



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SIGNS OF NEW LIFE

AUGUST 2025



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Jesus holds a Crucifix with Doves around him.

The Crucifix symbolizes divine love — the idea that God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son (John 3:16).

The Doves symbolize a divine presence and spiritual tranquility.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

Senior Luncheon: August 6th, Wed., 12 pm. Join us for Jan Homerstad's Celebration of Life!!

Sunday School: Sundays at 10:30 am after Service.

Piano Recital: Saturday, August 9, 1:30 pm to 3:00pm, 16 students with Nancy Housewright.

Welca Lunch: August 13th, 11:30 am Wed. Casa Ole

Mary Martha Bible Study: August 20th, Wed. 9:30 am

Quilters: 9:30 am, Meet on Tuesday mornings.

Wow Women of Worth: Friday evenings at 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall, for Potluck, and Games.

Family Night at Ballpark: Sunday Aug 31st
Constellation Field. Space Cowboys. Sign up Aug 3rd.

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New Life Church 9:30AM worship livestream can be found at the [New Life in Pearland Facebook page](#), and bulletins are available on the website: [Worship Bulletins](#).



CHURCH LIFE

NEW LIFE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER 26, 2025



New Life Lutheran is turning 20 years old this year and the planning has begun! Be looking for an email asking you to share your personal history at our church. Please send us your stories and photos for a slideshow. If you would like to share, please email Merideth Oliver at mloliver72@hotmail.com.



Pastor Kim's Spiritual guidance for young inquisitive minds was uplifting on Sunday July 27, 2025.

HISTORICAL PHOTOS AND INFORMATION NEEDED FOR NEW LIFE LUTHERAN'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Hello New Life!

I want to thank everyone who has provided me with photos for **New Life's 20th Anniversary slide show**. It's coming along and I am excited to share it October 26th. If you have pictures you would like to have included, please email me at mloliver72@hotmail.com. Be sure to include your name, names of those in the pictures, and approximate dates.

The 20th anniversary committee is putting together a booklet of favorite memories, church involvement, etc. The booklet will not happen without your help. Thank you to everyone who has either completed the hard copy or the digital version of the survey. The hard copy can be found in the Narthex. For the digital version, please click the link. <https://forms.office.com/r/XkKWYJ2E4z>. Please have the surveys completed by August 16th.

**Thank You,
Merideth Oliver**

20th Anniversary Celebration

A BIG thank you to the congregation, friends and family for your support in making the fundraiser a success!
And an EXTRA big thank you to Bubba Flowers for the commemorative pens and your dedication to the church.
The money will go towards a catered meal for the anniversary celebration.



Anniversary Celebration—October 26, 2025
9:30am Service followed by a meal.

Anniversary Slide Show

Photos are needed for the slide show.

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SHINING OUR LIGHT !!

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE - What God Does With Your Gift

In *2 Corinthians 9:8*, a common tithe and offering verse, we read, “And God can bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

Your gift is a seed that will reap a harvest of blessings for you and others. Through your generosity, God can provide for those in need, fund ministries that share His love and accomplish His plans for His people. Consider how your gift can be used to further the Kingdom of God and make a difference in the lives of those around you.



So don't give grudgingly or out of obligation, but give with joyful hearts, knowing that God will take your gift and use it to bless others. As you give, remember that your gift isn't just about meeting a financial need, but about making an eternal impact.

Nancy Bryars

Giving Report to New Life:

July Giving:	\$ 16,775.00
Needed for Month	\$ 18,792.00
Giving for the Year	\$121,485.00
Needed for the Year:	\$131,544.00

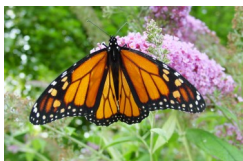
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August 2025 ENVIRONEWS by Helen Beckman



Saturday, August 9 is paper shredding from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the *Stella Roberts Recycle Center (SRRC)* in the *John Hargrove Environmental Complex* on Magnolia Parkway.



Thursday, August 14 is a Garden Lecture on Keep Pearland Beautiful (KPB) Facebook live from 7 to 8 P.M. The topic, **Butterfly Gardening**, will be presented by *Kimberly Mayer* from *Brazoria County Gardeners*.

