



NEW LIFE NEWS



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Warmth for the inside, while the outside is cold

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**My command is this:
Love each other as I have loved you.**

John 15:12

As I have been going outside the last few days, the temperature is surprising. In the coldest month for WI, it has been in the 30's. Not just that, but has been in the upper 30's. As I drove to the church today and looked around, I realized that a lot of the snow that had been on the ground - 17" or so, has almost all melted in various places. This is not only unusual, but also very unexpected.

In month where our temperatures are usually very low, yesterday it actually hit 40 degrees. Yet in 2023, the high was 9 degrees. That is a NORMAL temperature for January in WI.

Why do I share this? One, I want you to know how cold it gets here, and the normal temps. Two, I want to say how happy I am for the much warmer temperatures this year. Lastly, I want to point out the temperature of the day, has nothing to do with the temperature of our heart.

We are now in February, and on February 14th, we will celebrate Valentine's day. It is a day that focuses on love for others. Often we give cards, chocolates, or other gifts to the people we love and care about. But I want us to think about why and when we should be loving and not just on Feb. 14th, but also on every other day of the year.

In Matthew 22:36-40, we learn from Jesus the most important laws. There are two of them - love God and love people. On these two commands, all the rest of the law and the prophets hang. Again, they are loving God and loving others.

So, while the temperature in your home town may not be as cold as it usually is, or perhaps it is colder than usual, do not let the temperature outsider affect the temperature of your heart.

Make sure that you are thinking about God and loving Him. Thanking Him for creation, for your life, and for others around you. And I am sure that you can continue to add to this list.

But also be sure thank God that He not only gives you the ability to love Him, but also to love others as well. We all know that loving other people can be challenging. It is hard. But, do not let the challenge keep you from showing love to others. Don't let the cold from outside keep you from sharing the warmth on the inside.

As you may want it to be warmer - I do - remember that you have the ability to help others feel warm on the inside, by showing them love. Jesus also taught us this in John 15:12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. (NIV) So, when we show and share the love of Jesus to others, we are helping others to feel the warmth not only of our love, but also the love of Jesus. May that be a part of our personal mission as we are moving from a colder outside to much warmer inside.

By Pastor Jesse Stevens

Silent Sentinel

He stands guard over the night
armed only with a broom.
He doesn't mind the cold night air
but basks in the moonlight
and rejoices under the stars.
Heedless of his imperfections
he bears the mark of his creator.
mindful that his season is short
he is content to pass the time this way
until the seasons turn and he slips away -
not gone, but take on another form.

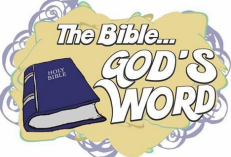
Could we too, be so content
To be all that our Maker meant -
While we have time, do all we can?
A little lesson from the
humble snowman.

By Carolyn Green



BIBLE IN A YEAR

We welcome you to join us as we make our way through the bible this year. You will need to read through Deuteronomy 16 by Feb. 29th.



- Sun 2/4 ~ Leviticus 14
- Sun 2/11 ~ Numbers 5
- Sun 2/18 ~ Numbers 23
- Sun 2/25 ~ Deuteronomy 6

What's Happening

February Birthday

3 Carl Sherven
 5 Brandon Wegner
 7 Chuck Koberstein
 12 Theo Fuller
 19 Eugene Starks
 21 Erika Horstman
 21 Ruben Cavazos
 26 Bonnie Sherven
 26 Cameron Meise
 27 Ron Greenwood
 28 Joe Canepa
 29 Jon Taylor

Happy Anniversary

20 John & Juanita Rockhill
 29 Nathan & Sam Murray



Come and join us Fridays at 9:30am at the church, as we pray for the various needs at New Life and the people in our community.

SEE "THE CHOSEN" AT DELLS THEATRE - During the month of February and March there will be opportunities for people in and around New Life to attend a few different movies. This year we are planning on seeing "The Chosen" at the theatre in the Dells. Season 4 is broken into three different movies. The first movie is showing now until 2/14, the second will show from 2/15-2/28, and the third from 2/29-3/7. Watch our Facebook page to hear about the times and days we will go.

December 2023 & 2023 Year End Financial Report

December 2023		End of Year for 2023	
Actual Income	\$17,278	Actual Income	\$188,265
Actual Expense	\$14,443	Actual Expense	\$196,102
Difference	\$2,835	Difference	-\$7,837
Budgeted Giving	\$17,366	Budgeted Giving	\$208,380
Budgeted Expense	\$16,414	Budgeted Expense	\$208,641
Difference	\$952	Difference	-\$261

WE WANT YOU - To Be In Our Directory

Come get your picture taken and be put in the NEW picture directory for New Life. The picture day will be on Wednesday February 14th from 1:30 to 9:15pm. If you have already signed up, we will be sending out reminders about your appointment. All people who sign up, will receive a FREE 8X10" photo to take home. There will be other picture packages available for purchase at various costs.

For those that would like to be in the directory, but cannot make it for pictures, you can submit a picture for the directory, or just your information. Please email the church to let us know you would like to be included. We are looking forward to this new directory, which will also be available via internet too. We hope you all are willing to be in the directory, church member or not.

On that evening, from 5-6:30pm, dinner will be provided. It will be a light meal with salad, soups, breadsticks and desert. You can stay after your pictures and eat, as well as come before your pictures to eat. And even if you are not coming for the pictures, you can still come and eat with us. Hope to see you then.

Potluck Sunday Chili & Soup Cook-off

If you like potluck's AND chili, then you will want to come to this one. On Sunday Feb. 18th, New Life's potluck after the service will be filled with chili and soups. You will definitely want to join us that Sunday. For regular attendees, feel free to take an item or two from the church bulletin board to help us celebrate. And don't forget to bring your TUMS too, just in case you like it too much and eat too much. Winners will be selected.

We are looking forward to seeing who's chili and soup is the best. See you then - Sunday February 18th.

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 Listen Online

Youth ministry - 5 years old to 12 grade meets
Every Wednesday from 6-7pm