

Good News From New Life

May 22, 2025



Easter 6

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

Calendar of Coming Events

May 28 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 9 Tuesday Evening Group

6:30 PM

June 15 Trinity Sunday

June 16 Lake Library Work Day

June 23 Vestry Meeting

Worship in May

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 #3 Assisi

I spent the past weekend in Assisi, the city of St. Francis. It is a very old place, looking about the same as when Francis lived here in the 12th and 13th centuries (he died in 1226, at the age of 44). The old city is replete with medieval stone buildings and walls. Built on a hill, Assisi offers challenges to the challenged (like me, now age 80) with its very steep roads (some look and feel like 45 degree inclines). Visiting the St. Francis Basilica, my main goal for this side trip, was really hard, but I did it twice and I'm glad I did. Taxi rides helped.

The basilica is dedicated to Saint Francis, probably the most admired saint in the world. He was made a saint just two years after his death. His tomb is below the ground level (yes, I visited it) and then, many steps up later (no elevators, of course) I entered the Lower Basilica, which is a busy mix of chapels, Eucharist services in Italian, walls loaded with frescoes, and many, many tourists. I looked at everything in detail, referring to my Rick Steves guide loaded on my iPad, and then headed for the Upper Basilica (more steps up) where the great artist Giotto painted his famous Legend of Saint Francis fresco cycle about 80 years after Francis's death.

The Giotto fresco cycle was the main thing I came to Assisi to see, and it did not disappoint. Of course it is 700 years old and a little worn, but all the beautiful scenes from Francis's life were visible: the stripping off his clothes in renouncing worldly goods, appearing before Pope Innocent III to get permission for his new order, preaching to the birds, receiving the stigmata (the wounds of Christ on his body), his death with Saint Clare lamenting over him. It

was all beautifully executed by one of the most famous artists in art history. Wow.

So the next day, Sunday morning, I went back, to experience the English-language Mass in that magnificent setting. The preacher and celebrant was an American Franciscan. It was wonderful.

Thereafter I went to San Damiano (Saint Damian), the little church about two miles away, where Francis received his call. At the time, the little church was a wreck. Francis had a vision that the Christ on the crucifix was speaking to him, telling Francis to "build up my church." Francis thought Christ meant that Francis should repair the little wrecked church, and he did that, but later he realized that the message was really about building up the universal church. He did that too, in his quiet and humble revolution that is still playing out today.

Blessings

Rev Barbara

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.

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.

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) Sunday Night Prayer Telecon
- 4. 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.

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

Altar Guild

May 24-30	Marianne
May 31-Jun 6	Rita
Jun 7-13	Terri
Jun 14-20	Marianne
Jun 21-27	Rita

Readers

May 25
Jun 2
Jun 8
Jun 15
Jun 22

Acolyte

Jun 2
Jun 8
Jun 15
Jun 22

Counters

May 25 Jan & Darlene
Jun 2
Jun 8
Jun 15
Jun 22

Vestry In Charge

May 25	Julie
Jun 1	Pete
Jun 8	Andrea
Jun 15	Larry
Jun 22	Julie

Healers

May 25	Bo
Jun 1	Charlyn
Jun 8	Amy
Jun 15	Julie
Jun 22	Bo

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

Deacon's Dismissal

by Rev Josh Butler

In my old car ... busy street ... curb lane
... windows rolled down ... waiting for
the light to change ... she walked right
toward me. Maybe thirty or so, she
looked like she was on hard times. She
leaned in the passenger window, "Hey,
can you give me a ride?" I wasn't born
yesterday. I said to her, "I don't believe I
can." There were two little packs of
crackers on the passenger seat ... my
lunch for later. She said, "Can I maybe
have one of them?" That changed my
perspective. I handed her both of them.
She said thanks and was gone.
