



NEWLIFE *connect*

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STANDING STRONG WITH GOD IN 2026

As we enter a new year and a new season of ministry we are going to be learning from 1 Kings and the prophet Elijah. If you want to track along read 1 Kings 16 through to 2 Kings 2 and you will get the scope of his ministry in the times in which he was living. Some of the themes we will discover in this series are:

1. Standing Strong with God. 1 Ki 17:1-6
2. Standing Strong in Impossible Situations. 1 Ki 17:7-24
3. Standing Strong when you are the Minority. – 1 Ki 18
4. Standing Strong when Threatened and Disappointed. – 1 Ki 19
5. Standing Strong Against Injustice. – 1 Ki 21
6. Standing Strong and Seeking God. – 2 Ki 1
7. Standing Strong and Finishing Well. 2 Ki 2

We believe that the challenges for believers today are similar to the challenges in Elijah's day – and that God and His Word can be trusted and relied upon. We hope and pray that these lessons from God's Word would strengthen your walk with the Lord as you ***move up and out in New Life in Jesus Christ together.***

TOGETHER IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

Just a reminder folks – winter is a hard season in Lloydminster and those long months of January, February and March can drag on for people. So why not try to make time to connect, go out for coffee, play some games with others, order pizza, share a meal, watch a game together.... It's doesn't have to be fancy or complicated, but sometimes it's nice to simply have somewhere to go and someone else to share the time with. As a church we want to be connected and supporting one another.

We would encourage you to try something new in the next couple of months and attempt to connect with others within the church. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit as He will often direct you to people you can connect with week to week. Move up and out and make the connection this winter.

NEXT DOOR

Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God (Acts 18:7).

“Next door,” where is that? Well, when I officially began serving the Lord as a full-time pastor, it was literally, “next door.” I was compelled to bring Jesus to my aloof, spiritually unresponsive, “next door” neighbor. I approached the house with great fear and trepidation and was met with great relief when no one answered the door. “Next door,” represents the unstoppable movement of Jesus’ “Good News” enterprise.

The Apostle Paul found more resistance than success in sharing Christ in local synagogues, so he turned to the homes of people, like Titius Justus, whose spiritual orientation was worshiping God. Sharing Jesus in homes became a preferred focus for the flourishing of Jesus-centered communities of faith.

With small groups back up and running, consider joining one of the groups meeting, or go “next door” to one of our home groups. That “next door” home group will be a shining light while bringing warmth into your dark, cold winter months. We have a new Tuesday night home group “starting up” in Blackfoot – now is a good time to plug into a group, if you need help in finding one, give the office a shout.

2025 IN REVIEW

2025 was a great year for NewLife, we accomplished some big dreams for our church! We were donated a playground so we rallied the troops, dismantled, laid the foundation and rebuilt it here! We completed our elevator project, hosted our biggest Family Camp to-date, created a new Nursing Mother’s Room and renovated the kitchen! We hosted some fantastic events, such as an adult only games night, a Latino worship night, 3 outdoor services, a tailgate party, a marriage course, a men’s fishing trip, a dessert night for a mission trip a caroling night and 3 Christmas Eve Services.





We want to congratulate the couples that were married in 2025: Nico & Saige Berscht, Daniel & Paityn Salus, Joshua & Julie Pelly and Vernon & Joanne Cox. We welcomed 5 new babies: John Walker, Presley Reece, Grayson Grant, Faith Salus and Nathaniel Gonzales. We baptized 11 people: Jayden, Rebekah, Alexi, Bria, Kayleigh, Julia, Caitlin, Kade, Jake, Mason and Brooklyn.

We updated our Directory and added the Peanuts gang to NewLife Lights! A Chapel Service at The Pioneer Lodge, Friday Night Fortress, Young Ladies Cafe Nights, a Young Men's Group and bible studies were added to the events list here at NewLife. Our Men's Breakfast continued strong throughout the year and had some great guest speakers.

We tried something new and partnered with another church to bring The African Children's Choir to Lloydminster. We rented out our building so other groups can enjoy their events as well. The Shine Christian Academy's Mother's Day Tea, The Mosaic Youth Christmas Party, local gun safety courses and home school co-ops all shared our space in 2025.

It was a year to see the Lord moving in and we want to take a moment to reflect on His faithfulness, and to pray His blessing over NewLife Church in 2026.



YOUNG ADULTS UPDATE

When my wife, Paige, and I started attending NewLife just a few short years ago, we distinctly remember our immediate shock with the church's young adults' community. NewLife exhibited one of the friendliest and most vibrant young-adult ministries we'd ever seen. This was (and still is) especially shocking in light of our adventures preaching at various churches across the province. During these engagements, we meet many excellent congregants, all of whom are faithful servants of the Lord Jesus. But while we meet many remarkable congregants, we do not meet many congregants our age.

We cannot deny the importance of older generations in our congregations. They are the prayer warriors, the veterans, and the sanctified soldiers of spiritual war. But neither can we deny the importance of younger generations in our congregations. They are the new defense, the next blockade, the emerging bastille of truth against a world driven mad by secularism and sin. The point is that while the world needs young adults to go forth and preach the gospel (Matt 28:18-20), many young adults are too preoccupied with returning to Orthodox, Catholic, and other works-based derivations of the true Christian faith to do so. However, this trend is broken at NewLife. This church's young adults ministry is not dead, but alive, teeming with life and anticipation.

