

NEW LIFE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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Hang On



Don't Let Go

The Lifeline

Mark Your Calendars

Saturdays, December 2nd, 16th & 30th

LYO - Lutheran Youth Organization

Mondays December 4th, 11th & 18th

Modified Yoga

Mondays, December 4th, 11th & 18th

Houseband Practice

Tuesdays, December 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Quilting Workshop

Wednesdays, December 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th

Choir Practice

Confirmation Class (only 6th & 13th)

Wednesdays, December 6th, 13th & 20th

Advent Service & Dessert

Saturday, December 2nd

Lydia Circle Bible Study

Hanging of the Greens & Holiday Campus Cleanup

Wednesday, December 6th

Seniors (55+) Lunch - Seafarer Boxes

Thursday, December 7th

Bazaar & Property Team Wrap Up Meeting

Saturday, December 9th

Christmas Program Practice

Community Children's Christmas Party

Pearland Tour-De-Lites

Sunday, December 10th

Children's Christmas Program

Council Christmas Party

Monday, December 11th

Church Council

Wednesday, December 13th

WELCA Lunch Bunch @ Lupe Tortilla

Saturday, December 16th

Lydia Circle Bible Study

Sunday, December 17th

WELCA Christmas Party

Blue Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 19th

Men's Night Out - Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 20th

Mary Martha Bible Study @ Jeanie's

Sunday, December 24th

Senior Reception @ 9am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

10:30am + 7pm + 11pm

Monday December 25th

Christmas Day - Office Closed

Saturday, December 30th

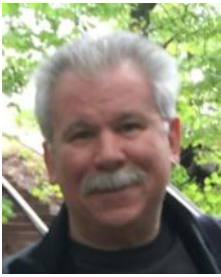
WELCA 5th Saturday Lunch

December 2017



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Pastor's Ponderings...

...for people like us...

...in times like this...

'A MARTIN LUTHER KIND OF CHRISTMAS'

Dear friends and followers @ New Life,

I'm writing these thoughts just before Thanksgiving. They are intended to carry us closer to Christmas and a celebration that will be memorable and filled with hope! Advent's color is **BLUE**... the color of **hope**! And as we turn the corner from one liturgical year to the next ... it is my hope that you have experienced a blessed Thanksgiving full of memories readying each of you for a simple and deeply grateful Advent and 12 days of Christmas. Remember, we track time... but can't control it and ready or not Christmas comes on its own as it comes from the power of God!

The picture here to the right portrays Brother Martin, his wife Katy and five of their six children celebrating Christmas. Martin Luther LOVED Christmas. Each year as Advent unfolded it was reported that Luther's heart and spirit and gait took on a lightheartedness that was different from other times of the year. Remember, Luther was smart, had a great sense of humor but was also ... one serious dude! One of his students wrote this...



"All his words and songs and thoughts concerned the birth of Jesus – God becoming human! Then he sighed and said, 'Oh, we poor people that we should be so cold and indifferent to this great joy that has been given us. For this is indeed the greatest gift, which far exceeds all else that God has created. Yet we believe so sluggishly, even though the angels proclaim and preach and sing, and their lovely song sums up the whole Christian faith, for 'Glory to God in the highest' is the very heart of worship."

What will be... WHO will be at the center of your Christmas this year? A Texas Christmas is a warm Christmas, but will your heart be cold and your spirit be sluggish about the deep meaning of the 'greatest of gifts' Martin Luther pointed to? For Luther, the birth of Christ meant that God loves the world and God loving the world gave permission for everyone to love their neighbor. Luther knew the difficulties of Christ's birth. Mary pregnant before marriage. Joseph's family going to Bethlehem. No room in the inn. Angels disrupting dedicated shepherds. He said, we think we could have made it easier had we been there...

"If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the baby! I would have washed his linen! How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!" Yes you would! You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. Childish and silly thoughts are these! Why don't you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve him, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ himself."

May we see Christ at work in the world in our celebrating and may we see Christ in our neighbor as we share in a Martin Luther kind of Christmas...

Bill

New Life; now!



Advent 2017



Theme: "FROM THE MANGER TO THE CROSS "

Wednesday, December 6th, Advent 1: "God Saves"
(Old Testament's Promise)

Wednesday, December 13th, Advent 2: "Christ Died For All"
(St. Paul Shared Good News)

Wednesday, December 20th, Advent 3: "An Angel Schools Joseph"
(the Gospel Frees Us for Life)

Advent Services and Dessert started on Wed.,
December 6th at 6pm.

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

Note: There will NOT be a soup supper before the service.

Saturday, December 2nd, Greening of the Church Brunch.



Starting @ 10am



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

Are you excited about Christmas?



New Life Sunday's Cool Christmas Program this year is entitled, "Just a Little Christmas."

Internationally renowned director, Sang Kim, is directing your talented actors and actresses (hopefully) as they put a humorous spin to the familiar Christmas story.

The one-time practice starts promptly @ 9:00am on Saturday, December 9. We need everyone to show up or we may have to... (you know).

The preparation will be on Sunday, December 10 @ 9:30 and the performance will be during the 10:30 service.



Children's Christmas Party!

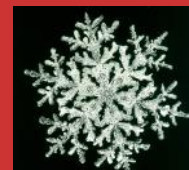
December 9th from
10am - 12pm

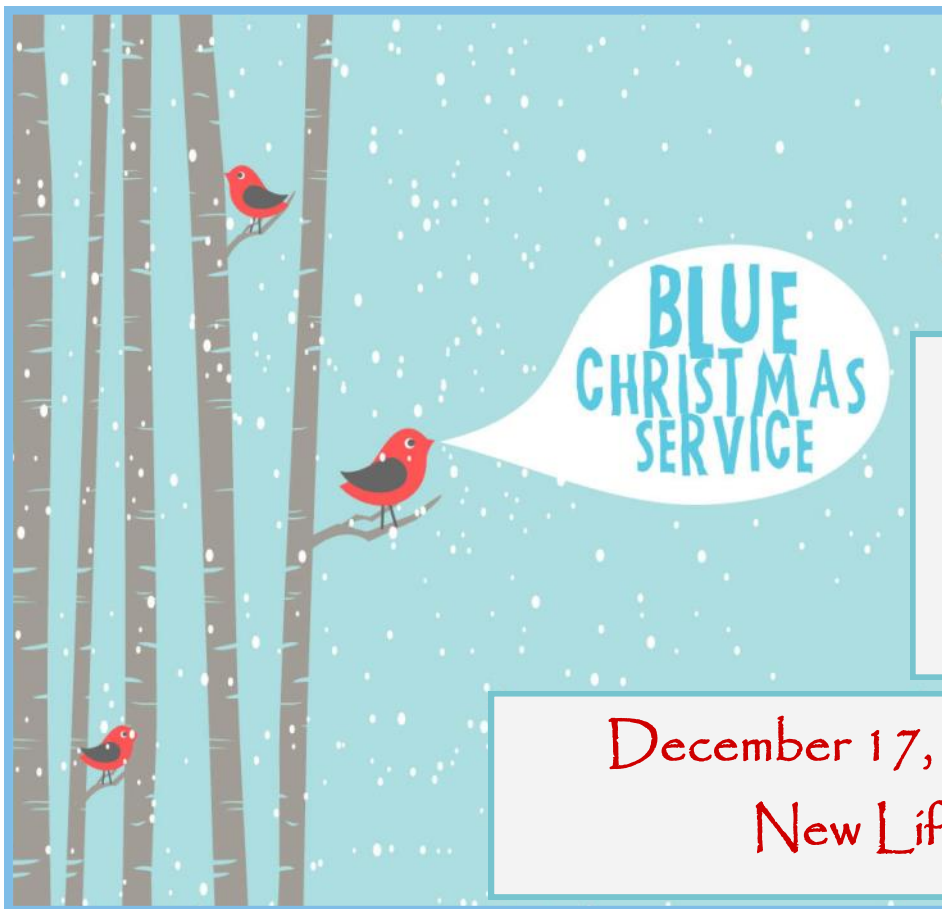
Bingo Crafts Games Pizza Special Guests

For entrance: Bring a canned good for Christian Helping Hands.

