



NEWLIFE *connect*

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ENGAGE

Here at NewLife our mission is to **Move Up and Out in New Life in Jesus Christ together.** As we enter into another ministry year we want to help everyone at NewLife to **engage** in this mission wherever they are at. There are several ways we can engage:

- Engage in outreach – sharing Jesus with those in our spheres of influence.
- Engage in spiritual disciplines – Bible reading, prayer, fasting, journaling, solitude.
- Engage in relationship – connecting with others at NewLife formally and informally.
- Engage in giving – participate in supporting and investing financially in your local church.
- Engage in serving – volunteer and invest your time, efforts and energy in serving Christ and His church.

These are just a few steps of engagement that we can take to **move up and out in New Life in Jesus Christ together** this ministry year.

MISSIONS

It was a huge blessing to have Pastor Hector Sisalema from Ecuador preach at NewLife this summer. He preached a great message from 2 Corinthians and it was so good to have them with us and to strengthen the relationship between our countries and our local churches.

We would like to form a partnership with Pastor Hector and Nancy in 2026 and bring them onto our budget as Missionary Pastors. We are considering having a special offering for their ministry later in the fall to support them and their strategic ministry in Ecuador. Pastor Hector and Nancy lead their local church (Vida Nueva en Jesucristo- NewLife in Christ) but Pastor Hector has also been investing time in developing Pastors and church leaders for the whole country.

At NewLife we want our mission partnerships to be with like-minded people who are **making disciples** and training leaders who can effectively share the gospel and establish Biblical, Christ-centered churches who are *moving up and out in new life in Jesus Christ*. We are also praying about sending teams from NewLife to Ecuador to partner with Pastor Hector and Nancy in strategic mission opportunities. Please include them in your prayers as they invest their time in ministry and leadership development in Ecuador.

HIGH FIVES AND HUGS (SMALL GROUP SEASON IS UPON US)

Jesus called His Twelve Disciples to Him...
(Matthew 10:1, Mark 3:13 and Luke 6:13)

When is the last time you hugged or high-fived a church building? Never? Me too! When was the last time you hugged or high-fived a person at church? Last Sunday? Maybe since then? Me too! We thrive in loving relationships.

My relational sensors “go off” whenever I cross paths with people who are a part of my smaller group. With a warm smile, I find myself crossing the foyer floor at church to discretely hug, high-five or fist-pump people I’ve been hanging out with in smaller group settings. I would look mighty silly, fist-pumping the wall.

Jesus chose Twelve men over the majestic Temple. His priority was people not a place. Relationship rather than Religion. Organic over organization. Intimacy instead of an institution. Rather than use “tried and tested” Jewish, religious machinery already in place, Jesus turns to twelve “flawed” men, to perpetuate God’s eternal kingdom on earth.

Jesus and twelve men. Some think Jesus maximized relational potential of the Twelve, by breaking His group into three groups of four. Lists presented in Matthew, Mark and Luke consistently present three names in the same place, while other names appear to shift slightly. Peter, Philip and James, son of Alphaeus, show up in the same place on each list, indicating a possible leadership role for those three.

Jesus’ group of Twelve is the precedent we work with, when considering the optimal size of group. After all, with those twelve, Jesus established His kingdom on earth. His group of Twelve, broken down into smaller groups of four, took teaching, training and accountability to another level.

The strength of Jesus’ small group ministry was seen in how His group maintained its identity and commitment to Kingdom objectives by its adaptability in various surroundings. The epoxy effect of group adhesiveness working its relational dynamic in the antagonistic synagogue, conducive shorelines of Galilee and even militant courtyards of the temple in Jerusalem. Jesus’ small group was able to maintain ministry objectives of preaching the Kingdom, healing diseases and dealing with demoniacs. Each day, Jesus was able to concentrate leadership investment into the Twelve, rather than, attempt diluted change amongst the “temple-conditioned,” Jewish masses. Jesus’ itinerant troupe was able to minister to both individuals and crowds, all the while growing and strengthening His chosen group of twelve – the exception being the hard-hearted betrayer.

The smaller the group, the more the exercise of relational ability, as in; acceptability, accountability, vulnerability, transferability, flexibility, portability, respectability, communicability and personability, to name a few. Jesus recognized the strength of dyads and triads. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them (Matthew 18:20). I think He also recognized the value of relating through groups of four within the Twelve and then by the Twelve. Even after explosive growth at Pentecost, the early Christian Church operated out of the home. Strength is found in relationships that begin at the one-to-one level, then grow into tiny accountability groups, which in turn expand into small groups, that sometimes, become mid-sized groups, who come together in large groups, in warm buildings, in the winter, to worship the Lord together.

Any huggers or high-fivers out there? I'll be looking for a handshake at least, fist-pump, high-five or an appropriate hug, that was most likely generated by love shared in either a smaller group during the week, or in church on Sunday. I'll be looking for "loving correction" if you catch me hugging or high-fiving the building.

Pastor Lance Duncalfe

IMMANUEL'S CHILD

We are once again participating in the Immanuel's Child with Slavic Gospel Association. We send funds to Russia, Ukraine and Central Asia where churches purchase gifts and host Christmas outreach events in their local communities. For **\$35.00** you purchase a star and fill out one half with your information and bring it back to the church. You keep the other half of the star as a reminder to pray for the child who will receive the gift purchased with the money you provided. ***All cheques and e-transfers should be made to NewLife but just note that it's for Immanuel's Child.*** NewLife will then make one large transfer to SGA at the deadline as well as mailing the stars to the office in Ontario. This is a strategic partnership between churches in Canada and in Eastern Europe. We help fund their Christmas outreach efforts and they get to share the good news of Jesus Christ to many families and orphans in their communities.

