



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SIGNS OF NEW LIFE

October 2025



HARVEST

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleanings from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: Leviticus 23:22

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

Senior Luncheon: Oct. 1st, Wed., 12 pm. Pack School Kits with us!

Sunday School: Sundays at 10:30 am after Service: Falling Upwards

Welca Lunch: Oct. 8th, 11:30 am, Wed. at Panera on Pearland Pwy. All ladies welcomed.

Mary Martha Bible Study: Oct 15th, Wed. 9:30 am All are invited!

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

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

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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](#).

NEW LIFE CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 9-28-25



Our President Laura Strickland helped us elect new Council Members today.

Left to right are: Lorraine Walls, Cheryl Robinson, Jenaro Castillo, and Laura Strickland.



House Band Update

Our House Band continues to grow, and we're thrilled to see the music ministry thriving! The New Lifettes are sounding better than ever, and we'd love to keep adding to the fun. If you sing, play an instrument, or have other musical talents you'd like to share, please let us know — we'd love to have you join us!



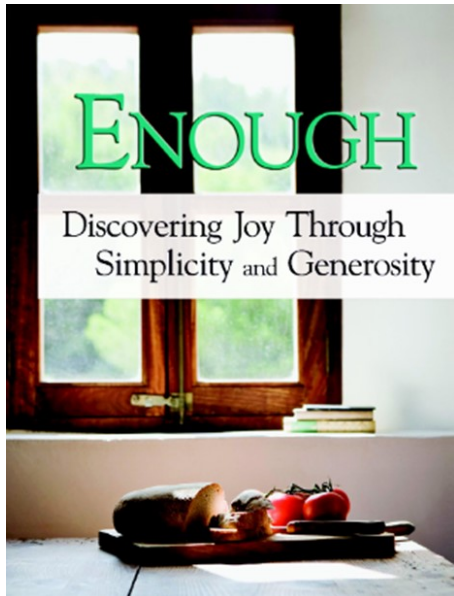
Ryan Strickland
Volunteers to work the Tech Booth - Sound and the Slide pictures on the screens. Thank you so much!



Travis Lairson played beautiful music while we listened to our wonderful choir Sun. 21st.

Thank You Travis !

OCTOBER WORSHIP



Enough

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

We live in a society... a culture that tells us “you deserve it (now),” -- known as (instant) gratification, whether or not we really even need it. Whatever ‘it’ is. Wants have become needs. Things have become substitutes for relationships, especially our relationship

with God. All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They speak to an issue of spiritual growth. Therefore, during the month of October, our worship emphasis is *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*.

During this time, we will explore what the scripture teaches us about lifestyle, joy, simplicity and generosity. At the conclusion of this emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year.

I hope you will attend worship in the coming weeks as we look at how we truly experience joy through simplicity and generosity.

Rev. Kim Little-Brooks

YOU'RE INVITED!



20th Anniversary New Life Lutheran Church



Date: October 26, 2025

Reformation Sunday – Wear Red



**Reformation
Sunday**

Time: 9:30 church service
Anniversary program in the sanctuary
Catered lunch

Location: New Life Lutheran Church
3521 E. Orange St.
Pearland, Texas 77581

RSVP: by October 19th for a meal headcount
Email: barron.lynn@gmail.com or text 832-372-4513

WORSHIP SUNDAY 9-18-25 LAZARUS WAS THE RICHMAN



Pastor Kim talks about the *rich man* (man in blue) who would not feed or help *Lazarus* who was covered in sores. The *rich man* was sent to Hades. He asked Abraham to help tell his five brothers so that they would not suffer with the same fate. Abraham said they had Moses and the Prophets; if they didn't listen to them, they wouldn't be convinced even if someone rose from the dead.

(We should all help others and give generously.)

CHURCH LIFE - PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE



New Life *Pastor Call Committee* Installation - 8.3.25 , Left to Right, Laura Strickland - **Council President**, and Call Committee Members : Merideth Oliver, Rebel Heasley, Edward Tatuaca, Susie Wellman, and Helen Beckman



EVENTS HALL FOR RENT

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

Giving Report to New Life:

September Giving:	\$ 24,032.00
Needed for Month	\$ 18,792.00
Giving for the Year	\$ 179,273.00
Needed for the Year:	\$ 169,792.00

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[Worship Bulletins.](#)

A legacy of generosity

FALL HAS ARRIVED. That means Thankoffering season is just around the corner! Soon, Lutheran women from across the country will gather for worship, fellowship and celebration of the offerings they collected over the past year to support Women of the ELCA ministries. Many will hold their Thankoffering service in November, during the Thanksgiving season, while others will do so at another time of the year.

The spiritual practice of collecting Thankofferings began in the late 19th century. Women would place a Thankoffering container or "mite" box on a windowsill or another prominent place in their home. They would then place small offerings into the box, sometimes daily, to acknowledge God's blessings.

Not long after came the idea of holding an annual Thankoffering service. During this special worship service, women combined their individual offerings into one larger gift that would support missions in their communities and around the globe.

