

NEW LIFE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday's Cool @ 9:15 am • Worship @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am



An emerging ministry of
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Mark Your Calendars

Hang On



Don't Let Go

The Lifeline

Monday, Aug 1st - Friday, August 5th

Camp HOPE @ New Life

Wednesday, August 3rd

Seniors (55+) Luncheon
LYO

Thursday, August 4th

Property Team Meeting

Saturday, August 6th

Fellowship Hall "ReDo"
Lydia Circle Bible Study

Monday, August 8th

Church Council

Wednesday, August 10th

WELCA Lunch Bunch @ Pizza Hut on 518
LYO

Thursday, August 11th

Book Review/GLOW

Saturday, August 13th

Fellowship Hall "ReDo"
Friendship Circle Game Night

Tuesday, August 16th

Men's Night Out - "The Luther Games"

Wednesday, August 17th

Mary Martha Bible Study
NO Westside Seniors Lunch
LYO

Friday, August 19th

Principe de Paz FaceLift & Fiesta
WOW - LCR

Saturday, August 20th

Fellowship Hall "ReDo"
Principe de Paz Facelift & Fiesta
Lydia Circle Bible Study

Sunday, August 21st

Backpack Blessings
Sunday's Cool Teacher Installation

Monday, August 22nd & 23rd

School Starts

Wednesday, August 24th

LYO

Saturday, August 27th

Fellowship Hall "Redo" Finish up

August 2016



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...Ponderings from the Pastor...
...for people like us...in times like this!"

"Martin Luther @ 500"

Dear Friends @ New Life,

Over the coming 15-18 months the Lutheran community around the globe is going to get a lot of press! A lot of press! Believe me! If you are looking for a candidate to promote 'change' then everyone will want to pay attention to the Augustinian monk from Erfurt who went on to teach at Wittenberg and ultimately launched a movement that is currently 80 million strong and growing! Luther was controversial and complex, but in a world such as ours, a look back at his writings and thoughts are always helpful as we press on into the days ahead! Here are some his best ...

On Prayer

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."

On Speaking Out

"You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say."

On Faith

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, I still possess."

On Sin

"I am more afraid of my own heart than of the pope and all his cardinals. I have within me the great pope, Self."

On Idolatry

"Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your God."

On Scripture

"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me."

On Serving Others

"A Christian is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian is the most dutiful servant of all, subject to all."

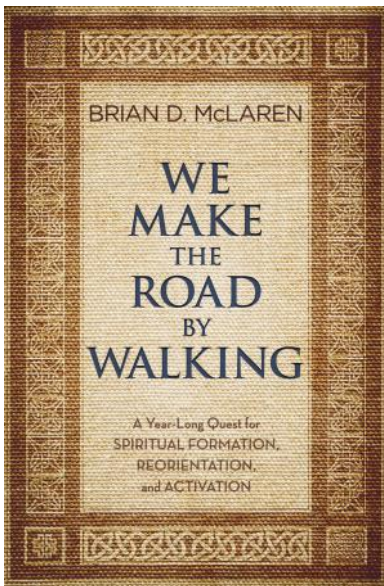
On the Church

"Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church. How could anyone know where Christ is and what faith is in him unless he knew where his believers are?"

On Family Life

"Exhort your household to learn [the Ten Commandments/Creed and The Lord's Prayer] word for word, that they should obey God...For if you teach and urge your families things will go forward."

This is just the tip of an evangelical iceberg! Watch for more opportunities to celebrate 500 years of the world's Lutheran movement!



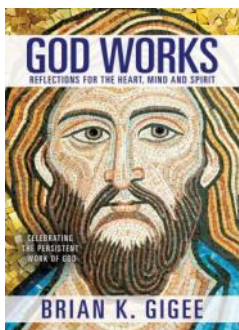
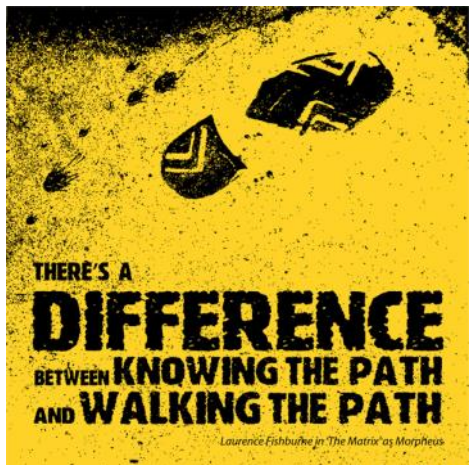
SUMMER SUNDAY SERIES

Something new! For Everyone! And their friends!
Pastor Gige finishes a series of messages this Summer based on the book, *"We Make the Road By Walking"*, A year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation by **Brian McLaren**.

The messages will come in 4 phases and each Sunday, a "conversation forum" will gather to discuss the day's topic.

- Sunday, August 7 - "Your Secret Life"**
- Sunday, August 14- "The Choice is Yours"**
- Sunday, August 21- "The Uprising of Discipleship"**
- Sunday, August 28- "Spirit of HOPE"**

Come, end strong your Summer Sundays for the sake of the days to come! We make the road by walking together. Jesus said, "Follow me!" Invite a friend to walk with you!



GOD WORKS
 By Pastor Brian Gige
*reflections for the heart, mind
 and spirit*

\$15.00 (softcover)

Also available on Nook and Kindle

Get your copy today for some reflective reading through the Summer Season!

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Youth & Family



Hello, New Life Church family,

I am writing this newsletter to you during the last week of July. You heard that correctly: the last week of July. By the time I write my next newsletter in August, school will have already started. You heard that correctly school will have already started! As always, time goes by quickly and waits for no one. I wonder? How has this summer been for you and your family? For me, it has been a new and exciting time of learning and growing. Have you been faithful? A Godly spouse? Setting a Godly example to your God-given children? Always start today and continue tomorrow.

There are several points of Praise that I want to share with you. Again in no particular order. At the end of June and the beginning of July, I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Camp Lutherhill. Yes, it was scorching hot. However, the blessings far outweighed the heat. I enjoyed being with your children including John Russell, Michael, Alex, William, Faith, William, Ben, Zeke, Owen and Audrey, as well. I appreciated Lutherhill's staff, facilities, boundless energy, crafts and even their emphasis on conservation and being stewards of God's creation. One of my favorite memories will be the high ropes course. I'm a man, but man was that scary.

Sunday school has definitely been getting better (I had students on the 17th & 24th). I appreciate the kids making the effort to show up and spending time with me and in God's Word. If I have the gift of teaching, then I enjoy watching your children do the unwrapping. Wednesday LYO continues to need improvement, but we are making do with those who attend (3 kids). They have good attitudes, we play games like Blockus and Heads Up (app) and go outside for Ga Ga ball.

Finally, Camp Hope is underway as I write this. Hunter was the counselor for our boys during confirmation camp. He is also the leader of Camp Hope this summer. That's a wonderful example of God's providence. Recall that providence refers to how the Lord provides. Thanks to all those who took a Post It note or opened your homes to provide for the Camp Hope kids and counselors. You are making a difference and the Lord sees your good works. Well done, good and faithful servants!

