



Lifeline

The Lifeline is a monthly publication of New Life Lutheran Church ELCA in Madison, Wisconsin.

Summertime Events at New Life



WHEN?

SPORTSLIFE CAMP

July 20 - 23 2009
Monday - Thursday
 5:00 p.m. Light meal
 5:30-8:30 p.m. Camp



WHY?

SportsLife Camp is an outrageously fun day camp where kids get excited about Jesus.

WHERE?

On the New Life Church grounds in the evening so your entire family can enjoy the fun!

WHO?

Geared for kids in 1st through 5th grade and their friends and families.

HOW?

Registration forms are available in the church community room and on our website at www.newlifelc.com. Cost is \$65.00 for the first child and \$35.00 for each additional child. (Scholarships available)

Registration deadline is July 6th.

We are recruiting Adults, High school and Middle school volunteers! So come and share your talents and have fun too! Contact Ann Walsvik @ 223-9337.

SPLASH & BASH

Sun Prairie Aquatic Center Event
Sunday, July 12th 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers for a free night with swimming, prizes and Culver's Ice Cream... the more the merrier! Please contact Ann Walsvik for more information at 223-9337 or awalsvik@sbcglobal.net. (Signs-up in bulletin).

Campout at New Life



August 14-15th
Friday afternoon, August 14th (overnight) to Saturday morning, August 15th.

Bring your tents and sleeping bags to the church grounds for a family campout... complete with campfire, camp dinner and camp breakfast. Lots of fun activities are planned, (please no campers or trailers). Sign ups are in the bulletin. For questions contact Mary Ann Roelke at 249-6109 or Joe

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Re-Creation

Re-Creation: What Happens Next? What about the Building?

For the past year and a half, we've been talking about Re-Creation and the effect it can have on the folks of New Life and the surround community. It's been a good journey even though it seems to be moving ahead very slowly. Pieces are in process to make Re-Creation a reality. We don't see them because most of what happens now is behind the scenes as we go through the process of putting the pieces in place.

Critical to the success of Re-Creation is the building expansion with a gym. It will give us considerably more space and the kind of space that we really need at New Life. There are three necessary processes that are being worked out right now. First is a more formal architectural design so that it can actually be built. Second is the necessity of getting the design approved by the city and county agencies. Third, we need to secure the building loan.

For the first two processes our Building for the Future Team is working on them. We've secured an architect and the firm is getting the drawing on the board for us. As soon as that process is near completion, we'll make arrangements in the city/county schedules to have our plan approved. We will hope to break ground with a steel building in September if all goes smoothly. We might possibly have the expansion done by Easter of 2010. Unfortunately, all things take time.

A big challenge for us is securing the loan for the building. We've been working for years with the Mission Investment Fund of our national church and they have been very good to us. Right now, our loan application is in to them and they are looking to work their process to see if we might qualify. The challenge that they see is that, although we have \$333,000 in commitments over the next three years, they were hoping we would have well over \$400,000. They would be more comfortable with the situation with those extra commitments.

It is important that we all fulfill our financial commitments to God's mission through us at New Life Church. Our weekly offerings to regular giving and to the building appeal are important to the success of God vision. Sometimes people think that someone else will take care of it. And, while we do have many generous people, it takes our total commitments together to make it all happen and to have the benefits that we all need.

Please keep all these processes in your prayers for good and quick success. Invest yourselves generously in the ministry and mission God's given us and great things are going to continue to happen.





“Simply Summer” Women’s Series! **Tuesday, July 14th**



Next gathering of the "Simply Summer" Women's Series! "Cups of Blessings" please join us on Tuesday, July 14 from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. at the home of Janice Newell (1757 St. Albert Drive in Sun Prairie) for an informal gathering of women for fellowship and a discussion about finding joy in the simple things. Contact Janice at 279-2793 or Terri Beck-Engel at 223-9337 for more information. Bring a friend!



