

New Life News



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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 119: 105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.



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 Job 35 by the last day of May.



Sun 5/5 ~ through 2 Chronicles 4 Sun 5/12 ~ through 2 Chronicles 31 Sun 5/19 ~ through Nehemiah 12 Sun 5/26~ through Job 16 Tues 5/31 ~ through Job 35

Scripture Reading and Memorizing

I have been hearing about and being challenged with making sure that I am in the Scriptures. This is a good thing. I know that we all need to hear God speak to us, and the place that He does is through His written word. Yes, He does speak through Jesus. Yes, He does speak through the Holy Spirit. Yes, He does speak through the Holy Spirit. Yes, He does speak through other believers as well. BUT, the ONLY way that we can tell what we are hearing is true, is if it align with what God has told us in His word. The Scriptures have always been true. They have never changed.

In fact, when Jesus was teaching, He said this about the law: Matt 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Jesus reminds us that the word, the written Scriptures, all that God has given us, is eternal and will not change. Why? Because God does not change. God says this to the prophet Malachi in Malachi 3:6 I the Lord do not change. ... I do not think it can be any clearer than this.

In fact, in the New Testament, we read this in James: James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

God the Father does not change -EVER. And when we think about Jesus, and Him being God in the flesh, we know that He must not change either. In fact, the Scriptures

say this about Him. Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and to-day and forever.

Jesus is ALWAYS the same there is never a change in Him. Jesus also says this about Himself: John 8:58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

This particular statement, from Jesus, helps us to understand that He always has been. And if that is true, that His presence, His characteristics, all of Him, He has never changed. He ultimately is the Alpha and Omega as He says in Revelation 1:8, 21:6, and 22:13. He can say this because He was the same with God before creation, during creation, after creation and after the new creation.

Now, why is this all important? Because if we want to hear from God the Father and God the Son, and have the Holy Spirit help us understand the words we are hearing (see John 14:26 & 1 Cor. 2:26), we must seek to HEAR the word of God through the Scriptures.

When we read the Scriptures, we can know that we are hearing from God. Sometimes, there are hard teachings. Sometimes, there are teachings that challenge us. Sometimes, there are teaching and even that are hard for us to believe. But, regardless of how challenging they are, we can know they are true. In Revelation, we hear the one on the throne say this: Revelation 21:5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

EVENTS IN MAY

Elders Meeting Thursday May 2 @ 9:30am



BOARD MEETING

Wednesday May 15 at 7:15pm

- 15 Nathan & Nikki Hanke 16 Lee & Lori Snider
- 23 Daniel & Cathy Holzman
- 25 Jeff & Delorice Meador
- 26 Clyde & Eileen Martz



What do May Flowers bring? (See answer on last page.)

Happy May Birthday!

- 1 Donovan Taylor
- 10 Dave Vignali
- 12 Bob Dessauer
- 15 Jed Crouse
- 19 Beth Zamzow
- 21 Ayden Snider
- 21 Jordan Francis
- 22 Angela Fredrickson
- 26 Jill Lempa
- 26 Sharlotte Coller-Greenwood
- 27 Ai Elliot
- 27 Melinda Moe



Church League Softball will be starting on May 20th at 7pm! Anyone interested in playing should contact Brandon Wegner for more information! We will have a practice too.



There are ONLY 6 Nights left of Children and Youth meetings.

Children and youth May 1 May 8 meet on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm May 15 May 22 It is free and fun.

May 29

June 5 - We will end with a cookout and celebration.

Bring your kids to learn and grow.

Mother, May 1?

Mother, may I? May I come closer and whisper into your visions past, Where children place a wilted bouquet of dandelions in your lap Beaming, knowing it's been received with a love greater than the love that offered it. The whispered visions, ephemeral as violets in a Spring lawn, Moving as a mist through dusky time tunnels.

Mother, may I? May I hold your hand and offer a love that has deepened with the years, Never altered by the changing of circumstances - mine or yours. I have offered you a song from time to time, a son-in-law, grand babies

to hold, a cake or two.....

I'll hold your hand long emptied of dandelions, Calloused by the work of living, the making of music and a home, Lined with the stories of years, like rings on a tree trunk.

Mother, may I? May I watch the trees with you And thank our Creator for the joy they bring And celebrate new growth, and wonder at the years they've weathered and the stories they could tell And the treasures offered by transient birds who grace their branches fleetingly. These moments will tumble into the mists of my own memory tunnels And I will praise God when I celebrate the wonder of you.