Today, Thankofferings sustain the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization. Those ministries include justice and advocacy work, anti-racism training, scholarships, global education, grants and a multitude of online and printed resources that raise awareness of issues like domestic violence, human trafficking and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, to name just a few.

The Women of New Life have a Thankoffering service every year to celebrate their faith and the blessings that they have received during the past year. During this service a special offering is given by the women. The men of New Life are also encouraged to remember and honor the women in their life by adding an offering of their own.

All of the women are invited to participate before and during the service. Please contact Cheryl Robinson if you would like to help.

This year's Thankoffering service will be held in Nov. (Date to be announced.)

God's love and Blessings to all who attend this service!



October 2025 ENVIRONews by Helen Beckman

Stella Roberts Recycle Center (SRRC) will be closed for quarterly staff training and maintenance from Tuesday, September 30 through Friday, October 3.

Thursday, October 9 is **Garden Lecture** Live on Facebook at 7 P.M.

Saturday, October 11 is a hands-on workshop, **Bulbs to Bloom**, at the Delores Fenwick Nature Center from 10 A.M. to Noon in the John Hargrove Environmental Complex (JHEC) on Magnolia Parkway. Go to KPB website for more information and to register.

Saturday, October 18 is monthly **paper shredding day** at SRRC from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. It occurs on the second Saturday of the month. There is no charge for Keep Pearland Beautiful (KPB) household members up to 4 boxes and no charge for KPB business members, the amount depending on membership level.

Tuesday, October 21 is **Open House** at SRRC from 3 to 5 P.M. Come meet the staff, learn about recycling in Pearland, ask questions, and take a tour of the facility.

Saturday, October 25 is Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol (BACODA) **drug take back day** at SRRC from 10A.M. to 2 P.M.

Friday, November 7 is the 21 st Annual Keep Pearland Beautiful **Plant Thyme Fall Luncheon and Plant Sale** from 11 A.M. to 1 P. M. at First Church, 1850 E. Broadway. The speaker is Arthur Olson of Hippie Fertilizing. With our sponsorship we get 4 seats. Additional seats are \$40. Let Terri in the office know if you are interested in going. For more information go to "lunchthyme.org".

Saturday, November 15 is the Fall Sweep Cleanup, our next **adopt-a-spot litter pickup**. We will meet at the church at 8:30 A.M. Supplies and snacks are provided. The youth can get volunteer credit for participating. Thanks to *Terri Kiser, Cheryl Robinson, Diane Tanksley*, and *Helen Beckman* for picking up litter on the more difficult stretch from our church to N. Main. We still have the stretch from our church to Schleider Dr. If you are interested in helping call Helen at 281-485-3159.

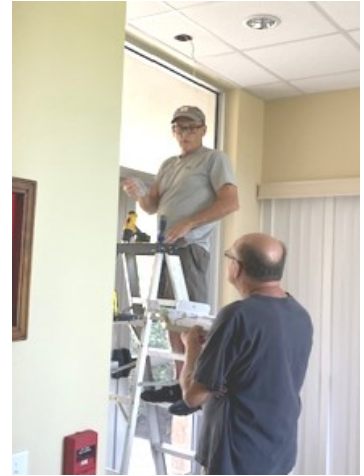
KEEP PEARLAND BEAUTIFUL ORANGE STREET CLEAN UP ON SAT. 9-2-25

New Life Lutheran does its' part by keeping the land in front of our church clean for 1 mile on Orange Street. Thank you to *Helen Beckman* who has spearheaded this for many years and worked tirelessly for Pearland and us.



VOLUNTEERING

Vince Gottleib with the help of ***Tony White and Walt Wright*** has done so much to help us upgrade our building items to comply with the Fire Marshall's findings to make us safer. Thank you!!



We want to thank *Rebel Heasley* for facilitating our Conflict Resolution Training on 9/14/25 for our New Life Congregation.

QUILTERS WORKING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

For 40 years New Life has been making quilts and providing comfort to people around the world.

New Life Lutheran: Quilts are distributed right here in the United States and worldwide wherever there is a need. Distribution by Lutheran World Relief last year was:

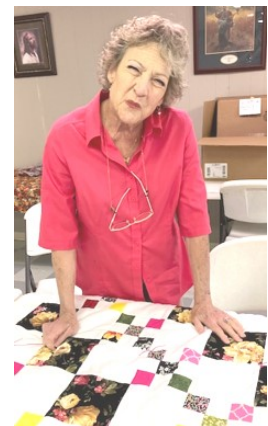
COUNTRY	SHIPPING WAREHOUSE	QUILTS	SCHOOL KITS	PERSONAL CARE KITS
ANGOLA	Maryland	30,954	13,650	24,300
GEORGIA	Maryland	24,750		
HONDURAS	Maryland		27,300	
LEBANON	Minnesota	21,250	9,280	9,300
MALI	Minnesota	47,600	15,225	
MOLDOVA	Maryland	7,656		6,000
NICARAGUA	Minnesota	3,400	8,700	
NIGER	Minnesota	27,880		
PERU	Minnesota	28,560	26,100	24,366
SENEGAL	Minnesota		15,225	
SOUTH SUDAN	Minnesota	28,560		
TANZANIA	Minnesota	28,560		
TÜRKIYE	Minnesota	28,560		16,275
UKRAINE	Maryland	73,854		30,360
	Minnesota	5,440		7,750
UNITED STATES	Maryland	13,794	9,412	9,270
ZAMBIA	Minnesota		15,225	
TOTAL		370,818	140,117	127,621



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Join our Quilters group
for fun and rewarding
fellowship while helping
many in the US and
other Countries around
the globe!



