

Sabbath Bulletin

Theme: "Food that Endures to Eternal Life"

Key Text: John 6:27



12th April 2025

VISITORS' CORNER

We are glad you joined us today. God bless you for taking time to come worship with us today. We would be happy for you to make this your place of worship. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask our welcome team on +254 706 222 326. Check our website, church noticeboard and various social media platforms for updates. Welcome and God bless you.

OUR MISSION

The Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who live as His loving witnesses and proclaim to all people the everlasting gospel of the Three Angels' Messages in preparation for His soon return (Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Rev 14:6-12).



TITHE AND OFFERINGS

"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work."

2nd Corinthians 9:6-8 – NKJV

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Happy Sabbath! Shabbat Shalom!

warm welcome to the Holy Communion Sabbath. We are delighted to have you join in worship. Our speaker is Eld. Mark Rotich. We welcome and pray for him as he prepares to speak on the subject "Food that Endures to Eternal Life". The message is inspired by John 6:27.

Please lift in prayer Eld. Mark and all those ministering today. May God guide, bless, and inspire them as they lead us in worship.

PASTORAL MESSAGE: "DRINKING OF THE WINE"

"Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." (Mark 14:25, NKJV)

The "fruit of the vine" is wine. Jesus acknowledged to the Pharisees and scribes that He drank wine (Luke 7:28–35), and He made wine for a wedding (John 2:6–11). This does not mean that Christians must drink alcohol or even that they should drink alcohol, just that we may. We may not get drunk, use it to escape the worries of life, or drink if it leads us to ungodly behavior (Proverbs 20:1; Ephesians 5:18). We should not drink if we think we're prone to addiction (1 Corinthians 6:12; 2 Peter 2:19) or if it would tempt someone around us to act against their conscience (1 Corinthians 8:9–13). But if no biblical restrictions are being broken, it is not for another believer to condemn someone who chooses to drink (Romans 14:1–4).

And, yet, that's not what this verse is about. The Bible says that wine is for celebration (Psalm 104:14–15). Jesus and the disciples are celebrating the Passover which falls the day before the great feast shared on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. But, by that day, Jesus will be buried in the tomb. Even on the cross, when offered wine mixed with a mild analgesic, Jesus refuses it (Matthew 27:34).

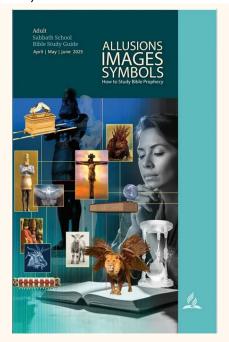
The traditional Passover meal is a long, liturgical affair. Throughout the various statements and courses of food, four cups of wine are drunk, representing the four phases of redemption in Exodus 6:6–7: "I will bring you out...I will deliver you from slavery to them...I will redeem you...I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God." Some scholars say Jesus is making His statement of abstinence between the third and fourth cups. He is

about to fulfill the first three promises on the cross, but the fourth will not be until the end times. Jesus promises to drink wine again in a time and place suitable for celebration. It may be at the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7–10), likely after the rapture ("Take you to be my people"), when He will finally be "married" to the church.

Jesus uses wine as a visual representation of the blood He will spill. God will accept Jesus' sacrifice and apply it to the sin-soaked death that lives in us. The impact of spiritual death will "pass over" those of us who accept Jesus' blood: His sacrifice on our behalf. No more blood needs to be shed for forgiveness from God (Hebrews 7:27).

But the disciples don't apply the wine on their foreheads as the Israelites painted the lambs' blood on their doorframes. They ingest it. Eating blood is especially taboo in Jewish culture. God's prohibition pre-dates the Mosaic Law: it is in the few laws God gave Noah directly after the flood (Genesis 9:4). This may be why Jesus tells the disciples that the wine represents His blood after they have finished drinking. By drinking the "blood," they symbolize that Jesus' healing power goes inside them. They are not whitewashed tombs that only appear to be clean (Matthew 23:27). They are renewed from the insideout, given new hearts (Ezekiel 11:19).

God bless you.



You are kindly reminded to purchase and read the Sabbath School study guides for this quarter.

1. Servants on Duty

Elder-in-charge of Order and Visitation (Week: 13th — 19th April 2025):

- Fredrick Mege: +254 722 368 839 Elder-in-charge of Pulpit:
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All visitors are humbly requested to meet the Interest Coordination team immediately after the Divine Service on the right-hand side of the pulpit next to where the pulpit team sits.

For any assistance or inquiries in these areas, feel free to reach out.

