

NEW LIFE

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 NewLifeinPearland

Sunday's Cool @ 9:15 am • Worship @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am



*An emerging ministry of
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Mark Your Calendars

Hang On



Don't Let Go

The Lifeline

Wednesday, Nov 2nd

Thanksgiving Seniors Luncheon - BINGO

Confirmation Class/LYO

Choir Practice/Houseband Practice

Thursday, Nov 3rd

Property Team Meeting

Saturday Nov 5th

Orange Street Clean-up

Lydia Circle Bible Study

Sunday, Nov 6th

All Saints Sunday

Noisy Offering - Wounded Warriors

Wednesday, Nov 9th

WELCA Lunch Bunch @ Hope Village

Confirmation Class/LYO

Choir Practice/Houseband Practice

Thursday, Nov 10th

Book Review/GLOW

Friday, Nov 11th

Veterans Day

Friday - Sunday, Nov 11th - 13th

Jr High Retreat

Sunday, Nov 13th

Confirmation Sunday

Monday, Nov 14th

Church Council

Wednesday, Nov 16th

Mary Martha Bible Study

Westside Seniors Lunch @ Jason's Deli/Fundraiser

Fundraiser @ Jason's Deli

Confirmation Class/LYO

Choir Practice/Houseband Practice

Friday, Nov 18th

WOW - Winter Crafts

Saturday, Nov 19th

Kyle F. Eagle Project CHH Food Drive

Lydia Circle Bible Study

Sunday, Nov 20th

WELCA Thankoffering

Christ the King

Monday, Nov 21st

Texans vs. Raiders - TBD

Tuesday, Nov 22nd

Men's Night Out - Put up Christmas Tree

Wednesday, Nov 23rd

Choir Practice/Houseband Practice



All Saints Day



Confirmation - Sunday

Jason's Deli



Women's ELCA



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 2016



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Thanksgiving DAY

Thursday, Nov 24th

Thanksgiving

Sunday, Nov 27th

Advent 1

Wednesday, Nov 30th

Soup Supper/Vespers/Advent Conspiracy



Pastor's Ponderings...

...for people like us...

In times like this...

"OWNING THANKSGIVING"

Dear Friends at New Life,

About 20 years ago, I watched Bill Moyers interview a man named, Robert Bly. He's a poet and a proponent of the "men's movement" in the USA. He was raised a Lutheran. It's still a great clip to watch now on YouTube! In that interview he made this amusing but thought-provoking comment...

"If a man doesn't get his life together by the time he's 35 years old...he won't..."

[PAUSE] *...but God was good to me and I got mine together at 45...*

You had to see the smile on his face to appreciate both his candor and the seriousness of his words. Ironically, I was 35 years old when he said this and as I thought about his comment, a couple of things came to mind...

"God, be good to me...I don't want to wait another 10 years..."

...AND...St. Paul's comment...to his friends in Corinth...

*"When I was a child, I spoke and acted like a child,
but when I grew up, I gave up childish ways..."*

That was a good while back. I'm not 35 anymore and I have given up childish ways a lot more times than I'd like to admit! As we look ahead to the ending of 2016 I see Thanksgiving and Christmastime bearing down on us like the 'little train that could' after it did and was on the downside of the hill that almost didn't get climbed! Physicists call that 'momentum.' It's the surprise that comes following a great effort! This congregation has had many of them and it's this time of the year when good efforts get seen! We're both a 'thankful' people as well as 'joyful' people. It shows up at Thanksgiving time when we sing, "Come, You Thankful People Come" and again around Christmas when we belt out... "Joy to the World" for all the world to hear! So, as you plod into the end of 2016, I would ask you to join me and all your brothers and sisters at New Life to see this time as a moment to seize where we give thanks to God for our experiences in the church and see those experiences as teaching lessons or life-shaping moments that now inform our present day and future efforts. Indeed, this can be a time where each person in this congregation and with an invitation to each person that we know to move toward a deeper sense of maturity in our faith and deeds as we follow Jesus together. It's a way for us to "own" Thanksgiving as we belong, as we believe, be bold and be love in the world!

In both his Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul wrote, "The Holy Spirit has given gifts to equip God's people for work of ministry and for the building up of the body of Christ..." and to the Corinthians he wrote, "Our greatest wish and prayer is that you become mature Christians." Here are some end-of-the-year "thoughts" about New Life continuing "developing MATURE members" and I hope you can take them to heart as we move ahead together...

1 - "WE BECOME WHATEVER WE ARE COMMITTED TO" ---Churches are full of people. Some are mature and others are just learning. Spiritual maturity, therefore, is intentional. And it takes time. If you are committed to Jesus and his church, above all things, then your actions and behavior will reflect that commitment. If you are committed, above all things, to something else, your behavior and actions will reflect that as well." Children see it this way... "they do what we do... not what we say we do."

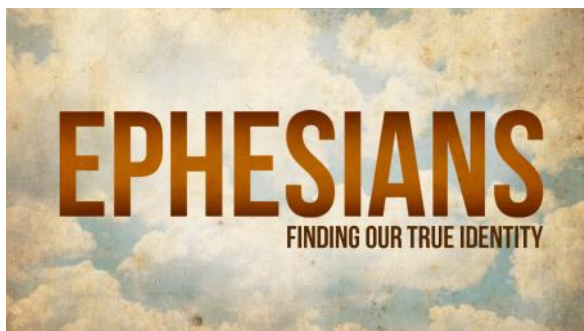
2 - "CHARACTER IS SHAPED BY THE HABITS WE DEVELOP" --- So, this is not a "quick fix" faith! But, as I have suggested for many years now, our faith journey is "life-long" and needs constant monitoring. As we practice our faith, our character is revealed to God and all who are around us. Someone once said, *"Our true character is revealed by our actions when we think no one is looking"*...Are you practicing those faith habits?

3 - "BELIEVERS GROW FASTER AS A TRACK TO GROW ON IS PROVIDED"
The key is--- "intentionality." In *"The Path to New Life,"* the booklet used in the class (taught 4-5 times a year) with the same title, an opportunity for self-examination is provided so that a person can assess his or her past faith life and make specific and measurable goals for the coming year. The 'path' to forge out includes habits of PRAYER, WORSHIP, STUDY, INVITATION, ENCOURAGEMENT, GIVING and SERVING. That's not new? Not at all...but, are you on that track? Do you have a plan?

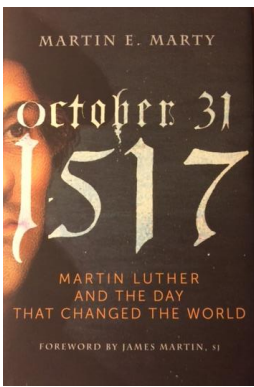
4 - "DISCIPLESHIP IS SEEN BY BEHAVIOR MORE THAN BY BELIEFS" -- Our Lutheran faith is not morality based. Our faith is grace based and all our actions are to be to the glory of God and a reflection of our faith in Jesus as Lord. So, take a moment and ask, *"Am I behaving like a child of God? Am I living as a servant of Christ?"* *"Does my life bear the mark of generosity?"* Another way to reflect on that thought is to just say...*"My actions reflect what I believe."* *"My actions announce the priorities of my life!"* That's a good place to start on the self-evaluation...*If my faith doesn't change my life-style...then my faith may not be worth very much...* AND if that doesn't get you there, then try out this question... *"What would this church be like if everyone acted like/prayed like/lived like/did like/gave like/attended worship like/served like/behaved like me?* Would this church be strong? Stronger? Weak? Weaker? Would this be a mediocre church? A great church? Hear the words, "describe" as you REVIEW items 1,2, 3 & 4 --- then, go on and read #5.

5-" WE CAN'T GROW ALONE! MATURITY COMES VIA RELATIONSHIPS!"
Lastly, I think it's important to pray and read my Bible and go to worship BUT I also know that my real growth moments as a follower of Jesus have come because of me spending time with other Christians DOING the kingdom work we are called to. In the Bible, God's people are always referred to in "PLURAL" form and never just one...community and relationships make all the difference ... How many friends can you name at New Life? If you have more than six, then you understand what I mean; if you can't, then it's time to make some friends for the sake of the kingdom and your own spiritual health!

I'm wanting to end 2016 well. Let's 'own' Thanksgiving and Christmas so others will want what we have. See this time as a door to a new chapter and a new time in life at New Life! Growing up isn't easy! Robert Bly admitted that. So did Jesus. And as Jesus' life would remind us..."to follow..." for in the following we believe, we belong to be bold and be love in the world!