Game Night—A Fun Night of Fellowship!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Game Night on Saturday, September 27th! It was a fun evening filled with laughter, friendly competition, and great fellowship.

We look forward to our next Game Night and hope you'll be able to join us!



Community

Meals on Wheels



A huge thank you to everyone who helps with Meals on Wheels in September. We're so grateful for your time and your kindness.

If you happen to know someone new who might enjoy joining our caring team, send them our way—we'd love to have a few more friendly faces along for the ride.

The Dates for this year are below.

Please mark your calendars. **Nov 10-14**
Meals on Wheels @ 281-485-5081



Women of the ELCA Lunch Bunch

The Women's Group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30am.

Meet us at **Panera on Pearland Parkway.**

They are having their yearly special :
Squash Soup!

All women are invited! Please Join Us!



BIBLE STUDY:

Mary Martha Bible Study Group,

Everyone is Welcome on the third

Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.



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. **ADD THEM TO OUR DONATION BASKET - OUTSIDE BY THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

Senior Luncheon

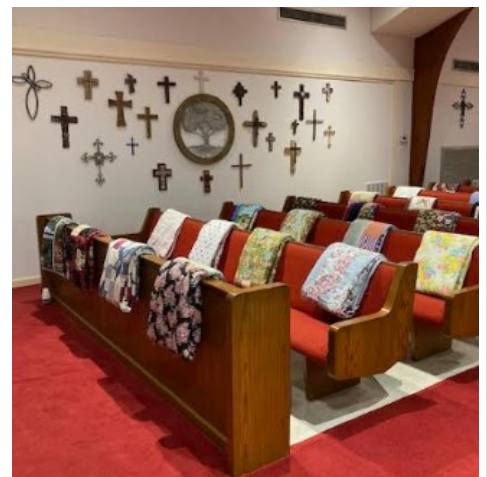
Pack School Kits for Lutheran World Relief
- Oct. 1st

Seniors 55+ - Please join us for a lunch buffet and great fellowship! Starts at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite food item to share. First Wednesday of each month!

OUR MEMBERS: MINISTRY WORK



The Quilts will be on display in the Sanctuary for the month of October. Thank you for those who have donated their time and talents in making the quilts. If you would like to purchase a quilt for 45.00 please let us know. The quilters group meets every Tuesday at 9:30am. Come to cut material or tie knots and see how easy it is!



Prayer Shawl Ministry 2025

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.

Thank you to those who have given us supplies, crocheted or donated so we can continue to do this work

Please contact *Julie Watkins* for more information at

832-289-4298 or auntjuliesings@yahoo.com



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 SENIOR LUNCHEON 12:00pm - Seniors welcome . Bring Potluck & help us pack Health Care Kits.	2	3 6pm (WOW) - Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	4 10:30am -Women's AA) 4pm - Word Fellowship
5 9:30 -Trad Worship 10:30am - Sunday School <i>Falling Upwards</i> 12 Word Fellowship	6 5pm Church Council 8pm - AA Meeting 8pm - Al-Anon Mtng	7 9:30 am - Quilters Workshop 7pm - Word Fellowship	8 11:30am Welca Luncheon - meet at Panera for seasonal Squash Soup!	9 10am: Pearland Teachers Meeting	10 6pm (WOW) - Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	11 10:30am - Women's AA 4pm - Word Fellowship
12 9:30-Cont Worship 10:30am - Sunday School <i>Falling Upwards</i> 12 Word Fellowship	13 Council Meeting 8pm - AA Meeting (Co-Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon	14 9:30 am - Quilters Workshop 7pm - Word Fellowship	15 9:30am Mary Martha Bible Study - New Series, Money, Steward, & Generosity	16	17 6pm (WOW) - Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	18 10:30am - Women's AA 4pm - Word Fellowship
19 9:30-Trad Worship 10:30am - Sunday School <i>Falling Upwards</i> 12 Word Fellowship	20 8pm - AA Meeting (Co-Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Sanctuary Kitchen	21 9:30 am - Quilters Workshop 7pm - Word Fellowship	22	23	24 6pm (WOW) - Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	25 10:30am-AA Phoenix Grp 4pm-Word Fellowship
26 9:30-Trad Worship Reformation Sunday 20th Anniversary Celebration - Wear Red 12 Word Fellowship	27 8pm - AA Meeting (Co-Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Sanctuary Kitchen	28 9:30 am - Quilters Workshop 7pm - Word Fellowship	29	30	31 6pm (WOW) - Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	