



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SIGNS OF NEW LIFE

July 2026



"God of all nations, we come to You with grateful hearts as we celebrate the **250th anniversary** of the United States.

We thank You for the ideals upon which this land was founded and the resilience that has carried us through times of trial.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

Adult Sunday School: Studying the Book: *The Universal Christ*, at 11:00am after service.

WELCA Lunch: June 10th. Magnolia Tea Room.

250th USA Anniversary: Sat. July 4th !!!

Mary Martha Bible Study: Wed. July 15th 9:15am. Join us for great learning.

Quilters: Tues. 9:30am, Come help us tie Quilts for the Lutheran World Relief

School Kits: We are collecting items in July for the children's school kits.

Fundraiser: Please bring Aluminum Cans and pull tops for the Youth who are raising funds for their ongoing projects.

Seafarers: Please bring your empty shoe boxes for their christmas gifts packed during Senior Lunch in Dec.

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



Left to Right: Lorraine Walls, Elna Ritter, Brenda Pritchett, Jenaro Castillo, Nancy Bryars, Laura Strickland, Ryan Strickland, and Cheryl Robinson.

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.



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:

June Funds Giving:	\$16,543.00
Needed for Month	\$18,628.00
Yearly General Funds Giving Thru June:	\$108,986.00
Needed for the Year Thru June (Budget)	\$111,768.00
Thank you for your generosity, Stewardship Team, Church Council	

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

Gulf Coast Synod Assembly



In May, I had the privilege of attending the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Assembly at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Sugar Land alongside Pastor Kim Little-Brooks and Pastor Bonnie Grimaldi as New Life's voting members.

This year's theme, **"How Can We Keep From Singing?"**, was a wonderful reminder that even in changing times, we are called to lift our voices in hope, faith, and praise. It was especially meaningful to gather for the first Synod Assembly led by Bishop Tracey Breashears-Schultz following her election last year. She shared her vision for the synod centered on three simple but powerful priorities: **Connection, Compassion, and Communication.**

Throughout the weekend, we worshiped together, conducted the business of the church, and heard inspiring stories of the many ways God is at work across our synod. One of the greatest blessings was connecting with fellow Lutherans from nearly 90 congregations across our seven conferences. It was encouraging to hear how other churches are serving their communities while also sharing many of the same joys and challenges we experience at New Life.



I came home grateful for the opportunity to represent our congregation and reminded that New Life is part of something much larger. We may be a small church, but together with our synod we are sharing Christ's love throughout Texas and Louisiana.



Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue this work together. We look forward to next year's Synod Assembly, which will be hosted by House of Prayer Lutheran in Clear Lake.

Laura Strickland
Council President | New Life
Lutheran Church



Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod

As hurricane season begins, we are closely monitoring a disturbance in the Gulf that could bring heavy rainfall, flash flooding, and hazardous travel conditions to portions of the Texas and Louisiana coast.

We encourage everyone to stay informed through trusted weather sources and to take time now to prepare. Check emergency supplies, charge important devices, review family plans, and be ready for changing conditions.

Please remember:

- Never drive through standing water. Floodwaters can be deeper and more dangerous than they appear.
- Avoid unnecessary travel during periods of heavy rain.
- Be prepared for possible power outages and localized flooding.
- Check on neighbors, especially older adults, those living alone, and others who may need assistance.

As people of faith, we are called to care for one another in times of uncertainty. Let us keep all those who may be affected by this weather system in our prayers, along with first responders, emergency personnel, utility workers, and community leaders who stand ready to serve.

May God grant wisdom to those making decisions, protection to those in harm's way, and peace to all who are watching and waiting.

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." —

Hebrews 6:19

Please continue to monitor local forecasts and heed the guidance of emergency officials.

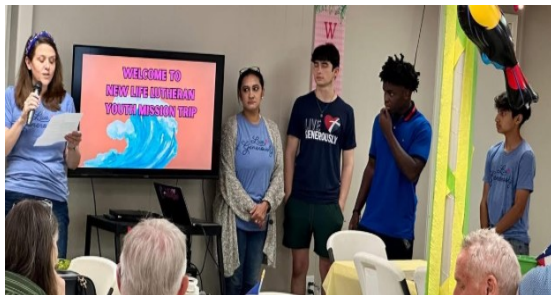
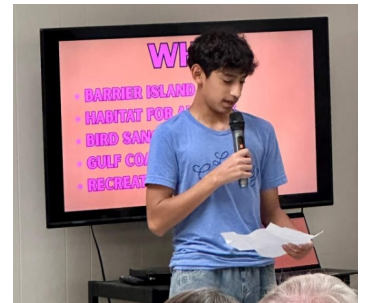
~ *Maritza Sprague*, TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod Disaster Relief Coordinator

