

Good News From New Life

May 8, 2025



Easter 4

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Calendar of Coming Events

May 7 Wednesday Book Club

10:30 AM Carolyn Clark,

And Then There Was Margaret

May 10 Spring Clean Up

May 11 Easter 4, Holy Eucharist

Rev Kay Ashby

7 pm Taize service

May 13 Tuesday Evening Group

6PM Carlo's Trattoria

May 17 11AM Funeral Vi Croasmun

Visitation 10AM

Luncheon follows

May 18 Easter 5, Morning Prayer

Pete Iole preaches

May 25 Easter 6, Morning Prayer

Scott Bridges preaches

June 1 Ascension, Rev Barbara

Coffee Hour

June 8 Pentecost Sunday

7 pm Taize

June 15 Trinity Sunday

Worship in May

May 11 Mother's Day, Holy Eucharist.

Rev Kay Ashby preaches and celebrates

May 18 Morning Prayer, Pete Iole preaches, Scott Bridges officiates

May 25 Morning Prayer, Scott Bridges preaches, Pete Iole officiates

Library Donations

The Friends of the Lake Library needs volunteers to help organize and sort books for their book sale. There will be a work day on Monday, June 16, at the Lake High School cafeteria from 9AM-3PM. Volunteers are asked to come at 9AM, but can leave as needed. You can bring a packed lunch if you wish. There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor. This opportunity allows our parish to be visible and involved in the community, plus it's a fun happening!

New Life Clean Up Day

Our next Church Clean Up Day will be Saturday, May 10 from 9AM-Noon. See Julie Martin if you are able to help.

FISH Items for 2025

Please bring items to church for the FISH pantry! Any of these items can be donated during any month, but the following schedule is suggested.

January	Canned soup
February	Peanut butter
March	Toothpaste
April	Cleaning products, dish soap
May	Cereal
June	Canned fruit
July	Shampoo
August	Fruit juice
September	Cleaning products
October	Cereal
November	Pasta and pasta sauce
December	Instant potatoes

Dispatch from Rome #1

This is my second day in Rome, having spent a delightful three days in Schleswig Holstein with old friends, soaking up the charming culture of northern Germany. Kay and Eckart have lived in their thatched roof house in a rural village for over 50 years. Eckart is retired from the faculty of Kiel University, where he had a long career as a professor of geography. He and his American wife Kay love the country living. They have two German/American sons, one adopted Korean daughter, and grandchildren from all three in a mixture of ethnicities. Mostly we sat around and talked for three days. Eckart loved telling their neighbors that Kay and I grew up as neighbors and played dolls together as children. I fell back easily into speaking German, but having arrived in Rome, I am trying to switch gears into Italian, which I barely speak at all.

Fortunately, my hosts in Rome are fluent in Italian. Michael is British/American, a professor of anthropology, retired from Harvard (and believe me, he has plenty to say about Harvard's current political struggles!) His wife Nea was my college roommate. I am so fortunate to have such interesting friends!

On Tuesday all of us are leaving Rome. Nea and Michael are going north to Milan, where Michael is delivering lectures for a week. I am heading south to the Amalfi Coast, based in Sorrento, to enjoy the beautiful scenery and visit two archeological sites

(Pompeii and Paestum) before returning to Rome on Saturday. I have a date to meet Larry Mackey on Sunday at the Episcopal church, St Paul's within the Walls. I will write about all that in Dispatch #2 next week.

Meanwhile, please know that I miss all of you, but I am truly enjoying my time away.

Blessings,
Rev Barbara

Rev Barbara returns on June 1, for the Feast of the Ascension, and Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Our organist for Lent and Easter Sunday, Valerie Thorson, will play for those two Sundays.

NCD Prayer

Holy and living God,

who nurtures our faith:

**Help us to be so rooted in your love
that we may encourage New Life in
others.**

NCD Action Team

Our Natural Church Development Action Team (Larry Mackey, Jeff Maurer, Scott Bridges. Charlyn and Joe Bridges. and Darlene Giffin) is headed by Rev Barbara and is concentrating on Need-oriented Evangelism.

The Action Team will meet again in June. The NCD Prayer is available for private devotions, in Prayers of the People on Sundays, in the Telecon prayers on Sundays, and any other gatherings of the faithful. Prayer will sustain our efforts and guide our path.

Vestry Goals for 2025

1. **Improve visibility of the church**
2. **Adopt Natural Church Development process, focusing on Need-oriented Evangelism**
3. **Continue developing relationships within the larger community** (FISH, Lake Library, other parishes, lay preachers, Taize services, Adults with Disabilities Events)

Vestry Officers 2025

Senior Warden: Larry Mackey

Junior Warden: Julie Martin

Treasurer: Amy Allen

Clerk: Pete Iole

Vestry members: Andrea Page, Scott Bridges, Jeff Maurer, Julie Martin, Larry Mackey.

Priest-in-Charge: Rev Barbara Bond

Sunday Night Prayer Telecon

Join your New Life family in prayer for about 15 minutes each Sunday night at 8 pm and start your week off prayerfully! A few minutes before 8 pm call 720-843-2008. Enter the access code when prompted: 420030#. If you use a smart phone and would like a text reminder and texted prayers, contact MJ at 330-606-9904. Or pick up a flier in the parlor with the prayers. Rotating telecon leaders are Julie Martin, MJ Maling, Bo Iole and Jo Schiffbauer. We pray for our church, our country, our world, and each other's concerns and thanksgivings.

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 6/1

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie

Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R 5/4

Servers Schedule

Altar Guild

May 10-16 Rita

May 17-23 Terri

May 24-30 Marianne

May 31-Jun /6 Rita

Readers

May 11 Bo

May 18 Amy

May 25 Pete

Acolyte

May 11 Andrea

Counters

May 11 Julie & Susan

May 18 Andrea & Jan

May 25 Jan & Darlene

Vestry In Charge

May 11 Pete

May 18 Larry

May 25 Julie

Healers

May 11 Amy

May 18 Julie

May 25 Bo

Send newsletter items to the Office by Tuesday

Please send items by Tuesday evening to Maryanne Shaw, our administrator, who will be compiling the newsletter in Rev Barbara's absence (entire month of May).
office@cometnewlife.org

Deacon's Dismissal

by Rev Josh Butler

Mike was the first prisoner I ever visited ... 24 years ago in the "Supermax" ... the fortress-like prison in Youngstown for the "Worst of the Worst." I visited Mike many times in that cold, hard place. A few years ago, Mike moved to a prison near Cincinnati where his mother lives. Mike hasn't seen his mother since before his conviction. Still, Mike remains certain his mother will visit him. She said she would. Time goes by and she's still not visited. When they talk on the telephone, she tells Mike she'll see him soon. I'm beginning to have my doubts.

Rev Barbara stayed with friends in Schleswig Holstein in their charming thatched roof house.

