

Join us as we celebrate only Jesus!



# 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 Ponderings

*"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.'" - Revelation 21:1-4*

Sometimes I forget that we know how it all ends. Not every detail is known, but God has graciously shared with us that which will take place in the future. The Lord gives us this glimpse of heaven to encourage us as we follow Jesus here on earth - as we follow Him amidst hardships that must be endured. Sometimes I grow discouraged and just want to sit down when I should be running the race with perseverance, looking to Jesus. Sometimes my attention and focus get overwhelmed with all that is pressing in on me - the soon to be "former things" from the above verse. But the Lord knows our frame, He remembers that we are dust (Psalm 103:14); He knows that we easily forget the glorious truths that normally fuel our joy in Christ. And that is why we must stay in the Word, clinging to Him in prayer and encourage each other with such reminders.

At the beginning of Revelation 5, an odd thing happens. God presents a sealed scroll and the Apostle John becomes utterly distraught and begins to weep loudly because no one in heaven or on earth was found to be worthy enough to open the sealed scroll or to look into it (Rev. 5:2-4). Yet, this comes right after he views and explains to us the amazing scene before God's throne and the never-ceasing worship of the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders in chapter 4. But even though John is overcome with emotion (I gotta imagine he was the only one crying in heaven), the Lord sends a great encouragement to John:

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## Pastoral Ponderings cont.

*“And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” - (Rev. 5:5)*

Jesus has conquered! He is worthy! He alone is worthy. Behold the Lion! The Scriptures aren't true because we feel that they are - they are true because they are the genuine Words of God Almighty, Whose testimonies and judgments are always true and trustworthy. Take heart brothers and sisters! We must often look forward as a way of increasing hope, as a reminder that all of the hard won't last forever. I encourage you to read the last four chapters of Revelation (ch. 19-22) throughout the year and strengthen one another with these truths!

- looking to Jesus,  
pastor jeff

## Announcements.

**Hall of Men:** Hall of Men tonight, Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Banquet room. We will take encouragement through a presentation on a man of the Faith who's life, by God's Grace, was lived for the Glory of God and the strengthening of the Church of Jesus Christ in his own generation. See you there!

**Slip and Slide Day (HUGE):** Gus and Judy Gulbranson have the perfect backyard slip-n-slide set up! They welcome you to join the fun on Today, June 29<sup>th</sup> 2-5 pm at their home on the lake: 12885 Pleasant Ave Lindstrom, MN. For those of you who have experienced it in years past, you know what we mean by huge! For those of you who will join for the first time: The billboard size slip-n-slide is set up on the perfect hill. As you slide down you splash into the lake! Bring a potluck item to share. The grill will also be available!! Also, bring floaties, water toys, chairs, etc.

**Annual Baptism Service:** Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> is our annual Baptism service being held at the ARC in Osceola. If you have not been baptized and you're moved by God to now pursue baptism as a public proclamation of faith in Jesus Christ, please reach out to any one of the pastor/elders to make that desire known.

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## Check out New Life Online newlifechristiancommunity.org

### This Week's Schedule of Events

Tues Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am  
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  
(Adults & Youth meet separately)  
Thurs Men's Bible Study– 6:30 pm

### Meal Teams

June 29 No Meal

July 6 Meal Team 3 - Italian

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

### Fellowship Tip for June

There are many ways to put into practice gifts of the Spirit; one opportunity can be in serving on a New Life Ministry Team. If you haven't yet, take a look at those listed in the newsletter and reach out to the Ministry team leader for ways to participate.

### June Memory Verse

"For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
the LORD bestows favor and honor. No  
good thing does he withhold from those  
who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts,  
blessed is the one who trusts in you!"  
Psalm 84:11-12

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## Announcements Cont.

**Over 60's Lunch:** Please enjoy one of the many benefits of being over 60! Come for lunch this Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, after our church service, at Jay and Rosalie Swisher's home. 1934 75<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dresser. It's potluck, so bring a dish to share. Looking forward to spending time together.

**New Life Directory:** One helpful way to keep connected with fellow brothers and sisters in this body is through the New Life Directory. Printed copies are available for purchase in the resource center for \$2. Our goal by this fall is to have an updated supplement page with further corrections and additions of new families. If you are not in the current directory and would like to be added or if you are already added but want to make corrections or additions please send your updated information to this email: [nlccdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:nlccdirectory@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Griesbach.



## New Life Connect

*"...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."*

New Life Christian Community has a secure online community designed to engage the body of Christ in between Sundays. If you would like to be part of this online community, please send an email (see emails to the left) to one of the pastors. They would be glad to set you up with an account. All you need is an active email address.



## Today's Passage



# Jesus

According to Samuel

Pastor Tony will be teaching from  
the book of Samuel.

Our passage for today is 2 Samuel 19:8b-23.

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