

# Good News From New Life

July 3, 2025



## **4 Pentecost**

**2 Kings 5:1-14**

**Psalm 30**

**Galatians 6:1-16**

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

## **Calendar of Coming Events**

**July 6 Holy Eucharist, Coffee Hour,  
10 am**

**July 9 10:30 Worship,  
11 am Book discussion**

**July 13 Holy Eucharist, 10 am  
Debbie Likins-Fowler preacher  
Valerie Thorson, organ  
Taize service 7 pm**

**July 20 Holy Eucharist, 10 am  
Bill Kendrick, organ**

**July 27 Holy Eucharist, 10 am  
Valerie Thorson, organ**

**August 3 Holy Eucharist, 10 am  
Coffee Hour**

**August 5 Tuesday Evening Group**

**August 10 Holy Eucharist 10 am  
Valerie Thorsen, organ  
Taize service 7 pm**

**August 17 St Mary the Virgin  
Holy Eucharist 10 am**

**August 24 Holy Eucharist 10 am  
Bill Kendrick, organ**

**August 31 Holy Eucharist 10 am  
Sept 7 Homecoming  
Holy Eucharist 10 am  
Coffee Hour**

**Sept 14 Holy Eucharist 10 am  
Taize service 7 pm**

**Sept 21 Parish Picnic 10 am  
Boettler Park**

## **Episcopal Minute: July 4 Collect**

**Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Independence Day was not observed by the Episcopal Church until the 1928 Prayer Book. Apparently, many Episcopal clergy were loyal to England during the War for Independence, and Bishop William White felt that requiring an observance of July 4 was inappropriate because of the clergy's feelings, so at the first General Convention of 1789, Bishop White deleted the observance. The Church never moves very fast, and it took about 140 years to restore the observance.

Our service on July 6 will conclude with the hymn America the Beautiful, words written by an Episcopalian, Kathrine Lee Bates. President John F. Kennedy liked this hymn so much that he tried to have it declared the national anthem. His opinion did not prevail.

## **Taking Taizé to a Faith and Light Retreat (by MJ Maling)**

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also,

Patti Wagner Patricia.wagner@att.net

You can also check out:

<https://faithandlightusaeast.com/>

<https://www.foietlumiere.org/en>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/920033265770002>

See photos on last page!

## **Food for Summer**

Coffee Hours will be offered for the next three months on First Sundays as usual. (**July 6, August 3, and September 7**). The September Coffee hour will coincide with a Homecoming Sunday, when we will make an effort to invite new and former members of New Life to join us.

The parish picnic will take place two weeks later, on **September 21** at Boettler Park, when potluck offerings will be encouraged from everyone.

The first Sunday of October, October 5, is our traditional St. Francis service with the animal blessing. That seems a good Sunday to take a break from food, and so there will be no Coffee Hour that day. **The next Coffee Hour will be All Saints Sunday, November 2.**

## Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 11/2

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 7/6

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 8/3

Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R 9/7

## NCD Action Team

Our Natural Church Development Action Team (Larry Mackey, Jeff Maurer, Scott Bridges. Charlyn and Joe Bridges. and Darlene Giffin and Rev Barbara) will meet again Thursday, July 17 at 3 pm. The Team is currently developing new promotional materials, both as printed brochures and as digital presence. A new church logo is being designed and will replace the current Celtic cross.

## Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

Please send items by Tuesday evening to Rev Barbara by email:

[RevBLBond@msn.com](mailto:RevBLBond@msn.com)

## 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.

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

## 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.

## **Servers Schedule**

### **Altar Guild**

July 5-11 Marianne

July 12-18 Rita

July 19-25 Terri

July 26-Aug 1 Marianne

### **Readers**

Jul 6 Amy

Jul 13 Pete

Jul 20 Bo

Jul 27 TBA

### **Counters**

Jul 6 Judy, Jan, Julie

Jul 13 Andrea, Julie

Jul 20 Darlene, Susan

Jul 27 Jan, Julie

### **Vestry In Charge**

Jul 6 Larry

Jul 13 Pete

Jul 20 Julie

Jul 27 Andrea

### **Healers**

Jul 6 Amy

Jul 13 Julie

Jul 20 Bo

Jul 27 TBA

### **Acolytes**

Jul 6 Kathy

Jul 13 Andrea

Jul 20 Andrea

Jul 27 Kathy

## **Deacon's Dismissal**

by Rev Josh Butler

A slip of paper ... **Seven Ways To**

**Live** ... Author unknown: 1. Read what Jesus did. Do that. 2. Be aware always of God's presence. 3. Look and listen for Holy Nudges. 4.

Respond to the Holy Nudges. All things are possible with God. 5.

Reach out quickly and lavishly to those in need. Advocate for the poor in the name of God. 6. Recognize and value the fruits of the Spirit in others and in yourself: Love, Joy, Peace,

Patience, Kindness, Gentleness, Generosity, Faithfulness and Self-

control. 7. Rejoice! Joy is the certain, infallible sign that God is with us.

July 2, 2025

## **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.

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