



New Life Christian Community

*Join Us As We Celebrate
Only Jesus*

"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

Baptism At New Life

Next week at our Sunday service, from the start to the end, will be held at the Association Retreat Center (a.k.a. The ARC). It's our annual Baptism service!

There are few services throughout the year that are more meaningful than our annual Baptism service. The meaningfulness of that service has nothing to do with how New Life does it. Its meaningfulness has everything to do with what Jesus has done in the lives of those who are being baptized. As such, its meaning is eternal and infinite.

If you've never been to our Baptism service, please be sure to come. Moreover, if you've never been baptized as a believer, would you consider this public proclamation of faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Be sure to share this desire with one of the pastors.

Here are a few items to consider as we prepare for this service. First, please be praying for all those who are being baptized. Pray also for the families of those who are publicly professing faith in Jesus. Many will be there who do not yet know the grace of Jesus Christ. Pray that the Lord would use this service for His glory.

Please remember that this is an outdoor service, so don't forget the sunscreen and a lawn chair or a blanket. Also, if you own a canopy please bring it along to provide a bit more shade for those who are sensitive to the sun and heat. There are bathrooms and showers on site as well as a swimming pond, beach, and volleyball court to enjoy after service.

Following service we will have a lunch meal of sandwiches generously donated for all to enjoy. There will be coffee and water available, but considering the summer weather bringing extra is a good idea.

For those who are being baptized remember to come early (9:15am) to pray and talk through the service. Don't forget a change of clothes and a towel!

Lastly, if you forget to come to the ARC, and arrive at the New Life Building, don't panic – we will be starting the service at 10:00am rather than 9:30. This will give everyone a chance to get there.

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Here are directions to the ARC from the New Life building (the address is 2372 30th Ave, Osceola, WI): Go south on Hwy. 35 towards Osceola. Take a left on 240th (right outside of Dresser). Take 240th for about 6.5 miles. Turn left at 30th Avenue. Go a short distance and the ARC will be on your right. Turn into the first entrance and follow the road back, veering to the right until you get back to the pavilion next to the swimming pond. That's where we'll be!

Until then, we would recommend that you meditate upon the following passages to understand how Scripture has framed our understanding of baptism. Genesis 6:11-22; Exodus 14:15-31; Joshua 3:1-17; 2 Kings 2:8; Psalm 18:11, 69:2, 77:19; the book of Jonah; Matthew 3:1-6; 13-17, 28:19; Romans 6:4; and Colossians 2:12.

We cannot wait to worship with you at the ARC!
You won't want to miss it.



If you are a visitor this morning or have only been coming to New Life for a few months, we are glad you are joining with us! If you would like to learn more about New Life, be sure to stop by the Resource Center in the front foyer to pick up a welcome bag we have for you. Please join us for fellowship after service today where we would love to meet and get to know you and for you to get to know us more.



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If you haven't visited the Resource Center lately, Come check it out! Our shelves hold so many great books to help you grow in your knowledge of and love for God and to help guide you in your daily walk with Him. Perhaps you'll find a book to read with a friend or form a book group with! We also have many great resources that you may want to consider for your gift-giving needs for the young or old and all ages in-between. Come check us out after service today.

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This Week's Scheduled Events:

Sun	Hall Of Men– 6:30 pm
Thurs	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study– 10:30 am
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study– Noon
Thurs	GriefShare– 6:30 pm
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study– On Break
Thurs	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 pm

July Memory Verse:

Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yolk is easy, and my burden is light."

July Fellowship Tip:

Take a moment this week and reach out to one of our missionaries. You and/or your family would be such a blessing by just sending an email, card, making a phone call, or a video chat.

Sunday Meals and Fellowship:

Jul 26	No Meal
Aug 2	Baptism at ARC ~Meal provided

Contact Barbara Judkins if interested in being on a meal team or a helper.

This Sunday's Worship Songs:

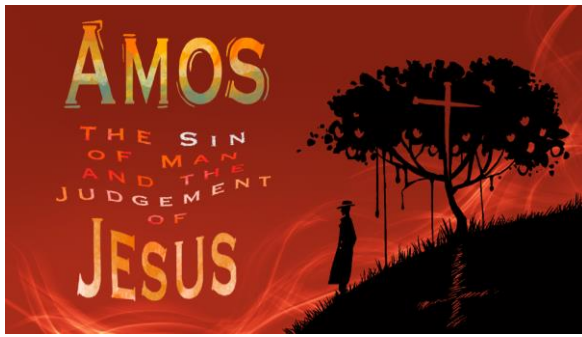
1. Our God Will Go Before Us
2. Jesus Shall Reign
3. Here Is Love
4. Jesus Strong and Kind
5. All I Have is Christ

➤ **Hall Of Men:** Join us **tonight at 6:30 pm** as we look to the Person and Work of Christ our Savior in the life of another man in the Faith from the past. See you there!

➤ **Building And Grounds:** ATTENTION NEW LIFE SIDING GROUP (and any others who would like to participate). It's been a while since I communicated with you all; but basically, there has been no new information lately – until a few days ago. I received two quotes (provided through Tom Schwendeman and Joel Danovsky) using alternative siding materials; i.e.: not EIFS. I am not carpenter or contractor by any stretch of the imagination, and I would value your input and opinions re: these two quotes, and the alternate siding proposals in general. There will be a meeting **today, Sunday, July 26th, after service (about 11:30 am)**, in the large classroom (Classroom E1,2,3) directly across the hall from the kitchen. Please do your best to attend. Your input is needed. Thank you in advance! – Jim Judkins

➤ **Annual Baptism Service:** Our Baptism Service is next **Sunday, August 2nd at 10:00 am**. If you have professed faith in Jesus Christ and are humbly walking with Him but have not yet been baptized, please prayerfully consider making this public proclamation of faith this year, in obedience to Christ's command and as a testimony of Christ's present and ongoing work in you. Make sure to sign-up at the welcome table and reach out to any of the pastor/elders to make that desire known. Also, a picnic lunch has been generously donated for all who attend.





SERMON NOTES:

Today's Passage:

Pastor Tony's message is from the
Old Testament book,

Amos 5:21-27