



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SIGNS OF NEW LIFE

April 2026



Gospel

John 11:25-26, where Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life,"
Matthew 28:6, declaring, "He is not here; he has risen!"

Easter Service: Sunday April 5th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

Sunday School: Sundays 10:30 am, Film of *Martin Luther*.

Maundy Thursday: Apr. 2nd at 7:00pm, Service

Friday Night Fish Fry: Apr. 3rd, 5:00 followed by a:
Good Friday service at 7:00pm.

Easter Egg Hunt: Sat. Apr. 4th, 11am– 2pm.

Easter Service: Sun. Apr. 5th, 9:30am.

WELCA Lunch: Wed. Apr. 8th, 11:30 am Women's Luncheon at *Burger Tex* on Hwy 25 in Pearland.

Orange St Cleanup: Apr. 11th, 8:30am on our Street in front of Newlife! Please join us!

Game Night: Sat. Apr. 25th. Pizza and Fun!

Quilters: Tuesdays 9:30 am, Help cut or tie knots

Gods Work our Hands: Sun. Apr. 26th

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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CHURCH FUNCTIONS

2026 New Life Council



President: Laura Strickland

Vice President: Nancy Bryars

Treasurer: Brenda Pritchett

Secretary: Elna Ritter

Council At Large: Jenaro Castillo, Cheryl Robinson, Lorraine Walls and **Student Representative:** Ryan Strickland

As a council, we welcome any and all feedback. Please feel free to reach out to the us with ideas, suggestions, or concerns to president@newlifelutheran.com.



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



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:

March General Funds Giving:	\$18,320.00
Needed for Month	\$18,628.00
Yearly General Funds Giving Thru March:	\$52,106.00
Needed for the Year Thru March Budget:	\$55,884.00

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

New Life Council Retreat & 2026 “Growing Branches” Vision



Our *Church Council* recently gathered for a two-day retreat filled with prayer, collaboration, and meaningful conversation as we focused on strategic planning for 2026.

We began Friday evening at New Life and continued our work on Saturday at *Christus Victor Lutheran Church* in League City, allowing

for dedicated time to reflect and plan together.

(Left to Right: *Pastor: Kim Little-Brooks, Council At Large: Jenaro Castillo, Treasurer: Brenda Pritchett, President: Laura Strickland, Vice President: Nancy Bryars, Secretary: Elna Ritter, At Large: Cheryl Robinson, Lorraine Walls and Student Representative: Ryan Strickland*)



renewed focus on seeking out and using the

gifts of our people, strengthening our sense of mission, welcoming and incorporating new members, and continuing to be a positive force in our community. These themes reflect who we are—and who we are called to become.

As part of this vision, we are embracing the theme “*Growing Branches*.” Inspired by our church logo, this reflects our desire to grow deeper in faith, extend our reach into the

community, and nurture new opportunities for connection, service, and discipleship.

We look forward to sharing more with the congregation next month as we continue to grow—together—with God’s guidance leading the way.

Palm Sunday and Baptism of *Iverson Maxwell Walls*



We Welcome:
IVERSON MAXWELL WALLS
To our family !!

Sound System Upgrade Brings New Energy to Worship



Exciting things are happening at New Life! We're thrilled to share that we've installed a brand-new sound mixing board—replacing our previous system with a more modern, capable, and flexible device. This upgrade is a big step forward in enhancing the quality and consistency of sound throughout our worship services.

Clear, balanced sound plays such an important role in how we experience music, scripture, and messages each week. With this new mixing board, we're better equipped to support our musicians,



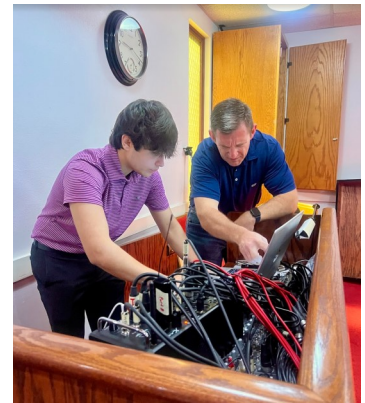
vocalists, and speakers—helping ensure that every word and note is heard with clarity.

This is just one of the ways we are continuing to invest in our church and improve the overall worship experience for everyone who walks through our doors.

A huge thank you goes out to *Michael Napoleon, Travis Lairson, Charlie Gaevert, and Ryan Strickland* for their time, expertise, and dedication in making this upgrade happen. We are so grateful for your willingness to serve behind the scenes!

They have been making important improvements to our sound and streaming capabilities, helping ensure that our worship services are more accessible and engaging for all—both in person and online. Thank you for using your time and talents to support our ministry!

We're excited for all that's ahead as we continue to grow and improve together.



GODS WORK OUR HANDS

To help our community we will be going out and volunteering. Please join us to make a difference!

