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*We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith,  
and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



In the last few weeks, I have preached about gifts of the Holy Spirit. We have talked about the specific gifts Paul lists in 1 Corinthians 12-14, and more generally about any and all gifts that we have that can be used in service of the kingdom. What is really important for our daily walk with Christ is that we are using our gifts. Yes, Paul had concern about people using their gifts improperly to elevate themselves. But another problem is hoarding our gifts for ourselves, or simply not using them at all.

New Life is a very special congregation. We have so many gifted people with big hearts. Sadly, we have lost some to the next life (which we rejoice in, but we miss them), and others to church issues or COVID related conflict. We have also seen more of an inward focus for individuals since COVID started than what we ever had prior to that. It is time for us to break out of our COVID cocoons and get back to using our gifts for the building of the kingdom and the glory of the Lord.

I know people have their fears with COVID. People are aging and having more health problems as well. And things feel like they have changed. They have. But they can also change back. We need to regain that strong sense of family that we had pre-COVID. I am thankful for Lacy putting together events to get us back in fellowship. That is central to a healthy body, and it is a strong use of her gifts. Gathering for fun things like game nights will help us reconnect with one another.

We also have Lent coming up. That has always been a time where we have a good Wednesday evening event that is well attended. I hope we will see the same this year. It is a good time to learn and grow, but also to be together and remember how much we love one another. Breaking bread together is such a foundational part of Christian life and that has been a staple of our Lent programs.

We have seen some great things happening recently at New Life. Lacy is trying to get fellowship going. Gretchen and Taylor are really working to meet needs in the community. Howard is pursuing the diaconate. Mickey has been getting involved in music. This isn't an exhaustive list so if I left you off, it isn't because I don't notice your work. I am grateful for everyone and all that everyone does around here for the kingdom.





The question I have for you is, "Where do your gifts fit in?" What are your gifts? Do you know? If not, I could help you and others around you could probably tell you off the top of their head. If you know your gifts, are you using them? How? What can I do to help you find a place for those gifts? We all have them. There is not a single person without gifts that will serve the good of the kingdom of God.

Another thing is that when we each identify our gifts, we can see how they can work in concert to bring about greater things. Gretchen has a great heart for the needy in the community and Taylor has a great gift for organization. When they combined those gifts, they came up with a clothing closet that is well organized, well maintained, and designed to be compassionate and protective of the people who use its services. When we use our gifts together, we can accomplish these bigger and more beautiful things.

# February 2022

## at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bates	31	1	2 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office	3 Morning Prayer 8:00am	4	5
6 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The DuBois	7	8 February Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	9 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office	10 Morning Prayer 8:00am		
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20 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bowmans	21	22 <i>Joyous News Deadline March Issue</i>	23 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office	24 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group 3:30pm @ NLAC	25	26
27 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Luckys	28	1 Shrove Tuesday 	2 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	3 Morning Prayer 8:00am	4	5 

## WALLY'S GALLERY –

J Warner Wallace has written a new book entitled “Person of Interest.” You may recall his name. Previously he wrote the book “Cold Case Christianity” which Michael has talked about on several occasions.

For two decades J Warner Wallace was an investigative detective who was an expert on solving cold case crimes. He also had as much belief in God as he did in the Loch Ness Monster. His wife, however, was determined for him to attend church which he finally agreed to do; at least once.

During the service the pastor preached on the person of Jesus saying that Jesus was the smartest man who ever lived; that his teaching transformed the world; that he was God incarnate. Mr. Wallace didn't believe any of it and he set out to prove the statements were false.

In the book, “Person of Interest,” Mr. Wallace relates his investigation of a cold case that he worked years prior, to his current research into the true identity of the person of Jesus. Direct evidence in the criminal investigation had long since disappeared. So too was the situation with the investigation into the search for the truth about Jesus. In both the criminal investigation and in the search for the truth about Jesus, there was no body and no crime scene to provide physical evidence. However, even as an atheist, Mr. Wallace knew that Jesus' arrival on the world stage had divided the historical timeline from BCE (Before the Common Era) to CE (the Common Era). More than anything else, for Mr. Wallace this made Jesus a “Person of Interest” whose true identity needed to be revealed.

