



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

I Think The Lord Is Trying To Tell Me Something

Last week both my daughter and my wife informed me that our truck was making an awful noise when braking. Sure enough, it needed new pads. Now, I've done my fair share of brake jobs on all sorts of vehicles we've owned, but I was admittedly anxious about this one. Compared to all the other vehicles I've tackled, my truck is big, old, rusty, and very heavy – and this would be my first attempt at replacing brakes on it. All sorts of doubts flooded my mind as I ordered the parts. As I drove home from the parts store, I was drawn to pray and ask God that this job would go well – that rust wouldn't complicate it, that I wouldn't find anything broken, that I wouldn't be frustrated by excessive time or the unexpected. That's right... I prayed about the brake job. That was also a first. But, I have to admit, as I got out the right tools and started jacking up the truck, my anxiousness was fairly low... funny how that works.

Over the weekend our family was able to spend time with some friends at their home on a lake. We boated and tubed for a bit, and then headed to the house to grill burgers & brats for dinner. Though, rain quickly moved in and the meal was moved indoors. Evening plans to tube and play some more were doused. We conversed for a while instead. After sunset the rain stopped and the kids were drawn back to the lake for some late-night swimming with glow sticks! A few of us adults also ventured out onto the dock to enjoy the cool evening and hopefully catch some neighborhood fireworks while watching the kids swim and have fun. Much later as we walked back to the house to say our goodbyes I was again consciously prompted to thank God for the nice evening and to count my blessings – good food, lots of laughter and camaraderie, a cool evening after a very hot day.

I know it's only two anecdotes, but are you starting to catch a pattern here? Yep, the Lord is definitely trying to tell me something. In fact, I'm fairly certain that the Holy Spirit is calling me to probably the most basic desire of the Father for His children – that we would come to Him... with everything. Yes, He's trying to tell me to bring everything to Him. My anxieties, my praises, my desires, my frustrations, my plans, my hopes. He wants it all because we are so easily distracted by our own selves, by the world and culture around us, distracted by anything that takes our eyes off of Him. Yes, this is so basic. I know. But... then it's so obvious I need constant, consistent reminding.

By the way, these two anecdotes this past week aren't the only two times I've been

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reminded. I can list you at least a dozen more – Our family bible study in Luke we encountered Zacharias immediately going to God in praise and dedication when his lips were unsealed after 9+ months. Just last night in our Elder study we read about Nehemiah turning to the Lord in confession and prayer for the sins of his house and those of Israel after receiving bad news. I've had encouragement recently from my wife to go to God in prayer with what's on my heart. Or a voice in my head leading me to an impromptu lunch walk of prayer instead of listening to podcasts. He's talking, and I'm listening.

Yes! Going to God is all great and wonderful and it's His will. Amen! But then I found myself earlier this week encouraging my son to do the same in regards to several big decisions and uncertainties he's encountering. It was at that moment when I spoke the words, "Go to the Lord and ask Him for wisdom," that I realized He's not just speaking to me. This message is for all of us! We need it desperately every day. So, we must also be an encouragement to our family, to our friends, and to our brothers and sisters in Christ to do the same.

So now, I'm urging you. Go to the Lord. With everything. Return to Him. Walk with Him. Tell Him what's on your heart. Trust Him with your fears, your desires, your thorns and your praises. He's good and trustworthy. Go to Him. It's what He wants for all of us. –Todd Asmus

welcome

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 *and a meal* 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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This Week's Scheduled Events:

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:

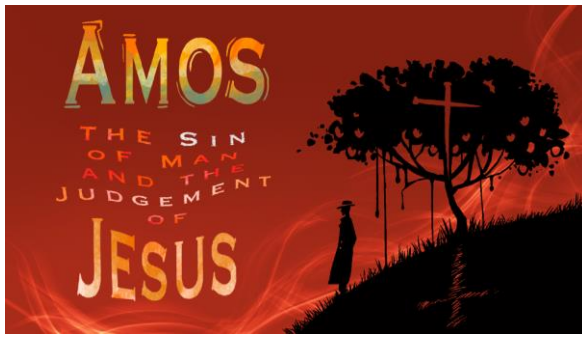
Jul 12	No Meal
Jul 19	Meal Team 1~Pizza

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

This Sunday's Worship Songs:

1. Christ Our Hope In Life and Death 2. Psalm 96:7-12 (Ascribe Unto the Lord) 3. Ancient of Days
4. My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness 5. How Deep the Father's Love for Us

- **Sunday Meal Service:** No meal today after service, but your encouraged to linger at the building or walk to the park on Main Street where families will be gathering for a picnic and fellowship time.
- **Over 60's Lunch:** Jay & Rosie Swisher are hosting an "over 60's" pot blessing lunch at their home **today** after worship. Their address is: 1934 75th Ave Dresser WI
- **Missionary Update/Praise:** Our Dave and Angie Ziel, Missionaries to Cost Rica, have sent us Great News about a miracle God has done! Impossible "But with God" it has become possible!!! Dave and Angie have been serving as missionaries for the past 15 years in Costa Rica for the training up of Church leaders with sound theological training and so much more. Over the past 3.5 years they began ministering in yet another way, fostering a little girl named Jade. The law of the land does not allow foster families to adopt especially those who are not citizens. Yet Dave and Angie sought to love Jade with all the fullness of the Love of God for as long as God would allow, knowing that someday Jade would go to another family... but God...did a miracle and has caused this exception to be made that Dave and Angie would be able to adopt Jade as their own! Let's join with Dave and Angie in praising the Lord for moving in this mighty way. Continue to pray for all the legal paperwork of adoption to be finalized and for US citizenship application for Jade to be accepted soon so they can remain together as a family when traveling back to the States.
- **Annual Baptism Service: Sunday August 2nd** is our annual outdoor Baptism Service. We will be meeting at the ARC in Osceola at 10:00am for our regular Sunday Service, alongside the swimming pond, and then end Service by celebrating God's Saving work symbolized in water Baptism . 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. Just reach out to any of the pastor/elders to make that desire known. A picnic lunch has been generously donated for all who attend.
- **Summer Good News Club:** CEF is coming to NLCC this month as part of their Summer Good News Club, a 4-day event for kids 5-12. This year it will run from **Monday July 20- Thursday July 23, from 12:00-1:30pm**. They do a fantastic job of teaching bible lessons, sharing missionary stories, practicing bible verse memory and more. We are looking for volunteers to participate alongside the club as well as donations for a snack for each of the four days. Please contact Ben Wilson (651-497-7136) if you are able to help with your time or snack donations! And of course, bring your kids and invite your neighbors!



SERMON NOTES:

Today's Passage:

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

Amos 5:7-12