Brian



OCTOBER 31, 1517

Martin Luther and the Day That Changed History

A time to read and learn! A time to learn and grow! Time to put words and actions together. A time to tell our neighbors of this great story! This is a congregational reading project connected to a 5 Sunday series of messages on the 95 Theses and the impact they have made on the life

and ministry of Jesus' Church! 100 copies of this book have been ordered. One for each household.

Sunday October 16	"It All Starts With a Change of Heart"	(CHP 1 & 2)
Sunday October 23	"Three Monks Walk Into a Church"	(CHP 3 & 4)
Sunday October 30	"Once Upon a Time—500 Years Ago"	(CHP 5 & 6)
Sunday November 6	"Turning Away, Turning Around & Back"	(CHP 7, 8 & 9)
Sunday November 13	"This is the Day The Lord Has Made"	(CHP 10 & 11)

Action Team Cards
Provided and Needed



Did you know that Rachel Giguee underwrote the cost of twenty-five (25) "October 31, 1517 Martin Lutheran and the Day that Changed the World" books by utilizing one of her two annual Action Team cards, and that she helped underwrite the cost of the candy distributed at New Life's "Trick or Treat" booth by utilizing the second of her two Action Team Cards. Thank you, Rachel!

In addition Karl Sweet is helping underwrite the cost of items (shaving cream, toothpaste, etc.) to put in SeaFarer boxes. The goal is 100 boxes to be packed after the December Senior's luncheon. These are delivered to the Port of Houston where their Chaplains distribute them to the seafarers of ships that dock there.

This month, New Life needs your help to underwrite the cost of:

- ♦ *Providing soup, bread and salads during this year's Advent Soup Suppers starting November 30, 2016;*
- ♦ *Serving brunch to those who come to help decorate the church on December 3, 2016 and spruce up the property on that day;*
- ♦ *Helping provide pizza, fruit, cupcakes and craft activities at Sunday's Cool Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10, 2016;*
- ♦ *Serving refreshments at the Seniors' Reception on Christmas Eve and at New Life's Christmas Day's breakfast; and*
- ♦ *Serving refreshments to those who help pack up New Life's Christmas decorations at its Epiphany Party on January 6, 2017.*

To learn how you can help make a difference with New Life's campus and outreach ministries, please contact Kate Bates, New Life's Thrivent Congregational Advocate.



Youth & Family



Hello, New Life Church family,

October has been a fun and rewarding month! On 10/6, I attended our monthly Youth Ministry Network (facebook.com/groups/TLGCSYMN) gathering. I gave the devotional and encouraged our youth leaders to demonstrate kindness, gentleness and persuasion over force when it comes to dealing with our youth kids. Our next meeting will be at the new retreat center in Galveston (zionretreat.org).

On a political note, since this is a presidential election year, by the time you read this, I will have already voted for our next POTUS. Being a naturalized American citizen, I take voting very seriously. In the past, I have voted for candidates of either party depending on any number of factors. I think it's safe to say that a Republican is not automatically going to make a good President, and a Democrat is not automatically going to make a bad President. Whoever you vote for and for whatever reason you vote for him or her, just vote. As an American, I highly value this privilege.

In 1988, I could not vote.

In 1992, I could and did.

There are various events that I want to mention that I attended in October. Troy Vincent was a former NFL player who grew up in a terrible family environment. He watched his mother get repeatedly beaten up by his father. Through tears, he told us his story. I won't forget it any time soon. See his website: acalltomen.org. From 2010 to 2014, I gave the invocation prayer for Houston Minority Supplier Development Council (hmsdc.org). Last year, for whatever reason, I was not contacted. This year, I was, and I once again valued the opportunity for public prayer. Recall that blue ball that I recently used as an illustration for the kids' sermon. Experiencing the bazaar for the first time was really great. I enjoyed spending time with your youth kids in this special setting.

I have continued to write cards to your youth kids. In terms of Sunday School attendance, the effectiveness of the cards is minimal so far. One week I had 2 youth kids; another week I had 8! We must be more consistent, and I will have to discover other approaches. Some random thoughts I have regarding youth group Sunday School attendance include:

- 1) they don't care about Sunday School,
- 2) they don't want to wake up for a 9:30 Sunday class,
- 3) they want to sleep in,
- 4) they have too much homework,
- 5) they have other Sunday activities or responsibilities,
- 6) they don't trust me, like me, know me or care to know me, etc.
- 7) other reasons I haven't thought of yet.

As I have said before, I love teaching. It is a privilege and an honor to teach the Bible to your precious youth kids. I hope you and your youth kid will feel the same way. One parent recently told me that she appreciated whatever growing impact I seem to be having on her youth kid. I give thanks to the Lord for her kind words and her recognition. Now, there is another aspect to helping our church get better. Pastor Gige and I talk about how to organize small groups for our church. I encourage you to start looking at your fellow brother or sister and see how you can get to know one another better. I was recently invited by my former church and Bible study group member to eat breakfast at his house with other church members. I attended. We spent over 2 hours sharing, caring, discussing, and enjoying one another's company. We can do that, too! Invite one another, open your house, share, care, enjoy. If you need someone to teach God's Word, call Pastor Gige or me.

Finally, here is the fall retreat schedule for Lutherhill:

- 11/11-13 : Junior High Retreat (6th to 8th grade)
- 12/2-3 : Advent Retreat (1st to 6th grade)
- 12/9-11 : Advent Family Retreat (families)

Sang Kim

Let your reasonableness / gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand... Phil. 4:5

Special thanks to the Bazaar Team Committee Chairpersons for you many many hours of work!

Karen Sweet Cheney for heading up the show, Rudy Moreno for cooking the BBQ, Tiffany Pineda for backing up Rudy, organizing the Children's Area efforts, and doing most of the shopping, Linda Stavinoha for getting the Raffle tickets organized and sold and for gathering the items for the Texans Basket and the Kindle, Bobbie Cummings for heading up the ticket booth, MaryAnn Marcha for handling the advertising, permitting, and working with the finances, Kate Bates for heading up the Potato booth, Carole Wright for heading up the Baked Goods booth, Sang and all those who helped get the Drink booth up and running, Coleen Gestl for getting the biggest crews ever for set-up and take-down, Terry Kiser and Lynn Cope for their many office hours, Tally Perez for heading up the Children's Area on Saturday, and many others for consulting and advice.

New Life Lutheran Church
3521 East Orange St. Pearland

25th
ANNIVERSARY

FALL FESTIVAL

Fun for the entire family!

Oct 7 * BBQ & Craft Fair kick-off!

Oct 8 * BBQ, Craft Fair & Family Fun Day
pony rides, crafts, bounce houses, petting zoo, and games galore!



Thank you to the Vera White and the New Life Quilters for their months of sewing/quilting to make such a beautiful quilt for the Raffle. Several of us are still bummed that we didn't win it!



THANK YOU!!!!

What an amazing year! Volunteers baked pies, cakes, brownies, and other sweets, baked potatoes, spent numerous hours cooking BBQ, setting up booth areas & canopies, setting out tables and chairs, cleaning out the fellowship hall, printing flyers, putting out signs, creating vendor bags, and stuffing all the condiments & veggies for potatoes and the BBQ area. Volunteers young and old worked the multiple booths and ran back and forth to get supplies to do even more. Several members submitted applications for Thrivent Cards (see next page) and New Life was awarded six \$250 cards to help seed the items needed for New Life Food Booths.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the 25th Annual BBQ & Bazaar, you know who you are and you are so appreciated! A great time was had by all, the BBQ was excellent, as usual, and the weather was perfect!

When all IOU's have been collected, the Bazaar will have deposited a little over \$17,000. Expenses and Charitable Giving are estimated to be approximately \$11,000. We are still waiting on a few bills, but the final financial report will be available at the congregation meeting in January.

The Bazaar committee met on Sunday, Oct. 23rd to wrap-up and gather information from 2016 and get started on 2017. YOUR comments, suggestions and/or complaints are welcome and needed. Please send to Karen at office@newlifelutheran.com.

25th Annual BBQ & Bazaar Appx. Financial Results

(as of October 31, 2016)

Income: appx \$17,000 (including \$1,500 in Thrivent Action Team Cards)

Expenses: \$6000

Charity Donations: \$2,800

Pending Expenses: appx. \$3100

Expected Profit: appx. \$5,000 (This is added to the previous years startup money and used for next years Bazaar or for New Life emergencies)

According to Counting Room Records, Booths made appx.:

(These numbers are reflected in the Income above)

Baked Goods: \$747.50

Baked Potatoes: \$509.50 (after \$260 in BBQ for potatoes was deducted)

BBQ: \$4752 + \$357 (Sunday Sandwich sales) + appx. \$800 (Brisket sales)

Drinks: \$736

Raffle Tickets: \$1865 + Pre Event ticket sales of appx. \$600

Food Ticket sales brought in \$8,859.75, but that is reflected in the booth profits. \$930 of this was marked as profit from the Children's area arm bands.