One practice will be held at 9am on Saturday morning before the Children's Christmas Party.

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



A graphic for a Blue Christmas Service. It features a light blue background with falling white snow. On the left, there are several vertical brown lines representing tree trunks. Three red birds are perched on these trunks. A white speech bubble in the center contains the text "BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE" in blue, with "BLUE" on the top line, "CHRISTMAS" in the middle, and "SERVICE" on the bottom line.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON
IS HARD
FOR SOME OF US.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

Join us for a different
kind of service... of
comfort, of hope... when
loss is real

December 17, 2017 7:00 P.M.
New Life Lutheran

Advent 2016



Christmas Eve Schedule

Sunday, December 24th

9:00 am Senior member reception in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 am - Candlelight and Holy Communion
Family and children emphasis

7:00 pm - Candlelight and Holy Communion
led by the House Band

11:00 pm - Candlelight and Holy Communion

NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY



Youth & Family



Merry Christmas, New Life Church family,

Thanks to those were able to attend the October 28th Halloween party. While this year's party started off slowly (small attendance), it ended pretty well in terms of liveliness. As we prepare for Advent and the wonder of Christmas, let us reevaluate the significance of Joseph and Mary (and other family members?) in the faith formation of Jesus Christ. In Luke 3, the Bible tells us that Joseph and Mary took Jesus (and his brothers and sisters) to the Passover Festival every year, "was obedient to them" and "grew in wisdom and stature." Clearly, they did something right in his religious training and development. As parents, we can't be perfect, and we have made our share of mistakes, but there is nothing more significant than being consciously involved in the religious development of your son or daughter. How? 1) Read the Bible or do devotions together at least 3X a week, 2) pray together at every opportunity and 3) come to worship on a weekly basis.

The LYO gathering on 11/3 was a lot of fun because the movie was hilarious. However, one of the issues with movies is how quickly everyone leaves afterwards. There is very little interaction afterwards which is disappointing. On Saturday, 11/18, after a bad movie, I practically forced the family and the LYO student to eat lunch afterwards. We had yummy barbecue, and when the student asked if it was free, I happily replied, "Yup." Thank you, New Life Church, for making events like LYO possible and for creating the budget to promote family faith formation. It's always better when it's over a meal, and genuine interaction and liveliness occur.

They've been doing it for years, but thank you to the White family for taking Madison and Korie to the Lutherhill middle school retreat called "Converge." By the time you read this, the Advent retreat is for elementary school students during the 1st weekend of December 1-2 (Friday night and all day Saturday, only). Hopefully, a bunch of families will reply and have their kids participate. Register online so that you can participate at Lutherhill for years to come, especially next summer since Day Camp is only 1 week. There is time to sign up through Lutherhill's website: <http://cwngui.campwise.com/Customer/Lutherhill/browser-check-reg.html>.

The one and only practice for the Christmas play / program is on Saturday morning, 9am, on 12/9; the Community Children's Christmas party is immediately afterwards and will finish around noon or a little later. Please be punctual for the practice. We have a fantastic Korean director this year. Thanks to all the helping hands that make this kind of event possible.

The ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston next summer is slowly approaching, but time is of the essence in terms of financial preparation. Including myself and a female counselor (Karen, for now), we have a total of 10 participants; I was really surprised by this total and was hoping for 5 more. So, the early registration deadline is now over. Any future participants will have a little more to pay for registration which is unfortunate. In the meantime, encourage your kids to save their money (don't buy unnecessary, frivolous items) and start a gofundme.com account. That way, the kids are in it for the long haul, develop financial discipline and finally, don't require the parents to foot the bill. You're welcome, parents.

The Sunday School students in my class have been bringing really good energy and participation. If you are a parent who does not bring your child to Sunday School, may the Lord put that burden on your heart. Otherwise, they are missing out on the chance to be part of a nice youth group. My Sunday school lessons are based on a survey of the Old Testament. The reasons I am teaching from this part of God's Word are 1) it was Jesus' Bible, 2) the stories / lessons are awe-inspiring and 3) it's challenging. The next and last passage is from Chronicles, and Sunday School is on pause starting December 17 till the first week of January.

CITY is undergoing some kind of administrative / legal change so that will directly impact where / when I will be preaching for the foreseeable future. Having said that, I really want to plug CITY at Pearland High School. Members of my own family said that no one goes to CITY there since it's during lunch. I saw one of our kids right as the bell rang for lunch, and he wondered what I was doing there. I invited him to CITY, and... he showed up with his lunch plate. I appreciated that. The turnout was really good as well. About 20 kids or so which was about 19 more than what I was led to believe. The Lord provided. As always, be ready and willing to go where His leading is. I hope you had a great Thanksgiving.

Sincerely, *Sang Kim*

Director for Youth and Family Faith Formation



Dear Fellow Christians,

It is hard to believe how fast this year has gone by. There are still many projects and lots of work left undone. This year has been very trying with juggling the many aspects of this church. Before I became president I had no idea of all that the members and staff actually do for New Life and the community. I have a great deal of respect for the inner workings of this church and the people that make it happen. Thank you to all of you for making this church one to be proud of.

At this time of Christmas please keep in your prayers the members that were affected by Harvey and are still not able to move back into their houses.

Please have a great Christmas and remember the reason for the season.

In Christ,

Rudy Moreno

2017 Church Council President
281-734-5019



Living Every day As Disciples



December 2017 LEAD Update

Hello Church,

As was reported in the November LifeLine, during the month of August, members of the LEAD team met with folks who began attending New Life over the past two to three years. We asked them a series of questions and discussed their answers. Below are several of the questions that we asked and the major themes that we learned. This is part two of the outcome.

People come to this church for (what)? Responses included: to hear the Word of God, to pray and to hear messages of hope and forgiveness, to praise and worship, for communion, for spiritual renewal, for Christian education, and for fellowship with family and friends in a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

The answers to the following two questions frequently overlapped so we consolidated the responses. *What would you like to see happen at New Life in the next two to three years* and *What else would you like to share with New Life's leadership?*

A few people responded that they were happy with things just as they are. Some would like to see more involvement from additional members of the congregation in our various ministries and activities. Also mentioned was our need to have an organized plan to better communicate our outreach involvement to the community.

Many folks would like to see the congregation grow, including the youth population, and to see the LYO continue to strengthen and to include them in more church activities overall.

And last but not least, the majority of responses to what new attendees would like to see happen and to share with leadership are the need:

- To repair and improve our buildings and facilities, and
- To develop a better financial plan and budget.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our discussion groups and for your honest input. We sincerely appreciate it.

