

The Vine

New Life Lutheran Church Newsletter

May 2025



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A Month of Prayer

Have you ever prayed for something to happen, and it happened just as you hoped? Have you ever prayed for something to happen, and it did not happen the way you imagined, or it didn't happen at all? Has there been a time in your life when you felt like every moment was a prayer, or that prayer was too much of a mystery, or that you just stopped praying all together?

I'd be surprised if the answers to all of the questions above weren't a resounding, "Yes!" Prayer is essential and it's tricky. Prayer is communication that sometimes feels like a one-way exchange. Prayer can feel difficult or rote, enlivening or boring. It can be the part of the worship service everyone wishes would go faster or the best part of a Sunday morning.

What is "prayer"? How does it work? To whom are our prayers actually addressed? Why is prayer an essential practice for some and ignored by others? Where should we pray? How? With whom? For whom?

That's a lot of questions, so I'm going to lead a mini-series on Prayer during the month of May. This Sunday, we'll feature an overview of prayer. On the 18th of May, we'll look at prayers of petition and thanksgiving (please and thank you prayers). On the 25th, we'll delve into prayers of adoration and lamentation (wow and ow prayers) for Memorial Day. Note: May 11 will feature our guest preacher Rev. Tim HK.

In the meantime, I'd like to share one of my favorite prayers, the prayer of St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

In Joy,

Pastor Jennifer



Offerings Year To Date 2025

April offerings were	\$6,495
April offerings budgeted	\$7,833
Amt. of offerings received (Jan.-Apr. 2025)	\$28,952
Amt. of offerings budgeted (Jan. -Apr. 2025)	\$31,333

Fellowship Snack Providers - May

We are using the following schedule for fellowship snack providers. Last names beginning with the following letters will be asked to provide snacks:

May	QRSTUVWXYZ
June	A-D
July	E-K
August	LMNOP

Presbyterian Community Church
presents

Classical Bouquet



Masterworks Chorale and Instrumental Concert;
Sacred and Classical Chamber Music from
the Great Composers

Sylvia Hartman and Laura Merz, Co-Directors
Rosemary Alden, Emcee

Saturday, May 3rd, 3 pm

Sunday, May 4th, 3 pm

Presbyterian Community Church
3996 Hwy 101, Florence, Oregon

FREE ADMISSION

The Altar Guild would like to thank the following members and friends of New Life Lutheran Church for contributing lilies for our Easter Sunday service In Memory or Honor of loved ones.

Dianna Barry

In Memory of her husband Chuck & daughter Janelle.

Dave & Ardel Braley

In Memory of our Parents Don & Margaret Braley & Delbert & Edna Duvall and
In Appreciation for our NLLC Family.

Carol Dietz

In Memory of Jim Dietz.

Jennifer, Dan & Erik Dills

In Memory of Jennifer's Parent's
Barbara & Bud Knight.

Lisa Dreher

Debbie Goodrich / Melissa Phillips

In Memory of Randy & Brent Goodrich & Pete Goodrich.

Virginia Korosec

In Memory of Larry Korosec.

Suzanne Henderson

In Memory of Ken Henderson.

Colleen Moore

In Memory of Jack & Darrin Moore.

Steve & Caroline Olienyk

In Memory of our Parents and All the
Dear Friend's that have left us.

Gail & Bryant Payne

In Memory of our Parents Donald & Nettie Payne & Waldo & Helen Eaton.

Lucille Saari

In Memory of Loved Ones.

Sondra Vaughan

In Memory of Jack Vaughan.000000

75 year Anniversary

Save the date: June 29, 2025

More information to come!

Are you interested in helping? Contact
Pastor Jennifer or the Church office.

NLLC Church Council Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2025

Call to Order: President Wayne Kern called the Council meeting to order at 4pm. Present were Pastor Jennifer Yocum, Vice President Roy Hagar, Treasurer Bryant Payne, Dave Braley, Carrie Aburto, Don Stewart, and Secretary Lisa Dreher. Pastor Jennifer opened with a prayer.

Minutes: Roy made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20th, Dave seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bryant presented the March financials. The CD [was renewed](#) at Banner Bank. An [additional](#) laptop for the church will [be purchased](#) by the end of the month.

President's Report: New Piano. Our thanks to Sylvianne for [facilitating](#) the acquisition of a new piano. **Organist/Pianist Update.** Pastor Jennifer may have a lead on a candidate. **Lawn Tractor and Irrigation System.** Wayne has nursed the lawn tractor back to life and repaired the irrigation system. Volunteers [are needed](#) to mow the lawn once a week. **Church Sign.** The church sign has [been corrected](#) to show Pastor Jennifer Yocum as our pastor.

Pastor's Report: Sylvianne Irons. Our dear friend Sylvianne Irons is now receiving hospice care at her home. Her family asks for no in-person visits or phone calls, but cards are most welcome. **Busy Schedule.** 75th anniversary celebration, Pentecost, ELCA Oregon Synod meeting and a Liturgical class for Jennifer.

Old Business: Security Fencing Update. We are still waiting for a call back from a fencing company for a second estimate. However, this is not a priority currently. **Water Heater.** We received two estimates for a replacement water heater. Dave made a motion to accept the bid from Dan Dill as [submitted](#). Don seconded, and the motion [was approved](#). **Church Image.** We will request bids for a professional landscape update. We will repaint the administrative offices as well.

