

Offerings:

Offering Boxes are located near each entrance of the gym. More donation info can be found at www.nlfellowship.org

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Budgeted:</u>	<u>Actual:</u>
20 April	\$1,940	\$1,760
Year-to-Date	\$31,040	\$28,345

Memorization of Scripture:

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

April Baby Items Drive:

It is not too late! One week remains of our annual Baby Items Drive. See insert for suggested items.

New Life Fellowship

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NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP



Prayer Requests

--**Linda Fischer:** for a complete and speedy recovery plus freedom from pain from knee surgery this past week

--**For Missionaries Scott Ritzema and Badgerland Youth for Christ as well as for Emily Dykstra and CRU-Milwaukee Metro** as these ministries begin to wrap up their programs for the academic year. May the Holy Spirit continue to work through them to draw students to come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord of their lives.

Announcements:

--**Please see insert for additional announcements and details!**

--**Childcare and Children's Church return next week**

--**(Rescheduled) Bible Study: 6:45-8:15pm, Wednesday 30 April** at Sharry's home. If possible, please read Ezekiel chapters 12-15 beforehand.

--**National Day of Prayer: Thursday 1 May from 6:00-7:00pm at Randolph United Methodist Church** (See insert)

--**New Life Fellowship Spring Brunch: Sunday 4 May after the service.** Enjoy a meal and fellowship with your fellow parishioners! Please bring a dish of your choice to share.

Pastor Mike
will bring us this morning's message.

Messiah Returns

(Luke 24:36-48 ESV)

April 27, 2025

Messiah Renews

Luke 24:36-48 (ESV)

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.

³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Teaching Notes

This Week: We explore the importance and significance of Jesus Messiah's return in bodily form to his disciples in the days and weeks after his resurrection.

I. Seeing is Believing

- A. Forty Days and 500 Disciples
- B. Some Reasons for Jesus Returning Bodily
- C. "Epistemology": How Do We Know What We Know?

II. Ways of Knowing the Messiah

A. Physical Knowledge: Measuring Christ's Presence

- 1. Jesus Appears after His Resurrection (Luke 24:36-43)
- 2. Jesus Walks Beside His Disciples (Luke 24:13-15)
- 3. Jesus Walks on the Water (Matthew 14:25-27)

B. Emotional Knowledge: Experiencing Christ's Presence

- 1. Joy of Recognition (Luke 24:41)
- 2. Hearts on Fire (Luke 24:41, 36)
- 3. Mary Spends Her Time with Jesus (Luke 10:41-42)

C. Spiritual Knowledge: Understanding Christ's Presence

- 1. Definition: "Illumination" of Scripture
- 2. Fulfillment of Prophecies (Luke 24:44, 25-27)
 - a. Moses
 - b. Prophets
 - c. Psalms

III. Believing Without Seeing

Next Week: We will finish our Easter series on the actions of Jesus the Messiah as we explore how he empowers his disciples to carry out his work after his Ascension.