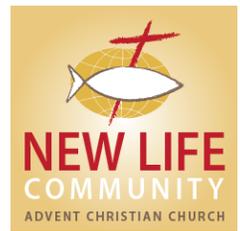


# NEW LIFE NEWS



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## Preparing for Easter

### Memory Verse

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Revelation 21:4 NIV

### THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

We welcome you to join us as we make our way through the Bible this year. You will need to have read through 2 Samuel 9 by the end of this month.



Here's the breakdown for March

- 3/4~through Joshua 6
- 3/11~through Judges 3
- 3/18~through Ruth 4
- 3/25~through 1 Samuel 21



Have you noticed how weird this year's holidays are lining up? Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent fell on Valentine's Day. Next month Easter is going to fall on April Fool's Day. Weird right? I like to joke that big businesses created these holidays and commercialized them so they can make more money. Whether any of that is true, this year I didn't buy any Valentine's candy because I didn't want to tempt anyone who gave up candy for lent, and I won't have to buy any Easter candy either. I will just play an April Fool's joke on my kids and tell them to hunt for candy that I didn't hide. April Fools! It sounds like fun to me.

I don't know how you prepare for Easter. It seems like March is too early to be talking about Easter, but with Easter falling on April 1<sup>st</sup> this year, its right around the corner. Maybe like me, preparing for Easter means finally taking down your Christmas decorations. Maybe it means observing the Lenten season. Maybe it's just the day of Norwegian pancakes and Sunday Worship.

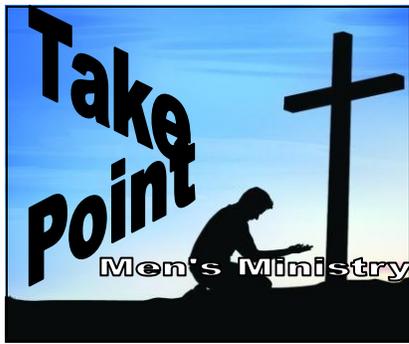
For me, part of preparing for Easter is observing some of the high church's traditions of lent. It's using this time to be intentional in the things I do, what I eat, and the way I spend my time. Not for the sake of tradition, or for the worldly benefits that come along with it, but to be intentional in how I rely on and respond to God in all aspects of my life. So much of what I do is so habitual that I can go through the day in auto pilot and still accomplish much. By beginning my day with reading the Good News instead of the local news, I can focus my attention to what God desires for my day. By

minimizing the amount of time spent focusing on apps, games, and websites, I can maximize my time on fulfilling what God is calling me to daily. By fasting from certain foods or drinks, I am forced to be intentional on what I put into my body, where it comes from, and what it does for me, therefore retraining my mind and stomach that what I have is a gift from God and what I need is spiritual food that will last instead of fast food which leaves me wanting more (a.k.a. cheese curds and Mountain Dew).

How many times do we quote a news headline focused on fear instead of reciting God's word which teaches us not to worry about tomorrow because today has enough concerns of its own. How often do we raid the fridge thinking that the boredom or restlessness in our spirit can be filled by food instead of the presence of Christ. If I asked you, "Can Jesus satisfy you?" I hope you would say "yes". Yet if you are like me, you would be saying that as you grab your large morning coffee and check your morning messages to see what you need to accomplish with your day. Whether it is intentional or not, we live in contrasting realities-believing one thing but living something else altogether.

In Matthew 23 Jesus addresses the Pharisees as having missed the point in washing the outside of the cup but neglecting the inside. They talked the talk, but didn't walk the walk. In today's vocabulary we would identify this as cognitive dissidence, knowing the right thing to do, but wrestling with one's self because we are doing something else.

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**Take Point Men's Ministry**

Saturday, March 17th from 8-10am, at New Life, will be our . Our goal is to encourage and equip men to lead - to "Take Point" - in their faith, their marriage, their family, their workplace, and in their witness to the world, as they pursue Christ. Come join us March 19th at 8am at New Life.



**Potluck will be held on Sunday March 18th following church service. Please bring a dish to pass and plan on joining us for food and fellowship.**

**Adorned  
2018 Women's Retreat**

**March 10, 2018  
8:30am—6:00pm**

**Cost is \$25 (includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, simple supper and materials)  
Registration forms are available in the church lobby.**

**Please contact Lisa Meyer at [steve456@centurytel.net](mailto:steve456@centurytel.net) with any questions.**



**The Easter Lilies**

The Easter-Lenten committee will be accepting Easter lilies for the sanctuary. Easter lilies may be in memory or in honor of a loved one.



