

Join us as we celebrate only Jesus!



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

Sun, November 1, 2020

Vol. 14, Issue 3

Ministry Highlight

GriefShare Ministry

For those who don't know, you may be wondering what is GriefShare. GriefShare is a Christ-centered and biblically based program offered at New Life, designed to help people who are grieving the loss of a beloved person or persons in their life. These precious, hurting people are gently presented with hope and healing that can only come from God through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

For me personally, it was the loss of our son Brent that brought me to GriefShare, but not without a lot of prodding from my husband Dale and Connie Bayle. Because I was so angry at God, I was so certain that I could get through my grief on my own in my own way. I quickly began feeling the distance of family and friends because my pain seemed to never want to come to a place of peace within me and too, they were having a difficult time understanding why my grief wasn't ending on what they thought was an appropriate time frame of grieving. Even God seemed distant to me but only because of my anger towards Him.

Psalm 71:1 says, *“Forsake me not when my strength is spent. In you, O Lord do I take refuge.”* It was then that I realized I *needed* God to get me through this pain of losing our son.

After Brent died, I had asked God to use me in His service. It was a way I thought I could face my grief with a purpose. Now today as an anchor and facilitator to the GriefShare program, I genuinely believe God put me exactly where I needed to be to better serve His purposes. I still have my moments where I cry, remembering the pain of my loss, but that's okay. That is all part of the healing process, however long that may be. It's in the valley you meet God and from there, He lifts you up and brings you closer to Him by giving you the hope you need to press on with your life.

Despite my initial anger with God, GriefShare made a huge impact on me personally by bringing me closer to the Lord, to know that I can lean on Him, knowing only He utterly understands my heart. Only He willingly follows me to the depths of my despair and helps me to rise above my pain through the blood of Jesus. That may seem odd

Continued-->

Ministry Highlight Cont.

to some to hear, but knowing God went through His own pain as He watched Jesus suffer and die on the cross for us, helped me to realize God truly gets not only me but everyone who is hurting and suffering from loss.

Having gone through GriefShare myself, it is undoubtedly a valuable resource for gently bringing people through their grief and to build a deeper relationship with God. I have found my peace as a participant of GriefShare and continue to find peace as a ministry leader of the program, being able to help people to grieve and find their own peace by pointing them to Christ.

Time and time again, I and the others who facilitate in this GriefShare program for adults and youth (who meet separately), see where God is working and using us in such a mighty way.

The people who created GriefShare explain it best, “We stress the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ as the foundation for healing. The pain of grief is one of the most intense feelings a human being can face. The emotional damage cuts to the soul. True healing of this kind of pain can only come from God’s presence in the life of a person experiencing it. This presence comes through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Although the message of Christ cannot be forced on anyone, participants in the GriefShare groups will hear this concept presented in a sensitive but clear manner. We feel it is our responsibility to point people hurting from grief to the only source of true healing from their pain and loss. GriefShare views the Bible as the “owner’s manual” for life.”

Participants are not charged to be in the program, but we will gladly accept donations to cover the materials we purchase for the participants. We would greatly appreciate your prayers each week for the participants of GriefShare as well as the facilitators.

Blessings of peace in Jesus Christ,

Robin Mattson

Ministry Directory

Building & Grounds Ministry

Jim Judkins, 715.338.8837
oldoutboardjim@hotmail.com

Coffee Ministry

Sandy Moe, 715.417.1812
sandy.klj@hotmail.com

Finance Administration

Bruce Gilliland (Treasurer),
715.338.2580
financeministry@
newlifechristiancommunity.org

Greeting Card Ministry

Lynn Nelson, 651.373.1426
lynnjimmnelson@gmail.com

GriefShare Ministry

Robin Mattson, 715.566.1945
robinmattson27@gmail.com

Immerse Ministry

Ana Smith, 715.566.3740
anajoy87@gmail.com

Meal Train Relief Ministry

Danielle Panik, 715.554.2214
dhischer@gmail.com

Missions Outreach

Lorraine Milner, 715.557.0661
lrmilner@gmail.com

Newsletter Administration

Dawn Holm, 715.472.8453
djhholm@lakeland.ws

Resource Center

Cory Mattson, 715.417.0945
cory79mattson@hotmail.com

Sunday Meal Services

Barbara Judkins,
309.269.0556
bjdarnell@hotmail.com

Transportation Services

Art Behr, 715.220.6882
behrden1@charter.net

Video Ministry

Jim Mabee, 651.470.4172
jmabee@centurytel.net

Widow's/Shut-ins

Linda Rominek, 760.252-1786
lindajoy77@gmail.com

Check out New Life Online

newlifechristiancommunity.org

Find Links to: • Events • Sermons Online
• Set Lists • New Life Connect • & More

This Week's Schedule of Events:

Tues Men's Bible Study-6:30 am
Wed Every Man's Battle-6:00 am
Wed Immerse Studies-6:15 pm
Thurs Men's Bible Study-6:30 am
Thurs Ladies Study-Matthew-10 am
Thurs Ladies Study- 6:30 pm

Meal Teams:

November 15 Meal Team #3

December 6 Meal Team #4

Contact Barbara Judkins if interested in joining a meal team.

Fellowship Tip for November

Have you committed yourself to invest in the work of gospel ministry here at New Life and want to learn more about what it means to become a partner? Take a moment and talk to one of the elders or pastors after service and they would be glad to begin that conversation with you.

November Memory Verse

"...but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..." Ephesians 5:18-20

Pastoral Eldership Team:

Pastor Tony Minell 715.417.1982
galatiansii20@yahoo.com

Pastor Paul Linzmeier 320.226.5581
pastorpaul.nlcc@gmail.com

Cory Mattson, Secretary 715.417.0945

Zachary Fugate 715.379.2918

Brian Gates 651.230.6554

Matt Leko 651.465.3154

Dale Mattson 715.566.2302

Greg Mattson 715.417.2444

Rene Milner 715.557.0185

Jim Nelson 651.283.2132

Jay Swisher 763.587.3472

Announcements

Help Needed: Current or new Building & Grounds members to take responsibility for two separate functions:

1) Lighting: Monitor lighting throughout the building and replace bulbs, as required.

2) Rodent Control: Monitor traps. Monitor & fill bait stations. Please contact Jim Judkins if willing to help out.

Immerse Help Needed: Looking for a few teaching assistants and a part-time teacher for Immerse on Wednesday nights. Please text, call or email me if you have any questions!

Fellowship Today: Please stick around after service and enjoy an extended time of fellowship over a delicious lunch. There is always need for volunteers to join the meal teams to make and serve the food as well as clean-up afterwards. If you would like to serve in any fashion to help continue make these meals possible please reach out to Barbara Judkins. You can find her contact information in the newsletter.

Young Adult Bible Study: Young adults of New Life, we will be starting an evening Bible study and fellowship time the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 6:30 pm until 8 pm. Each night we will be diving into God's Word, spending time in prayer, singing, and intentionally building relationships with one another through the conversations. If you're asking the question of whether or not you're considered a young adult or whether your son or daughter is, then you should probably just plan to come :) Our first gathering will be in the Minell home (2212 73rd Ave. Osceola). You won't want to miss it!

Today's Passage

Hosea

The Call to Return to the Savior

Pastor Tony will be teaching
from the book of Hosea.
Our passage for today is
Hosea 11:1-11.

715-201-2295 • 201 State Road 35 N, Dresser, WI

newlifechristiancommunity.org

Sunday service starts at 9:30 am • nlcc.dresser@gmail.com

Join New Life Connect by emailing Pastor Paul at pastorpaul.nlcc@gmail.com