

NEW LIFE

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



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Don't Let Go

The Lifeline

Thursday, Sept 1st

Property Team Meeting

Saturday, Sept 3rd

Lydia Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, Sept 7th

Seniors (55+) Luncheon—School Kits

Confirmation Class Starts

LYO

Thursday, Sept 8th

Book Review/GLOW

Saturday, Sept 10th

Friendship Circle Game Night

Sunday, Sept 11th

Rally Day - Honor 1st Responders

3&4 Year Old Blessing - 11th Anniversary

Party/Breakfast

Noisy Offering—Hou. Luth. Campus Ministry

Monday, Sept 12th

Church Council

Wednesday, Sept 14th

WELCA Lunch Bunch @ Panera Bread

Confirmation Class

LYO

Friday—Sunday, Sept 16-18

WELCA Convention in Texas City

Friday, Sept 16th

WOW - BUNCO

Saturday, Sept 17th

Lydia Circle Bible Study

Tuesday, Sept 20th

Men's Night Out

Wednesday, Sept 21st

Mary Martha Bible Study

Westside Seniors Lunch @ Olive Garden

Confirmation Class

LYO

Sunday, Sept 25th

Men's Sunday—Blood Drive—Generosity Fair

Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 28th

Confirmation Class

LYO

Saturday, Oct 1st

SE Cluster Fall WELCA Meeting @ HoP

September 2016



September

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Pastor's Ponderings...

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

“WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CHRISTIAN ?—REALLY?”

Dear Friends and Followers at New Life,

“What does it mean to be Christian? Really?” is a question I’m often asked. After 35 years of parish ministry, I’m actually foolish to take that question on in a single page response in the church newsletter that no one has any way of verifying if anyone even reads it. Yet, with our being bombarded by so many electronic messages that I’d be crazy not to try. Just to prove my point when asked that question, I reply with one of my own... *“In America? In Europe? In Ethiopia? Where?”* For me, that at least makes the response worthy of partaking... for me & the one who asked... So... go with me here... it could be more fun than you think!

First, to be CHRISTIAN is to be called a dirty word! That’s right. To be called Christian in the 1st century was not a term of endearment. Think “road kill” or “feral hog” because when people were called this first in Antioch ... it was not a compliment. Jesus called us friends... they did not! Start there. Move ahead one square.

Second, to be called “CHRISTIAN” meant that someone aligned their life with the life of Christ. Jesus has some good “catch” phrases that captured the hearts and minds of 12 men, then 70, then 100’s then 1000’s... not all on the same day, mind you, but over time as people responded positively to the call to *“Follow ME”* and *“Repent and believe in the Good News!”* To be a Jesus follower is risky. He invited himself to people’s homes for a meal all the time. They rarely refused. Try that with some folks you know... saying, “we’re

coming over for Sunday dinner...” You might just end up eating at Central TX BBQ or Wendy’s! You wanna be Christian? Well, then that might mean loving God with all your heart and mind and strength and loving your neighbor as yourself which is the answer Jesus gave when asked what the most important thing in life is... Yep. That kind of Christian... even though when we watch the TV news we don’t really hear about a lot of that going on...

“A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject of all, subject to all.”

~ M. Luther

Third, while 90+% of America says they believe in God and recently reported 83% of America claims to be Christian... maybe being a good liar is one way of demonstrating your Christian faith as barely 20% of America is in a house of worship on any given Sunday. Do the math. And at least thank God you don’t get caught in a traffic jam on Sunday mornings! In Luke’s gospel, he reports that Jesus ‘went to the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his custom...’ which sort of implies that people who follow Jesus will follow his lead on the importance of weekly worship. If you want to be Christian. Make a plan. Start with worship. Build your life’s calendar around that. Jesus didn’t have a day-timer or a smart phone. Worship was in the #1 place of his spiritual clock!

Fourth... my favorite number... first after any kind of holy Trinity... Fourth... "What does it mean to be a Christian?" I'm glad you asked... and if anyone pays any attention to the Gospels and the writing of St. Paul you see quickly that Christian really is a PLURAL term vs. an individual identity. OK... sure I know the difference between CHRISTIAN AND CHRISTIANS... but the truth is no one can be a Christian without associating with OTHER Christians... as Jesus made it real clear... "where two or more are gathered in my name...there I am in their midst..." which really makes it difficult for any one person to recognize the presence and power of Christ when there is no one else around to join in. Plus, Jesus never sent out anyone alone! Always in groups of 2 or more. In fact, all they way back to the beginning the "people of God" and 'Hebrew nation' or any other tag God's

people got... the mentioning was always in the plural... never in the singular!

Fifth and last... for now... To be a Christian is to find your place in the images mentioned in the *Lord's Prayer* and the *Beatitudes*. Google those terms... read them as if you had to live them every day! Luther was right when he said... "*A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject of all, subject to all.*" Our Christian living, therefore, is about BEING and DOING... about what we say and don't say and about what has been done and left undone! So, then, trust the GRACE that comes only from God that can move you to embrace your Christianity in a brand new way.