I wanted to share with you my favorite Bible verse. It's Romans 8:16, "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." I don't know when it became my favorite verse, but I know why. Whenever you are unsure if you belong to the Lord or if Christ really does dwell within your heart, then recall Romans 8:16. The Spirit of God Himself takes the initiative to tell your spirit that you are a child of God. In other words, you don't have to convince yourself or "try harder;" you just have to be still and listen. He will speak to your spirit, and His word will give you all the assurance you need. Besides, whenever, the emphasis or the initial movement begins with the Lord, you know He will always bring it to completion. How reassuring.

Sincerely,

Sang Kim

Let your reasonableness / gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand... Phil. 4:5

New Life Fellowship Hall "ReDo"



Saturdays in August @ 9am
New Life Volunteers will be
Cleaning, Prepping, Painting &
Re-Decorating

All are Welcome, there is much to be done



PRINCIPE de PAZ FACELIFT & FIESTA

August 19-20, 2016

(Friday-Saturday)

WHO CAN HELP?

WELCA
Lutheran Men in Mission
Clergy / AiMs
Youth & Family Network
HS / College Students
Handy folks
God-lovers!
Folks who can give 3 hrs!
"HERE AM I -ers"

Principe de Paz Lutheran Church

1063 Edgebrook Dr, Houston, TX 77034

Pastor Adriana Johnson-Rivas



"We can do this!" -Brian Giguee/ Coastal Bay Dean

WORK TO BE DONE

- Repair soccer fields & goals
- Cut grass and line fields
- Restore playground area
- Paint ramp and decks
- Sweep & re-paint parking lot
- Indoor painting
+ Fellowship Hall & Classrooms
- Cleaning book shelves/offices
- Cleaning kitchen space
- Polish furniture in nave

BLOCKS OF TIME (PICK 1 OR MORE!)

FRIDAY 9 am -12 noon

FRIDAY 1 pm -4 pm

FRIDAY 5pm -8 pm

SATURDAY 9 am -12 noon SATURDAY 1 pm -4 pm

++++++ FIESTA FOLLOWS @ 4--??? ++++++

RSVP yourself or church group to brian@newlifelutheran.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make the Connection

Teacher Installation & Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing
of the
Backpacks



Sunday, August 21st

9:15 am in the Sanctuary

Schedule: Sunday's Cool teachers will be installed, children bring backpacks up to be blessed, children meet their teachers and move on to Sunday's Cool in the Fellowship Hall.



“THE LUTHER GAMES”

******* FOR MEN YOUNG & OLD *******

**GATHER FOR AN EVENING
OF FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!**

TUESDAY AUGUST 16 6:00 pm – DARK

BBQ AND BYOB!

+ Horseshoes + Free Throw & 3 Point Contest + Egg Toss +
+ Mop Handle Javelin Toss + Softball Throws + Card-cutting +
+ Bean bag Toss + BIGGER BALLS + Scrabble + Soccer Kick +
Prizes, laughs and much, much more! Come play OR watch!

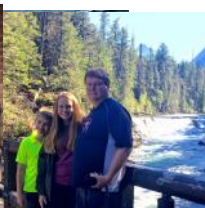
RSVP to: Sang@newlifelutheran.com

**LUTHERAN
MEN IN MISSION**
Building men for Christ

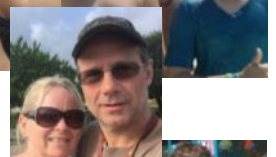
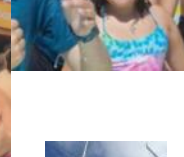
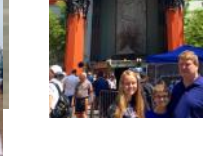
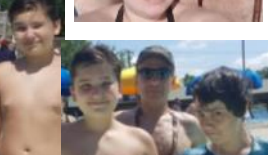
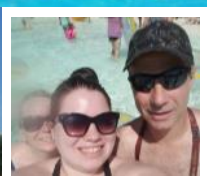
“For every man to become a bold, daring follower of Jesus Christ!”



Tillises Tour of ALL OVER



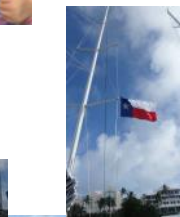
**Gestl Family
At Schlitterbahn**



Bickhams Volunteering



Suzy Bradford sails Bermuda



Camp Hope @ New Life

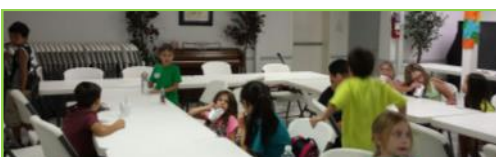


Great Group!

Week 1



Being Silly



**LutherHill Staff
Week 1**



**Perezes can't wait
to come to camp!**



New Life Seniors' Opportunities

(open to all persons age 55 and up)



New Life Seniors Luncheon Wednesday, August 3rd at noon.



Hawaiian Luau



Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

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

There will NOT be a **Westside Senior Lunch** for the month of August due to other events that complicate the week.



Friendship Circle Game Night

Friendship Circle Game Night will meet on Saturday, August 13th. 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.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

"Men's Night Out"

Tuesday, August 16th
6:00 pm to dark



"The Luther Games"

See page 7 for more details

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



As of July 14th, 2016, **647** 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 have suspended meetings, but if you are interested in joining "Yarn Lovers," please contact Karen in the church office @ 281-485-1818 or Carole Wright @ 713-826-8749 so we can start meeting again.

The New Life Prayer Shawl Ministry group would like to request donations of bright colored yarn. Currently the yarn "pantry" has only dark scratchy colors left. 4-Ply, Caron Simply Soft of other softer yarns are preferred.



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 and friends will meet for lunch at Pizza Hut on 518 on August 10th at 11:30am.

Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

THE MARY-MARTHA BIBLE STUDY continues third Wednesday bible study from the national

WELCA magazine named Gather, thanks to Helen Beckman. On August 17 we will be reading our bibles and sharing our thoughts at 9:30am. The July lesson on reconciliation was especially fun. We also inventoried school supplies to be packed after Senior Lunch on September 7. Our goal is 150 kits again this year so we shop summer specials.

Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

The Lydia Circle Bible Study will meet on Saturdays, August 6th & 20th 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 month's session is titled *Reconciliation as new creations*. When we forgive, we become new creations, and we, in turn, restore and create resilient relationships. If you need more details or have questions call Barbara Brown at 281.798.2138 or Cheryl Robinson at 713.471.4128.



WOW (Women of Worth) August 19th

WOW will meet on Friday, August 19th for games of LCR.

Questions? Contact Karen at office@newlifelutheran.com

SAVE THE DATES:

Annual WELCA Convention: Friday – Sunday, September 16-18 at Memorial Lutheran Church in Texas City TX. Keynote Speaker is Water 2 Thrive and the convention goal is to raise \$5,000 to build a water well! See convention paperwork for more details.

The Fall SE Cluster Meeting will be held Saturday, October 1st at House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Clear Lake, TX. WELCA will be gathering items for LWR Baby Care Kits. See the September Lifeline for details

Saturday, October 29th at 11:30 is the next **Women of the ELCA 5th Saturday lunch**. We will meet at the Pearland Golden Corral on FM518. Questions? Call Barbara Brown at 281.798.2138.

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

Tuesday Morning Quilters welcomed still more new faces and hands to quilting, tying, assembling and machine sewing and new delicious recipes for coffee times.

The Starry Night raffle quilt is almost complete!



