

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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Don't Let Go

The Lifeline

Saturdays, March 3rd, 10th 17th & 24th

LYO - Lutheran Youth Organization

Mondays March 5th, 12th, 19nd & 26th

Modified Yoga @ 6pm

Mondays, March 5th, 12th, 19nd & 26th

Houseband Practice

Tuesdays, March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Quilting Workshop

Tuesdays, March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Choir Practice & Confirmation Class

Thursday, March 1st

Property Team Meeting

Saturday, March 3rd & 17th

Lydia Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, March 7th

Seniors (55+) Lunch

Lenten Soup & Sandwiches Supper

Lenten Service

Thursday, March 8th

Bazaar Committee Meeting & GLOW Meeting

Saturday, March 3rd & 17th

Lydia Circle Bible Study

Monday, March 12th

Church Council

Wednesday, March 14th

WELCA Lunch Bunch @ Busy Bee

Lenten Spaghetti Supper & Lenten Service

Friday, March 16th

WOW @PLT

Tuesday, March 20th

Men's Night Out

Wednesday, March 21st

Mary Martha Bible Study

Lenten Salad & Potato Bar Supper

Lenten Service

Saturday, March 24th

Campus Clean-Up

Sunday, March 25th

Palm Sunday

Tuesday, March 27th

Seder Meal

Thursday, March 29th

Maundy Thursday/1st Communion

Friday, March 30th

Good Friday Services @ 4pm & 7pm

Fish Fry @ 5pm

Saturday, March 31st

Children's Easter Party



March 2018



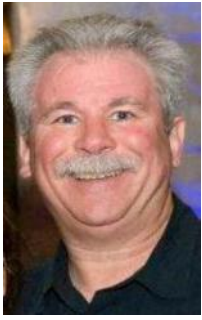
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Sunday, April 1st
EASTER Sunday





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

‘RESPONSIBLE LIVING —~JOYFUL GIVING’
(Part 1 of 3 messages)

Dear friends and followers @ New Life,

At the 2018 New Life Staff/Council/Leaders Retreat we prayed and sang and talked about the mission and ministry God’s Spirit is calling us into... and from my vantage point (*I attend all of them!*) this was one of the best FRI-SAT faith huddles this congregation has had in quite a few years...

This gathering was more life a workshop. We did three good things! 1) I shared on Friday some ministry opportunities that stand before us as 21st Century Christians; 2) the LEAD Team shared the results of their many conversations with both ministry leaders AND the observations and hopes of members who have been part of New Life 36 months or less. This was revealing in a very positive way! And 3) The Church Council put forth a model presented by Barbara Scott that this year a key shift in our ministry emphasis would be on a whole life approach to stewardship... “RESPONSIBLE LIVING— JOYFUL GIVING” as a means to assess our lifestyles and how we find ourselves being generous in the world... both at a personal level and as a congregation. We all left refreshed and with some faithful direction.

The immediate tasks that will come to us include 4 things... A) Have members of New Life share “faith stories” during worship about what New Life and being Christian means at the personal level... responding to a question... “What does being part of New Life Church mean to me?” B) Update the New Life Membership Directory to have a clear understanding of who we are doing ministry with; C) Looking at ways to ‘link’ people together to share in prayer and ministry efforts (*this need was discovered as a handful of people reached out to the whole church in the days after Hurricane Harvey*) for the coming years knowing another storm will come one day AND D) reach out to all New Life households (adults and teens) asking their partnership in this new season of ministry.

So, plan to hear a lot about “RESPONSIBLE LIVING— JOYFUL GIVING” in March, April and May as we seek draw closer to Christ and one another for the sake of the Gospel! This is Part 1 of a 3 part series of messages...

WHAT DOES RESPONSIBLE LIVING LOOK LIKE? Anyone can ask that question... Christian, Mormon, Jew, Muslin, Hindi, atheist, etc. Some answers will be universal; some will not. But, at New Life, what does it mean for each of us to “be responsible” as a Christian living in America in 2018? The Bible is actually full of responses... try these on for size...

Here's a list for starters... knowing that there is a temptation to lean toward a 'legalistic' list of DO's and DON'Ts and somehow create a "morality code" that few can live up to.... and also take the risk of sharing thoughts that might seem just too simple... My goal here in this message is to simply provide a visual image of what a member at New Life looks like and acts like on a day-to-day basis...

- 1) **Love God with everything you got!** Everything! It's the only place to start. This is how the whole thing began. The man and the woman were loved by God and had everything God had. Yet, in THEIR desire to be God... we learn that life is harsh. Life is difficult. Life is filled with pain. It's not God's fault. But, we're still here...
- 2) **Love your neighbor as yourself!** This is so important and yet so tricky... as it starts with YOU and not your neighbor. How can you love your neighbor if you cannot love yourself? And the truth is... you WILL love your neighbor like you love yourself... So, remember... God loves you for Jesus' sake... and loves the world... and as you trust God's great love for you... you will have nothing better than to love your neighbor in a like manner!
- 3) **Take care of yourself!** Be mindful of what you eat and drink! Get good rest. Smile. It helps you love better those around you. Exercise. Walking is better than running. Why? Jesus said, "follow me" and there is no evidence in the Bible that Jesus ever ran... he *walked* everywhere!
- 4) **Work with faith, hope and appreciation!** Remember, according to the Bible.... *Work is a curse!* It is the result of disobedience in the 'garden of God.' So, if you must work, find work that is good for those around you. Be appreciative of your employer. Respect your co-workers. Be honest about the time you spend for the wage you are provided.
- 5) **Remember... there is a huge difference in being Jesus vs. being like Jesus!** Luther pointed out because of our 'baptism' we are a priest, bishop AND pope! Baptism is at the source of our vocation (*Gods calling us to ministry*) for each and every day we live! Jesus spent time tending to the necessary call of HIS father... to WORK, WORSHIP and PLAY... working as an itinerant rabbi going from town to town teaching of God's Kingdom, healing the sick, offering hope to those on the edges of life... and went to the synagogue to worship weekly each Sabbath, as was his custom (See St. Luke) and invited children to come to him... playing with children and teaching adults... Being LIKE Jesus is a huge clue to our 'responsible living.'
- 6) **A sacrificial life is a responsible life!** You and I do not have to have everything right now. So many young adults forget to remember it's taken a life-time for their parents to acquire what they think they need in the first year of marriage... and in time those same parents find themselves handing over & giving away the things they thought they couldn't live without. A key to remaining sacrificial? ASK ... "Who's gonna love me back? That thing? My job? Or my Lord?

NEXT Month-- "RESPONSIBLE LIVING AND THE DAILY LIFE...

New Life; *now!*





On behalf of Christian Helping Hands, we want to thank everyone who gave either food stuffs and/or money to Super Bowl of Caring. Everything was greatly appreciated and used. Thanks again.

