

The Vine

New Life Lutheran Church Newsletter

August 2026



August 2026

From Christ in our Home

Sunday, August 2

Matthew 14:13-21

New Life 75



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

And all ate and were filled. (v. 20)

When I teach first communion classes, I like to start with two questions: “what is the best meal you’ve ever eaten?” and “What is the most expensive meal you’ve ever had?” Quickly, students realize that the most expensive meal is not always the *best* meal. There’s something about a great meal that feeds our bodies *and* our hearts. For example, if my grandma’s love had a taste, it would be the buttery, rich flavor of her chicken soup.

In our gospel story, Jesus has been feeding his people with compassion for their spirits and healing for their bodies. What feeds your heart these days? What hunger do you sense around you?

Take it from the little boy in this story. What you have to share is enough! Take it from the disciples: God’s intention is to feed you. Chicken soup, a child’s smile, a stranger’s kind words, the perfect song on the radio. God is always seeking to nourish us and invite us into the work of feeding each other, body and soul.

**Loving God, empower me to make love tangible
in ways big and small. In your Son’s holy name. Amen.**

Prayer concern: *ELCA World Hunger*

Isaiah 56:1-5; Psalm 146:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5

Offerings Year To Date 2026

July offerings were	\$4,267
July offerings budgeted	\$5,833
Amt. of offerings received (Jan.-July 2026)	\$33,198
Amt. of offerings budgeted (Jan.-July 2026)	\$40,833

Fellowship Snack Providers –August

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

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday September 6, 2026



Ecumenical Service and Potluck Picnic

East Woahink Lake

Service begins and 10:30 am

Hosted by the Presbyterian Church

With the Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran and Episcopal Churches.

Deb Anderson will lead the service.



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 inter-
est please let Cathy know.



Graduating Senior? A
wedding to attend? Need-
ing a gift that will hold a
lifetime of memories?

Give a handmade quilt!

New Life Lutheran quilting
group is selling quilts. Pro-
ceeds 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

Sunday, August 9, 2026

4:00 pm

Florence United Methodist
Church

333 Kingwood Street

Musicians' Rehearsals

Tuesday, August 4, at 2:00 pm

Sunday, August 9 at 3:00 pm

For more information contact

Patricia Evans, Taizé Coordinator

541-905-4248

NLLC Church Council Meeting Minutes

July 16, 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, Treasurer Bryant Payne, and Carrie Aburto.

Opening devotions led by President Dave Braley.

Minutes: Minutes for June 18, 2026, were approved. Don Stewart moved, Bryant Payne 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasures Report: Was presented by Bryant Payne. Report filed. Bright Beginnings Preschool is caught up with the May Rent.

Pastor's Report: N/A

President's Report: Call process: Rev. Eppelsheimer could not join us at our meeting but did send a brief report to Dave B. He is working with a candidate from another synod and is working through the red tape to allow consideration in the Oregon Synod. He also mentioned that he would be unable to attend our August meeting as well, he will be on vacation.

Old Business: Constitution review: Dave B. & Bryant were able to get together and do the final review. Dave copied the sections that were changed. Council approved the changes, Don Stewart moved, Bryant Payne 2nd. Motion Passed unanimously. **Membership:** Cathy has finished inputting member's name, except for a few that are "friends of the congregation". Bryant was going to make sure we got all the information from the old website before we close down the old website. We can call Church Trac and they will help direct people to the new website. **Copy Machine:** the new copier will be delivered on July 29th at 10:30am. We will ask about keeping the old one for use in the library.

New Business: Bike US for MS: The bike group arrived; Dave will talk with them further about arrangements. **Old black piano:** It still needs to be disposed of. Maybe Bale's appliance can move it for us? **Supply pastors:** I'm trying to fill August. There are vacancies for August 2nd & 30th. **Ecumenical Worship:** This year's worship will be September 6th at Woahink Lake with a potluck picnic after.

