

Happy Thursday New Lifers!

I hope this update finds you warm and well wherever you are. Many people in our church and communities will be struggling with mental health right now given the prolonged impact of Covid. No one should have to struggle alone. I encourage each one of you to call a friend or someone God lays on your heart to check in and encourage this week. And if you need someone to talk don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call a trusted friend or any of us pastors. God wants to use each one of us to be the presence of Christ to another. Here are some things to know:

### **THIS SUNDAY – LOVELESS IN EPHESUS**

Is it possible to be totally truthful and yet completely loving, or do we have to pick? In a world that makes us choose, Jesus shows us how to be both. This Sunday we'll explore God's heart for His church in Jesus' letter to Ephesus in Revelation 2:1-7 as we continue our new series called *Dear Church*. In the foyer we will be making available sermon notes and study guides to be used personally or in a group. Register to attend the Sunday service by clicking [here](#).

Remember that our 9:00am service is fully masked, with our 10:45am service allowing for removal of masks while seated and not singing. If you find the 2<sup>nd</sup> service full I would encourage you to register for the 1<sup>st</sup> service instead of not coming at all. Don't let a mask keep you from community!

### **'LIVE' ONLINE SERVICE**

Last week was the first time we went LIVE on Facebook, and it was a great success! If you are unable to join us in person I encourage you to join us live at 9:00am on our Facebook page. You can also watch the recording of the service there anytime afterwards. You do not need a Facebook account to access this. This is Communion Sunday, so I encourage you to have some bread and juice prepared for the service. Click here to find and 'like' our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NewLifeStonewall>

### **GIVING UPDATE**

Our church has proven itself steadfast in generosity during Covid. Thank you! How amazing would it be if we hit our 2020 giving goal in the most challenging of years! *Please note that e-transfers are unavailable for a time while we work out some issues, and also note that names must be written on offering envelopes as we are no longer using the numbering system.*

Explore the various ways to give here: [www.newlifestonewall.com/give](http://www.newlifestonewall.com/give).

Here is our weekly offering update:

2020 Budget to date: \$513,324

2020 Giving to date: \$499,460

Shortfall: -\$13,864

You can also drop off your offering at the church during office hours. If you have any questions about giving please contact our Giving Coordinator, Shelley Erickson, at 467-5073.

## **NEW LIFE HOCKEY**

With many community activities cancelled some of you will be looking for opportunities to get out, get some exercise and have a good time. Well good news! New Life Hockey had a great start this last Saturday, and runs each Saturday from 7:00-8:30pm at the old arena in Stonewall. It's open to teens and adults of all skill levels. The fee to cover the costs is \$20/week, but for those who have never given it a try your first time is FREE. If you want more info please contact Greg Loewen at 781-0269 or click [here](#).

## **SERVING ONE ANOTHER**

Are you a part of a ServeTeam? Covid has had the double effect of causing some of our volunteers to understandably be unable to serve during this time while at the same time increasing the significance of some of those roles. If you would be willing to help out as an Usher or a Greeter or in some other way please give Pastor Daniel a call.

## **KIDS – AT CHURCH AND AT HOME**

**Kids Connect** is a program for kids K-Gr.6 that runs every Tuesday evening from 6:45-8:00. This year they are doing an awesome new study called 'Gospel Project', which will help kids see how the whole Bible from beginning to end leads us into a deeper relationship with God. It will teach our kids 99 essential Christian truths in a fun way that includes crafts and games. We will provide care for kids ages 2-4 to enable as many families to participate as possible. You can register your kids [here](#).

We know many of you families are unable to come out on Tuesday evenings, or have preschool age children, so we are wanting to bring Kids Connect to you AT HOME for kids of ALL ages. Next week Angela will send out info about this AT HOME resource which will begin November 3.

## **FOR TEENS**

A Junior High Study and Senior High Study take place each Wednesday evening from 7:00-9:00. It's so great to see our teens digging into God's Word and growing in relationship with Him and one another. PARENTS, each week James will be emailing out a family devotional follow-up that goes with the study. I think it's so important for families to learn together, so I encourage you to use this. You can register your teen by clicking [here](#).

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes can be picked up at the church on Sunday mornings or during office hours, and are to be returned by November 15.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that there is a prayer team that prays for all the requests that people submit, and that you can very easily submit a prayer request on the front page of the church app? Please don't hesitate to share with us how we can be praying for you.

**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 in Christ,

Pastor Rusty