New Life; now!

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COMING SEPTEMBER 18th, 2016

"LUTHER: LAW, GOSPEL AND REFORMATION"

The Great Course offers 24 distinct 30 minute DVD lectures on the life and influence of Martin Luther, the voice and face of the Catholic reformation! As the 500th anniversary of the Reformation celebration unfolds, NEW LIFE Church will be offering up to three opportunities throughout the week to present the lectures of scholar, Dr. Phillip Cary of Eastern University.

Weekly topics will include:

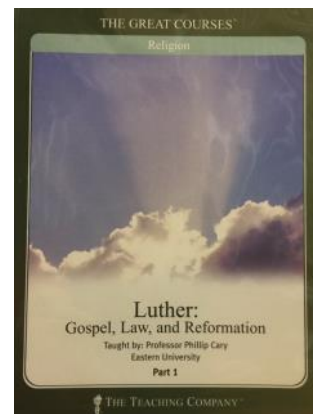
- + Luther's Gospel + The Medieval Church + The Augustinian Spiritual Life + Faith & Works
- + The Problem of Indulgences + The meaning of the Sacraments + Luther and the Bible
- + Infant Baptism Problem + Luther and Politics + Luther and his Enemies + *and much more*

All adult classes @ New Life are stepping to learn together in a larger groups and as each class continues to meet as a 'cluster', new clusters will form.

PROPOSED OFFERINGS: Sundays @ 9:15 am Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm Saturdays @ 9:00 am*

** - NOTE: This time frame may be adjusted by agreement of participants*

- LUTHERANS MAKE UP JUST 2% the TX population!
- LUTHERANS are the largest non-Catholic faith community on earth!
- The LUTHERANS are a teaching church founded in a university setting in Wittenberg in the 1500's!
- Reformation celebrations will be occurring all over the world over the next 12-15 months!
- COME and learn!. Discover what Brother Martin did!





Youth & Family



Hello, New Life Church family,

In the blink of an eye, the summer has come and gone faster than any summer I can remember since being in Texas. It's time for a new season, and I look forward to it. I hope you are, too.

During the first week of August, we finished our 2nd week of Camp Hope. Admittedly, I wasn't sure how Camp Hope was going to go since this is all new to me. I can confidently say that the 2nd week was "better" than the first in terms of attendance, volunteers and even the Lutherhill staff. The staff brought a male guitarist and a female counselor who was a game-changer. The girls from the first week did a good job, but you could see why Hunter was so excited about having Lysie Gomez (Texas Tech).

Kolby the guitarist made a difference during praise. I can't say enough good things about the Lutherhill staff and look forward to seeing them next year. Our volunteers were terrific the second week as well especially since we had adults like Jay, Aimee & Laura. The first week's group did a great job, don't get me wrong. The second week's group was older, more in number and more experienced (for some, it was their 2nd week of volunteering). Tremendous thanks for all those who worked so hard behind the scenes.

It was truly a church-wide effort.

As you know, New Life Lutheran is my first American church that I have ever served. This American church environment makes a difference to me. I like the way we "do" church. I think it is very providential that the Olympics were on during my first year here. I am very, very patriotic since I am an American citizen. With the Olympics just finishing, I thoroughly enjoyed my family cheering, very patriotically, for the stars and stripes. No more fighting with my Korean friends for cheering for Korea when they were born in the United States and never once visited Korea. Yes, I'm proud to be an American.

A story that I have to share with you (some of you already know this) is that on Sunday night, 8/14, I officiated a wedding for my former Home Depot co-worker. She contacted me during the 2nd week of Camp Hope and asked if I was available. She told me back in February or so that her fiancée's pastor was going to officiate. So, when she contacted me, I was shocked but happy to oblige. We had the wedding at a park in Dickinson, and no rain fell upon us. I've never done a wedding on a Sunday before so I was very happy to do one of my favorite things in ministry: holy matrimony. I did not "like" working at The Home Depot (yes, "The"), but I'm glad I did because the Lord showed me, after the fact, that working there mattered. Being able to see that now also matters. May the Lord always show us what matters to Him.

Since our new Sunday School theme is "Be Transformed," you will notice all of the Transformers decorations upstairs. The word "trans" can mean "across" or "beyond." From that definition, let us pray for our kids that their faith, spirituality and walk with the Lord go across the obstacles of hardship and difficulty. May they go beyond our expectations and wildest imaginations where the only explanation is the power and presence of the Lord in their lives. Let us also allow our kids to see us make righteous decisions more than right decisions. This will also impact their faith, spirituality and walk with the Lord.

As always, parents, be the leaders of your family the Lord has called you to be. Bring your children to worship and allow me to use God's Word to bless them. This past Sunday, 8/21, I asked one of the children when they felt the love of God this summer. The reply? Having a job! Having a job!? I met a former church friend from Fellowship Bible Church recently at Wal-Mart. His wife asked me how I was doing. I was surprised at my answer. I said, "My life is great. Compared to last year when I was unemployed, this year I have a job!" In other words, what I heard a child say affected me in a positive way. That's what gratitude and Bible study accomplish: impacting one another's faith in a God-honoring way.

