



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SIGNS OF NEW LIFE

March 2026



Gospel of John 8:12

Jesus: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

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

Senior Luncheon: Wed. Mar. 4th , 12 pm.
Potluck. *Go Texan* Theme. Join us for the Food and Fun!

WELCA Lunch: Wed. Mar. 11th. 11:30 am
Women’s Luncheon at *Olive Garden* by Hwy 288.

Lenten Worship Services: Wed’s 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, at 7:00pm

Quilters: Tuesdays 9:30 am, Help cut or tie knots for Quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

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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CHURCH FUNCTIONS

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 and **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.

President, Laura Strickland



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:

February General Funds Givng:	\$18,946.00
Needed for Month	\$18,628.00
Yearly General Funds Giving Thru February:	\$33,692.00
Needed for the Year Thru December Budget:	\$37,256.00

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



March 2025 ENVIRONEWS by Helen Beckman

Thursday, March 12 is the monthly Garden Lecture on KPB Facebook live with *Brazoria County Master Gardeners*. The topic is **The War on Nutsedge**. In my opinion this is one of the hardest weeds to eliminate in the garden and especially in driveway crevices.

Saturday, March 21 is the monthly Paper Shredding Event at the *Stella Roberts Recycling Center* (SRRC) from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Individual members are free up to 4 boxes/monthly. Non-members are charged \$5 minimum or \$.39/lb., whichever is higher.

Many thanks to Laura and *Ryan Strickland, Terri Kiser, Cheryl Robinson and Helen Beckman* for picking up Litter on our adopt-a-spot, Orange Street from North Main to Schleider Drive on February 7 th . In 2 hours, we picked up 2 bags of trash, ½ a bag of recycling, and 341 cigarette butts.

Our next cleanup is in connection with *Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off*, a statewide Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Roadside Cleanup. A division of TXDOT is committed to the appearance of Texas highways by mowing, litter abatement, and planting of wildflowers. The slogan "*Don't Mess with Texas*" was coined by them for their litter abatement program. You may recall their TV ads featuring famous people and the big red, white, and blue trash barrels.

They also work closely with *Keep Texas Beautiful* and sponsor The Governor's Community achievement Award. Ten awards are given each year to Texas cities according to their population. The larger the city, the larger the prize. Pearland has won many times. The last time was in 2024. The first time, we planted Bradford Pear trees along East Broadway. Some are still there and will be blooming soon. The 2024 prize is for \$290,000 and may be used for artwork under SH 288.

Plastic bags are sometimes called urban tumbleweed and I'm often pulling them out from under bushes. This week I had a large white bag, source unknown, get blown high into my pine tree, where it's slowly shredding as the gusty winds keep it tossing about in perpetual motion. If it were Halloween, I could call it decoration. Since plastic doesn't biodegrade, most of this bag will probably just keep breaking down until small microscopic pieces will be consumed and enter into the food chain. If you use plastic bags, please handle them carefully so they won't blow around the neighborhood. They can be recycled at the grocery store.

VOLUNTEERS



Godly Play Youth Classroom

It is with great joy that Godly Play is officially moving into an area near the sanctuary. We will start in the sanctuary and after the morning prayer, we will move into the Godly Play classroom. The kids will return when the congregation participates in the Sharing of the Peace.

It is exciting to be back with the kids. It's a multigenerational opportunity to share the knowledge of the gospel with our children in a new and exciting way, in the retelling of the old old stories that we old old people learned so many years ago.

Special thanks this month to both *Karen Dahse* for putting together the beautiful bag that holds the Lenten lesson and *Cheryl Robinson* for her help in moving the first two shelves from the old classroom into the new. Godly Play cannot exist in our congregation or any other congregation without the love, prayers and support of the congregation itself!

Evelyn Baldauf

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS:



To *Evelyn Bauldauf* for serving 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* 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 C and Laura N* for leading the Christmas Pageant.

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

BOY SCOUT TRIBUTE : SUPER BOWL OF CARING



Scout Sunday at New Life , Recently, we celebrated Scout Sunday at New Life, giving thanks for all who have been part of Scouting over the years — our Eagle Scouts, current Scouts, Scoutmasters, leaders, and everyone who has worn the uniform and lived out the Scout values of service, leadership, and character.

We are grateful for all who gather, serve, and worship at New Life, and we extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who participated in our Souper Bowl of Caring collection. The generous food donations were delivered to Christian Helping Hands, helping care for our neighbors in need. This is what loving our neighbors looks like — together!

Laura Strickland

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We greatly thank our 2026 Council for hosting the Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It was delicious and everyone had a great time. See great pictures on next page!

