

# NEW LIFE

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## Hang On



Don't Let Go

## Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, March 2nd

Senior (55+) Luncheon

Confirmation Class

Lenten Soup Supper, LYO, Lent Vespers, Faith Talk

Thursday, March 3rd

Property Team

Saturday, March 5th

Lydia Circle Bible Study

Sunday, March 6th

Noisy Offering – Lutherhill

Wednesday, March 9th

WELCA Lunch Bunch @ Busy Bee

Confirmation Class

Lenten Soup Supper, LYO, Lent Vespers, Faith Talk

Thursday, March 10th

GLOW

Saturday, March 12th

Campus Clean-up

Friendship Circle Game Night

Friday, March 11th – Sunday, March 13th

Lutherhill – Elementary Retreat

Monday, March 14th

Church Council

Tuesday, March 15th

Men's Night Out

Wednesday, March 16th

Mary Martha Bible Study

Westside Seniors Lunch @ Olive Garden

Lenten Soup Supper, LYO, Lent Vespers, Faith Talk

Friday, March 18th

WOW

Saturday, March 19th

Campus Clean-Up

Lydia Circle Bible Study

Sunday, March 20th

Palm Sunday

HOLY WEEK

Tuesday, March 22nd Seder Meal

Thursday, March 24th Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 25th Good Friday

Sunday, March 20th

EASTER Breakfast/Party

Wednesday, March 30th

Confirmation Class (7th Graders Join)



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## Pastor's Ponderings...

*...for people like us... in times like this...*

*"March Madness— When Every Sunday is EASTER Sunday!"*

Dear Friends and Disciples @ New Life,

March madness? Here's what St. Luke reported... "

*But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!"*

March Madness; and sometimes in April! How would you feel? It does get sorted out. It's our turn. March Madness will be here soon... the "Super Tuesday" kind, the Spring break kind... the ending of Lent kind... the NCAA basketball playoffs kind and finally the Holy Week and Easter kind... and "March Madness" may just be an appropriate title for the Easter celebration...

I saw the movie, "**Risen**" recently and it depicts the actions of the Roman government, the Jewish Temple leaders and Jesus' disciples coming to grips with his death, burial, resurrection and what follows... and in a sense... the story is still ongoing! It's why we gather for worship on Sundays... thus every Sunday is Easter Sunday!

There's an old story told of a dad and mom driving to worship on Easter morning...the children were so excited for lots and lots of reasons...here's how the conversation went in the car...

Dad began to tell the Easter story to the children... "***you remember that Jesus loves us and that he died on the cross for the sins of the world, right?***" And the children said, "***Yes, we know Jesus loves us...***" Then mom said, "***Well, this is the day we celebrate Jesus coming back to life!***" Just then the 3-year-old, Corey, piped up from the back asking... "***Will JESUS be in church today?***" So what do we say to those we love when we are asked a question like this? "***Of course he will,***" we respond because we know that when two or more are gathered in Jesus' name, he is present in us and with us... his Word provides the certain guarantee that he is present... the waters of our baptism remind us that God's son is with us forgiving us daily and when we come to his table and eat and drink together in faith... we are refreshed and empowered by his very presence in our lives... it's the kind of thing that makes us rush to worship on Easter because we know he is there... and yet the great irony is that the whole story began with the announcement... "***you are looking for Jesus... he's not here....***"

So, come join in the 'madness' and let God's peace take over your life! People show up for Easter because they know something "special" happened and it is going to happen again! The music will be magnified... the songs will reflect God's glory and in the meantime lots of preparation (40 days of Lent, new clothes, hearty breakfast, trumpets and a smiling choir, etc.) are being tended to for the unfolding of the day... Family and faith go hand in hand and this is a time when families come together and express their faith... a faith passed down for hundreds and hundreds of years... and now it's our turn... See you Sunday... as every Sunday is Easter!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brie".

OUR FATHER  
IN HEAVEN;  
HALLOWED IS  
YOUR NAME

YOUR KINGDOM  
COME, YOUR  
WILL BE DONE  
ON EARTH AS  
IT IS IN HEAVEN



GIVE US THIS DAY  
OUR DAILY BREAD  
AND FORGIVE US  
OUR TRESSPASSES

LEAD US NOT INTO  
TEMPTATION AND  
DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE  
POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER AND  
EVER. AMEN.

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*Come consider 58 of the most  
powerful words in the Bible  
over the 40 days of a season of  
prayer, fasting and sacrifice!*

## LENT 2016 \*

FEB 17	6:00 pm	"Soup Supper"	7 PM	<i>"Your kingdom come; your will be done"</i>
FEB 24	6:00 pm	"Soup Supper"	7 PM	<i>"Give us this day our daily bread"</i>
MAR 2	6:00 pm	"Soup Supper"	7 PM	<i>"Forgive us our sins as we forgive..."</i>
MAR 9	6:00 pm	"Soup Supper"	7 PM	<i>"Lead us not into temptation but deliver..."</i>
MAR 16	6:00 pm	"Soup Supper"	7 PM	<i>"For yours is the Kingdom and the power..."</i>

LENTEN SERVICES			March 2 Lent 7:00 P.M.	March 9 Lent 7:00 P.M.	March 16 Lent 7:00 P.M.
Acolyte			Michael Scott	Madison Lassiter	Kyle Flick
Assisting			Matt Scott	Michael Porter	Nancy Bryars
Ushers			Charles Foster Saundra Foster	Jay Tillis Jim Burkard	Susie Wellman Tamsey Mims





Sign up today and reserve your Easter Lilies.  
They are \$12 each. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Be sure to mark your check and envelope "Easter Lilies." You can pick up your lilies after the 10:30 am Easter service on March 27th.

Pick up your Cross today in the Narthex for \$10. These can be put in your yard or window. Place the blank side to be seen through Lent and then on Easter morning turn around to reveal "He is Risen!"

Be sure to mark your check or envelope "Easter Cross." Checks can be made out to either *New Life Lutheran Church* or *Women of the ELCA*. For additional information please contact Cheryl Robinson at 713.471.4128.



### *Living Cross - Live Flowers and Greenery*

During Easter and Sunrise church services across the country this coming Sunday morning, many worshippers will participate in the poignant practice of "flowering the Easter cross." As part of this custom, each worshipper is invited to pick out a fresh flower from an assortment of lilies, daisies, tulips, carnations and other spring delights, or may bring a flower from their garden at home. Then comes the meaningful moment when each individual approaches the cross— often on the lawn or perhaps at the altar— and stands before the cross to place their flower upon it with reflection and reverence. Often, families stand together at the cross, each picking out a special spot for their flower.

Like the unfolding of a worshipful orchestra, eventually the cross is completely covered in beautiful flowers in a brilliant array of color, light and lovely fragrance. A symbol of death, darkness, pain and hopelessness is transformed into something beautiful, new and alive in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. This practice of creative Easter worship was no doubt inspired by the artistic world, since symbolic flowering crosses can be found in Christian art as early as the Sixth Century.

## **WHAT: Jonathan Rundman Concert**

**WHERE:** House of Prayer Lutheran Church  
14045 Space Center Blvd. Houston, TX

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 6th at 7:00pm

**WHY:** Fun, Fellowship and Fundraising  
(Freewill offering collected for Water to Thrive to build water wells in Africa)

**WHO:** Everyone! All are welcome!!

**QUESTIONS:** Pastor Pete at  
[pastor.pete@rocketmail.com](mailto:pastor.pete@rocketmail.com)  
or 832-906-0583,  
[www.houseofprayerhouston.org](http://www.houseofprayerhouston.org)

