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Rev. Wendell Wahlin

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.



New Life

Lutheran Church

Pastor Randy Whitehead

Worship Times: 8:45 a.m. @Little Bethany

New Life:

The Bible is clear: God favors the poor, rather than the rich. Still, most of us want to be rich.

How is it that the poor, our most disadvantaged, come out

This week in church, hear what Jesus said about it.

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Luke 6:17-26

Brian Schlueter Retires From Otter Tail County

Brian Schlueter, Otter Tail County's Sheriff for 23 years will retire in January. Schlueter devoted his life to public service with fortyfour years in law enforcement. In all his years of law enforcement he maintained a deep sense of compassion. Schlueter's aim, 'Protecting a Great County' is proudly displayed on patrol vehicles.

Schlueter grew up in Fergus Falls and left to pursue his interest in law enforcement at Michigan State where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He served in a variety of cities and circumstances from a busy community in Washington to rural Otter Tail County. He said he has worked with the finest people here and will miss working beside them.

In Schlueter's career with Otter



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Sheriff Brian Schlueter will retire in January after serving Otter Tail County for 23 years.

Tail County he has transformed the Sheriff's Office. He established state of the art law enforcement training, Minnesota and the country.

equipment and facilities and as a result the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office is well respected throughout He oversaw the design and construction of the Sheriff's Operations Center in Ottertail, he

Communities Share Money Provided For Mental Health

The Minnesota Department of Human Services has awarded 57 mental health providers a total of \$33 million – \$11 million per year for three years - to bring mental health services to over half of Minnesota schools

Minnesota's School-Linked Mental Health program is a critical piece of the state's mental health services for children. Programs help identify mental health needs early, make services available to more children in need, and improve outcomes for children and youth with a mental health diagnosis. Services include assessment, treatment and care coordination, teacher consultation and schoolwide trainings. Placing children's mental health services in schools provides an opportunity for mental health promotion, prevention and early identification and intervention in a place that is familiar and comfortable for them and their

families. "School-linked mental health services meet kids where they are at," said Minnesota Department of Human Services Commissioner Emily Piper. "These grants will help us provide needed services to those in need, which is good for parents and kids.



School-Linked Mental Health Program began in 2006 and has since expanded to serve schools in 83 of Minnesota's 87 counties. Over the previous five-year grant that ended June 2018, 15,000 students received mental health services from 953 school programs in 287 school

districts across the state. These services help children who have mental illness stay in school and be successful. The program has proven particularly effective in reaching children who have never accessed mental health services, and many children with mental illness are first identified through this

"We know that untreated mental health issues make it harder for kids to learn," added Piper. "Children need a good start, and if they get the right help at the right time, they can be successful in school and in life."

A full list of grantees is available on the DHS website, along with more information about the School-Linked Mental Health program.

implemented equipment upgrades and invested in high quality training for his staff. The centrally located Operations Center houses the Patrol Division and their equipment and well as Water Patrol and the Investigation Division. The facility also serves as a training center and in the event of an emergency can operate as an Emergency Operation Center for the region. Under Schlueter's leadership, the dispatch center's equipment has been upgraded using cutting edge technology to better serve the people of Otter Tail County.

"Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office hires good people and provides some of the best training for its staff of any county in Minnesota,"

remarked Schlueter. One might imagine that a long career in law enforcement would take its toll on a positive attitude but not for Schlueter. The challenges of law enforcement have reinforced Schlueter's belief in the importance 'having a heart for people.' Through his career he has seen the changes in society and the impact of social breakdowns. Increased addiction to methamphetamines and heroine and the increasing numbers of cybercrimes have impacted how law enforcement carry out their work. Finding care for those with mental health problems has now become an increasing need within the Sheriff's Office.

"You never know what difference you will make," he said, "I like to see people make it."

Barry Fitzgibbons was elected as the new sheriff and will begin his service on January 7, 2019.

Find more information about the many services the Sheriff's Office provides at: https:// ottertailcountymn.us/department/ sheriffs-office/

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Rothsay To Receive Safety Grant Funding

Rep. Jeff Backer, R-Browns Valley, issued the following statement regarding news that both the Rothsay and Chokio-Alberta School Districts are receiving school safety grants funding. Rothsay was awarded \$23,601 and Chokio-Alberta will be receiving \$139,000.

Last session, the legislature approved and Governor Dayton signed into law \$25 million in capital investment funds that schools could apply for to make physical safety improvements. The Minnesota Department of Education is expected to formally announce the grant allocations in a news release later this afternoon.

"I am pleased that both Chokio and Rothsay have been approved to receive these new school safety grants," said Backer. "Part of ensuring a student receives a worldclass education is making sure that they are in a safe and secure learning environment. These grants will go a long ways in helping to make sure that is a reality for students in our communities."

The legislature approved an additional \$25 million in school safety grants as part of the supplemental budget bill, but those funds were vetoed by Governor Dayton.

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Reaching Lawmakers

Phone Numbers And Email Addresses For Minnesota Area Legislators.

