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Living a life to Honor of Jesus

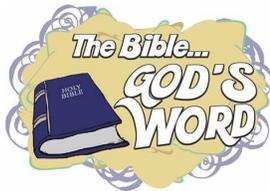
MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Philippians 4:19
And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.



BIBLE IN A YEAR

We welcome you to join us as we make our way through the Bible this year. You will need to read through Leviticus 4 by January 31st.



- Sun 1/4 ~ through Genesis 14
- Sun 1/11 ~ through Genesis 34
- Sun 1/18 ~ through Exodus 5
- Sun 1/25 ~ through Exodus 27

Today, as I write this article on December 31st, I am reflecting back on 2025. There were not only quite a bit of things that we did at New Life, but many things I and my family got to do as well. I want to share some of these with you, and my thoughts on them too.

For New Life, we were able to upgrade and update our sound and video system. For a long time we have had an analog sound board. While it was pretty easy to see and use it, we have now move on to a digital one. All the dials are digital, and being about to adjust the sound can be done digitally too. In fact, instead of having to move the entire sound booth out into the sanctuary, the sound person can sit in the sanctuary and adjust the sound board. We were also able to buy many new mics – both wireless and wired. Another part of the update came in getting a new projector, as well as a digital camera too. This last two items are going to allow us to not only view more clearer items on the screen, but now move the live broadcast logistics into the sound room. I am looking forward to the Sunday when everything is completely installed and being used.

This year, we also had our annual Rummage sale, bringing in over \$1,000. We had a golf outing too, that helped us raise over \$1,000 for Penny Crusade. We had to the opportunity to meet Brayden and Bri Gorecki, as Brayden came a spoke about himself being a Fellowship of Christian Athlete’s rep. in Southern WI. We have many ladies come out and have fun at

this years Mingle and Jingle at church too.

While the above activities and opportunities mentioned were only a few of them, they were places where we as a church and believers were able to share about our relationship with Jesus and show that relationship impacts the way we interact with others. I hope you not only realized that, but are also trying to live that.

For me, this means trying to put my “best foot forward”. And in reality, it is more than that. It showing through my life, that Jesus is a part of me. Not just through my words, but also through my actions as well. I can say I am a follower of Jesus, but many times my actions say it stronger and louder than my words.

I share that because as I look forward to 2026, and maybe as you do too, we all can be thinking “How can I show people Jesus?”. I want my life to be less about being a pastor, and more about being a person who shows Jesus to his wife, to his two sons, his neighbors, the people in his church, community, and all that I do know. Why? Because this is the legacy that I will and want leave. I hope you all might also have a desire to have that same attitude too.

The Bible says this in 1 Corinthians 10:31: “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” This challenges me to remember that in every single part of life – marriage, work, parenting,

January Birthdays

- 2 Kevin Hanke
- 3 Roxie Novak
- 6 Nathan Murray
- 6 Traci Crouse
- 7 John Rockhill
- 10 June Dills
- 10 Kristina Starks
- 13 Taylor Carney
- 15 Pam Mjelde
- 17 Unique Starks
- 18 Baylee Solchenberger
- 22 John Westendorf
- 24 Margaret Jantz
- 25 Sabra Dessauer
- 30 Holly Klawitter

What's Happening

- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ January 1 (Wednesday) - Happy New Year!!!
- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ January 4 (Every Sunday) - Sunday School at 9am and Worship Service at 10am.
- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ January 15 (Thursday) - Monthly Elder meeting at 10am at New Life.
- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ January 7 (Wednesday) - Youth group for Elementary School students at 6pm.
- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ January 18 (Sunday) - Potluck after the Service. After the Potluck, the Annual Meeting will take place.
- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ January 19 (Monday) - Martin Luther King Jr. day and Movement Rooted in Love event - Hosted by the First United Methodist Church 9a to 7p. You can go for only part of the event.
- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **New Life Annual meeting - Sunday January 18th, 2026**
- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The **New Life Annual Meeting** is scheduled to take place on **Sunday January 18th**. The meeting will begin after the Potluck that morning in the Sanctuary. Please plan on attending, as you will hear about the different ministries that took place during the 2025 calendar year, and some of the things New Life is planning on doing during 2026. There will also be a vote by New Life members on the 2025 Annual budget, as well as a vote on the officers for the year and the recommended people on our various Committees. Finally, we will also vote on changes for the New Life Constitution. Recommended changes are shown on New Life's bulletin board. Even if you are not a member, you can attend this meeting. **Reports for the Annual Meeting should be emailed by 1/12/26.**

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Dan & Carol Keepers

friending, and everything else in life, I have the ability to show Jesus to all. See, no matter what we do, or say, Jesus is a part of it. I hope you too have this attitude too.

As we enter into 2026, may we all have the desire to not only put Jesus first, but to remember that no matter what place we are in, what age we are at, or what relationships we have, Jesus is a part of every one. So, may we all not only remember that Jesus is there with us, but also may we have the desire to recognize Him continually, and to live with the truth that we are called to honor Him in everything we do and say. So, may this not only be a year where we say "God bless me", but also one where we say, "God, may I be a blessing to you too."