**water to thrive**  
BUILD WELLS CHANGE LIVES



## Lent Soup Supper Volunteers needed!

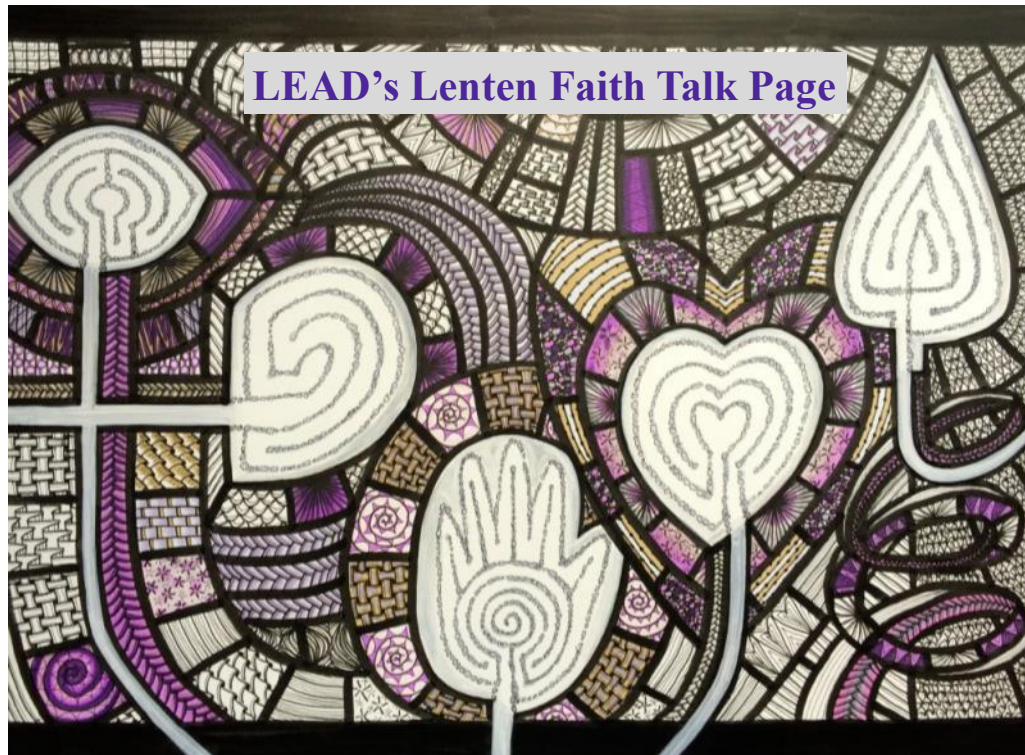
Just as for Advent, volunteers are needed to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up for the New Life Soup Suppers.

Also needed are volunteers to bring soup, crackers, bread, desserts for each Wednesday's meal.

Lent Soup Suppers are at 6pm and are for the following dates:

MAR 2   MAR 9   and   MAR 16

Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex or you can contact Coleen at 281-485-1818 or [Coleen@newlifelutheran.com](mailto:Coleen@newlifelutheran.com) to sign up to bring food items or volunteer for a night in the kitchen.



LEAD's Lenten Faith Talk Page



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**SUN: 03/20**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**BLESSING OF THE QUILTS**

8:00 am TRADITIONAL LITURGY

9:15 am SUNDAY'S COOL

BASKETS OF PROMISE (PACK KITS)

10:30 am CASUAL SETTING WITH HOUSE BAND



**TUES: 03/22**

6:30 pm SEDER MEAL



**THURS: 03/23**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY & FIRST COMMUNION**

7:00 pm MAUNDY SERVICE & FIRST COMMUNION



**FRIDAY: 03/24**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

4:00 pm GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

5:00 pm FISH FRY

7:00 pm GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



**SUNDAY: 03/27**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

7:30 am CHOIR PRACTICE

8:00 am TRADITIONAL LITURGY

9:00 am EASTER BREAKFAST

9:30 am EASTER EGG HUNT

10:30 am CASUAL SETTING WITH HOUSE BAND



SERVICES	MARCH 24 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. ONLY	MARCH 25 GOOD FRIDAY
ACOLYTE:	WILLIAM SINACORI	
ASSISTING:	DENISE JURGENS	4:00 P.M. NANCY BRYARS 7:00 P.M. AIMEE SANDOVAL
COMMUNION:	CAROLE WRIGHT JESSICA GESTL	
LAY READER	FRANK JURGENS	4:00 P.M. HELEN BECKMAN 7:00 P.M. JAMIE HILLIARD
NURSERY:	JACKIE CRAWFORD	
GREETERS:	WALT WRIGHT DONNA PATSCHKE	
USHERS:	CHARLIE GAEVERT JAY TILLIS	4:00 P.M. KAREN SWEET CHENEY 7:00 P.M. MILT THOMAS DEANNA GERBER



# 40 Days. Countless Lives Changed.

This season of Lent, your congregation's journey can be the beginning of a better future for communities in need around the world! Reach out as Christ's hands with Lutheran World Relief through these special opportunities.

## BASKETS of PROMISE

This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's **Baskets of Promise** campaign. Each week, we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble 50 LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

### HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

#### FEBRUARY 14

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



#### FEBRUARY 21

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



#### FEBRUARY 28

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)



#### MARCH 6

Combs



#### MARCH 13

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



#### MARCH 20 (PALM SUNDAY)

Bars of Soap

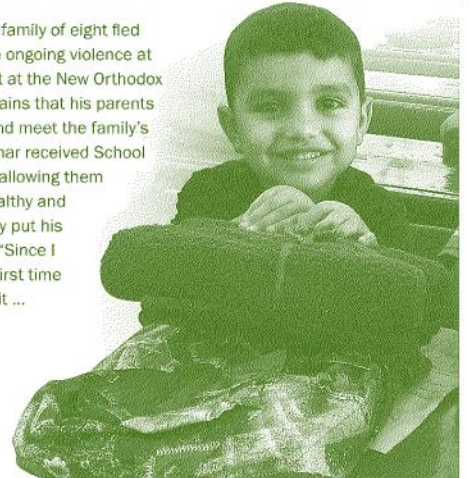


## BASKETS of PROMISE

*"I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13 (NRSV)*

This is 9-year-old **OMAR**. His family of eight fled Syria to Jordan to escape the ongoing violence at home. Omar is now a student at the New Orthodox School in Jordan, but he explains that his parents cannot send him to school and meet the family's other needs. Children like Omar received School Kits and Personal Care Kits, allowing them to attend school and stay healthy and avoid absences. Omar quickly put his new supplies to use, saying, "Since I arrived in Jordan, this is the first time I received such a complete kit ... Thank you for my present!"

To learn more about how you can help those affected by the violence in Syria, visit [lwr.org/syria](http://lwr.org/syria).



JOIN US FOR OUR PERSONAL CARE KIT ASSEMBLY ON:

## BASKETS OF PROMISE



Collect and assemble **LWR Personal Care Kits** and provide basic sanitation and hygiene items for families coping with some of life's most difficult situations. In places like the Philippines, Personal Care Kits allow families who have lost their belongings in devastating typhoons to stay healthy and clean and preserve personal dignity.

Meet on Sunday,  
March 20th during  
the Sunday's Cool  
hour to pack kits  
and boxes.

Starting the 500th  
celebration of  
Reformation with LWR



Lutheran World Relief  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

800.597.5972 | [lwr.org](http://lwr.org)



Dear Friend in Christ,

Greetings from Lutheran World Relief! And thank you for making Eco-Palms a part of your congregation's Palm Sunday celebration.

When your congregation purchases Eco-Palms through LWR, you know that the harvesters were paid fairly for them and that your purchase helps **protect important forests** and **sustainable livelihoods** in the harvesting communities.

Waving Eco-Palms makes a big difference in the lives of palm harvesters and their communities. Eco-Palms not only pay harvesters a fair price, they also promote sustainable harvesting practices that create long-lasting sources of income.

## Why Eco-Palms?

In the typical palm trade:

- Large floral export firms encourage over-harvesting: they pay by volume for palms and then throw away large amounts that aren't export quality.
- Over-harvesting damages forests where the palm plants thrive.

Forests are depleted and palm-selling communities lose this important source of income.

## How are Eco-Palms different?

- The palms are gathered and sold in a **socially and environmentally just** way.
- Harvesters are paid a **fair price** per palm based on quality, so they take fewer palms out of the forest, which protects important nature reserves.
- Community members sort, package and sell the palms themselves — not via middlemen — so more of the money paid for the palms stays with the people who worked the hardest to provide them.
- Because there is a steady market for the palms, locals are motivated to **protect the forests** (their source of income), ensuring harvests well into the future.

Harvesting communities receive 5-6 times the normal payment per frond.







# THRIVENT FINANCIAL®

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Thrivent Action Teams are helping us  
fund events at New Life.

(see Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper Pics  
on page 10)



2015 Easter Morning Pancake  
Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt



**Did you know that Thrivent's Action Team Cards (\$250.00), which is one of the benefits of being a Thrivent member, helped New Life offset the cost of the recent Pancake Dinner, helped provide personal hygiene items for the Port of Houston's Seafarers, helped New Life's LYO to purchase drinks for this year's Fall Festival and the barbeque served at this fall's Chris Knight concert, and the list goes on.**

**This Easter, New Life will be providing an Easter breakfast between services and will be hold an Easter Egg Hunt for New Life's members and friends' children.**



**Please consider using one of YOUR Thrivent Action Team opportunities to help fund the Easter festivities.**

### How it works

Think about an unmet need in your community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- Promotional banner, Invitations, and thank-you cards. Thrivent Action Team T-shirts.
- A \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials.

