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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.*



How do we love well? This is a question we should all be concerned with. We want to love others as Christ loves us. We want to reflect his love in the world. We (should) want to love our enemies. We want to be good parents, spouses, friends. We want to. But we struggle. Why shouldn't something as basic and necessary as love be simpler?

Part of that reason might be that the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately sick. For this reason, following our hearts often leads to disastrous consequences. If our hearts are deceitful and sick, then why should we trust them with something as important as love? We often equate the heart and love because we equate the heart with emotion, and we treat love like an emotion. We want our hearts to skip a beat when we look at someone we love. We want the feeling of butterflies.

Love isn't strictly speaking a feeling, however. We are often told that love is a decision. That is true to the same extent that love is an emotion. We can feel love, so it can be an emotion. And we choose to love, so love is a decision. But this doesn't solve the dilemma. Just as our hearts are deceitful and desperately sick, so are our minds. The Christian doctrine of total depravity tells us that all our faculties are touched by sin. This includes our hearts and our minds. In other words, we can't trust ourselves to decide or will love any more than we can trust following our hearts to feel love.

So, if love is more than just a feeling and more complicated than just a decision (because of sin), how can we love? How can we even know what love is? Love, maybe unsurprisingly, begins with God. I John 4:19 says, "We love because he first loved us." Our ability to love is rooted in the love of God. The most obvious way that we know and experience that love is through the sacrifice of Christ and our adoption as sons and daughters.

I love because he first loved me. When I know Christ; when I have received the washing of my sins in his blood; when I have come to know God as my Father; then I begin to understand what love is. This kind of love is self-sacrificial. It is other-oriented. It is about what I give, not what I receive. In this sense, love becomes more of an action than a feeling or decision. Though, in reality, it is all these things. I fell loved by God. I decided to love like God. I act like God by loving others.

This is still just a starting point. God loved me first. When I understand that I begin to be able to feel it, see it, imitate it. But there is yet more. We are commanded to love. If we are commanded to do it, then we need the power to do it. We already know that we are fallen and that our faculties are all touched by sin. So how can I love with God's love, even when I have witnessed what that love looks like? I need his help.

God didn't leave us alone. He gave us his Holy Spirit. All that he commands us to do, he enables us to do through his power dwelling in us. The Spirit quickens the heart, encourages me to love more, and enables me to do so. The Spirit holds me accountable when I fail to love. He grows a greater capacity within me that I can love more. And he gives me opportunities to love that I might not have had otherwise.



April 2022



HOLY WEEK

at New Life

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Greenwell	28	29	30 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office 6pm Lenten Meal & Study	31 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6pm	1	2
3 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Stumps	4	5	6 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office 6pm Lenten Meal & Evening Prayer	7 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6pm	8	9
10 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bates	11	12 April Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	13 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office	14 Morning Prayer 8:00am Maundy Thursday 6:30pm Altar of Repose 8pm-7am	15 Stations of the Cross 12:30pm Good Friday Service 6:30pm	16
17 Worship Service 10:00am <i>Happy Easter</i>	18	19	20 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office	21 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6pm	22	23
24 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Wandrie	25	26 <i>Joyous News Deadline April Issue</i>	27 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office	28 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm @ NLAC Women's Bible Study 6pm	29	30

WALLY'S GALLERY —

On Christmas Day 1991 the president of the Russia, Mikhail Gorbachev, announced the breakup of the Soviet Union. In August of that same year Ukraine became a free and independent nation. Today as I write this article, Ukraine is being invaded by Russia as Russia seeks to regain the boundaries it once possessed.

As I understand, the expectations by our own intelligence were that Ukraine would quickly fall into the



hands of the Soviet aggressors; but at this point that has not been the case. The people of Ukraine having enjoyed the taste of freedom do not want to be enslaved once again and are prepared to die if that is the cost. The heroic actions of the Ukrainian people brought back memories of our own history. "Give me liberty, or give me death!" Patrick Henry declared before the Virginia Assembly on March 23rd 1775 which set the grounds for the American revolution and the freedoms of our country.

Freedom to live our lives without outside oppression; freedom to enjoy the fruits of our labor; freedom to worship; freedom of assembly; freedom to speak are the freedoms that many in the course of our history have died to secure. But there is another freedom far more profound and far more lasting. John Piper, pastor, and chancellor of Bethlehem College & Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota, calls it Christian freedom. So what is Christian freedom and why do we need it?