As always, we ask for your prayers,
Mina Stagner and the LEAD team





*We give
thanks for
the life,
faith and
love of:*



From All Saints 11/04/2016 to All Saints 11/05/2017

Baptisms:

10/29/2017 Ellie Harper & Benjamin Cole Reed (8/22/2017) parents Becca & Josh Reed
 10/8/2017 Hadley Helen Morrison (5/22/2017) parents Joey & Christine Morrison
 5/28/2017 Felicity Jean Campbell (9-24-2016) parents Alyssa & Jacob Campbell
 5/21/2017 Hazel Claire & Hattie Grace Moore (3/21/2017) Parents Beth & Mason Moore
 5/21/2017 Anthony Alexander "AJ" Royal Jr. (6/17/2016) Parents: Anthony & Rachel Royal.
 4/30/2017 Annelise Frances Peck (1/13/2017), parents Steven & Samantha Peck.
 4/13/2017 Kip Lawrence Olson, 4/20/2002, parent Jill Olson
 4/9/2017 Zoe Aline Alvarez, 1/14/2010, grand-daughter of Bill and Petrea Phenix



New Life Members now part of the Church Triumphant:

10/22/2017 **Bobbie Lott**
 8/17/2017 **Shirley Ericsson**
 5/2/2017 **William "Bill" Welch**
 12/31/2016 **Zetta Palmer** (New Member March 2016)

Saints Remembered by New Life Members:

John Allen, Mary & Terry Anderson, Burt Arnold, David A. Beckman, Olga & David W. Beckman, Sharon Belan, John Bogar, Dustin & Brittany Brown, Rex & Juanita Brown, Erna Buckels, John Castillo, Richard Castillo, Rudy Castillo, Amelia Cavazos, Joe Cavazos, Jose Cavazos, Jr., Lynette Columbus, Marty Columbus, Dee Crawford, Nancy Busch Crawford, Cathy Dahse, Bud & Nora DeTienne, Arnhild Drosdal, Peter Drosdal, Jim Duff, John & Agnes Ender, Helen Gaever, Roy Jerry Galloway, Rudolph & Frances Gestl, Wilton & Helen Grieger, Benjamin Boyd Hawkins, Lora Edna Hawkins, Mary & Don Hedderick, Jennifer Hernandez, Mara Lou & Bill Hill, Peter Hoffmann, Maureen Jost, Karolina, Rev. Joseph Kiser, Tom Larson, Mertes Liebing, Lonnie Meyer, Mildred Meyer, Becky Miller, Patty Miller, Ted Miller, Barbara Musll, Gerry Musll, CD Newell, Terry Newell, Ron Ortenstone, Hilda Owens, Max Pace, Larry Pederson, Patricia Pineda, Rodolfo, Ernie & Lillian Ross, Martha Ruck, JR Salazar, Max Sandoval, Jim Schooley, Alexander C. Scott, Rev. Roy Sloop, Ann & Lawrence Stark, Lillian Starr, Peter Sweet, Skippy & Richard Sweet, Gerry Taylor, LaNell "Nell" Tisdale, Don Warner, Lillian Warner, Eve Weber, Georg Weber, Glenda Webster, Martin & Ryan Weltman, Herman Went, Wilhelm & Else Went, Francis T. Wergin, Irene Wergin, Larry Wergin, Rev. Calvin Wilson, Dolores Wilson, Ellen Yokie, Kathryn Rahrkaste Zuerner.



Veterans Day honors *ALL* American veterans, for dedicated and loyal service to their country. November 11th each year is the day that we ensure veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free.

We honor our New Life Veterans:

Michael Axline, Gary Baldauf, Fred Buckels,
Pete Brumfield, Jacob Campbell, Hap Cummings,
Carl Ericsson, Bubba Flowers, Charles Foster,
Foster Foucheaux, Alan Fuller, Jimmie Gatlin,
Jym Golden, Bob Groux, Robert Hansen,
Heidi Heinicken, Teresa Kiser, Glenn Lilie,
Kyle Lord, Larry Magers, Cordell Mance,
Pete Mistrot, Mason Moore, Dennis Morrison,
Hubert Pardue, Trent Perez, Dave Peterson,
Shanon Peterson, Michael Porter, David Pritchard,
John Roberts, Scott Sanger, Ike Schroder,
John Southerland, Charles Vavrecka & Joyce Williford.

Confirmation Class of 2017

Alex Tatuaca + Faith Wood + William Sinacori



The Class Dedicated a Bible for use on the Pulpit.



New Life Seniors' Opportunities

(open to all persons age 55 and up)



New Life Seniors Luncheon

Wednesday, Dec. 6th
@ 12:00 pm

**We are packing Seafarer
boxes.**



If you have supplies to donate, please bring
them to church by Monday Dec. 4th. See the
list on the next page.

**Please bring your favorite entrée,
side dish or dessert.**

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

Seniors go to the Museum of Natural Science



Interactive
Reflective Game

LUTHERAN MEN ^{IN} MISSION

"Men's Night Out"

Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 19th

6:00 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.



Poinsettia

Available for pickup after
Services on Christmas Eve.



As of November 2017, **667** prayer shawls and **26**
baby afghans have been made and distributed to
those in need.

If you have questions, needs, or would like to
help make shawls and afghans, please contact
Karen in the church office @ 281-485-1818 or
Carole Wright @ 713-826-8749.



New Life's goal is to pack 100 shoeboxes.
These are the items we still need. Starred (*) items are needed most.

*SHOE BOXES! (plastic or cardboard with a lid)	Baseball Caps	Dental Floss	Texas Souvenirs	Individually
Shaving Crème	Ski Caps	Small Flashlight	Crossword Books	Wrapped Candy
* Deodorant	Small Paper Pads	w/Batteries	Word Search Books	(tootsie rolls, mints, etc.)
Razors (3 each kit)	Socks	Kleenex	* Tooth Paste	* Hotel Items
Nail Clippers	Key Chains,	Lip Balm	Aspirin	(soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion)
Soap	Pencils	Gold Bond items	Small Toys	
Wash Cloths	Pens	Hot Chocolate	Playing Cards	
Bandanas	Erasers	Sewing Kits	Small Games	Books
	Pencil Sharpeners	Small Toiletries	Packaged Snacks	Puzzles
	Band-aids (5 per)	Popcorn	(cookies, pretzels)	Magazines

If you purchase or have supplies, please bring them and put in the WELCA Projects box so we can add them to inventory. If you have monetary donations, please give them to Karen so they can be added to the monies we are using to purchase items. If you have other questions, contact Julia Sweet at 281-481-2508.





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! Arrive about 11:30 am at Hope Village on 2351 on Wednesday, December 13th. Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

THE MARY-MARTHA BIBLE STUDY We have been invited to Jeanie Bogar's home for the December 20th Bible Study. We will meet at church at 9:00 am, Wednesday, 12/20, and carpool to her house, a few minutes away. If you have never attended our study, this month would be a good time to come. Please join us. Hope to see you!

The Lydia Circle Bible Study Our December bible study will be on the first and third Saturday, 12/2 & 12/16 at 10:30 am. We meet in the conference room in the administration building. All women are invited. This study is from the WELCA "Gather" magazine. Questions? Call Barbara Brown at 281.798.2138 or Cheryl Robinson at 713.471.4128.