### How often am I eligible?

All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each member can lead per year depends on his or her membership type. [Benefit members](#) are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and [associate members](#) are eligible to lead one per calendar year (maximum of three).

## Pancake Supper

Shrove Tuesday - Mardi Gras

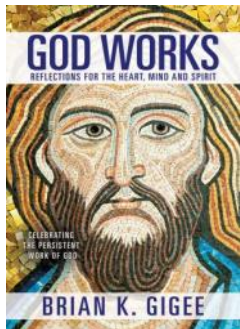
Pastor Giguee's Birthday Party







January Annual Meeting 2016  
Quorum with successful comprehensive meeting that followed.



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By Pastor Brian Giguee  
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Sign Up on the Yellow Card to  
join the God Works Sunday's  
Cool Class for Lent.

**The Art & SCIENCE of Love**  
A Workshop for Couples



The *Art & Science of Love Workshop*, written by Dr. John Gottman, and presented by Dr. Don & Carrie Cole, is a two-day workshop designed to strengthen relationships through engaging presentations and experiential activities. If you have a good relationship, this workshop will provide you with the insights and tools to make it a great one. If your relationship is distressed, this workshop will provide a roadmap for repair.

John Gottman, PH. D. has learned what really makes marriages work by studying and following over 3000 couples in 30+ years of research. John and his wife, Dr. Julie Schwartz Gottman, have designed this workshop to teach couples exactly what successful couples do to foster romance and harmony in their relationships.

During the first day, couples will learn how to build fondness, admiration, and closeness in their relationships. On the second day, couples work on conflict management while learning new and important communication skills. Couples will work privately on exercises designed to address the challenges in their real-life relationship. Gottman certified therapists will be available to support couples one-on-one with exercises.

**THERE IS NO GROUP WORK OR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.** CEU credits available for therapists who attend with their partner.

**The Art & Science of Love Workshop for 2016:**

June 4-5, 2016    October 1-2, 2016

To register or request additional information

Go to [WWW.CRWHOUSTON.COM](http://WWW.CRWHOUSTON.COM)

Or call 281-480-0200



## New Life Seniors' Opportunities

(open to all persons age 55 and up)



New Life Seniors monthly luncheon will be on  
**March 2nd**  
at noon.

### It's RODEO Time

Join the Seniors for Brisket and wear your western gear!

**Food, Fellowship, and Fun!**

Bring your favorite entrée, side dish, or dessert. For questions, please contact Helen Beckman at 281.485.3159.



The Westside Senior Luncheon will meet on March 16th at 11:45am



### Friendship Circle Game Night

The Friendship Circle will meet on Saturday, March 12th. Everyone (families, married, single, everyone!) interested in playing cards, dominoes, or board games are welcomed to join in the fun. Bring snacks, friends, and your favorite games. We start at 6:00 pm enjoying snacks and fellowship. The games start around 6:30 pm and we usually finish at 9:00 pm. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Brown at 281.798.2138.



## "Men's Night Out"

**Tuesday, March 15th**  
**6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

Please join the men of New Life in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00. We will make final plans for the upcoming work day and share information on other upcoming events.



At around 6:30, we will depart for Stadia Grill on Pearland Parkway for an evening of wings, burgers and sports on their big screens. Come join in the fun.

For information contact any participating member of Lutheran Men in Mission  
RSVP to [MenInMission@newlifelutheran.com](mailto:MenInMission@newlifelutheran.com) or the church office at 281.485.1818.



As of February 11, 2016, **640** prayer shawls have been made and distributed to those in need.

New Life holds a "Yarn Lovers" group to teach and learn knitting and/or crochet to help with creating the shawls. We meet every Monday in the DVD room at 7pm. If you are interested in joining "Yarn Lovers," please contact Karen in the church office @ 281-485-1818 or Carole Wright @ 713-826-8749.





**WOMEN OF THE ELCA** is the women's organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As a partner in the total ministry of the church, the organization affirms, supports and challenges women in their daily ministries at home and around the world. **All women** of the congregation are included and **ALL** are invited to any of the opportunities listed below for fellowship and friendship. For more information, call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508 or Cheryl Robinson at 713.471.4128.

**WELCA LUNCH BUNCH** (all the women of the church) Women of New Life will enjoy lunch on Wednesday, March 9th at Busy Bee on 518 at 11:30am with their spouses and friends. Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

**THE MARY-MARTHA BIBLE STUDY** continues bible study from the Gather magazine on **Wednesday, March 16th with Helen Beckman leading. We meet in the education building at 9:30am for coffee and chatting and get our bibles open soon after to the book of Philippians Paul wrote while he was in prison..** Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

**THE LYDIA BIBLE STUDY CIRCLE** will meet on Saturdays, March 5th and 19th, at 10:30 am in the conference room in the administration building. All women are invited. This bible study is from the women's *Gather* magazine. This bible study is titled "Being of One Mind" The lesson is about Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul urges the early church to be of "the same mind" as Christ and care about others' interests more than their own. Bible verses covered is Philippians 2:19-4:3 . If you need more details or have questions call Barbara Brown at 281.798.2138 or Cheryl Robinson at 713.471.4128.



WOW will meet on Friday, March 18th at 7pm

All Women 16 and up are welcome! Please bring a friend, snack to share, and any beverage of choice. Set up snacks at 6:30pm. Questions? Contact Karen at office@newlifelutheran

## SAVE THE DATES:

**The Spring SE Cluster Meeting will be held April 9th at St Paul's Lutheran in Baytown. New Life's, Rachel Meyer will be the guest speaker.**

**New Life Women of the ELCA Spring Luncheon: Sunday, April 24th at noon. Guest speaker Liz Johnson from Lutheran Foundation of the SW and Debbie Adams on Healthy Lifestyle.**

**Women of the ELCA 5th Saturday lunch will be on April 30th at 11:30am. Come join us. Place TBD. Questions? Call Barbara Brown at 281-798-2138.**

## Quilters keep building quilts (for LWR) and friendships on Tuesday mornings.

Tuesday Morning Quilters thank Karl Sweet for picking up four big rolls of batting in Missouri City and bringing them to New Life in February. Cutting a roll into 25 quilt size pieces is an un-favorite 30 minute task for 92 year old Sarah but she does it anyway with the help of Judy Foucheaux, Viola Patschke and Deanna Gerber.

We are now making two pots of coffee now since there are more of us. People around two sets of long tables pin together the three layers of sheets, batting and tops to be sewn around the edges to hold the layers together. The sitters among us use crochet thread to tie the layers every eight inches. There are over 150 quilts ready to ship the day after Easter, and a half dozen more ready every Tuesday.



Last year, our 186 quilts went to the Philippines, Burkina Faso, Syria, Nepal, Dubai and Tanzania.

For more information, call Vera White at 281.485.9713.







**Thank you** to all who served coffee and juice during our Fellowship Hour; especially the following groups for February: New Life

Staff for 2 weeks, the Third Sunday Group, and the Men in Mission. Please note available dates on page 21.

**Thank you to all who served as Worship helpers for the month of February.**



**Thank you** to the following Meals on Wheels volunteers: Jan & Becky Homerstad, JoAnn Morrison, Jane Maxwell, Nancy Bryars, Lynn Cope, Donna Patschke, Vera White & Bobbie Cummings,

Walt & Carole Wright, Don & Margaret Purdum, Helen Beckman & Mary Anne Vance, Foster & Judy Foucheaux, Barbara, Berkeley, & Michael Scott, Jennifer Jurgens, and Charles & Sandra Foster.

Coordinator JoAnn Morrison has resigned yet continues to fill in until we find another coordinator. We appreciate her numerous efforts!

**Thank you JoAnn.**

The next time New Life delivers Meals on Wheels will be the week of **March 14th-18th.**



Thank you: Barbara Brown, Alan Hoyt, Jennifer Jurgens, Mike & Terry Kiser, Mike Lowery, Barbara, Berkeley, and Michael Scott, and Linda Stavinoha for all the volunteer time they have contributed in the office this month. It is very much appreciated!

