

Greetings Church Family!

Maybe I'll skip the flowery intro and just assume that you'll read this weekly church update because you want to know and be a part of what God is doing in His Church!

NEW PASTOR, COMPLETE TEAM!

A big THANK YOU to all of you who participated in last week's membership meeting. At that meeting we decided to call Daniel Bredin to join us as our Pastor of Worship and Connections, and I am happy to report that Daniel has accepted that call. Daniel will start October 1, and he and Damaris will be looking for a home in our community so please pray for them during this time of transition. I also want to give a big THANK YOU to the CMT and Search Team who poured countless hours and energy into navigating our church through this year of OUR transition.

THIS SUNDAY - MORE SPACE, MASKED SPACE

The fact that our Sunday services are hitting their capacity is a good problem to have! Because we could use more space, and because we know some of you would feel more comfortable in a mask-mandatory space, we have arranged for the service to be broadcast live onto the big screen in Classroom 3 during the 10:45 service for the time being. If you want to skip the foyer the Classroom Wing Entrance will be open. While we know this isn't a perfect or permanent solution, it is something that we can begin doing right now while we assess our options. Many of you have been missing the blessing of doing church TOGETHER, so we encourage you to give this a try. You will find this registration option on the website and app. Of course those worshipping in the sanctuary continue to be welcomed to wear masks as well. If you are unable to join us in person 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/538308>

LIFE GROUP LAUNCH

Spiritual growth requires spiritual community. That was biblical principle we looked at last Sunday. Many people took the opportunity to visit Pastor Daren's booth in the foyer to discuss being a part of a Life Group this Fall. If you want more information about Life Groups Daren will be available again in the foyer on Sunday, or you can connect with him by clicking this link:

<https://www.newlifestonewall.com/ministries/life-groups>

JOIN A SERVE TEAM

During this season there are many opportunities for you to serve, whether by helping out during Friday Youth Group, greeting at the front door Sunday mornings (lots of need!), volunteering in our new Resource Centre, or anything in between. If you are interested in trying out a new area of serving please call the office.

CMT NOMINATIONS

Speaking of serving the church, we are beginning the process of looking for new CMT members to join the team. If there is a godly man or woman in our church who you think would be a great addition to the CMT we would love to hear it by speaking with Pastor Rusty, Warren Erickson or Greg Loewen.

MANAGE YOUR MONEY...

...instead of letting your money manage you. Due to popular demand we are excited to again offer Financial Peace University, a 9-week course that will equip you to manage your money wisely. This video course, facilitated 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>

‘GROW’ NIGHT – MINISTRY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Yesterday evening was a GREAT kickoff to our GROW Nights. Every Tuesday evening from 6:45-8:00, we are offering each age group an opportunity to grow in faith. It’s not too late to register, and you only need to register once.

KIDS: KidsConnect – This ministry for kids K-Gr.6 is using 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>

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>

ADULTS & TEENS: Genesis and the Gospel – In this class, taught by Jodilee 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 MINISTRY

We are excited that Senior Teens and Junior Teens each have their own Bible Studies at the church on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00. 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>

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: \$464,436

2020 Giving to date: \$439,173

Shortfall: -\$25,263

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