

DISCOVER NEW LIFE



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Welcome to Discover New Life and welcome to New Life Church. I am so excited about your interest in learning more about this special place that is full of amazing people; who come from all walks of life, share a remarkable faith in Jesus Christ, and support a common mission.

Our mission is: “To awaken the spiritually disengaged into a vibrant life journey with Jesus Christ and others.”

Welcome to your first session, Basics 101. Basics 101 is the session where you begin your journey to decide if New Life Church is right for you. Ask yourself: Can I plant myself and my family here? Can I partner with the mission and values of New Life Church? Can I assist in accomplishing the church’s collective mission? Is this a place I’d like to grow in my relationship with Jesus and help others do the same?

Again welcome, and thanks for sharing a couple of hours of your valuable time with us at Discover New Life.

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Membership Moment

Complete Discover New Life Sessions

The first membership moment at New Life Church and a qualification for membership is completing the Discover New Life Sessions. The purpose of these three sessions is to give you an avenue to explore who New Life Church is before joining the team. We believe a shared biblical belief, mission, and values will keep New Life Church focused on our mission and moving in a unified direction.

History

In 1978 Yorkville, IL was most known as the county seat in rural Kendall County. Only about 6,000 people called it home. In March of that same year, New Life Church was planted in Yorkville through the efforts of five families who attended Calvary Church in Naperville. Those families had a vision to plant a community changing church in Yorkville and the Kendall County area.



The new church began meeting in homes, schools, a theater, a tent, and a community center. Our congregation quickly grew. With great faith and sacrifice, the congregation purchased approximately five acres of property on Cannonball Trail, and by 1980 were well on their way to constructing the first building that is on our current sight today. By 1984 all of the current facilities were completed.

During these early days of growth, New Life Church had a great passion for reaching people with the Good News of Christ, so they planted three other churches in Northern Illinois.

In March of 2002, Kendall County experienced several years of rapid expansion. Yorkville grew from a farming community, into a far southwestern suburb of Chicago. Thousands of young families moved into Yorkville. With God's help and the sacrifice and generosity of the congregation, the entire facility was refurbished and New Life Church had a new grand opening.

Since 2002, New Life Church has grown to be the community of faith it is today. A place that "awakens the spiritually disengaged to a vibrant life journey with Jesus Christ and others." The vision of those first five families has become a reality. Through seasons of both growth and difficulty, the dream remained the same: to share Jesus with Yorkville and the surrounding communities.

Today, New Life Church is called "my home church" by hundreds of attendees who regularly fill the sanctuary during weekend services. Throughout the week, small groups and Bible studies are held; kids and student ministries are conducted.

In the summer months, kids and students are involved in camps and outdoor events, while active adults enjoy the volleyball, basketball, and softball leagues and tournaments.

Over the course of a year, attendees partner with many local community organizations to provide food, shelter, and healthcare to those who are most needy. New Life Church's influence extends beyond Northern Illinois through mission's trips and financial support around the world.

New Life Church is a thriving community of faith with a heart to reach as many people as possible with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thanks for joining us at Discover New Life. Come, partner with us, and join us in our mission and on this exciting journey toward Jesus!

Mission

“Our mission is to awaken the spiritually disengaged to a _____ with Jesus Christ and others.”

Values

“We engage in _____ and _____ that is relevant and results in _____.”

“We value _____ that honors God and inspires people.”

“We invest in _____ and _____ because they matter to God.”

“We develop genuine and authentic _____ that connect people to Jesus and encourage _____.”

Structure

New Life Church is voluntarily part of:

Assemblies of God

- _____
- _____
- _____

New Life Church is a self-governing congregation.

That means we

- Own our _____ and _____.
- Determine our _____ and _____.
- Choose our _____.

New Life Church has three leadership groups.

Pastors / Elders

- Determine programs and ministries.
- Equip people for ministry.
- Assist in the spiritual development of New Life Church.
- Attend to pastoral care.



Staff

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Board / Trustees

- Ensures the financial integrity.
- Assists the pastors to accomplish New Life Church's vision.
- Cares for the official business of New Life Church.

Board

- Kevin Christopherson, board secretary
- Brian Lee, board treasurer
- Brian Berkey, board member
- Steve Linden, board member
- David Wolf, board vice chairman

Congregation

- Uses abilities and gifts to accomplish the mission of New Life Church.
- Members ratify the Board's choice for lead pastor, annually affirm Board members, and ratify major purchases and sales of property.