Foster & Judy Foucheaux

THANK YOU!

New Life Lutheran's 2018 Collection

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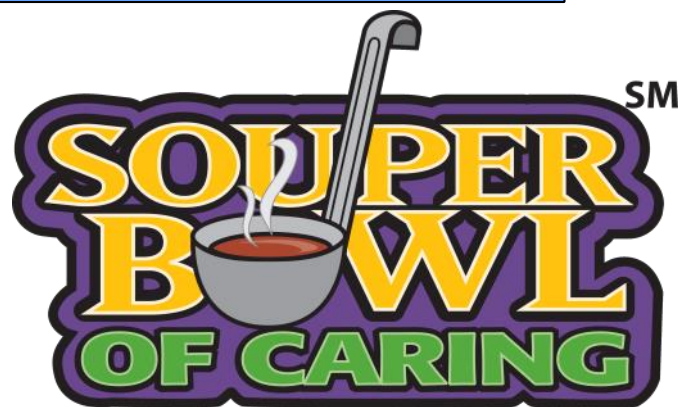
\$368.30 and 371 lbs. of food

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.




Clara Cooper
 President and CEO
 Souper Bowl of Caring

February 4, 2018



Sunday, February 4th

Weight of Non-Perishables = 371 lbs.

Noisy Offering for Souper Bowl of Caring /CHH = \$368.30

Thank you Foster Foucheaux for delivering and weighing the donated food.

Thank you Walt Wright and Foster for loading Fosters car.

Dear New life lutheran church,
 Thank you for your Souper Bowl of Caring Donation. It will be a "souper" help in purchasing more food to restock our pantry shelves. We appreciate your continuing efforts to help our neighbors in need.

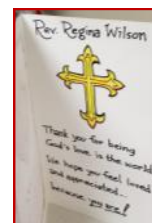
Yours in Christ,
 C.H.H. Board & Volunteers

Thank you to all who have or will participate and/or donated to Fundraising efforts for the 2018 Youth Gathering!



The pancake supper was a Youth fundraiser to benefit LYO and the 2018 Youth Gathering that will be here in Houston!
The youth made \$535 that will be distributed among those who participated.

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER and MARDI GRAS PARTY —2/13



Valentine Fundraiser

February 14, 2018 Ash Wednesday

Holy Creator,
you formed me from the
stuff of the earth and
gave me life. Each breath
I take comes from you.
Without you I am dust.

May the ashes of
Wednesday remind me
that true life is possible
only with you. Amen

Lent 2018
ashes



Sandoval's Facebook Post on Feb. 14th
Our Lent prayer chain has begun!
Happy Valentine's Day!



Bubba solos new song on February 11th

 **Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center**
Commit for Life.

**Sunday,
February 25th**



**16 Presenting
12 Whole Bloods/1
Automation
Total: 13 Donations
3 Deferrals**

Thank you to Kerry Gerstner, Doug Barron, Lynn Barron, John F. Gestl, Charlie Gaever, Cheryl Robinson, Karen Sweet Cheney, Aimee Sandoval, Kate Bates, Elna Ritter, Debbie Jones, Carole Wright, Joseph Phoenix, Maria Jimenez, Riche Newell and first-time donor, Vanessa Jimenez!





PROJECT PROMISE
BUILD KITS OF CARE

buildkitsofcare.org

A SEASON OF HOPE

This Lent, we're joining Lutheran World Relief in **A SEASON OF HOPE** to announce to the world the HOPE of Christ. Each week, we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble 65 LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

FEBRUARY 18

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



FEBRUARY 25

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



MARCH 4

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)



MARCH 11

Combs



MARCH 18

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)

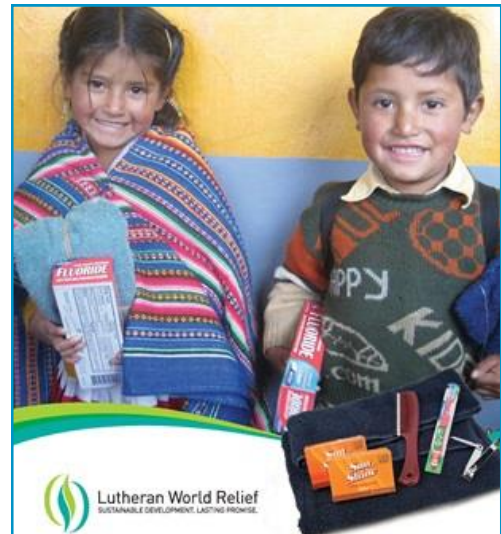


MARCH 25 (PALM SUNDAY)

Bars of Soap



"For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37



School children living in a remote and rural community high in the Andes Mountains of Peru practice hand washing after receiving LWR Personal Care Kits. Teachers often use distributions to reinforce important messages about personal health and hygiene, such as how and when to wash hands.

By assembling LWR Personal Care Kits, we help create a lasting **Season of Hope**.
Please join us on this Lenten journey!

A Collection Basket will be located in the Narthex.

We will pack kits and boxes during Sunday's Cool and during the week before Easter to be sent to the Ingathering on Monday April 2nd.

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Lenten Suppers for 2018

The Youth who are going to the Gathering this Summer and their families will be serving meals during Lent as mini fundraisers.

A Thrivent Action Card has been attained to help with supplies for these dinners, but a free will offering on the supper nights will also be collected.

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Lenten Suppers will be at 6pm and are for the following dates:

MAR 7, MAR 14 and MAR 21

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March 7 - Soup & Sandwich Night

March 14 - Spaghetti Night

March 21 - Baked Potato & Salad Bar

See Barbara Scott for details. See Barbara as well if you would like to donate food items (dessert, bread, etc.).

HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 25th - Palm Sunday

New Members, Baptism & LWR Quilt Blessing

**Tuesday, March 27th - Passover
Seder Meal**



**Thursday, March 29th - Maundy Thursday
First Communion**

Service @ 7:00 pm



Friday, March 30th - Good Friday

Service @ 4:00 pm

Fish Fry @ 5:00 pm

Service @ 7:00 pm



**Saturday, March 31st - Children's Easter Party
& Egg Hunt @ 10:00 am**

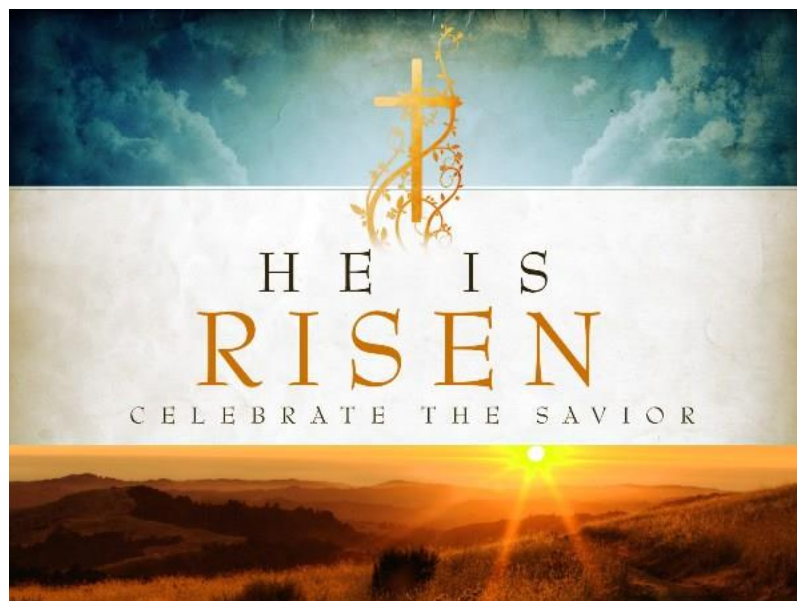


Sunday, April 1st - Easter

Service @ 8:00 am

Easter Breakfast @ 9:15 am

Service @ 10:30 am





Youth & Family

Hello, New Life Church family,

Only a few months left before we head to the ELCA Youth Gathering at the end of June. We have 10 total persons attending (2 chaperones and 8 students) with a goal of raising \$5,000 including registration, hotel, food and transportation. For all the details, please see www.elca.org/YouthGathering.

Thanks to all the students and parents who participated in the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. There are weekly opportunities for you and your student to do their due diligence in fundraising throughout the season of Lent. Mr. Rudy is offering various labor-intensive jobs to earn funds for the Youth Group. I realize that parents and students are extremely busy with every imaginable kind of activity so just do whatever you can in terms of participation.

We had 3 students participate in Lutherhill's high school retreat. Thanks to Vera and John G. for being youth leaders. I couldn't have done it without you. Remember, we will be promoting Lutherhill's camps throughout the summer for virtually every age group. I hope we have great participation (lutherhill.org).

Speaking of which, the elementary school students have the same opportunity this spring on March 16-18 for the "Explore" weekend retreat. See lutherhill.org for all details. I will also regularly be posting on our Sunday's Cool facebook page fun activities that parents and kids can participate in. Again, this is another way to promote church friendships and fellowship outside the church walls or on Sundays. As always, I will show up whenever I am invited.

As much as I enjoyed participating at the 4pm Ash Wednesday service which happened to be on Valentine's Day, my heart was really heavy because of the horrific violence at a high school in Florida. Unbelievably and ironically, that city was voted the safest city in Florida in 2017 which means absolutely nothing in terms of the present. Evil and violence will never end. Just... as much as possible, let's talk with our kids about being safe, brave and protected. I asked my son that night about what to do, when, where, how quickly, if some maniac is on a killing spree...



Thank you to those who came to our Lent dinner on Wednesday night, 2/21. The atmosphere was happy, loud and teamwork-oriented. Lots of you brought delicious food, gave generously and attended the Lent service afterwards. Thanks to the 5 youth (and various parents) who attended and served well.

As we continue going through the Old Testament of God's Word, one of the interpretations and teachings I do is showing how the Old Testament is used in the New Testament. Here are a few inspiring examples.

Psalm 4:4

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Ephesians 4:26

Psalm 8:2

¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant.

¹⁶ "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him.

"Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read,

"From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?"

Matthew 21:16

Psalm 24:1

²⁵ Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience,

²⁶ for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."

1 Corinthians 10:26

Sincerely,

Sang Kim

Director for Youth and Family Faith Formation



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope all of you are well. After the February congregational meeting I left with a very optimistic outlook for this year. Our stewardship model is exactly what we've been lacking. In order for us to grow we must share, our time, talent, and possessions. Our goal is for spiritual and financial growth. We will be having temple talks where people share their stories of joyful giving and faithful living. One of our other goals is to pay off our mortgage. Once we accomplish this, we will be free to grow in our ministry. If you have a story you would like to share please contact me so that we can schedule you to speak. This first Sunday of March we have a faith story that you won't want to miss.

The church council has already taken a huge step of faith by sending \$3050.00 to the Synod as the start of our benevolence. This is something to be proud of. Last year we fell short of our giving, this won't happen again.

Please come join the youth on Wednesdays for supper during Lent. They are working toward raising funds to attend the National Youth Gathering. Hope to see all of you there.

In Christ,

Rudy Moreno

2018 Church Council President
281-734-5019



Theme of the Month

This month's theme is SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

It works well with spring's arrival during March.

This is also the church season of Lent, when we give serious attention to the state of our spiritual health.



Living Every day As Disciples

LEAD March, 2018



How can you live as a disciple and “reach into the world” from where you sit?

One easy way is to donate items to the Project Promise ministry of Lutheran World Relief (LWR)! In case you’ve missed it, New Life is collecting items for Personal Care Kits for people in need around the world.

From now through Palm Sunday (March 25), we are collecting soap, towels, toothbrushes, combs, and nail clippers. (See the collection schedule on page 6 of the LifeLine.) And, if you’re behind schedule, no worries! You can still catch up on the previous Sunday’s items.

This is a great way to get the whole family involved in having an active faith life. A child could use their allowance to purchase something as simple and inexpensive as a toothbrush or a bar of soap and know they are helping someone less fortunate in a tangible way. The collection basket is in the narthex of the church.

There are a couple of really informative videos of the LWR Quilts & Kits ministry on YouTube. One is short, “*LWR Quilts & Kits touch lives around the world*” and the other, which is a little longer, is, “*How do LWR Quilts & Kits get from the U.S. to the places they’re needed?*”

Personal Care Kits will be assembled during Sunday’s Cool and the week before Easter by the Sunday’s Cool children and the quilters. The kits will be sent to the Ingathering on Easter Monday, April 2 where Semi-Truck trailers are loaded with boxes of Quilts, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Sewing Kits and Baby Care Kits to be sent to Maryland for distribution. Our goal is to fill 65 Personal Care Kits and I know this generous congregation can beat it! A couple of years ago, one of New Life’s members, Zetta Palmer, who has since gone to be with the Lord, provided enough items to fill half of the kits all by herself. Last year New Life members donated enough supplies to complete 54 kits. Check out the Lifeline next month for totals of each of those kits that New Life sends. Note: the New Life Seniors pack school kits in September and help out packing other kits as needed.

Over the next few months, the LEAD monthly updates will delve into the various ministries of New Life. Not all of us have the same talents, time or financial resources as the other. But, our prayer is that you will find a place to actively practice your faith in one or more of these opportunities.

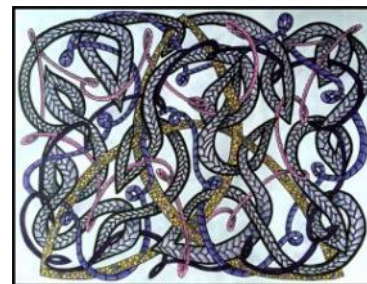
1 Peter 4:10 says, “*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.*” Let us all Live Every day as Disciples!