Financial Report for November 2025

| Month of November | | Year to Date | |
|-------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|
| Atual Income | \$24,104 | Actual Income | \$176,342 |
| Actual Expense | \$18,293 | Actual Expense | \$176,355 |
| Difference | \$5,811 | Difference | -\$13 |
| Budgeted Giving | \$16,317 | Budgeted Giving | \$179,483 |
| Budgeted Expense | \$15,823 | Budgeted Expense | \$174,053 |
| Difference | \$494 | Difference | \$5,430 |

Happy New Year – Pastor Jesse



Prayer Corner

Remember, every Friday at 9:30am, people gather at New Life to pray. Join us then to pray with others for your needs and the needs of others.

If you have a request that you would like to share or would like to update one you have submitted, you can email us at newlifebaraboo@gmail.com. New Life sends out a prayer list whenever there are new needs added or updated.

You can give your TITHES and OFFERINGS online by going to www.newlifebaraboo.com and click on the "Donate" link.

Don Bebee - Football, family and faith
Sunday - February 15th at 4:30pm
 Don Bebee was a former NFL player who played on 6 super bowl teams and won 1 with the Packers. He will speak, take questions after, and sign autographs too.

STAY CONNECTED

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Nominating Committee Report for 2026

(* Indicates will serve on the Board)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

1 year commitment
Dave Taylor Chairperson
Bob Dessauer
Sheila Green
Lisa Meyer
Pat Sardeson
Pastor Jesse Stevens

Standing Committees - 2026

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE:

1 year commitment
Carolyn Green - Chairperson
Bonnie Sherven - Church Librarian
Traci Crouse - Children's Church Dir.
Pastor Jed Crouse
Pastor Jesse Stevens
Roxie Novak

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1 year commitment
* Kim Wegner - Chairperson
Elder – Dave Taylor
Trustee & Collector – Dan Green
* Steve Novak - Treasurer

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

1 year commitment
(chooses own chairperson)
Sheila Green
Carolyn Green
Eugene Starks

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

1 year commitment
Robin Goeb - Chairperson
Charlotte Taylor
Lisa Meyer
Karen Wegner
Roxie Novak

OUTREACH (NEW NAME) COMMITTEE:

1 year commitment*
Sherry Stevens - Chairperson
JoEllen Westendorf
Lisa Meyer
Pam Mjelde
Jan Karpinski
Angie Fuller

USHERS:

1 year commitment
Dave Taylor - Chairperson
Roy Mjelde
Dan Green
Roger Mislivecek
Dave Shaw
Roger Doescher
Dave Goeb
Andrew Crouse
June Dills

CONNECTION TEAM:

1 year commitment
* Sabra Dessauer - Chairperson
Traci Crouse
JoEllen Westendorf
Sherry Stevens
Chandler Fraser
Serenity Westendorf

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

1 year commitment
2 Elders/Elder Emeritus elected by the Elders
1 Trustee elected by the Trustees
Kim Wegner - Finance Committee
Chairperson

2026 - Official Ballot

of New Life Community Advent Christian Church

(* Indicates will serve on the Board)

| <u>Currently Serving:</u> | <u>Term Ends January:</u> | <u>Church Treasurer - 1 Year term:</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| * Dave Taylor | 2029 Y N | * Steve Novak Y N |
| * Pam Mjelde | 2027 | |
| * Pat Sardeson | 2027 | |
| * Tim Green | 2027 | |

Diaconate 3 year term

| <u>Currently Serving</u> | <u>Term Ends January:</u> |
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|------------------|----------|
| Robin Goeb | 2029 Y N |
| Bob Dessauer | 2029 Y N |
| Jan Karpinski | 2029 Y N |
| Charlotte Taylor | 2029 Y N |
| Lisa Meyer | 2029 Y N |
| Cindy Doescher | 2028 |
| Beth Zamzow | 2028 |

* Chair is selected by the Diaconate and serves on the Board ***

Chairperson of Christian Ed

1 year term:

* Carolyn Green Y N

Chairperson of Finance Comm.

1 year term:

* Kim Wegner Y N

Trustees 3 year term:

| <u>Currently Serving</u> | <u>Term Ends Jan.:</u> |
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|---------------------------|------|
| * Dave Goeb - Chairperson | 2028 |
| Bob Dessauer | 2028 |
| Dan Green | 2028 |
| John Westendorf | 2028 |

Church Board Clerk

1 year term:

* JoEllen Westendorf Y N

Chairperson of Connection

Team - 1 year term:

* Sabra Dessauer Y N

Chairperson of Outreach Ministry 1 year term:

* Sherry Stevens Y N

Collectors: 1 year term:

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|----------------------|-----|
| Pam and Roy Mjelde | Y N |
| Dan and Sheila Green | Y N |

Auditors for 2026:

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| Brandon Wegner | Y N |
| Chris Adee | Y N |