

Hello fellow weary travellers!

Did you feel a bit of discouragement when you heard the new restrictions, too? Pause for 10 seconds right now, take a couple deep breaths, thank God that He is bigger than all the challenges you face, and tell Him you trust in Him. Now that you've done, here's what you need to know this week:

NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

You don't have to face your situation alone. If you find yourself needing someone to talk to or pray with please call a church friend, your Care Team leader, or any of us staff. I also want to remind you of our GIVING HOPE FUND, which helps subsidize the cost of professional counselling for those in our church who would benefit from added support. DON'T hesitate to ask me or a staff member about this program.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – SAVE THE DATE!

VBS is always one of the highlights of the year around New Life! And we're thinking positively around here, planning for these kids day camps in the hopes that we will be able to run them this summer. We plan to run two identical day camps for all kids in K-Gr.6 on August 9-13 and 16-20. This year's VBS is called TREASURED, and has a jungle adventure theme which will be a ton of fun, so save the date!

SERVICES ONLINE ONLY

In keeping with the new restrictions announced Monday, which allow only 10 people in a faith gathering, for the next 4 Sundays our worship services will be online only. I encourage to join the LIVE broadcast each Sunday morning at 10:00am on our YouTube channel, and then to take some time after the service to discuss how God spoke to you through the message. Singing our praises and listening to the preaching of God's Word all at the same time will allow us to feel togetherness.

FOSTERING FELLOWSHIP

Life Groups, Bible Studies and Prayer meetings can continue to be held in our building or on our grounds as long as they don't exceed 10 people. While social gatherings are prohibited in your yard, they ARE permitted up to 10 people on public property. Whether you are a group of seniors or young families, in order to overcome isolation we want to give you the opportunity to responsibly gather outside at the church, whether that's around our firepit or on the church lawn. We are investing in sprucing up our firepit area and getting more picnic tables to foster fellowship in the present and the future. If you have any questions about how you can use our property please call the church office for more details.

MOTHER'S DAY - ADD YOUR VOICE!

Next Sunday, May 9, is Mother's Day! Whether you are young or old we invite you to submit a 5-second video of you or your child finishing this sentence: "I love my mom because_____". Please film it in landscape (turn your phone sideways!), and submit it by emailing the video, or a link to a cloud file, to daniel@newlifestonewall.com. The compilation will be shown during the May 9 online service. Deadline to submit is Thursday May 6. Let's honour our moms well!

THIS SUNDAY - BATTLING BUSYNESS

Have you ever said something like, “there just aren’t enough hours in the day!”? Of course you have. We all know the pressure of busyness in life. As we continue our series, UNDER PRESSURE, we’ll examine the story of two sisters, Mary and Martha, who took two different approaches to this pressure. Join the online service on Sunday at 10:00am at our YouTube channel.

All KIDS up to Grade 6 are invited to draw a picture of something they learn in the service, and have their parents email or text a picture of it to Angela Wolff at angela@newlifestonewall.com to win a prize!

HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

On Saturday, May 15 from 9:00-12:00, you are invited to meet at the church to be divided into groups that will clean a stretch of HWY 236 that we are responsible for. Gear will be provided, and we will be following all covid protocols. This is one way we can serve our community.

KIDS AGE 0 – GRADE 4

Angela keeps providing an excellent weekly kids video lesson with a Bible story and music. This week begins a new unit called ‘Into the Promised Land.’ I encourage each family to take some time to watch the video together and have some spiritual discussion. You can find this week’s lesson here:

Elementary: <https://youtu.be/3xKvKcnqdng>

Preschool: https://youtu.be/umLeLXjF_90

YOUTH GRADES 5-12

Wednesday evening Bible studies WILL continue! However, instead of being inside the youth will be meeting in groups at various places outside on the church property. Each youth should bring their Bible, a jacket, and a lawn chair! For more info please call James or the church office.

GIVING UPDATE

There are a few ways to give: Mail a cheque to the church (Box 905, Stonewall, MB R0C 2Z0), drop it off at the church, send an e-transfer to donate@newlifestonewall.com, or call Shelley Erickson at 467-5073 to arrange a pick-up at your door, or give through our website by clicking [here](#).

Here is our weekly offering update:

2021 Budget needs to date: \$223,550

2021 Actual giving to date: \$187,685

Difference: -\$35,865

If you have any questions about giving methods please contact our office.

HELP OF ANY KIND

If you have need for help of any kind during these difficult times, whether it is running errands, financial support, or just someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to call your Care Team member or the church office.

Together with you for Christ,

Pastor Rusty