Have you ever felt like it's a jungle out there for middle- and high school girls? Join us for a group just for you! It's called **“Wild About You.”** and is exploration of how God can help you navigate the wilderness. You'll make lots of new friends, have tons of fun, and hear from Angela Thomas & Barlow Girl with videos that explore all kinds of "girl stuff". Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends! Moms, aunts, grandmas and adult mentors are all welcome to help host a session, lead, provide treats, activities etc. We meet on Thursday evenings at **6:30pm-8:00pm through the month of July.** Locations will vary from church, homes, coffee shops etc! Come check it out. Groups will be facilitated by: Tobi Bolt and Terri Beck-Engel. Look for signups in the bulletin or call **Terri at 223-9337** Email: **tbeckengel@yahoo.com**

A group for mothers of school-age kids--finally!



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) International has received tremendous interest in our new groups for moms of school-age kids. Leaders and moms are excited about this ministry and we are chartering new groups. We initially launched this program under the name "momfluence" and we were in the legal process of trade marking when we learned of usage of that name ahead of us in the process. Watch for a new name soon!

At MOPS International we believe Better Moms Make a Better World. This is true during the preschool years and beyond. As mothers enter the school years, new challenges and issues arise, but the need for community and hope remains. For this reason we are launching a ministry to mothers of school-age kids.

For thirty-six years MOPS International has been reaching out to mothers of preschoolers to encourage, equip and develop them to be better moms. Now this group format will encourage, equip and develop moms in the next phase of mothering. All of the excellent MOPS leadership resources will be available to group leaders as they start groups around the world.

New Life Church is proud to charter one of the first groups! More information will follow as it

Welcome to New Life Church

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Worship

Sunday 8:00 am (Traditional)
9:15 am (Way Cool)
10:30 am (Way Cool)
KidZone available for children ages 3
& under during the Way Cool Worship
times

Education (Sept-April)

Sunday 9:10 a.m. (age 4-grade 5)
Wednesday MS/HS (grades 6-12),
Light Meal at 6:00 p.m.
Worship at 6:30 p.m.
Education 6:45 p.m.

How Do I Sign Up?

If you'd like to sign-up for a study,
event, or volunteer opportunity, here
are some ways to do just that:

- go online: www.newlifelc.com
- call the church office: 223-9337
- email us: newlifelc@sbcglobal.net
- or contact the leader of the event

Newsletter Deadline

To make a contribution to the Lifeline,
contact the church office by the 5th
of the month.

Our Vision, Mission, Values & Goals

Our Vision

God's Rejoicing

Our Mission

To know ourselves as Christ knows us

Our Core Values

Loving God, Loving People, Building
Christian Community, Growing
Spiritually, Sharing Jesus

Our Goals

Intentional Discipleship making,
Celebration, Strengthen family
relationships

From Your Pastor...



Teachings from Your Pastor

Last month, I changed up this column a bit in the newsletter to write about New Life Church so that we might be reintroduced to some of the things we do at the church. In June, Sunday morning was the topic, including why we worship as we do and the philosophy behind my sermon style. My hope for these months is that we might come to know New Life a bit deeper and a bit better.

Discipleship is the topic for this column. I like the book, The Critical Journey, by Janet Hagberg as it gives a great roadmap or framework for growing in discipleship and leadership. I've used her writing as a foundation for leadership teachings and sermons.

Jesus calls us to be disciples or his followers. That doesn't mean, his earliest disciples discovered, that they would simply watch the wonder of Jesus. Jesus invited them, as us, to engage in spiritual things and emulate the personhood of Jesus through our lives. His hope is that all people would personally and communally experience the presence of God, use the vitality of the growth that happens because of our encounter with God, and make the difference in the world that we were created to make. Jesus' style of living, loving, and serving is the style that all disciples are asked to make their own.