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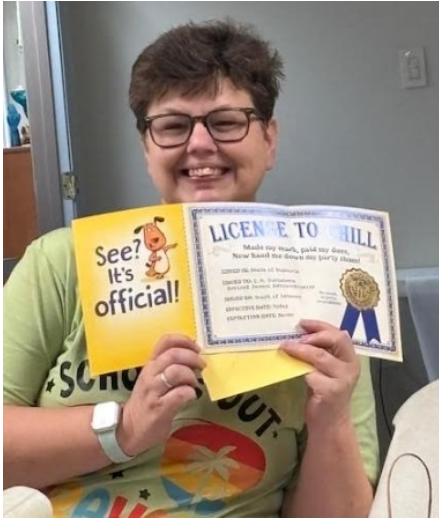
WAFFLE BRUNCH AND RAFFLE FOR THE YOUTH'S MISSION TRIP

RAFFLED ITEMS :

- TURTLE QUILT
- DATE NIGHT BASKET
- ASTRO'S BASKET
- ALTAR FLOWERS



RETIREMENT



Congratulations to *Merideth Oliver*.
She has retired and received a
“License to Chill” !!

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS:



To **Aimee Castillo** for making a lovely detailed slide presentation of the boys and the mission trip during the Waffle Brunch.

To **Vince Gottlieb** for the *new faucet* and plumbing !

To **Travis Lairson** for coordinating the acquisition, moving and tuning of the new *baby grand piano* !

To **Doug Barron** for *breaker panel* help.

To the teen boys (**youth**) and **parents** for a great Breakfast *Waffle brunch* and those who supported them.

To **Laura Strickland** for making the 'Growing branches' temple talk at Sunday worship service.

To **Tamsey Mims** for donating her altar flowers purchase for a raffle at the Brunch.

To **Laura Strickland** for coordinating the purchase of the karaoke machine.

To **Helen Beckman** for purchasing new letters for our new outside sign!



July 2026 Environews - *Helen Beckman*

Keep Pearland Beautiful .



We had a great time at the 3rd Annual *Mothers Day Walk & Celebration*. Our station was along the Nature Trail and was the "**Plant in Honor of**" booth. We got to meet so many community members and enjoyed hearing the sweet memories of their mothers and grandmothers.



Celebrate America's 250th: Rooted in Our Community



Keep Pearland Beautiful thanks *Burns & McDonnell* for not only choosing them as their 2026 Charity of Choice, but also for their generous donation to our organization. This gift will greatly benefit our community programs. We also extend a huge thank you to their Pearland team for donating garden bed restoration supplies and spending their time rebuilding multiple beds in our Pearland Community Garden!

NEW LIFE SIGN



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA !!

We are HAPPY to Celebrate the **250th year anniversary** in America.

We are honored to freely gather and pray.



Thank you to *Diane Tanksley* for her time keeping us informed and entertained!
Keep watching for the fun notices !!



VBS = VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST Mon 3RD TO Fri 7TH
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Invite all children to join us for Bible Study this summer. Fun, Snacks and Learning is being planned. Look for the sign up sheets to add their name !!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Crocheters and Knitters Needed:

Please help us knit or crochet Prayer Shawls for our ministry. We have a good supply of yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles.

Recently I had the opportunity to hand deliver one of our beautiful prayer shawls. The recipient was surprised to receive this "labor of love" from our church. I told her that she was on our *Prayer List*, and we were advised that she had just started Chemo treatments. We hoped that this prayer shawl would give her warmth, comfort and peace during her treatments. She was very thankful that people she did not know were praying for her. I had selected a purple prayer shawl for her and it turned out that this is her favorite color! When she attended one of our church services, I introduced her to the lady that crocheted that shawl, who happens to be a cancer survivor. Lots of hugs, a few tears and encouraging words were exchanged. This is one example of why this ministry is so important.

Thank you for the huge donation of yarn and accessories from Marjorie Schooley's family and delivered to us by Roger Schooley.

Please contact **Julie Watkins** for more information. auntjuliesings@yahoo.com



PRAYER TEAM



We have a caring group of people who pray for those listed on our *Prayer List*.

We receive prayer requests by the yellow cards submitted on Sundays, information submitted via the QR codes, emails sent to the church office or phone calls to the church office. Please let us know if you have any prayer requests.