In addition:

Men in Mission's booth made \$22 in book and bookmark sales.

WELCA's booth made \$121 from crafts and quilt sales.



Action Team Cards

Thank you again to the following individuals for applying for an Action Team Card(s) to provide seed money for

New Life's 25th Annual BBQ and Craft Show:

Judy Foucheaux-Baked Potatoes
Barbara Brown—Advertising
Becky Homerstad-Baked Goods
Nathan Giguee-Children's Activities
Jon Sweet-Barbeque and Drinks

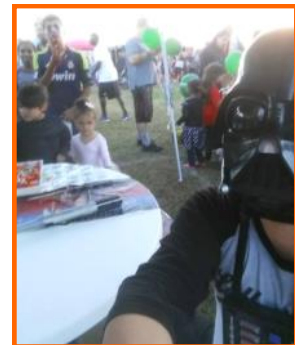
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New Life Out in the Community

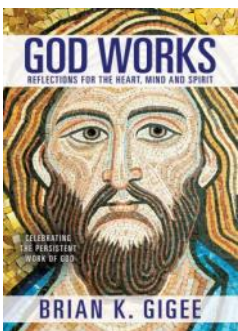


*Pearland Adult Spelling Bee
Margo Giece & Christal Thompson Judging
Pastor Giece "playing"*

New Life at the Pearland Trick or Treat Trail



REFORMATION SUNDAY #499



GOD WORKS
By Pastor Brian Giggie
*reflections for the heart, mind
and spirit*

\$15.00 (softcover)

Also available on Nook and Kindle

Get your copy today for some
reflective reading through the
Fall 2016 Season!

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CROP Walk Pearland

Join us for our 2nd annual CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program) Walk Pearland raising money for local (Meals on Wheels of Pearland), national & international hunger and water relief efforts.

When: Sunday, November 13th

Registration: 1:30 pm

Walk Start: 2:00 pm

Where: Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary

Shadowcreek Ranch

2225 Kingsley Dr. Pearland, TX 77584

- Fun for the whole family
- Prizes for most creative team, best costume, best pet costume, top fundraising team & individual, best team spirit
- Hunger & Water Awareness Activities
- Climbing Wall
- Beautiful Walking Path



Register at www.crophungerwalk.org/pearlandtx

Questions contact Debbie at txdigger@msn.com or 281.221.7425



Holiday Harvest

FOOD DRIVE



Benefiting Christian Helping Hands

*Volunteer Opportunity
In Pearland*

When: Saturday, November 19th

Where: Assorted area Grocery Stores in Pearland



**2 hour shifts
8 am until 4 pm**

To sign up, get time and store location.
Contact: Ms. Dickson at hitadickson@hotmail.com
Email Subject: Food Drive Volunteer Saturday



B.S.A. EAGLE PROJECT @ NEW LIFE



WHEN: STARTING NOVEMBER 19TH @ 9:00 AM

WHAT: KYLE FLICK WILL BE POWERWASHING AND RE-STRIPING THE PARKING LOT FOR NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

NEEDED: PEOPLE TO HELP POWER-WASH THE PARKING LOT ON SATURDAY (AND BRING POWER-WASHING MACHINES. THEN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, THE PAINTING WILL START AND THERE WILL BE MORE POWER-WASHING NEEDED.



Call the church office for more details. Plans may change with weather.

Advent 2016



Theme: "LOVING JESUS"

*a journey to the manger of God
and*

keeping our eyes and hearts on our neighbor.

Wednesday, November 30th, **Advent 1: "Loving God".**



Saturday, December 3rd, **Greening of the Church Party.**

Wednesday, December 7th, **Advent 2: "Loving the Self".**

Wednesday, December 14th, **Advent 3: "Loving Neighbor".**

Wednesday, December 21st, **Advent 4: "Loving Jesus".**



Advent Services and Soup Suppers will start on Wed.,
November 30th at 6pm.

If you are available to help make soup, set up, clean up, or
provide worship help (if needed) please contact the office.



It is the time of the year, when New Life Lutheran is being asked to share the Good News of Christ's birth with our Pearland friends and neighbors. This year, New Life will be providing gifts for ten (10) children who are a part of our Pearland Independent School family. Of the ten PISD children, five are associated with Cockrell Elementary and five are associated with Lawhon Elementary. As we all know, the holiday season is a special and exciting time. However, for underprivileged children it can be a time of sadness. Lexi Marshall, PISD Angel Tree Coordinator, has suggested that each of our ten children receive 2-3 gifts worth an aggregate total of \$50.00:

Name	Age	Gender	Shirt Size	Pant Size	Hobbies Interests	Hobbies Interests	Hobbies Interests	Hobbies Interests
Yareli	9	F	10/12	10/12	Sports	Dolls		
Lisette	15	F	Medium Adult	26x32	Sports	Games Puzzles	Books	Arts Crafts
Jose Luis	13	M	14/16 Adult Large	32x32	Sports	Games Puzzles	Books	Arts Crafts
Diana	10	F	Youth Large	16 Medium	Games Puzzles	Books	Anything Frozen	
Jorge	3	M	4T	Medium	Games Puzzles	Thomas & Friends		
Rubie	8	F	8 Youth	8 Youth	Sports	Games Puzzles	Books	Arts Crafts
Madelyn	4	F	5 Child	5 Child	Sports	Games Puzzles	Arts Crafts	
Eric	16	M	L or XL Men	36 Mens	Sports	Games Puzzles	Arts Crafts	
Roberto	7	M	8	10	Books			
Martha	13	F	Small	Small	Books			

As in previous years, New Life will also be sponsoring four (4) families associated with Southeast Area Ministries. Information pertaining to the needs of these SeAM families will be found in upcoming pastoral emails and Sunday bulletins.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our Pearland friends and neighbors this Christmas. Tags with the wishes of our PISD children and SeAM families can be found on New Life's Angel Tree located in the back of the church starting November 13.





**SUNDAY'S COOL
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
DURING 10:30 A.M. SERVICE**

Are you excited about Christmas? Then come be a part of a new and intriguing New Life Sunday's Cool Christmas Program. From now until the first of December, Elizabeth White will videotape Sunday's Cool youth members being interviewed about what Christmas means to them during the Sunday's Cool Hour. Elizabeth and Sang will then take these answers and incorporate same into New Life's Christmas program. On December 11, New Life will not only be able to view the aforementioned video, but will witness our youth performing dramatizations of these answers simultaneously. In short, it will be an intriguing multi-media presentation of the Christmas story which our youth will cherish and remember for years to come. The one and only dramatization rehearsal will take place before the Sunday's Cool Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10. See you there.



Children's Christmas Party!

**December 10th from
12pm - 2pm**

Bingo Crafts Games Cupcakes Pizza

Special Guests

One practice will be held on Saturday morning before the Children's Christmas Party.

**Christmas Program
Sunday, December 11th 10:30 am Service**





New Life Seniors' Opportunities

(open to all persons age 55 and up)



New Life Seniors Luncheon

Wednesday, November 2nd

Thanksgiving BINGO!

For questions, please contact
Helen Beckman at 281-485-3159.



The **Westside Seniors'** will meet
November 16th at 11:45am.



Friendship Circle Game Night

Friendship Circle Game Night - Game night has been suspended due to a lack of interest. If you and your friends would like to start a new game night, maybe on a different night or location, please contact the church office at 281.485.1818.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

"Men's Night Out"

Tuesday, **November 22nd**

6:30 pm

**Set up the Christmas Tree
Dinner Fellowship**

For information contact any participating member of
Lutheran Men in Mission
RSVP to MenInMission@newlifelutheran.com or the
church office at 281.485.1818.



As of July 14th, 2016, **649** prayer shawls have been made and distributed to those in need.

New Life holds a "Yarn Lovers" group to teach and learn knitting and/or crochet to help with creating the shawls. We have suspended meetings, but if you are interested in joining "Yarn Lovers," please contact Karen in the church office @ 281-485-1818 or Carole Wright @ 713-826-8749 so we can start meeting again.

The New Life Prayer Shawl Ministry group would like to request donations of bright colored yarn. Currently the yarn "pantry" has only dark scratchy colors left. 4-Ply, Caron Simply Soft of other softer yarns are preferred.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA is the women's organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As a partner in the total ministry of the church, the organization affirms, supports and challenges women in their daily ministries at home and around the world. **All women** of the congregation are included and **ALL** are invited to any of the opportunities listed below for fellowship and friendship. For more information, call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508 or Cheryl Robinson at 713.471.4128.