Other business: Bright Beginnings: discussion on the "Statement of Ownership" for property addendum presented by the preschool. Bryant P. moved and Don S. 2nd to accept the addendum. Motion passed unanimously.

Landscaping: Roy wasn't able find anyone to do landscaping before he left.

Next meeting: August 20, 2026, at 1:00 pm

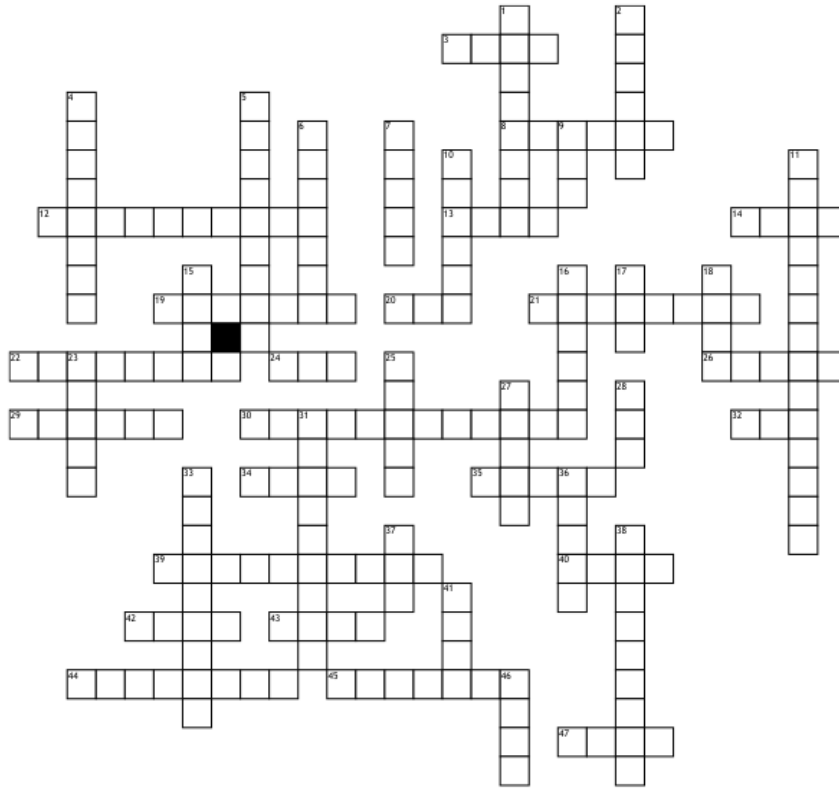
Adjourned with the Lord's prayer at 1:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Dietz, Secretary



WORD OF GOD



Across

3. i belive in one _____
 8. maker of _____ and earth
 12. and by the power of the
 13. and _____ again
 14. for the forgiveness of
 19. i confess one _____
 20. from true
 21. jesus christ the only _____
 22. _____, not made
 24. true _____
 26. we suffered _____
 29. who with the father and the son
 is _____
 30. i look foward to the to
 the _____
 32. and became _____
 34. i believe in one, _____
 35. on the _____ day

39. in accordance with the _____
 40. i believe in the _____ spirit
 42. the giver of
 43. The _____
 44. who _____ from the father
 and the son
 45. and his _____ will have no end
 47. of all that is _____

Down

1. who has spoken through the
 2. he came down from _____
 4. _____ and apostolic church
 5. was _____
 6. under _____ pilate
 7. to _____ the living
 9. born of the father before all _____
 10. and was _____
 11. _____, with the father.
 15. through him all things were _____

16. he ascended into _____
 17. god from _____
 18. the living and the _____
 23. he will come again in _____
 25. and the life of the _____ to come
 27. light from _____
 28. i believe in one _____
 31. for us men and our _____
 33. for our sake he was _____
 36. and he is seated on the _____ hand
 of the father
 37. A _____
 38. and _____
 41. of the _____
 46. of the virgin _____



"Look, Mom. A Valentine theme."