We thank God that sisters Judy Foucheaux and Diane Carver continue their special gifts assembling beautiful quilt tops. Special thanks to Bob and Diane Leach and Linda & Ronnie Stavinoha for the bounty of sheets they have donated for backing quilts. Because of generous donations like these, Vera White reports we have plenty fabric for at least a year.

You can count on fine Tuesday morning activities with us.

For more information, call Vera White at 281.485.9713.





thank you!



Thank you to all who served coffee and juice during our Fellowship Hour; especially the following groups for July: Bryan Davis (from

Thrivent) & Kate Bates, The New Life Seniors, the Men in Mission and the New Life Church Council. Please note future available dates on page 17.

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



Thank you to the following Meals on Wheels volunteers: Jan & Becky Homerstad, Maudie & Marissa Halbardier, Barbara Flowers, JoAnn Morrison, Lynn Cope, Barbara Scott, Vera White & Bobbie Cummings, Walt & Carole Wright, Helen Beckman & Mary Anne Vance, and Foster & Judy Foucheaux for the week of July 5th—8th.



Thank you JoAnn Morrison for all your many months of Coordination.

Barbara Flowers will be New Life's new coordinator, starting in July with the help of Jane Maxwell! Thank you ladies!

The next time New Life delivers Meals on Wheels will be the week of Aug 29th - Sept. 2nd.

Volunteer of the month for August:
Mike Kiser

Thank You!!!

More Property Thank Yous on page 14.



Thank You! From Church Council & Staff

- Thank you to Kate Bates for setting up the lunch for Camp Hope training on Sunday, July 24th.
- Thank you to Kate Bates & Sang Kim for working with the Lutherhill staff to provide a safe and fun environment for Camp Hope @ New Life.
- Thank you to Barbara Scott for cooking an excellent breakfast each morning for the Lutherhill Staff.
- Thank you to Barbara Scott for reorganizing and cleaning the Fellowship Hall kitchen.
- Thank you to Helen Beckman and Trent & Tally Perez for hosting Lutherhill staff in their homes.
- Thank you to everyone who provided meals or gift cards for Lutherhill Staff evening meals.
- Thank you to everyone who took tags from the Camp Hope "Buddy" and brought supplies for Camp Hope snacks and Lutherhill staff lunches and/or all those who provided Camp Hope scholarships.
- Thank you to the families that shared their children with New Life Camp Hope.
- Cheryl Robinson & Debbie Adams for helping organize Camp Hope snacks and decoration.
- Cheryl Robinson and Debbie Adams for keeping up with the rotation of banners and elements for the Sanctuary and the decorations in the Fellowship Hall.
- To sisters Judy Foucheaux and Diane Carver who continue their special gifts assembling beautiful quilt tops for the Tuesday morning quilters
- To Bob and Diane Leach and Linda and Ronnie Stavinoha for the bounty of sheets they have donated for backing quilts.
- To the 2016 - 25th Anniversary - Fall Bazaar committee, teams and consultants.
- To JoAnn Morrison for her continued organization of Meals on Wheels.
- Thank you Barbara Flowers and Jane Maxwell for taking over the Meals-on-Wheels coordination starting in July 2016.
- Bobbie Cummings and Kate Bates for organizing and running Summer Sunday's Cool.
- To the many volunteer teachers who taught Sunday's Cool classes through-out the summer.
- Terri Kiser for keeping the office computers up, running and backed-up.
- Elna Ritter, Mary Webb, Barbara Scott, Berkeley Scott and the fabulous Houseband for making Sunday Worship musically beautiful.
- Jill Olsen for playing Bass guitar in the Houseband at 10:30 am service.
- To Jay Tillis for organizing the MiM trip to the Astros home game at Minute Maid Park.
- To those who drove youth to and from Lutherhill for Confirmation Camp.
- To Julia Sweet and Hap Cummings for doing service announcements.

Volunteer of the month for July:
Korie Williams

Thank You!!!



Thank you: Barbara Brown, Lynn Cope, Mike & Terry Kiser, Linda Stavinoha and Korie Williams for all the volunteer time they have contributed in the office this month. It is very much appreciated!
New Life Staff

New Life Lutheran Church

3521 East Orange St. Pearland



FALL FESTIVAL



Fun for the entire family!

25TH Annual New Life Bazaar/BBQ

Friday, October 7th & Saturday, October 8th

Come One, Come All

Bazaar Planning Meeting - Sunday, August 14th
After the 10:30 service

**Find out what is being done, who is doing what
& how can you help?**

Booth sign up sheets will be available soon for:

**Baked goods, Baked Potatoes, Drinks, Parking,
Security, Raffle, Vendor Welcome, Counting Room,
Set-Up & Take-Down.**

**Everyone can help! There are many things that need
to be done BEFORE the Bazaar as well!**



is NOW!

**June 1st -
November 30th**

HURRICANE WARNING

Hurricane season is upon us. Although we've been blessed for five years to not to have to deal with this, this more than likely means we are not as prepared as we should be. We encourage each and every one of you to be a "72 Hour Lutheran", a person who has enough supplies in their home to meet their household's basic needs for 72 hours.

Being prepared to take care of your own family allows you to then reach out and help others.

When you get home today, take a moment to make this a priority:

- ☐ Use this checklist for supplies
- ☐ Determine escape routes
- ☐ Make an evacuation plan for all pets
- ☐ Share one out of state emergency contact for all of your family and friends
- ☐ Call your church and be sure your information is correct
- ☐ Know the vulnerability of your home and the safest areas within it



Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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GulfCoastSynod.org 281.873.5665

"72 Hour Lutheran" Checklist

- ☐ Proper identification
- ☐ Immunization records
- ☐ Flashlight/Batteries
- ☐ Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- ☐ Fully charged cell phone
- ☐ A traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- ☐ Cash (with small bills)
- ☐ Extra keys
- ☐ Tools – keep a set with you during the storm
- ☐ Vehicle fuel tank (kept filled)
- ☐ Pet care items, including drinking water
- ☐ Stock up on non-perishable supplies
- ☐ One gallon of water per person per day
- ☐ Snack foods
- ☐ Cooking tools
- ☐ Non-electric can opener
- ☐ Fuel, oil for generators, chainsaws, etc.
- ☐ Paper plates and plastic utensils
- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ Medicines, Prescriptions
- ☐ Toiletries, Hygiene items, moist wipes
- ☐ Weather & news apps downloaded to devices
- ☐ Tarps
- ☐ Bug repellent
- ☐ Duct tape
- ☐ BBQ, camp stove, or other method of heating food

Property
Maintenance



Lots of things going on behind the scenes...

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

Join the Property Team on Work Days or on the first Thursday of the month.

Foster Foucheaux and Walt Wright for continually replacing air filters on a monthly basis and replacing light bulbs as needed throughout the 3 buildings.

Mike Kiser for continued work on the sound system and the tempermental roof.

Ronnie Stavinoha for keeping up with monthly insect spraying and for working on multiple toilets that needed repair and/or replacement.

Allen Patschke for continuing to replace highlight bulbs in the Sanctuary.

All those that provide special offerings to help with Lawn Care. (\$550 per month) *Currently this amount is not being met, please let Karen in the office know if you would like to be included on a monthly reminder email.

Bob & Wendy Connors for donating a game table and several “party” supplies.

To Karen Sweet Cheney for getting the internet/WiFi/phone work done for the church.