Becoming a full-fledged disciple is not an easy undertaking. However, because of the challenges, hopes, and joys that it presents us, the results of following Jesus are outstanding. The confidence and joy that is felt as we proceed through the journey is uplifting and power-filled. Equally as exciting is the goodness of God that begins to selflessly flow through us. We begin to feel the satisfaction and significance with living that God has always intended for us to feel.

The first step into the life of a disciple is to realize that there is more to our lives than simply the immediate. We are destined for more and God is a part of it. This acknowledgement comes either in the form of absolute awe for God and God's creation or because we have been going through a traumatic time. We then begin to feel a need for more.

The "more" feeling drives us to want to learn more about our destiny, God, and ourselves. Jesus becomes primary figure in his teachings and his call to us to humbly be more than we think we are. We then learn as much as we can about Him. The learning opens a craving to do about the things we've been learning. (continued on next page)

The third step of discipleship is to do positive, good, and creative things for others, as we know that Jesus would. We might become involved in a ministry at church or a mission beyond the congregation. The church community provides great support at this time. It is good to get involved. However, this involvement leads us to a fourth step before we burn ourselves out.

Reflection on what we have learned and what we have done is the fourth step. It is a stop to pause and be refreshed by God. At the same time, it is a time for listening to and for God. We'll ask what all this journey has meant so far. We might be excited and get back at it. We might be discouraged because we don't feel we've been appreciated. Or, we might just take the time to really get to know the wonder of God personally and apart from the incessant teachings and the need to simply do something so that we might feel God.

This is the critical moment for disciples. We'll either move forward and continue to grow, or get stuck learning and doing, or be frustrated and abandon God and the worship community. The toughest thing to do is to move forward because we will enter a time when we can feel that spiritual live movement isn't giving us what we wanted. We're not feeling the joy anymore. We're not being blessed as a reward for our looking to be good people. So, we ask, "What's the point of continuing?"

The question takes us to a place that our question is answered. It's the place where we meet God personally. There we stop thinking of ourselves, looking to always answer the question, "What am I getting out of it?" There we meet God face to face as never before and we are humbled, overjoyed and empowered to move forward again.

In the sixth step, we know that we are no longer the same as we were before and we like it. We are entering the realm of holiness as we begin to see with the eyes of Jesus the world around us and it, despite the many problems, is seen as a pretty good place with people who have great potential and many are really fulfilling their potential. Here we look to empower others for the journey to encounter God as well. Life is understood as no longer about us in a simple and selfish way. Life is about allowing God to live through us and to feel and follow that energy and potential. As this way of being is practiced, we then can enter into the seventh stage of discipleship.

In the seventh stage, we honestly begin to express ourselves as Jesus might in the circumstances that surround us. We are drawn to the wonder of God as much as the wonder is allowed to be expressed through us. A word of caution is appropriate here. This doesn't mean that we walk on water and that we'll put on a first century robe and spout great teachings that people will be awed about. It means instead that we will be true to ourselves and honest and helpful with others. When we encounter others, it will be a God-encounter no matter how it might be seen from the outside. God is the God of everything and everyone and a person in stage seven lives this way. He or she will empower others creatively, discipline them righteously, and live with them courageously. All the time, there will be a humility for the great wonder that is alive in and around them.

This is God's hope for us at New Life that we would literally experience a new life through our time of journey together into a life of faithfulness. His hope is that we will dare to honestly become disciples, emulating Jesus. His hope is that we will be courageous enough to move through the crisis of faith when it comes in order to continue to be created into vibrant people of God shaping the world around us in absolute love, joy, and wonder.

May God Bless Our Journeys,
Pastor Rob Carlson

Briefly, the group will meet once a month from September through May. We will likely meet in the evenings. We will work around the same theme that MOPS groups will be using this year. Which is "[Life on Planet Mom](#)"!

Will we have speakers? Time for socializing? Will childcare be available? Who's bringing the chocolate?