The next *Adopt-a-Spot* cleanup will be **Saturday, September 27, 9 am.** Please join us!

Coming **November 7 is the 21st Annual Plant Thyme Luncheon and Plant Sale.** Tickets go on sale August 1 online. Search for "*lunchthyme.org*" for more information.

Cash return for *recycled aluminum* was \$19.60 plus an equal match yielded \$39.20 for the youth fund. While I was at the recycling plant, I learned that if I had *separated* the cat food cans, aluminum foil, and drink cans, I would have received more money.

Currently Drink cans earn 75 cents/ lb., cat food cans earn 45 cents/ lb., and foil earns 40 cents/ lb. Dog food cans contain steel and are not recyclable with aluminum. If a **magnet attracts a can**, it contains steel, not aluminum.

It is much easier and cheaper to process used aluminum than to mine aluminum ore, or bauxite. When you recycle aluminum, you are saving the aluminum industry money, reducing the need to remove a natural resource while disturbing land that could remain a vibrant part of the environment, as well as saving landfill space.

Please bring your aluminum cans and foil to the church. I'll be sure to separate and crush them to get the biggest buck for the bang and you'll be doing your part for the environment.

Please don't throw away any metal. You can recycle it at the SRRC.

Therefore, remember that **God loves all his creation**, sees that it is good, and has made us stewards to love and nurture one another and the planet that sustains us.



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Our **New Life 20th Anniversary Mexican Dinner fundraiser** was a huge success! It was a fun evening filled with delicious food, great fellowship, and generous hearts.

A big thank you to our amazing team who brought this event to life:



Mary Ann Marcha
Doug & Lynn Barron
Merideth Oliver
Linda Hudgens
Karen Dahse



We're especially grateful to *Mary Ann Marcha* for cooking such a delicious dinner and to *Karen Dahse* for creating the beautiful quilt that was raffled off! And to everyone who helped in any way — we truly appreciate you. 💙

¹⁴ Save the Date: Our official New Life 20th Anniversary Celebration is coming up on **Sunday, October 26th**. We can't wait to celebrate with you!



ACTIVITIES



7/12 Declutter Day

We want to thank everyone who volunteered their time and efforts to help us declutter and improve all of our areas to make them more fun and inviting!



Family Night at the Ballpark – August 31!

We're working on coordinating a fun family outing to Constellation Field on Sunday, August 31 for **Faith & Family Night** presented by Thrivent as the Space Cowboys take on Albuquerque!

Gates open at 5:30 PM

First pitch at 6:35 PM

- This special evening includes:
- Pre-game catch on the field
- Player autographs (5:30–5:50 PM)
- **Post-game fireworks show!**
- **Orion's Kids Day – with Kids Run the Bases after the game!**

Each family will be responsible for purchasing their own tickets. Please sign up in the narthex if you're interested so we can coordinate seating and plan accordingly!



GRADUATION AND EVENTS RENTAL

The *Juul Fellowship Hall* is available for Receptions and Other Events: The deposit for active members is \$100. The deposit for non-active or non-members is \$300 which includes a refundable \$100 holding fee after inspection of facilities. Contact the office to reserve.

Ph: 281-485-1818, email: office@newlifelutheran.com

QUILTERS WORKING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Lutheran World Relief (LWR)'s Quilt & Kit Ministry continues to distribute quilts and kits worldwide in 2025, providing comfort and support to those in need. This ministry, a core program since 1945, has delivered nearly **28 million quilts to 136 countries**. In addition to international distribution, LWR is expanding the ministry to reach neighbors in the United States.



Community

Meals on Wheels



A huge thank you to everyone who helped out with Meals on Wheels in July (you know who you are)! We're so grateful for your time and your kindness. If you happen to know someone new who might enjoy joining our little team, send them our way—we'd love to have a few more friendly faces along for the ride. We have two more dates for this year. Please mark your calendars.

Sept 15-19, Nov 10-14

*****If you know someone who might benefit from this program, you can call Pearland Meals on Wheels @ 281-485-5081 for information.***

Barbara Flowers - 713-817-1012, barbaraflowers_55@yahoo.com



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

Mary Martha Bible Study Group

Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.



