

NEW CREATION NEWS

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news...Isaiah 52:7a

New Creation Family,

About 1 year ago today (September 23rd, 2021), Justin, Xander and I sat in a courtroom in Fargo, ND. A judge, a lawyer, a social worker and our parents there to witness the event. On that day, Justin and I raised our hands and swore to take Xander as our own child, including rights of support, protection, and inheritance. We gave him our name and officially became a family. This day was truly lifechanging for him, and for us! Since that day we could look him in the eyes and say, "you are our child now and forever."

In the very first commandment, God says: *"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me."* In this word, God declares his decision about you. He is not waiting so see what you think or feel about it. He has decided, you are his now and forever.

God didn't accomplish this in a courtroom. He did it through a cross and announced it to you on the day of your baptism. On that day, the pastor spoke your name and united it with God's saying: *I baptize you in the name of the Father and the of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Along with His name he makes you a part of His family along with all the rights of support, protection, and inheritance of a blood child. You are no longer an orphan, alone in your sin. You are a beloved child of God. Your heavenly father will care for you and support you now and forever. Your heavenly father will protect you from all evil. The first-born son of God, Jesus Christ, is not ashamed to call you his brother or sister with all your strengths and weaknesses, gifts and pride, talents, and selfishness. You will live with him forever, inheriting the eternal life Christ was given through his death and resurrection. The God who opened the grave and raised Jesus from the dead is the same Heavenly Father who raises you from the dead and stands with you forever. In the words of a well-known hymn:

*Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven
Such a refuge ever was given*

*God, His own doth tend and nourish
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them
In His mighty arms He bears them*

*Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord, His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth
And their sorrows all He knoweth*

*Though He giveth or He taketh
God His children never forsaketh
His, the loving purpose solely
To preserve them, pure and holy*

God's decision opens a future for you greater than you can ask or imagine. A future greater than any earthly parent could hope to give to their children. All because the Lord chose you to be his own. What great news!

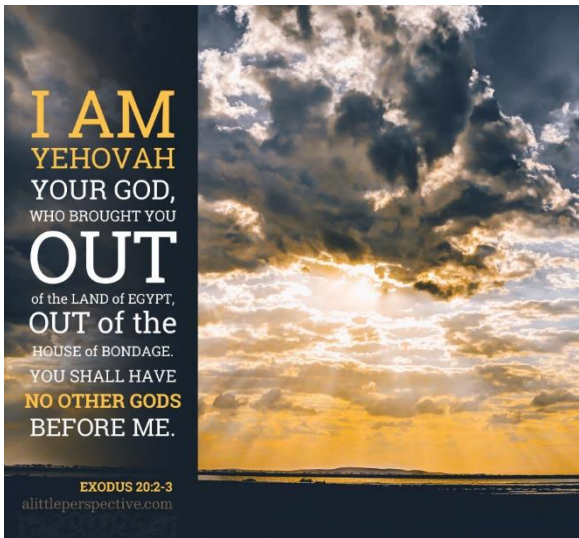
In Christ's love,
Pastor Sarah

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Worship: Sun. 10am
Office hours: M-Th 10am-2pm
Community Meal: Wed. 5-6pm

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Recurring Meetings:

Creation Camp

1st Wed @ 3:30-5:15pm
Begins Oct. 5th
Register by Sept. 28th

Mission Meeting

2nd Sunday @ 11am
October 9th

Women's Bible Study

*Date change due to
LCMC Conference!*
October 11th @ 1pm

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm
October 11th

Sweet Hour of Prayer

2nd & 4th Thurs @ 10am
October 13th & 27th

Confirmation

Wednesdays @ 4pm
No Class Oct 19th

Children's Church

Sundays during worship
No Class Oct 23rd

Monthly Potluck

Last Sunday @ 11am
October 30th

Upcoming Events:

WOW Gathering

Sat. Sept 17th, Comfrey MN
Livestream @ NCLC! 8am-3pm

Creation Camp Meeting

Sunday, September 18th
After Worship

New Members Class

September 18th & 25th @ 9:15am

New Members Sunday

September 25th @ 10am

Feed My Starving Children

September 23rd – 24th
Boys & Girls Club, Perham

Ditch Cleanup

Saturday, Oct 1 @ 9am

LCMC Annual Gathering

Sun. Oct 2 – Wed. Oct 5th
More Info: www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering

Where God Meets Man Book Study

Wednesdays @ 6:15pm
Beginning October 12th

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Lead by Perham Ministerium
November 21st – more info to come!

Full Calendar of Events at: www.newcreationperham.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WOW GATHERING – Calling all Women of the Word! The annual gathering will be livestreamed at NCLC Saturday, September 17th from 8am-3pm. There are a morning and afternoon sessions. Bring a sack lunch if planning on being present over the noon hour.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN PACKING TEAM – The Mission Team is sponsoring a packing team of 10 people from New Creation! This means the \$50/person fundraising is already done. If you are interested in packing meals on Sept 23rd or 24th, sign up in the Narthex!

DITCH CLEANUP – The fall ditch cleanup even will take place on **Saturday, October 1st @ 9am**. Meet at New Creation and we will carpool out to the highway. This event is in honor of Brenda & Kent Thompson's daughter, Rachel, who passed away due to a car accident.

CREATION CAMP BEGINS! – October 5th from 3:30 – 5:15pm. Bible Camp for grades K-4. NCLC kids' 5th grade and older are welcome to register and be helpers. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex and are due by September 28th. Volunteers meeting September 18th after worship! Questions? Talk to Pastor Sarah.

"WHERE GOD MEETS MAN" BOOK STUDY – Curious about a down-to-earth approach to the gospel that is relevant today? Author Gerhard Forde offers just that! Study meets Wednesdays @ 6:15 beginning October 12th. Each week's presentation will highlight a chapter from the book. No registration necessary. Please sign up in the church office to order a \$10 book. NCLC will purchase the books. You are welcome to give a donation as you are able. (Book optional)