New Life Staff

## Thank You from the Church Council & Staff

- To Mike Kiser for continuing to work on leak issues concerning the AC unit above the Sanctuary kitchen and getting a new return air vent installed.
- To Kate Bates and Coleen Gestl for organizing the successful, January 31st Generosity Fair.
- To Jessica Gestl for continuing to provide leadership and activities to New Life's LYO.
- Cheryl Robinson for decorating for Valentines Day, the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, and Lent/Easter.
- To Helen Beckman for continuing to host the Senior Luncheon.
- To JoAnn Morrison for continuing to organize Meals on Wheels.
- To the Office Staff and Volunteers for all the hard work that they do each week.
- To Cheryl Robinson for un-greening the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary from the holiday season.
- To Frank Jurgens for stepping up to cook at the Pancake Supper with the Church Council.
- To Kate Bates, Coleen Gestl, and Karen Sweet Cheney for the homemade syrups and toppings for the pancakes.
- To Berkeley Scott for playing the prelude, offertory, and postlude for several services.
- Jolissa Villalobos, her family and her Girl Scout Troop for the amazing updates they made to the room next to the nursery and the outside deck. These were her Gold Award project goals.
- To Billy Kelly for fixing the Altar light and the ballast in the sanctuary kitchen.
- To Dianne Leach for seeding the Souper Bowl of Caring funds.
- To all those who are/have signing up to bring meal items for the Lenten Soup Suppers.
- To all those helping to set up and clean up before and after the Soup Suppers.







### 2016 New Life Church Council

Bottom Row: Hap Cummings, Julia Sweet, Debbie Adams, Barbara Brown, & Cheryl Robinson  
 Top Row: Berkeley Scott, Charlie Gaever, Doug Barron, Gordon Meyer, & Michael Lassiter  
 Also Pictured Top Left: The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Gige



# THANK YOU!

New Life Lutheran's 2016 Collection

raised:

**\$318.84 and 125 lbs. of food**

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 7, 2016

*Clara B. Cooper*  
 Clara Cooper  
 President and CEO  
 Souper Bowl of Caring

To all who helped at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper, thank you for sharing your times and talents to make the Pancake Dinner a success. Council, the food was done to perfection. Mike, the music was fantastic! Cheryl did a fabulous job of transforming the fellowship hall into a festive party hall. The youth seemed to enjoy themselves be it socializing, racing with pancakes and/or helping out in the kitchen. Thank you to Berkeley and Jennifer for manning the cash table and to John Russell, Elizabeth, and Michael for serving.

God's blessings to you and yours,

*Kate Bates*



## New Life's Generosity Fair was a success!

*Groups, teams, community outreach, conspiracy projects, music, Sunday's Cool, soup suppers, Thrivent, and worship helpers were represented.*

*Thank you to those that signed up to help in a new area!*

*Thank you to all those whom are already a part of New Life's team of amazing workers! **Volunteers are the lifeblood of the church.***

*Watch your calendar for upcoming opportunities to join in the care and fellowship of New Life.*

*Please consider taking a spiritual gifts assessment via [ELCA.org](http://www.elca.org) and talk to Kate Bates or Karen Sweet Cheney about using your found gifts in the church. <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Assessment-Tools>*





Property  
Maintenance



## Lots of things going on behind the scenes...

**Thank you to the new, New Life Property team for all their efforts to keep up with ongoing maintenance including:**

**Join the Property Team on Work Days or at the monthly meeting on the first Thursday for the month.**

**Foster Foucheaux** for replacing air filters on a monthly basis and replacing light bulbs as needed throughout the 3 buildings. Please continue donations.

**Walt Wright** for fixing the breezeway lights.

**Ronnie Stavinoha** for keeping up with monthly insect spraying.

**Mike Kiser** for continued work on the large AC unit over the Sanctuary kitchen. It was discovered that there was never an air intake filter area created for this unit so the coils were very clogged. Mike coordinated with a maintenance company to build this needed vent after they cleaned the coils and intake pipes. Hopefully this will stop the condensation spills on the ceiling of the kitchen. Yearly maintenance for all units is being contracted.

**Jolissa and the Villalobos family** for building the ramp, railing, and bench for the deck. And for completing the beautiful transformation of the classroom next to the nursery (part of Jolissa's Girl Scout Gold Award project). Amazing job!

**Karen Sweet Cheney** for restarting the Property Committee in November and running the Property team table at the Generosity Fair on Sunday, January 31st.

And Thank You to **those** that signed up for the Property Team at the Generosity Fair.

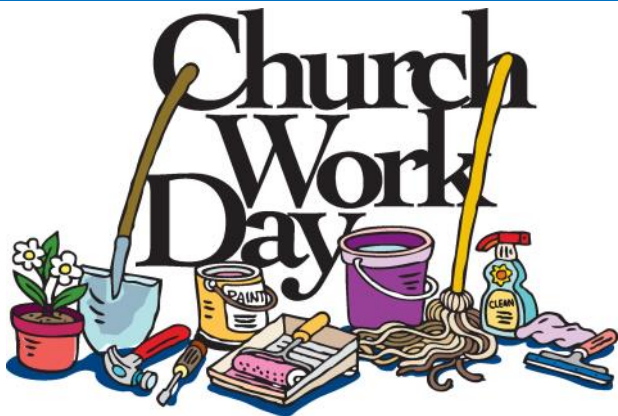
**\*\*\* To all those that donated AC filters to New Life. We now have enough for a couple of months!**

**If you see one of these guys, please shake their hand and let them know they are appreciated!**



## New Life Needs YOU!

**Church Work Days are  
Scheduled for March 12th and  
19th.**



On Saturday the 12th we will start working on the grounds (flowerbeds, ant beds, etc.), painting, and other larger jobs. On Saturday March 19th we will complete any jobs not finished the previous weekend.

**No experience needed! All hands welcome!**

**Help New Life get ready for  
Holy Week and Easter.**





**New Life needs approximately \$30,000 a month just to cover operating expenses, insurance, and payroll.**



**Currently giving has decreased to less than \$5,000 per week with some of that going to designated funds.**

**(operating expenses include: utilities, copier costs, office & janitorial supplies, flowers, communion elements, mortgage, lawn care, communication/internet/database maintenance, building maintenance/upkeep, and equipment upkeep/replacement)**

**New ways to send in offering are coming - Stay tuned!**



## **New Life Needs YOUR Membership Data & Time and Talent Forms!**

If you have not filled out and/or returned the Membership Data or the Time and Talent Sheets for each person in your family, please pick up the forms in the Narthex and return them to the office. Digital copies can be sent to you as well. Contact Karen at [office@newlifelutheran.com](mailto:office@newlifelutheran.com) for them.

Note: If you are retired, New Life would like to know what you did before retirement so we know what talents/expertise you hold. In addition, we would like to know the schools you have attended and/or hold degrees from. New Life has been asked by multiple alumni groups to identify numbers of member alumni and cannot with the current data.



# March 2016



**March 10 The monthly garden lecture**, is sponsored by Keep Pearland Beautiful and Brazoria County Master Gardeners. Held at the Pearland Recreation Center Multipurpose Room. The address is 4141 Bailey Road and the topic is Pruning. Doors open at 6:45 and the lecture starts at 7 P.M. Dessert will be served.

**April 2 Citywide Spring Cleanup**

**April 23 Earth Day Environmental Fair** on will be at the Pearland Rec. Center from 10 to 2

**April 30 Annual Drug Take Back Day.** If you have any prescriptions that are outdated or you no longer use, save them for April 30 and take them to the Stella Roberts Recycling Center. They will be properly disposed of. They should be in their original container. Anything in your medicine cabinet, prescription or over the counter will be accepted.

**July 16 Orange Street Clean-Up**

**September 10 Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off**

Keep Pearland Beautiful is now managing the Stella Roberts Recycling Center.

The new hours are :Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The center will be closed Sunday and Monday.

If any of you donated your Christmas tree to the dune building project, be assured it is now securely tied along with hundreds of others and ready to trap sand for future dunes. On January 23, Matt, Barbara, Berkley, and Michael Scott, Mike Lowery, and Helen Beckman participated in the dunes project at Surfside Beach. They tied trees to stakes and planted sea grass on existing dunes. The trees will trap the sand and the grass will keep it in place.



## Dunes Day Beach Clean-Up

Hazardous materials will be accepted at any time the center is open. Pearland residents can make arrangements to have Waste Management collect hazardous materials at your home. Make an appointment by calling from 6 to 6 Monday through Friday 1-800-449-7587 or email [atyourdoor@wm.com](mailto:atyourdoor@wm.com).

Harris County Master Gardners open the Genoa Friendship Garden each third Wednesday of the month.

They are located at 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Houston, TX 77034 from 8:30am—11am.

There are many garden areas to visit, children are welcome, and plants are always for sale in their greenhouse.

Thanks to Mike Lowery, Jessica Gestl, Aimee Sandoval, Matt, Barbara, Berkley, and Michael Scott, and Helen Beckman for picking up litter along Orange Street February 13. We picked up two bags of litter, and a bag of recycling. Plan to join us at our next cleanup on July 16.