As always, we ask for your prayers,

The New Life LEAD Team

Kate Bates, Nancy Bryars, Pastor Brian Gige, Sang Kim, Mina Stagner,
Andrew Thompson, Carolyn Wallace, and Lorraine Walls

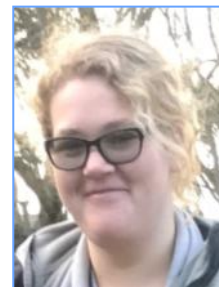
*Rooted in the Word, Refreshed in the Spirit,
Reaching into the Neighborhood and the World!*



LEAD Lenten Knot

Hello New Life Family!

I hope you all had a wonderful New Year, and that 2018 is treating you well so far. I've been thinking about all of you a lot lately. I'm really excited to see you guys again in about six months.



My fellow YAGMs (Young Adults in Global Mission) rang in the New Year in London. We spent an amazing few days there, and got to see the outside of Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, and Big Ben. I missed all of you guys back home, but it was really nice to be surrounded by some of the people that I've come to love so very much here in the United Kingdom.

The rest of the YAGMs and I also went to the "Big Conference" that the ELCA's partner organization, Time for God (TfG) arranged in mid-Wales. The conference was amazing. I really enjoyed getting a chance to know some of the other TfG volunteers, who traveled from countries like Germany, Austria, the Ukraine, and South Korea to work in the U.K.

We restarted our bus sessions on January 15th, and it's been great to spend time with our young people again. Unfortunately, the Glenfield Parish Council that funded one of our most popular and successful sessions has decided to cut the funding for all youth work, so we've lost the session for now. We're hoping that two congregations in Glenfield might be able to combine their funds and help us restart the sessions. We pray that we'll hear back about it soon.

On a more positive note, we've started a new session this term, and are having a good time getting to know new young people. It's been nice to watch the attendance grow each week.

The schools were on their half-term break during the week that Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday fell on, so we decorated Valentine's Day cookies on the bus the week before, and we've spent the last couple of weeks making pancakes on the bus in order to celebrate Pancake Day. We've been making both English and American pancakes. English pancakes are much thinner than American pancakes, so people spread toppings over them and roll them up. In my opinion, they are much trickier to make and flip than our pancakes are. The young people have really enjoyed eating them, and I've enjoyed getting to converse with them while I make the pancakes and try not to set fire to bus.



Annie



New Life Seniors' Opportunities

(open to all persons age 55 and up)



New Life Seniors Luncheon * BINGO!!

Wednesday, March 7th
@ 12:00 pm

Please bring your favorite entrée,
side dish or dessert.

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



Other Senior (and younger adult) Opportunities:

Men in Mission
Women of the ELCA, Women of Worth
Quilters
Altar Guild
Prayer Shawl Ministries
Bereavement Team
Meals on Wheels
Christian Helping Hands
GLOW (God's Love, Our Work) Care Team
Property Team
Gardening

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

"Men's Night Out"

Tuesday, March 20th

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.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Now the shamrock here in me
hand is the perfect picture of
the blessed Holy Trinity.
Where the Father, Son,
and the Holy Ghost
exist all
in one
body.



A great object lesson presented by Old
St. Paddy



As of December 2017, 671 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.



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 Busy Bee on Wednesday, March 14th.
Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

THE MARY-MARTHA BIBLE STUDY continues third Wednesday bible study 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:

Our March bible study will be on the second and third Saturday, 3/03 & 3/17 at 10:30 am. We meet in the conference room in the administration building. All women are invited to attend. The study is from the WELCA "Gather" magazine. Copies will be provided. Questions? Call Barbara Brown at 281-798-2138.



WOW (Women of Worth) usually meets the 3rd Friday of the month at 7pm
WOW will be meeting at Pasadena Little Theatre for a production of Bell, Book & Candle on Friday March 16th at 7:30pm.

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



Ladies from New Life joined the Annual Women in Leadership Society fundraiser in February.
We played BUNCO and participated in silent auctions. Monies raised go to helping single women and their children achieve independent living. Tally was a co-chairperson and will be in charge with Aimee as a co-chair next year!

Save the Date/s:



April 14th, Saturday: SE Cluster WELCA Meeting at St. Paul Lutheran in Baytown at 9am. See next page.
June 30th, Saturday: 5th Saturday Lunch Bunch – TBD

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 150+ quilts for Easter Monday delivery to the LWR In-Gathering.

All are welcome to come and visit! Look for the quilts to be on display and for sale on Palm Sunday.

For more information, call Vera White at 281.485.9713.





SOUTHEAST CLUSTER SPRING MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 712 Schilling Ave. Baytown, TX 77521

8:30 am	Registration and Refreshments	Registration Fee \$2.00
9:15 am	Devotion led by MiLisa Gaertner	TX-LA Synodical President
9:30 am	Beverly Curtice introduction of speaker Gayle Nelson, Program Coordinator, Family Promise of Clear Creek	
10:30 am	Karen Sweet-Cluster President-Meeting	

**** *Following the meeting lunch will be served*



Family Promise of Clear Creek is meeting a significant need to provide shelter and support of the homeless families in the Bay Area of Houston. Come and learn about this wonderful program and how we can help.

The physical offering for the cluster will be:

Lysol wipes

Liquid Moisturizing hand soap Refills

Toilet paper for use with septic tanks

Simple Green All Purpose Cleaner

Glade air freshener refills

Facial tissue

Simple Green Clean Finish

Socks--children and adult

Paper Towels



Thank You



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



Thank you to all who served coffee, juice and food during our Fellowship Hour; LEAD, the Third Sunday Group and the Men in Mission.



Many Thanks to Walt and Carol Wright, Susan Reynolds, Joann & Dennis Morrison, Cindy Welch, Vera White, Barbara Scott and Barbara Flowers for

delivering meals during the week of January 15-18. We were not able to deliver on Tuesday or Wednesday due to bad weather, but Thank You to Lynn Cope, Donna Patschke, Hap & Bobbi Cummings, and Don & Margaret Purdum for being willing to deliver even during the icy weather.

Our next dates for delivering meals will be **March 12-16**. 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.

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

Volunteer of the month for March:

Holly Tatuaca

Thank You!!!



Thank you: Lynn Cope, Erin Johnson, Mike & Terry Kiser and Linda Stavinoha 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 February:

Nancy Bryars

Thank You!!!



Thank You! From Church Council & Staff MANY MANY THANKS!!!

