

# Good News From New Life

May 15, 2025



## Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

## Calendar of Coming Events

**May 17 11AM Funeral Vi Croasmun**

**Visitation 10AM**

**Luncheon follows Committal**

**May 18 Easter 5, Morning Prayer**

**Pete Iole preaches**

**May 19 Vestry Meeting 6:30PM**

**May 21 Wednesday Book Club**

**10:30 AM Carolyn Clark,**

***And Then There Was Margaret***

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

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

**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 as well as other Sundays throughout the summer. Bill Kendrick will also be playing during the summer.**

## 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!

## 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 #2**

Well! Rome has been an exciting place to be this past week, but alas, I wasn't here! I was doing a side trip to the south while the conclave met, the new pope was elected, and oh my goodness, he's an American! Well, I certainly heard about it, and I heard the church bells ringing in Sorrento announcing the joyous news. Being somewhat allergic to big crowds, I was happy enough not being present in St. Peter's square along with about 100K others. But I am delighted that Leo XIV is the new pope.

Sorrento is a lovely city on the Amalfi Coast, south of Naples. Using Sorrento as my base, I first made a day trip to coastal towns of Positano (crowded), Amalfi (crowded) and Ravello (not so crowded). Visiting Ravello requires a 30 minute white knuckle bus ride which accounts for fewer tourists. But the scenery from there is breath taking and definitely worth the trip.

The next day I toured Pompeii, the ancient Roman city that was deluged with ash in 79AD when the volcano Vesuvius blew its top. This was my second trip to Pompeii, the first one about 20 years ago, and the major difference was those 20 years! Walking on the uneven street stones was very hard on this old lady. Still, the site is fascinating, offering a view of Roman life 2000 years ago.

Then, wanting to see something a little older, I moved on to Paestum and viewed ancient Greek temples from 500 BC. Wonderful!

Back in Rome, I went to church Sunday morning at the beautiful American Episcopal church, St Paul's Within the Walls, greeting old friends from my previous sabbatical in Rome in 2012.

A little tired from all my rushing around, I am taking just a couple of days of recuperative laziness, awaiting the return of my hosts Nea and Michael, who made their trip to Milan (north) while I made my trip to the south. My next side trip will be to Assisi on the weekend. I will tell you about it in my next dispatch.

Blessings  
Rev Barbara

## **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 18 Amy

May 25 Pete

### **Acolyte**

### **Counters**

May 18 Andrea & Jan

May 25 Jan & Darlene

### **Vestry In Charge**

May 18 Larry

May 25 Julie

### **Healers**

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](mailto:office@cometnewlife.org)

## Deacon's Dismissal

by Rev Josh Butler

My parents ate once at McDonald's. It was confusing ... pay first ... find table ... carry food ... bus table ... but they allowed it wasn't the worst meal they'd ever eaten. I ate my first fast food in California when I was 19. A day laborer, I spent a morning digging trenches for two-fifty an hour. By noon, I could have passed out from hunger. The other guys all headed for a Jack-In-A-Box. I wasn't keen on the fast food idea but for a buck and a quarter I ate my fill ... and learned to not be so particular.

5-14-25 (Reprise from 2019)

## Views from Pompeii

