

Hi there NewLifers!

I don't know about you but this is my favourite time of year. I love the smell of harvest, the sight of coloured leaves, and the feel of the crisp air that signals it's time to pull out the sweaters (I love sweaters!). It's great to live in a place that has such different seasons. And what an interesting season we've been in as a church over this last year. As we turned 50 years old we could never have imagined that we would be facing the obstacles of COVID and the opportunities of rebuilding the Pastor & Staff team. I can't help but think that the way we respond to these challenges and opportunities during this unique season will have great bearing on our fruitfulness for years to come. With that in mind please read through this update that details some really important things happening in our church over this week.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TOMORROW, Thursday, September 17, at 7:00pm you are encouraged to participate in a meeting to dialogue, and ultimately decide on calling Daniel into this role. At the meeting you will hear more from our leadership about this pastoral position and the process that has brought us to this point. In order to provide space that is comfortable for all **we are setting up Classroom 3 as a mask-mandatory space where people can watch the live broadcast of the meeting**, which will also have the capability to submit questions. Whether you are able to attend or not, please be in prayer for this important decision. You can register on our website and app, by calling the office, or by clicking here: <https://newlifestonewall.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/503033>

THIS SUNDAY - HELPING YOUR HARVEST

Last Sunday was our first time back to 2 services, and I was pleasantly surprised that they both reached their capacity. There is a hunger in our church to worship, fellowship and learn together! We all want to live fruitful lives, but what does that look like? This Sunday we will explore an ingredient that is necessary to experience the harvest of spiritual growth in our lives. If you are unable to join us in person on Sunday you can watch the message online by 5:00pm Sunday, otherwise you can register to attend the Sunday service by clicking here: <https://newlifestonewall.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/524022>

For the time being we will NOT be offering classes for kids, teens or adults during the services, but we will continue to provide activity packs for kids in the service, and the nursery and toddler room will be available for parents to care for their own kids.

'GROW' NIGHT – MINISTRY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

We are really excited to launch this weekly opportunity for everyone in your family to grow in relationship with God. We know life is busy so we thought 'wouldn't it be great if everyone could GROW at the same time?' Every Tuesday evening from 6:45-8:00, beginning **NEXT TUESDAY, September 22**, we will offering a learning experience that is tailored to each group.

FOR KIDS: KidsConnect – This ministry for kids K-Gr.6 is launching a new program 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:

<https://newlifestonewall.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/537014>

FOR ALL ADULTS & TEENS: Faith & Doubt – In this class, taught by Pastor Daren, you will explore different types of doubt and develop a more well-reasoned faith. This will be an adaption of a class he is currently teaching at Steinbach Bible College, so is an excellent opportunity to grow stronger in your faith. Register by clicking here:

<https://newlifestonewall.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/537519>

FOR WOMEN & TEEN GIRLS: Genesis and the Gospel – In this class, taught by Jodi Lee Kaemingk, you will study through the lives of our Faith Fathers in Genesis ch. 12-36 to discover God's unfolding plan of redemption right from the beginning. The cost of the Bible study material is \$25, and you can register by clicking here: <https://newlifestonewall.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/537532>

TEEN BIBLE STUDIES – STARTING TONIGHT!

Teen Bible Studies – We are excited that Senior Teens and Junior Teens will each have their own Bible Studies at the church on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 beginning TONIGHT Wednesday, September 16. Our teens will begin the Gospel Project program specifically designed for teens to help them understand God's plan through the whole Scriptures. It comes with daily devotion material that will help them grow in the important discipline of personal Bible-reading. For more info and to register click here: <https://newlifestonewall.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/519435>

PLAN-TO-PROTECT ANNUAL TRAINING

It's that time of year again! We are holding our annual Plan-to-Protect training on Monday, October 5 from 7:00-8:00pm at the church for all of our volunteers who minister to kids, teens and vulnerable adults. This is mandatory training for prospective AND existing volunteers, which makes this a great time for you to consider serving in our children's, youth or seniors ministry. If you have any questions please call the office. You can register by clicking here:

<https://newlifestonewall.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/536453>

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Due to popular demand we are excited to offer this 9-week course that will equip you with the biblical worldview and tools to manage your money wisely. Much stress in marriage and life is related to money. This course, led by Heather McClelland, will run every Wednesday evening, Oct 7 – Dec 2, from 7:00-9:00pm at the church. There is NO COST! For more info or to register call the office or click here:

<https://newlifestonewall.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/543832>

GIVING UPDATE

As we leave Summer and enter a busier Fall ministry season we are so grateful for your continued generosity. You can explore the various ways to give here: www.newlifestonewall.com/give

Here is our weekly offering update:

2020 Budget to date: \$452,214

2020 Giving to date: \$432,657

Shortfall: -\$19,557

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.

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 for Christ,

Pastor Rusty