

The Vine

New Life Lutheran Church Newsletter

June 2026



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From Christ in our Home

Tuesday June 2

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

New Life 75



Why Love?

**All the members of the body,
Though many, are one body. (v,12)**

Children are naturally curious, and around age three they begin to ask *why* questions. Why do we brush our teeth? Why does grass grow? Adults can be curious too —about specific interest and experiences, and about big-picture matters such as, How can people see the world so differently?

The First Letter to the Corinthians addresses a particularly diverse community composed of converted pagans and jews, rich and poor, single and married—struggling with differences. One scholar counts fifteen issues, ranging from sexual behavior and food to worship and the resurrection.

Paul methodically works through these difficulties, reaching the pinnacle of his argument in chapters 12 and 13. the key, he tells the Corinthians, is love, the greatest gift (13:13:). And the reason we love one another—the why—is that in the Spirit, we are all members of one body, the body of Christ. All parts are linked, and every part is important—to love and be loved.

**Lord God, instill in me the desire to love others
as you have loved me. Amen**

Prayer concern: Preschool teachers

Psalm 29; Job 39:13-25

Offerings Year To Date 2026

May offerings were	\$5,654
May offerings budgeted	\$5,833
Amt. of offerings received (Jan.-May 2026)	\$25,117
Amt. of offerings budgeted (Jan.-May 2026)	\$29,167

Fellowship Snack Providers –June

We are using the following schedule for fellowship snack providers .

Last name s beginning with the following letters will be asked to provide snacks:

June	A-D
July	E-K
August	L-P
September	Q-Z



Graduating Senior? A wedding to attend? Needing a gift that will hold a lifetime of memories?

Give a handmade quilt!

New Life Lutheran quilting group is selling quilts. Proceeds help with shipping cost to Lutheran World Relief which ships the quilts around the globe.

The quilters are asking for a \$75 donation.

Contact the church office: 541-997-8113;
newlifelutheransecretary@gmail.com

Taizé Community Prayer Service God's People Pray for Peace



The Second Sunday of Every Month
4:00 pm

Florence United Methodist Church
333 Kingwood
Florence

WIN THIS QUILT!

LYDIA CIRCLE QUILT RAFFLE!



Lydia Circle Quilters meet every Tuesday at 10am. Funds will be used for the cost of shipping quilts to Lutheran World Relief which then sends them around the world.

\$1/ticket or 6 for \$5



Fundraiser
Tickets
\$75 Each
\$500 Table of 8



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or call Sandy @ 541-590-2325

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THREE RIVERS
CASINO RESORT

Dinner
& Drinks
with
Silent,
Dessert,
& Live,
Auctions

CASH, CHECK, CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

NLLC Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2026

Called to Order: President Dave Braley called to order at approximately 1 pm. Members present were President Dave Braley, V.P. Don Stewart, Secretary Cathy Dietz, Dianna Barry, Roy Hager, Carrie Aburto. Call Committee members: Frank Dietz, Dave Braley, Don Stewart, Roy Hager. Guest via video link Rev. David Epplesheimer.

Opening devotions led by Rev. David Epplesheimer.

Rev. David Epplesheimer report: He wishes he had more to share with us. There is some good news, he has been in conversation with one person who has shown interest in our congregation. He is hoping to bring the Rostered Minister Profile to our call committee to look at and interview. It will be a bit before we can schedule a meeting because the person has recently had throat surgery. In the meantime, he continues to look at other profiles to see if there are other interested candidates. He has also been in contact with Cris Krohn (sp), who is his counterpart in the Episcopal Dioceses and was wondering if we had had any fruitful conversations with St. Andrews. Cathy reported that their Sr. Warden had come over for a face-to-face, to be able to put a face to a name.

Minutes: Minutes for April 16, 2026, were approved. Carrie A. moved, Roy H. 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasures Report: Was presented by Dave Braley. Report filed.

Pastor's Report: N/A

President's Report: See unfinished & new business.

Old Business: Constitution review: Rev. Dave Brauer-Rieke went through and made the corrections that Synod had sent to us (2nd review). Dave B. & Bryant will look over the suggestions & corrections by Rev. Brauer-Rieke. **Membership:** Cathy has been making progress with entering member information into ChurchTrac program. Also, Cathy needs to call ChurchTrac and have them redirect people to the new website from the old website.

New Business: Xerox machine: Cathy has reached out to Xerox but has not heard anything back. Cathy will call the previous company Pacific Office and check what they have to offer. Don S. made motion, Roy H. seconded, Cathy to go ahead with a contract for less than \$300 per month. Motion passed unanimously. **Floor mat:** Council approved purchase of floor mat for the office. **Lawn maintenance:** Roy has had the tractor/mower repaired. Roy will have the oil changed in the tractor. Also, it was suggested to get a weed eater for the around the edges and bushes. Carrie made a motion, Roy 2nd, to spend up to \$200. Motion passed unanimously. **Landscaping:** It was proposed that the landscaped areas need to be cleaned up & weeded. The last bid that Wayne received was about \$5,000 from Laurel Bay Gardens. We would like 3 bids/estimates for maintenance from other companies. Roy H. will research and report. **Facility Fees:** Fees will need review. Preschool contract needs to be finalized by July 1st. It was discussed to raise fees by 10% across the board. Roy H. moved, Don S. 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. **Supply Pastors:** We have pulpit supply filled through June 28th. Cathy sent Pastor Tim a list of who we have coming. **Fifth Sunday's:** At this time, we will not participate in 5th Sunday ecumenical worship. May 31st was too soon to advertise. We will participate in the August 31st 5th Sunday picnic. **Pastor Leah:** Visiting minister doing a discernment investigating rural churches in Oregon. She will be here on May 28th at 10am. **Olienyk:** Steve's service will be here at the Church on June 13th, 2pm. Pastor Dave Brauer-Rieke will serve as presiding minister, and Rev. John Maas will provide the eulogy. Pastor John will preside over the Sunday service the next day.

Next meeting: June 18th, 2026, at 1:00 pm

Adjourned with the Lord's prayer at 2:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Dietz, Secretary



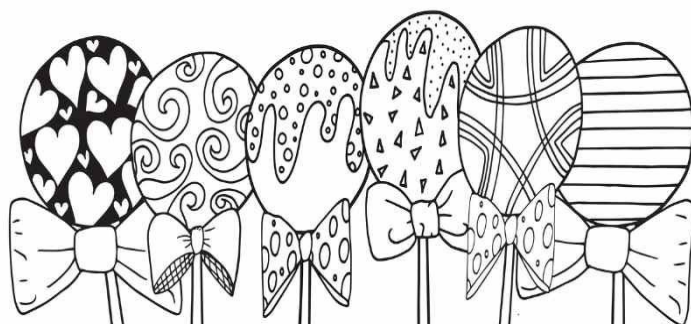
THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"If you listen real carefully when the breeze blows, you can hear God whispering."

from *The Joyful Noise* letter
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Feel free to cut out this picture and color to your hearts content. Enjoy an hour or two of worry free time spent coloring.



God is Love



Holy Ghost Baptism

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interpretation	faithfulness
discernment	gentleness
knowledge	prophecy
kindness	witness
teacher	wisdom
faith	love

self control	Holy Spirit
patience	comforter
miracles	goodness
tongues	healing
power	peace
fire	joy