2. Camp Meeting 2025

i. You are encouraged to plan ahead, take leave, and join us this spiritually enriching annual convocation. The dates are as tabled below:

Camp Meeting	Date
Saikeri Sabbath School	10 th - 16 th Aug 2025
Main & Children Camp	16 th - 23 rd Aug 2025
Prison Camp	To be confirmed

ii. This year's Camp Meeting Offering goal is KES 2.5M. You are encouraged to plan and give generously. Last year, we realized KES 984,749 against a target of KES 2.5M. It is from this financial pool that the South Nairobi Kajiado Field (SNKF) supports mission activities, including cash appropriations to churches and schools.

3. One Church, One Budget, One Programme

You are kindly reminded to give an offering towards the Local Church Budget (LCB). Among others, this fund meets expenses towards evangelistic campaigns/missions, Camp Meetings, Administration, Welfare, Newlife Adventist School – Saikeri (NASS), Chaplaincy and other departmental programs. Please prayerfully plan your giving through any of the following methods:

- ✓ Using the offering envelope Local Church Budget (LCB) section.
- ✓ M-PESA Paybill 861200; Account: LCB, or
- ✓ Standard Chartered Bank, Kenyatta Avenue Branch; Account Number: 0102022990600. Reference: LCB

God bless you.

4. Church Business Meeting

There will be a physical Church Business Meeting on Sabbath, **3rd May 2025** from 2:00 PM here in church. All members are encouraged to attend.

5. Prayer Ministry

There will be a VIRTUAL PRAYER NIGHT (tonight) from 9:00 PM to 3:00 AM. The theme is "Pass me not Oh Lord!" All members are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Sis. Gladys Gakinderu Njuguna. The Zoom link goes live at 8:55 PM.

6. Diaconate

- Chairs shouldn't be removed from the Main Sanctuary without diaconate's approval. Please cooperate with the diaconate team on duty to uphold order and reverence in the house of God.
- ii. Kindly note that conducting business within the church precincts is not permitted, except for Newlife Garden Cafeteria Limited. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining an orderly and reverent worship environment.

7. Baby Dedication

There will be a Baby Dedication Ceremony on the Sabbath of **3**rd **May 2025**. Parent(s) who wish to avail his/her(their) child(ren) for this service is(are) encouraged to register via this <u>link</u> or send the below information to church clerk, Sis. Janet Jematia, on +254 722 560 934.

- Full name of the child.
- Date of birth of the child,
- Full name(s) of the parent(s),
- Phone number of parent(s).

8. Welfare Ministry: Care and Concerns

i. Sis. Naom Kerubo Nyangoto (+254 723 037 483), a Sabbath School member, lost her beloved mother, Mama Eunice Nyanduko Nyangoto, on 3rd April 2025 at Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital (KTRH). The burial is scheduled for Thursday, 17th April 2025, at Kerera village, Kerera sub-location, Keumbu sub-county in Kisii County.

- ii. The family of Elder Walter Okuthe (+254 728 364 900) extends heartfelt gratitude to the Newlife community for the overwhelming love, kindness, and support shown during the loss of their beloved mother, Mama Mary Auma Okuthe, and their brother, Jackson Okuthe. "Your compassion brought immense comfort to our hearts and reminded us that we are not alone love and friendship remain among life's greatest blessings". God bless you.
- iii. The family of Sammy and Gladys Machoka (+254 722 375 163) sincerely thanks the church for the support and prayers shown during the mourning period and burial of their father, the late Mzee Edward Oira Ratemo.

Please remember the bereaved families in your prayers during this difficult time.

- iv. The family of Elder Edward and Sis. Damaris Odhiambo (Family Life Directors) sincerely thanks the Newlife community for prayers and support during Bro. Derick Onyango's accident and hospitalization. Your faith and love have been a true source of strength during this challenging time. God bless you.
- v. Elder John Osoro, husband to Sis. Modesta Osoro (+254 723 952 215), has been unwell. He is currently recuperating at home following a long stay at a hospital in India. Please remember him and his family in prayers. For more information, please contact Sis. Modesta or Sis. Olive Osoro (his daughter) on +254 724 178 331.
- vi. The family of Sis. Mary Owalla extends their heartfelt gratitude to the Newlife community for the love, prayers and financial support during Mary's illness & treatment in India. This act of kindness and compassion has made a lasting impact in our hearts. Sis. Mary came back from India on Wednesday, 9th April 2024. Please join us in giving thanks to God for His gift of healing.

The Welfare leadership is appealing to church members to support those in need through in-kind donations. Many among us are facing hunger or could greatly benefit from clothing donations. If you have items to give, such as food or clothes that are no longer in use, please consider contributing to this noble cause. For more information on how to offer your support, contact the Welfare leader, Sis. Eucabeth Onuong'a, on +254 722 741 282.

9. Vacation Bible School (VBS)

This year's VBS starts on Monday, 14th April from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. It will run until Sabbath, 19th April 2025. The theme is "Mountain of Miracles, God's love is Rock Solid". Parents/Guardians are reminded to keep time. Please pray for the event.