Dr. Piper starts by reminding the Christian reader that they were once in bondage to sin; devoid of any ability to free themselves. "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—" (Ephesians 2:4-5) We were saved by Christ; free from the bondage of sin. And as the apostle John wrote: "...if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36) Dr. Piper then explains what that freedom means.

He says that to be truly free we must have freedom of desire, freedom of ability, freedom of opportunity, and freedom of no regrets. He then gives the illustration of skydiving to make his point.

For example if while traveling to a skydiving event we have an accident and consequently fail to arrive on time for the jump the opportunity is gone. We lose the freedom of opportunity. If we fail to attend the classes for the jump and don't know how to do the jump safely then we lose the ability to make the jump. Then suppose you make it to the jump on time having attended all the classes but as the plane door opens for the jump you freeze and decide this is not for you. In that case you have lost the freedom of desire. Now suppose you make it to the jump on time having attended all the classes and when the jump door opens you look out and think, "I love this." "I want to do this." So, out you go enjoying the exhilarating experience of falling but what is not known to you is that your parachute

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Sure, I can love my wife and I can love my kids. Not everyone does, because of that sin thing. But we all know that, at the minimum, we need to love our families. Jesus asked what good that is since even the heathen does that. He takes love further. Love your enemies and pray for them. Now that is a test of our ability to love, and a good indicator for our spiritual growth. Am I loving my enemies? How do I love my enemies?

Jesus showed us the way to love our enemies, and that is by willing to sacrifice for them. Remember, we were enemies of God until Jesus reconciled us to him. But how do I get myself to even be willing to do that? Prayer. Love your enemies and pray for them. It is so hard to hate people for whom we pray. If there is someone we are struggling to love, we should pray for them, whether it is an enemy, or just someone in our life who annoys us. We can always shoot up a short prayer in a moment of need. We can likewise spend hours in prayer if needed to love someone we may otherwise feel is unlovable (or even unlikable) by us. Prayer. That is the answer.

We are called to love. We can't just reduce love to an emotion, or a decision, or an action. We must be willing to let it be all those things, and in whatever proportion is needed to make love possible. But the key ingredients in this are receiving God's love; living and responding to his Holy Spirit; and submitting ourselves in prayer to seek God's help to love more and better.

"Lord, help me to love as you have loved me. Help me to love my enemies as well as my friends and family. Help me to experience and feel your love daily so that it can grow the seeds of love within me. Let your love be my guide, that I may love as you love. Fill me with your Spirit that I may be gifted with love and may never find it in short supply. Help me to never withhold my love from another as you haven't withheld yours from me. Amen."

~ Fr. Mike

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, April 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.

NEW LIFE'S CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE:

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and hopefully our other addresses will work again soon.

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is defective. It is not going to open and you are powerless to save yourself. You may think you are free but that is only because you do not realize the true state you are in. In truth you are not free; "you are dead; and with regrets."

Dr. Piper says "This is where most people live, thinking they are fully free."..."In order to be fully free, you have to have a parachute in good working order. You need to be saved. You need to have Jesus Christ, because you are cruising toward destruction - no matter how free you feel in this world without a Savior."

He ends with these words..."When Jesus makes us free, he makes us free at every single level. He has given us the freedom of opportunity: he died for us. The freedom of ability: he gave us the gift of faith. The freedom of desire: he put a new heart in us and wrote his law on it, causing us to have new desires and new loves. He gives us the freedom of having no regrets in a thousand years."

"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

~ Wally's Gallery

LITURGICAL SEASONS — *by Karen Dielman*

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.

JESUS COMES TO JERUSALEM AS KING - PALM SUNDAY

As they approached Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples into the village for a donkey and told them to exclaim...the lord needs them. This fulfilled the prophesy "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" When coming in to town, a very large crowd spread their cloaks and palm branches on the ground shouting "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Palm leaves represent righteousness.

Thus begins the journey of Holy week.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

We began our journey into Holy Week with Jesus entry in to Jerusalem. As we progress on his walk we hear of the last supper and foot washing with the disciples on Maundy Thursday. Good Friday.....the goodness of our sins paid with the death of our Lord and Savior. Easter...the rising of the Son! As Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. She runs and cries, "they have taken him and we don't know where he is." The disciples go, see, and believe. Scriptures fulfilled. On the third day the temple will be rebuilt. Alleluia! The Lord has risen. He has risen indeed. Alleluia!

NEW LIFE HAS A NEW WEBSITE

Take a minute and check it out at newlifeanglicanchurch.org

April 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.