Deadline for bringing stars back to the church will be November 10.



SAMARITAN'S PURSE

If you would like to fill a shoebox and bring it back to the church, this is another opportunity to partner with churches in third world countries that partner with Samaritan's Purse to provide gifts to children where they would not normally receive such gifts.

Bring your shoebox and a \$10 donation to cover the shipping back the church by **November 16**. You can also drop your shoebox off at Southridge Community Church.

YOUNG ADULTS COMMUNITY

Fall ministries are in full swing and that includes the NewLife Young Adults Community. We kicked off our season with a trip to the corn maze where we joined up with some other groups across the city. This fall, we have several opportunities to come together and live out the mission to move up and out in new life in Jesus Christ together. Tanner and Paige are leading our Bible study again on Wednesday evenings on "Creation and the Genesis of Man." We also have a few Friday connection events coming up. Feel free to join us on any of these nights or reach out to Ben at worship@newlifecommunity.ca if you'd like to be connected to our group chat.

Oct. 17 at 7 pm: YAC Murder Mystery at NewLife

Oct. 24 at 7:30 pm: Elenee concert at

Vic Juba Community Theatre

Nov. 14 at 7 pm: Movie Night at NewLife

Nov. 28 at 7 pm: Paint Night at Living Faith Church



YOUTH

Timothy 4:12

"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity."

Our youth leadership has transitioned and we send our love and prayers to Zoe and Isaiah at college! I'm starting in a youth co-ordinator position helping with Sunday nights, and Blake (as well as an amazing crew of parents and young adult volunteers) are also continuing the Fuego Youth mission to **move up** and help connect youth in a personal relationship with God and **move out** in relationship with each other.

Our events have been a blast so far with some Epic Battles in Bud Miller kicking off the fall, a "Not-So-Secret" Identity night to get to know each other, and a joint city-wide event last week. What a blessing for the youth to see other Christians from different youth groups and the same school! Bible study options are still in the works and more info will be coming on that soon.

Thank you for your support and prayers for the year so we can mentor and inspire youth to know Jesus in a practical, intimate way and get them solidly rooted in Scripture!

If you'd like to be added to the weekly email or have any questions or feedback please email me at youth@newlifecommunity.ca. Updates are also found on Facebook (Newlife Youth Community) or Instagram ([newlife_youth_lloydminster](https://www.instagram.com/newlife_youth_lloydminster)). Youth is Sunday nights and any youth grades 6-12 are welcome! -Tina Dohms

Oct.12-No Youth
(Thanksgiving)
Oct. 19-The Cereal Bowl
Oct. 26- Halloween
Carnival
Nov. 2- Movie Night
Nov. 7-Lasar Tag
@ Southridge





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Olive Tree relies on the generosity of volunteers to help us serve our community. Whether you enjoy preparing meals, connecting with people, or working behind the scenes, there's a place for you on our team.

Free Community Meal

Come be part of our community meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Volunteers help prepare and serve meals, bake, clean, and spend time visiting with guests. Shifts are available from 2:00–4:00 pm (meal preparation and Food Bank meals) or 4:30–6:30 pm (serving from 5:00–6:00).

Seniors Luncheon

Every Friday from 11:00 am–1:00 pm, we gather with local seniors to share a meal. Volunteers help prepare and serve food, bake, clean, and most importantly, connect with the seniors who attend.

Thrift Store

Our thrift store is open Monday–Saturday, 9:30 am–5:00 pm, and is a great place to lend a hand! Volunteers help by receiving and sorting donations, and we also love hosting group work bees for those who want to serve together.

Warehouse and Food Rescue

If you enjoy organizing, this is the perfect spot! Each week we receive thousands of pounds of food to be logged, sorted, and delivered. Volunteers also support our gleaning efforts—sorting, washing, and preparing produce for distribution. These roles are flexible and can work around your schedule.

We'd love to have you join us in making a difference!

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NEWLIFE LIGHTS



We have an opportunity to purchase a large metal, pre-lit nativity for our NewLife Lights in December. The cost is approximately \$4000 and we have not budgeted for this amount, but are looking to see if anyone would like to give towards this or sponsor this corporately. Sponsorship signs would be posted by the display

If your company would like that. We are just putting this out there to see if there was interest in this investment.



If you would like to take time and help us to cut out or paint Charlie Brown characters and scenes for this year's Christmas display let Elisa know. We are excited to continue to grow this ministry to our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Photo Directory



We've had so much growth within our church over the past few years that our current directory is outdated! If you call NewLife your home church and would like to be included please send the following information to office@newlifecommunity.ca

A horizontal photo, your name (children too!) address, phone number and/or email by **October 30**.

Men's Breakfast

All NewLife men are invited to come and share breakfast together on **October 18** at 7:30am at **The Diner**. 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.



Dessert Night



The Ford Family and some Local Lloydminsterites are putting on a Dessert Night Auction here at NewLife on **October 18** at 7pm! They are hoping to raise money for houses they will be building in El Salvador this coming November.

Bring friends for a fun filled evening of sweet treats and a little fun competition against other tables for the best dessert. They are looking for donations of desserts as well!

Connect with Loreal Ford @ 780-522-9295 for more info!

Sign-Up Sunday

On **October 19**, following the service we are hosting a luncheon for Home Groups. If you are currently leading a home group or would like to be involved in a group please join us!

Connect with Pastor Lance to rsvp.



Marriage Enrichment Course

Oct 24 7-9pm, Oct 25 9-5pm

This course was created by Family Life Canada and is for every age and stage of marriage. If you've never invested in your marriage in this way before, this is a great first step. The environment is warm, relaxed and there is no awkward group sharing. It is also important to plan for a date night on Saturday to finish off your time together! Registration is now closed but check out their website for valuable resources!



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