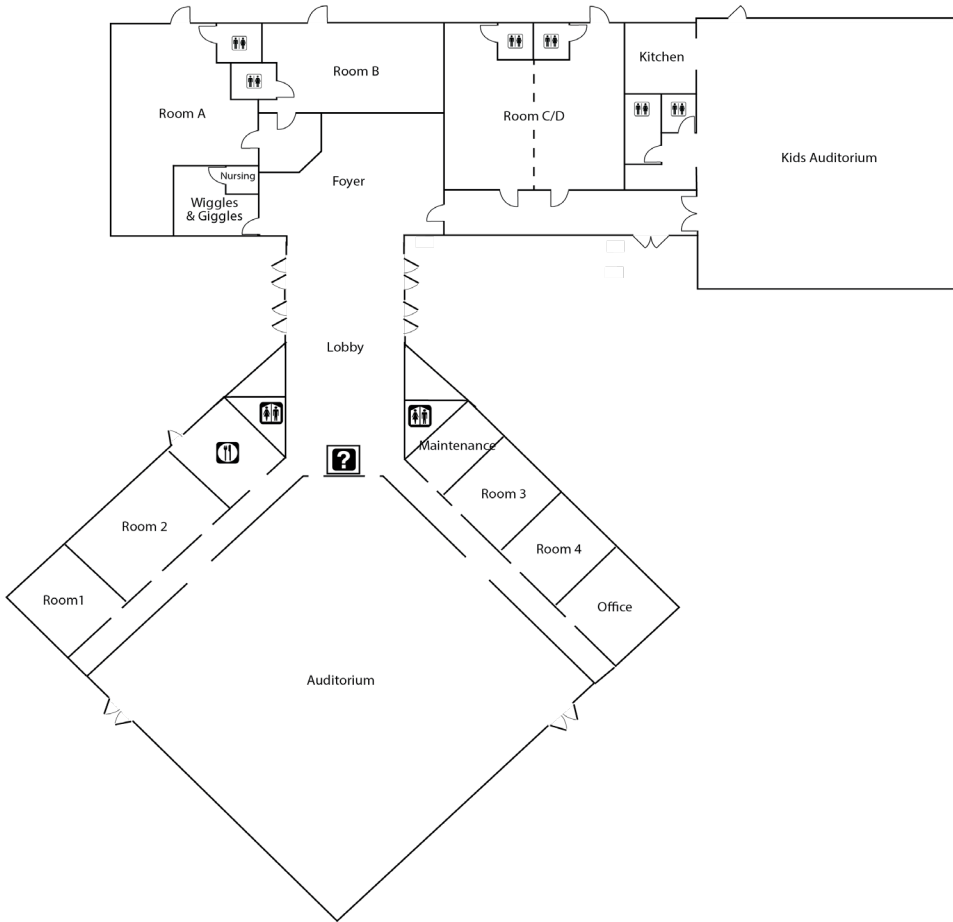
Membership Moment

Support New Life Church leadership

When you become a member or a ministry partner at New Life Church we ask that you support the leadership of New Life Church with prayer and loyalty. Always have their backs. If you have points of disagreement, then we expect you to follow the Matthew 18 pattern of going to the person you have a disagreement with first before talking with others. As the Apostle Paul stated – “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:3



Campus



Sunday 9:00 am & 10:30 am *(unless otherwise noted)*

| Room | Class/Event |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Auditorium | Adult Worship |
| Room A | Babies |
| Room B | Toddlers |
| Room C/D | Preschool/Kindergarten |
| Room 1 | TBD |
| Room 2 | Student Life (7th - 12th grade) |
| Room 3 | TBD |
| Room 4 | Lead Pastor's Office |
| Kids Auditorium | Kids Church (1st - 6th grade) |

Wednesday

7:00 pm

| Room | Class/Event |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| Auditorium | Student Life (7th - 12th grade) |

Worship

- Encompasses the entirety of the Christian experience.
- We sing, pray, teach God's Word, celebrate Communion and Baptisms, and are involved in actions and good deeds that honor God.

Two ordinances of New Life Church

- _____
- _____

Sacrament or Ordinances

- Sacrament: Human action that imparts a divine grace.
- Ordinance (sacred actions): Human action that follows a divine command.

Water Baptism

New Life Church practices believers Baptism.

A believer is

- Someone who has accepted the _____ of Christ.
(Acts 2:41)
- Baptized after _____ Christ.
(Acts 16:33)
- Baptized to follow the example set by _____.
(Mark 1:9)
- Baptized to follow the _____ of Jesus.
(Matthew 28:19-20)
- Baptized to demonstrate their decision to _____ Jesus.
(Acts 18:8)

The symbolic meaning of Water Baptism

- Water Baptism illustrates Christ's _____ and resurrection.
(Romans 6:4)
- Water Baptism illustrates my resurrected _____ as a Christian.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Why does New Life Church Baptize by immersion?

- _____ was Baptized by immersion.
(Matthew 3:16)
- Many Baptisms in the _____ were by immersion.
(Acts 8:38-39)
- The Greek word “Baptize” means “to _____ water.”

Even though New Life Church practices water baptism by immersion, we accept other methods of baptism and baptisms from other Christian denominations.

Communion

“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ “In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

What is Communion?

- A _____, not a great ceremony.
- A _____ that God is present with you now.
- A _____ of Christ’s body and blood.
- A _____ statement.

Who should participate in Communion?

- Only those who are already _____.

How do you prepare yourself for Communion?

- Self examination
- Confession

When and how often should we observe communion?

- There is no biblical absolute.

New Life Church usually serves communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Dates *upcoming sessions*

Join us for our next sessions - May 2, 2021

Watch for session dates on our website at nlcyorkville.org