- To Helen Beckman for her many years of organizing and running the Orange St. Clean-ups. She would like to invite the younger families of the church to continue the Longest Running Adopt-a-Spot as she "retires" from this lead role.
- To Walt Wright, Rudy Moreno & Rich Newell for Acid Washing the front sidewalk of the Narthex where it was slippery. They also painted the front step and put down sand strips.
- To the Church Council for working so hard on the Church Budget for 2018.
- To Barbara Scott and Coleen Gestl for their extensive work on getting the books updated and consolidated so that the 2018 Budget is more comprehensive.
- To Jan Zuerner for all her good works at New Life. You will be missed! (See Thank you on page 20)
- To Rudy Moreno & Walt Wright for fixing the burst pipe in the Fellowship Hall, cleaning up all the water and reinsulating the wall afterwards after the Mid-January Freeze.
- To Kate Bates, Karen Sweet Cheney & Elna Ritter for the fabulous lunch that was served for the Congregational Meeting.
- To Vince Gottlieb for providing the Thrivent Card for the Congregational Meeting lunch.
- To everyone who spoke up and/or shared at the Congregational Meeting.
- To the many leaders at New Life for helping compile reports and information for the Annual meeting on February 11th.
- To Babs Scott, Karen Sweet Cheney, Linda Stavinoha and Cheryl Robinson for supporting the Valentine's Fundraiser and/or getting orders completed.
- To Susan Butler-Welch for providing a Thrivent Action Team card to help offset the cost of flowers for the Valentine's Day fundraiser.
- To all who helped with the Pancake supper. The youth who served, the Church Council who cooked and to Susan Butler-Welch who provided the Thrivent Action Team card for the supper supplies.
- To Sang Kim, Vera White & John Francis Gestl for driving the High School students to their Lutherhill Retreat.
- To Rudy Moreno for providing additional fundraising options for the LYO going to the Youth Gathering.
- To Barbara Brown for providing a Thrivent Action Team Card for the Lenten Fundraiser Suppers.
- To Robin Gottlieb for providing a Thrivent Action Team card to help offset the cost of food and supplies for the Annual Leaders Retreat.
- To Doug Barron for providing a Thrivent Action Team card for a future Young Parent Gathering.

Thrivent Action Team Cards

Provided by members made the Holidays easier!

2018—Lent and beyond



For January and February Events, New Life thanks the following:

- * Robin Gottlieb for a card to help with materials and food for the Leaders Retreat in February (2nd-3rd);*
- Susan Butler-Welch for providing a card to purchase food items for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Fundraiser for the Youth Gathering.*
- Susan Butler-Welch for providing a card to purchase roses for the Youth Valentine's Day Fundraiser for the Youth Gathering.*
- Barbara Brown for providing a card to help defray the cost of Lenten Supper food items. Lenten Suppers are a free will offering fundraiser for the Youth Gathering.*
- Doug Barron for providing a card to purchase food items for a young parents gathering that was postponed.*
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If you are a Thrivent member and did not receive an email from Kate about upcoming Action Team Card needs, please contact the office. You may not be set up with New Life as your "Home Church".

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

Upcoming Events that Thrivent Cards could be useful for.
(Red are sponsors who have initiated the card)

Seder Meal
Good Friday Fish Fry
Go Out & Serve Sunday
MiM - BaKfish - **Pastor Gige**
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Mother's Day Flower Fundraiser
Summer Kickoff Party/BBQ
New Life Day Camp
1st Responder Sunday
&
H.E.B. T-Shirt Fundraiser - **Margo Gige**

The Pearland Education Area Retirees donated Flags on February 15th in Thanks for using the Fellowship Hall for their meetings. Rudy Moreno was there to accept them.

Angel Doostine
 Janet Ketcham
 Akester Bullard
 Marylyn Bullard
 Bubba Flowers
 Barbara Flowers
 Lophy Moreau
 Vicki Vele
 Debra Stephens
 Thanks so much for your gracious hospitality
 our wonderful meeting by letting us use your
 place. Christy Swain room for our meetings.
 Anne Sadtler
 Patsy Comblath
 Cita Holmporter
Thanks.
 Pearland Education Area
 Retirees



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2017 Annual Giving Statement

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Thank you for your generous gift(s) to Texas Lutheran University. Reported below is a list of tax deductible gifts made during the 2017 calendar year.

If you have any questions regarding this summary, or if you would like additional information, please call the Development Office at 830-372-8030.
Best wishes for a wonderful and blessed 2018!

DATE	GIFT AMOUNT
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Thank You Letters received for Funds sent out from Bazaar Proceeds

Thank You

Dear Members of New Life Lutheran Church,
The volunteers of Pearland Meals on Wheels appreciate your generous donation and your volunteer support. It is your thoughtfulness to "good works" that allows us to service our community. We are truly grateful to your members for their continued support.

May God bless you,
Leah S Bateman
Treasurer.



Feb. 9, 2018

Dear Friends at New Life,

I want to thank you all for the lovely farewell reception with my favorite dark chocolate cupcakes & generous frosting! It was so sweet & thoughtful of you to give me a chance to hug everyone "goodbye". Loved the pic in the newsletter.

I like it here and am getting used to apt. living, etc. Everyone's very friendly & helpful.

I plan on joining Christ Our Shepherd church and have been attending their Contemporary services. They have 15 music groups, 75 instrumentalists & more than 100 singers; yet it's not a big church. I hope to become active. I miss New Life, especially my "boys", Brian Ed, Gary, & Greg.

Thank you for your many prayers over the years. They obviously worked, as I'm now 86! Come visit me in Fla. or call 832.877.8222 anytime.

Blessings to you all.

My love,
Jan Zerner



Ladies during Fellowship Hour February 25th



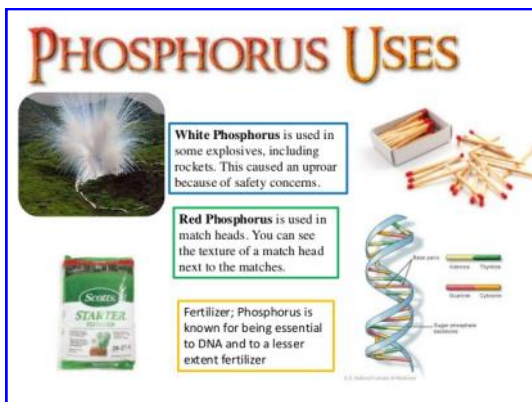
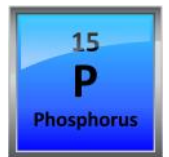
Wow! What a great turnout for our adopt-a-spot cleanup. Thank you, Karen Cheney, Terri Kiser, Bryce, Kyle, and Derrick Flick, Edward and Matt Scott, Coleen and John Russell Gestl, Sang Kim, Cheryl Robinson, and Helen Beckman for helping to clean up Orange Street. Due to construction we've not been able to do a complete cleanup, but this time we decided to work on the completed stretch of Orange Street. Because we were able to split into groups we covered, or should I say uncovered, the area from Isla Street to Schleider Drive on both sides in an hour's time. The weather was perfect. Most of the litter seemed to come from construction. We collected two very full tall kitchen bags of trash and two bags of recycling. There were fewer cigarette butts this time, about 75. Keep Pearland Beautiful (KPB) is asking us to do our litter cleanup four times a year. Don't Mess With Texas Trash-off is scheduled for April 7, the Saturday after Easter. I'm looking for someone to replace me as our adopt-a-spot contact person. I will continue to participate in the cleanups. As contact person, you would need to be in touch with KPB, to get cleanup dates, make reports electronically, pick up supplies, take and send pictures electronically, and recruit participants. See page 26 for pictures.

