



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SIGNS OF NEW LIFE

February 2026



Mardi Gras → indulgence and celebration

Ash Wednesday → humility, ashes, repentance

Lent → fasting, prayer, and spiritual focus

Easter → resurrection and joy

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

Sunday School: Sundays 10:30 am, Book *Immortal Diamond* by R.Rohr.

Senior Luncheon: Wed. Feb. 4th , 12 pm. Potluck. Mardi Gras theme. Join us for the Food and Fun!

Orange Street Cleanup: Sat. Feb. 7th at 8:30am.

WELCA Lunch: Wed. Feb. 11th. 11:30 am
Women's Luncheon at *Iguanas Ranas* Join us!

Ash Wed. Services: 1:00pm and 7:00pm

WELCA Bunko: Sun. Feb. 22nd. After Service.
Women's potluck lunch and bunko.

Quilters: Tuesdays 9:30 am, Help tie Quilts for Lutheran World Relief, USA and Overseas.

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

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](#).

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2026 New Life Council Installation

We recently celebrated the installation of our **2026 Church Council** and give thanks for each person who has said “yes” to serving New Life by sharing their time, talents, and leadership. Please join us in welcoming our **2026 Council**:

- * **President:** *Laura Strickland*
- * **Vice President:** *Nancy Bryars*
- * **Treasurer:** *Brenda Pritchett*
- * **Secretary:** *Elna Ritter*
- * **Council At Large:** *Jenaro Castillo, Cheryl Robinson, Lorraine Walls*
- * **Student Representative:** *Ryan Strickland*



- * We are grateful for their willingness to serve and look forward to the year ahead as we continue growing together in faith, fellowship, and service.
- * We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to ***Evelyn Baldauf*** for her dedicated leadership and faithful service as Secretary. As *Evelyn* rolls off council this year, we thank her for her commitment, care, and the many ways she has supported New Life.

Please keep our council members in your prayers as they begin this new year of service.

Laura Strickland
Council President
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Website: <https://www.newlifelutheran.com>

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CHURCH FUNCTIONS



PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE

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

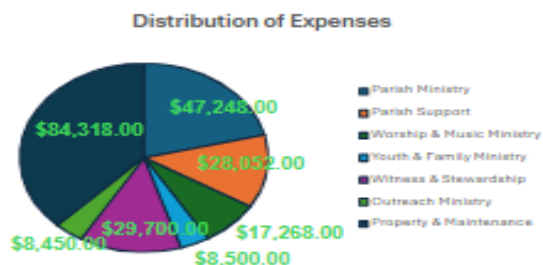
2026 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

2025 Summary (Comparison Context)	
2025 Total Expenses	\$190,256 (*)
2025 Total Revenue	\$229,879
Net Surplus	\$39,623

2024 Revenue = \$240,646
Change from 2024 = \$10,766 (-5%)

(*) Pastor salary expense much lower in 2025

2026 Expense Comparison	
2026 Budgeted Expenses	\$223,536
Change from 2025	\$1,963 (-1%)



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM: EVERYONE HAS A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO GOD'S MISSION

Think about the abilities you have been given. Then use your abilities to serve GOD by serving others.

- **Share your Interests with Others**
- **Share your Skills** God gave each of us the TIME and TALENT to benefit others as well as ourselves. The STEWARDSHIP TEAM gives thanks for all of you using your time and talent to serve GOD.



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.

Giving Report to New Life:

January General Funds Givng: \$14,720.00
Needed for Month
Yearly General Funds Giving Thru January:
Needed for the Year Thru January Budget:

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<https://newlifelutheran.com/worship/bulletins/>



February 2025 ENVIRONEWS by Helen Beckman

Saturday, February 7 is the Winter Cleanup for picking up litter on Orange Street. We will meet at the church at 8:30 A.M. Gloves, bags, and snacks are provided. Community service and volunteer credit are available. Our next Orange **Street Cleanup is April 11.**

Monday, February 9 is Part 2 in a three-part lecture series with Vibrant Rainbow Gardens about Houston's unique garden seasons. Part 1 was last month and **part 3 will be Monday, February 23.** Tune in to KPB Facebook at 7 P.M. to learn about our local gardening seasons and easy organic gardening.

Thursday, February 12 is the regular Monthly garden lecture on *KPB Facebook* live with *Brazoria County Master Gardeners*. The topic is Rose Pruning led by *Gaye Hammond*, beginning at 7 P.M.