WELCA Thankoffering Sunday

New Life WELCA would like to thank Deacon Beth Hartfield for leading the Sermon, Tally Perez for leading the Children's Service and the Women's Ad-Hoc Choirs.



SAVE THE DATES:

WELCA/WOW Christmas Party - Sunday, December 17th, 2017 @ Noon. Old Fashioned Tea Party
Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 30, for the next WELCA lunch at Lupe Tortilla at 2728 Smith Ranch Rd, Pearland next to 288. Questions? Call Barbara Brown at 281.798.2138.

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

Join the quilters on Tuesday mornings to sew, tie, or put quilt tops together with backings. The quilters break about 10:30am for coffee and snacks.

The quilters have already completed another 100+ quilts for Easter Monday delivery to the LWR In-Gathering. Holiday themed quilts were sold on WELCA Sunday, November 19th to be able to purchase batting for future quilts. Thank you to all who purchased them for presents or for their own use.

On November 21st, Sandra Foster and Linda Stavinoha took a total of 13 dog beds (pillowcases with quilt scraps inside) to local shelters.

For more information, call Vera White at 281.485.9713.





Thank you to all who served coffee, juice and food during our Fellowship Hour; the Adult Sunday's Cool participants, the Sunday's Cool Parents, the New Life Seniors and the Men in Mission.



Many Thanks to the following Meals on Wheels volunteers: Joann & Dennis Morrison, Lynn Cope & Donna Patschke, Hap & Bobbi Cummings, Bubba & Barbara

Flowers, Don & Margaret Purdum and Walt & Carole Wright for delivering the week of Thanksgiving - November 20th – 22nd.

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

New Life 'Meals on Wheels' will be delivering during the week of **January 15-19, 2018.**

If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Barbara Flowers at 713-817-1012. You can also contact the church office at 281-485-1818.

Volunteer of the month for November:



Michael Scott

Thank You!!!

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

Volunteer of the month for December:

Rich Newell

Thank You!!!



Thank you to all who served as Worship helpers for the month of November!



Thank You! From Church Council & Staff

MANY MANY THANKS!!!!

- Thank you to John & Ruth Roberts for the new pew pens.
- Barbara Scott & many chaperones for Michael's successful birthday party.
- Aimee and the Sunday's Cool staff for a successful Halloween Party.
- Doug Barron for MiM leadership.
- Vera & Elizabeth White for chaperoning the Junior High Retreat.
- Steve and Samantha Peck for hosting the first Young Parent's Party.
- The youth who marched and sang on Reformation Sunday.
- To Milt Cousins for playing his trumpet on Reformation Sunday.
- To the 2017 Confirmation Class for their gift of a beautiful Bible for the pulpit.
- To Helen Beckman for keeping up with numerous recycling projects.
- To Kate Bates for presenting a volunteer opportunity to LYO for Kroger collections.
- To the New Life LEAD Team for their continued work.
- To the Prayer Shawl Team for keeping up with the numerous Prayer Shawl and Baby Shawl needs.
- To Julie Watkins and her team for making such beautiful Baptismal Cloths.
- To The property team for making sure the Red Crepe Myrtles were saved and replanted from the construction area.
- To Allison and Donna Patschke for keeping up with the janitorial needs of the Church.
- To Rich Newell for his generous donation of LED lights for the sanctuary - helping to keep lighting costs down.
- To Christal Thompson, Kate Bates & John Russell Gestl for putting together the Good Gifts "Angel Tree".
- Walt Wright, Foster Foucheaux & Rich Newell for continued work on miscellaneous handyman items all around the Church.
- To the Church Council for getting started on the 2018 budget.
- To the women who sang in the Ad-Hoc Choirs on WELCA Thankoffering Sunday.
- Thank you to Catherine Sinacori for leading the Senior's on their trip to the Museum.



Soon everyone will be decorating for Christmas. If you get a live tree remember to recycle it after Christmas. Be sure all the decorations are removed and set it out for yard waste on your regular yard waste day. Another option is to take it to the Stella Roberts Recycle Center where it will be used for building dunes along our Gulf Coast. Then plan to join us for dune building day. We will be tying trees to catch sand to make and enlarge the dunes or we'll be planting grass on existing dunes to keep the sand from washing away. Watch for more information in the January Lifeline.

Monday, December 18th are the Open Garden Days by the Master Gardeners of Harris County will take place at 1205 Genoa Red Bluff from 8:30 to 11A.M. Plants are on sale in the greenhouse.



Keep Pearland Beautiful's 24th annual Tour de Lites will take place on December 9. Due to the work being done in Independence Park, The ride will leave from Shadycrest Elementary School. Participants will ride bicycles or the hay ride through Green Tee to see the Christmas Lights. Brochures for the ride will be in the office. All profits will benefit hike and bike trails in Pearland.



Register Now
via
Keep Pearland Beautiful

Bike & Hay Ride

TOUR DE LITES

6-9 P.M.
12-9-17



only 60 seats
on hay ride
Register TODAY

MYKPB.ORG
281-489-2795

All funds raised support Hike and Bike Trails in Pearland



In September we had no one participate in our litter cleanup on Orange Street. Construction made it difficult to do a thorough job, but I picked up litter along our side of the street. I did collect a large bag of litter, a small bag of recyclables and about a hundred cigarette butts.

Construction on Orange Street now makes it impossible to do litter cleanup, but we will schedule a cleanup when work is finished on one side of the road and we can proceed safely. In the meantime, please continue to pick up litter on the church property whenever you see it.

Mary Ann Marcha and Karen Sweet Cheney went to the dedication of a new sculpture of a Ridley's Kemp Sea Turtle at 45th Street on the Seawall in Galveston. Terry and Mike Kiser went down at night and it looks amazing then as well.



Dates for the 2018 season's Turtle Patrol February Training will be available for the January Newsletter.



Helen Beckman

Updates for the Church Roster:

Change of Address and/or email:

Daoud Karam Address Update:

8580 Woodway Dr #2105
Houston, TX 77063

Berkeley Scott USCG Address Change:

4688 Homer Spit Road
Homer, Alaska 99603

Holly & Chelsea Moreno Address Update:

2518 Dawn River Ln
Pearland, TX 77581

The Church Staff Thanks everyone for helping us keep the database up-to-date with addresses, phone numbers and emails.



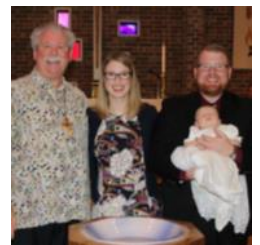
Congratulations to AnnMarie & Bryan Bradford on the birth of their new baby boy, Lucas Miller Bradford.

Lucas was born at 10:10pm on November 10th, weighing in at 9 lbs. 8 oz. He was 21 1/2 inches long .



Sunday, November 26th, New Life welcomed into God's Kingdom, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, Lena Claire Roszak, daughter of Abby and Josh Roszak.

May God increase their faith through the power of the Holy Spirit now and in the years to come.



**Congratulations
Christopher Young**

**Joined the Army and
shipped out in early
November to basic
training.**



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 (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.

Dates Available

January 7th & 14th

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

**Sign up for 2018
on the chart in
the Narthex**



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 altar 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.



Christmas is near.