WELCA LUNCH BUNCH (all the women of the church) Lunch with New Life women and friends at Hope Village Tea Room on 2351! Arrive about 11:30 am on Wednesday, November 9. Delicious food, great place to shop for gifts!
Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

THE MARY-MARTHA BIBLE STUDY continues on the third Wednesday bible study from the national WELCA magazine named Gather, thanks to Helen Beckman who leads us at 9:30am.
Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

The Lydia Circle Bible Study meets on the first and third Saturdays in November, the 5th and 19th. This Bible Study meets at 10:30 am in the conference room in the administration building. All women are invited. This study is from the women's Gather magazine. This month's session is titled *When God chooses the unlikely* by Maghan Johnston Aelabouni. Paul was successful at preaching the Gospel to Gentiles despite his failures. Might "weaknesses" - our own or our congregations - help to reveal God's strength and power? What can we learn from failure? . If you need more details or have questions call Barbara Brown at 281.798.2138 or Cheryl Robinson at 713.471.4128.



WOW (Women of Worth) Friday November 18th

WOW will meet at 6:30pm for snacks and Fall Crafts will start at 7pm.

WOW is a part of the WELCA of New Life, so all women over the age of 16 are invited.

Questions? Contact Karen at office@newlifelutheran.com

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, November 20th is the annual WELCA Thankoffering Service. Tally Perez's mother Chon Pugh will be preaching and women will fill the worship assistant "jobs". Please check the schedule on the back page of the newsletter.

Sunday, December 18th, at noon WELCA/WOW will hold our Annual Christmas Party.

Saturday, December 31st at 11:30, is the next Women of the ELCA 5th Saturday lunch. We will meet at 11:30 at Golden Corral on FM 518 in Pearland. Questions? Call Barbara Brown at 281.798.2138.

Quilters keep building quilts (for LWR) and friendships on Tuesday mornings.

Tuesday Morning Quilters continue to enjoy 52 Tuesday mornings each year sorting, pinning, sewing, tying and folding twin size quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

With the new tracking system, LWR has notified us that our quilts have most recently gone to Angola, hurricane victims in the Philippines, orphanages in Tanzania, refugee tent city in Thailand, Syrian refugees in Jordan, and others.

Officially we start at 9:30 am but a few of us arrive early, by 8 am. We suspend activity for coffee time mid morning, 10:30 or 11 am. We welcome visitors and learners anytime.
For more information, call Vera White at 281.485.9713.





Thank you to all who served coffee and juice during our Fellowship Hour; especially the following groups for October: Luther DVD

Class, Baked good from Bazaar, the Third Sunday Group, the Men in Mission and the Church Council. Future available dates on page 22.

Thank you to all who served as Worship helpers for the month of October.



Thank you to the following Meals on Wheels volunteers: Charles & Saundra Foster, Jan & Becky Homerstad, Maudie Halbadier, JoAnn Morrison & Barbara Flowers, Lynn Cope & Donna Patschke, Barbara Scott, Hap & Bobbie Cummings, Walt & Carole Wright, Helen Beckman & Mary Anna Vance, and Foster & Judy Foucheaux for delivering the week of Oct 24-28.



Thank you Barbara Flowers and Jane Maxwell for coordinating New Life Meals on Wheels!

The next time New Life delivers Meals on Wheels will be the week of Dec 19th-23rd.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 13th for the 2nd annual Crop Walk benefiting Pearland Meals on Wheels. The walk will take place at 2 pm in the Shadow Ranch neighborhood. If you think you would like to walk, you can let Barbara Flowers or Jane Maxwell know to get you on a sign-up sheet. More info on page 10.

Volunteer of the month for October:

Walt Wright

Thank You!!!



Thank you: Barbara Brown, Lynn Cope, Mike & Terry Kiser, Linda Stavinoaha and Korie Williams for all the volunteer time they have contributed in the office this month. It is very much appreciated! *New Life Staff*

Thank You! From Church Council & Staff

- To the 2016 - 25th Anniversary - Fall Bazaar committee, teams, consultants and booth workers. See page 6 for more details.
- To the New Life BBQ team for your hard work and the awesome BBQ that was sold at the 25th Annual BBQ & Bazaar. YUM!
- To Frank Jurgens for setting up and selling BBQ sandwiches plates after service on Sunday, October 9th.
- To Mike Kiser for completing and installing the sound booth for the next leg of the sound/video enhancement project.
- To the New, New Life Choir! Love to hear you sing!
- Elna Ritter, Mary Webb, Barbara Scott, Johnny Salvesen and the fabulous Houseband for making Sunday Worship musically beautiful.
- Jill Olsen for playing Bass guitar in the Houseband at 10:30 am service.
- To those who are volunteering on the New Life LEAD team.
- To Ronnie Stavinoaha for replacing the water heater in the Sanctuary kitchen.
- To Walt Wright for helping with the water heater installation.
- To Sang for working the Trick-or-Treat Trail.

Jason's deli

Thank you to Jason's Deli for providing a fundraising opportunity on November 16th.

The New Life Westside Seniors will kick off the fundraiser at 11:45am with their lunch, but anyone that goes in that afternoon or evening and says they are participating in the New Life fundraiser will have 10% of their food check go back to the church!

What an easy way to give back to the church!

Yummy too!

Volunteer of the month for November:

Tiffany Pineda

Thank You!!!





Lots of things going on behind the scenes...

Thank you to the New Life Property team for all their efforts to keep up with ongoing maintenance including:

Foster Foucheaux and Walt Wright for continually replacing air filters on a monthly basis and replacing light bulbs as needed throughout the 3 buildings.

Mike Kiser for continued work on improvements to the sound system and the beautiful new desk for the sound board.

Ronnie Stavinoha for keeping up with monthly insect spraying and for replacing the 30 gallon water tank in the Sanctuary kitchen that decided to spring a leak right after the Bazaar.

Allen Patschke for continuing to replace highlight bulbs in the Sanctuary and do odd jobs all over.

All those who provide special offerings to help with Lawn Care. (\$550 per month) *Currently this amount is not being met, please let Karen in the office know if you would like to be included on a monthly reminder email.

If you see one of these guys, please shake their hand and let them know they are appreciated!

Join the Property Team on Work Days or on the first Thursday of the month. There is much to be done. Pull weeds, paint, change light bulbs, clean windows, even replace a water heater - many small jobs done by many is easier than one person trying to do them all.

Please continue monthly donations:

F12 and F8 Florescent Tubes

20x20 and 24x24 Ceiling Tiles (Need one box each)

Air Filters (needed per month):

20x20x1 (10)

24x24x1 (3)

20x30x1 (1)

2 Bulb Ballasts: 4 foot, model # F48/96T12

(Are getting older and have to be replaced)



New Life now has WiFi!

In all 3 buildings!

**Log on to New Life Lutheran Guest with
anewlife and post pictures to facebook.**

Newlifeinpearland

Also, we have a new website!

**Worship Times developed it and it can be reached at
newlifelutheran.com**



Thanks to everyone who conscientiously disposed of their trash in a responsible manner at the Fall Festival. There was very little litter on the ground and very little mixing of trash and recycling in their respective bins. The star participants were the barbecue team and food and beverage booths. The recycling and trash bins at the pit site had the proper contents every time I checked them. Someone on the team was watching out. Normally, we try to

use washable utensils and cups at church, but, of course, we have to use disposable utensils and cups at the festival. Chief purchasers Karen Cheney and Tiffany Peneda, used much of the huge stock of plastic ware that was taking up so much space in the kitchen cabinets as well as the rest of the Solo cups that can't be recycled. We now purchase only number 1 or 5 cups that can be recycled. We collected 1 ½ large garbage bags of aluminum, 2 large bags of plastic, and a smaller bag of glass that were recycled and avoided going to the landfill.

November 5, 8:30 A.M.....We are rescheduling our fall litter cleanup of Orange Street to Saturday, November 5. Our usual participants will be reminded by email. All volunteers are welcome. Meet at the church at 8:30 A.M. Breakfast will be served after we return. We should be through by 10:30.

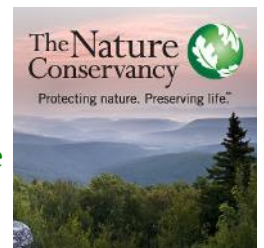


November 17, 6:30 P.M.....Keep Pearland Beautiful will host its annual meeting and awards dinner at Hilton Garden Inn. In the past our church won the award for the longest running continuous adopt-a-spot sponsorship. We have a reputation to uphold. Please participate if you can at our next cleanup on November 5.