Saturday, February 14 is the monthly Paper Shredding Event at the *Stella Roberts Recycling Center (SRRC)* from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Members are free up to 4 boxes. Non-members are charged \$5 minimum or, \$.39/lb., whichever is higher. Business members' free shredding varies by membership level.

Most of us have heard or read *Aesop's fable* about the crow who raised the water level in a bucket by dropping in pebbles. While most fables are fictional but plausible animal stories meant to teach a lesson, the ***New Caledonian Crow*** can actually get a drink of water by dropping pebbles into a container of a small amount of water.



New Caledonia is an island in the *South Pacific Ocean* and the only place indigenous to a very special crow, considered the most intelligent bird because it recognizes and remembers faces, solves puzzles, and can create complicated tools to solve problems. Because of its great memory, it can develop up to 5 step solutions. They can also work together for their mutual benefit and seem to derive pleasure from their success.

Wild crows in *Sweden* have been trained to pick up cigarette litter and drop it into a mechanical contraption that rewards them by dispensing food. God's creatures never cease to amaze.

VOLUNTEERS



Youngest Volunteer

Jackson Creighton is volunteering with his **Grandmother Robin Gottlieb**. He is holding a basket and receiving the empty communion cups. **Thank you Jackson so much for helping us!**



Pearland Junior High South Educator Shares Expertise at Texas Living History Association Conference Jan 21 2026

Merideth Oliver, (left) Texas History teacher at *Pearland Junior High South*, recently served as a featured presenter at the **Texas Living History Association Conference**. The event brought together historians, museum professionals, and educators from across the state to explore innovative ways to preserve and teach

Texas heritage. Oliver co-led an insightful session titled "Teaching the Teachers," where she focused on the vital bridge between local history organizations and the classroom. Drawing from her extensive experience in partnering with historical societies, Oliver provided museum curators and educational directors with a roadmap for creating more impactful, curriculum-aligned field trips and workshops.

(Great Work Meredith!! Congratulations!!)



THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS:

To **Evelyn Bauldauf** for services as Council Secretary for 2025.

To All the **people who helped with the Sanctuary Advent 'Greening' and 'De-Greening'** after the Christmas holidays.

To **Tamsey Mims** for generous donation to sound system upgrades.

To **Jenaro Castillo** for hosting the Family Game night.

To **Vince Gottlieb** for meeting with the Pearland city Fire Marshal.

To **Vince and Robin Gottlieb** for cleaning the Sanctuary and removing wax from floors and chair seats.

To **Pastor Grant Housewright** for quickly stepping into Pulpit Supply for the month of December.

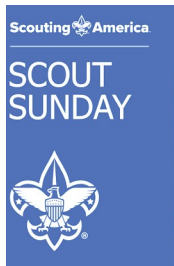
To **Nancy Housewright** for her beautiful music when she filled in for Travis during his trip home.

To **Aimee Castillo and Laura Napoleon** for leading the Christmas Pageant.

To **Laura and Michael Napoleon** for all the sound equipment they have purchased.

FAMILY

SCOUT SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 8TH



The Scouting program is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. But the success of Scouting depends on volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young

people may benefit from Scouting ministry. As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its anniversary, we salute the splendid volunteers who serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Exploring, Venturing and Sea Scout Advisors, and the Scouts who are led by them.



“BE FAST” STROKE SYMPTOMS:

- B - Balance:** Sudden loss of balance or coordination.
- E - Eyes:** Sudden vision changes, blurriness, or loss of vision.
- F - Face:** Drooping, numbness, or uneven smile.
- A - Arm:** Weakness or numbness, particularly on one side.
- S - Speech:** Difficulty speaking, slurred speech, or confusion.
- T - Time:** Call 911 if any of these signs are present.



Linda Stavinhoe's 75th Birthday

For my **75th birthday** my family wanted to celebrate with family and friends. This was a celebration and I wanted the presence of my guests not presents. I did ask for **donations to our food bank**. A big thank you to all that made this possible and never expected so much food and cash donations. I really want to thank *Robin and Vince Gottlieb* for picking up all of this, then grocery shopping and delivering to **Christian Helping Hands** from **New Life Lutheran Church**. For those not in the picture I am so sorry, remember I am 75 and did not think of it soon enough.

Linda

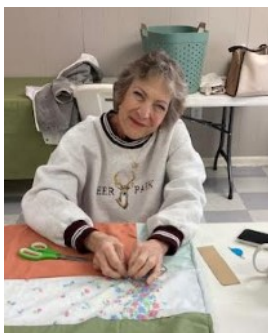
QUILTERS



Please join us every Tuesday morning at 9:30 am to help us make quilts. It can be as simple as tying knots, eating snacks and having fun!