**Please remember families in need of food for
children's lunches and the holidays.**

CHH is also in need of "cream" soup to hand out to families to cook with. They also need jellies, peanut butter, mac-and-cheese, diced tomatoes, tuna, canned chicken, diapers, pull-ups (don't have to be a full package), baby food and toiletries (toothbrushes, tooth paste, shampoo, soap, etc.)

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



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

All Angel Tree Families through SeAM and Pearland ISD were sponsored before they got to our applications, so for 2017 we will be doing God's Global Barnyard (Good Gifts).

There are more options than we were given "ornaments", but all of these are available for giving. (See the ELCA Good Gifts Magazine for other options. Like fish farms, water wells, a family farm, trees, vegetable gardens and even sponsor refugee families). Several donating families can go in together to purchase larger items.

Make checks out to New Life with a memo for "Good Gifts" and fill out the sign-up sheet.

Visit the tree in the Narthex. You can take an ornament for the animal you are purchasing and gift it to someone or hang it on your family tree.

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell on the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



\$500

Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.



\$20

Honey Bees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth – helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.



\$50

Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.



\$1000

Oxen and plow

A pair of oxen will help create record-breaking harvests, provide natural fertilizer for the fields and give families the gift of time.



\$250

Fish

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.



\$125

Sheep

A sheep's wool can be sold at the local market for extra income or be made into hats, sweaters, coats and blankets to keep family members warm.



\$30

Pig

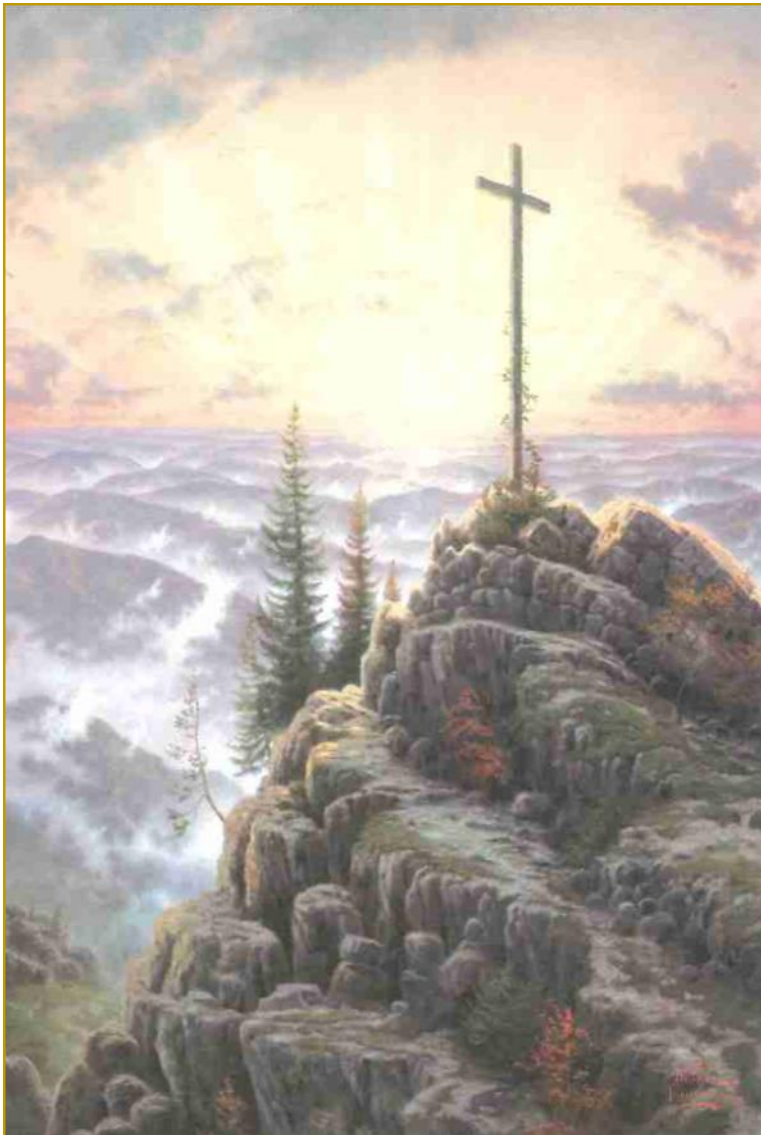
Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds – bringing a big payoff at the market.



\$10

Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein rich meals for families who are hungry.



The Lott's invite you to share memories of
Bobbie

Please join us in remembering Bobbie Gene Lott by
visiting our Memorial at
www.ForestParkLawndaleFH.com. Through this site,
we invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories
with our family by leaving both written and spoken
Guest Book messages.

Dignity
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To leave an Audio Guest Book message, dial
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The family of Bobbie Gene Lott
acknowledges with deep appreciation your
kind expression of sympathy.

Our Church Family,
We would like to express our
heartfelt gratitude for the
love, compassion, support, and
food you have all shown to
our family during this
time.

Love
The Lott Family



Bobbie Gene Lott

December 13, 1929 - October 22, 2017

HOUSTON LUTHERAN CHORALE



The **Houston Lutheran Chorale** invites you to join in celebrating the glory of our Lord's birth in song. The 2017 Christmas concert, "Gloria!" focuses on the message delivered by the angels when announcing the birth of Jesus Christ, God's Son, the Messiah. Our Christmas concerts will once again proclaim God's redeeming message through music featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria", traditional and contemporary carols as well as beautiful orchestral selections. Check out the posters in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall.

Please note there will be three concert venues this year from which you may select:

Friday, December 1 at 7:30 PM - Memorial Lutheran- 5810 Third Street, Katy

Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 PM - St. Timothy Lutheran, 14225 Hargrave Rd., Houston

Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 PM - Trinity Lutheran, 800 Houston Ave., Houston

Tickets are not required.

We encourage you to bring your family and friends to begin the 2017 Christmas season in joyous song.



**'Tis the season to spark
the spirit of Christmas!**

**ENDS Sunday, December 3rd.
See Kate for more details.**



**Shop Faith-filled children's books
and earn 20% of your sales for New Life.**



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

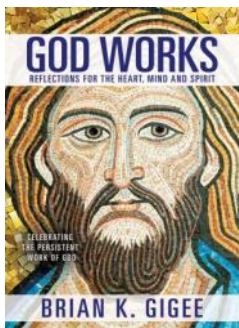
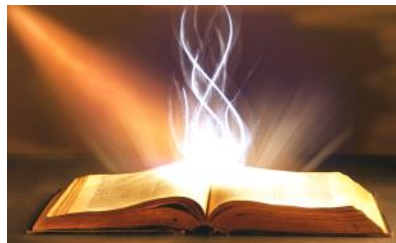
*Sunday's Cool has classes for everyone (youth & adults).
Take time for Life-Long Learning!*

- This fall, youth will meet at 10:00am for songs in the Fellowship Hall.
- Then youth from three year olds through 6th grade will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Sunday's Cool.
- 7th Grade thru high school will be meeting in Sang's office in the admin building.

Ø The ABC class... Adult Bible Class will be returning to the Old Testament *Book of Joshua*. A great story!

Ø The DVD class... *Daring Video Disciples* will be watching and discussing the "*Dead Sea Scrolls*"

Ø LECTIO DIVINA for Advent will be offered at 9:30am on Sundays and 7:00 pm each Wednesday beginning December 3rd. Refreshments will be offered at each gathering.