You can help answer these questions! If you are interested in shaping this new group in any way (and we DO need your help!), please let **Jillene Fisch** know **at 241-5244 or** jillenes_beans@yahoo.com. Jillene will get everyone together for a meeting when the time for the group's launch gets closer. Visit www.mops.org to find out more (in the menu on the right, click on Groups, then Types of Groups, then Mothers of School-Age Kids).

A mother's influence is great during the school years. Join us as we launch this ministry to reach more mothers with community and hope that is life-changing.

Words of Jesus for today:

"Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Matthew 11:28-29

Summer Couples Study **Making Your Marriage Work**

It's not too late to join the summer couples study! This is a dynamic group that not only has fun but supports each other in joys and through the little bumps that marriages often go through. We will be meeting on Sunday, July 26th from 6:00 to 7:30. (We will be skipping July 12th in order to go to the Splash n' Bash at the Sun Prairie Aquatic Center.) We will also meet twice in August. Join us for any or all of the classes. Contact Bruce and Janice Newell at 279-2793 or buckyshome6@yahoo.com for more information. You can also talk to Ken and Debi Shepherd-Wundrow or Pete and Aloy Pien. Sign up in the bulletin or call 223-9337.

Death Wish for Me! **Saturday, July 18th**



Ever felt compelled to jump out of a perfectly good airplane, conquer a fear of heights, or simply want the thrill of a lifetime? Consider this...

Men from New Life are planning an informal "jump session" at Seven Hills Skydiving outside of Sun Prairie. Kim Schuette, New Life member, will be our instructor and jumpmaster. She'll give us a crash course in fearlessness, safe flying, and soft landings.

The plan is to have our instruction on the morning of Saturday, July 18 and then jump in the afternoon (weather permitting). You should plan for the whole day. The cost is \$180, and this includes the instruction and the jumping. There is, however a \$50 off coupon on their web site, making the total \$130. There is a limit to the number of participants... about 15

You should also know that some life insurance policies have exclusions for things like this. You should probably check... just to be on the safe side!

This is just some guys getting together and jumping out of a perfectly good airplane...with parachutes! Nothin' to it.

Sign up in the bulletin, call the office at 223-9337 and for more information contact Joe Milanese at 608-839-4592/jmilanese@mhsjvl.org.

New Life Calendar of Events

July

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Mission Trip>	2 6:30 p.m. Tu Eternity 6:30 p.m. "Wild about You Mission Trip>	3 Mission Trip>	4 Indep Day Mission
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Sportslife Opportunities!

Help us get the word out into the community about this excellent camp for kids! Give a registration form to a friend, neighbor or co-worker. Take some to your baseball games and pass them out. Invite them to check out our website at: www.newlifec.com and click on "Upcoming Events" and scroll down to the SportsLife Camp info.

Can you sponsor a child or provide a partial sponsorship? We have children that want to participate but need additional financial support to make this possible. If you can offer a scholarship, either drop a check in the offering plate with this info written in the memo: "Scholarship for SportsLife" or contact Ann Walsvik at 223-9337 or via email at: awalsvik@sbcglobal.net for details. Why not invite a child to camp and pay their way! Maybe you have a grandchild, neice or nephew that would enjoy coming. This is a great way to invite them to have outrageous fun with Jesus and you could join them for the meal and fun too, if you wish.

Would you like to help during camp week? We need volunteers to bring *food*, prepare *food*, serve *food*, eat *food*, clean up *food* - you get the picture!! Sign-up in the food department if you can! We have other volunteer needs too but food is a big one! You can volunteer for one night or all four! During camp the kids have gathering times where they hear stories, sing songs, make lots of noise and just have fun being together. This is a great time for you to join your kids in the craziness and enjoy the time together. As a volunteer, you are already there so sneak into those gathering times with the group and have fun with the kids. This is something that really speaks to kids and it is easy to do!

It's Back....

The Famous New Life Sale!

