

TODAY: *Thank you* to everyone who helped with our fishing adventure yesterday at Coach's Pond.

Aug 17 Sun., 9 AM Blessing of the Backpacks - Kids bring backpack
9:20ish - Children Sunday School @ Coach's Basement.

Aug 17 Sun., 11:30 AM Our Sister Church New Horizons Church Picnic
@ The Akerlund's, 11759 Crockett Rd, Roscoe IL
All food and drinks are being provided.

Weekly Bible Studies

Wednesdays 6:30 PM - "Getting to Know the Holy Spirit"
Lena Library - 300 W Mason St, Lena, IL
Carroll Home - 713 Maple St, Lena IL

Looking Ahead

Aug 23 Sat., 11 AM New Vine Float in Pearl City Blvd Bash Parade
Sept 6 Sat. 12 PM New Vine Float in Lena Fall Fest Parade
Sept 14 Sun. 1 - 4 PM Pre-Harvest Blessing - Randy Kryder Farm
Sept 27 Sat 9—3 PM Steve Rothschadl Golf Benefit See back table

Online Sites to Visit:

New Vine Community Church: www.NewVineLena.com

FYI: Did you know? You can view all upcoming events on our online calendar at: www.NewVineLena.com

FYI: Online giving and sermons are available on our website.

Thank you for your faithful giving and support to our mission of sharing the gospel message of salvation and making disciples.

Global Methodist Church Denomination: <https://globalmethodist.org>

Great Lakes Conference: <https://greatlakesgmc.org>

If you have questions, need prayer, etc.

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New Vine Community Church

A Global Methodist Church

Pastor Doug Carroll

Sunday 9 AM, Aug 17, 2025

WELCOME Our Mission at New Vine Community Church
is to become and make disciples of Jesus Christ who
Worship Passionately, Love Extravagantly, and Witness Boldly.

***WORSHIP IN SONG**

"Praise Him! Praise Him"

"Mighty to Save"

"Thou Art Worthy"

ANNOUNCEMENTS * JOYS & CONCERNS * OFFERING

The Prayers of God's People

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Matthew 4:18-22

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Leaving Our Nets"

***CLOSING SONG** "Majesty"

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

*** Please stand as you are able.**

*"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and
godliness through our knowledge of him who called us
by his own glory and goodness ..." 2 Peter 1:3 NIV*

Leaving Our Nets: Faith in Temporary Spaces The Call to Leave Our Nets

Matthew 4:18-22, “As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.”

Jesus calls fishermen by the Sea of Galilee "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." The disciples immediately left their nets to follow Jesus * Our congregation's parallel journey as a church plant

I. WHAT THE DISCIPLES LEFT BEHIND

- Their livelihood and economic security
- Their area of expertise and competence
- Their community identity and social standing
- Their comfort zone and familiar routines
- Reflection: What "nets" has God called us to leave behind as we build this new church?

II. THE PROMISE: "I WILL MAKE YOU"

- Jesus takes responsibility for the transformation ("I will"). Transformation is a process, not instant change.
- Jesus redeems and repurposes our existing skills and identity
- "Our current limitations are not obstacles to God's work but the context in which He is making us into something new."

III. OUR CHURCH'S JOURNEY: SETTING UP AND TEARING DOWN

- Biblical precedent: The Israelites' tabernacle in the wilderness
- What our weekly setup/teardown teaches us:
 - * The church is people, not a building
 - * Flexibility and adaptability in ministry
 - * Service and community through shared work
 - * Focus on essentials rather than extras

IV. FAITHFULNESS NOW, VISION FOR FUTURE

- God is at work right now, in this gym
- It's appropriate to work toward a permanent home

THIS WEEK'S RESPONSE:

1. Embrace our present situation with gratitude
2. Serve with renewed purpose
3. Invite others into our unique journey
4. Pray and plan for our future home

May we, like Peter, Andrew, James, and John, have the courage to leave our nets and follow — creating sacred space in temporary places while trusting God to lead us home.

Admin Team Please keep our Admin Team in prayer now and always.

Pastor Doug and Cheryl Carroll

Gary Rich

Tammy Edler

Molly Lang

Randy and Tam Kryder

Vicki Schamburger

Karl and Lori Lawfer

Ernie and Cathy Stabenow