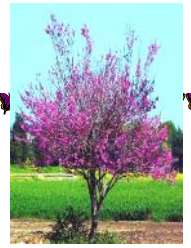
November 10, 7:00 P.M.... The November Garden Lecture begins at 7:00 P.M. at the Pearland Recreation Center on Bailey Rd. Doors open at 6:00 for social hour. The topic this month is "Cooking Fall Vegetables". There will be no garden lecture in December.

Kudos to the Nature Conservancy for purchasing 1,900 acres of land in the Columbia Bottomlands in Brazoria County. I have long thought this area in the West Columbia region is one of the most beautiful natural forests in our county. With development rapidly spreading southward, it would be a prime location for building new residential neighborhoods and further loss of habitat for the indigenous wildlife as well as migratory birds. Much of the original forest has already disappeared over decades to farming and ranching. The Nature Conservancy is a nonprofit agency that had purchased millions of acres of natural areas of all types throughout our country. They depend on individual and corporate monetary and land donations. A \$14 million donation from Australia-based BHP Billiton, an international mining company, assisted in the purchase of this property and land in Arkansas. The goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is to preserve a total of 70,000 acres of Columbia Bottomlands. Our response to God's grace is to love and respect all of his creation, including each other and everyone and everything on the planet on which he placed us.



Helen Beckman

Updates for the Church Roster:



Change of Address and/or email:

DeAnna Barthelme

New email: Deanna.Barthelme@gmail.com

Helen Beckman

New email: hbwbeckman@gmail.com

DeAnna Gerber

10202 Llano River Ln
Cypress, TX 77433

Sheila Martain

PO Box 573

Port OConnor, TX 77982-0573

John & Carolyn Wallace

1816 Oak Lodge Dr

Pearland, TX 77581-6193

Max & Stephanie Thweatt

14319 Whitlock Dr.

Houston, TX 77062

New Members Oct 2, 2016:

Rachel Bates

(son - Weston)

10630 Sageberry Dr.
Houston, TX 77089-2903
406.781.3760



Mike & Debbie Jones

(son, Ryan & daughter,
Taylor)

3205 Berryfield Ln
Pearland, TX 77581-4461
281.485.8214



Scott & Leeta Sanger

13606 Manor Crest Ln
Rosharon, TX 77583-2472
515.992.3886



Sympathies

We extend our Christian sympathy to Marge Angelo, family, and friends, for the loss of her husband of 70 years, Sam, who died in Christ on Tuesday, September 20th. Sam was 90 years young.



May the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ bring comfort and consolation to all who mourn.

GLOW is caring for New Life Members.

GLOW – God's Love, Our Work.

If you would like to join the GLOW care team or are in need of a care ministry, please contact the church office at 281-485-1818 or GLOW@newlifelutheran.com or write your need on your yellow "Count-Me-In" card from your bulletin.

The GLOW team meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. GLOW welcomes new care ministers! The team sends cards, makes phone calls, provides communion, and sets up meal schedules for those in need.





Thank you to all who served coffee and juice during our Fellowship Hour; especially the following groups for August:

Gretchen Barnes,
The Third Sunday Group
and the Men In Mission

Coffee Hour at New Life Lutheran is a wonderful opportunity for visitors and members of our church to meet one another in an informal setting between Sunday services. Please start thinking who you would like to serve with in this important ministry.

Groups should consist of 5-7 people or 2-3 families who are willing to take a turn serving Coffee Hour during the year. The more groups that sign up, the fewer times each group will serve.



Dates Available

December 4 & 11

Please give this some serious prayerful consideration. Talk to your friends/groups and see what you come up with.

Contact Kate Bates at the church office (281-485-1818) or kate@newlifelutheran.com for more information.



Altar Flowers

Thank you to all who provide Sunday flowers!

Do you or your family have a celebration coming up?

Consider signing up to provide Altar flowers for \$40.

You can take them home after the 10:30 am service or donate them and we will deliver them to a nursing home.



Dates that are available:

November 13

November 27



The 2017 Flower Chart will be posted in the Narthex during November. In addition, an order form for Poinsettia's will be posted.

Christian helping hands



Please bring items for CHH and place them in the grocery cart outside of the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.

Do you know what a difference you can make in someone's life by bringing a CAN OF BEANS with you to Sunday School each Sunday? Judy Fouchaux recently told about a family who visited CHH and was unable to receive support from them because there simply was not enough food to go around to all who needed same.

This Spring New Life's Sunday School classes are choosing an \$.99 or less food item, Mainly need Peanut Butter and Jellies as well as toiletry items such as Shampoo, razors, and deodorant the list goes on...to donate to CHH on a weekly basis.

the Sunday school chh wagon will make the rounds to collect your donations during Sunday school each week.

As always, you can place your chh donations in the chh basket whenever you are here at church.



New Life also supports SeAM - SouthEast Area Ministries

Located in Pasadena, SeAM provides pantry items to families in need like CHH. The New Life Confirmation class recently participated in a drive for Pet Food and New Life collects a noisy offering each year for SeAM. They have a thrift store that needs volunteers to come help sort and price items for sale. Please consider donating an hour or two of time to help out.

65,282 persons benefited from SeAM in 2014. The quality and efficiency of SeAM is greatly enhanced by the service of 696 volunteers.



SeAM recognized New Life for the receipt of 108 pounds of pet food and many Ziplocs. "The LARGEST donation of pet food in 2016" Thank You to all who donated!

New Life will continue to be on their calendar for pet food donations for the month of March.

Food items for Pop-Top Ministries are starting to fill up the large black bin in the Fellowship Hall. Please keep bringing items.

POP-TOP MOBILE MINISTRY DROPBOX

FOOD DRIVE



I T E M S N E E D E D :
Pop-top canned goods (ready-to-eat meals, healthy stews, soups, fruit packed in water or juice), bottled water, individually wrapped plastic eating utensils, and fabric draw-string or tie-able bags.

Pick up a filled bag in the narthex and deliver to someone in need. Kids at school, those on the corners with "hungry" signs, or an elderly neighbor that doesn't get out.

Youth Drink Booth Overage!

Thank you to all who donated sodas and water!

With the Thrivent card and you donating so well, we have some leftover!

The youth are selling the unopened cases as follows: individual cans \$.50

12 pks \$2.50 (4 for \$10) 20 pks \$4 24 pks \$5

Please contact Sang Kim or Kate Bates to purchase.

Available flavors in cases are:

Sierra Mist/Twist
Sprite Zero

Pepsi
Diet Pepsi
7 up

Diet Coke
Coke
Sprite

DRINKS

Coke, other sodas, and water sales proceeds go to **YOUTH** events at New Life. If you notice issues with the coke machines or if the basket of \$1 water is empty in the narthex, please contact the church office.



Recycling: All the proceeds from paper and aluminum can recycling go towards **YOUTH** events at New Life. The **paper recycling** bins are at the back of the parking lot, next to the trash bin. Please bring ANY paper products to deposit into the bin, this includes magazines, newspapers, school and office papers, old mail, etc. *If it is dry and it tears, it's probably recyclable.* Bring your **aluminum cans** for recycling to the church office. For any questions, please contact the church office.

Update from Christian Helping Hands



Christian Helping Hands

... a ministry of churches
to those in need ...

CHRISTIAN HELPING HANDS
DIRECTOR'S REPORT - JULY 2016
PRAISES TO OUR LORD!

BREAKDOWN OF PEOPLE HELPED

	JULY	AUG
PEOPLE	1,537	1,748
FAMILIES	378	427
FOOD	1,534	1,709
CLOTHING	62	130
MEDICAL	2	7
LODGING	3	8

CENTER NEWS

- AS USUAL, SUMMER TIME IS BUSY TIME! BY THE END OF AUGUST MANY SHELVES WERE BARE.
- STUDENTS JR.-HIL. SCHOOL, COLLEGE WERE GOOD WORKERS AND A BLESSING.

DONATIONS

- Shepherd Nook \$3,000
- Private Pearland Man \$300 monthly
- Private Donation Matched by LyondellBasell \$2000

SCRIPTURE

"HE WILL NOT FORGET YOUR WORK AND THE LOVE YOU HAVE SHOWN HIM AS YOU HAVE HELPED HIS PEOPLE AND CONTINUE TO HELP THEM", HEBREWS 6:10 NIV

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GIFTS IN KIND FOOD DONATIONS

BACK DOOR TO FRONT DOOR
TREASURERS REPORTING 09-01-2016



GIFTS IN KIND FOOD	AGENCY / RETAIL STORES	
1 ST + 2 ND QUARTERS COMBINED	208,765 LBS	\$359,071
July and August Combined	75,568 LBS	\$129,976.00

GIFTS IN KIND FOOD	CHURCHES, GROUPS, INDIVIDUALS	
1 ST + 2 ND QUARTERS COMBINED	41,206 LBS	\$ 70,874.32
July and August Combined	12,990 LBS	\$ 22,342.80

GIFTS IN KIND FOOD	RED BARREL	
1 ST + 2 ND QUARTERS COMBINED	13,390 LBS	\$ 23,030.90
July and August Combined	3,410 LBS	\$ 5,865.20

GIFTS IN KIND FOOD	DUMP LOG (Unusable Food)	
1 ST + 2 ND QUARTERS COMBINED	(4,858 LBS)	\$(8,527.76)
July and August Combined	(1,428 LBS)	\$(2,456.16)

Back Door Gifts in Kind Food Donations = 355,329 LBS of Food
Front Door Gifts in Kind Food Donations = 349,043 LBS of Food*

*FRONT DOOR IF FOOD GIVEN TO CLIENTS LESS THE DUMP LOG

TOTAL \$\$\$ - GIFTS IN KIND FOOD IN LBS X \$1.72 (\$,\$\$ as set by the Government) = \$600,353.96

Every pound of food that was given to feed Gods Sheep came to us by way of the generosity of others. Each and every source that contributed food products to CHH is a blessing. Thank you!

Gifts in kind reported by Christian Helping Hands is actually food that is donated to us through food drives, various agencies, retail establishments, Churches, or individuals. The volunteers at Christian Helping Hands weight each donation of food that comes into our facility and keep a log of the actual poundage we receive. We then take the actual poundage and multiply by \$1.72 (the governments suggested conversion rate) to get a \$\$\$ figure that we use for our accounting purposes to show the value of donations we receive. The \$\$\$ figures are the calculations for the pounds of food donated for tracking purposes are not to be confused with actual dollars. Donated food comes from food drives, various agencies, retail establishments, Churches, or individuals. The food donated is picked up by our staff of volunteers and/or brought by others to CHH, it is then weighed, recorded on logs, sorted, and shelved, refrigerated or frozen - this what we consider our Back Door Donations. These Back Door Gifts in Kind of Food go out to clients through a process that we consider Front Door Gifts in Kind Food Donations (a revolving door of food).



*There are Sunday's Cool classes for everyone
(youth & adults).*

*Sunday's Cool has classes for everyone (youth & adults).
Take time for Life-Long Learning!*

- **Three year olds through high school classes** meet upstairs in the fellowship hall except for the 5th & 6th grades who meet downstairs across from the DVD/VCR room. (See Teacher/class intros on next pages)
- Adults will all join in a class/discussion on Martin Luther and the Reformation.

Come Join in the Fun While Learning about God's Love



2016-2017 Sunday's Cool Teachers/Staff

Adult Sunday School



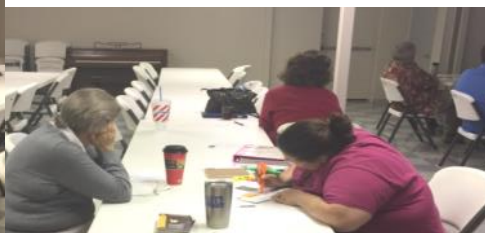
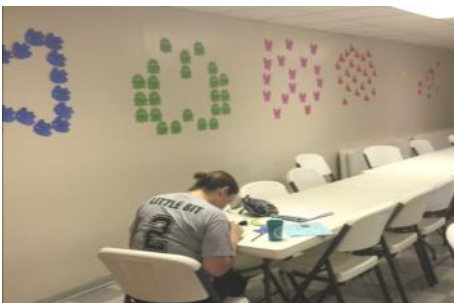
- **DVD Class**—Donna and Nolan Patschke lead a conversation on the "Lives of Great Christians" as presented by William R. Cook... 30 min movie followed by discussion in the DVD room of the Fellowship Hall.
- **"Reformation Anniversary - Luther Reformation Video Series/Discussion"**

Lutheran Learning is Lifelong Learning

Check with Kate in the church office for more info. kate@newlifelutheran.com

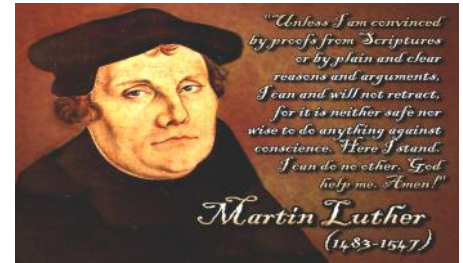


Highlights of Sunday's Cool



MARTIN LUTHER: GOSPEL, LAW & REFORMATION

Over the coming weeks each Sunday @ 9:22 am a 30 minute DVD segment from the lectures of Luther scholar, Dr. Phil Cary will be shown in the Fellowship Hall. New Life is a "teaching" church and this course is open to all adults!



- NOV 6 - "All About Indulgences"
- NOV 13 - "The Reformation Goes Public"
- NOV 20- "THE CAPTIVITY OF THE SACRAMENTS"
- NOV 27- "The Reformation In Wittenberg"

*Each session will end with a 20-30 minute discussion in clusters.
Bring a friend as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation of the Church !*

"LUTHER: LAW, GOSPEL AND REFORMATION"

The Great Course offers 24 distinct 30 minute DVD lectures on the life and influence of Martin Luther, the voice and face of the Catholic reformation! As the 500th anniversary of the Reformation celebration unfolds, NEW LIFE Church will be offering up to three opportunities throughout the week to present the lectures of scholar, Dr. Phillip Cary of Eastern University.

Weekly topics will include:

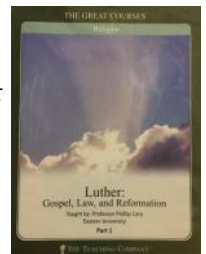
- + Luther's Gospel + The Medieval Church + The Augustinian Spiritual Life + Faith & Works
- + The Problem of Indulgences + The meaning of the Sacraments + Luther and the Bible
- + Infant Baptism Problem + Luther and Politics + Luther and his Enemies + *and much more*

All adult classes @ New Life are stepping up to learn together in larger groups and as each class continues to meet as a 'cluster', new clusters will form.

OFFERINGS: Sundays @ 9:15 am Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm* Saturdays @ 9:00 am*

- LUTHERANS MAKE UP JUST 2% the TX population!
- LUTHERANS are the largest non-Catholic faith community on earth!
- The LUTHERANS are a teaching church founded in a university setting in Wittenberg in the 1500's!
- Reformation celebrations will be occurring all over the world over the next 12-15 months!
- COME and learn!. Discover what Brother Martin did!

** - NOTE: This time frame
may be adjusted by agreement
of participants*





See Lutherhill Retreat Schedule on Page 4



For more information on retreats, see Sang's Youth Director page (5) or visit Lutherhill.org



Confirmation Camp 2016

LYO Schedule for November

LYO will continue on Wednesdays:

Wednesday, November 2nd: 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 9th: 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 16th: 6:30pm

NOT Wednesday, November 23rd (Thanksgiving week)

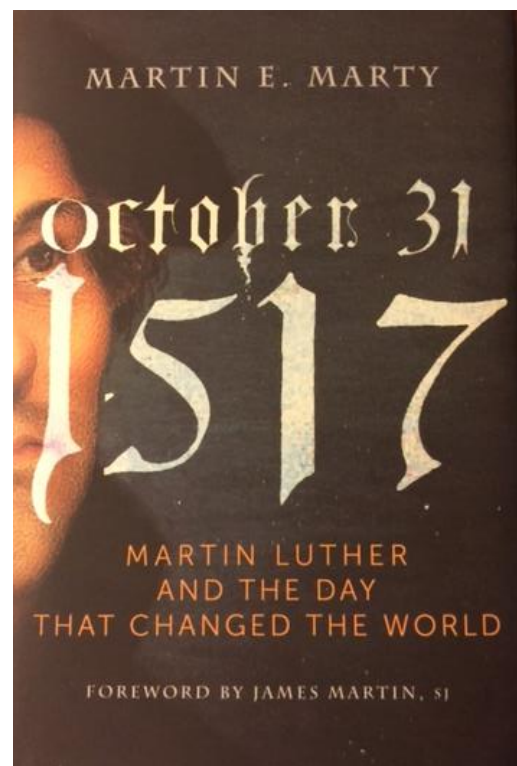
Wednesday, November 30th: 6:30pm

Lutheran Facts

Luthers 95 Theses - From Martin Marty's Book October 31, 1517 Translated from Dr. Martin Luther (1517)

21-30 of 95 - See more in following months

21. Therefore those preachers of indulgences are in error who say that, by the indulgences of the Pope, a person is made exempt and saved from all punishment.
22. For in fact the Pope remits to souls in purgatory no penalty that, according to the canons, they would have had to pay in this life.
23. If any entire remission of all penalties can be granted to anyone, it is certain that it is granted only to the most perfect, that is, to very few.
24. Therefore a great number of people must be deceived by this indiscriminate and high-sounding promise of release from penalties.
25. The power that the Pope has over purgatory in general is the same as that of every bishop in his own diocese, and every curate in his own parish, in particular.
26. The Pope acts most rightly in granting remission to souls, not by the power of the keys (which does not apply in the case of purgatory) but by way of intercession for them.



27. They preach only vain human doctrines who say that the soul flies out of purgatory as soon as money thrown into the chest clinks.
28. It is certain that when money clinks in the chest, avarice and greed may increase, but the intercession of the Church depends on the will of God alone.
29. Who knows whether all the souls in purgatory desire to be redeemed from it, according to the story told of Saints Severinus and Paschal.
30. None are sure of the reality of their own contrition, much less of the attainment of full remission of sins.



ELCA SPIRITUAL CENTER DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As we continue to share in the emerging 21st century ministry, please take time as you are able to visit the Spiritual Center at the ELCA website:

www.elca.org/spiritual.html

"Grant that I may not pray alone with the mouth, help me that I may pray from the depths of my heart."

- Martin Luther

GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY!

Thank you for taking time to pray for...

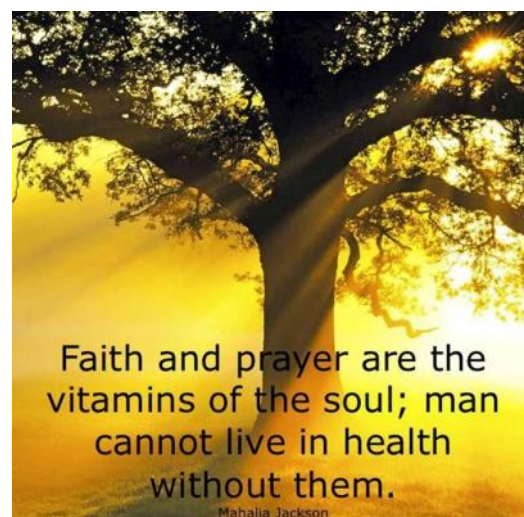
Pray for renewing health: Marge Angelo, Gretchen Barnes, Brian Bates, Susan Bickham, Bryan Bradford, Robyn Bradford, Theresa Breuer (Barbara Scott's mother), Rick Broughton, Barbara Brown, Terry Brown, Louisa Brown, Pete Brumfield, Patrick Burkard, Diane Carver, Carl & Shirley Ericsson, Brian Foster, Nancy Fuller, Regina Gestl, Margo Giguee, Maudie Halbardier, Becky Homerstad, Mike Kiser, Bobbie Lott, Larry Magers, Phyllis Mistrot, Rudy Moreno, Erin Newell, Zetta Palmer, Hubert Pardue, Allen Patschke, Allison Patschke, Jan Porter, Mike Porter, Scott Sanger, Matt Scott, Glenn Sponholtz, Julia Sweet, Karen Sweet Cheney, Karl Sweet, Patrick Sweet, Claudia Thomas, Henry Viccellio, Vera White, David Young, and the Chris Young Family.

Special prayer needs: Abarca & Lott families, Anderson family, Angelo family, Barrett and Ruddock families, Bates family, Bickham family, Bradford & Miller families, Brown & Grieger families, Brown & Krajca families, Brumfield family, Buckels family, Burkard family, Butler family, Childs family, Cole & Ullrich families, Columbus family, Cummings & Campbell families, Flowers family, Fuller family, Gabaldon, Hurlbut & Gilbert families, Gerig family, Giguee & Campbell families, family of Yvonne Hamilton, Hilliard family, Jurgens family, Keilers and McDonald families, Kaiser family, Kiser family, Kyle Lawson, Lawson family, Leach family, Lemke family, Lott family, Lowery & Ullman families, Marcha & Salazar families, Martain family, McBride family, Morgan family, Morrison & Doyle families, Newell and Starr families, O'Banion family, Patschke & DeWeese families, Peterson family, Porter family, Purdum & Hayes families, Putman family, Ritter & Ffrench families, Schroder & Wierick families, Scott family, Sponholtz family, Sweet family, Thomas family, Thompson family, Villalobos family, Wellman family, White family, and the Young families.

New Life members serving in the military: Jeremy Foster, Jeff Gunter, Eric Metzger, Ryan Newell, Shanon Peterson, and Michael Porter Jr.



PRAYER CORNER



You may wish to cut out this section and place it where you will see it and remember to pray.

A praying congregation prays for the wider church!

PRAYER VENTURES
November 2016

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.



1 *All Saints Day* Today we remember God's faithful people, saints who have gone before us – recently and throughout history – sharing the gospel, furthering the mission of the church, demonstrating love and justice in the world, and serving as bold witnesses to Jesus Christ.

2 Our words, actions and attitudes influence people more than we realize. We ask God's forgiveness when we fail to give witness to our new life in Christ and pray the Spirit will rekindle our faith and witness each day that all may experience the good news of Jesus Christ in us and through us.

3 During National Adoption Awareness Month, we remember in our prayers infants, children and youth in need of safe and loving homes, and we give thanks for parents who open their hearts, lives and homes to them through adoption and foster care.

4 We remember in our prayers the Rev. Brian Palmer and the Rev. Linda Johns Seyenkulo, ELCA missionaries serving in Liberia in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Liberia and working with theological education, curriculum development and leadership training.

5 We ask God to lead us out of the darkness of mistrust, blame, hatred, racism, violence, misunderstanding and division and into the light of God's Word and along God's paths of peace, goodness, justice, healing and humility.

6 *All Saints Sunday* We lift up in prayer and celebrate the lives of people who have influenced and encouraged – intentionally or indirectly – our lives, faith, maturing and discernment of how to serve our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.

7 Being sinners and saints, we pray God knows our desire and efforts to follow God's ways and Word, be faithful, do good in the world and serve our neighbor, and we pray for God's forgiveness, steadfast love and help in our moments of weakness and failure.

8 *Election Day* We pray today that our nation will exercise civility, wisdom and mindfulness of the diverse needs of our communities and neighbors as we choose a new president and leaders. We pray that we will move forward – together – in constructive ways, with our visions, plans and actions guided by God's Spirit.

9 Youth and family ministers attend to the spiritual, social and emotional needs of youth. We give thanks to God for their ministry and special skills and pray the Spirit will guide their work and that we will support and nurture their leadership in our congregations.

10 We remember in our prayers the gathering of the ELCA Church Council in Chicago and ask God to bless and inspire its work and decisions for the sake of God's work in the world through our church and each of us.

11 *Veterans Day* On this day, especially, we remember in our prayers and give thanks for the sacrifice and service of men, women and young adults who have served in the U.S. military in the interest of freedom, peace and justice here and throughout the world.

12 We ask God to watch over the children, spouses and families of all those who serve in the military and that they find comfort and care in congregations, supportive communities and chaplains serving the U.S. military and Veterans Affairs hospitals.

13 In these difficult, frightening and seemingly chaotic times, we pray that we not lose our focus on God's promises, love and forgiveness.

14 We give thanks to God for second-career pastors who, in the course of their lives and work, have sensed and responded to God's calling to serve as ordained ministers of Word and Sacrament in the church.

15 We trust that God's love is steadfast and faithful, and we pray that God will look upon us and judge us with forgiveness and mercy, though we are undeserving.

16 We remember in our prayers regions of the world where there is conflict and war, and we continue to pray for peace, reconciliation, healing and the emergence of leaders who are guided by wisdom, compassion and commitment to the well-being of those they are called to serve.

17 Our church partners with ministries and organizations that care for people who live in poverty and hunger, who suffer injustice, who are imprisoned, who suffer illness and who are recovering from tragedy and disasters. We ask God to broaden our awareness of these needs and efforts and move us to greater involvement.

18 We pray the Spirit will deepen our relationships with other Lutheran churches and open doors where division and conflict prevent conversation, cooperation and unity. We pray that one day we will embrace each other and work together as brothers and sisters in Christ, united in the body of Christ for the sake of the world.

19 We ask God's help and wisdom in pursuing our goal of full partnership and participation of African Descent, American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander and Latino people in the life of the ELCA.

20 We offer praise and acknowledgment in our prayers for Jesus Christ – the true Messiah, our savior, the son of God – our real hope and salvation.

21 We remember in our prayers the Rev. Philip and Lou Marie Knutson, the Rev. Tessa Moon and Jon Leiseth, and Allison Westerhoff, ELCA missionaries serving in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. We ask God to bless their work and grow the ministries of the partner churches and organizations they serve alongside.

22 As humans, we find ourselves still asking questions about the nature of Jesus. In our curiosity, doubts and searching we ask God to continue to reveal and reassure us with the truth of God's Word and to strengthen our faith as we encounter God's divine mystery.

23 For people traveling to be with friends and family on the holidays, we pray for safe travel and joyful gatherings; for those who are alone, we pray they are welcomed in and know the joy of hospitality and community; for the many who work through the holidays, we pray our expressions of appreciation and blessing will lift their spirits and remind them they are not forgotten nor taken for granted.

24 *Thanksgiving Day* We give thanks and praise to God in our prayers for all that we have received that sustains us, contributes to our joy and fullness of life, equips us to serve our neighbor and enables us to respond generously to people in need in our communities and globally.

25 Worship leaders, assistants and musicians help us celebrate, pray, grow in faith, center ourselves in God's Word and presence, and connect our faith with everyday life. For their leadership and guidance, we give thanks.

26 We remember in our prayers people who have few resources and not enough to sustain their lives and families and pray that we freely share our bounty with others while also working creatively with them to foster self-sufficient, thriving communities.

27 *First day of Advent* Entering the season of Advent, we offer prayers in anticipation of celebrating Jesus' birth and, at the same time, prayers of thanksgiving for the fulfillment of God's promises and the love and new life we experience daily through Jesus Christ.

28 As God's children, we pray that our understanding and practice of stewardship reflect God's intent for humanity and all creation and that we value, respect, share and use wisely all that God has entrusted to our care.

29 We remember in our prayers places in the world recovering from earthquakes, draught, severe weather and other disasters, and we offer our thanksgiving and encouragement for the emergency relief work and presence of Lutheran Disaster Response and The Lutheran World Federation.

30 Just as the disciples who were fishermen dropped their nets and followed Jesus at his invitation, we pray that we too are willing and quick to follow Jesus and learn to share boldly the good news – the gospel message – with the world.



November

Birthdays

Chase Glowka	11/01
James Hosea	11/01
Mike Kiser	11/01
Dustin Drozd	11/03
Holly Moreno	11/03
Brook Hall	11/04
Mark Kaiser	11/04
Michael Scott	11/06
Bubba Flowers	11/07
Judie Lilie	11/07
Gina Potenza	11/08
Jade Lawrence-McCullough	11/09
Tyler Meyer	11/09
Hubert Pardue	11/09
Robin Hall	11/10
Rebecca Meyer	11/10
Karen Still	11/10
Olivia Oliver	11/11
Nancy Ramirez	11/11
Curt Meyer	11/13
Frances Porter	11/13
Laura Krajca	11/14
Catie Tillis	11/15
Vicki Roesler	11/16
Jay Johnson	11/17
Michael Porter	11/18
Krysten Turner	11/18
Robert Baluta II	11/19
Donna Patschke	11/19
Dan Hardt	11/20
Joyce Mitchell	11/21
Dave Peterson	11/21
Max Castillo	11/21
Maria Moreno	11/22
Nicholas Herrington	11/23
Rory Perez	11/23
Jack Peterson	11/23
Edward Tatuaca	11/23
Henry Viccellio	11/23
Jackie Lassiter	11/24
Makenzie Martinez	11/24
Stephanie Gottlieb	11/26
Jude Gosch	11/27
Nyla Graf	11/28
Patti Caballero	11/29
Chase Turner	11/29
Debbie Venglar	11/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Susie & Mark Wellman	11/05
Phyllis & Pete Mistrot	11/18
Becky & Jan Homerstad	11/28
Susan & Len Columbus	11/29
Carrie & Rev. Don Cole	11/30

Baptismal Anniversaries

Erin Bates	11/01
Carrie Cole	11/01
Cate Cummings	11/01
Mark Kaiser	11/01
Barbara Kippley	11/01
Sheila Schmidt	11/01
Jon Sweet	11/01
Vera White	11/01
Vivienna Reed	11/02
Aaliyan Valdez	11/02
Courtney Axline	11/07
Jan Peterson	11/09
Chelsea Hall	11/10
Susie Wellman	11/14
Morgan Johnson	11/16
Gary Anderson	11/17
Catie Tillis	11/18
Catherine Sinacori	11/19
Rachel Fosdick	11/20
Anahi Arce	11/21
Linda Broughton	11/22
Eric Metzger	11/22
Rylynn Cope	11/23
Addy Palmer	11/23
Jennifer Jurgens	11/24
Richard Jurgens	11/24
Tiffany Pineda	11/27
Alexis Stewart	11/27
Floyd Brown	11/29
Rebecca Meyer	11/29
Bailey Hardt	11/30
Dan Hardt	11/30

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November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship 	31 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon	1 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	2 12:00 PM Seniors (55+) Luncheon 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 7:30 PM House Band Practice	3 7:00 PM Property Team	4	5 8:30 AM Orange Street Clean-up 10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
6 Noisy Offering - Wounded Warriors 2:00 AM Time Change - Fall Back 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship 	7 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon	8 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	9 11:30 AM WELCA Lunch @ Hope Village Tea Room 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 7:30 PM House Band Practice	10 6:30 PM Book Review - Finding the Right Words 7:30 PM GLOW	11 Jr High Retreat Veterans Day	12 Jr High Retreat 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
13 Confirmation Sunday Jr High Retreat 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	14 7:00 PM Church Council 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon	15 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	16 9:30 AM Mary Martha Bible Study 11:45 AM Westside Senior' (55+) Lunch@ Jason's Deli 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 7:30 PM House Band Practice	17	18 7:00 PM WOW	19 8:30 AM CHH Food Drive 10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
20   WELCA ThankOffering 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	21 Texans @ Raiders Men: TBD 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon	22 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:00 PM Men's Night Out - Put up Christmas Tree 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	23 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM House Band Practice	24 	25	26 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
27 Advent 1 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	28 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon	29 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	30 Soup Supper/Vespers 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 7:30 PM House Band Practice	1 7:00 PM Property Team	2 Advent Retreat	3 Advent Retreat 10:00 AM Hanging of the Greens Brunch 10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's

Helping Hands in Worship - November 2016

Altar Guild: Coleen & Jessica Gestl, Donna Patschke ♥ Communion Elements: Lorraine Walls

SERVICES	November 6 – All Saints Day	November 13 – Confirmation Sunday	November 20 – Christ the King WELCA Thankoffering	November 27 – Advent 1
Acolyte 8:00 10:30	Clayton Migl Madison Lassiter	Ryan Flick William Sinacori	Mackenzie Wise Sophia Castillo	Andrew Turner Victoria Manrique
Assisting 8:00 Minister 10:30	Denise Jurgens Michael Porter	Robert Broussard Sang Kim	Nancy Bryars Aimee Sandoval	Sang Kim Jamie Hilliard
Communion 8:00 Assistants	Rebecca Reed Lynn Barron	Lynn Barron Doug Barron	Beth Moore Jessica Gestl	Brenda Migl Jerry Migl
Communion 10:30 Assistants	Mary Ann Marcha Barbara Flowers	Nancy Bryars Ed Bradford	Cheryl Robinson Tiffany Pineda	Kristi Glowka Deanna Barthelme
Altar Flowers	Susie and Mark Wellman	OPEN	Coleen Gestl	OPEN
Lay Reader 8:00 10:30	Nancy Bryars Mike Lassiter	Norm Griffith Bryan Bradford	Helen Beckman Catherine Sinacori	John Gestl Abby Roszak
Nursery 10:30	Katie Fraker	Kate Bates	Jackie Crawford	Madeline Schroder
Greeters 8:00	Brenda Migl	Charlie Gaevert	Coleen Gestl	Judy Foucheaux Foster Foucheaux
Greeters 10:30	Saundra Foster Charles Foster	Carole Wright Walt Wright	Lynn Cope Linda Stavinoha	Joanne Morrison Dennis Morrison
Ushers 8:00	Jerry Migl Frank Jurgens	Shirley Griffith Norm Griffith	Susie Wellman Tamsey Mims	Matt Scott Berkeley Scott
Ushers 10:30	Gary Siegworth Tony White	Milton Thomas Jay Tillis	Jan Zuerner Christal Thompson	Nolan Patschke Jan Homerstad
Coffee Hour	Sunday Cool's Parents	New Life Staff and Office Volunteers	Seniors	MIM

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