Thursday, March 8 the Garden Lecture topic will be "Simple Fearless Rose Gardening". The lecture begins at 7:00 P.M. at the Pearland Recreation Center on Bailey Rd.



Monday, March 19 is Open Garden Days by the Harris County Master Gardeners, located at 1205 Genoa Red Bluff from 8:30 to 11 A.M.

Last week I heard a program about phosphorus on PBS radio that I found interesting. Phosphorus is a very important element for life. It is a part of our DNA. Phosphorus was discovered by alchemist Hennig Brandt in Hamburg Germany in 1669. While boiling down urine he had collect for his experiments to make gold he came up with a waxy



glowing substance that he named for a Greek work meaning light giving. Phosphorus is mined today as phosphate rock and has many uses, the most important of which is fertilizer, the symbol is "P" on the fertilize bag. Other uses include explosives, flame retardant, food additives, and toothpaste. Unfortunately, we are quickly using up our natural resources. In fertilizer much is wasted as 80% of that which is put on the fields washes into rivers and streams. The Rich Earth Institute is experimenting with using urine as a fertilizer. I would encourage you to listen to the 20 minute podcast 820 on NPR Planet Money

Last week, Karen & Terry took the mandatory training to be able to patrol again this year. The two of us plus MaryAnn walked 6 miles each week to look for nesting turtles on Galveston Island. Turtle Patrols are active from April 1st to July 15th. During the training they reported that last year was a record number of nests found on Texas beaches (340 up from 240). The incubation success was 86% but the 3600+ cold "stunned" turtles of last month had a high mortality rate that brought the % down to 79%. Still Looking forward to Patrolling!



Helen Beckman & Karen Sweet Cheney

Updates for the Church Roster:



Change of Address and/or email:

Michael Lowery Address Update:

6304 Clearwood Ct

League City, TX 77573-3474

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

If you and/or your family have not submitted profiles to the office, please see Karen for a Member form. We would like to recognize your Birthday, Baptism date and Wedding anniversary in the Lifeline, and provide updated address, phone numbers and emails, but do not have everyone's complete data.



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 7:00pm 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

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

Most 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month.



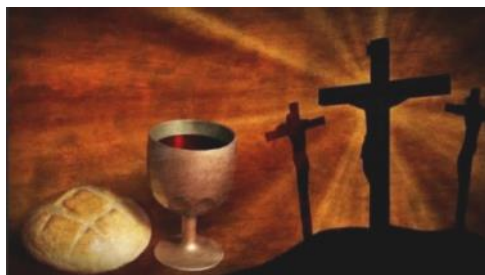
Altar Flowers
**Sign up for 2018 on
the chart in the
Narthex**

Weekly 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.



**Communion Elements are \$40 per month - Please let
the office know if you would like to sponsor a month
in 2018. 281-485-1818 (May – December Available)**



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

**Christmas is past, but families are still in need of food
for children's lunches and food in the home.**

**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.*

Property
Maintenance



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, Walt Wright, Rudy Moreno, Ronnie Stavinoha, Rich Newell, Charlie Gaever, Richard Lowery, Will Sinacori, Karen Sweet Cheney, Cheryl Robinson and many more are working the property to keep it safe and running smoothly. If you see one of these guys, please shake their hand and let them know they are appreciated! See page 17 for individual job thanks.



Thank you to all those who provide special offerings to help with Lawn Care. If you are not giving and would like to be added to the reminder list, please contact Karen.

To Be Announced: there will be a Work Day in March 24th to get ready for Holy Week and Easter. Please join us!

Church
Work Day



Please continue donations of:

T12 and T8 Florescent Tubes

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

Air Filters (needed per month):

20x20x1 (10)

20x25x1 (2)

20x18x1 (1)



Thanks to Foster Foucheaux for replacing air filters every other month and is reporting that we are now OUT!

Volunteering at New Life happens every day of the week!



Do you enjoy helping others?

Do you enjoy organizing or delegating?

Do you like meeting new people?

Do you like serving people?

Do you enjoy teaching?

Do you like working with your hands?

Do you enjoy making new friends?

Are you good at accounting and/or computers?

Call/text Kate at 832-747-2491 to learn more about how you can make a difference this Spring!



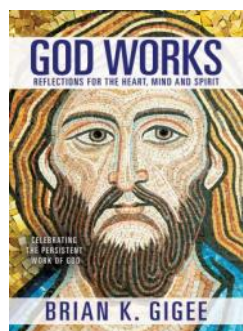
*There are Sunday's Cool classes for everyone
(youth & adults).*

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

- This Spring, the 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.
 - Then the youth will meet at 10:00am for songs in the Fellowship Hall.
- 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*"



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See Lutherhill Retreat Schedule on Page 4



Senior High Retreat 2018

For more information on retreats, see Sang's Youth Director page 10 or visit



Confirmation Camp 2017



Lutherhill.org

Orange St Clean-up Sat. Feb. 24th

With 12 people, the clean-up was done in an hour and we went from Isla St. all the way over the Schleider! Thank you to all who participated!



It was windy, but the rain held off until after we were done.

We collected about 20 cigarette butts, 2 bags of trash, 2 bags of recycle material and a pile of rebar and wood. The collection was mostly construction debris.



Sang took the pictures!



LYO Schedule for March

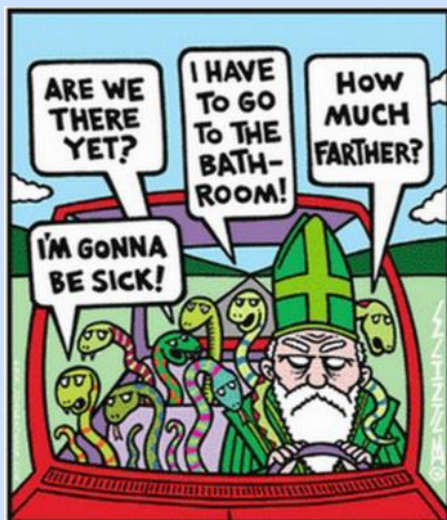
Saturdays @ 9:30am

March 3rd

March 10th

March 17th

March 24th



St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland.

Fundraisers for the Youth Gathering 2018



SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER



Thank you for your participation in the Pancake Supper, Valentine and Lenten Supper Fundraisers.