Finally, school started on Monday, 8/22; however, the Blessing of the Backpacks the day before was a real pleasure to behold. If your child attended, then you know what was written by me. If your child was not able to attend, we have a bunch of key chains leftover. May our good Lord bless your child and your family during this fall season.

Sang Kim

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



NEW LIFE WELCOMES JOHNNY SALVESEN

Over the coming weeks and months New Life partners and friends will come to appreciate the gifts and talents of Johnny Salvesen as he begins his work as Music Director at New Life in Pearland!

Johnny was born in Waco, TX and graduated from Texas Christian University in 2015 with a degree in Vocal Performance and a minor in Education. He is currently enrolled as a Masters of Music degree candidate in Composition and Theory in the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston.

This past Summer Johnny performed in Upstate New York debuting an opera with Seagle Music Colony.

This Fall Johnny will be using his time and efforts to:

- * Recruit and re-form the Adult Choir for 8:00 AM and other ensemble Presentations
- * Help re-form the Worship Team.
- * Strengthen and expand the efforts of the House Band at 10:30 worship
- * Provide inspirational solos during worship
- * Work with the Sunday's Cool youth to share in occasional musical preludes and
- * Assist with the planning and presentation of the Sunday's Cool Christmas Program

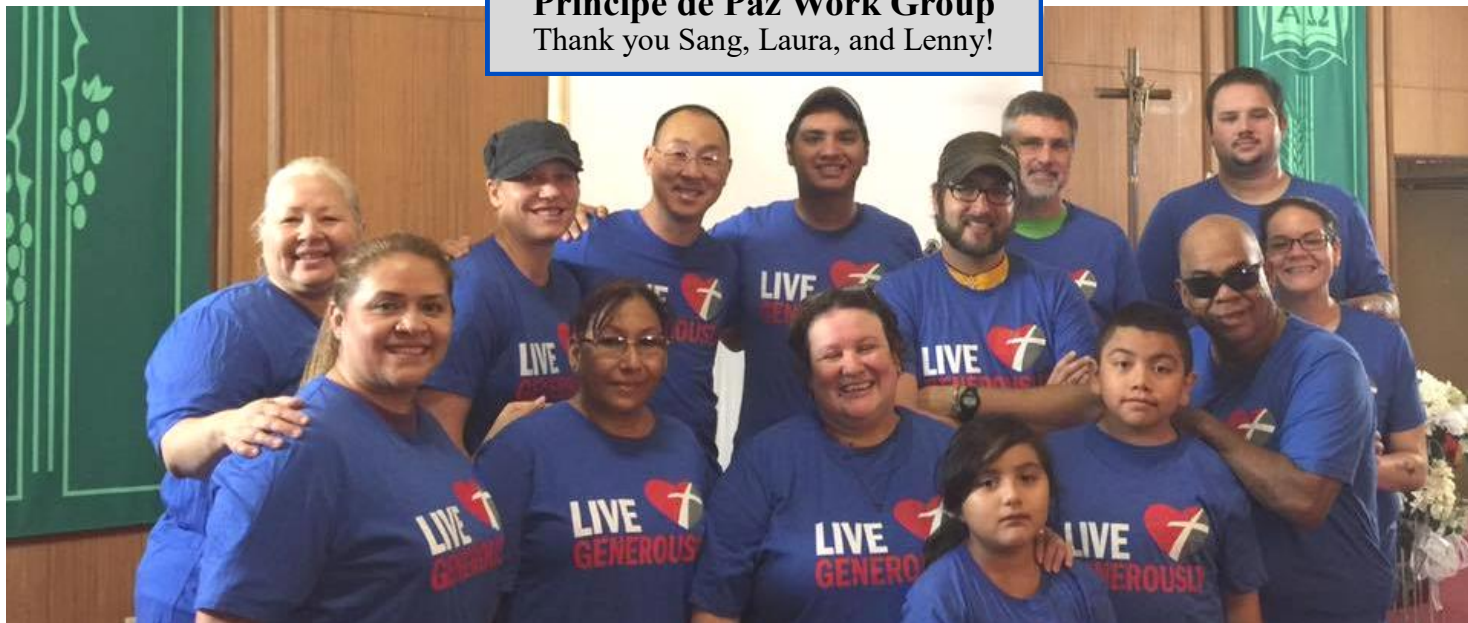
For those wanting to sing with an 8:00 AM Choir or join the House Band or share in seasonal music in a duet, trio, or quartet, etc. should contact Johnny at worship on Sunday, via e-mail: johnnysalvesenbass@gmail.com or by cell # 254.733.7668.

Thank you for remembering him in your prayers as he helps lead the worship life @ New Life!

New Life – Out and About

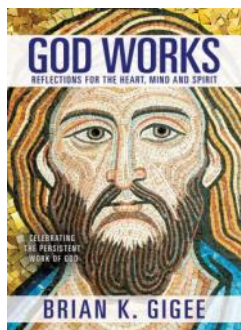
Principe de Paz Work Group

Thank you Sang, Laura, and Lenny!