Come to see a Great Free *Piano Recital!*

August 9, Saturday: 1:30pm to 3:00pm, there will be 16 students of ***Nancy Housewright's*** performing this year, beginner to advanced.

The finale will be a piece arranged by an advanced student himself. Come join the fun!



ELCA

Women of the ELCA Lunch Bunch

The Women's Group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30am. This month: August 13th at Casa Ole, 3100E. Broadway, Pearland, Tx 77581, Restaurant Phone: 281 997 6288

OUR MEMBERS: MINISTRY WORK

Senior Luncheon

First Wednesday of each month! August 6
Seniors 55+ are welcome to join us for
potluck lunch at 12:00 noon in the
Fellowship Hall. We are having a Celebration
of Life for Jan Homerstad.

CHRISTIAN HELPING HANDS

Our Church Members volunteer
at *Christian Helping Hands*
weekly by bagging food into
carts for families in need.



Donate by bringing us cans, boxes of food, egg
cartons and used grocery bags. Thank you so Much!

PUT THEM IN OUR DONATION BASKET
OUTSIDE BY THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

CHRISTIAN HELPING HANDS :
Monday to Friday 10 AM–1:30 PM
4305 Magnolia Pkwy, Pearland TX 77584



Thank you to those who have donated or purchased one
of our quilts. This money allows us to buy supplies to
create more quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief.

We send the quilts to **Lutheran World Relief** for shelter,
warmth and carrying needed items.

If you would like to **purchase** a quilt, **volunteer**, or
donate to this cause please let us know.

The **Quilters Group** meets at **9:30 am every Tuesday**.
Please purchase one or come to cut material or tie
knots and see how easy and fun this can be.

Prayer Shawl Ministry 2025

For our Ministry we make **Prayer Shawls, Baby**
Afghans, and Baptismal Cloths for services in our
church. We are always **looking for additional**
people to help us keep this ministry going.

Please contact Julie Watkins for more information at
832-289-4298 or auntjuliesings@yahoo.com

SCHOOL KIT ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Include the following items in each School Kit:



x1

One sturdy drawstring backpack-
style cloth bag, approximately
14" x 17", with shoulder straps
(no standard backpack)



x4

Four 70-sheet notebooks of
wide- or college-ruled paper,
approximately 8" x 10 1/2";
no loose-leaf paper



x1

One box of 16 or 24 crayons



x1

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a
ruler with centimeters on one
side and inches on the other



x1

One pencil sharpener



x1

One pair of blunt scissors
(safety scissors with embedded
steel blades work well)



x5

Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils
with erasers; secure together with
a rubber band



x5

Five black or blue ballpoint pens
(no gel ink); secure together with
a rubber band



x1

One 2 1/4" eraser

Please help us collect these school items in
August so that we can put the School Kits to-
gether.

Backpacks—Draw String

70 Sheet Spiral Notebooks

Box of Crayons 16 or 24 crayons

Rulers - Inches and Centimeters

Pencil Sharpener

Scissors - Blunt Tip (rounded)

Pencils—No.2

Ballpoint Pens - Black or Blue

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	2 10:30am -Women's AA) 4pm - Word Fellowship
3 9:30-Trad Worship 10:30am - Sunday School Falling Upward 12 Word Fellowship	4 8pm - AA Meeting (Co-Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Sanctuary	5 9:30 am - Quilters Workshop 7pm - Word Fellowship	6 11:30am-SR Lunch & Jan Homerstad's Celebration of Life 6:00pm Council	7	8 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	9 10:30am - Women's AA 1:30pm-3pm Free Piano Recital Nancy H. 4pm - Word Fellowship
10 9:30-Cont Worship 10:30am - Sunday School Falling Upward 12 Word Fellowship	11 Church Council 8pm - AA Meeting (Co-Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Sanctuary	12 9:30 am - Quilters Workshop 7pm - Word Fellowship	13 9:30am Bible Study 11:30 Welca Lunch Casa Ole, Pearland, 6:00pm Council Mtg.	14	15 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	16 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA)4pm-Word Fellowship
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