# Changes for the church roster:



## **Change of Address and/or email:**

**Shannon & Joe Young:  
Apt change to #1201**

## **Deaths:**

**Pantha Mae Bostic, Pastor Cole's mother**



On February 14th, New Life welcomed into God's Kingdom, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, Kayle Gail Gerstner, daughter of Jason and Kerry Gerstner. Kayle's proud sponsors are Tracy & Douglas Schumann and Michele & Greg Grayson.



May God increase their faith through the power of the Holy Spirit now and in the years to come.

Scarlet Gabbard was born on Wednesday, February 10th to Michael and Natalie Gabbard.

Robyn and Ed Bradford are proud grandparents!  
Congratulations to all!



## **GLOW is caring for New Life Members. GLOW – God's Love, Our Work.**

If you would like to join the GLOW care team or are in need of a care ministry, please contact the church office at 281-485-1818 or [GLOW@newlifelutheran.com](mailto:GLOW@newlifelutheran.com) or write your need on your yellow "Count-Me-In" card from your bulletin.



The GLOW team meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. GLOW welcomes new care ministers! The team sends cards, makes phone calls, provides communion, and sets up meal schedules for those in need.



# *In Sympathy*



We extend our Christian sympathy to JoAnn Morrison, family, and friends, for the loss of her mother, Helen Doyle, who died in Christ on Thursday, Jan.14th.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Julia Sweet, family, and friends, for the loss of her brother, Martin Weltman, who died in Christ on Monday, February 2nd in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



## *1 Corinthians 12:26*

*If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*



We extend our Christian sympathy to Pastor Don Cole, family, and friends, for the loss of his mother, Pantha Mae Bostic, who died in Christ on Friday, February 12th at the age of 78. Services were held February 27th in Sorrento, FL.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Nancy Fuller, family, and friends, for the loss of her sister, JoAnn Waites, who died in Christ on Sunday, February 21st in Freeport.



**May the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ bring comfort and consolation to all who mourn.**





*Don't just ride, Bike MS*

## How many “cyclists” are there @ New Life?

Susan Bickham is riding in this year's MS150, and would love your support with her fundraising efforts!

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Symptoms range from blurred vision, loss of balance, poor coordination, slurred speech, tremors, numbness, extreme fatigue, problems with memory and concentration, paralysis, blindness and more. MS is different for everyone, and that makes it all the more challenging to solve.

Believe it or not, pedaling a bike could be the answer to a world free of MS. Mile by mile, dollar by dollar, Bike MS provides much needed funding not only to research, but to ensuring people affected by MS can live their best lives. Susan just signed up for this year's ride and I'd really appreciate your support in my fundraising efforts.

Your tax-deductible contribution will help the National MS Society fund groundbreaking research and life-changing programs for people living with MS. And ultimately, end MS forever.

Thank you so much!  
Susan Bickham

For more information, please contact the church office for a detailed email about Susan's site.

The BP MS 150 is a two-day fundraising bike ride organized by the National MS Society. The ride is the largest event of its kind in North America with 13,000 cyclists, 3,500 volunteers and countless spectators along the route and at the finish line in Austin. The 2015 BP MS 150 had a record breaking year raising \$20.3 million dollars, bringing hope to many who are living with multiple sclerosis.





**Thank you** to all who served coffee and juice during our Fellowship Hour; especially the following groups for February:

The New Life Staff and Office

Volunteers for 2 weeks

The Third Sunday Group

And the Men In Mission

Plus

The New Life Council and Youth  
for cooking and serving on Shrove  
Tuesday

## **Serving is FUN! Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Jesus and the Disciples did a lot of eating together. They fed huge groups of people. Jesus gave the Disciples (and us) the Eucharist at the end of a meal. We Lutherans have a very long tradition of eating together.

Coffee Hour at New Life Lutheran is a wonderful opportunity for visitors and members of our church to meet one another in an informal setting between Sunday services. Please start thinking who you would like to serve with in this important ministry.

Groups should consist of 5-7 people or 2-3 families who are willing to take a turn serving Coffee Hour during the year. The more groups that sign up, the fewer times each group will serve.

### Dates Available



March 6

March 13

April 3

April 10

May 1

May 8

June 5

June 12

July 3

July 10

Please give this some serious prayerful consideration. Talk to your friends/groups and see what you come up with.

Contact Kate Bates at the church office (281-485-1818) or [kate@newlifelutheran.com](mailto:kate@newlifelutheran.com) for more information.



Foster Foucheaux reports that the foodstuffs he took to CHH on 2/19/16 weighed 149 lbs. - the food items weighed 99 lbs. + a 50 lb. bag of rice. WOW!

## CHRISTIAN HELPING HANDS

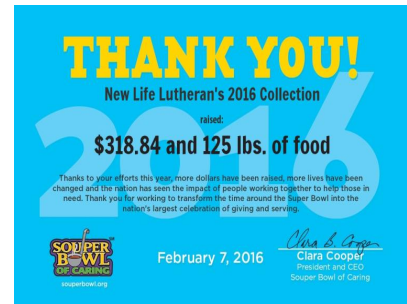
DO YOU KNOW WHAT A DIFFERENCE YOU CAN MAKE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE BY BRINGING A CAN OF BEANS WITH YOU TO SUNDAY SCHOOL EACH SUNDAY? JUDY FOUCHEAUX RECENTLY TOLD ABOUT A FAMILY WHO VISITED CHH AND WAS UNABLE TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THEM BECAUSE THERE SIMPLY WAS NOT ENOUGH FOOD TO GO AROUND TO ALL WHO NEEDED SAME.

THIS SPRING NEW LIFE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE CHOOSING AN \$.99 OR LESS FOOD ITEM, MAINLY NEED PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLIES AS WELL AS TOILETRY ITEMS SUCH AS SHAMPOO, RAZORS, AND DEODORANT THE LIST GOES ON...TO DONATE TO CHH ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHH WAGON WILL MAKE THE ROUNDS TO THE COLLECT YOUR DONATIONS DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL EACH WEEK.

AS ALWAYS, YOU CAN PLACE YOUR CHH DONATIONS IN THE CHH BASKET WHENEVER YOU ARE HERE AT CHURCH.

Thank you for your donations during the Souper Bowl of Caring – either money or food stuffs. Our shelves are almost full.



## CHRISTIAN HELPING HANDS

### DIRECTORS REPORT FOR 2015

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1380	1001	1213	1325	1067	1641	1559	1531	1239	1358	1386	1106	15806
TOTAL FAMILIES	354	275	311	335	286	390	366	371	323	338	343	271	3963
FOOD (FAMILIES)	1364	994	1207	1312	1058	1634	1544	1514	1239	1351	1380	1106	15703
CLOTHING (FAMILIES)	122	25	52	103	66	106	5	93	5	2	121	105	805
LODGING (FAMILIES)	8	2	1	12	10	12	7	12	6	0	0	1	71
MEDICAL (INDIVIDUALS)	3	3	3	6	8	12	11	7	8	3	6	4	74
OTHER (FANS/HEATERS)	32	2	9	8	28	17	6	42	11	5	18	15	193

*For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.*

Deu. 15:11



## FOOD DRIVE

Food items for Pop-Top Ministries are starting to fill up the large black bin in the narthex. Please keep bringing items

# POP-TOP MOBILE MINISTRY DROPBOX



### I T E M S N E E D E D :

Pop-top canned goods (*ready-to-eat* meals, healthy stews, soups, fruit packed in water or juice), bottled water, individually wrapped plastic eating utensils, and fabric draw-string or tie-able bags.

## DRINKS

Coke, other sodas, and water sales proceeds go to **YOUTH** events at New Life. If you notice issues with the coke machines or if the basket of water is empty in the narthex, please contact the church office.



## RECYCLING

All the proceeds from paper and aluminum can recycling go towards **YOUTH** events at New Life. The paper recycling bins are at the back of the parking lot, next to the trash bin. Please bring ANY paper products to deposit into the bin, this includes magazines, newspapers, school and office papers, old mail, etc. *If it is dry and it tears, it's probably recyclable.* Bring your aluminum cans for recycling to the church office. For any questions, please contact the church office.





*There are Sunday's Cool classes for everyone  
(youth & adults).*



*Sunday's Cool has classes for everyone (youth & adults).  
Take time during Lent for Life-Long Learning!*

- \* **Three year olds through high school classes** meet upstairs in the fellowship hall except for the 5th, 6th, & 7th grades who meet downstairs across from the DVD/VCR room.