New leaders in our synod:

Gershon (St. John's, Bellville), Absalom (Umoja, Houston), Bishop Mike, Duane (Christ the King, Houston), Jim (House of Prayer, Houston), Richard (First, Galveston), Sang (New Life, Pearland). Not pictured: Ashley (Kindred, Houston), Will (Memorial,



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New Life Families on Summer Vacation



Williams visit Dr. Pepper and Horseshoe Junction



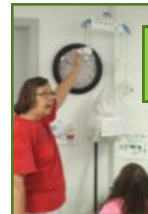
Wrights: We saw some incredible scenery. We went to 7 National Parks plus Monument Valley. You can't see that kind of beauty and say there is no God!



Perez's flying high and looking great!



Camp Hope @ New Life



Learning Recycling

Week 2
August 1-5



Great Group!



Birthday Girls



S'mores



Being Silly




September

New Life Seniors' Opportunities

(open to all persons age 55 and up)



**New Life Seniors
Luncheon**
Wednesday,
September 7th
at noon.

Packing School Kits

Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

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



The **Westside Seniors'** will meet
September 21 at 11:45am.



Friendship Circle Game Night

Friendship Circle Game Night will meet on
Saturday, September 10th, at 6:00 pm.
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, September 20th
6:00 pm to dark



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 Panera Bread on Pearland Parkway. Join us at 11:30am on September 14th! 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 September 21st we will be reading our bibles and sharing our thoughts on reconciliation at 9:30am.

Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

The Lydia Circle Bible Study will meet on Saturdays, September 3rd and 17th 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 *When God Forgives the Guilty*. A look at the story of God's least enthusiastic prophet and his struggle with the unfairness of a God who forgives the guilty. 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) Friday September 16th

WOW will meet at 6:30pm for snacks and BUNCO will start at 7pm. The WELCA Convention starts that night also so some of us may be missing.

WOW is a part of the WELCA of New Life, so all women over the age of 16 are invited. 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 next 2 pages for details.

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 hand quilted Starry Night raffle quilt is finished already! Raffle tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. Funds help pay for batting for Lutheran World Relief quilts.



Batting costs \$140 a roll and we can cut 26 pieces from it. We sent 181 quilts to LWR at Easter 2016.

Quilt trimmings are not put in the trash! We collect pillowcases and Camp Hope children stuffed the pillowcases with quilt trimming. Older children got to machine sew the openings shut. Dianne Carver took 15 dog and cat beds to the Old Alvin Road Animal Shelter.

The rest went to the SPCA shelter in Austin with Sandra Foster's sister who volunteers there.

For more information, call Vera White at 281.485.9713.



Fall SE Cluster Meeting

Saturday, October 1st, 2016 -
9:30am

House of Prayer Lutheran Church

14045 Space Center Blvd. Houston, TX 77062

Guest Speaker: Rama Gerig, Founder of Society's Forgotten Children

Children with incarcerated parents translate into a high price for the entire community. When future generations struggle with the significant trauma of parental incarceration, so does the community...

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BABY CARE KITS

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Please include sizes between 6 and 24 months.
Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows.
- Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn, or made from heavy double knits or fleece. Select a pattern that suits your skill level. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front.
- Diapers can be made from flannel or even by recycling t-shirts. Download a Diaper Tip Sheet from our website.
- If knitting or crocheting receiving blankets, including one knitted/crocheted blanket and one flannel blanket will provide maximum versatility.
- Onesies can be cut and hemmed or serged to make a simple t-shirt.
- Gowns, rompers or top/pants sets can be substituted for sleepers.
- Gently used, clean clothing and blankets (no stains or tears) may be substituted for new ones. It is especially important that the items be in excellent condition, as used clothing is increasingly difficult to get through customs in many countries. Even one item that looks worn or stained to local officials can jeopardize the status of a whole shipment. All other items (diapers, towel, soap) in the Kit must be new.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH BABY CARE KIT

- TWO** lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies®)
- TWO** long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- TWO** receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- FOUR** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE** jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO** pairs of socks
- ONE** hand towel, dark color recommended
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- TWO** diaper pins or large safety pins

HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in **LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS** on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents



A Project Of





thank you!



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

Barnes, the Third Sunday Group, and the Men in Mission.. Please note future available dates on page 18.

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



Thank you to the following Meals on Wheels volunteers: Charles & Saundra Foster, Jan & Becky Homerstad, Jane Maxwell, JoAnn Morrison & Barbara Flowers, Lynn Cope &

Donna Patschke, Don & Margaret Purdum, Hap & Bobbie Cummings, Walt & Carole Wright, Helen Beckman & Ginger Glasgow, and Foster & Judy Foucheaux for the week of Aug 29th - Sept. 2nd.

Thank you Barbara Flowers and Jane Maxwell for coordinating New Life Meals on Wheels!

The next time New Life delivers Meals on Wheels will be the week of Nov 24th - 28th.