That is why Paige and I are so excited to serve with the young adults in a more pronounced capacity this semester. It's our high honour to help wherever we can, and we're going to work our hardest in the Lord to continue to propel this ministry forward. Here are but a few of the events and activities we have planned for this year:

First, young adults Bible study runs every Wednesday at 7pm at NewLife. Last week was our first lesson for the semester, and we were so blessed to have 30 students (some from as far as Vermillion and Paradise Valley) attend! We're studying 1 Corinthians this spring — one chapter a week — for 16 weeks. Each young adult receives a detailed outline of the Scripture at the start of the lesson, and class recordings are posted online.

Second, young adult Friday events happen every other week. While the winter weather tries to restrict our activities, we have various events, lessons, and other celebrations planned! All of the information will be posted on the church schedule, as well as in the young adults group chat.

Finally, we're thrilled to announce the launch of young adult prayer nights at the church. Between the treacherous challenges of affordability, secular ideology, work, and uncertainty, our young adults need prayer as much as they ever have. That's why we're going to be meeting as a young adults group and pray with all the fervency and loyalty that our Lord Jesus Christ commands.

Once again, it's our privilege to serve the young adults at church this semester. Paige and I are so encouraged and excited to meet everyone and watch how the Lord works His magnificent will into NewLife this spring.

In Christ, Tanner Hnidey

YOUTH



NewLife Youth is cooking for the New year bruh-no cap! I call it Teen-glish instead of English, translated means Youth is going awesome! We have an amazing crew of students and have had two events already, a city-wide church joint event at Servus Centre and Pirate Night, which included pranks-walking the plank and treasure hunts. Looking forward to the winter with other events like laser tag at Explosion, cooking challenges, nerf wars with Southridge church, and drama night (improve games not just regular youth drama!) 😊

Sr. High Bible study will continue Thursday nights (Jan. 29) with Seth Briggs leading and Correna Parkinson hosting.

We wrapped up 2025 with our Christmas parties, Sr High had a formal banquet and amazing food provided by Correna, Elisa, and Nikki. The Jr. High had a party full of games and gift exchanges. There were some pretty epic gift swaps—the plunger gift was my favorite!

We continue into the year with Scripture Memory challenges and working through clips of the Teen Alpha course Sunday nights. Thank you so much for your prayers for this ministry. Please continue to pray for new youth to know Jesus and all youth to build in daily disciplines to grow closer to Him!

Tina



Jan. 25-Drama Night
Feb. 1- Pinterest Perfect Food Night
Feb 8- Laser Tag @ Explosion
Friday Feb. 13 Nerf wars @Southridge
Feb. 15-No youth (school break)

UPCOMING EVENTS!



Young Ladies Cafe Nights

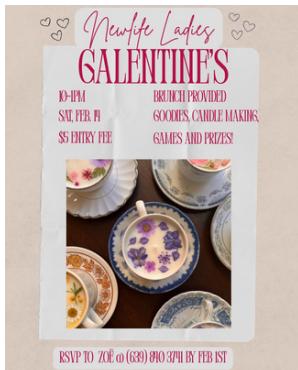
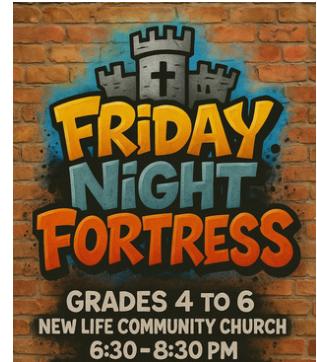
All NewLife young ladies are invited out to a social gathering. A chance to have fellowship and get to know each other better.

Cafe Nights are a bi-weekly event hosted at Paige Hnidey's house and will resume on **Jan 26th** at 7pm.

Friday Night Fortress

All kids in Grades 4-6 are invited to Friday Night Fortress, this month there is a Winter Carnival theme! There will be games, snacks and a bible lesson for our kids. Friends are welcome!

It will be on **Feb 6**, from 6:30-8:30pm.



Galentine's Event

All NewLife Ladies are invited to attend a Galentine's event on **Feb 14th!**

This event is open to women of all ages, youth, young adults, moms and grandma's. There will be a special craft for the younger gals as well.

You can e-transfer Zoe at 639-840-3741 or zoe.nedelko@gmail.com. Please be sure to RSVP at 639-840-3741 by Feb 1st.

Men's Breakfast

All NewLife men are invited to come and share breakfast together on **February 21** and **March 21** 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.



FAMILY CAMP 2026



NewLife Family Camp will be held on **July 3-6** this year, we are back at Ministikwan Lake SK. This is an amazing weekend of body building for our church. The property is perfect for hosting an enjoyable weekend and we have had amazing years at camp! For accommodations, bring your RV, tent or there are a few cabins available to rent.

Please be in prayer for connection, safety and good weather!

This is a major summer event to put on your calendar! Registration will not open until April but for now, save the date!

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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