## Adult Sunday School



- **Adult Bible Class (ABC)** - Study the Book of Matthew (for the serious Bible student!). Meet in the Administration Building's library.
- **"A League of Men"** A class for men, 25 and over using "Will the Real Jesus Stand Up?" in the Gathering Area of the Administration Building
- **DVD Class** – Donna and Nolan Patschke lead a conversation on the Historical Perspectives of the New Testament... 30 min movie followed by discussion in the Juull Building.
- **"God Works"** - Meets for conversation about 40 Big Bible terms. Tim Burns leads discussion in the Administration Building's conference room.
- **"The Path to New Life"** a class for those with questions and those who desire a renewal of their faith will meet in the Fellowship Hall with Coffee Hour.



# SUNDAY'S COOL

COME JOIN US – HAVE FUN WHILE LEARNING ABOUT JESUS.

## Sunday's Cool Classes in Action

Sunday's Cool classes are being photographed "in action" and future editions of the LifeLine will contain those pictures. Please submit your child's class photos to [office@newlifelutheran.com](mailto:office@newlifelutheran.com)

In addition, teachers and leaders will be bringing community service into the classrooms featuring Christian Helping Hands, SE Area Ministries, and the local Animal Shelters.



Adults discussing  
"A Sense-able Life"



Pastors Class on the Senses



PreK-K Class



1st-2nd Grade Class



3rd-4th Grade Class



Adult DVD Class



5th-7th Grade Class



5th-7th Grade  
Class learning to  
sew and  
finishing dog  
beds for local  
shelters.



8-9th Grade Class



5th-7th Grade Class is  
discussing the sermon  
and making Banners  
describing important  
items in their lives.



Senior High Class





**LUTHERHILL**  
MINISTRIES

Jordan Barthelme,  
Berkeley Scott,  
Matt Scott, and  
Elizabeth White at  
Lutherhill for the  
Senior High Retreat  
in February 2016.

Katie Tillis not  
pictured.



**For more information on these  
and other retreats, visit  
[Lutherhill.org](http://Lutherhill.org)**



**Women's Pampering Retreat • March 4-6, 2016**  
**Elementary Retreat • March 11-13, 2016 (\$26)**  
**Creative Distraction Retreat • April 1-3, 2016**  
**Spring Family Retreat • April 22-24, 2016**

**Forms for these retreats are outside of the youth office.**



2012

**Camp HOPE Volunteers  
needed!**

**Week 1: July 25-29**  
**Week 2: August 1-5**



2011

**Lutherhill Staff is scheduled to help staff Camp HOPE, but we need more  
volunteers to run the program, crafts, and games and prepare food.**  
**(Adult mentors and High School students)**

**New Life would like to send adult mentors and LYLE trained youth to  
Train-the-Trainer held March 11th-12th at Kinsmen Lutheran.**  
**Contact the church office for more information.**

## Upcoming Events

### LYO Schedule for March (Wednesdays & Sunday the 2th)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>-active minutes/Movie night

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>-active minutes/continue movie

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>-gaga ball/active minutes

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>- 1-3pm, roller skating-  
Pearwood Skate Center, \$8 per person +  
food \$, meet at the skating rink, stay for  
2 hours

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>-Holy week-no LYO

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>- Alleluia! Jesus is  
risen Celebration



**The Houston Lutheran Chorale** is seeking singers to celebrate the birth of our nation on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Our interim director will be Kerry Talley.

Who: All who love to sing – no auditions are required.

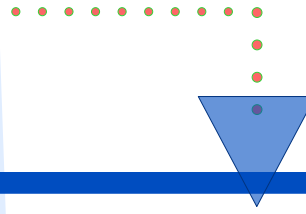
When: Rehearsals began January 31. From 2 PM to 5 PM two Sunday afternoons each month.

The Concert is scheduled for July 4, 2016. Other special performances may be added.

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 800 Houston Avenue, Houston 77007

For More Information: call 832-489-6773 or visit our web site at [www.hlc-tx.org](http://www.hlc-tx.org).  
OR talk with Matt and/or Babs Scott, who are members of the chorale.

# Youth & Family Ministry



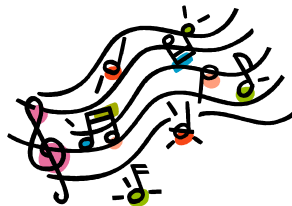
Lent has begun and we are challenging ourselves everyday, while looking forward. On Wednesdays during lent we will continue our active challenge during the break out times of the lent service. This challenge will include games we know such as gaga ball and new ones. I look forward to seeing you and continuing this journey through lent together.

*Jessica Gestl*

## *Children's Hand Bells Choir*

Children 3 years old and up, will be forming a Hand Chime Choir in 2016. Once formed, the bell choir will play two-three songs as a prelude to our worship services once a month.

Anyone that is interested, please contact Kate at [kate@newlifelutheran.com](mailto:kate@newlifelutheran.com).

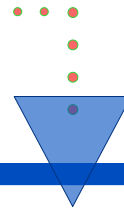




# Youth & Family

## LENT - Did You Know?

## Ministry



### 1. What is Lent? According to the [Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar \[pdf\]](#):

Lent [is a liturgical season that] is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter, since the lenten liturgy prepares for celebration of the paschal mystery both catechumens, by the various stages of Christian initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own Baptism and do penance.

2. Where does the word "Lent" come from? The Catholic Encyclopedia [notes](#): The Teutonic word *Lent*, which we employ to denote the forty days' fast preceding Easter, originally meant no more than the spring season. Still it has been used from the Anglo-Saxon period to translate the more significant Latin term *quadragesima* (French *carême*, Italian *quaresima*, Spanish *cuaresma*), meaning the "forty days", or more literally the "fortieth day". This in turn imitated the Greek name for Lent, *tessarakoste* (fortieth), a word formed on the analogy of Pentecost (*pentekoste*), which last was in use for the Jewish festival before New Testament times.

3. When does Lent begin and end? The Universal Norms state: The forty days of lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive. This means that Lent begins at 12:01 a.m. on Ash Wednesday and runs to just before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday. As soon as the Mass of the Lord's Supper starts, it's a new liturgical season: Triduum.

4. Are the Sundays in Lent part of Lent? Yes. It runs from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday. No exceptions are made for Sundays. Furthermore: The Sundays of this time of year are called the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent [emphasis added]. The Sixth Sunday, on which Holy Week begins, is called, "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord."

6. Why is the number forty significant? Pope Benedict explains: Lent recalls the forty days of our Lord's fasting in the desert, which He undertook before entering into His public ministry. We read in the Gospel: "Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry" (Mt 4,1-2). Like Moses, who fasted before receiving the tablets of the Law (cf. Ex 34,28) and Elijah's fast before meeting the Lord on Mount Horeb (cf. 1 Kings 19,8), Jesus, too, through prayer and fasting, prepared Himself for the mission that lay before Him, marked at the start by a serious battle with the tempter [[Message for Lent 2009](#)].

7. What are the rules for fasting in Lent? Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast. The law of fast binds those who are from 18 to 59 years old, unless they are excused for a sufficient reason (e.g., a medical condition that requires more frequent food, etc.) According to the Church's official rules (as opposed to someone's personal summary of them): The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing—as far as quantity and quality are concerned—approved local custom [Apostolic Constitution *Paenitemini*, [Norms](#), III:2]. The system of mitigated fasting that is required by law thus allows for "one full meal" and "some food" in the morning and evening. The Church's official document governing the practice of fasting does not encourage scrupulous calculations about how much the two instances of "some food" add up to, though obviously each *individually* is less than a full meal, since only one of those is allowed.

8. Do you have to give up something for Lent? If you do, can you have it on Sundays? The traditional custom of giving up something for Lent is voluntary. Consequently, if you give something up, you set the parameters. If you choose to allow yourself to have it on Sundays as to promote joy on this holy day, that is up to you.



## ELCA SPIRITUAL CENTER DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As we continue to share in the emerging 21st century ministry, please take time as you are able to visit the Spiritual Center at the ELCA website:

[www.elca.org/spiritual.html](http://www.elca.org/spiritual.html)

*"Grant that I may not pray alone with the mouth, help me that I may pray from the depths of my heart."*

**- Martin Luther**

### GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY!

Thank you for taking time to pray for...