Volunteer of the month for August:

Mike Kiser

Thank You!!!

**More Property Thank
Yous on page 15.**



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

Thank You! From Church Council & Staff

- Thank you to all who participated in the 2016 Backpack Blessing! Now THAT was a fun mini-service!
- Bobbie Cummings and Kate Bates for organizing and running Summer Sunday's Cool.
- To the many volunteer teachers who were installed as Sunday's Cool teachers for the Fall.
- To Sang & Audrey for "transforming" the upstairs Sunday's Cool area.
- To all the teachers that decorated their classrooms for a better learning experience.
- Thank you to the Men who organized the "Luther Games" and the successful night of games and laughs.
- To those who are volunteering on the New Life LEAD team.
- To Julie Watkins and Barbara Brown for supplying New Life with Baptismal cloths.
- 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 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.
- Sang Kim for promoting Camp Hope and staying in constant contact with parents of campers.
- 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.
- 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 all those who volunteered time in August to paint the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteer of the month for September:

Barbara Scott

Thank You!!!



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FALL FESTIVAL



Fun for the entire family!

25TH Annual New Life Bazaar/BBQ

Friday, October 7th & Saturday, October 8th

Come One, Come All

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!**

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

**Contact Karen in the church office
office@newlifelutheran.com or 281-485-1818**

GIVE BLOOD

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**Men's
Sunday**

New Life Lutheran Church

**Sunday, September 25
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall**

**To schedule an appointment please
contact**

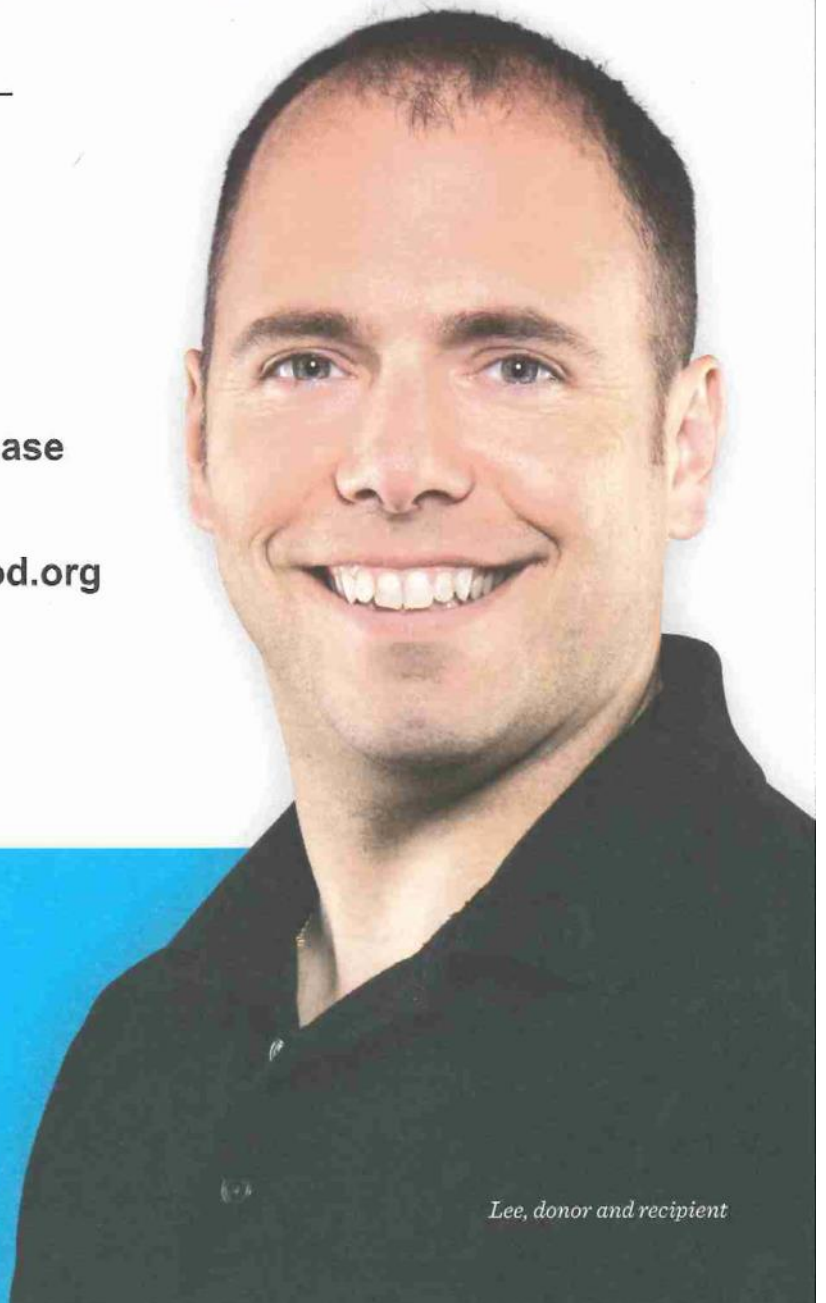
**Kate Bates (281) 485-1818
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**June 1st -
November 30th**

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



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"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 improvements to the sound system.