New Business: MS Cycle Group. This group requested use of our facility for an overnight stay. We hosted this group last year and it went well. Roy and Bryant have offered to be contacts for them. **Sabbatical Policy.** Dave made a motion to go forward with a sabbatical policy based on the model offered by ELCA Synod, Roy seconded, the motion passed. **Quorum Conundrum.** We propose the number of members needed to be in attendance for a quorum be 15 instead of the current requirement of 25. S13.25 of the Synod's constitution states, "This synod may temporarily assume administration of a congregation upon its request or with its concurrence. Such synod administration shall continue only so long as necessary to complete the purposes for which it [was requested](#) by the congregation or until the congregation withdraws consent to continued administration." It can [be done](#) in one meeting and then authority returns to us. Don made the motion to set the number of members required to be in attendance for a quorum to be 15 and if a quorum cannot [be reached](#) this Sunday, then we will activate S13.25 to [be approved](#) by the Synod. Roy seconded, the motion passed. **April 27, Special Congregation Meeting.** Items to [be voted](#) on; Quorum change, Call Committee Election, Additional Budget Authority. Roy moved that the total budget amount requested [be raised](#) from \$17,500 to \$20,000, that is \$12,500 for the call and \$7,500 for the Celebration. Carrie seconded and the motion passed. **Additions to Call Committee Ballot.** Nominations from the floor will [be made](#) available at the congregational meeting if the nominee is present and willing to [be listed](#) with the candidates.

Council Action on MSP. Thank you to the transition team for your hard work on this final draft. Don made a motion to approve the MSP as amended and Roy seconded. Council voted 6 to 1 in favor of accepting the MSP. Therefore, the motion [was passed](#).

Next meeting. May 15, 2025, at 4 pm.

Meeting Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Dreher, Secretary



May the joy of the Easter season remain with you, enliven you and bless you! Thanks so much to our wonderful dancers Jennifer Knight Dills, Angela Palmer, Kritzia Scaparo, and to Chelsie Lilley for blessing us with your music.

Our hearts go out to all those grieving the loss of Sylvianne Irons. She was a bright light in our lives. We are grateful for the part-time return of Brian Lindsay who plans to play the organ on the same monthly schedule as Sylvianne kept for us. Memorial services are not yet set at this time, but we celebrate her life every day.



Easter Blessings



Christ



Has



Risen

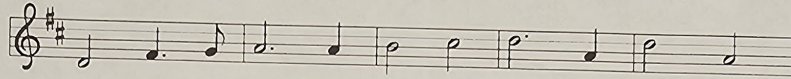
Amazing Grace Notes—Brian Lindsey



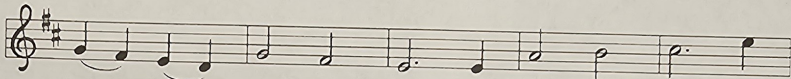
Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing with grace psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

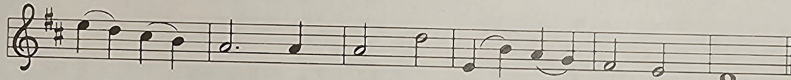
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty in to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing.
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet the
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, yet the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

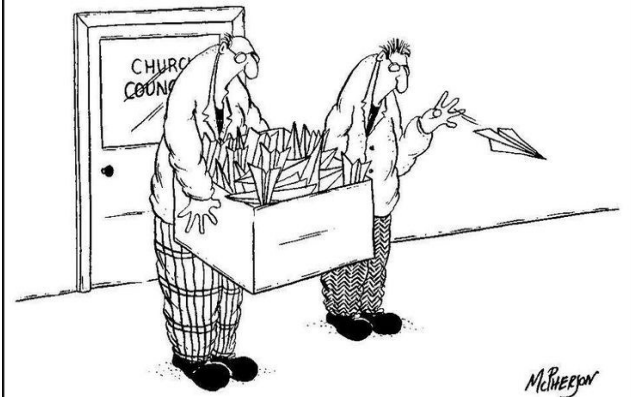
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Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

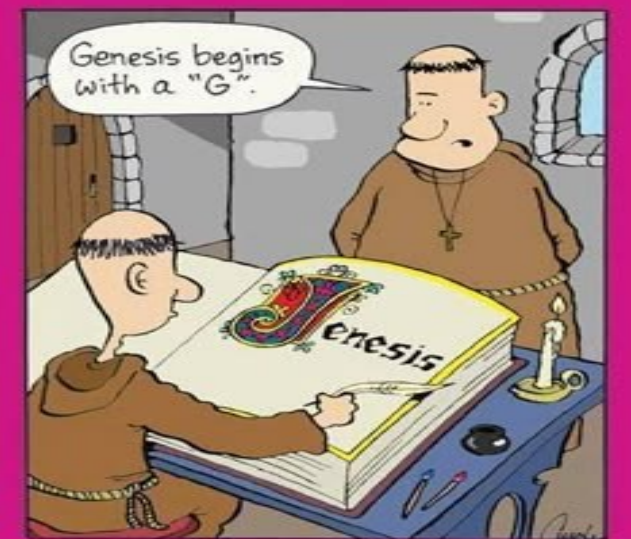
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Brian Wren wrote this hymn (ELW 389) in April 1968 after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. He "tried to express an Easter hope out of that terrible event," rather than Easter as "long ago, far away, and high above." Since then Wren has revised the hymn several times—keeping the original theme, the risen Christ shares, yet outlasts, our suffering, making Easter good news for all.

Soli Deo Gloria



"Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again."



Notable Dates in May

- 1 May Day
- 2 National No Pants Day
- 2 Astronomy Day
- 3 National Two Different Colored Shoes Day
- 3 Kentucky Derby
- 4 World Laughter Day
- 4 Star Wars Day
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 9 National Lost Sock Memorial Day
- 10 National Clean Your Room Day
- 13 National Apple Pie Day
- 16 Bike-to-Work Day
- 17 Preakness Stakes
- 17 Armed Forces Day
- 24 National Scavenger Hunt Day