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By Pastor Brian Gige
*reflections for the heart, mind
and spirit*

\$15.00 (softcover)

Also available on Nook and Kindle

Get ready to acquire a copy today
for some reflective reading as you
get ready for Christmas and the
New Year!

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LYO Schedule for December

Saturdays @ 9:30am:

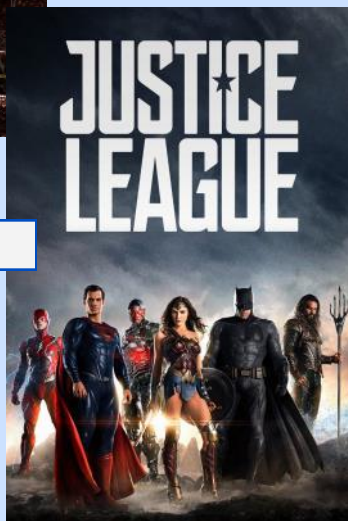
December 2nd - Decorate the Church

December 9th – Children's Christmas Party

December 16th

Do NOT meet Dec. 23rd

December 30th



Movies

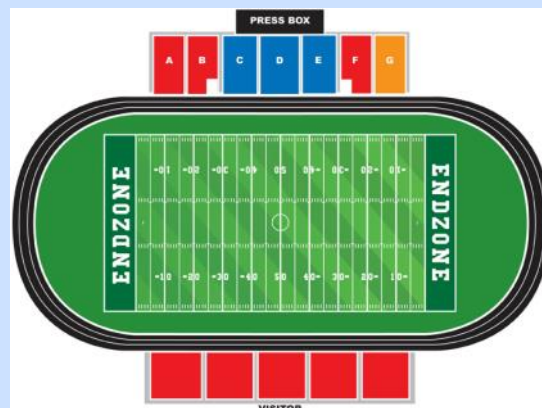
Friday Night Lights



Friendswood High School Football



**Youth in Action
JR Reading at 8am Service**






LUTHERHILL
MINISTRIES

See Lutherhill Retreat Schedule on Page 4



For more information on retreats, see Sang's Youth Director page 4 or visit



Senior High Retreat 2017

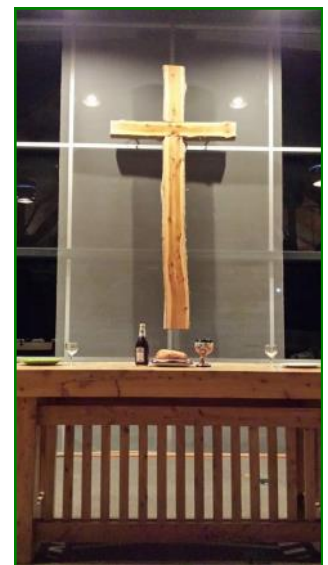


Confirmation Camp 2017

Lutherhill.org



Jr. High Retreat

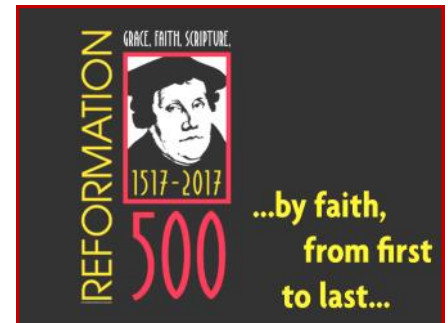


Reformation Sunday

October 31, 1517 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Dr. Martin Luther (1517)

See the November 2017
Lifeline for pictures of
New Life's Services.



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LUTHERAN REFORMATION FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 29, 2017

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

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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

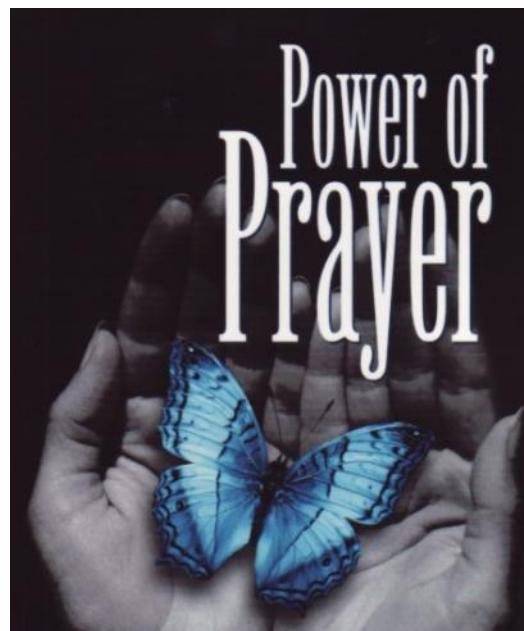
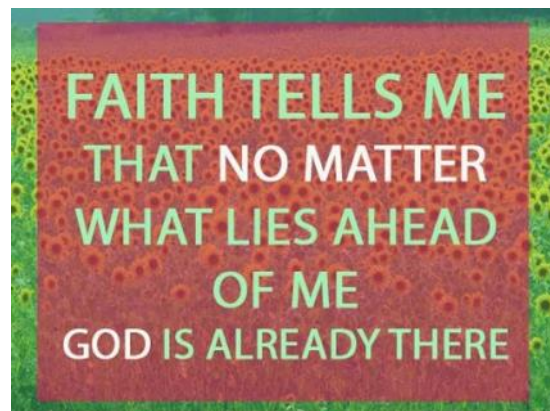
GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY!

Pray for renewing health: Marge Angelo, Gretchen & Barnes, Brian Bates, Kate 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, Wendy Conners, Bobbi Cummings, Carl & Shirley Ericsson, Nancy Fuller, Regina Gestl, Margo Giguee, Kelli Grage, Greg Grayson, Maudie Halbardier, Becky Homerstad, Janet Johnston, the Kisers, Larry Magers, Tina Meyer, Phyllis Mistrot, Cheryl Newell, Hubert Pardue, Allen Patschke, Allison Patschke, Viola Patschke, Janet, Frannie & Mike Porter, Scott Sanger, Gary Siegworth, Will Sinacori, Glenn Sponholtz, Julia Sweet, Karen Sweet, Patrick Sweet, Claudia Thomas, Henry Viccellio, Vera White, and David Young.

Special prayer needs: Abarca & Lott families, Adams, Robinson, & Tisdale families, Anderson family, Angelo family, Barrett and Ruddock families, Bates & Hoffmann families, Bickham family, Bradford & Miller families, Brown & Grieger families, Brown & Krajca families, Brown and Tumlinson families, Brumfield family, Buckels family, Burkard family, Butler family, Childs family, Cole & Ullrich families, Columbus family, Flowers family, Fraker family, Fuller family, Gabaldon, Gaevert family, Hurlbut & Gilbert families, Gerig family, Giguee & Campbell families, family of Yvonne Hamilton, Heinicken family, 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, Malina & Moreno families, Marcha & Castillo families, Marcha & Salazar families, Martain family, McBride family, Morgan family, Morrison & Doyle families, Newell and Starr families, O'Banion family, Palmer family, Patschke, DeWeese, & Schneider families, Peterson family, Porter family, Purdum & Hayes families, Putman family, Reynolds & Galloway families, Ritter & Ffrench families, Schroder & Wierick families, Scott family, Sponholtz family, Sweet family, Tatuaca family, Thomas family, Thompson family, Villalobos family, Welch family, Wellman family, White family, Wilson family and the Young families.