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 Conners for donating a game table and several “party” supplies.

ALL those who helped prep and paint the Fellowship Hall during the month of August.

Foster Foucheaux for stripping the peeling veneer off the cabinets in the Fellowship Hall kitchen

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)



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



Monthly Garden Lecture sponsored by Keep Pearland Beautiful and the Brazoria County Master Gardeners will take place at the Pearland Recreation Center on Bailey Road. The topic for Thursday, September 8 is Rain Water Harvesting. The doors open at 6 P.M. for social hour and refreshments. The lecture will begin at 7 P.M.

Thanks to the Scott family and Pastor Sang for picking up litter on Orange Street. Because of the heat and having a small group we just picked up half our assigned area. Our next scheduled litter pickup is this month for the annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off. We will meet at the church Saturday, September 10 at 8:30 A.M. Refreshments will be served afterwards. We should be finished by 10:30.



Coming up on October 7 is Keep Pearland Beautiful's Fall Plant Time Luncheon and plant sale. The speaker this year is Ann McCormick, The Herb'n Cowgirl. She is an herb gardener, speaker, and author. She writes a column, "Herbalist Notebook" for the Herb Quarterly and contributes articles to many other life-style magazines. The luncheon will take place at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center on Grand Blvd. Native and adaptive plants will be on sale until 2 P.M. The plant sale will continue across the street at the Farmer's Market on Saturday from 8:30 to 12. For more information or to purchase tickets, check the website <mykpb.org> or call 281-489-2795. Unfortunately, this is at the same time as our craft show and barbecue. It is possible to make both.

A few months ago, I commented on the first "R" reduce as the first way to avoid landfill waste. If we are careful not to purchase more than we need and to try to use the least amount of packaging possible, we won't waste as much.



The second "R" is reuse. When we pass used clothing or items on to others when we no longer have a need for them or use items in a different way, we are extending the life of the item and avoiding waste. I think the New Life Quilters are a prime example. Quilting is historically an excellent way for women of the past and present to use sewing scraps. Our quilters go the extra mile by using quilting scraps for making pet beds. They use gently used pillow cases and stuff them with the scraps and sew them up. Actually the children do it. Julia Sweet started having her Sunday School class make them. They learned to baste them closed and then one of the quilters helped them stitch them on the sewing machine. This summer Camp Hope children made pet beds. Then they are taken to various animal shelters. Scraps get used, kids get a sewing lesson, and animals in shelters get comfortable beds. It's a win, win, win. Alleluia!



Please let me know of other ways to Reuse to share in future **Environews** articles.

Helen Beckman

Updates for the Church Roster:



Change of Address and/or email:

Shelia Martain

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Sunday, August 28th, New Life welcomed into God's Kingdom, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, Greyson Kaiser, son of Audrey Kaiser. Greyson's proud sponsors are Hope Kaiser & Jeffrey Messenger

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

Sympathies

We extend our Christian sympathy to Shannon Young, the Chris Young family, extended family, and friends, for the loss of husband & father, Joe Young, who died in Christ on Sunday, August 21st. Services were held at New Life on Friday, August 25th at 2:00 pm followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.



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



We extend our Christian sympathy to Patti Barrett and her family for the loss of her grandfather, Joe Ruddock, who died in Christ on Sunday, August 21st. Services were held in Victoria, TX.

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.





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

Gretchen Barnes,
The Third Sunday Group
and the Men In Mission

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

October 2 & 9

November 6 & 13

December 4 & 11

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!

Do you or your family have a celebration coming up?

Consider signing up to provide Altar flowers.

You can take them home after the 10:30 am service or donate them and we will deliver them to a nursing home.

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



September 18
October 16
October 23

Dates that are available:

November 13
November 20
November 27

December 4



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

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 \$1.99 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.



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.



SeAM recognized New Life for the receipt of 108 pounds of pet food and many Ziplocs. "The LARGEST donation of pet food in 2016" Thank You to all who donated!

New Life will continue to be on their calendar for pet food donations for the month of March.

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

FOOD DRIVE



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.



*There are 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 upstairs in the fellowship hall except for the 5th & 6th grades who meet downstairs across from the DVD/VCR room. (See Teacher/class intros on next pages
- 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



2016-2017 Sunday's Cool Teachers/Staff

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.
- **"Reformation Anniversary"**

Lutheran Learning is Lifelong Learning

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



Highlights of our Sunday's Cool Teaching Staff

More to come in following months

Pre-K-Kinder



Hi! My name is Aimee Sandoval. I will be teaching the Pre-K/Kinder Sunday's Cool class. This is my 2nd year teaching this class. I have attended New Life Lutheran with my family for almost 6 years. My son will be in this class as well! I am also starting my 11th year of teaching! I teach 4th grade Reading/ Language Arts with Pearland ISD. I can't wait to share God's love with your little ones!