Friday Night Lights

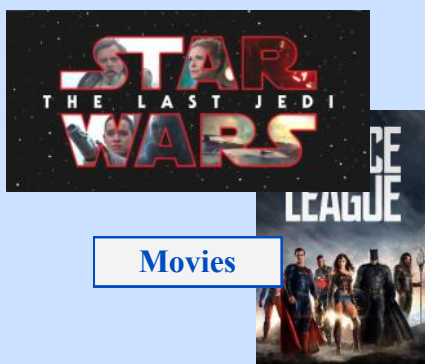


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VISITOR



Movies



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



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

"To be Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." - 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, Michael Lassiter, 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, 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
Prayer for
Easter



Easter Prayer

The veil of darkness
Transformed to the brightest light.

The most dreadful end
Became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair
Fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death
Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.



A praying congregation prays for the wider church!

PRAYER VENTURES

March 2018

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 Pray for the work, advocacy and networks of ELCA Disability Ministry and that our congregations and ministries work together to invite, embrace and include people living with disabilities in the life of the church – without hesitation or preconceptions.

2 Remember in prayer our 65 synod bishops, ELCA presiding bishop and secretary gathered for the Conference of Bishops in Chicago. Give thanks for their service to the church and pray their times of worship, study, sharing and business strengthen their faith and leadership and guide the mission of our church.

3 Give thanks for music in our lives and worship, a gift that lifts our spirits, draws people together, gives expression to our emotions and thoughts, helps us reflect on our faith and Scripture, and expresses our praise and thanksgiving to God.

4 The church is not immune from the temptations of commercialization, profit and consumption. Pray we keep Jesus Christ at the center of all we do, strive to be and witness to; ask God to help us be mindful of the teachings of Jesus commending generosity, simplicity and attentiveness to the needs and circumstances of our neighbor and the world.

5 Remember in prayer communities nervously anticipating potential spring storms and severe weather. Pray their preparations, if needed, help preserve life and property, and give thanks for Lutheran Disaster Response, first responders, volunteers and members of the military who stand ready to assist.

6 Pray our personal reflections during Lent, as discomfiting and disheartening as they may be, do not lose sight of the promise that we are not worthless, lost or alone – God knows us, loves us, draws us close and graciously claims us.

7 In a time when we bicker over power, superiority and influence, give thanks that through the humility, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus we experience a different understanding and use of power and authority – God's unrivaled power and sacrificial love for the sake of the world, especially our neighbors who are oppressed, hungry, poor, ignored, suffering and long for hope.

8 Pray for farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers preparing for planting crops, managing animals and livestock, and the hard work that comes with every spring, that the world may be fed and nourished through their bountiful harvests and endeavors.

9 Give thanks for our ELCA seminaries and lay schools for ministry. Ask God to bless their work and efforts in identifying, inviting, preparing, renewing and encouraging women and men for ministry in diverse contexts and communities.

10 Remember in prayer the service and witness of the 10 young adults serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program in Madagascar; the Rev. Kirsten Laderach, YAGM country coordinator; and the Rev. Lancelot Themba and Kwena Mkhabela, regional representatives for Madagascar, West and Central Africa.

11 We ask God to help us be thoughtful and articulate in our witness and interactions with others, that we are comfortable in using our own words and imagery to respond to questions about our faith, describe God's love and activity in the world, and talk about Jesus.

12 We remember in prayer Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of the ELCA, ministries that strengthen the faith of Lutheran men and women of all ages, encourage bold lives of faith and service, cultivate leaders, and attend to needs of men and women.

13 Give thanks for the rich partnership and relationship we have with the Presbyterian Church (USA), a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for their church and ask God to further our respect for one another and work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

14 "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." In every danger, illness, uncertainty and difficult circumstance, turn to God in prayer asking for God's loving attention, mercy, direction and healing.

15 Pray the Spirit will help us focus on the cross throughout Lent, seeing with greater clarity and richness its symbolism and meaning for the world as a daily reminder of the gift we have in Jesus Christ, a gift that gives newness, hope, purpose and direction for daily life.

16 By grace we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ – a wonderful, undeserved gift from God. Praise God!

17 Pray the leaders of our nations are moved to heal old and new rifts, work together for justice and peace, and share resources for the well-being and prosperity of all people.

18 In baptism our old, flawed self is washed away – and dies – revealing a new life and identity we have together in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pray we each remember our baptism and the promise of God’s daily, enduring gift of forgiveness and love.

19 Make Psalm 51 a frequent prayer during Lent: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.”

20 Pray for our continuing generosity in response to *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*; give thanks for its impact, including the support of 11 Global Ministry Projects helping strengthen, support and empower our companion churches in building new congregations, outreach to youth, training pastors and evangelists, and much more.

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 We remember in our prayers people who travel frequently for work, spending time away from their home, family, social networks and congregation. Pray they remain connected and can find opportunities for worship and renewal when away from home.

23 God’s word and ways are written on our hearts, part of our very being and existence as baptized children of God. Ask God to help us be attentive in daily life to the spirit within us that gives our lives purpose, inspires us to be just and merciful, and helps us make decisions that please God and consider the needs of our neighbor.

24 Remembering the life, witness and advocacy of Óscar Romero (1917-1980), bishop of El Salvador, we recognize and give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Christ who work against oppression, defend the rights of the poor and risk their lives for peace in Central America and elsewhere in the world.

25 *Palm Sunday* Drawn into the passion story in the Gospels, we pray the vulnerability, sacrifice and love of Jesus Christ stirs our faith and instructs and emboldens us as followers, servants, leaders, citizens and bearers of the good news.

26 Ask God to strengthen us as servants who are given new life and freedom in Christ and are called and endowed with the Spirit to help bring peace, justice, hope and light to the world.

27 Pray our Holy Week and Easter traditions, worship and family activities are grounded in God’s word and the gospel and not distracted or diminished by the commercialization or popularization of this time of anticipation, reflection and celebration of Jesus Christ – our salvation and hope.

28 Whenever we gather as the people of God to celebrate Holy Communion, we come together to receive God’s grace and to be nourished and sustained for sharing our faith, serving our neighbor and growing the church. Give thanks and praise to God for the presence of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion through the power of the Holy Spirit.

29 *Maundy Thursday* Pray we, as modern-day disciples, are not afraid to draw close to one another and our neighbor to better understand and serve each other with humility, empathy, compassion and courage.

30 *Good Friday* At the foot of the cross and remembering the suffering and death of Jesus on our behalf, we reaffirm that, although we are not strangers to sin, darkness and death, we also live in the reality of God’s mercy, grace and new life given to us through the risen Jesus. With both humility and joy, raise up prayers of thanks and praise to God.

31 *Vigil of Easter* In the midst of the joy and thankfulness bound up in the good news of Easter and Jesus’ resurrection, we confess we sometimes have questions and skepticisms we keep to ourselves. Ask God to create in us hearts and minds receptive to the wonderful gift and mystery of our salvation, place people in our lives who encourage our faith, and help us be alert to signs of God’s redemptive presence and work in the world.