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

Please continue monthly donations:

F12 and F8 Florescent Tubes

20x20 and 24x24 Ceiling Tiles (Need one box each)

Air Filters (needed per month):

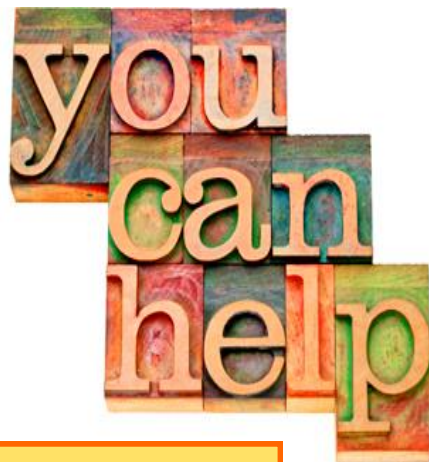
20x20x1 (10)

24x24x1 (3)

20x30x1 (1)

2 Bulb Ballasts: 4 foot, model # F48/96T12

(Are getting older and have to be replaced)



See page 5 for Fellowship Hall “re-do” needs



New Life now has WiFi!

In all 3 buildings!

**Log on to New Life Lutheran Guest with
anewlife and post pictures to facebook.**

Newlifeinpearland

Also, we have a new website!

Worship Times developed it and it can be reached at the same location.

www.newlifelutheran.com



Let's review recycling at New Life



There are paper recycling receptacles at many locations in each building. Please put **ONLY** paper in the containers and nothing contaminated with food or drink. It will be deposited in one of the paper recycling dumpsters behind the church. Please bring your paper from home as well. The sale of recycled paper is a fundraiser for the youth. Cardboard does not go into the paper recycling. Set it aside and it will be recycled through curbside recycling. Food contaminated cardboard should be thrown away. (example: Pizza boxes) AND bring your old birthday and holiday cards to the church office to be sent to St. Jude's Hospital.

Aluminum Cans:

Another fundraiser for the youth is aluminum recycling. Please empty the cans completely. Before placing the cans in the bin, pull off the pop top and place it in the nearby container. In the Juull Building, there is a large plastic jar on the counter top for the pop tops. In the Administration Building and the Sanctuary there are small green bins by the sink for the pop tops. They are used for raising money for Ronald McDonald House Family Services. All clean aluminum can be recycled, foil wrap and pans as well.



Plastic, Glass, and Non-Aluminum Cans:

The **green receptacle** by the kitchen is for plastic, glass, and non-aluminum metal cans.

- Please do not put paper or plastic bags in it. No matter how careful we are, we may still contaminate the paper with food. Plastic bags do not go in curbside recycling. At the materials reclamation facility (MRF), they have to stop the sorting procedure several times a day due to the plastic film that gets wound up in the mechanism. Plastic bags can be taken back to any grocery store. That includes any bags or filmy plastic sheets, but not cling plastic food wrap. Some people bring plastic bags back to the church for use at Christian Helping Hands. There is also a bag hanging in the kitchen for miscellaneous uses.
- All plastic and glass bottles and juice and milk cartons can be recycled. Be sure they are empty, rinsed, and the lids put back on. On plastic containers, look for the triangle of chasing arrows with a number in the middle. If there is no number, throw it away. If the number is 6, throw it away. We can recycle numbers 1 through 5 and 7.
- Please do not buy any more Solo cups. They are number 6. Styrofoam is also number 6. In order to avoid disposable tableware, we have purchased sturdy plastic glasses that are dishwasher proof and we wash them as well as ceramic coffee cups and soup bowls. If you do not want to wash glasses, we do have some number one and five plastic cups. These can be recycled.
- We can't recycle plastic forks, knives, spoons, or straws. Whenever possible, use the stainless ware.



The **slop bucket** is for all food scraps to be composted. There are green coffee cans at each sink for convenience when making coffee or tea. When I get recycling, I gather up grounds and food scraps. All disposable plates and napkins go in the trash, but scrape leftovers into the slop bucket first. When I take the recycling home, I sort and clean before recycling. Whatever sorting and rinsing is done at church is a big help to me. Thank you for caring for our environment and doing your part by recycling.

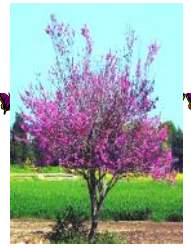


The monthly **Pearland Community Garden lecture** will take place at the Pearland Recreation Center on Bailey Road, August 11th at 6:30pm. The topic this month is about Fall Gardening.

Thank you to all who participated on July 30th with our Keep Pearland Beautiful, Adopt-a-Spot cleanup day! Remember, we are Pearland's longest running adopt-a-spot!

Helen Beckman

Updates for the Church Roster:



Change of Address and/or email:

Tony & Rachel Royal

1928 Meadow Creek Dr
Pearland, TX 77581-5620



Sunday, July 31st, New Life welcomed into God's Kingdom, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, Jaxson Dean Thweatt, son of Stephanie and Max Thweatt.

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

Congratulations to Holly Moreno & Chelsea Malina

on their marriage on Friday, July 24th, in Angleton.

Pastor Gigue officiated their wedding.

Please keep Holly and Chelsea in your prayers as they begin their new life together.



Congratulations to Audrey Kaiser on the birth of her new baby boy, Greyson. Greyson was born on July 24th, weighed in at 7 lbs. 13 oz. And was 20 1/2 inches long .

Congratulations to Tony and Rachel Royal on the birth of their new baby boy, A.J. Royal. A.J. was born on June 17th, weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 oz. And was 21 inches long .



Congratulations to Seth and Chancee Rowell on the birth of their new baby girl, Olivia Grace Rowell in Edmond, OK.. Olivia Grace was born on July 13th, weighed in at 8 lbs. 1 oz. And was 21.5 inches long. Proud Great-Grandparents are Ed & Robyn Bradford

Sympathies



We extend our Christian sympathy to the Bickham family and friends, for the loss of Duane's mother, Peggy, who died in Christ on Sunday, July 24th.

Services will be held the week of August 1st.

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

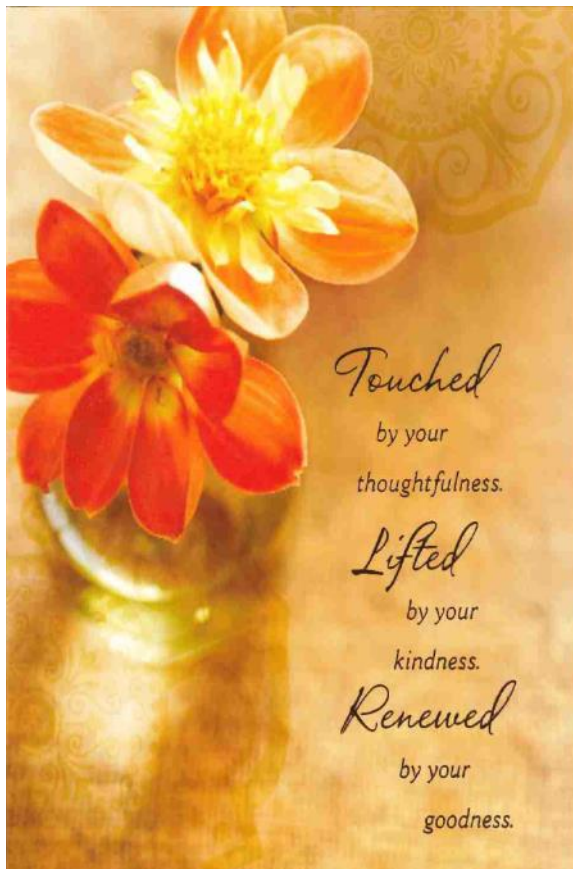
GLOW is caring for New Life Members.