10. Baptismal Classes

Those who desire to be baptised are invited to join the Baptismal Class. The class meets every Sabbath from 8:30 AM for Bible study.

11. Adventurer Club

The club is requesting parents of children who have outgrown their uniform to donate them to the club. For more information, reach out to the Director, Tr. Elizabeth Ochieng (+254 724 523 975). God bless you.

12. Young Adults Ministry

- i. Every youth who wishes to be part of this ministry this year is invited to register with a membership fee of KES 150 payable to the Treasurer: Sis. Ruth Koskei (+254 713 847 336).
- ii. Young Adults are reminded of their Sabbath School class every Sabbath at 8:55 AM. The class meets next to where the Church Choir sits.

13. Ambassadors Ministry

Youth aged 16–21 are urged to register and join the Ambassador Ministry. The fee is **KES 500** payable to the Treasurer, Sis. Sharon Ochuka (+254 114 562 080).

14. Public Campus Ministries (PCM)

We invite members interested in serving as mentors or guest speakers at public campuses to enroll and contribute to this initiative. For more information, kindly contact the Secretary, Bro. Korimbas Morphine, on +254 796 64812.

15. Adventist Men's Ministries (AMM)

- i. There will be a joint social Sunday activity for AMM and AWM members on, 25th May 2025 involving a hike up the OI Donyo Sabuk Hills. The cost is KES 500 per person payable to the AMM Treasurer, Bro. Justus Gekone (+254 727 242 477). Kindly pray for this event.
- ii. All men not in the AMM WhatsApp Group are encouraged to reach out to the AMM Secretary. Bro. Maxuel Omondi (+254 712 060 431) to be added.

16. Adventist Women's Ministries (AWM)

- i. There will be a Prayer Breakfast meeting tomorrow, Sunday,13th April 2025 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM here in church. The theme is "A Mindset of a Renewed Woman". All women are encouraged to attend.
- ii. The second AWM Prayer Night (KESHA) will be held on 3rd May 2025. Addititional information will be shared on the AWM WhatsApp Group. All women are encouraged to attend.
- iii. 2025 AWM registration is still open at KES 500 payable to the church M-PESA paybill number: 861200; Account: AWM Reg. The registration form has been shared in the AWM WhatsApp group.
- iv. All women who are not in the AWM WhatsApp group are urged to reach out to the Secretary, Sis. Rebecca Moyo, on +254 742 379 009 to be added.
- v. The AWM Retreat will take place at Naivasha Lake Resort from 20th to 22nd June 2025. The total cost, including full board, transport, and team building facilities and activities, is KES 24,000 "per person sharing" and payable through the church's M-PESA paybill number: 861200; Account, "AWM Retreat". Partial payment can be made as follows: KES 12,000 by 30th April, KES 6,000 by 31st May and KES 6,000 by 15th June 2025. Additional information will be shared on the AWM WhatsApp Group.

17. Education

- i. The Newlife Adventist School–Saikeri (NASS)
 Board of Management (BOM) invites church
 members to donate laptops, desktops, or a
 printer to support the implementation of the
 Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC). Your
 contribution will have a lasting positive impact on
 the education of NASS learners.
- ii. You are requested to offer children books (academic and spiritual) by 23rd April 2025 (World Book Day), to be donated to selected schools in the city and NASS will be a beneficiary too. You may drop the books here in church during the week or on Sabbath. For more information, please contact the leader, Sis. Eucabeth Majiwa (+254 725 996 171).

18. Adventists Young Professional (AYP)

There will be the Easter Retreat at Mfangano and Rusinga islands from 18th to 21st April 2025. The cost is KES 17,500 inclusive of transport, accommodation at the Great Siambi resort and excursions to the great Tom Mboya mausoleum, Takawiri white sands beach and Rusinga Island lodge. Those interested in attending to reach out to the deputy leader, Sis. Audrey Charlotte (+254 700 111 422).

19. Adventist Possibility Ministries (APM)

The APM has organized a Sign Language Training here at Newlife church every Sunday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM from 6th April to 29th June 2025. Interested souls are encouraged to register with APM leader, Sis. Dorothy Obura (+254 721 607 106) or Pastor's Office. Departments are also encouraged to sponsor candidates. Charges are KES 3,000 per person payable via M-PESA Paybill 861200. Account: APM YourName. For more information, kindly contact Sis. Dorothy.

20. Counselling Ministry

The Counselling Department reminds you that it is here to support your mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Why Counselling Matters?

- i. **Therapy is Normal**: It's okay to seek help—mental health is just as important as physical health.
- **ii. Safe & Confidential**: A private space to heal, grow, and be heard.
- iii. Faith & Healing: Christian therapy supports your walk with God while addressing life's challenges.
- iv. Stronger Relationships: Learn healthy communication and strengthen your connections
- v. **Build Resilience**: Gain tools for coping, self-care, and emotional strength.