We made and contributed the above quilts to *Lutheran World Relief* in 2025 who handled:

- **803,181 quilts and kits** delivered to 15 countries and the USA.
- **Neighbors in the U.S. reached** coast-to-coast: Hurricanes Helene and Milton, California wildfires, severe weather across the South and Midwest, and flooding in Central Texas
- **Over \$1 million in cash grants** distributed to local partners, restoring dignity and strengthening community partnerships to help them build back stronger.



OUR MEMBERS: MINISTRY



Pearland Meals on Wheels:

Another year has come and gone. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make this a wonderful year! Future dates to keep in mind are: **Mar 2-6; Apr 27-May 1; June 22-26; Aug 17-21; Oct 12-16; Dec 7-11.** If you find you have a "burning" desire to help with any of these dates, you can let me know at any time. Also, if you know someone who might benefit from this program, you can call Pearland Meals on Wheels @ 281-485-5081 for information.
Call Barbara Flowers, 713-817-1012, barbaraflowers_55@yahoo.com



Prayer Shawl Ministry 2026

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 or will help us by crocheting, knitting, donating or giving us supplies, so we can continue to do this ministry..

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

Senior Luncheon

Seniors 55+ - Please join us for a Potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The first Wednesday of every month. This Month:

Mardi Gras Theme!

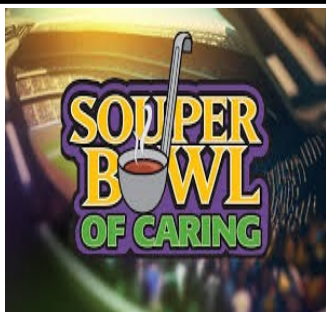


BIBLE STUDY:

*Mary Martha
Bible Study Group*

Wednesday Feb. 25th - 9:30am.

Everyone is Welcome to come to join us!



Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday Feb. 8th. We will be collecting extra food. Please donate non-perishable food items. Place items at the Altar before Service. We will be taking them to Christian Helping Hands food Pantry. Thank You so much!



CHRISTIAN HELPING HANDS

Please donate food for the *Pearland Food Pantry*. Our 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. Check your pantry to see if you have items you do not need. Our donation Basket is OUTSIDE BY THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

In 2025 *New life Lutheran Church* gave over 1300 pounds of food to Christian Helping Hands!

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FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30-Trad Worship 10:30am - <i>Immortal Diamond</i> by R.Rohr. 12 Word Fellowship	2 8pm - AA Meeting (Co-Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon Meeting	3 9:30 am - Quilters Workshop 7pm - Word Fellowship	4 SENIOR LUNCH 12:00pm Sr. Lunch - Mardi Gras Theme	5 PROPERTY MTG. 6:00pm Property Committee Meeting	6 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	7 STREET CLEANUP 8:30am-Help cleanup Orange St. 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA) 4pm- Word Fellowship
8 Honor Boy Scouts 9:30-Cont. Worship 10:30am - <i>Immortal Diamond</i> by R.Rohr. 12 Word Fellowship	16 COUNCIL MEETING 6:00pm-Coun. Mtg. 8pm - AA Meeting (Co-Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon Meeting	10 9:30 am - Quilters Workshop 7pm - Word Fellowship	11 Welca Luncheon 11:30am Welca Luncheon-Iguanas Ranas Mexican—Pearland	12 10am-1pm Retired Teachers - Fellowship Hall	13 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	14 VALENTINES DAY 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA) 4pm- Word Fellowship
15 9:30-Trad. Worship 10:30am - <i>Immortal Diamond</i> by R.Rohr. 12 Word Fellowship	16 6:30 pm- Girl Scouts 8pm - AA Meeting (Co-Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm- Al-Anon Mtg.Kitch	17 FAT TUESDAY 9:30 am - Quilters Workshop 5:30-Fat Tues. Pancake Supper 7pm - Word Fellowship	18 ASH WEDNESDAY 1:00pm Ash Wed. Service 7:00pm Ash Wed Service	19	20 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	21 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA) 4pm- Word Fellowship
22 WELCA BUNCO 9:30-Cont. Worship 12 Word Fellowship 12pm WELCA Lunch and BUNCO Game.	23 6:30 - Girl Scouts 8pm - AA Meeting (Co-Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Sanctuary Kitchen	24 9:30am - Quilters Workshop 7pm - Word Fellowship	25 LENT SERVICE 9:30am Mary Martha Bible Study 7:00pm Lent Service	26	27 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	28 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA) 4pm- Word Fellowship