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NewLife NEWS

Week of May 3, 2026

CONGREGATION MEETING ~ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ~ WOMEN'S CHORUS

Congregation Meeting

Sunday, May 17

The Session is pleased to announce a called Congregation meeting on 17 May 2026 for all communing members in good and regular standing. In accordance with the PCA's constitution, after over a year of training, and Session examination on 8 April 2026, the Session unanimously and joyfully approve members Vince Ortiz and Dave Fredrickson to stand before you for consideration for election to the office of Ruling Elder; and members Brian Barnes and Brad Beyenhof to stand before you for your consideration for election to the office of Deacon. Those elected by you on 17 May will be ordained and installed during a future worship service. Congratulations to these men! Get to know them; ask questions prior to the meeting; pray for them!

Womens Chorus

Rehearsal Thursday, May 7 at 7:00p in Sanctuary

All ladies, ages 12 and up, are invited to sing in the Women's Chorus on Mother's Day. See Janet Watt for more information.

Marriage Retreat - Save the Date!

Thursday - Saturday, October 22-24 2026

A special weekend designed to strengthen your marriage and deepen your connection! Rough Acres Ranch in Boulevard, CA
More information to come.

Mark Your Calendars

May 7

Craft Night

Woman's Chorus Rehearsal

May 16

San Diego Rescue Mission Outreach
Opportunity

July 20-24

Vacation Bible School

October 22-24

Marriage Retreat

All Saints Presbyterian Church Support

For those who would like to continue supporting the All Saints church plant, we encourage you to give directly to their website, <https://www.aspchurch.com/give/>. The New Life giving portal will be removed soon.

Past New Life Sermons: Did you know...?

There are several ways to listen to New Life sermons.

1) Visit our website and go to **On Demand**,

2) Visit our **YouTube** channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeLaMesa> to watch livestreams, rewatch past sermons and full morning services, or share the "shorts" with others. Please subscribe to the channel as that will boost our visibility.

3) If you use a **podcast app** that supports "Subscribe by URL" — Apple Podcasts, Overcast, Pocket Casts as examples—you can subscribe using the feed <https://www.newlifelamesa.org/podcasts/media.rss>. Both AM and PM sermons each week will show up automatically for you!

We hope to make sermons available in the future on other popular platforms like Spotify, Amazon Music, and iHeartRadio.

Poetry Class Psalm

This poem was written in response to the "Write Your Own Psalm" exercise in the recent Higher Ed Poetry Class.

Teach Me to Pray (Psalm 5, First Part)

By Jenine Lewis

Teach me to pray
And remember each day
To trust you to show me the way
I will bring you every care
For I know you're always there
Make me a woman of prayer
I'll lift up my every deed
As you listen to my pleas
Wash me clean by the blood of your son
Teach me to kneel
Whenever I feel
My life's running out of control
There's a plan you have for me
Through Jesus, I can be
A faithful woman of prayer

Sunday Volunteers Needed

What a blessing it is to have a congregation that joyfully serves one another. These important ministries

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a gospel community joyfully loving God & others

of New Life are in need of additional people as other volunteers have been lead to serve in other ministries. Please prayerfully consider how you may serve in the following areas.

Nursery: 1-2 additional adults to volunteer for one Sunday a month, every other month. A sign-up sheet can be found at the table in the foyer for anyone interested in helping in the nursery.

Morning Coffee: 1-2 people are needed for every 4th Sunday, and 1-2 people are needed for every 5th Sunday. Please contact Alan Lewis.

Calling All VBS Warriors!

Pray for VBS! Pray that God would work in the hearts of the children to make them receptive to the gospel.

VBS DATES/Times: July 20-24; 9a-12p



Global Missions

Our May Missionaries of the Month are both serving in Italy where a reformed presence is small. **Pastor Mike and Janie Brown** serve in Milan, Italy and **Pastor Vincenzo and Judit Coluccia** serve in Lecce, Italy.

Milan, Italy—**Micahel and Janie Brown** send greetings from their church, Chiesa Riformata Filadelfia. Praise God with them for a new elder, Francesco Pinelli, who was recently ordained. Pray for the men of the church who are part of the Men's Fellowship as they learned about biblical manhood, leading, serving and encouraging one another in godliness. Please continue to pray for their ministry to flourish and for God's name to be made great among the nations.

(<https://www.missionmilan.org/>)

Lecce, Italy – **Pastor Vincenzo** was called by MTW to plant a Presbyterian church in Lecce, and he is an ordained Teaching Elder of the [Presbyterian Church in America](https://www.chiesapietravivente.com/en/home). Pray for the covenant children of Pietra Vivente to grow in their understanding of the gospel. Continue to pray that God may call some to become elders and deacons. Pray as well for their home that it may be a refuge of love and peace, a place of testimony and hospitality; a place where the fruit of the Spirit may be visible. (<https://www.chiesapietravivente.com/en/home>).

H.O.M.E. (Home Missions, Outreach, Ministry & Evangelism)

Check out: [the Ministry of the H.O.M.E. Committee](https://www.homecommittees.com/).

San Diego Rescue Mission Outreach Opportunity

Save the date: **Saturday May 16** in the MAC as we assemble toiletry kits for the San Diego Rescue Mission. We have a goal of filling 200 bags. The donation table will be set up April 26 and May 3. Families and Lift Groups encouraged to come on May 16th to fill the bags.

We need 4 – 5 more people to sign up to help assemble toiletry kits in the MAC on Saturday, May 16. We have a goal of filling 200 bags. The donation table and sign up sheet will be set up in the lobby on May 3. Contact Debbie Seifert for questions.

We have made steady progress on our collections. The numbers below are the number of items still needed:

- Water bottles: 152
- Pairs of Socks: 89
- Mini flashlights: 182
- Toothbrushes: 84
- Travel sized toothpaste: 87
- Travel sized shampoo: 90
- Travel sized body soap: 75
- Travel sized deodorant: 147
- Travel sized body lotion: 187
- Small pack Body wipes: 191
- Protein packs: 175

Embrace Grace

K will be moving up north soon. She has a new job at her new location. We rejoice that she is now married and receiving support from her new husband Please pray that her friendship with Erika continues to grow and that she has the strength to continue working.

Church Family Requests

- Continue to pray for treatments and complete healing for Cheryl M., Peter H., Sarah F., Brian S., Valerie T., Scott T., K.C., and Sally N.
- Pray for strength and grace to endure for Joe C., Jeri M., Norma D., Nancy W., Anita P., Joyce K., Steve P., Berta M. and their caregivers.
- Pray for our singles, that they would wholeheartedly serve God.
- Pray for those couples desiring to be parents or enlarge their family, for patience and grace as they wait upon the Lord.
- Pray for our expecting mothers, Sarah R., and Sascha H.

This Week @ New Life

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Sunday, May 3

- 8:45a Pre-service Prayer meeting in Room 202
- 9:30a Morning Worship Service
- 10:50a Coffee and refreshments
- 11:15a Higher ED/Sunday School
- 5:00p Evening Worship

Tuesday

- 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Simple Coffee

Wednesday

- 10:00a Women's Bible Study
- 5:30p Cadets/GEMS
- 6:00p NEWTH Group

Thursday

- 7:00a Men's Prayer
- 9:30a Women's Prayer and Fellowship
- 5:00p Pickleball
- 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

- 10:00a Pickleball

Sunday, May 10

- 8:45a Pre-service Prayer meeting in Room 202
- 9:30a Morning Worship Service
- 10:50a Coffee and refreshments
- 11:15a Higher ED/Sunday School
- 4:00p Kids Choir in Sonbeam Room
- 5:00p Evening Worship