Let's break the stigma and grow together in Christ.

To have your announcement included in this bulletin, please submit it to the church clerks by Tuesday, 5:00 PM. 4

21. Chaplaincy Ministry - Hospital

- i. The ministry visits and supports the sick at home and in hospitals. Should you need these services, reach out to the Chaplaincy Ministry – Hospital leader, Sis. Nelly Koskei, on +254 721 864 793 or the Diaconate leadership.
- ii. The ministry is appealing for donations in kind to support their outreach programs. You may give baby clothes, baby shawls, pampers, prophecy books, slippers, soaps, tissue paper, sanitary pads, or long-life milk. God bless you.

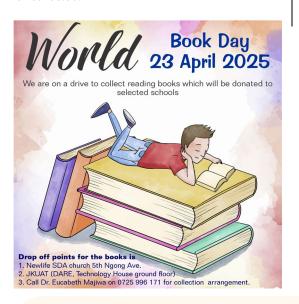
22. Church Clerks' Desk

a. Wedding Banns

Youth intending to get married and married couples intending to formalise their union should notify the church AT LEAST 3 MONTHS before the date of the wedding. Wedding notification forms are available from Monday to Friday at the Pastor's office (church secretary). You may also contact any of the Church Clerks or reach us through our church website.

Collection of Baptismal and Baby Dedication Certificates

Members are requested to collect their baptismal and baby dedication certificates. Some certificates, dating back to 2024, remain uncollected.



c. Church Membership Review

The church is in the process of reviewing and updating its Register of Members. Church Members are requested to visit our website through the <u>link</u> to submit their records or visit the Church Clerks' Desk to confirm their membership details.

d. Church Clerks' Services

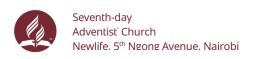
Church members and visitors are reminded of the services offered at the Church Clerks' Desk (next to EXIT 3). They include; Membership Review, registration for Baby Dedication, collection of Baby Dedication certificates, Baptismal Certificates, Wedding Notification Forms, and Membership Transfer Request forms. You are most welcome.



Are you Aware?

- i. The official website of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is www.adventist.org/.
- ii. Founded in 1994, the Adventist News Network (ANN) is the official news service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, produced by the Communication at the Church's world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland. Its content is shared across websites, publications, broadcasters, and social media platforms.
- iii. The 62nd General Conference (GC) Session will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A., from 3rd to 12th July 2025. The theme for the Session is: "Jesus is Coming, I Will Go!" Kindly pray for God's leading.





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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Holy Communion Sabbath

12th April 2025

SABBATH SCHOOL (08:00 – 8:55 AM) Choristers Song Service: Opening Prayer: Eld. Danvers Nyarango Welcome & Introduction: Bro. Ezra Odondi Opening Song: Bro. Ezra Odondi Special Thought: Eld. James Aboge Special Song: Eld. James Aboge (Ronagai-Kiseran Family) Mission Story: Sis. Linette Osugo (Title: "The Only Living God"; Surachet, Thailand) Closing Song: Sis. Linette Osugo Closing Prayer: Eld. Danvers Nyarango CHURCH AT STUDY (8:55 - 10:00 AM) Lesson Classes in Church and the Online Church Panel Lesson Study: Closing Prayer & Song Service: Sabbath School Superintendent & Choristers HEALTH NUGGET & ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (10:00 – 10:30 AM) Health Nugget (Topic: "Cholera Outbreak"): Dr. Leonard King'wara Announcements Highlights: Eld. Fredrick Mege Worship in Music: Choristers **DIVINE SERVICE (10:30 AM - 12:35 PM)** Choristers Doxology: Eld. Mark Rotich Invocation: Eld. Crispus Onkoba Welcome & Introduction: Welcome Song: "What A Fellowship." Scripture Reading (John 6:27): Bro. Robert Musomi Hymn of Praise (SDAH #493): Bro. Robert Musomi Pastoral Prayer: Eld. Crispus Onkoba Offertory / Stewardship: Sis. Favour Kemunto Church Choir Special Song: Choristers Offertory Response: Children's Sermon: Junior Proactive Choir **Church Choir** Special Song: Sermon (Topic: "Food that Endures to Eternal Life"): Eld. Mark Rotich Closing Hymn (SDAH #159): Choristers Benediction: Eld. Mark Rotich Recessional Hymn: Choristers AFTERNOON SERVICE (12:35 - 2:00 PM) Holy Communion Service: Elders and Diaconate Team In-Charge FAMILY AFTERNOON (2:00 PM -) VIRTUAL PRAYER NIGHT (9:00 PM - 3:00 AM)

Sign Language Interpreters: Hope Mandela and Stephen Koina

Choristers: Janet Kemboi, Sarah Oswago, Godwin Ouma, Neackol Amayo

Pianist: Hansel Aboge

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