**Pray for renewing health:** Christi Abarca, Marge & Sam Angelo, Gretchen Barnes, Brian Bates, Susan Bickham, Bryan Bradford, Ed Bradford, Robyn Bradford, Theresa Breuer (Barbara Scott's mother), Rick Broughton, Barbara Brown, Terry Brown, Louisa Brown, Pete Brumfield, Patrick Burkard, Diane Carver, Carl & Shirley Ericsson, Brian Foster, Nancy Fuller, Marie Gabaldon, Regina Gestl, Margo Giguee, Maudie Halbardier, Becky Homerstad, Dianne Leach, Bobbie Lott, Larry Magers, Jane McBride, Phyllis Mistrot, Rudy Moreno, Erin Newell, Hubert Pardue, Allen Patschke, Allison Patschke, Jan Porter, Matt Scott, Julia Sweet, Karen Sweet Cheney, Karl Sweet, Patrick Sweet, Claudia Thomas, Henry Viccellio, Vera White, David Young, Joe Young, and the Chris Young Family.

**Special prayer needs:** Anderson family, Barrett family, Bates family, Bradford & Miller families, Brown & Grieger families, Brumfield family, Buckels family, Burkard family, Butler family, Childs family, Cole & Ullrich families, Columbus family, Cummings & Campbell families, Flowers family, Gerig family, Giguee & Campbell families, family of Yvonne Hamilton, Hilliard family, Hynek family, Jurgens family, Keilers and McDonald families, Kyle Lawson, Lemke family, Lott family, Lowery & Ullman families, Martain family, Morgan family, Morrison & Doyle families, Newell and Starr family, O'Banion family, Patschke & DeWeese families, Peterson family, Porter family, Purdum & Hayes families, Putman family, Ritter & Ffrench families, Schroder & Wierick families, Scott family, Sponholtz family, Stavinoha family, Sweet family, Thomas family, Thompson family, Villalobos family, Wellman family, White family, Young family, and the Zuerner family.

**New Life members serving in the military:** Jeremy Foster, Jeff Gunter, Eric Metzger, Ryan Newell, Shanon Peterson, and Michael Porter Jr.

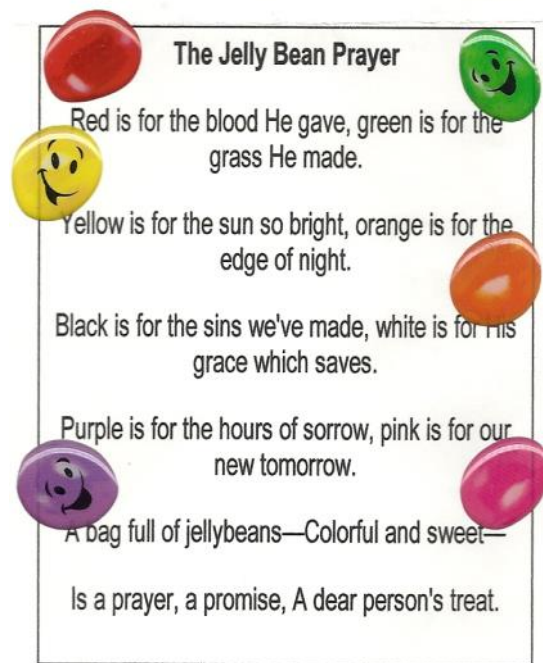


## PRAYER CORNER

Father,

Help me to see  
this holy season of Lent  
as a time of spiritual renewal,  
rather than a time of deprivation.  
Motivate me to reach a new level  
of experiencing Your grace.

Amen.



*You may wish to cut out this section and place it where you will see it and remember to pray.*

## A praying congregation prays for the wider church!

**PRAYER VENTURES**  
**March 2016**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.



*These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.*

- 1 We remember in our prayers, especially during spring, congregations and communities subject to severe weather and flooding, that God will guide their emergency preparations, equip them to care for their neighbors and grant them safety.
- 2 We give thanks for the more than \$15 million raised during the ELCA Malaria Campaign and ask God to strengthen and bless the continuing successful efforts of our partners and their health-related projects.
- 3 In our Lenten reflections, we are keenly aware of our many troubles, sins and shortcomings, yet we rejoice in God's forgiveness and love that surrounds and upholds us day and night.
- 4 We remember in our prayers the Gettysburg and Philadelphia Lutheran seminaries as they begin the process of creating a unified school of theology for preparing Christian leaders for the church and world.
- 5 We pray for God's blessings on the critical work in HIV and AIDS ministry that Mary Beth and Bayo Oyebade are doing in Nigeria as ELCA missionaries.
- 6 We remember in our prayers, with thanksgiving and relief, that God seeks us when we are lost or have strayed and celebrates our awkward return as did the father in Jesus' parable of the lost son.
- 7 We have many brothers and sisters – of all ages – who live with physical and cognitive disabilities. We ask God to broaden our awareness of, and appreciation for, the faith and diverse gifts they bring to our communities and to the body of Christ.**
- 8 We pray on this International Women's Day that God's holy and life-giving Spirit moves every human heart, that the barriers dividing us may crumble and hatreds cease so we might live in justice and peace.
- 9 As we continue our self-reflection during Lent, we ask God to help us look beyond ourselves and into the lives of people around us and in other nations, guiding us to actions of care and justice in the manner and name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Savior and servant.
- 10 We remember in our prayers the work and faithful witness of the Rev. Dorcas Wang, an ELCA missionary serving in the Republic of China.
- 11 We ask God to bless and inspire Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's leadership, especially in helping our church address the issues of racism, racial disparity in the criminal justice system, care for the incarcerated and their families, advocacy for those wrongly convicted, and support and guidance for those who enforce the law and work in the justice system.
- 12 We remember in our prayers and ask God to bless and guide the work of the seven young adults serving in the Young Adults in





13 In our baptism, we experience the freedom that can only come through the power of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. For this undeserved gift of love, we give thanks.

14 We give thanks to God for the generous grant the ELCA has received from the Lilly Endowment to help fund an initiative to address the financial and economic struggles that often prevent pastors from leading congregations effectively.

15 We remember in our prayers all those who support and empower international women leaders in the life and development of this church and our communities. We pray to be awakened to the power and capacity our sisters have in transforming the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

16 Whether gathered for a Lenten meal or worship, we pray that our thoughts and reflections will be on Jesus and that we will trust and follow Jesus no matter where he leads or how difficult the journey.

17 On this St. Patrick's Day, we give thanks to God for our brothers and sisters who respond to God's call to serve as missionaries in the world. We ask God to fill them with love and respect for the people and communities they serve and with a tireless enthusiasm to share the gospel.

18 The prayerful words of the psalmist in ancient times still holds meaning for our prayers today – "Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

19 We remember in our prayers the leaders in our congregations – rostered and lay – who commit themselves to sharing the gospel, deepening our faith, and equipping and sending us to do God's work in the world.

20 *Palm Sunday* Christ defies our images of him as a conquering king, powerful religious leader or just another prophet. We pray that we receive, by faith, Jesus as our Savior, messiah, servant and son of God – the fulfillment of God's loving promises to us.

21 *Monday of Holy Week* Mary of Bethany was extravagant in her love for Jesus and her anointing of him before his death. We pray that we too may not be shy or embarrassed in our witness and worship, especially in telling others of Jesus' life, suffering, death and resurrection for our sake.

22 We remember in our prayers the ELCA International Women Leaders scholarship recipients Abby Lai, Elisa Pérez-Trejo, Lynette Lee, Melissa Neo, Sarah Abendanon and Sthela Hanitrinirina, that God will bless them and guide and inspire their studies.

23 We ask God to grant us daily strength and courage to speak of our faith and act as the gospel urges us and to resist the temptation to stay quiet or hide the light of Jesus Christ.

24 *Maundy Thursday* It's difficult to be humble and serve people in this day and age, especially in a society that belittles such behaviors as signs of weakness. We ask God to remind us of Jesus' example when he washed the feet of his disciples and embolden us to do likewise for our neighbors and those in need.

25 *Good Friday* Again faced with the story of Jesus' betrayal, judgment, suffering, torture and disgraceful public death, we humble ourselves before God and plead for forgiveness, asking that God reassure us of Jesus' boundless, sacrificial love for all humanity.

26 *Vigil of Easter* We confess our times of disbelief and uncertain faith in Jesus and ask God to embolden us as witnesses – imperfect as we are – to run and share, as Mary Magdalene did, the good news of Jesus Christ in whom we have forgiveness and new life.

27 *Easter Day* Christ is risen! We rejoice and ask God's Spirit to dispel our doubts, fears and suspicions and fill us with faith and amazement over God's miraculous love for us.

28 This day and every day, we offer prayers of wonder and praise for the presence of God in our lives, especially when we least expect it or doubt God's power and creativity to effect change in our lives and world.

29 We remember in our prayers and ask God to bless and further the leadership development work of the Rev. Chad and Natalie Rimmer, ELCA missionaries in Senegal.