Further, Mr. Wallace reasoned, if Jesus was God incarnate as the pastor had said, then there had to be a great deal more evidence than just the New Testament. If God were to walk the earth wouldn't He lay the ground work for his arrival? Wouldn't there be some expectation of a time that He would come? Wouldn't there be some idea of what He would be like? Wouldn't He make such an impression that lives would be changed? Wouldn't His life be immensely impactful on culture? Wouldn't He be the subject of numerous books other than just the New Testament? Wouldn't those who liked him and those who hated him write about him? And so began Mr. Wallace's research into the person of Jesus without the use of the New Testament.

Last month I wrote about why I believed in the Good of the Bible. In the article I confessed that such a short article could never do justice to the subject. The same is true here. Mr. Wallace utilizes 257 pages to make his case. His reference notes alone require another 53 pages. Consequently, in the space remaining I will address only one aspect of his investigation: Jesus' impact on literature. (Quotes that follow are from his book.)





# NLAC GAME DAY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH IN BLANZ HALL

This event is for all ages.

Please invite a friend, bring a snack & a game to share.

Several games will be provided.



## LITURGICAL SEASONS — *by Karen Dielman*

### THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Epiphany, celebrated January 6th, also known as "Three Kings Day", is a Christian holiday, marking the twelfth day of the Christmas season and the revelation of Christ as the son of God. It is also often the focus on the three magi (or "wise men") and their visit to baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The story goes that the three kings found baby Jesus by following the guidance of a mysterious star. This ends the season of Christmas and then begins a new season of ordinary time, growth and new life, color green, leading up to lent.

### THE SEASON OF LENT



Lent is the observance of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It lasts a total of 40 days beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending Saturday, Easter Eve, at 6:00 P.M. It is, at this time, our church community is reminded of the pardon and absolution of our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and how we need to renew our repentance and faith. In so doing, we examine ourselves and repent by prayer, fasting, and self denial; by reading and meditating God's holy Word, the Bible. To make right the sins we have committed.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** – meeting at noon on the first Thursday of the month in Blanz Hall. Bring your own lunch. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship!!

### MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** – meets each Wednesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at J.W. Filmore's.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesdays at 10:30am in Fr. Mike's Office and remotely via conference call

**MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** – meeting is Thursday, February 24th at NLAC in Blanz Hall. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30p.m., dinner 6:30 – 7:30p.m. and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. I hope you will join us.

## NEW LIFE HAS A NEW WEBSITE

Take a minute and check it out at [newlifeanglicanchurch.org](http://newlifeanglicanchurch.org)

## NEW LIFE'S CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE:

Office@newlifeanglican.net and Tracey@newlifeanglican.net

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Think about your gifts like you would think about a band. Listening to someone play guitar can be incredible if they are really good. Add in good singing and things get even better. Each instrument that gets added, as long as it is played well and in harmony (or at least within the context of the song) with the other instruments and the singer, the better the overall experience. Yes, I could listen to Chris Cornell sing all day. I could listen to just about anything by Robert Plant. But when Christ Cornell is accompanied by Soundgarden, or Robert Plant by Led Zeppelin, the experience is so much richer and more satisfying.

So, again, how can your gifts work in concert with the gifts or others in the church? How can we discern, develop, and deploy our gifts for the good of the whole of New Life and for the wider kingdom of God? How can we sort through these things so that we can see our brothers and sisters edified, our God glorified, and, hopefully, Petoskey sanctified?

As I said in my sermon on Sunday, I need you. New Life needs you. My job is to help you identify and develop your gifts. I would love to do that with and for each one of you. It takes all of us, and we are gifted the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the work of the kingdom. Please join me, uniting our gifts together to glorify our Lord and impact our world.