1. Saturday 4-11 help clean up Orange Street in front of New Life Church.
2. Sunday 4-26 Sing at *Brookdale Nursing Home*.
3. Sunday 4-26 Assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.
4. Sunday 4-26 Help tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Thanks so much!!

VOLUNTEERS

Godly Play Youth Refresh



Our Godly Play room is getting a wonderful makeover! A heartfelt thank you to Vince Gottlieb and Evelyn Baldauf for their time, creativity, and dedication in transforming the space into a warm and welcoming environment for our children. Evelyn has

been working tirelessly to make it a place where faith can be nurtured in a meaningful and engaging way. We are so grateful for their efforts and can't wait for everyone to see it—especially on Easter Sunday!



THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS:

To *Vince Gottlieb* for emergency A/C work and other items around the church.

To *Vince Gottlieb* for painting the Godly Play room and hanging paintings on the wall.

To *Evelyn Baldauf* - Getting the Godly Play class organized for Sunday and for all her facilitation.

To *Doug Barron, Ryan Strickland, and Max Castillo* for Shrove Tuesday pancake & sausage / bacon cooking and dish cleaning.

To *Helen Beckman* for standing in for Pastor on Wednesday night *Lenten* service.

To *Helen* for organizing the funeral reception for Marjorie Schooley.

To *Michael Napoleon* and *Travis Lairson* for all their work setting up the new audio mixing board and getting it configured to work within the livestream.

To *Aimee Castillo* for hosting the annual Seder Meal.

QUILTERS



Please come and join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am to help us make quilts. It can be fun and simple as cutting, tying knots, eating snacks and having fun! (Snacks are provided)

We make quilts for ***Lutheran World Relief***. They gave quilts to 15 countries and victims of USA Hurricanes, California wildfires, severe weather and flooding



OUR MEMBERS: MINISTRY



Prayer Shawl Ministry 2026

We use *Prayer Shawls, Baby Afghans, and Baptismal Cloths* in our church services. We are looking for generous people to help us keep this ministry going. Thank you to all who have helped us by crocheting, knitting, donating or giving us supplies, so we can continue to do this caring ministry.

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

GAME NIGHT



Join us on *Game Night* on Saturday April 25th!

Adults and Children are welcome to join us for a fun evening!

Come to enjoy multiple games, free pizza

Pearland Meals on Wheels:

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to deliver food to those who need us. Future dates to keep in mind are: **Apr 27; May 1; June 22-26; Aug 17-21; Oct 12-16; Dec 7-11.** If you find you would like to help on any of these dates, call anytime. 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



BIBLE STUDY:



Mary Martha Bible Study Group

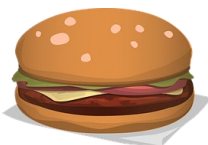
Wednesday April 15th - 9:30am.

All Women are welcome to come to join us!

No sign up necessary.

Senior Luncheon

Seniors 55+ - The first Wednesday of every month. Please join us this Month:



Burger Tex
3006 Broadway St.
Pearland Tx, 77581

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. Thank you so much for your donations !!!

In 2025 *New life Lutheran Church* gave over 3,588lbs of food of a value of \$6,422.00 to Christian Helping Hands!



Easter Egg Hunt April 4th This Saturday!

Please donate any plastic eggs or candy if you would love to support this!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 EASTER SUNDAY 9:30-Trad. Worship 10:30-Film-Martin Luther 12 Word Fellowship	6 6:30pm-Girl Scouts 8pm - AA Meeting (Co - Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon Meeting	7 9:30 am - Quilters Workshop 7pm - Word Fellowship	1 SENIOR LUNCH 12:00pm Sr. Lunch -	2 MAUNDY THURS. 7:00pm Maundy Service	3 GOOD FRIDAY 5 - 6:30pm Fish Fry 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	4 EGG HUNT 10:30am -Women AA 11am EGG HUNT 4pm- Word Fellowsh
12 NEW SIGN Dedication 9:30-Cont Worship 10:30-Film-Martin Luther 12 Word Fellowship	13 CHURCH COUNCIL 6:00 pm Council Mtg. 6:30 pm- Girl Scouts 8pm - AA Meeting (Co -Ed)	14 9:30 am - Quilters Workshop 7pm - Word Fellowship	8 WELCA LUNCH 11:30am Welca Luncheon- Burger Tex	9 10:00am Retired Teachers	10 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	11 ORANGE STREET CLEANUP 8:30am Street Clean 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA) 4pm- Word FellowSh
19 BAKE SALE 9:30-Cont. Worship and Bake Sale 10:30-Film-Martin Luther 12 Word Fellowship	20 6:30 - Girl Scouts 8pm - AA Meeting (Co - Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon Meeting	21 9:30am - Quilters 7pm - Word Fellowship	22 9:15am Mary Martha Bible Study	23 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	24 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	25 GAME NIGHT 10:30am - Phoenix Group 4pm - Word Fellow 5:00-8:00pm GAME NIGHT
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