



Today's Passage:
Pastor Tony's message is from the New Testament book,
[Mark 1:9-11](#)

Sermon Notes:

Welcome to the Celebration!



New Life Christian Community

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

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Pastoral Pondering

God at Work

Our 2015-2016 Immerse year has come to an end. We celebrated our last night with a wonderful praise and worship service. If you were there, you got to see the wonderful things God has been doing at New Life in terms of Bible study and in the children's ministry.

We opened the service with praise and worship music, and we got to see how God is working through the worship band (as He does each Sunday). To start the service with song and praise is such a powerful way to draw close to God. After the worship time was done each of the teachers along with their students came forward and summarized what they studied and learned throughout the year. To hear the kids explain what they covered in their classroom and hear them recite scripture was a great joy. It always amazes me (and it shouldn't) to hear the kids explain in their own words what they have learned. To see these sometimes hard truths being taught and comprehended by even the youngest kids is a great blessing. We sometimes think that our kids won't be able to understand when in fact they may understand more quickly and more completely they we can. In [Deuteronomy 11:18-19](#) God tells his people to remember the things He has done and to teach them to our children. [Deuteronomy 11:18-19 \(ESV\)](#) *"You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."* It was summed up very well when teacher Jim Judkins said, "I went in with the attitude of teaching the kids something but came away with being taught more than I taught." God is truly working in our youth and through our youth. We, as a body, are growing closer to God.

I wrote this pondering for a couple of reasons. First was to tell the body about the growth of our Wednesday night classes (and I don't mean numbers but in spiritual growth) and how the Holy Spirit is working through our kids and the leaders. Second is to thank all of our ministry team leaders (Pastor Tony, Pastor Chandler, and Cara) for their leadership and guidance that went in to another wonderful year. I also wanted to thank all of the teachers and assistants that volunteered to serve and who helped to put God's truths on all of our kids' (and adults') hearts. The last reason I wrote this ponderings is to encourage the body to go through the ministry fair and find the right ministry for you to serve in. God has blessed us with some wonderful ministries and ministry team

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If you would like someone to pray with you today, you may come to the front of the church immediately following the service.

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

May 18 Wednesday Nature Walk
6:30 p.m. Lion's Park
May 19 Men's Bible Study
Book of Acts
6:30 a.m. at NLCC Building
May 19 Women's Bible Study
Book of Hebrews
9:30 a.m. at NLCC Building
May 19 Evening GriefShare Mtg.
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Green Room at NLCC Building

Upcoming Potlucks & Meal Teams:

May 15 Meal Team #2
May 22 Meal Team #3
May 29 Meal Team #4
Jun 5 Meal Team #5

Fellowship follows our service every Sunday, along with a great meal.



Please stay and join us!

May Memory Verse: 1 Mark 1:6-8

"Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, 'After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'" (ESV)

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leaders who could use your gifts. We are one body and we need each other's gifts to allow the Holy Spirit to work through us. I encourage those who have never served to get involved, and encourage those who are serving to continue to do so.

1 Peter 4:10-11 (ESV) "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: '11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.'"

Blessings, Paul Gilbertson

Announcements/Upcoming Events:



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

It's that time of the year again for the Baby Bottle Campaign to support *Options for Women/Tri-County. Options for Women* is a non-profit pregnancy center located in Osceola. The Center has provided counseling, ultrasound and a means to purchase

much needed baby items with "Mommy Dollars" earned by following through on prerequisites established during counseling sessions. In the future some changes are being made to make a concerted effort toward increased education in an effort to reach a greater number of our younger population. In the past God has blessed *Options for Women* with the generous support of New Life members and your support has been greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in participating with this year's campaign will find a basket with the empty baby bottles on a table as you enter New Life. These bottles are to be filled with your spare change and then returned to New Life by Sunday, June 26th. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Any questions can be addressed to Sandy Erickson.



"Caring and Sharing through Food"

Home & Away Ministries Ctr, 210 Park Ave E, Luck
Tuesday, May 17th 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

\$20 cash donation

IMPORTANT: Bring 2 laundry baskets/boxes to carry food.

Please consider collecting food for someone else in need.

Ministry Directory:

Building & Grounds Ministry - Jim Nelson 651.283.2132 his email: lynnjimnelson@gmail.com

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Children's Nursery Ministry - Sara Fugate: 715.379.8799 her email: fugate.sara@gmail.com

Community Outreach - Phil and Pam Stratmoen: 715.491.5779 email: philstratmoen@gmail.com

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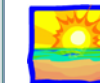
Youth Group Ministry - Pastor Chandler Wiley: 815.575.6122 his email: pastorwiley.nlcc@gmail.com

More Announcements & Events:

Wednesday Night Activities



Although our Immerse program has come to a close, you won't be without an opportunity to give glory to our great God alongside your brothers-and-sisters-in-Christ. We have some spring and summer Wednesday evening activities planned. Every Wednesday this spring, the entire family is invited to join us on nature walks throughout the St. Croix Valley region. Our time will be spent learning more about and worshiping our Creator as we study His handiwork and caring for it along the way. Please join us this Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 pm at the Lion's Park on HWY 87 North in St. Croix Falls. No special knowledge, skills or equipment is needed, but a heart ready to love the Lord and perhaps a pair of comfortable shoes is encouraged.



Once the weather warms up this summer the Erickson's and Nelson's have once again graciously offered for the New Life family to gather at their beach on Sand Lake. At that time, we'll do the Nature Walks and Beach Nights on alternate Wednesdays. See Sara Gallagher or Julie Minell with questions.



Today, May 15th is the last day for the Beanery Coffee Fund Raiser sales. As many of you know, we have a group going to Tapestries of Life Ministries this July. They will be helping with construction of the cafeteria and participating in the Mercy Ministry, delivering food and necessities to the people of the region. Coffee Beanery Order forms/brochures are available near the coffee at the entry of the building, which include coffee, tea and gourmet cocoa. They even have gift sets!

You can also Donate funds directly through our YOUCARING website. To donate, as well as read more about our trip and our mission, go to:

<https://www.youcaring.com/new-life-comm-church-tapestries-mission-trip-2016-565303>

We are also asking for your prayers for Tapestries of Life mission! Please pray with us:

- That doors open for God's will to be done
 - God's Will for our mission to be accomplished
 - The people we serve will not only be physically fed, but filled spiritually with the Holy Spirit
 - Our travels to and from this mission will be safe
- Thank you to all who have contributed to the fundraiser. We pray hearts would be open to God's work.