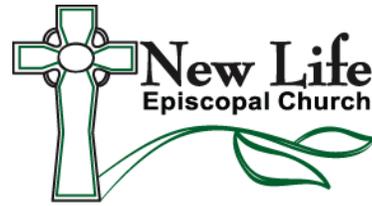


Good News From New Life

May 29, 2025



The Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

Calendar of Coming Events

June 1 Ascension, Rev Barbara
Coffee Hour

June 3 Tuesday Evening Group
6:30 PM Carlos Trattoria

June 4 Wednesday Book Club
10:30 AM Carolyn Clark,
And Then There Was Margaret

June 8 Pentecost Sunday
7 pm Taize

June 15 Trinity Sunday

June 16 Lake Library Work Day

June 23 Vestry Meeting

Rev Barbara will be back 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.

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

Please send items by Tuesday evening to Rev Barbara by e-mail:

RevBLBond@msn.com

Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Lake Library still 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 #4

Art, Music, and Friends

My final week in Rome was marked by an explosion of culture and community.

ART: I attended two excellent exhibitions: Caravaggio, one of my favorite artists, was presented with 24 of his most famous paintings, beautifully arranged and lighted. We Caravaggio fans must otherwise run around Rome and stare at poorly lit altar pieces in widely dispersed churches. This exhibition was a chance to see many of his works under ideal conditions. The paintings were brought together from far-flung collections including five from the US. Caravaggio (died 1610) was a game changer in art history, and his works, especially the religiously themed ones, still take my breath away. The second exhibition, Barraco Globale, illustrated how Rome was a cultural crossroads in the 17th century. Interesting, but not as mind blowing as Caravaggio.

MUSIC: An American friend Koram plays viola in the Rome opera orchestra. In the past she has given me tickets to some great opera performances. This time she invited me and my hostess Nea to a ballet. The music was wonderful, especially "Four Last Songs" by Richard Strauss. I have sung these songs, and it never occurred to me that they could be danced!

FRIENDS: In addition to Koram the viola player, I have reconnected with other old friends, and new friends thanks to engagements of my hosts, who have lived in Rome off and on for 25 years. I reconnected with friends at the American Episcopal church, St. Paul's Within the Walls, where I am well

remembered for stepping in to preach and celebrate on Mother's Day 2012. Their service on May 25, Africa Day, was spectacular, including African diplomats, African women wearing beautiful color for clothing, hymns sung in Swahili and Zulu, and a lovely luncheon of African food afterwards. Wow!

CONCLUSION: In the end, I think my sabbatical has been mostly about relationships. One can rush about and see sights and go to museums -- I did all that during my two-month sabbatical in Rome in 2012, and I remember it vividly. My two new adventures this time, covered in Dispatches #2 (Paestum) and #3 (Assisi) were intense and moving. But the most important aspect of this sabbatical has been the people: my German American friends in northern Germany (Dispatch #1), my hosts in Rome, and old and new friends through church and other contacts. This entire sojourn has been multi-faceted, enriching, and meaningful. Thank you for allowing me this month to get away and dive into so many blessings.

Blessings to you,
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.**

Servers Schedule

Altar Guild

May 31-Jun 6 Rita
Jun 7-13 Terri
Jun 14-20 Marianne
Jun 21-27 Rita
Jun 28-Jul 4 Terri

Readers

Jun 1 Pete
Jun 8 Charlyn
Jun 15 Amy
Jun 22 Bo
Jun 29 Pete

Acolyte

Jun 1 Andrea
Jun 8 Andrea
Jun 15 Kathy
Jun 22 Kathy
Jun 29 Kathy

Counters

Jun 2 Jan & Susan
Jun 8 Jan & Andrea
Jun 15 Jan & Darlene
Jun 22 Darlene & Julie
Jun 29 Andrea & Julie

Vestry In Charge

Jun 1 Pete
Jun 8 Julie
Jun 15 Larry
Jun 22 Andrea
Jun 29

Healers

Jun 1 Charlyn
Jun 8 Amy
Jun 15 Julie
Jun 22 Bo
Jun 29 Charlyn

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

Phil was 20 years older than I, a working man who joined the Navy in the aftermath of WWII. Phil crossed the Pacific on a Navy destroyer and spent three years in Tokyo. There, Phil studied and trained at the renowned Kodokan School of Judo. When Phil returned to these shores he opened a small Judo school, a dojo, in the basement of his home. I was one of his students. Phil was never much of a talker ... he didn't quote the masters or particularly want to talk about Judo. Phil was a listener ... and that I learned from him.