Hi, my name is Holly Tatuaca and this is also my 2nd year teaching the Pre-K/Kinder Sunday's Cool class. My husband and I are both native Houstonians, and moved to Pearland thirteen years ago when our first son was born. We have been members of New Life for about four years, having transferred our membership from another ELCA congregation "in town."

This will be a great year for our class! This fall we will be finishing up the Old Testament stories in our Spark Story Bibles, and then moving on to the birth of Jesus!



Hello! My name is Laura Manrique. I will be teaching PreK/Kinder Sunday school this year. My family and I are new members at New Life. I am a stay at home mom with two children, 11 and 7.

I am really looking forward to helping your little ones learn more about God and grow stronger in their faith.

3rd-4th Grade



I've been a 5th-6th teacher for New Life for approximately 10 years. I recently took a 2-year break and have decided to take on the 3rd and 4th graders this year. Perhaps you know who I am by face not name; I usually attend the 10:30 service and volunteer for the Bazaar Committee, and various other tasks as called upon, and attend WOW for fun.

The reason I teach and support my church family is because each time I witness a Baptism I am reminded of my oath "I will with God's help". Also, this wouldn't be possible without the assistance from Kate, Karen, Linda and Sang. I will do my very best to be prepared and present each Sunday focusing on being a Transformer.

Adult Sunday's Cool



Nolan and Donna Patschke have been members of St. Stephen now New Life for many years. They both lead the DVD Class during Sunday School. Many interesting DVDs have been shown in this class over the years. Currently, the class is watching a 30 minute lecture each Sunday from the "Great Courses Covering the Lives of Great Christians". Martin Luther and Dietrich Bonhoeffer are some of those listed in this selection. So, if you are an audio/visual learner, then maybe this would be an excellent learning opportunity for building upon and strengthening knowledge in your Christian faith. Hope to see you in our class!

BACKPACK BLESSINGS





For more information on retreats, visit Lutherhill.org



Confirmation Camp 2016

LYO Schedule for September

LYO will continue on Wednesdays for now:

Wednesday, September 7th: 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 14th: 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 21th: 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 28th: 6:30pm

Lutheran Facts

You Know You are a Lutheran If...

If you grew up Lutheran or not, if you've spent much time in a Lutheran church, you'll recognize some of these "truths according to Garrison Keillor". Likewise, if you've never been exposed to the Lutheran church, you'll really wonder about some of these. Trust a Lutheran – they are mostly true although not completely explainable or understandable!

I have made fun of Lutherans for years - who wouldn't, if you lived in Minnesota? But I have also sung with Lutherans and that is one of the main joys of life, along with hot baths and fresh sweet corn. We make fun of Lutherans for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like they do. If you ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Lutheranless place, to sing along on the chorus of 'Michael Row Your Boat Ashore,' they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Lutherans they'll smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Lutherans are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony. It's a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Lutherans to sing in harmony. We're too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. I once sang the bass line of "Children of the Heavenly Father" in a room with about three thousand Lutherans in it; and when we finished, we all had tears in our eyes, partly from the promise that God will not forsake us, partly from the proximity of all those lovely voices. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: These Lutherans are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you're dying, they'll comfort you. If you're lonely, they'll talk to you. And if you're hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!

The following list was compiled by a 20th century Lutheran who, observing other Lutherans, wrote down exactly what he saw or heard:

1. Lutherans believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.
2. Lutherans like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.
3. Lutherans believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.
4. Lutherans usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.
5. Lutherans believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.
6. Lutherans feel that applauding for their children's choirs would make the kids too proud and conceited.
7. Lutherans think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.
8. Lutherans drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.
9. Some Lutherans believe that an ELCS bride and an LCMS groom make for a mixed marriage.
(For those of you who are not Lutherans, ELCS is Evangelical Lutheran Church Synod and LCMS is Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. When and where I grew up in Minnesota, intermarriage between the two was about as popular as Lutherans and Catholics marrying.)
10. Lutherans feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.
11. Lutherans are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church.
12. Lutherans think that Garrison Keillor stories are totally factual.
13. Lutherans still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna noodle casserole add too much color.
14. Lutherans believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, you know you're a Lutheran when: *It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service;

*You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can;

*Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee;

*The communion cabinet is open to all, but the coffee cabinet is locked up tight;

*When you watch a 'Star Wars' movie and they say, 'May the Force be with you,' you respond, '*and also with you*'.

(If I can remember who they are, I will forward this to all my Lutheran friends, so they too, can smile as loudly as they can. I love that line!)

Also... Special Thanks to Laura Caupert (Council Member) for digging this up!



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, and the Chris Young Family.

Special prayer needs: Abarca & Lott families, Anderson family, Barrett and Ruddock families, Bates family, Bickham family, Bradford & Miller families, Brown & Grieger families, Brown & Krajca 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 families.

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



PRAYER CORNER



**FAITH and PRAYER
both are invisible,
but they make
impossible things
possible.!!!**

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

September 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 college and university students, seminarians and leaders studying through the ELCA International Leaders and International Women Leaders programs. We pray the Spirit will guide their studies and discernment and prepare them for lives of service and enriching communities.