If you have submitted a prayer request, and you have an update you would like to share with the Prayer Team, please let us know. We like to know that our prayers have been answered.

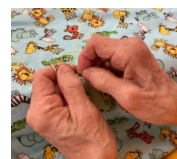
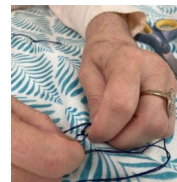
Thank you!
Blessings, Julie , auntjuliesings@yahoo.com

QUILTERS



We make quilts for *Lutheran World Relief*. They were sent to 15 countries and victims of USA Hurricanes, California and Hawaii wildfires.

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



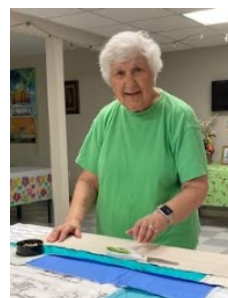
We were honored this month to have live entertainment provided by *Bubba Flowers* who plays guitar and sings beautifully!



LIZZY WALLACE HELPING



Thank You Lupe for donating the sheets to be used for many quilts to come !!



Meals on Wheels



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped with MOW in June! I really appreciate everyone who responded. I wasn't able to fit everyone in, but that is a good thing! If you weren't able to help this time, you will have another chance August 17-21.

Have a great July (try to stay cool and hydrated).

Future dates to keep in mind are: 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.

Barbara Flowers
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BABY GRAND PIANO

Thank you to **ALL** who took time and worked hard to get us our beautiful *baby grand piano* for our Sunday services.



Thank you, church, for helping me go to **Lutherhill High Adventure Camp** this summer.

It was probably my favorite time at *Lutherhill*. I loved cliff jumping and being in nature. I appreciate all your love and support.

Love, **Max Castillo**

OUR MEMBERS: MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Ministry 2026



Thank you for the yarn that was donated to help us make prayer shawls that comfort and remind them that God is with them.

We are **looking for generous people** to help us keep this ministry going. Thank you to all who have helped us by crocheting, knitting, and donating 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

Game Night will be Sat. Aug. 15th, 5-8pm

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

We enjoy multiple games, free pizza and fun!



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: **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.



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BIBLE STUDY

Mary Martha Bible Study Group

Wednesday July 15th at 9:30am.

All Women are welcome! Please join us!



No sign up necessary.

Senior Luncheon

Come Join us for potluch on July 3rd at Noon to Celebrate 250 YEARS of our Country!!! Our Theme: RED, WHITE, AND BLUE !



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. Please donate by bringing us *cans, boxes of food, egg cartons* and used *grocery bags*. 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! Thank you for caring !

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 SENIOR LUNCH 12:00 pm - Pot Luck Lunch, <i>Roy Johnson</i> on the History of Pearland!	2 PROPERTY MEETING 6pm - Property Meeting	3 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & LCR, Fellowship Hall	4 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA) 4pm- Word Fellowship
5 9:30-Trad. Worship 12 Word Fellowship	6 8pm - AA Meeting - Fellowship Hall 8pm - AI-Anon Meeting	7 9:30 am - Quilters Workshop 7pm - Word Fellowship	8 WELCA LUNCH 10:00am Worship Committee Mtg. 11:30am Welca Lunch, Thong Phuong Restaurant	8	10 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & LCR, Fellowship Hall	11 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA) 4pm- Word Fellowship
12 9:30-Cont. Worship 12 Word Fellowship Worship	13 8pm - AA Meeting - Fellowship Hall 8pm - AI-Anon Meeting	14 9:30 am - Quilters Workshop 7pm - Word Fellowship	15 BIBLE STUDY 9:15am Mary Martha Bible Study	16	17 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & LCR, Fellowship Hall	18 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA) 4pm- Word Fellowship
19 9:30-Trad. Worship 12 Word Fellowship	20 8pm - AA Meeting - Fellowship Hall 8pm - AI-Anon Meeting	21 9:30am - Quilters 7pm - Word Fellowship	22	23	24 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & LCR, Fellowship Hall	25 10:30am - Phoenix Group (Women's AA) 4pm- Word Fellowship
26 9:30-Cont. Worship 12 Word Fellowship	27 8pm - AA Meeting - Fellowship Hall 8pm - AI-Anon Meeting	28 9:30am - Quilters 7pm - Word Fellowship	29	30	31 6pm (WOW)- Women of Worth - Potluck & LCR, Fellowship Hall	