	April 3	April 10 Palm Sunday	April 14 Maundy Thur.	April 15 Good Friday	April 17 Easter	April 24
ALTAR GUILD	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman
SOUND/MUSIC	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes
USHER/COUNTER/GREETERS	Randy F./ Don L./ Taylor DuBois	Dan W./ Randy F./ Sally Stump	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Don L./ Dan W./ The Flynns	Randy F./ Don L./ The Bowmans
LECTOR	Erika Dielman	Wally Stansbury	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Dan Wandrie	Karen Dielman
LAY MINISTER	Karen Dielman	Mickey Bridge	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Howard Bates	Erika Dielman
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie	See sign up sheet in Blanz Hall to volunteer.		Darlene Wandrie	TBD
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The Stumps	The Bates			Happy Easter	The Wandries



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



ALTAR GUILD

April..... Karen Dielman
May Karen Dielman
Mar Gretchen Lucky

Birthdays

Wes Ostrander 4/2
Taylor DuBois 4/4
David Honeycutt 4/4
Nate Greenwell 4/18
Sharalen Greenwell 4/22
Chris Woods 4/23
Nicki Morris 4/24
Josh Greenwell 4/24
Wally Stansbury 4/28

April



Wedding Anniversaries



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.

- Altar Guild: Karen Dielman..... 231/347-3532
- Altar Flowers: Karen Dielman..... 231/347-3532
- Music/Sound: Ferd Dielman 231/347-3532
- Ushers:
- Greeters: Carol Bowman 231/459-4566
- Lectors: Tracey Jepsen 231/347-3448
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
- Acolytes: Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
- Children's Sunday School: Darlene Wandrie .. 231/347-5871
- Youth Sunday School: Don Lucky 231/622-2058
(middle & high school)
- Adult Sunday School: Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
- Nursery: Bonnie Bridge 231/445-1810
- Fellowship/Hospitality: Liz Ostrander 231/348-2802
- Prayer Chain: Ron Davis 517/617-5015
- Women's Ministry: Karen Dielman..... 231/347-3532
Study Leader Bonnie Bridge..... 231/445-1810
- Men's Ministry: Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
- Inreach: Gretchen Lucky 231/622-2057
- Outreach: Lacy Bates231/373-7997
- Evangelism:
- Missions:
- Building and Grounds: Don Greenwell..... 231/347-1808
- Art and Architecture: Susan Davis 231/881-3106
- Church Historian: Liz Ostrander 231/348-2802
- Communications: Bonnie Bridge..... 231/445-1810
(newspaper articles, etc.)
- Student Visitor's Liaison:
- Treasurer: Wes Ostrander 231/330-4930
- Assistant Treasurer: Susan Davis 231/881-3106
- Assistant Treasurer: Sally Stump 231/881-2818
- Stewardship: Dan Wandrie 231/347-5871

New Life Anglican Church

2022 Vestry

- Sr. Warden ... Howard Bates
- Jr. Warden.... Dan Wandrie
- Treasurer 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 April 26th.



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 ~ February 28, 2022

	February			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	12,088.61	12,667.00	(578.39)	24,777.77	25,334.00	(556.23)
Other	4,947.74	1,187.00	3,760.74	8,502.68	3,174.00	5,328.68
Income	17,036.35	13,854.00	3,182.35	33,280.45	28,508.00	4,772.45
General Exp	(17,416.91)	(14,501.00)	(2,915.91)	(31,318.34)	(29,002.00)	(2,316.34)
Difference	(380.56)	(647.00)	266.44	1,962.11	(494.00)	2,456.11
Assets				\$658,492.83		
	Jan. 1, 2022	Donations	Expenses	Difference	Feb. 28, 2022	
211 Fund	\$177,247.64	-	\$23,658.29	(\$23,658.29)	\$153,589.35	
211 Fund In/Out Reach	\$30,500	-	\$6,633.09	(\$6,633.09)	\$23,866.91	

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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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*The glory of light
from the mountain
opens this new born day,
a herald of Christ,
who is risen,
to be our strength
and our way.
The Lord is risen.*



*The glory of life unfolding
for us
in this covenant new
assuring love and forgiveness
which our hearts
did stubbornly rue.
The Lord is risen, indeed.
Halleluiah! Halleluiah!*

*In the sweetest sounds
of thanksgiving,
from the ends of the earth
great praise
that our Lord, Jesus Christ
has risen
from the fast, dark depths
of the grave.
The Lord is risen, indeed.
Halleluiah! Halleluiah!*

He is Risen

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