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ROTHSAY AREA CHURCH NOTES



All area churches are welcome to submit their church notes to be published in the Rothsay Regional Report. Please email to newsrecordreview@ bvillemn.net or they may mailed to the Rothsay Regional Report, PO Box 203, Rothsay, MN 56579

ROTHSAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rothsay, Minnesota Pastor Wendell Wahlin Church: 218 867-2268 Family Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PO Box 93

38041 County Highway 21, Pelican Rapids, MN Pastor Phil Tobin Telephone: 218 731-4353

Church Secretary: 218 863-4085 South Immanuel Lutheran Church of Rothsay meets for worship at 38041 Cty Hwy 21. Corner of highway 28 and 21.

Worship starts at 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship following. Sunday School follows worship. Everyone welcome.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH Parish Office 218 867-6557

Rothsay, MN Pastor Randy Whitehead Tuesday, January 8 - Ladies Bible

Study, 1:30 p.m.. Wednesday, January 9 - No Confirmation. WOW, 6:30 p.m. Council, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday January 13 - Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, January 16 - Confirmation, 5:30 p.m. WOW, 6:30 p.m. Confirmation, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 17 - Newsletter Deadline for February. Saturday, January 19 - Youth

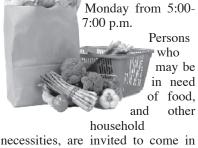
Group Bowling. Sunday January 20 - Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.m. Lion's Club

Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 23 -Confirmation, 5:30 p.m. WOW, 6:30 p.m. Confirmation, 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 27 - Sunday School & Coffee Hour, 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.m. Annual Meeting with a potluck following.

Food Pantry Available For

Those In Need Barnesville Area Food Pantry is open and staffed with volunteers each 7:00 p.m.



for assistance during those hours or call at 701 340-8324.

The Food Pantry serves residents for Barnesville, Rothsay, Baker, Rollag and surrounding rural areas. Located just north of the library on Front Street (look for the green building).

For emergency assistance or more information 701 340-8324.

LITTLE BETHANY **LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Parish Office 218 867-6557 8 Miles SE of Barnesville Tuesday, January 8 - Ladies Bible Study, 2 p.m..

Sunday, January 13 - Worship, 8:45 a.m.

Thursday, Janaury 17 - Newsletter

Deadline. Sunday, January 20 - Worship,

8:45 a.m. Sunday, January 27 - Worship,

LAKES AREA WORD **FELLOWSHIP**

Vergas, Minnesota Spirit-filled Family Church Pastors Larry and Terry Vosika Telephone: 218 847-8499 Church: 218 342-2620 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Remember a church that's alive is worth the drive.

Wednesdays - Midweek services,

NORTH IMMANUEL **LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)**

12713 County Road 30, Pelican Rapids, MN Pastor Ethan Fearings JESUS CHRIST, HIGH PRIEST Office: 218 863-5447 Telephone: 218 998-4858 Cell: 218 770-5756 Tuesday, January 8 - church

Council Meeting, 6 p.m. Sunday, January 13 - Baptism of the Lord. Sunday School, 9 a.m.

Worship, 10 a.m. Sunday, January 20 - Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.m. Monday, January 21 -Deadline for February Seed & Feed and

Calendar. Sunday, January 27 - Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.m.

Legion Auxiliary Helps At Local

Blood Drive Vitalent Blood Service was at Rothsay

Center December 28, 2018. The weatherman had reported 12 inches of snow previously Rothsay had received. Inspite of the snow, cold temps

and wind, 11 units of blood were

collected. Vitalent was grateful for

the units collected. American Legion Auxiliary members of Ellingson/Brenden Post 376 assisted Vitalent during the blood drive. They also provided water, orange juice and cookies for

the donors. The auxiliary's next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2019 when they will be collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Also, they will be collecting Service Food receipts, Our Family labels and Box Tops for Education. These items are given to student at local schools. They turn them into cash for items to buy.



PARTNERS is excited to announce an upcoming Tai- Ji/ Moving for Better Balance Class scheduled to begin Monday, January 14. We will again be meeting at New Life Church in Rothsay from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Tai-Ji is an evidence based exercise program, slow moving but really does stretch out the muscles, strengthening them and your core to create a better balance throughout your body. No prior experience is needed. You will learn the 8 moves as we progress through the 24 sessions.

Come join the fun and treat yourself toward a move to better health in 2019! Call 868-1234 to sign up. There is no cost to the class. Just wear comfortable clothes and enjoy a new challenge. **Upcoming Events:**

Mondays:

Seniors meet at Westrom Apts. - 1 p.m. for card playing and coffee. New members are always welcome. 14th- Tai-Ji Class- 5 pm. New Life Church

8th- Foot Clinic at PARTNER. Call 867-1234 for an

appt. \$10 Fee.

Tuesdays:

15th- PARTNERS BOARD MEETING- 7 p.m. Wednesdays: 9th- Coffee Time at Westrom Apts. 10 a.m. Exercises at Westrom Apts- 9 a.m.

17th- Tai-Ji Class 5 p.m. New Life Church Outreach and Visiting. Blood Pressure Checks any time during office hours 8 a.m.- noon. Monday -

Friday

Thursdays: