



New Life Christian Community

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

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Where Do We Place Our Trust?

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

In whom or where do we put our trust? I know that the Sunday school answer is Jesus, but I am asking this question to cause us to really ponder the truth of our answer.

Many of you know that I truly love fishing and have since age of four. I've spent a lifetime pursuing this hobby. I can sit in a boat without food and water for hours in bad weather and still call it a riot. To some this seems absolutely crazy but for me fishing is a refuge away from the busyness and stress of the world.

One evening, I was fishing large Mille Lacs Lake. It was a calm summer night as I headed out in my boat with all the electronics anyone would want including a GPS. I motored out about 4-5 miles from our cabin and started fishing. As the night progressed, I was catching fish which kept me entertained. As it became late the fog started coming in. Before long it was so thick, I couldn't even see my anchor or navigation lights. I wasn't worried because the lake was like glass but decided Cory might be worrying so I lifted my anchor convinced that I could find my way home.

I began motoring slowly since there are spots with rocks that are only 2 feet below the surface that could really wreck a boat. After several minutes of motoring, my GPS told me I was going the wrong way! I decided the GPS wasn't working properly due to the fog and continued to plot my own course. I had fished this area numerous times before and knew better than my GPS. After motoring around aimlessly for an hour getting farther and farther from my cabin, I decided to finally ask for directions from my GPS which is really hard to admit as a male. Through the thickest fog I have ever seen, my GPS brought me right to my dock. I was really relieved to finally be at home.

Recently, Cory and I were headed to the Cities and our GPS kept trying to bring us a direction that we ignored. We laughed stating we knew better than the GPS and would ask for help only if we got lost! We agreed that this is so reflective of our own personal faith walks. Many times, we like to believe we are in control.

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Don't worry God, I've got this only to find ourselves stressed out and lost turning to God crying out for help! I know that all of us have experienced this. The Bible is full of story after story of the Israelites believing that they knew better. The Golden calf? Their trust in themselves led them to wander in the wilderness for 40 years. God told them to take the land, but they lacked trust in God and therefore suffered the consequences.

As a church body, New life is now in the process of starting the search for a third pastor. This person will serve an executive roll including assistance with hospital/nursing home visits, help with discipleship and shepherding as well as helping new people get assimilated into our family, etc. These are all things we have realized need more attention in order to better serve the body. We, the elders and pastors, have spent a year praying over this and feel that this is God's direction for us. This is a step of faith because we trust God will support this position financially just as he has with both Tony and Chandler. We will keep you updated on this exciting development but ask that you continue to keep our future pastor and this position in prayer.

It is truly a blessing to serve as an elder here at New Life. God is doing amazing things through the local churches both here in Dresser as well as around the world. May we continue to proclaim that the only place we put our trust is in Jesus alone!

In Christ, Greg Mattson

October Memory Verse

Isaiah 40:9

"Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'" (ESV)

Opportunities to Serve

BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Backpack Program is a program run by the Osceola Open Cupboard and provides backpacks of easy to fix food for children and their families for over the weekends when they don't have access to school meals. This year New Life is collecting pouches of sides---think rice, pasta, muffin mix and brownies. Please consider helping collect these inexpensive items, and remember, it should be pouches so it fits easily in the backpacks. Many times, it's children preparing this food on the weekends, so the easier the prep, the better.

Upcoming Events



As we welcome this time of year with its many colors, Operation Christmas Child is a time of year, **we too** can share as a community, the love of Christ! It is not too early to be collecting your Wow items and other hygiene, school supplies, toy or other items that can be shipped in a shoe size box to other countries through Samaritan's Purse. Remember, *no war type toys, toothpaste, or candy allowed this year.* The small size shoe box is recommended or the cardboard boxes supplied at the church. This ensures all boxes are uniform in size and fit into the crates. It also makes it fair to each child. More children can have a small gift versus some a gift and others not. Get sale items but not reused items. Think what you would want to give your child. Feel free to join everyone who would like to mass produce boxes **Saturday, November 4th** at the church. Time TBD. Bring your saved items to church that day or drop off items for the day (boxes are at the entryway table). Come all, we will join in a potluck following. Those who are working on your own, please have your boxes dropped off at the church by the deadline, **Sunday, November 12th.**



You are invited to participate with CEF in their 5th annual Verse-A-Thon on **Saturday, November 11th**. The idea behind Verse-A-Thon is that each participant will find people to sponsor them by the verse. Upon registering, you will receive a sponsor sheet along with the official Verse-A-Thon Bible memorization sheet, from which to begin memorizing verses. The sponsor will pay by the verse quoted accurately at the Verse-A-Thon. Contact Erika Rice for more info.

WOMEN'S HARVEST TEA

Ladies, please save the date of **Saturday, November 18**, for our Women's Harvest Tea. This is an event to which we will invite friends and women from the community. The time is 1:00pm and will include tea and refreshments, music, a speaker, and fellowship. If you are interested in hosting a table (supplying dishes, decorations with harvest theme, etc), Please let either Lorraine Milner or Sara Fugate know. More details will come later!

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

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| Oct 22 | Forge Ministry (9 th -12 th Grade)
6:30 - 8:00 pm at NLCC |
| Oct 25 | Immerse (all ages)
6:15 - 7:30 pm at NLCC |
| Oct 26 | Men's Bible Study
6:30 am at NLCC |
| Oct 26 | Women's Bible Study
9:30 am at NLCC |
| Oct 26 | GriefShare Evening Meeting
6:30 pm NLCC Lg Classroom |

Upcoming Potluck/Meal Team:

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| Oct 29 | Meal Team #3 |
| Nov 5 | Potluck Team #1 |
| Nov 12 | Meal Team #4 |

Join us for Fellowship and a Meal after our service today!



Today's Passage:

Pastor Tony's message is from the New Testament book,
[Mark 14:32-42](#)

Sermon Notes:

