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January 2016



Hang On



Don't Let Go

The Lifeline

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, January 1st

New Years Day – Welcome 2017

Wednesday, January 4th

Seniors (55+) Lunch

Choir Practice/Houseband Practice

Thursday, January 5th

Property Team Meeting

Friday, January 6th

Epiphany Party

Saturday, January 7th

UN-Hanging of the Greens Brunch

Lydia Circle Bible Study

Sunday, January 8th

Baptism of Our Lord

Noisy Offering - TLU

Tuesday, January 9th

Church Council

Wednesday, January 11th

WELCA Lunch Bunch @ Busy Bee

Confirmation Class/LYO

Choir Practice/Houseband Practice

Thursday, January 12th

GLOW

Friday – Saturday, January 13th - 14th

New Life Leader's Huddle

Tuesday, January 17th

Men's Night Out

Wednesday, January 18th

Mary Martha Bible Study

Westside Seniors Lunch @ Olive Garden

Confirmation Class/LYO

Choir Practice/Houseband Practice

Friday, January 20th

WOW – Women of Worth (Painting)

Saturday, January 21st

Lydia Circle Bible Study

Sunday, January 22nd

Congregational Meeting

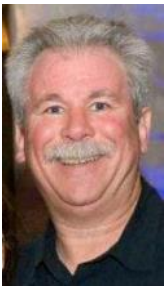
Wednesday, January 25th

Confirmation Class/LYO

Choir Practice/Houseband Practice

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**"PASTOR'S
PONDERINGS...
... for people like us...
... in times like this!"**

"PLAYING 'HIDE 'N SEEK' WITH GOD"

Dear friends and followers @ New Life,

It's still Christmas as I write this note for the January *Lifeline*! For some, the Christmas tree may be on the street, but at my house the 12 days of Christmas are at hand! Thank you for your kindnesses and cards and cookies and generosity at the end of this year. I am overwhelmed, sometimes surprised and always grateful of the big hearts that you convey to me and others at this time of the year! So, Merry Christmas. This one's for 2017...

When I was a child, in my neighborhood with so many children, we never tired of playing hide 'n seek. This always happened when the street lights came on as the shadows were easier to capture around all the cars and shrubs and fences in the yards on both sides of the street. Whoever saw the street lights to go on last was "it." It was a game that lasted forever... it seemed... or until our parents depleted the players one by one calling us home for the night. Ask anyone who grew up in the 50's and 60's about "hide 'n seek" and they will tell you a good tale... and here is the tale I can share for 2017...

Playing 'hide 'n seek' with God is a game none of us will win. Yet, there is abundant evidence that many people are... playing games with God, that is... and it's called the "*halo effect*" ... as in every angel has a halo and it seems when people are asked by a pollster about their worship attendance and religious practices they more than often tell the pollster what the pollster wants to hear vs. what their true behavior and practice is ... God will find you wearing a halo or not... for you see the evidence is held up against the reporting of the churches... the halo-adorning populace tell the pollsters they are at worship "regularly" (3 out of 8 Sundays) which comes to about 40% of the people being in worship often ... but, the churches report that just a little less than 20% of the people are in worship 3 out of 8 Sundays. While some can play hide 'n seek from the pollsters, God will always see past our halo... and if this is a year where we want to focus on the efforts of Martin Luther then we must ask... "what does this mean?" It means we're not the 'religious' people we tout ourselves to be and perhaps that is why this past year has been so chaotic as we've lost our grounding as God's people... Here are 7 facts that should provide a 'wake up' call for most churches...

1. **Less than 20% of Americans are in worship Sunday.** Is there connection here to cultural anxiety?
2. **Church attendance in the USA is on the decline.** If this persists, what will the future be like?
3. **Only Hawaii is growing its worship numbers compared to population growth.** 1 in 50 states! Wow!
4. **Mid-sized USA churches are shrinking. Large & small churches are growing.** New Life is MID-sized!
5. **40-190 year old churches are generally in decline.** That's good news for New Life... we're 11 years old!
6. **Church plants are keeping up with only 1/4 of the population.** As Houston grows... New Life should, too!
7. **In 2050 US worship attendance will be 1/2 of what it was in 1990...** if we keep playing hide 'n seek with God!

I do not share this data to be alarming and raise religious anxiety... I share this data as this is the news that makes us want to share the good news of Jesus with everyone around us... Life in Christ makes a difference... May you make every effort in January 2017 to be at worship ... our God is not hiding... Jesus is "God with us!" So, come out, come wherever you are... and worship the King... just follow his star...

Brian



Youth & Family



Hello, New Life Church family,

Happy New Year! A very, Happy, Happy New Year! I think you see my enthusiasm in writing that! It's a few days before Christmas as I write this. If the season of Advent is about joy and enthusiasm, then I got a whole lot of Advent within me. I want to thank the parents who faithfully brought their kids every Wednesday night for 10 Commandments class. The time spent together was valuable. Good job, William and Alex.

We just finished our Wednesday night Advent services. If you attended and brought your kids as well, thank you for making it a family worship. Worshiping together and using Lectio Divina were worthwhile. I thank Pastor Gigeo for letting me lead the service on the 3rd Wednesday. Johnny Salvesen continually makes the music better. Thanks to each New Life member who attended and who shared how God's Word spoke to them. You show that His Word is truly alive and powerful.

Wow, it is shocking and wonderful that we finished our Christmas program on 12/11! In ministry, this time of year can be sadly stressful. Not at New Life. Cheers to Vera & Elizabeth for their great idea, script, lighting, etc. The kids who practiced on Saturday showed faith, perseverance and enthusiasm.

The Christmas party afterwards was such a blessing. Thanks to all the hands and hearts who made a beautiful fellowship hall and created an entertaining atmosphere. I was happy to be there.

In order to show God's grace to the world and for the world, I was fortunate to get to preach at Alexander Middle School on back to back Fridays and also at Pearland East (on a Thursday).

What made the Alexander preaching providential was that I saw several kids from my neighborhood. Recently, I have been playing soccer with them at our park. They have also been coming to my house and shooting hoops since I leave the basketballs outside. So, they first interacted with me while playing soccer and then they saw me dressed up and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. I thank God for opportunities like that. They are sacred. For me, being outward is a conscious decision I have to make.

You make it, too. Be a difference maker in your neighborhood. At the very least, let them know you belong to the Lord. Invite them to New Life and give them the opportunity to be a part of this church.

In other words, share what you know and intentionally be outward.

Lastly, my dad was here during the week of Christmas. I have a lot of making up to do. Last year, my unemployment was the reason why I had to fake how I felt while he was here. I am a very happy, positive person. Not last year. This year I have been consciously trying to make up for lost time.

Other than health, time is the most precious commodity. For instance, I can't believe we have lived in Pearland, Texas for seven years! I'd like to think that I have made the most of the time. That being said, I know the present can not be wasted. You've heard it said,

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift... that's why they call it present."

Well, this is the Christmas season, and we give presents in order to celebrate and make merry.

Whatever you do, make the most of the present, and don't forget those who live in your neighborhood, your subdivision, your workplace. Again, don't forget to take advantage of Zion Retreat Center in Galveston. They are already booked through February!

Finally, here are some important dates for January:

- 1/4 : No LYO this Wednesday night
- 1/5 : Youth Ministry Network monthly meeting
- 1/10 : Preaching at Fellowship of Christian Athletes @ Friendswood High School
- 1/10 : Career Day at Alexander Middle School (how / why I became a pastor)
- 1/23-26 : Attending Tri-Synodical Theological Conference (Austin)

* Friday mornings: RISE student mentoring

Sang Kim

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



Epiphany Party

Friday,
January 6th
6:00 pm



Un-Greening of the Greens

Help pack away the Holiday Greenery
on Saturday, January 7th @ 10 am. The **Un-Greening** will
be followed by a Thank-You brunch!

Congregational Meeting



Sunday,
January 22nd
After the
10:30 am
Service

Advent Services



Blue Christmas Service of Loss



SUNDAY'S COOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

LINDA STAVINOH - HOSTESS, DIANE CARVER, BOBBIE CUMMINGS, KAREN SWEET CHENEY, KATE BATES, BARBARA FLOWERS, ELNA RITTER, MARYANN MARCHA, ED BRADFORD, SHEILA SCHMIDT, HOLLY & ED TATUACA, AIMEE SANDOVAL, JENARO CASTILLO, TIFFANY PINEDA, JACKIE CRAWFORD, LYNN COPE, LESLIE WILLIAMS, SUSAN COLUMBUS, ALEX WILLIAMS, LAURA MANRIQUE, CHARLOTTE THURMAN, AMANDA BRICENO, VERA & ELIZABETH WHITE, JOHN RUSSELL GESTL, MICHAEL SCOTT AND SANG KIM. (ETC.)





SUNDAY'S COOL CHRISTMAS PROGAM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

VIDEOGRAPHERS
VERA & ELIZABETH WHITE
CLOSE-CAPTIONING
JOHN RUSSELL GESTL



Roles:

Bryanna Perez- Mary
Adrian Manrique – Joseph
Andrew & Lucas Cummings – Donkey/ Angel
Tori Perez – Angel
Dani Perez – Angel
Molly Gunter - Angel

Casey Crawford - Lead Angel
Mary Kate Schroder – Angel
Cate Cummings – Angel
Jade Lawrence – Angel
Zeke Bickham – Shepherd
Max Castillo - Shepherd
Austin Tatuaca - Shepherd

Logan Pineda – Shepherd
Kyle Crawford – Sheep
John Russell – Herod
Michael Scott – Wiseman
Madison Lassiter – Wiseman
Victoria Manrique – Wiseman
Elizabeth White – Star

Technical:

Alex Tatuaca – Lights
Hannah Bickham – Lights/Flashlight
Vanessa Jimenez - Lights/Flashlight
Script: Elizabeth White/Vera White

Video: Elizabeth White/Vera White/John Russell Gestl (Close-Captioning)

Director: Vera White

Props: Aimee Sandoval, Laura & Victoria Manrique, Mary Ann Marcha, Elizabeth White, Susan Butler-Welch

Technical Support: Sang Kim and Mike Kiser (video of performance)



Thank you to all those who took angels from the tree in the narthex.

All angels were taken by the end of services on November 27th!

Kate wrapped the presents that needed wrapping and got them all delivered when needed.

THANK YOU Kate!

Thrivent Action Team Cards

Provided by members made the Holidays easier!



For December, New Life thanks the following:

- Karl Sweet for a card to help defray the cost of Batting that the quilters purchased in late November;
- Robin Sweet for a card to provide soup, bread and salads during this year's Advent Soup Suppers starting November 30, 2016;
- Robin Sweet for a card to provide brunch to those who come to help decorate the church and spruce up the property on December 3, 2016;
- The Gigue's for Helping provide pizza, fruit, cupcakes and craft activities at Sunday's Cool Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10, 2016;
- Susan Butler-Welch for providing a card to help serve refreshments at the Seniors' Reception on Christmas Eve and at New Life's Christmas Day's breakfast.
- Susan Butler-welch for providing a card to help serve refreshments to those who help pack up New Life's Christmas decorations at our Epiphany Party on January 6, 2017.

Year to date - New Life Members and Associates were able to provide more than 21 Thrivent Action Cards for various events and activities. This equates to an excess of \$5,250 to fund seed monies! In addition, members allocated "Choice Dollars" for the New Life General Operating Budget. This \$\$ amount will be reported in January.

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.



Greening/Decorating Crew 2016

Walt Wright, Kate Bates, Linda Stavinoha, Terry Kiser, Debbie Adams,
Cheryl Robinson, Karen Sweet Cheney & Jamie Hilliard



Caroling 2016

New Life Lutheran Carolers Barbara & Bubba Flowers, Sang Kim, Aimee Sandoval (& nephew), Jenaro, Sophia & Max Castillo, Ed, Holly, & Austin Tatuaca, Johnny Salvesen, Tally, Parker, Rori, and Dani Perez stopping by the fire department.



Christmas Eve Senior Reception





Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

7:00 pm



New Life Out in the Community

Keagan Barthelme was sworn into the U.S. Air Force on November 29, 2016.



Berkeley Scott was sworn into the U.S. Coast Guard on December 1st, 2016. He ships out Feb 7, 2017



**Perez family Bell Ringers
at Walmart for the Salvation Army.**

Seniors Pack 107 Seafarer Boxes to celebrate 20 years of donations to the Port of Houston.

In 1996, Vera Brown asked Julia Sweet if they could just pack a few boxes for the Seafarers out of the Port of Houston. That year they packed 12 boxes. Some members packed a box by themselves and it cost \$20 so the decision was made to buy in bulk to keep the cost down. Over the 20 years as many as 350 boxes were packed and delivered to the Port. The Chaplains at the Seafarer Center collect the boxes and distribute them to the ships that dock in the Port of Houston from Mid-December to Mid-January. Between 6,000 and 15,000 boxes are distributed each year.

The Seafarer Center collects books, magazines, puzzles, games, and misc. other items for Seafarers to use while on their ships (sometimes as long as 6 months at a time). The center has a gym, basketball court, swimming pool, BBQ area, café, a library, showers, phones to make calls home, pool tables, a chapel that hold services in more than 12 languages/denominations, and a small store for essentials (like the items we pack in boxes), postage materials and snacks.

New Life youth will be packing another 18 boxes to bring our count up to 125 for this year. If you get a chance, go with the youth to deliver these boxes and get a tour of the area. It is amazing to see (and the food at the café' is good too!).



Julia Sweet & Karen Sweet Cheney delivered the 107 boxes along with 60+ puzzles and games and over 100 magazines on Wednesday December 7th. Packages lining the Chapel walls and bags of boxes ready to go out to ships.



New Life Seniors' Opportunities

(open to all persons age 55 and up)



New Life Seniors Luncheon

Wednesday, January 4th
@ noon

Please bring your favorite
entrée, side dish or
dessert.



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



The Westside Seniors' lunch
Wednesday January 18th
11:45 am

Jason's deli

The Fundraiser for the New
Life Youth at Jason's Deli
raised \$45.23

Thank you to all who participated!

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

"Men's Night Out"

Tuesday, January 17th

6:30 pm

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 or 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 Wed. January 11th at Busy Bee on 518 & 35! Arrive about 11:30 am.
Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

THE MARY-MARTHA BIBLE STUDY enjoys third Wednesday bible study January 18 from the national WELCA magazine named Gather, thanks to Helen Beckman who leads us at 9:30am in the fellowship hall.

Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

The Lydia Circle Bible Study meets on the first and third Saturdays each month. In January that will be on the 7th and 21st. 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. 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) meet the 3rd Friday of the month at 7pm
For Friday, January 20th, WoW will be painting again. Please RSVP to Karen for supplies.
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:

The SE Cluster meets at New Life for the Spring meeting on March 4th. More info coming.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29th at 11:30 for the next Women of the ELCA 5th Saturday lunch. Place TBD. Suggestions welcome. Questions? Call Barbara Brown at 281.798.2138.

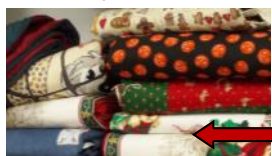
WELCA Triennial Conference in July 13-16, 2017 in Minneapolis, MN.

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

Tuesday Morning Quilters look forward to enjoying 52 Tuesday mornings in 2017 sorting, pinning, sewing, tying and folding twin size quilts for Lutheran World Relief. With the new tracking system, LWR notified us that our quilts have 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. Recently we have enjoyed visitors and donations of fabric, sheets, pins, and crochet thread.

We thank Bubba Flowers for bringing his guitar and enhancing our Tuesdays with Christmas music. He makes our good days great!

For more information, call Vera White at 281.485.9713.



Seasonal Quilt sale raised funds to help purchase batting to make MORE quilts! Thank you!



The New Life Staff would like to extend a huge Thank You to all those that provided the wonderful gifts that were handed out to us on Christmas Eve. The Love that you show is amazing!

Pastor Gige, Sang, Johnny, Karen, Coleen, Kate and Allison.



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

Brunch Bunch, Sunday's Cool Parents, the 3rd Sunday Group and the Christmas Day Brunch.

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



Thank you to the following Meals on Wheels volunteers: Jane Maxwell & JoAnn Morrison, Don & Margaret Purdum, Jan & Becky Homerstad, Maudie

Halbadier, Lynn Cope & Donna Patschke, Hap & Bobbie Cummings, Walt & Carole Wright, Helen Beckman & Mary Anna Vance, Barbara Scott 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 **February 13th-17th.**

Volunteer of the month for December:

Charlie Gaevert

Thank You!!!



Volunteer of the month for January:

Terry Kiser

Thank You!!!



Thank you: Barbara Brown, Lynn Cope, Mike & Terry Kiser, Linda Stavinotha 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

- All those that held helping hand positions during the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.
- All those that participated in Worship Services.
- Sang for his enthusiasm and outreach.
- Sang, LYO and the Sunday's Cool groups that made 110 Christmas cards for the veterans.
- New Life WoW women for making ornaments to go in the veteran cards.

Children's Christmas Party:

- Barbara Flowers, MaryAnn Marcha, Diane Carver and the New Life Quilters for donating craft items and material for the Children's Christmas Party.
- Diane Carver for developing the crafts.
- To the MANY adults that helped run the games, crafts, and various activities. See page 5.
- Sheila Schmidt for making stockings for Santa to fill.
- Ed Bradford for his "Special Appearance".
- Walt Wright & Foster Foucheaux for replacing the light fixture in the hall outside of Pastor's office.

Children's Christmas program:

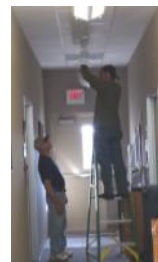
- Elizabeth & Vera White for filming and putting together the video.
- To John Russell Gestl for adding Closed-Captioning to the Video.
- To the many adults and older youth that help make the Children's Christmas Program a huge success.
- The Kiser's for providing the screen.
- Doug Barron & Walt Wright for putting up the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary.
- Jamie Hilliard and Sharon Reynolds for putting up the large Nativity in front of the church and for building the "Stable" to go with it.
- To those volunteering on the New Life LEAD team.
- The office staff for extended hours to get things done for Holiday worship and events.

Advent soup suppers:

- Kate Bates for organizing and running the show.
- Those who brought the wonderful soups, breads, desserts, and stayed to help clean up.
- The 2016 New Life Church Council for their continued work and support for needs of the church.
- New Life Seniors for packing Seafarer Boxes on Wednesday, Dec 7th.
- Julia Sweet and Karen Sweet Cheney for organizing the packing of the 107 Seafarer Boxes and getting them delivered to the Port of Houston Seafarer Center along with 60+ puzzles and games and more than 100 magazines on Wednesday, December 7th.
- Aimee Sandoval for organizing a successful Caroling event for Friday, Dec. 23rd.



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 as well as the ballast outside Pastors office. Walt also replaced the covered walkway light bulbs that were burned out.

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

Ronnie Stavino for keeping up with monthly insect spraying.

Jamie Hilliard for putting up the Nativity in front of the Church and for creating the "Manger" for it.

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)

20x25x1 (2)

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.**

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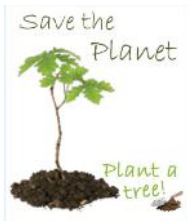
PushPay is coming on January 8th!

PushPay is a phone app that allows for easy donations to the church.



Merry Christmas, Everyone!

There are just a few days left and then it is time to put away all the decorations until next year. I hope you remembered to recycle all that wrapping paper. Now for the no longer live tree. You can put it out on yard waste day to be collected for composting. Remember to take off all decorations and tinsel. Better yet, drop it off at the Stella Roberts Recycling Center on Magnolia Blvd. You have until January 13. Then they will be taken to the coast for dune building. The dune building will take place at Surfside Beach Saturday, January 21. It can be a fun family activity.



Speaking of trees, the end of winter is the best time to plant and transplant trees while they are still dormant. Keep Pearland Beautiful will be celebrating Arbor Day by giving away native and adaptive tree seedlings at the Stella Roberts Recycling Center on January 28 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Help make Pearland green and healthy by planting a tree or two.



In one year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the amount of carbon dioxide produced when you drive your car 26,000 miles.

Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases and they filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark.

In one year an acre of mature trees can provide enough oxygen for 18 people.

Trees cool the city by up to 10 degrees F. by shading our homes and streets, breaking up urban "heat islands" and releasing water vapor into the air through their leaves. Three trees placed strategically around a single-family home can cut summer air conditioning needs by up to 50%. By reducing the energy demand for cooling our houses, we reduce carbon dioxide and other pollution emissions from power plants.



Trees slow down rain water runoff, filtering out pollutants and preventing soil erosion.

Trees provide food for humans and animals, material for homes, shade that shields from ultra-violet rays, and healing for body and soul.



Then if you are getting in the mood to start a spring garden, plan ahead and pick up some tips on starting a spring garden at the Monthly Garden Lecture on January 12 at the Pearland Recreation Center on Bailey Road. The doors open at 6:45 and the lecture begins at 7:00. Enjoy some dessert and socialize with fellow gardeners.

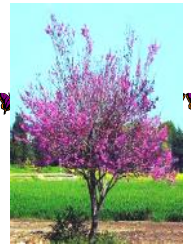
Coming up in February is our next Orange Street litter cleanup and then the Keep Pearland Beautiful Cigarette Litter Awareness Day. Anyone who has ever helped with litter cleanup is well aware of the amount of cigarette litter left on our roadsides.



Have a happy, healthy, and green New Year. Bless all of God's creation with love and respect; eat nutritional foods and exercise; and plant some trees and bushes.

Helen Beckman

Updates for the Church Roster:



Change of Address and/or email:

Julie Lawson

New address:

3300 Towers Blvd. #228
Seabrook, TX 77586-2647

Holly & Chelsea Moreno

New Address:

710 Rachel St
Alvin, TX 77511

Pete Brumfield

Add Apt #

400 E Parkwood #236
Friendswood TX 77546
719-302-3708

Bryan Bradford

New Phone number:

936-208-6940

**The 2015 10th New Life Anniversary LifeTouch Directory
is in it's final stages!**

Second proofs were mailed to us this week to do final editing, so the Directories should be in hand soon.

Thank you for your patience!

Each photographed family will receive one directory.

If you have moved, have a new phone number, or have a new email address you would like published, please let Karen in the office know asap.

If you were asked to get a photo in, please email a .jpg to
office@newlifelutheran.com

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.



Sign up for 2017
on the chart in
the Narthex



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are \$40 and can be taken home after the 10:30 service or if indicated will be taken to a Nursing Home. (Place fee in offering plate and indicate that it is for flowers.)

*Please mark your dedication on the chart if possible.
(in honor of, in celebration of, etc.)

Let the office know a week ahead of time for special flowers or colors.



Dates Available:

January: 8, 15, 22

February: 5, 12, 19, 26

March: 5, 12, 19

April: 9, 16, 30

May: 7, 21, 28

June: 4, 11, 18, 25

July: 2, 9, 23, 30

August: 6, 13, 20, 27

September: 3, 10, 17

October: 8, 15, 22, 29

November: 5, 12, 19, 26

December: 10, 24, 31





Thank you to all who served coffee and juice (and more) during our Fellowship Hour!



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.



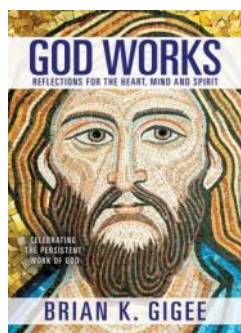
Dates Available

January 1
February 5 & 12
March 5 & 12

April 2 & 9
May 7 & 14
June 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.



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Christian helping hands

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.

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

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

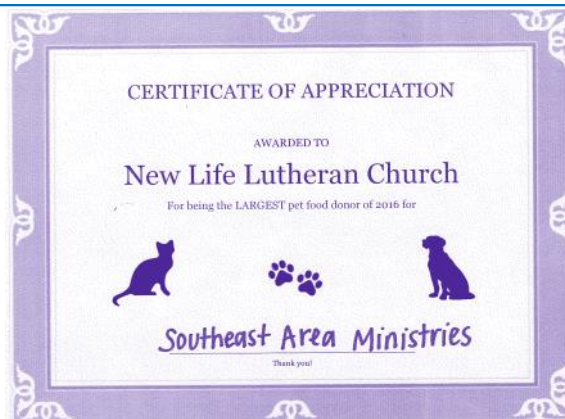
As always, you can place your chh donations in the chh basket whenever you are here at church.



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.



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.



*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



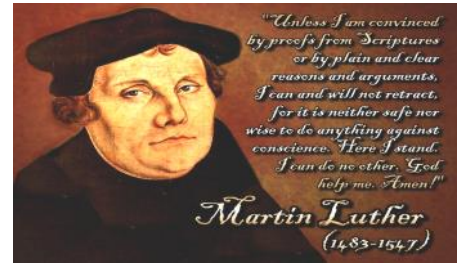
- **DVD Class**—Donna and Nolan Patschke lead a conversation on the "Lives of Great Christians" as presented by William R. Cook... 30 min movie followed by discussion in the DVD room of the Fellowship Hall.
- **"Reformation Anniversary - Luther Reformation Video Series/Discussion"**

Lutheran Learning is Lifelong Learning

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

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!



1/8 Controversy Over Infant Baptism

1/15 Grace & Justification

1/22 Luther and the Bible

1/29 Luther & Predestination

2/5 Luther & Politics

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.

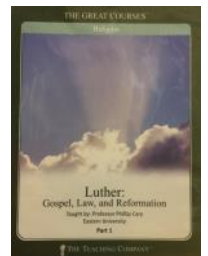
Weekly topics will include:

- + 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

- 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!





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 January

Wednesdays:

Wednesday, January 4th: 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 11th: 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 18th

Wednesday, January 25th: 6:30pm

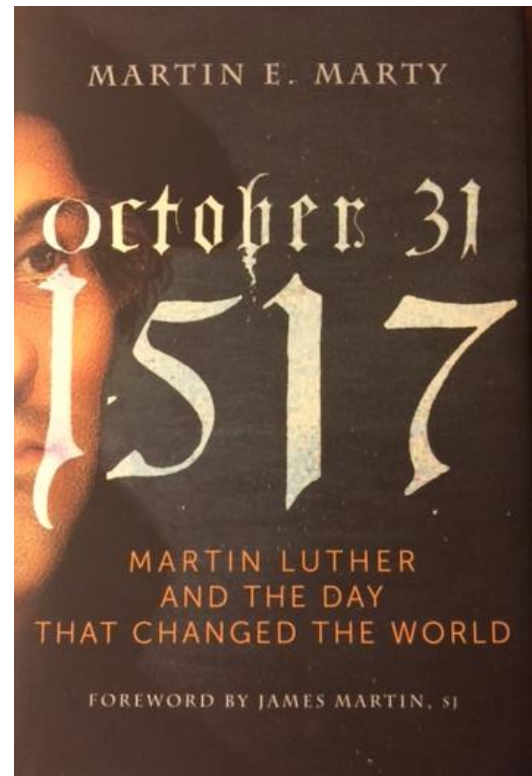
Lutheran Facts

Luthers 95 Theses - From Martin Marty's Book October 31, 1517

Translated from Dr. Martin Luther (1517)

31-40 of 95 - See more in following months

41. Papal indulgences ought to be proclaimed with caution, so that people will not falsely suppose that they are placed before other good works of love.
42. Christians should be taught that is not the mind of the Pope that buying indulgences is to be in any way compared to works of mercy.
43. Christians should be taught that people who give to a poor person, or lend to a needy person, do better than if they bought indulgences.
44. For, by the exercise of love, love increases and people become better; by contrast, by means of indulgences they do not become better, but only freer from punishment.
45. Christians should be taught that those who see another in need and pass on by, and then give money for indulgences, are not purchasing for themselves the Pope's indulgences but rather God's anger.
46. Christians should be taught that unless they have more than enough wealth, they are duty bound to keep what is necessary for the use of their own households, and by no means to lavish it on indulgences.



47. Christians should be taught that, while they are free to buy indulgences, they are not commanded to do so.
48. Christians should be taught that the Pope, in selling indulgences, has both more need and more desire for devout prayer to be made for him, than for the free flow of mercy.
49. Christians should be taught that the Pope's indulgences are useful if they do not put their trust in them, but most hurtful if through them they lose the fear of God.
50. Christians should be taught that if the Pope were acquainted with the unjust demands of contributions levied by the preachers of indulgences, he would much rather that the Basilica of St. Peter should be burned to ashes, than that it should be built up with the skin, flesh, and bones of his sheep.



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, the Kisers, 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, Will Sinacori, 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
January 2017

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 Our prayers are filled with awe and thanksgiving for the power and majesty of God reflected in all of creation, the universe and each other – wonderfully created, diverse human beings.

2 In this new year, we ask God to open our hearts and minds to newness and change, knowing that whether we succeed, struggle or fail in our endeavors, the love and forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ never waivers.

3 Mentors encourage, teach by example and walk alongside us. We give thanks to God for mentors who inspire our faith and help us develop skills, wisdom and confidence for navigating the complexities of daily life.

4 We remember in our prayers synod bishops gathered for the Bishops' Academy that they grow in faith and wisdom as leaders of our church and are strengthened in their support of one another for the work and ministry to which they have been called.

5 The wonder and joy of the birth of Jesus continues long after Christmas. We give thanks and praise daily for God's everlasting, undeserved gift of love.

6 *Epiphany of Our Lord* We give thanks and praise to God for revealing to the world Jesus Christ, Son of God – our true salvation, hope and light.

7 As the newness of Christmas gifts wears off, we ask God to center us in the lasting gifts of faith in Christ, caring relationships, supportive communities, and love and forgiveness – given and received.

8 *Baptism of our Lord* Through the waters of baptism and word of God we are welcomed lovingly into the body of Christ and set forward on a new path as children of God. We pray the Holy Spirit will remind us daily of our baptismal mission, stir our faith and be an ever-present guide for us as we share the gospel and serve our neighbor.

9 We remember in our prayers college and university students who are on winter break, involved in J-term studies or service learning that they be renewed for continuing their studies, know the mutual blessings of community service and further discern how God is calling into use their deepening knowledge, experiences, skills and passions.

10 For people – of all ages – who suffer with depression, especially during this time of the year, we pray for relief, hope, appropriate skilled care, supportive relationships and communities, and healing.

11 We give thanks to God for traditions of the past that still carry meaning and value for us and for traditions that are shifting or being newly formed as the world changes and we are moved by God's creative power and presence.

12 The ELCA strategy for Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) is rooted in concern for the plight of children forced to flee their communities, particularly in Central America and Mexico. We ask God to help us be bold and wise in our compassion and actions, responsible partners in finding solutions and work together as welcoming congregations for the sake of those who are most vulnerable – children and families.

13 We remember in our prayers our elders, those who are ill, and people who struggle with mobility who are homebound or living in places of care and pray that we are mindful of including them in the life of our congregations and affirming their value as brothers and sisters in Christ.

14 Uncertain of what awaits us each day and what the year ahead holds for us, we ask God to grant us courage, hope and wisdom for facing the challenges and tasks that take us by surprise.

15 Just as Jesus' disciples shared their experiences and introduced others to him as the promised Messiah, we pray that we are enthused to go out of our way to share with people our faith and the good news of Jesus Christ.

16 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* We remember in our prayers people, past and present, who stand and advocate with humility and courage for the rights, well-being and value of all people – God's people – who suffer injustice, mistreatment, neglect or oppression.

17 We are grateful to God for our global partners, companion churches and international leaders throughout the world and pray they continue to grow and flourish in their outreach and ministries for the sake of the world and the spreading of the good news of Jesus Christ.

18 Today begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and we pray for reconciliation and unity among all Christians, embracing our common identity as members of the body of Christ, children of God, called to share the gospel and serve our neighbor—together.

19 We remember in our prayers youth ministry leaders gathered for the ELCA Youth Ministry Network's Extravaganza in Louisville, Ky. We give thanks to God for their gifts and commitment to faith formation and the well-being of children, youth and families.

20 *Inauguration Day* On this day we remember in our prayers President Donald J. Trump and the people elected or chosen to serve and guide our nation. We pray they will be enabled to serve with wisdom, compassion, justice, skillfulness and humility for the prospering and health of our nation, diverse communities and global relations.

21 Elders sometimes feel more isolated during the winter months. We pray for insight for creating meaningful ways to help our elders stay connected with family, friends and community, as well experience the joy of new relationships.

22 Just as the fishermen Peter, Andrew, James and John dropped what they were doing in response to Jesus' invitation to follow and serve, we pray that we too are quick to follow, ready to learn and eager to serve as disciples of Christ.

23 We offer thanks and praise to God for being our salvation, light, strength and shelter throughout life and in every circumstance.

24 We pray we are not hesitant to live as active, concerned members of society, that our actions, words and influence reflect God's word and will for the world.

25 In the conversion of Paul we see God at work in the least likely of people. We pray that we recognize how the Spirit stirs us and are attentive to the surprising ways in which God is at work in the world.

26 We remember in our prayers the leaders of our 130 outdoor ministry sites and 85 outdoor ministry organizations making plans for summer programs and seeking staff who will serve—in the name of Jesus Christ—people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

27 We thank God for women who respond to God's call and pursue lives of service and witness as missionaries, rostered ministers, lay leaders, theologians and teachers.

28 We give thanks to God for educators, scholars and theologians throughout history who have helped us mature in faith through prayerful study, exploration and discussion of Scripture and theology, and discover the intertwining of faith and everyday life.

29 Power and wisdom are sometimes confusing for us, especially in our current culture. We ask God to help us better understand humility, the nature of wisdom and true strength as exemplified by the teachings, example and sacrifice of Jesus.

30 We pray for God's blessings on food and clothing pantries, community meals and emergency assistance programs provided by congregations and communities for people living with poverty and hunger or seeking temporary assistance in difficult times.

31 We remember the words spoken during the service of Holy Baptism and ask God to renew and sustain our promise to "proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace."



Birthdays

Baptismal Anniversaries



Jennifer Jurgens	01/01
Bryanna Perez	01/01
Yvonne Yarbrough	01/01
Casey Crawford	01/03
Leann Martain	01/03
Tracey Van Ness	01/03
Erin Newell	01/05
Marion Schroder	01/05
Nicholas Landrum	01/06
Carmen Lott	01/06
John Roberts	01/06
John Southerland	01/08
Arturo Jose Pina Jr	01/09
Hayden Kennedy	01/12
Julie Welch	01/12
Debbie Adams	01/13
Derrick Flick	01/14
Linda Stavinoha	01/15
Logan Stewart	01/15
Jan Zuerner	01/16
Emmalynn Campbell	01/17
Tom Childs	01/17
Jason Kottenbrink	01/18
Joey Morrison	01/18
Janeene Cousins	01/19
Milton Cousins	01/19
Rick Broughton	01/20
Lauren Brunk	01/21
Mia Gunter	01/21
Jordan Barthelme	01/22
Jacquelyn Moreno	01/22
Harleigh Gosch	01/23
Lydia Olsen	01/23
Joanne Ashland	01/24
Barbara Scott	01/25
Virginia Vavrecka	01/25
Kelly Williams	01/25
Derek Anderson	01/26
Leta Branum	01/26
Peggy Gatlin	01/26
Danni Perez	01/26
Robert Phelps	01/26
William Wood	01/27
Cameron Cates	01/28
Christopher Young	01/28
Frank Jurgens	01/31
Lorraine Walls	01/31
Bill Welch	01/31

Deanna Barthelme	01/01
Bridget Besser	01/01
Mike Besser	01/01
Robyn Bradford	01/01
Leta Branum	01/01
Judy Brown	01/01
Jim Burkard	01/01
Patti Caballero	01/01
Esminda Campos	01/01
Diane Carver	01/01
Liz Childs	01/01
Tom Childs	01/01
Janeene Cousins	01/01
Hap Cummings	01/01
Rodolfo Flores	01/01
Saundra Foster	01/01
Judy Foucheaux	01/01
Aaron Fraker	01/01
Katie Fraker	01/01
Nancy Fuller	01/01
Jimmie Gatlin	01/01
Peggy Gatlin	01/01
Dean Gerig	01/01
Norman Griffith	01/01
Bob Hansen	01/01
Taylor Hayes	01/01
Jamie Hilliard	01/01
Becky Homerstad	01/01
Rogelio Jerez	01/01
Laura Johnson	01/01
Vince Johnson	01/01
Richard Lowery	01/01
Larry Magers	01/01
Mary Ann Marcha	01/01
Jorge Martinez	01/01
Maria Martinez	01/01
Isabel Moreno	01/01
Jacquelyn Moreno	01/01
Maria Moreno	01/01
Donna Patschke	01/01
Connie Pelletier	01/01
Tally Perez	01/01
John Roberts	01/01
Ruth Roberts	01/01
Laura Salazar	01/01
Norma Salazar	01/01
Olegario Salazar	01/01

Aimee Sandoval	01/01
Madeline Schroder	01/01
John Southerland	01/01
Glenn Sponholtz	01/01
Neva Stewart	01/01
Hal Still	01/01
Karen Still	01/01
Julia Sweet	01/01
Holly Tatuaca	01/01
Richard Ullmann III	01/01
Alejandro Valdez	01/01
Jessica Valdez	01/01
Leslie Velasquez	01/01
Jose Villalobos	01/01
Chris Young	01/01
Dave Peterson	01/03
Meredith Reynolds	01/05
Austin Caballero	01/08
Miranda Caballero	01/08
Krista Cheney	01/12
Mike Costello	01/12
Holly Moreno	01/14
Nicholas Herrington	01/16
Bubba Flowers	01/20
Michael Lowery	01/22
Vince Gottlieb	01/24
Noah Landrum	01/26
Ryan Newell	01/29
Abbie Butler	01/31
Nikki Gatlin	01/31

****Our computer designates all baptism dates as January 1st if a date is not given. Please call the church office if you know your baptismal date. If not, we will celebrate your baptism each new year. Thank you**

Wedding Anniversaries

Stephanie & Max Thweatt	01/06
Stacia & Erik Sweet	01/09
Leiloni & Jerry Gilbert	01/11
Katie & Aaron Fraker	01/13
Virginia & Charles Vavrecka	01/13
Pam & John McDonald	01/18

If your name or date needs updating, please contact the New Life office to have your name included in next year's posting.

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Yarn-Lovers Co-Coordinator		

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship	2 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon	3 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	4 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	5 7:00 PM Property Team	6 6:00 PM Epiphany Party 	7 10:00 AM Un-Greening Brunch  10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
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Helping Hands in Worship - January 2017

Altar Guild: DeAnna Barthelme, Donna Patschke & Brenda Migl ♥ Communion Elements: Lorraine Walls

	January 1 - First Sunday after Christmas	January 8 Baptism of Our Lord	January 15 Epiphany 1	January 21 Epiphany 2	January 28 Epiphany 3
Acolyte 8:00 10:30	Ryan Flick Alex Tatuaca	Clayton Migl William Sinacori	Kyle Flick Faith Wood	Clayton Migl Sophia Castillo	Ryan Flick Madison Lassiter
Assisting Minister 8:00 10:30	Sang Kim Michael Porter	Denise Jurgens Jamie Hilliard	Nancy Bryars Sang Kim	Matt Scott Aimee Sandoval	Robert Broussard Sang Kim
Communion Assistant 8:00	Coleen Gestl John F. Gestl	Jerry Migl Brenda Migl	Lynn Barron Doug Barron	Brenda Migl Susie Wellman	John Gestl Beth Moore
Communion Assistants 10:30	Deanna Barthelme Cheryl Robinson	Barbara Flowers Tiffany Pineda	Carole Wright Mary Ann Marcha	Kristi Glowka Gary Siegworth	Ed Bradford Nancy Bryars
Altar Flowers	Helen Beckman				Judy Foucheaux
Lay Reader 8:00 10:30	Helen Beckman Hap Cummings	Elna Ritter Kristi Glowka	Norm Griffith Catherine Sinacori	Tamsey Mims Becky Homerstad	Becka Reed Christal Thompson
Nursery 10:30	Kate Bates	Trent Perez	Mandy Schroder	Jackie Crawford	Katie Fraker
Greeters 8:00	Judy Foucheaux Foster Fourcheaux	Helen Beckman	Josh Reed	Coleen Gestl	Shirley Griffith
Greeters 10:30	Sandra Foster Charles Foster	Maria Jimenez Linda Stavinoha	Dennis Morrison JoAnn Morrison	Lynn Cope Merideth Oliver	Carole Wright Walt Wright
Ushers 8:00	Robin Gottlieb Charlie Gaevert	Frank Jurgens Berkeley Scott	Norma Griffith Shirley Griffith	Jerry Migl Berkeley Scott	Charlie Gaevert Norm Griffith
Ushers 10:30	Nolan Patschke Christal Thompson	Jenaro Castillo Gary Siegworth	Milton Thomas Tony White	Jan Homerstad Nolan Patschke	Daoud Karam Tony White
Coffee Hour	OPEN	UN-Greening Brunch	Seniors	MIM	Council

* *Worship Assistants needed. Please contact the church office if you would like to serve.*