SATURDAY AUGUST 1 8AM-2PM

Looking for Treasures? Find them at the **New Life Sale on Saturday, August 1st, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.** Or maybe you have some of your own treasures to share? We have a place for them! This year's sale will take place within the church building with all the comforts of air conditioning. Proceeds from this event go directly towards purchasing chairs and tables for New Life events.

Just bring your clean, new, or gently used clothing, household, holiday decorations, books, furniture, sports equipment, toys, small appliances (no TV's, old microwaves or computers), garden supplies etc. to the church on **Thursday evening July 30th, Friday, July 31st before 8 p.m.** (Please no recalled baby items or broken items).

Would you like to volunteer? We need your help in many forms:

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Help set up, sort and display items on Thursday July 30th, and/or Friday July 31. We don't price everything individually, except for specially marked items and bigger ticket donations. This makes it easy to just put things out by type of item and use more general pricing.

Help sell the day of the event. There are two shifts. 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. We need cashiers, "sales associates", and straighteners and organizers too.

Clean up and boxing up of any unsold items for the St. Vincent de Paul truck.

If you have questions about a potential donation or would like to sign up to volunteer, please call the church at 223-9337 or contact Fred Jensen at: 692-9905 Signups will also be available in the bulletin!

Habitat for Humanity

**Saturday, July 18th
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

This dynamic ministry helps people gather to build homes for those who may not be able to afford one! Watch for sign ups in the bulletin. Contact Dale Coppens at 837-2795 or email dalecoppens@verizon.net

Thank You

I would like to thank all the friends of New Life Church that have kept me in their prayers while I was recuperating from my March surgery. Also a big thanks to all who helped me with Humphrey during this time. I would not have been able to function without my Church family helping me. Humphrey even enjoys the new faces.

Barb Zimmerman

National Simulcast at New Life Church November 7, 2009



The time has come to initiate true-life transformation. Join us for the LeadNow Conference to learn new and innovative ideas that will help grow your ministry and inspire you to take your life and those you serve to the next level. Speakers such as Donald Miller, author of *Blue Like Jazz*, George Barna, founder of Barna Group and Francis Chan, author of *Crazy Love* are on-board to learn how to help young adults know Jesus and empower them on their quest to impact the world.

New Life Class - July 26th. at 11:45 a.m.



There are an opportunity for you to find out more about New Life Church and meet others who want to do the same. If you are interested in pursuing membership at New Life, the first steps. A light meal will be served and childcare can be provided with advance registration. Sign up on our website at: www.newlifelc.com click on Connections & Membership or call Ann at 223-9337 or in the bulletin insert.

Picture Rocks Father and Son Camping July 23-26, 2009

We're going to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore for a camping trip. Mark your calendars and sign up for FUN!

Starting Thursday morning, July 23rd through Sunday afternoon, July 26th. Cost is approximately \$40.00 Trip is open to Dad's, Sons, Grandfather's/Grandsons, Uncles and Nephews, mentors etc. **Deadline for sign-up is July 6th.**

Sign-up in the bulletin, online at www.newlifelc.com or email newlifelc@sbcglobal.net or call the office at 223-9337. Questions contact John Rauwolf at john354@centurytel.net or call 846-9095.

Looking Ahead

Sale at New Life

August 1st.

Campout at New Life

August, 14th.

Worship for Kids

August 23rd.

Pine Lake Retreat

August 21 - 23, 2009

Faith Walk

September 13th.

