Extravaganza" and all the games and activities and prizes will have a Christmas theme along with hot chocolate and Christmas treats. It will be on **Dec 5th** from 6:30-8:30pm and is open to students grades 4-6.

Men's Breakfast

All NewLife men are invited to come and share breakfast together on **December 20** 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.



BIBLE STUDIES

We have a lot of bible studies going on throughout the week! Feel free to check out the one that fits your needs.

Confirm with your leader as to when they will be breaking for Christmas.



CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

With the Christmas season upon us, a new playlist from NewLife Worship is here. Scan the Spotify code or follow the link to follow along with some of the music we are singing this year.

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/24siT2LHbi2xkWdUA4wUx4?si=b6a1e86e9fac4f4c>





Hello NewLife Kid's Families,

Sunday Nov. 30, marks the first Sunday of Advent. We have added Christmas carols and songs to our worship rotation and will begin our lessons around the birth of Christ! It is a truly special time of year!

Watch for advent activities to complete with your children made available at the sign-in desk downstairs. O Come let us Adore Him this Christmas season.

Blessings,
Elisa Nedelko and Jenny Derksen



KITCHEN

We moving into the final stages of the kitchen project. The cabinets are all installed and we are waiting for the counter top and island top to be completed. We have a door on order and a rolling shutter for the opening into the kitchen from the worship area of the church. Once the counter is in we will have the sinks installed and we will be ready to roll.



Thanks to a great group of volunteers who helped with the project and for all those who contributed financially. We are short on building funds to complete the project. If you would like to donate to help us complete this project you can donate to NewLife Ministries Inc. and designate the gift "Building Fund" and this will go into the fund which we are using to pay for this project.

Thanks to some strategic volunteers we have been able to lower the cost of completion by thousands of dollars. The new kitchen will be a great ministry asset for NewLife moving forward.

2025 OFFERING

We want to offer a huge thanks to all those who faithfully tithe to NewLife. Your generous support in 2025 has enabled us to accomplish some big dreams for our church such as building the playground, completing our elevator project, hosting our biggest Family Camp to-date and renovating the kitchen! We use these funds to support our large variety of bible studies, ministries, special events, NewLife Lights, bible donations and the day to day expenses of keeping our building functional.

With year end tithing in mind, the last day to donate in-person will be **Sunday Dec 28**. Online will be noon on **Dec 31**.

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)



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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