New Life members serving in the military: Keagan Barthelme, Jeremy Foster, Zach Gottlieb, Eric Metzger, Mason Moore (reserves), Ryan Newell, Michael Porter Jr., Berkeley Scott & Christopher Young.

PRAYER CORNER



A praying congregation prays for the wider church!

PRAYER VENTURES
December 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 Give thanks for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, through the Sierra Pacific Synod and Luther Social Services of Northern California, helping address the needs of those affected by recent widespread wildfires in California. Pray all those suffering loss and distress find hope and support throughout their recovery, rebuilding and healing.

2 We continue to pray for people and communities recovering from the

devastation and loss caused by recent hurricanes – especially in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other locations in the Caribbean, and Gulf Coast and Southeastern states – that they not lose hope, will receive ongoing support and assistance, and will be strengthened and encouraged by our caring for one another.

3 *First Sunday of Advent* Pray to be alert in faith and life in grateful response for the gift of Jesus Christ breaking into the darkness of the world with love and mercy and for the promised return of our Lord.

4 We remember in our prayers the Rev. Kirsten Fryer, Justin Kolb and Dr. Michael Parker, ELCA missionaries serving in Egypt alongside companion churches proclaiming the gospel, developing future leaders and strengthening parish ministry.

5 When we grow weary, discouraged or compelled to give up, we pray as the psalmist prayed, “Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.”

6 For the sake of doing God’s work in the world, pray God will shape our words to inspire, comfort, give hope, hold each other accountable and invite our neighbor to know God’s mercy and love; enlighten our actions through the word of God, conversations, relationships and encounters with people rather than acting on what we believe is best for them.

7 During this season of sharing gifts, pray we are mindful of and generous with our neighbors, especially those who live in poverty and hunger, immigrants and refugees, people who feel isolated and long for relationships and community, and families without homes or safe shelter.

8 Pray daily for God’s mercy and patience, asking forgiveness for our shortcomings and failures, that through God’s renewing love and the cleansing of our baptism we are set back on paths of righteousness and compassion.

9 In the face of heartbreaking, daunting gun violence, we pray God’s Spirit will stir in us a sense of self-sacrifice and humility that we might reconsider how we exercise our freedoms and live together for the well-being and safety of all people and that we will be wise and courageous in conceiving and embracing effective changes in our lives and laws, even when met with uneasiness or resistance.

10 Give thanks daily for our baptism into the body of Christ that prepares, renews and moves us to be faithful, compelling messengers of the good news.

11 Ask God to bless the continuing work and impact of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, and give thanks for the many ways in which the campaign is helping cultivate and strengthen relationships, leaders and ministries locally and globally.

12 Pray for a spirit of peace to fill us and inspire our lives through knowing God is patient and forgiving with us and our salvation is certain through faith in Jesus Christ.

13 The mesmerizing light of Advent candles reminds us of the welcome, unfaltering light God shines into the world and our lives through Jesus Christ. Pray our lives are guided by the gospel and reflect the light of Jesus Christ in all we do and say.

14 Remember in prayer men and women living in prisons, jails and correctional facilities across our country, that the Spirit of God will fill their lives with faith and hope and that we are moved to show them – as Jesus has shown us – sincere mercy, love, respect and support.

- 15 Praise God for dwelling in our world – in us – and causing peace, mercy, goodness and hope to spring up where we might be inclined to give up in the face of darkness, despair and overwhelming difficulties.
- 16 God knows the quirks, insecurities and needs of our human nature and being. Lift up prayers of thanks and praise to God for meeting us where we are in the human form of Jesus Christ and for giving us something living, real, tangible and engaging to capture our attention and faith.
- 17 Just as John the Baptist was tireless in testifying to the one true light of Jesus, pray we too will be bold witnesses in today's world busied with sharing the good news and inviting people to believe and be baptized into the body of Christ for lives of faith, service and witness.
- 18 We remember in our prayers people who labor and serve throughout the holidays, giving thanks and recognition for their work and long hours. Pray they find time for rest, renewal, connecting with family and friends, and reflecting on the meaning of the holidays.
- 19 Stirred by the ever-present Spirit of God, give thanks and rejoice always in prayer, worship and moments of reflection.
- 20 *Katharina von Bora Luther, died 1552* Give thanks to God for women of faith throughout history who have witnessed to the good news, pursued justice and peace in the world, helped form the faith of others and served as examples and mentors for us.
- 21 The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are committed to prayer, fasting and advocacy addressing cuts to public programs that are vital to hungry people who are living in poverty. Remember to pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.
- 22 With child-like anticipation and excitement, we tell and hear the Christmas story over and over again, sharing the news of the life-changing gift and impact of Jesus' birth; we pray we are always open to this good news inspiring and reshaping our traditions, celebrations and consumer habits.
- 23 Laugh, rejoice and shout for joy for God has done great things and restores our spirits.
- 24 As we remember and retell the story of the world anticipating the promised birth of Jesus, the true Messiah, pray we not take for granted the gifts we long for and have received in the son of God, our savior – forgiveness, hope and redemption.
- 25 *Christmas Day* On this great day, we give glory to God for the birth of Jesus, the incarnation of God among us, an undeserved gift bringing light to the darkness and life for all people.
- 26 With joyful hearts we give praise for what God has done for us and for revealing to us daily God's continuing activity in the world and – through our baptism – the diverse ways in which we are called to join with one another in serving our neighbor and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 27 Pray for students, teachers and school staff on break during the holidays that they are renewed and strengthened through spending time with family, friends and their communities.
- 28 We remember in our prayers parents grieving the loss of infants or children, and pray we learn to be attentive, supportive, patient and caring, especially when we struggle awkwardly to find words and actions that are appropriate and helpful throughout their grieving and healing.
- 29 Lift up humble prayers of gratitude for God's undeserved, awesome and surprising saving grace.
- 30 We continue to pray for refugees and immigrants, especially in the Middle East and Europe, asking God to grant them hope, safety, welcoming communities in which to rebuild their lives and resilience; pray we never lose empathy and active concern for their struggles, suffering and losses.
- 31 Everywhere we turn and look we see the wondrous, amazing creative hand of God. Praise the Lord, and give thanks!



December

Birthdays

Dean Gerig	12/02
Della Barrett	12/04
Katy Childs	12/05
Kirby Kippley	12/05
Hope Kaiser	12/06
Rance Fromme	12/07
Te'ylor Mark	12/08
Liz Childs	12/09
Ruth Roberts	12/09
Mina Sinacori	12/09
Bridget Besser	12/11
Alyssa Campbell	12/11
Joseph Glenn	12/12
Bailey Hardt	12/14
Helen Beckman	12/16
Ryan Flick	12/17
Austin Caballero	12/18
Mike Costello	12/18
Annie Bates	12/19
Susan Burkard	12/19
Greg Grayson	12/19
Robert Broussard	12/21
Tucker Moore	12/21
Jaxon Thweatt	12/22
Shannon Young	12/22
Glenn Lilie	12/23
McKenzie Pyeatt	12/24
Ed Bradford	12/25
Robyn Bradford	12/25
Floyd Brown	12/26
Vince Johnson	12/27
Christopher Stewart	12/27
Zach Gottlieb	12/28
Christine Morrison	12/28
Nikki Gatlin	12/29
Janie Potenza	12/29
Korie Williams	12/29
Sheila Martain	12/31