30 We give thanks for the poets of the church who speak from their heart, spirit and life experiences and inspire our faith and imagination through creative means.

31 We remember on this day when some states celebrate Cesar Chavez Day, the leaders, advocates and activists who are moved to work for the wellbeing and just treatment of all people, especially those who labor under difficult conditions and whose voices are often neglected.



# *Birthdays*



# *Wedding Anniversaries*

Loretta Kaiser	03/02
Ashley Sims	03/02
Marge Angelo	03/03
Bobbi Cummings	03/03
Lan Hansen	03/03
Robert Koopmann	03/03
Cindy Welch	03/03
Gloria Plata	03/04
Kathryn Kowis	03/05
Rudy Moreno	03/05
Vanessa Rincones	03/05
Andrew Thompson	03/05
Tim Hurlbut	03/06
Torry Atkins	03/07
Madison Lassiter	03/07
John Lee	03/07
Guy Thompson	03/08
Vince Zaunbrecher	03/08
Sophia Castillo	03/09
Sydni McDonald	03/09
Saundra Foster	03/14
Rebecca Reed	03/14
Julia Sweet	03/14
Beth Hartfiel	03/16
Erna Buckels	03/19
Rhett Fromme	03/19
Avery Welch	03/19
Cheyenne Wheeler	03/19
Harvey Hamilton	03/20
Pete Brumfield	03/21
Nathan Garza	03/21
Beth Moore	03/21
Kelly Welch	03/21
Barbara Brown	03/24
Max Thweatt	03/24
Karen Sweet Cheney	03/26
Laura Salazar	03/26
Audrey Kaiser	03/27
Monica Marcha	03/28
Tony White	03/28
Terry Brown	03/29
Becky Homerstad	03/29
Stephanie Fromme	03/30
Jackson Reynolds	03/31

Ruth & John Roberts	03/01
Claudia & Milt Thomas	03/08
Christy & Jose Villalobos	03/12
Debbie & Steve Venglar	03/14
Denise & Frank Jurgens	03/27
Donna & Nolan Patschke	03/28

# *Baptismal Anniversaries*

Lauren Brunk	03/01
Ed Tatuaca	03/01
Christal Thompson	03/01
Lorraine Walls	03/01
Shannon Young	03/01
Diane Prendes	03/02
Robert Phelps	03/03
Alexis Baker	03/04
John McDonald	03/05
Elizabeth White	03/05
Mina Homerstad	03/06
Hannah Holland	03/10
Leah Castillo	03/14
Bryanna Perez	03/14
Dayne Barthelme	03/16
Keagan Barthelme	03/16
Justin Burt	03/16
Keeley Carlson	03/16
Ashley Simms	03/16
Nevaeh Simms-Pina	03/16
Alex Tatuaca	03/16
Courtney Palmer	03/18
Korie Williams	03/20
Sara Fromme	03/21
Marissa Halbardier	03/21
Dustin Drozd	03/22
Hayden Kennedy	03/22
Aubrey Palmer	03/24
Harvey Hamilton	03/25
Logan Pineda	03/25
Flor Valdez	03/25
Javier Valdez	03/25
Jack Peterson	03/28
Robin Gottlieb	03/29

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# March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> Pastor Cole - Couples Retreat <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Communion <b>12:00 PM</b> Word Fellowship	<b>29</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> House Band Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Yarn Lovers <b>8:00 PM</b> AA & Al-Anon	<b>1</b> <b>9:30 AM Quilt Workshop</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Phoenix Women's Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Word Fellowship Bible Study	 <b>2</b> <b>12:00 PM Seniors (55+) Luncheon</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> Confirmation Class <b>6:00 PM</b> Lenten Soup Supper/LYO <b>6:20 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Lent Vesper Service	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Phoenix Women's Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Property Team	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Phoenix Women's Group
<b>6</b> Noisy Offering - Lutherhill <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Communion <b>12:00 PM</b> Word Fellowship	<b>7</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> House Band Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Yarn Lovers <b>8:00 PM</b> AA & Al-Anon	<b>8</b> <b>9:30 AM Quilt Workshop</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Phoenix Women's Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Word Fellowship Bible Study	 <b>9</b> <b>11:30 AM WELCA Lunch</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> Confirmation Class <b>6:00 PM</b> Lenten Soup Supper/LYO <b>6:20 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Lent Vesper Service	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Phoenix Women's Group <b>7:00 PM</b> GLOW	<b>11</b> LH Elementary Retreat	<b>12</b> LH Elementary Retreat <b>9:00 AM</b> Campus Clean Up <b>10:30 AM</b> Phoenix Women's Group <b>6:00 PM Friendship Circle Game Night</b>
 <b>13</b> LH Elementary Retreat <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Communion <b>12:00 PM</b> Word Fellowship	<b>14</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> House Band Practice <b>7:00 PM Church Council</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Yarn Lovers <b>8:00 PM</b> AA & Al-	<b>15</b> <b>9:30 AM Quilt Workshop</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Night Out <b>6:30 PM</b> Phoenix Women's Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Word Fellowship Bible Study	 <b>16</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Mary Martha Bible Study <b>11:45 AM</b> Westside Senior' (55+) Lunch <b>5:45 PM</b> Confirmation Class <b>6:00 PM</b> Lenten Soup Supper/LYO <b>6:20 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Lent Vesper Service	<b>17</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Phoenix Women's Group	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> WOW	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Campus Clean Up <b>10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Phoenix Women's Group
 <b>20</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Communion <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Communion <b>12:00 PM</b> Word Fellowship	<b>21</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> AA & Al-Anon	<b>22</b> Seder <b>9:30 AM Quilt Workshop</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Phoenix Women's Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Word Fellowship	<b>23</b>	 <b>7pm Maundy Thursday</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Phoenix	 <b>4pm &amp; 7pm Good Friday Services</b>	<b>26</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Phoenix Women's Group
 <b>27</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Communion <b>9:00 AM</b> Easter Breakfast <b>9:00 AM Easter Party</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Communion <b>12:00 PM</b> Word Fellowship	<b>28</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> House Band Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Yarn Lovers <b>8:00 PM</b> AA & Al-Anon	<b>29</b> <b>9:30 AM Quilt Workshop</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Phoenix Women's Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Word Fellowship Bible Study	<b>30</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> 7th Graders Join Confirmation Class <b>6:20 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>6:30 PM</b> LYO Lutheran Youth Org	<b>31</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Phoenix Women's Group		

# Helping Hands in Worship - March 2016

Altar Guild: Nancy Bryars, Deanna Barthelme, & Denise Jurgens ♥ Communion Elements: Lorraine Walls  
8:00am Announcements: Julia Sweet ♥ 10:30am Announcements: Hap Cummings/Jim Burkard

SERVICES	March 6 4 <sup>th</sup> Week in Lent	March 13 5 <sup>th</sup> Week in Lent	March 20 Palm Sunday	March 27 Easter Day
Acolyte 8:00	Kyle Flick	John Russell Gestl	Michael Scott	Clayton Migl
10:30	Gabe Napoleon	Madison Lassiter	Sophia Castillo	William Schroder
Assisting 8:00	Denise Jurgens	Nancy Bryars	Matt Scott	Nancy Bryars
10:30	Michael Porter	Jamie Hilliard	Aimee Sandoval	Robert Broussard
Communion 8:00	Cheryl Robinson DeAnna Gerber	Jessica Gestl	Lynn Barron Doug Barron	Tamsey Mims Susie Wellman
10:30	Jan Zuerner Carole Wright	Deanna Barthelme Tiffany Pineada	Stephanie Gottlieb Robin Gottlieb	Carole Wright Jim Burkard
Altar Flowers				
Lay Reader 8:00	Frank Jurgens	Tamsey Mims	Norm Griffith	Helen Beckman
10:30	Kristi Glowka	Hap Cummings	Becky Homerstad	Jan Zuerner
Nursery 10:30	Jackie Crawford	Kate Bates	Trent Perez	Katie Fraker
Greeters 8:00	Nancy Bryars	Susie Wellman	DeAnna Gerber	Coleen Gestl
10:30	Saundra Foster Charles Foster	Walt Wright Carole Wright	Abby Roszak John Roszak	Christal Thompson Linda Stavinhola
Ushers 8:00	Charlie Gaevert Jerry Migl	Matt Scott Berkeley Scott	Norm Griffith Shirley Griffith	Jerry Migl Brenda Migl
10:30	Robin Gottlieb Jay Tillis	Jenaro Castillo Jim Burkard	Milt Thomas Jan Zuerner	Nolan Patschke Tony White
Hosting Fellowship Hour	OPEN	Mary Ann March Family	Seniors	MIM

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