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 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 7:30pm 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.





And very, very thankful.

Thank you for your
wonderful work of art!
It is beautiful and
will keep me warm if
it gets cold in southern
Texas ☺
God bless you.

Thank you
for Prayer
Shawl



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graduate
JANIE POTENZA



Box 0267
South Houston, TX
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**We want to thank you
for your latest donation
to our Food Pantry.**

**It will soon become a part
of our nutrition ministry
to neighbors in need.**

108 dog/cat food pounds
on 6/10/16



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

Bryan David of Thrivent & Kate Bates, the New Life Seniors, the Men In Mission and the New Life Church Council

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

August 7 November 6 & 13
September 4 & 11 December 4 & 11
October 2 & 9

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 for more information.



Altar Flowers

Thank you to all who provide Sunday flowers!

For questions, call the church office at 281-485-1818



Notice!

Dates that are available:

August 7
August 21
September 18

October 16
October 23
November 13

November 20
November 27
December 4

CHRISTIAN HELPING HANDS
DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JULY 2016
PRAISES TO OUR LORD!

I. BREAKDOWN OF PEOPLE HELPED

	MAY	JUNE
PEOPLE	1,236	1,618
FAMILIES	319	391
FOOD	1,235	1,593
CLOTHING	52	92
MEDICAL	8	1
LODGING	1	0

II. CENTER NEWS

- 'SNACK IT TO EM" FOOD DRIVE IS A SUCCESS FOOD ITEMS FOR CHILDREN ARE STILL COMING IN.
- THANKS TO GRANDMOTHER AND HER GRANDSON FOR SACKING ITEMS FOR EACH CHILD.
- VISIT FROM "MUG SISTER WOMEN'S GROUP FROM GOOD SHEPHERD.
- C.H.H VOLUNTEER TO SPEAK AT 1ST BAPTIST VBS - THEY ARE COLLECTING FOOD.
- STUDENT VOLUNTEERS THIS SUMMER ARE A BIG HELP.
- A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR DRIVERS WHO PICK UP AND DELIVER FOOD TO CHH 7 DAYS A WEEK --- YES, SUNDAY TOO --- GOD BLESS 'EM EVERYONE!

III. SCRIPTURE

'AND YOU YOURSELF MUST BE AN EXAMPLE TO THEM BY DOING GOOD DEEDS OF EVERY KIND.'
TITUS 2:7 NLT

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED IN HIS SERVICE

ROBBIE MCDONALD



Please bring items for CHH and place them in the grocery cart outside of the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTIAN HELPING HANDS

DURING THE SUMMER, CHH WILL BE GIVING FOOD TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN EVERY MONTH - JUNE, JULY + AUGUST

THIS SUMMER NEW LIFE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (AND OTHERS) ARE COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS TO HELP OFFSET THE GREATER SUMMER NEED.

CHH'S MAIN NEEDS FOR THE SUMMER ARE:
CEREAL, JAMS AND JELLIES AND HEALTHY SNACKS.

THE LIST IS ACTUALLY HUGE AND BECAUSE OF THE EXTENDED GIVING TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN.

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

Thank you!



New Life also supports SeAM - SouthEast Area Ministries

Located in Pasadena, SeAM provides pantry items to families in need like CHH. The New Life Confirmation class recently participated in a drive for Pet Food and New Life collects a noisy offering each year for SeAM. They have a thrift store that needs volunteers to come help sort and price items for sale. Please consider donating an hour or two of time to help out.

65,282 persons benefited from SeAM in 2014. The quality and efficiency of SeAM is greatly enhanced by the service of 696 volunteers. See page 17 for receipt of 108 pounds of pet food.

FOOD DRIVE

Food items for Pop-Top Ministries are starting to fill up the large black bin in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

Pick up a filled bag in the narthex and deliver to someone in need. Kids at school, those on the corners with "hungry" signs, or an elderly neighbor that doesn't get out.



July 20, 2016

This past weekend, an audience of over 550 patriotic Americans joined together to celebrate our nation's birth and praise our Lord at the annual Houston Lutheran Chorale's 4th of July Concert. The concert is one of two major events presented by the Chorale each year for more than 25 years. Now we look forward to a new challenge with the upcoming Christmas concert season.

The Chorale is comprised of singers from Lutheran congregations throughout the Gulf Coast and is seeking new members. While we currently have many congregations represented, our goal is to have at least one member from each congregation among our number. A Chorale of over 100 members truly would be a magnificent testament of our faith.

The Houston Lutheran Chorale is seeking new singers to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in music and song.

Who: All who love to sing - no auditions required.

When: Rehearsals begin August 14.

From 2 PM to 5 PM two Sunday afternoons each month.

Concerts are scheduled for December 3 & 4.

Other special performances may be added.

(Details at www.hlc-tx.org)

**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.**

Thank you in advance,
Sandra F. Petersen, Community Relations Liaison
Houston Lutheran Chorale



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

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

* Three year olds through high school classes meet in the fellowship hall .

Sunday	Lesson	Name of Teacher(s)
August 7	The Plagues	Berkeley Scott
August 14	The Red Sea	Sang Kim
August 21	Backpack Blessing Teacher Installation Meet Teachers	2016-2017 Sunday's Cool Teachers

Starting August 21st

- **Three year olds through high school classes** meet upstairs in the fellowship hall except for the 5th & 6th grades who meet downstairs across from the DVD/VCR room.
- Adults will all join in a class/discussion on Martin Luther and the Reformation.

Come Join in the Fun While Learning about God's Love

Adult Sunday School



- **DVD Class** – Donna and Nolan Patschke lead a conversation on the "Lives of Great Christians" as presented by William R. Cook... 30 min movie followed by discussion in the DVD room of the Fellowship Hall.
- **"We Make the Road by Walking"** - In connection with the summer sermon series. See page 3 for details.

Lutheran Learning is Lifelong Learning

Check with Kate in the church office for more info. kate@newlifelutheran.com



For more information on retreats, visit Lutherhill.org



Confirmation Camp 2016

LYO Schedule for August **(Wednesdays & possible Sunday)**

LYO will continue on Wednesdays with a few changes:

August 5 (Friday, 6:30-8:00): changed to Friday due to Camp Hope; movies for adults and youth group activities (movie, games and / or Ga-Ga ball)

August 10: LYO; movies for senior adults

August 17: LYO; movies for senior adults

August 24: LYO; movies for senior adults

August 31: LYO; movies for senior adults

- After school starts, LYO may move to another night depending on parent poll.



ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER

Driven to Defiance

"I would never have thought that such a storm would rise from Rome over one simple scrap of paper..." (Martin Luther)

Few if any men have changed the course of history like Martin Luther. In less than ten years, this fevered German monk plunged a knife into the heart of an empire that had ruled for a thousand years, and set in motion a train of revolution, war and conflict that would reshape Western civilization, and lift it out of the Dark Ages.

Luther's is a drama that still resonates half a millennium on. It's an epic tale that stretches from the gilded corridors of the Vatican to the weathered church door of a small South German town; from the barbarous pyres of heretics to the technological triumph of printing. It is the story of the birth of the modern age, of the collapse of medieval feudalism, and the first shaping of ideals of freedom and liberty that lie at the heart of the 21st century.