~ Fr. Mike

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Two Roman edicts (the Edict of Milan in 313 CE and the Edict of Thessalonica in 380 CE) brought an end to the persecution of Christians. Now the door was opened for the free expression of Christians beliefs. "For the next two hundred years Christian leaders reiterated the claims of their faith in letters and manuscripts..." In fact so much was written by these early church fathers that we can "retrieve the important details of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus" without referring to the New Testament at all.

The eventual death of the Christian fathers, however, did not stop the flow of literature about Jesus. Later more manuscripts about Jesus serviced written by authors who distorted the truth and consequently were never included in the cannon of the Bible. In addition there were other writings by those who despised Jesus. Mr Wallace found that these attacks by those who distorted the truth or those who meant to discredit Jesus, either knowingly and not, could not avoid acknowledging many of the earlier truth claims.

In the centuries that followed "the number of authors who wrote about Jesus grew exponentially." Mr. Wallace cites a study done by CIA analysis Peter Dickson in 1999. Mr. Dickson did a computer analysis of eighteen million volumes in the Library of Congress which revealed that there were nearly twice as many books about Jesus than any other figure. Further, Mr. Wallace expanded Mr. Dickson's study by using a Google search of all the world's full-text books. Once again; "This global search reveals that Jesus is still the subject of more books than anyone else." And I haven't even addressed the subject of screenplays of which Jesus once again leads the list.

Mr. Wallace started his research into the person of Jesus because of several statements the pastor made. Mr. Wallace felt that if the pastor was correct then Jesus should have to have made an immense impact on culture. Mr. Wallace wanted to find out the truth and what he discovered brought him to faith in Jesus of Nazareth.

~ Wally's Gallery

# February 2022 Service Calendar

If you are unable to fulfill your service duties on the dates listed, please try to rearrange and find your own replacement.

	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27	March 6
ALTAR GUILD	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Liz Ostrander
SOUND/ MUSIC	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Dan W./ Randy F./ Taylor DuBois	Don L./ Dan W./ The Bowmans	Randy F./ Don L./ The Flynns	Dan W./ Randy F./ Sally Stump	Don L./ Dan W./ Taylor DuBois
LECTOR	Karen Dielman	Wally Stansbury	Dan Wandrie	Erika Dielman	Gretchen Lucky
LAY MINISTER	Erika Dielman	Mickey Bridge	Howard Bates	Karen Dielman	Wally Stansbury
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The DuBois	The Wandries	The Bowmans	The Luckys	Brenda Flynn & Ginny Poquette



Thursday  
Morning Prayer  
8:00am in  
Fr. Mike's Office



## ALTAR GUILD

Feb..... Gretchen Lucky  
Mar..... Liz Ostrander  
April..... Karen Dielman

## Birthdays

Randy Flynn 2/2  
George Renton 2/8  
D.W. Lucky 2/11



## February



## Wedding Anniversaries



Bob & Elain  
Hameister  
Feb. 20th



May the Lord richly bless you on your special day and all year!  
Please let us know if we have missed your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary  
so that we may celebrate with you and remember you in prayer.

# Congregation — We Need You!

To volunteer to serve, please contact the Team Leaders listed below.