PANCAKE SUPPER



Mardi Gras / Shrove Tuesday at New Life



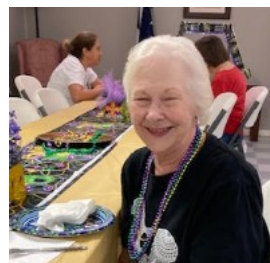
What a wonderful evening of fellowship, laughter, and plenty of delicious pancakes! Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was lovingly prepared by our Church Council, and we are grateful for their servant leadership and hard work in making the evening so special.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and to all who contributed to the meal. Gathering around the table to share food and conversation is such a meaningful part of our life together at New Life.

As we observed Ash Wednesday and began the season of Lent, we entered a sacred time of reflection, prayer, and preparation. May this holy season draw us closer to Christ and to one another as we journey through Lent together.



Blessings to our New Life family.



QUILTERS



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

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.

Our Quilters are currently working on more quilts to be sent to those in need at the end of this year!



OUR MEMBERS: MINISTRY



Prayer Shawl made for our Ministry

This blue *prayer shawl* was made to comfort and remind the receiver of God's love and ours while they are going through healing.



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**.



Pearland Meals on Wheels:

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteers to feed those 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 March 18th - 9:30am.

Everyone is Welcome to come to join us!

See our picture on the next page.

Senior Luncheon

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

Go Texan!



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.



We are hosting another Easter Egg Hunt this year!
Please donate any plastic eggs or candy if you would love to support this!

COMMUNITY



Mary Martha Bible Study

March 18th at 9:30 am

Please join us!



(WOW) Women of Worth

Friday Nights 6pm for
snacks and games.

Please Join us ... All are
Welcome!

Orange Street Clean Up

Thank You to the Volunteers who helped us clean up our street.
(Orange St., Pearland Tx.) They picked up trash and cigarette

butts in front of *New Life Church* from *Telephone Rd.* to *Schleider Dr.*

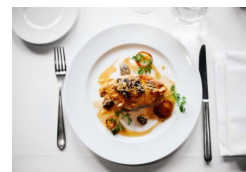
Left to Right: Laura Strickland, Helen Beckman, Cheryl Robinson and Ryan
Strickland. **Below:** Terri Kiser



SEDER MEAL

Our ***Seder Meal*** is on Tuesday, March 31st, at
6:30pm.

The Passover Meal is hosted by Amy Castillo. The meal is open to the
congregation. Please sign our sign up sheets.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30-Trad. Worship 10:30am - <i>Immortal Diamond</i> 12 Word Fellowship	2 Meals on Wheels 8pm - AA Meeting (Co - Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon Meeting	3 Meals on Wheels 9:30 am - Quilters 7pm - Word Fellowship	4 SENIOR LUNCH Meals on Wheels 12:00pm Sr. Lunch - Go Texan Theme 7:00pm LENTEN Serv	5 PROPERTY MTG. Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Property Committee	6 Meals on Wheels 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	7 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA) 4pm- Word Fellowship
8 Honor Girl Scouts *Daylight Savings Forward up 1hr 9:30-Cont. Worship 10:30-Immort. Dia. 12 Word Fellowship	9 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 LUNCH 11:30am Welca Luncheon- <i>Olive</i> <i>Garden</i> 7:00pm LENTEN Service	12	13 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	14 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA) 4pm- Word Fellowship
15 9:30-Trad. Worship 10:30am - <i>Immortal Diamond</i> 12 Word Fellowship	16 6:30 pm- Girl Scouts 8pm - AA Meeting (Co - Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon Meeting	17 ST.PATRICKS DAY 9:30 am - Quilters 7pm - Word Fellows	18 Lenten Service 7:00pm LENTEN Service	19	20 Spring Begins 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	21 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA) 4pm- Word Fellowship
22 9:30-Cont. Worship 10:30am - <i>Immortal Diamond</i> 12 Word Fellowship	23 6:30 - Girl Scouts 8pm - AA Meeting (Co - Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon Meeting	24 9:30am - Quilters 7pm - Word Fellowship	25 Lenten Service 9:30am Mary Martha Bible Study 7:00pm LENTEN Service	26	27 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & Games Fellowship Hall	28 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA) 4pm- Word Fellowship
29 PALM SUNDAY 9:30-Cont. Worship 10:30am - <i>Immortal Diamond</i> 12 Word Fellowship	30 6:30 - Girl Scouts 8pm - AA Meeting (Co - Ed) - Fellowship Hall 8pm - Al-Anon Meeting	31 SEDER MEAL 9:30am - Quilters 6:30 - Seder Meal 7pm - Word Fellowship				