Kingdom Quest eMerge Kick-Off

September 13th

Scrapbooking

September 19th

Worship for Kids

September 27th

Women's Retreat at New Life

October 10, 2009

Mission Discovery Journey/Retreat At New Life

October 23-24th



Baptisms

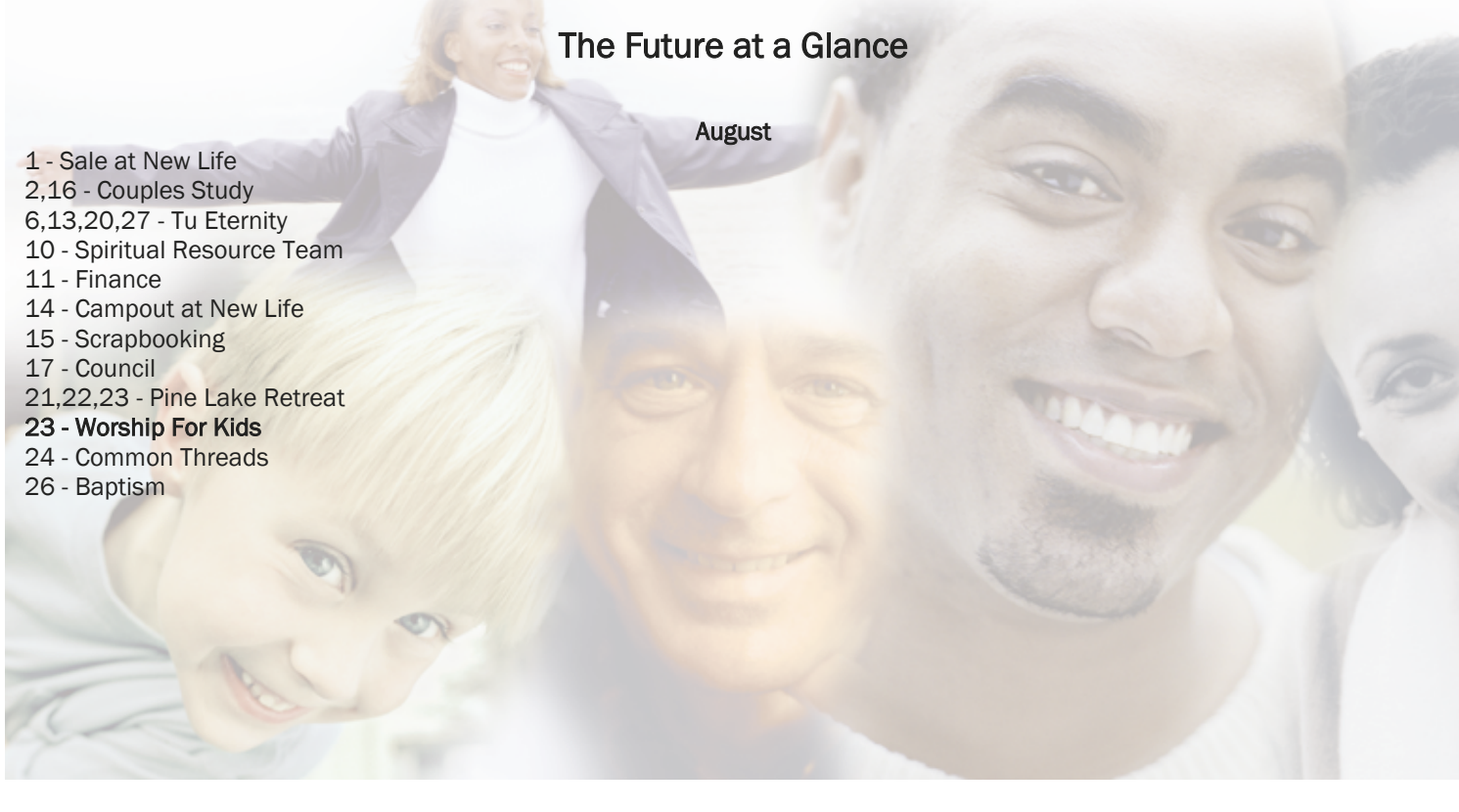
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Luke McNeill Hasse and Levi McNeill Hasse Children of Laura McNeill & Scott Hasse



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The Future at a Glance

August

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- 6,13,20,27 - Tu Eternity
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- 14 - Campout at New Life
- 15 - Scrapbooking
- 17 - Council
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