



The Vine

New Life Lutheran Church Newsletter

July 2026



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From Christ in our Home

Saturday, July 4

Romans 7:15-25a

New Life 75



Freedom

**For I do not do the good I want,
but the evil I do not want is what I do (v. 19)**

On the Fourth of July, people in the United States commemorate the nation's independence. Today scores of Americans will get together to attend parades, marvel at firework displays, and celebrate our freedoms.

The apostle Paul also focuses on freedom in today's reading from romans. Rather than celebrating his freedom, though, Paul is trying to figure out what to do with his captivity to sin. Paul feels caught between the imperfection of his choices and the perfection of God's ways. Paul bemoans the muddle he makes of his freedom in Christ, wondering why he fails to live fully into God's life-giving grace.

Paul's whole community puzzled over how to follow the way of Christ. Their struggles mirrored Paul's frustration with himself. As for Paul, freedom challenges all of us to use our privileges for good. We're freed not only *from* something, but *for* something; to share-in word and deed-the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Set me free from tyranny to self so I may
do your will, O God. Amen.**

Prayer concern: People who work for justice

Psalms 145:8-14; Zechariah 4:1-7; Luke 10:21-24

Offerings Year To Date 2026

June offerings were	\$3,814
June offerings budgeted	\$5,833
Amt. of offerings received (Jan.-June 2026)	\$28,931
Amt. of offerings budgeted (Jan.-June 2026)	\$35,000

Fellowship Snack Providers –July

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



We Need You!

There are several committees that are needing volunteers:

Money Counters

Ushers

Assisting Ministers

Fellowship

A commitment of 1 or 2 Sunday's a month is needed. If you are interest please let Cathy know.

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



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NLLC Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 18, 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 (arrived late).

Opening devotions led by President Dave Braley.

Minutes: Minutes for May 21, 2026, were approved. Don Stewart moved, Dianna Barry 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasures Report: Was presented by Dave Braley. Report filed. Dianna Barry questioned what the Brauer Fund was. It was established by Dr. Brauer with the funds to be used for the facilities. There is also a question of the rent check for May from the Preschool, it doesn't appear to have been deposited by us.

Pastor's Report: N/A

President's Report: Dave stated that Bright Beginnings has been given a new contract with the new rate.

Old Business: Call Committee: Nothing new. Rev. Eppelsheimer has reached out to a candidate but has not heard back from him/her. **Constitution review:** Dave B. & Bryant have not gotten together yet but will as soon as Bryant gets back. The suggestions & corrections by Rev. Brauer-Rieke will be looked at & given to Council before being sent to Synod. **Membership:** Cathy is still inputting member information into ChurchTrac program.

New Business: Roy's last meeting: This leaves a vacancy on the Council. We will have coffee & cookies on Sunday 6/21/26. Council will need to appoint someone to fill the vacancy. A short discussion on who was eligible was conducted. Suggestions were Jennifer Dills, Judy Madsen, Andrew Condone, Lori Olienyk and Suzanne Hnerson. Don Stewart made a motion, Dianna 2nd to appoint first person who says yes. **Office Copier:** Cathy contacted Pacific Office. We signed a contract with them. The new copier will be delivered in August. I sent a letter of Intent to Terminate the contract with Xerox and I received a confirmation email from them. **Lawn Maintenance:** Roy purchased a weed eater from Bi Mart. Dave put it together and did a test run. Roy could not get maintenance lined up but will keep trying. **Credit cards:** Cathy requested an increase in her credit card to \$1,000. Discussion followed. Don motioned for the increase, Dianna Barry 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. **Bike US for MS:** The group will again be staying the night at our church on July 16th.

Other business: Old black piano, it is said it's not able to be tuned. If someone wants it, they can have it. Dave is open to suggestions. Habitat maybe. Dianna was going to check with Rhianna, who teaches lessons.

Next meeting: July 16th, 2026, at 1:00 pm

Adjourned with the Lord's prayer at 1:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Dietz, Secretary



Saying Goodbye to Steve.....