Wedding Anniversaries

Tiffany & Art Pineda	12/05
Viola & Allen Patschke	12/15
Barbara & Matt Scott	12/17
Nancy & Alan Fuller	12/21
Leiloni & Jerry Gilbert	12/29

Baptismal Anniversaries

Jessica Gestl	12/01
John Gestl	12/01
William Schroder	12/01
Steven Velasquez	12/02
Catherine Gilbert	12/05
Cherylann Gilbert	12/05
Cheyenne Wheeler	12/06
Mindy Wheeler	12/06
Jessica Paul	12/13
Jenaro Castillo	12/18
Erin Newell	12/18
Pastor Don Cole	12/19
Lenny Gwendon	12/20
Juliet O'Banion	12/20
Andrew O'Banion	12/20
Robert Fricke	12/21
Rhonda Lowery	12/21
Jeremy Rincones	12/21
Valerie Rincones	12/21
Daniel Venglar	12/21
Faith Wood	12/21
Kirby Kippley	12/23
Clara O'Banion	12/23
Jackie Lassiter	12/24
McKenzie Pyeatt	12/24
Tyler Meyer	12/27
David Reynolds	12/29
Chase Glowka	12/31

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Co-Coordinator

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WELCA - Mary Martha Circle

WOW [Women of Worth]

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Karen Sweet Cheney

Helen Beckman

Judy & Foster Foucheaux

Allison Patschke

Karen Sweet Cheney

Carole & Walt Wright

Barbara Flowers

Jane Maxwell

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26 <u>Christ the King</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	27 5:00 PM Modified Yoga 6:00 PM House Band Practice 8:00 PM AA / Al-Anon	28 9:30 AM <u>Quilt Work-shop</u> 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	29 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Choir Practice	30 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice	1	2 9:30 AM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 10:00 AM Campus CleanUp 10:00 AM Hanging of the Greens Brunch 10:30 AM <u>Lydia Circle Bible Study</u> 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
3 <u>Advent 1</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:30 AM Sunday's Cool Party Meeting 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	4 5:00 PM Modified Yoga 6:00 PM House Band Practice 8:00 PM AA / Al-Anon	5 9:30 AM <u>Quilt Work-shop</u> 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	6 12:00 PM <u>Seniors (55+) Luncheon</u> 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM <u>Advent Service & Dessert</u> 6:00 PM Choir Practice	7 6:00 PM <u>Bazaar & Property Team Wrap Up</u> 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice	8	9 9:00 AM Christmas Program Practice 10:00 AM <u>Community Children's Christmas Party</u> 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group 6:00 PM Tour-De-Lites
10 <u>Advent 2</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM <u>Children's Christmas Program</u> 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship 5:00 PM <u>Council Christmas Party</u>	11 5:00 PM Modified Yoga 6:00 PM House Band Practice 7:00 PM <u>Church Council</u> 8:00 PM AA / Al-Anon	12 9:30 AM <u>Quilt Work-shop</u> 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	13 11:30 AM <u>WELCA Lunch</u> 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM <u>Advent Service & Dessert</u> 6:00 PM Choir Practice	14 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice	15	16 9:30 AM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 10:30 AM <u>Lydia Circle Bible Study</u> 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
17 <u>Advent 3</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM <u>WELCA Christmas Party</u> 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship 7:00 PM Blue Christmas Service	18 5:00 PM Modified Yoga 6:00 PM House Band Practice 8:00 PM AA / Al-Anon	19 9:30 AM <u>Quilt Work-shop</u> 6:00 PM <u>Men's Night Out - Christmas Party</u> 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	20 9:30 AM <u>Mary Martha Bible Study</u> 6:00 PM <u>Advent Service & Dessert</u> 6:00 PM Choir Practice	21 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice	22	23 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
24 9:00 AM <u>Senior Reception & Christmas Eve Breakfast</u> 10:30 AM <u>Christmas Eve Service</u> 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship 7:00 PM <u>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</u> 11:00 PM <u>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</u>	25 <u>Christmas</u> 8:00 PM AA / Al-Anon	26 9:30 AM <u>Quilt Work-shop</u> 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	27 6:00 PM Choir Practice	28 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice	29	30 9:30 AM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group 12:00 PM WELCA 5th Sat Lunch @ Lupe Tortilla
31 <u>New Years Eve</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	1 <u>New Years Day</u> 5:00 PM Modified Yoga 6:00 PM House Band Practice 8:00 PM AA / Al-Anon	2 9:30 AM <u>Quilt Work-shop</u> 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	3 12:00 PM <u>Seniors (55+) Luncheon</u> 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Choir Practice	4 7:00 PM Property Team 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice	5	6 Epiphany 9:30 AM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 10:00 AM Epiphany Party / UnGreening Brunch 10:30 AM <u>Lydia Circle Bible Study</u> 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group

Helping Hands in Worship - December 2017

Altar Guild: Nancy Bryars, Coleen & Jessica Gestl & Denise Jurgens ♥ Communion Elements: Lorraine Walls

SERVICES		December 3 Advent 1 Noisy Offering	December 10 Advent 2 Children's Program	December 17 Advent 3	December 31 – 1 Christmas
Acolyte	8:00 am 10:30 am	Bryce Flick Cate Cummings	Clayton Migl Ryan Jones	Ryan Flick Avery Welch	Clayton Migl Casey Crawford
Assisting Minister	8:00 am 10:30 am	Sang Kim Aimee Sandoval	Robert Broussard Jamie Hilliard	Sang Kim Michael Porter	Matt Scott Aimee Sandoval
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Tamsey Mims Susie Wellman	Denise Jurgens Frank Jurgens	Lynn Barron Doug Barron	Brenda Migl Jerry Migl
Communion Assistant	10:30 am	Tiffany Pineda Mary Ann Marcha	Deanna Barthelme Cheryl Robinson	Ed Bradford Barbara Flowers	Tiffany Pineda Cheryl Robinson
Altar Flowers		Art and Tiffany Pineda	Allen and Viola Patschke Alan and Nancy Fuller	Jamie and Derrick Flick	Rudy and Dianna Moreno
Lay Reader	8:00 am 10:30 am	Matt Scott Bryan Bradford		Elna Ritter Abby Roszak	Norm Griffith Catherine Sinacori
Nursery	10:30 am	Kate Bates	Mandy Schroder	Katie Fraker	Jackie Crawford
Greeters	8:00 am	Coleen Gestl	Judy Foucheaux Foster Foucheaux	Josh Reed	Helen Beckman
Greeters	10:30 am	Charles Foster Saundra Foster	Becky Homerstad Jan Homerstad	JoAnn Morrison Dennis Morrison	Linda Stavinoha Lynn Cope
Ushers	8:00 am	Robin Gottlieb Vincent Gottlieb	Susie Wellman Tamsey Mims	Matt Scott Charlie Gaevert	Shirley Griffith Norm Griffith
Ushers	10:30 am	Ed Bradford Gary Siegworth	Christal Thompson Greg Grayson	Nolan Patschke Jan Zuerner	Tony White Jenaro Castillo
Coffee Hour		Greening Brunch Bunch	Sunday's Cool Christmas Cookies	3rd Sunday Group	Church Council
Opening Closing and Counting		Julia Sweet Rudy Moreno	Frank Jurgens Cheryl Robinson	Frank Jurgens Cheryl Robinson	Frank Jurgens Cheryl Robinson

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