Offered with love, Carolyn Green - Mother's Day

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New Life church maintains an ongoing church prayer list. It gets updated and added to when needed. It is sent out via email, and also printed out and left in the church foyer. If you'd like to receive the Prayer List, please let us know via e-mail: newlifebaraboo@gmail.com. You can also call or text Pastor Jesse at 608-408-9804. Finally, if you have a prayer request you would like added, please let the church or Pastor Jesse know. Thank you for praying with us.

2024 Monthly and Yearly Financial Report

March 2022
Actual Income \$16,556
Actual Expense \$17,743
Difference -\$1,187

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Budgeted Giving \$18,817 Budgeted Expense \$19,149 Difference -\$332 Year to Date
Actual Income

Actual Income \$40,485 Actual Expense \$44,352 Difference -\$3,867

Budgeted Giving \$48,950 <u>Budgeted Expense</u> \$48,625 Difference \$325



Youth Summer Camp

NORTH CENTRAL/PRAIRIE STATES CONFERENCE CAMP FACEBOOK PAGE: ADVENT CHRISTIAN CAMP AT EXPEDITIONS UNLIMITED - JULY 7-12th, 2024

COST: \$275.00 IF REGISTERED BY or ON JUNE 16th, \$300.00 AFTER JUNE 16th.

Currently all forms are on the church website newlifebaraboo.com/church-camp or on our Facebook account. You can fill out the registration form online or you can contact Sherry Stevens or Pastor Jed if you have questions.

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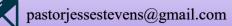
If we want TRUSTWORTHY and TRUE words to lead us; if we want true words that NEVER change; if we want to hear directly from God; then we must be in His word reading, reflection, memorizing and applying it to our lives.

Now before you say you can't memorize, you know your name. You know your address. You know your birthday. You know your S.S. #. And I am sure that there are more things you have memorized. So, I know, and YOU know you can memorize. Everyone can memorize. But, it does take time and work. But that said, when we start reading and putting God's word not just in our eyes, but in our heart, we can know that God will lead us in the direction He wants, it just takes us - it takes ME - making the commitment to do it. I want to challenge all of

you, as I challenge myself, to be in God's written word each day to hear from Him. And also put into practice the words from Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." So, let God's eternal truth guide you and lead you in the places you go in life, as you put them in your heart.

HAPPY MEMORIAL*DAY RECOUNTING THE SACRIFICE OF SOLDIERS WE WILL NEVER FORGET

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New Directory Update

New Life has just sent out the final updates and self-submitted photos. Now we will wait about 3 weeks to get back our final edit edition. We are hoping to have our new church directory and New Life app, available to us at the beginning of June.

2024 National Day of Prayer LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD

For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop. and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him. 2 Samuel 22:29-31

On Thursday, May 2nd, many people will gather at the Baraboo square to pray for our town. Not only with they pray for our town, but they will also be praying for our nation, our leaders, our military, our government, our educational systems, our families, and our churches. Come and join us from 12-12:45pm that day. We hope to see you there.



THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL

North Central Conference Triennial meeting on May 4th @ 10am

Come and see what is going on in our churches around the state. Also, come see our Madison church, before it is sold. Lastly, perhaps you want to be more involved with a broader ministry. The NCC still needs to more members-at-large for the next election too. You just might be the right person. The meeting will be held at the Madison church, located at: Lakeview Advent Christian Church, 3529 Margaret Street, Madison on 5/4.

NEW DIAPER DEPOSIT

No, not that kind of deposit. It has come to the attention of many adults, that we have a need for helping parents with newborns at New Life - and those in diapers - to assist them in providing diapers. For any person who has had children, you know the cost. So, we have created a "Diaper ministry". If you would like to donate a box of diapers, from "infant" up to size 6. rest assured they will be used. Any parent at New Life who needs them, will receive them for free, as they are available. Just check in with

> "Pilgrims" Says your pastor from Massachusetts

Pastor Jesse via cell.



Imagine what it was like to live in the dusty town of Nazareth, just as Jesus was beginning his ministry around Galilee. You'd hear whisperings about Mary's son, Jesus the local carpenter's kid who says he's the Son of God. Maybe the boy Jesus even had dinner at your house or played tag

with you. Perhaps you secretly wonder if it's really possible that Jesus - the boy down the street - could be the Messiah. At this immersive Holy Land Adventure, kids will get the inside scoop from Jesus' mom and village shopkeepers. Kids will learn how to stand up for their faith among people who doubt that a carpenter's son is really God's Son.

WHERE: New Life Community AC Church, 1919 Elizabeth Street

WHEN: Tuesday, June 18 - Friday, June 21

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 PM AGES: 4K - 5th grade

Please register online! Use the QR code or the link

https://forms.gle/pRZnervw4E2z2yPr7