But this is also an intensely human tale, a story that hurtles from the depths of despair to the heights of triumph and back again. This is the story of a man who ultimately found himself a lightning conductor of history, crackling with forces he could not quite comprehend or control.

For Luther, in a life full of irony, would find himself overwhelmed by his own achievements. As his followers sought to build a new and just Europe around him, he could only turn on them in frustration, declaring that his - and their - only goal should be Heaven.

Martin Luther stands as a hero, the man who built the bridge between the two halves of the last millennium, the Medieval and the Modern. His tragedy was that he would never find the courage to cross it himself.

Martin Luther was born into a world dominated by the Catholic Church, which holds spiritual dominion over all the nations of Europe. For the keenly spiritual Luther, the Church's promise of salvation is irresistible - caught in a thunderstorm, terrified by the possibility of imminent death, he vows to become a monk.



Selling indulgences

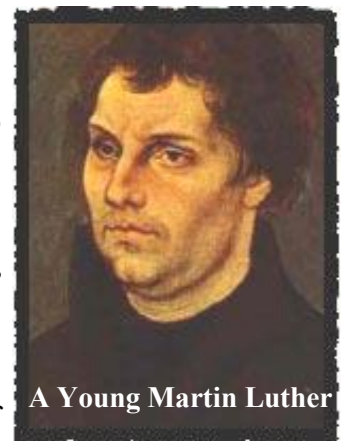
But after entering the monastery, Luther becomes increasingly doubtful that the Church can actually offer him salvation at all. His views crystallize even further with a trip to Rome, where he finds that the capital of Catholicism is swamped in corruption.

Wrecked by despair, Luther finally finds release in the pages of the Bible, when he discovers that it is not the Church, but his own individual faith that will guarantee his salvation.

With this revelation, he turns on the Church, attacking its practice of selling Indulgences in the famous 95 Theses. The key points of Luther's theses were simple, but devastating: a criticism of the Pope's purpose in raising the money, "he is richer than Croesus, he would do better to sell St Peters and give the money to the poor people...", and a straightforward concern for his flock, "indulgences are most pernicious because they induce complacency and thereby imperil salvation".

Luther was not only a revolutionary thinker, he would also benefit from a revolutionary technology: the newly invented machinery of printing. A single pamphlet would be carried from one town to another, where it would be duplicated in a further print run of thousands. Within three months, all Europe was awash with copies of Luther's 95 Theses.

Martin Luther had inadvertently chosen unavoidable conflict with what was the most powerful institution of the day, the Catholic Church.



A Young Martin Luther

What it means to be Lutheran

June 30, 2016



Lutherans don't often garner much media attention. In this country we don't make up a big segment of the population. When groups of Lutherans began arriving on these shores in the 18th and 19th centuries, they tended to stay in their nationality and language groups and didn't assimilate completely into the surrounding culture. We kept to ourselves and so went relatively unnoticed. Lutherans, with some exceptions, weren't part of the political or economic elite. There are both benefits and problems because of this. More later.

Our state of relative obscurity is about to change. In 16 months we'll mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. For a brief time a spotlight will be turned on Lutherans in this country and around the world. Documentaries will be produced and aired, seminars will be held and, particularly if Oct. 31, 2017, is a slow news day, the media is going to seek us out and ask us to explain ourselves. When the local newspaper, radio or TV station comes knocking on our door, what are we going to say?

[In our churchwide conversation about priorities for the ELCA](#), we have been asking what it means to be Lutheran. We aren't as good as we could be about giving a clear answer to that question. We speak about grace, about our work in advocacy, about the relief and development work we do, about our inclusiveness and diversity – though I believe these last two are more aspirational than actual – about our ecumenical and interreligious dialogues and relationships. These are true and beautiful and important. They are not exclusively Lutheran.

Many religious and secular organizations are deeply committed to serving the vulnerable and working for justice and peace. The ELCA couldn't engage in ecumenical and interreligious partnerships if there were no ecumenical or interreligious partners. What is distinctive about us then?

When trying to define Lutheran identity we sometimes default to cultural types – northern and central European heritage, a certain kind of hymnody, even standard entrees at church dinners. I'm not dismissing the faithful witness of the millions of Lutheran immigrants who left Europe to start a new life on this continent. They built churches and hospitals and universities. They cared for the poor, the widow and the orphan.

They also lived in close-knit ethnic communities that, at first, helped maintain the Lutheran confessional movement. That is the benefit I noted above. The problem is that the Lutheran movement in this country has become overidentified with a particular cultural expression.

If we manage to not describe ourselves by a particular culture, we have the tendency of describing Lutheranism as a set of behaviors – we are inclusive, we work for justice, we stand with the vulnerable, we are an inviting church. Please, God, let it be so.

But the danger is we can slip into what scholasticism called "fides formata." Today we might say faith formation: not in the sense of a living faith that has first been given as a gift, but that correct action leads to faith. Either of these expressions – cultural or behavioral – can result in what Martha Stortz, a professor at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, calls the "presumptive we" that leads to the "othering you." Those in the majority assume their experience is universal and those outside of that experience aren't fully part of the tradition.

Neither culture nor behavior define what is distinctive about the Lutheran movement. It's our understanding of the gospel. The gospel word creates faith. The gospel word is judgment and promise. Faith created by this gospel word sets people free to serve the neighbor. The church's proper work is to proclaim the gospel word. You know, in the end, it's all about God's fierce and tender love that drives us to the cross, and there, at the very point of death, gives us life. The world deserves to hear the gospel – when the spotlight is on us, and when it is not.



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

"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...

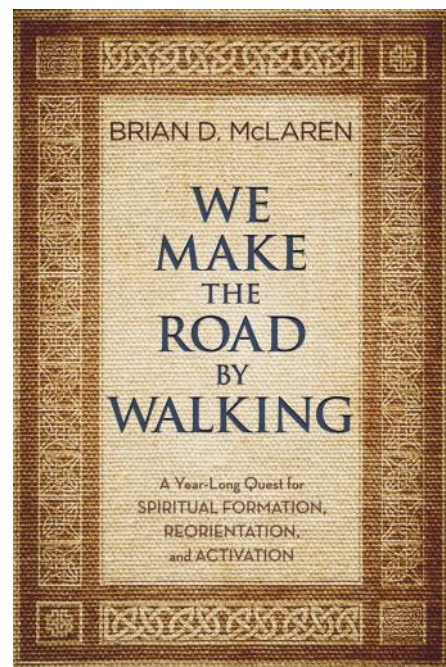
Pray for renewing health: Marge & Sam Angelo, Gretchen Barnes, Brian Bates, Susan Bickham, Bryan Bradford, Ed Bradford, Robyn Bradford, Suzy Bradford, Theresa Breuer (Barbara Scott's mother), Rick Broughton, Barbara Brown, Terry Brown, Louisa Brown, Pete Brumfield, Patrick Burkard, Diane Carver, Carl & Shirley Ericsson, Brian Foster, Nancy Fuller, Regina Gestl, Margo Giguee, Maudie Halbardier, Becky Homerstad, Bobbie Lott, Larry Magers, Phyllis Mistrot, Rudy Moreno, Erin Newell, Zetta Palmer, Hubert Pardue, Allen Patschke, Allison Patschke, Jan Porter, Mike Porter, Matt Scott, Glenn Sponholtz, 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: Abarca & Lott families, Anderson family, Barrett family, Bates family, Bickham 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, Fuller family, Gabaldon, Hurlbut & Gilbert families, Gerig family, Giguee & Campbell families, family of Yvonne Hamilton, Hilliard family, Hynek family, Jurgens family, Keilers and McDonald families, Kaiser family, Kiser family, Kyle Lawson, Lawson family, Leach family, Lemke family, Lott family, Lowery & Ullman families, Marcha & Salazar families, Martain family, McBride family, Morgan family, Morrison & Doyle families, Newell and Starr families, 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, Sweet family, Thomas family, Thompson family, Villalobos family, Wellman family, White family, and the Young family.