<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Karen Dielman..... 231/347-3532
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Karen Dielman..... 231/347-3532
<b>Music/Sound:</b>	Ferd Dielman ..... 231/347-3532
<b>Ushers:</b>	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Carol Bowman ..... 231/459-4566
<b>Lectors:</b>	Tracey Jepsen ..... 231/347-3448
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Mike Bridge ..... 231/330-0689
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Mike Bridge ..... 231/330-0689
<b>Children's Sunday School:</b>	Darlene Wandrie .. 231/347-5871
<b>Youth Sunday School:</b>	Don Lucky ..... 231/622-2058
(middle & high school)	
<b>Adult Sunday School:</b>	Mike Bridge ..... 231/330-0689
<b>Nursery:</b>	Bonnie Bridge ..... 231/445-1810
<b>Fellowship/Hospitality:</b>	Liz Ostrander ..... 231/348-2802
<b>Prayer Chain:</b>	Ron Davis ..... 517/617-5015
<b>Women's Ministry:</b>	Karen Dielman..... 231/347-3532
Study Leader	Bonnie Bridge..... 231/445-1810
<b>Men's Ministry:</b>	Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
<b>Inreach:</b>	Gretchen Lucky .... 231/622-2057
<b>Outreach:</b>	Lacy Bates .....231/373-7997
<b>Evangelism:</b>	
<b>Missions:</b>	
<b>Building and Grounds:</b>	Don Greenwell..... 231/347-1808
<b>Art and Architecture:</b>	Susan Davis ..... 231/881-3106
<b>Church Historian:</b>	Liz Ostrander ..... 231/348-2802
<b>Communications:</b>	Bonnie Bridge..... 231/445-1810
(newspaper articles, etc.)	
<b>Student Visitor's Liaison:</b>	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Wes Ostrander ..... 231/330-4930
Assistant Treasurer:	Susan Davis ..... 231/881-3106
Assistant Treasurer:	Sally Stump ..... 231/881-2818
<b>Stewardship:</b>	Dan Wandrie..... 231/347-5871

## New Life Anglican Church

### 2022 Vestry

<i>Sr. Warden ...</i>	Howard Bates
<i>Jr. Warden ...</i>	Dan Wandrie
<i>Treasurer .....</i>	Wes Ostrander
.....	Susan Davis
.....	Erika Dielman
.....	Toni DuBois
.....	Don Lucky

## Our Joyous News Needs You!

Please consider submitting an article or item of interest for the next issue of the Joyous News.

Submission deadline  
is February 22nd.



## SAVE YOUR

### OLESON'S RECEIPTS

We appreciate grocery receipts from Oleson's Food Stores. You may leave your receipts in the coffee hour donation basket, in the Outreach shopping cart or on Tracey's desk.

## PRAYER CHAIN



To activate the chain call:  
Ron Davis at 517.617.5015 or  
e-mail at rsdavismgr@gmail.com

## To Help Keep You Informed

You may contact Tracey Jepsen our Administrative Assistant at 231.347.3448 for copies of Vestry Approved: Financial Statements and Vestry Meeting Minutes.

### Treasurer's Report ~ January 31, 2022

	January			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	12,689.16	12,667.00	22.16	12,689.16	12,667.00	22.16
Other	3,554.94	1,987.00	1,567.94	3,554.94	1,987.00	1,567.94
<b>Income</b>	<b>16,244.10</b>	<b>14,169.00</b>	<b>1,590.10</b>	<b>16,244.10</b>	<b>14,169.00</b>	<b>1,590.10</b>
Expenses	(13,901.43)	(14,501.00)	599.57	(13,901.43)	(14,501.00)	599.57
<b>Difference</b>	<b>2,342.67</b>	<b>(332.00)</b>	<b>2,010.67</b>	<b>2,342.67</b>	<b>(332.00)</b>	<b>2,010.67</b>
Assets				662,691.28		
<b>2022 - 211 Fund Pay Outs</b>		<b>Building Repairs</b>		<b>23,658.29</b>	<b>Outreach</b>	<b>2,178.50</b>

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We were therefore  
buried with Him  
through baptism into  
death in order that,  
just as Christ was  
raised from the dead  
through the glory of  
the Father, we too  
may live a *new life*.

Romans 6:4



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## JOYOUS NEWS

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*In a speedy path  
of flight  
a blue jay glides  
through early morning light.  
It hasn't heard the weather report  
and, if it could,  
it probably would retort  
by gliding still to another tree,  
not caring a fig  
what the report  
might mean to me.  
For here I am  
in my snow bound world,*



*totally flightless  
unlike this bird.  
Such freedom to fly,  
in the early morn!  
It sets my mind  
in a fit of scorn.  
Course, I wouldn't like  
what it has to eat  
and feed on snow  
for an ice cold treat.  
But, look at it now,  
this upstart thing,  
has flown even higher  
on its widespread wings.*