Birthdays



Loretta Kaiser	03/02
Ashley Sims	03/02
Marge Angelo	03/03
Bobbi Cummings	03/03
Lan Hansen	03/03
Robert Koopmann	03/03
Cindy Welch	03/03
Gloria Plata	03/04
Kathryn Kowis	03/05
Rudy Moreno	03/05
Vanessa Rincones	03/05
Andrew Thompson	03/05
Tim Hurlbut	03/06
Torry Atkins	03/07
Madison Lassiter	03/07
John Lee	03/07
Guy Thompson	03/08
Vince Zaunbrecher	03/08
Sophia Castillo	03/09
Sydni McDonald	03/09
Saundra Foster	03/14
Rebecca Reed	03/14
Julia Sweet	03/14
Beth Hartfiel	03/16
Rhett Fromme	03/19
Avery Welch	03/19
Cheyenne Wheeler	03/19
Harvey Hamilton	03/20
Pete Brumfield	03/21
Beth Moore	03/21
Hattie Moore	03/21
Hazel Moore	03/21
Kelly Welch	03/21
Barbara Brown	03/24
Max Thweatt	03/24
Karen Sweet Cheney	03/26
Laura Salazar	03/26
Audrey Kaiser	03/27
Monica Marcha	03/28
Tony White	03/28
Terry Brown	03/29
Becky Homerstad	03/29
Stephanie Fromme	03/30
Jackson Reynolds	03/31



Wedding

Anniversaries

Ruth & John Roberts	03/01
Claudia & Milt Thomas	03/08
Christy & Jose Villalobos	03/12
Denise & Frank Jurgens	03/27
Donna & Nolan Patschke	03/28

Baptismal

Anniversaries

Lauren Brunk	03/01
Ed Tatuaca	03/01
Christal Thompson	03/01
Lorraine Walls	03/01
Shannon Young	03/01
Robert Phelps	03/03
John McDonald	03/05
Elizabeth White	03/05
Emmalynn Rhea Campbell	03/13
Leah Castillo	03/14
Bryanna Perez	03/14
Dayne Barthelme	03/16
Keagan Barthelme	03/16
Justin Burt	03/16
Ashley Pina	03/16
Nevaeh Simms-Pina	03/16
Alex Tatuaca	03/16
Courtney Palmer	03/18
Korie Williams	03/20
Sara Fromme	03/21
Dustin Drozd	03/22
Hayden Kennedy	03/22
Aubrey Palmer	03/24
Harvey Hamilton	03/25
Logan Pineda	03/25
Flor Valdez	03/25
Javier Valdez	03/25
Jack Peterson	03/28
Robin Gottlieb	03/29

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March

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 PM Property Team 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice	2	3 9:30 AM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
4 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	5 6:00 PM House Band Practice 6:00 PM Modified Yoga 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon	6 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	7 12:00 PM Seniors (55+) Luncheon 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service	8 7:00 PM Bazaar Meeting 7:00 PM GLOW 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice	9	10 9:30 AM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
11 Day Light Savings - Spring Forward 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	12 6:00 PM House Band Practice 6:00 PM Modified Yoga 7:00 PM Church Council 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon	13 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	14 11:30 AM WELCA Lunch 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Lenten Spaghetti Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service	15 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice	16 7:00 PM WOW (Women of Worth) @ PLT 8:00 PM Lutherhill Explore - Elementary Retreat	17 St Patricks Day 9:30 AM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group 8:00 PM Lutherhill Explore - Elementary Retreat
18 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship 8:00 PM Lutherhill Explore - Elementary Retreat	19 6:00 PM House Band Practice 6:00 PM Modified Yoga 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon	20 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM Men's Night Out 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	21 9:30 AM Mary Martha Bible Study 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Lenten Baked Potato & Salad Bar Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service	22 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice	23	24 9:00 AM Campus Cleanup 9:30 AM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
25 Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:45 AM Easter Party Planning Meeting 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	26 6:00 PM House Band Practice 6:00 PM Modified Yoga 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon	27 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM Seder Meal 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	28 5:45 PM Confirmation Class	29 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday/1st Communion 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice	30 4:00 PM Good Friday Service 5:00 PM Fish Fry 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	31 9:30 AM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group 11:00 AM Children's Easter Party

Helping Hands in Worship - March 2018

Altar Guild: Nancy Bryars ♥ Communion Elements: Linda & Ronnie Stavinoha

Services		March 4 – 3 rd Sunday of Lent	March 11 – 4 th Sunday of Lent	March 18 – 5 th Sunday of Lent	March 25 – Palm Sunday
Acolyte	8:00 10:30	Ryan Flick Ryan Jones	Clayton Migl Cate Cummings	Bryce Flick Sophia Castillo	Clayton Migl Casey Crawford
Assisting Minister	8:00 10:30	Barbara Scott Aimee Sandoval	John Russell Gestl Michael Porter	Sang Kim Cindy Welch	Ed Scott Jamie Hilliard
Communion Assistant	8:00	Lynn Barron Doug Barron	Coleen Gestl Jessica Gestl	Denise Jurgens Cheryl Robinson	Susie Wellman Tamsey Mims
Communion Assistants	10:30	Deanna Barthelme Cheryl Robinson	Barbara Flowers Tiffany Pineda	Carole Wright Ed Bradford	Kristi Glowka Mary Ann Marcha
Altar Flowers		Tamsey Mims	Karen Sweet Cheney	Fred Buckels Family	Frank and Denise Jurgens
Lay Reader	8:00 10:30	Tamsey Mims Hap Cummings	John Gestl Katie Fraker	Robert Broussard Catherine Sinacori	Jessica Gestl Abby Roszak
Nursery	10:30	OPEN	Trent Perez	Mandy Schroder	Jackie Crawford
Greeters	8:00	Judy Foucheaux Foster Fourcheaux	Josh Reed	Helen Beckman	Brenda Migl Jerry Migl
Greeters	10:30	Saundra Foster Charles Foster	Dennis Morrison JoAnn Morrison	Lynn Cope Linda Stavinoha	Andy Crawford Josh Roszak
Ushers	8:00	Robin Gottlieb Vincent Gottlieb	Frank Jurgens Charlie Gaevert	Robin Gottlieb Vincent Gottlieb	Matt Scott Charlie Gaevert
Ushers	10:30	Nolan Patschke Jenaro Castillo	Jan Homerstad Christal Thompson	Nolan Patschke OPEN	Milton Thomas Tony White
Coffee Hour		OPEN	Sweet Family	Seniors	MIM
Opening Closing		Frank Jurgens Barbara Scott	Frank Jurgens Barbara Scott	Frank Jurgens Barbara Scott	Frank Jurgens Barbara Scott

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