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



PRAYER CORNER



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

August 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 students who have returned or are preparing to return to school that they will grow strong in wisdom, faith, knowledge and friendship with their peers.

2 We give thanks to God for the special work of teachers, principals, custodians, cooks, student teachers, administrative staff, counselors, librarians, nurses, bus drivers and all who play a role in the education, well-being and development of our children and youth.

3 In the face of threats of terror and uncertainty in the world, we pray that we embrace God as our refuge and strength and resist the human urge to respond with violence, debilitating fear or hatred.

4 We remember in our prayers regions and communities across the United States that have suffered loss and hardship from flooding, wildfires and severe weather. We ask that those who suffer and are trying to recover experience God's presence and hope, as well as the caring assistance of emergency responders, relief workers and neighbors.

5 We come to God in our human weakness and distress and pray God will grant us the bold faith and courage needed to speak peace and reconciliation into the commotion of hatred and division that exists today and live the truth that all people are created in God's image.

6 For all ELCA pastors, rostered leaders and missionaries we give thanks to God. We pray they find daily encouragement, spiritual renewal and supportive partners for the work God has called them to in the world.

7 We give thanks to God for the certain gift of eternal life we have in Jesus Christ and pray that this confidence will set us free to love our neighbor and be generous with everything we have, especially for the well-being of people who live in poverty and hunger.

8 *ELCA Churchwide Assembly* We remember in our prayers the pastors, leaders and voting members gathered in New Orleans for the 2016 Churchwide Assembly. We pray the Spirit will guide and energize their discernment, discussions and decisions that shape the mission of the ELCA and how we go about God's work in the world.

9 *International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples* There are an estimated 370 million indigenous peoples living around the world. We ask God to stretch our awareness and empathy and move us to join the work to protect and promote the rights, culture and land of indigenous people – children of God, brothers and sisters in Christ.

10 *Grace Gathering* We pray the Spirit will bless the experience of all those gathered at the Grace Gathering in New Orleans and that God's people will be recharged for faith-driven, heartfelt witness and service in the world as Lutheran Christians.

11 We remember in our prayers the bishops and staff of our 65 synods that God will sustain and encourage them in their faith and ministries as they serve and support congregations, leaders and communities across the country.

12 *International Youth Day* We pray young people everywhere will thrive, be healthy and live with hope alongside caring, attentive adults, parents and mentors.

13 Nurses serve in many contexts and attend to the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of people of all ages – from birth to death. We give thanks for their gifts and service and pray God will strengthen and sustain them for the ever-changing challenges they face.

14 We ask God to grant us courage, hope and a confidence grounded in Jesus Christ, especially when our service and witness in the world proves difficult or discouraging.

- 15 *Mary, Mother of Our Lord* We are all bearers of good news – the gospel – no matter our social standing, abilities, education, age or position. We ask the Spirit to permeate everything we say and do with expressions of joy and hope.
- 16 We give thanks to God for the leadership, service and vision of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton and pray that God will continue to strengthen her faith, deepen her wisdom and bless her witness and ministry on behalf of the ELCA.
- 17 Refugees and immigrants in the world continue to seek safe, welcoming communities in which to live, work, form new relationships and become self-sufficient. We pray God will safeguard their journeys and provoke us to be active in welcoming, supporting and advocating for all who are displaced by war, national instability, poverty or persecution.
- 18 We pray that we will tell without reluctance or shyness the story of God’s presence, love and justice in the world throughout history and not forget to weave in our own stories as loved and forgiven children of God.
- 19 We remember in our prayers the young adults serving in Rwanda with the Young Adults in Global Mission program. We ask God to bless their work with the congregational, social and reconciliation ministries of the Lutheran Church of Rwanda.
- 20 We give thanks to God for the young adults who have served in ELCA outdoor ministries this summer and ask God to bless their lives and drive their desire to serve others – in the name of Jesus Christ – as they return to school, work, new ministries or volunteer opportunities.
- 21 When traditions, routines or rituals – even those of the church – inhibit us from caring for our neighbor, we ask God for the wisdom to discern what is most important and to not fear change for the sake of doing God’s work in our communities and the world.
- 22 We remember in our prayers Jenna Bergeson, the Rev. Carolyn Schneider, the Rev. Wayne Nieminen and the Rev. Christa VonZychlin, ELCA missionaries serving in Hong Kong. We ask God to bless their work in theological education and teaching English with our partner churches and institutions.
- 23 We give thanks to God for being our hope and trust, our refuge and rock, from the day we are born until we enter the kingdom of heaven.
- 24 We ask God to help us be faithful followers, students and servants of Jesus Christ, bold in our faith and willing to go wherever God sends or leads us in the world, even into our own neighborhoods.
- 25 We pray for the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner with the ELCA, and for the continuing growth of our relationship as together we share the gospel and do God’s work in the world.
- 26 In the midst of our country’s discussions and impassioned debates about reducing gun violence, we ask God’s forgiveness for our failures to keep human lives – God’s handiwork and gift – in the foreground. We plea for God’s help and wisdom in reaching self-sacrificing, life-valuing, effective answers – together.
- 27 Katherine Graf, Rachel Eskesen and Aliyah Richling serve as ELCA missionaries in Hungary. We pray for their partnership and service with small and re-emerging Lutheran churches, especially in the areas of teaching, Roma ministry and parish ministry.
- 28 As followers of Jesus Christ, we pray that our spirit and actions express humility, concern for our neighbor and a desire to first honor and serve others rather than ourselves.
- 29 As congregations prepare programs for fall, we ask God to bless their planning and leadership. We pray their efforts and creativity will encourage people of all ages in their faith and touch the hearts of those who yet seek or hunger for the good news found in Jesus Christ.
- 30 Following God’s ways and trusting in God’s love, our hearts are firm and steady, and we are not afraid; for these blessings we give praise and thanksgiving to God.
- 31 We remember in our prayers seasonal workers seeking new employment, moving or facing the emotions that come with change. We pray that our congregations be inviting and welcoming for people in transition, that we are communities of faith offering acceptance, stability, friendship and support.