- 1 Lorrie Wickus
- 3 Carey Otis
- 5 Tim Green
- 10 Laura Goodenow
- 11 Dori Helms
- 16 Elsie Green
- 17 Linda Otis
- 21 Lee S
- 21 Katelyn Weirisma
- 22 Emma Fuller
- 24 Jerry Nims
- 25 Abigail Wallace
- 26 Roger Mislivecek
- 30 Becky Hovde



- 3 Roy & Pam Mjelde
- 17 Tim & Missy Meise

***Easter Sunday Service***

Easter Sunday will begin with an early outdoor service at 8 am, followed by a breakfast at 8:45am, and the worship service at 10 am. Please come and celebrate the resurrection of our living Lord as a community of those saved by grace.

The breakfast will consist of Norwegian pancakes, sausage, strawberries or apple filling, whipped cream, orange juice, coffee and milk.

The Easter/Lenten offering will be taken up during Morning Worship Service. Come celebrate the Risen Lord and honor Him through worship, praise and expressions of Christ's love and compassion!



**Potluck will be at 6pm  
March 29th at 7pm  
Location to be determined**

**Women's Coffee**

**Saturday  
March 10th  
10am-Noon**



Coffee Fellowship

**New Life Community A.C. Church  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 2018**

- Trustees were given permission by unanimous vote at the Annual Board meeting to start installing Solar Panels on part of the church roof. As the installation begins, church attendees will be welcomed to "Sponsor" a panel too. So, the sponsored panels will be installed after enough sponsorship is garnered to put up larger amount of panels. The Trustees are also working on changing room # 4 from the current heater, to the one that the Day Care uses. That will allow the church have only one heater being used for the Day Care teaching rooms.
- The Pastors are working together on a number of ministries. Pastor Jed led the Funeral service for Thelma Capps. Both pastors were a part of the Get Connected class for the Dale and Jill Lempa, who are joining the church. Pastor Jed was also asked to

**Financial Report**

<u>Month of January</u>		<u>Year to date</u>	
Budgeted Giving	\$13,539	Budgeted Giving	\$13,539
Budgeted Expense	<u>\$14,806</u>	Budgeted Expense	<u>\$14,806</u>
Difference	<b>-\$1,267</b>	Difference	<b>-\$1,267</b>
Actual Giving	\$11,661	Actual Giving	\$11,661
Actual Expense	<u>\$15,852</u>	Actual Expense	<u>\$15,852</u>
Difference	<b>-\$4,191</b>	Difference	<b>-\$4,191</b>

lead Junior Camp during the Summer at Expeditions, with the dates being July 3-8.

- NCD update: The process continues to move. The areas identified to change were Clarity, Accountability, Training/Mentoring, Communication, Planning/review and Evaluation. Along with identifying how to address these areas (clarity with an organizational chart), is how they help the church to fulfill the mission. So, the team continues to pray and work through that process.

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Will you join me in preparing for Easter by examining your life and attempting to reconnect your beliefs with your actions?

Here is an idea. If you would like some help drawing you and your family into a closer relationship with Jesus this Easter, come grab a family devotional guide from my office. It's 12 days of simple devotions that will cause you to refocus your thoughts onto the love Jesus has for you, and how he showed us that through the Easter season. This would be an easy way for us to prepare for Easter together.

~Pastor Jed

## **Easter/Lenten Offering 2018**

Easter is approaching quickly – “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Ps:118:24. The specific day referred to Jesus’ resurrection. We’d like you to consider a special offering to celebrate God’s great gift, salvation through His son Jesus. We traditionally take up a Lenten or “30 pieces of Silver” offering during this time up to and including Easter. In Luke 21:1-4 Jesus commends the woman who “gave out of her poverty (or living)” whereas the rich gave “out of their surplus”. Let’s honor God with giving in this way. With joy, also, because “God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor. 9:7. Where might we give? To the poor, orphans and widows (Gal. 2:10, Jas. 1:27) through the Love Fund or the Advent Christian General Conference; to those in full time ministry (Dt. 26:12) with gifts to our pastors or to Advent Christian Village where many retired ministers and missionaries are cared for; to missions (1 Cor. 16:3, Phil. 4:10-20, 3 Jn. 5-8) through Penny Crusade. After asking God’s guidance, give where it gives you joy!

We hope to see everyone, including guests and family, at the Easter “Sunrise” service, the Easter breakfast of Norwegian pancakes with fruit, sausage, coffee, orange juice and milk, followed by worshipping and praising God together at the 10:00 service!



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**Dated Materials**



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## BARABOO SPRING RETREAT

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## EXPEDITIONS UNLIMITED

April 13 - 15, 2018