August



Birthdays

Ted Obraztsov	08/02
Aaron Plata	08/02
Rachel Meyer	08/03
Morgan Barrett	08/04
Shirley Ericsson	08/04
Daoud Karam	08/04
Alan Barnes	08/05
Kim Koepke/Johnson	08/06
Meredith Reynolds	08/06
Patti Barrett	08/07
Morgan Johnson	08/07
Joanne Obraztsov	08/07
Catherine Sinacori	08/07
Noah Landrum	08/08
Joseph Young	08/08
Phyllis Mistrot	08/09
Maria Sanchez	08/09
Jared Baker	08/10
Marjorie Schooley	08/10
Alexis Stewart	08/10
Garrett Thweatt	08/12
Erik Sweet	08/13
Aaliyan Valdez	08/13
Jose Villalobos III	08/13
Samantha Burt	08/14
Ariel Ganung	08/14
Jerry Gilbert	08/14
Michael Lowery	08/14
Rogelio Jerez	08/17
Andrew Turner	08/18
Louis Marcha	08/19
Madelyn Lowery	08/20
Robert Dilger	08/21
Jason Gerstner	08/21
Robert Johnston	08/21
LuAnne Napoleon	08/21
Holly Tatuaca	08/21
Mike Besser	08/22
Valerie Rincones	08/22
Jessica Deyo	08/24
Vince Gottlieb	08/24
Kristi Morrison	08/24
Matt Scott	08/24
Tally Perez	08/25
Adan Plata, Jr.	08/27
Gary Anderson	08/28
Javier Caballero	08/29
Keeley Carlson	08/29
Michael Flowers	08/29
Catherine Gilbert	08/29
Rama Gerig	08/30

Lynn & Doug Barron	08/01
Beth & Mason Moore	08/01
Connie & Michael Pelletier	08/01
Nyla & Paul Graf	08/04
Vanessa & J.C. Rincones	08/08
Linda & Richard Broughton	08/25
Madelyn & Ike Schroder	08/25
Stephenie & Erick Martinez	08/26
Loretta & Mark Kaiser	08/28

Baptismal Anniversaries

Alan Barnes	08/01
Patrick Burkard	08/01
Rick Cummings	08/01
Margo Gige	08/01
Pamela Guidry	08/01
Dianna Moreno	08/01
Julie Watkins	08/01
Rudy Moreno	08/06
Nancy Ramirez	08/07
Madison Johnson	08/08
Hayden Schmidt	08/08
Charlotte Thurman	08/08
Gretchen Barnes	08/10
William Sinacori	08/10
Zachary Gottlieb	08/11
Autumn Johnson	08/11
Jaxson Zaunbrecher	08/12
J.D. McDonald	08/13
Elna Ritter	08/14
Jose Villalobos III	08/14
Hunter Van Ness	08/15
Austin Tatuaca	08/16
Patrick Thompson	08/16
Addison Welch	08/16
Torry Atkins	08/18
Garrett Thweatt	08/18
Kaitlin Casso-Young	08/20
Christopher Young	08/20
David Young	08/20
Timothy Young	08/20
JoAnn Morrison	08/21
Joey Morrison	08/21
Kristi Morrison	08/21
Kyne Homerstad	08/25
Jordan Barthelme	08/26
Kathryn Peterson Viccellio	08/26
Christy Villalobos	08/28
Jolissa Villalobos	08/28
Lori Homerstad	08/30

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August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM 11th Anniversary Picnic & Generosity Fair 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	1 New Life CAMP HOPE 6:45 PM House Band Practice 8:00 PM AA & AI -Anon	2 New Life CAMP HOPE 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	3 New Life CAMP HOPE 12:00 PM Seniors (55+) Luncheon 6:30 PM LYO Lutheran Youth Org	4 New Life CAMP HOPE 6:00 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Property Team	5 New Life CAMP HOPE	6 9:00 AM New Life Fellowship Hall ReDo 10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
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14 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	15 6:45 PM House Band Practice 8:00 PM AA & AI -Anon	16 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:00 PM Men's Night Out 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	17 9:30 AM Mary Martha Bible Study 11:45 AM Westside Senior' (55+) Lunch 6:30 PM LYO Lutheran Youth Org	18 6:00 PM Phoenix Women's Group	19 9:00 AM Principe de Paz Facelift & Fiesta 7:00 PM WOW	20 9:00 AM New Life Fellowship Hall ReDo 9:00 AM Principe de Paz Facelift & Fiesta 10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
21 Backpack Blessings Sunday's Cool Teacher Installation 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	22 School Starts for Pearland, Alvin, Houston & Friendswood 6:45 PM House Band Practice 8:00 PM AA & AI -Anon	23 School starts for Pasadena 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	24 6:30 PM LYO Lutheran Youth Org	25 6:00 PM Phoenix Women's Group	26	27 9:00 AM New Life Fellowship Hall ReDo 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
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Helping Hands in Worship - August 2016

Altar Guild: Sandy & Catie Tillis, Lynn Barron & Tina Meyer ♥ Communion Elements: Lorraine Walls
8:00am Announcements: Julia Sweet ♥ 10:30am Announcements: Hap Cummings/Jim Burkard

SERVICE	August 7 – 12 Pentecost	August 14- 13 Pentecost	August 21– 14 Pentecost	August 28 – 15 Pentecost
Acolyte 8:00 10:30	Michael Scott William Schroder	John Russell Gestl William Sinacori	Ryan Flick Alex Tatuaca	Clayton Migl Gabe Napoleon
Assisting 8:00 10:30	Matt Scott Sang Kim	Nancy Bryars Jamie Hilliard	Sang Kim Michael Porter	Denise Jurgens Aimee Sandoval
Communion 8:00	Robin Gottlieb Beth Moore	Coleen Gestl Jessica Gestl	Tamsey Mims Susie Wellman	Brenda Migl Lynn Barron
Communion 10:30	Tiffany Pineda Cheryl Robinson	Mary Ann Marcha Carole Wright	Kristi Glowka Jan Zuerner	Deanna Barthelme Barbara Flowers
Altar Flowers		Elizabeth White's Birthday		In Memory of Marcia Linnell Hoffmann
Lay Reader 8:00 10:30	Norm Griffith Jan Zuerner	John Gestl Bryan Bradford	Rebecca Reed Becky Homerstad	Norm Griffith Jim Burkard
Nursery 10:30	Mandy Schroder	Trent Perez	Kate Bates	Jackie Crawford
Greeters 8:00	Shirley Griffith Norm Griffith	Helen Beckman	Charlie Gaevert	Shirley Griffith
Greeters 10:30	Merideth Oliver Linda Stavinoha	Lynn Cope Christal Thompson	Charles Foster Saundra Foster	Gary Siegworth Dauod Karam
Ushers 8:00	Susie Wellman Tamsey Mims	DeAnna Gerber Charlie Gaevert	Robin Gottlieb Deanna Gerber	Frank Jurgens Jerry Migl
Ushers 10:30	Jay Tillis Jim Burkard	Ed Bradford Gary Seigworth	Jan Homerstad Milton Thomas	Jenaro Castillo Christal Thompson
Hosting Fellowship Hour	OPEN	Gretchen Barnes	Third Sunday Group	MIM
Altar Guild	Susie Wellman and Tamsey Mims	Susie Wellman and Tamsey Mims	Susie Wellman and Tamsey Mims	Susie Wellman and Tamsey Mims
Announcements	Julia Sweet/Hap Cummings/Jim Burkard	Julia Sweet/Hap Cummings/Jim Burkard	Julia Sweet/Hap Cummings/Jim Burkard	Julia Sweet/Hap Cummings/Jim Burkard
Communion Elements	Kate Bates or Lorraine Walls	Kate Bates or Lorraine Walls	Kate Bates or Lorraine Walls	Kate Bates or Lorraine Walls

** Worship Assistants needed. Please contact the church office if you would like to serve.*