2 We turn to God in prayer as we face daily experiences and threats of violence and terror in the world and ask that we not be discouraged or seek vengeance but that God will renew our hope and faith and guide us to solutions that lead to peace, healing and justice rather than deepening hatred and division.

3 We give thanks to God for the season of fall and the ways in which it reminds us of new beginnings, abundant harvests that feed the hungry, anticipation of change and hope.

4 Being a disciple and follower of Jesus is not an easy endeavor. We ask God to strengthen our resolve to follow, no matter the cost, and grant us courageous faith alongside the challenges, doubts and questions we experience.

5 We ask God to bless the labors of those who work to sustain their families and contribute to their communities, and we pray for new opportunities, fair wages and a sense of value for people who are seeking employment.

6 We remember in our prayers, especially during National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, those who live with the darkness of loneliness, isolation of mental illness and question the value of their life. We pray the healing love of God displaces the darkness and that we learn to better recognize the pain of people around us and respond with skillful care and the embrace of community.

7 God knows us and knows our ways and yet shows us mercy and love. We pray that our actions, words and ventures speak clearly of God's love and presence that others may also know this good news.

8 We remember in our prayers the Rev. Michael Fonner, Leslie Weed-Fonner and Elizabeth Hendrickson, ELCA missionaries serving in Nairobi, Kenya, and ask God to bless their work in parish ministry and communications.

9 ELCA Campus Ministry serves students, faculty and staff at more than 180 colleges and universities and partners with congregations serving 400 campuses nationwide. We pray God will bless their ministries of bearing witness to God's grace and promoting community, discipleship and service.

10 We pray God will grant those pastors seeking or awaiting new calls or who are discerning their ministry and vocation a special measure of patience, clarity and alertness to the Spirit's guidance.

11 It is God that seeks us, gathers us in and gives us the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. We give thanks and praise in our prayers for God's undeserved attentiveness and mercy in our lives.

12 We give thanks for the special work of the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association and for their support of Lutheran educators, ELCA schools and early childhood centers.

13 We remember in our prayers rostered and lay leaders who preach and teach the gospel and pray the Spirit fill them with a love of Scripture, wisdom, an enduring desire to learn and enthusiasm for sharing what God reveals for the world's sake.

- 14** Our congregations are blessed with Sunday school teachers and Bible study leaders committed to faith formation, witness and connecting God's word with daily life. We ask God to help us affirm their faithful service and cultivate their skills.
- 15** *National Hispanic Heritage Month* We give thanks for and honor the gifts and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans, and we pray for the growth of ELCA Latino ministries as they share the gospel and serve their neighbors in many different community contexts.
- 16** We give thanks for God's abundant love and patience with us and for creating in us faith and abilities that enable us—even with our personal flaws, weaknesses and appalling histories—to serve as leaders, workers and witnesses sharing the good news.
- 17** *Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen (died 1179)* We remember in our prayers women throughout history who have influenced the church, served as leaders and spiritual guides, and witnessed to the gospel through their faith, service and vision.
- 18** We ask God, in the midst of our wealth and abundance, to remind us of our neighbors living in poverty, hunger and illness and to not turn from their needs but to love, serve and respect them as our brothers and sisters in Christ, created in God's image.
- 19** We remember in our prayers civil servants, legislators and politicians and pray their work, deliberations and decisions consider the diversity of humanity, factors that contribute to communities flourishing and the well-being of people with critical needs.
- 20** We persist in bringing to God our concerns for peace and reconciliation in the world, especially where wars and violent conflicts continue to cause suffering, destruction and loss of life.
- 21** *Matthew, apostle and evangelist* Matthew grew from being a distrusted tax collector to being a fervent believer in Jesus Christ, follower and public witness. We pray our lives will also be transformed through faith to make us spirited witnesses to God's powerful love and presence in the world.
- 22** We remember in our prayers ELCA missionaries serving in Madagascar—Kirsten Laderach, Hannah Kaitschuk, the Rev. Lancelot Themba and Kwena Mkhabela. We pray God will encourage and further their work in theological education, evangelism, interfaith dialogues and the Young Adults in Global Mission program.
- 23** By grace we have been saved through faith. We praise God for this gift of salvation through Jesus Christ and for welcoming us into the body of all believers through our baptism.
- 24** We pray for the Moravian Church, 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.
- 25** We remember in our prayers grandparents who surround their grandchildren with love, care, attention, and words and actions that witness to God's gift of love through Jesus Christ.
- 26** We ask God to teach us the differences between want and need, between greed and generosity, between self-interest and mutual care.
- 27** We give thanks for our partners in doing God's work in the world, especially companion churches in other countries, The Lutheran World Federation, the World Council of Churches and other ecumenical and inter-religious organizations.
- 28** We pray that we will—in the name of Jesus Christ—stand for justice for the oppressed, work to feed the hungry, welcome strangers as friends and demonstrate unwavering concern for all in need.
- 29** *Conference of Bishops* We remember in our prayers our 65 synod bishops gathered in Chicago to discuss our mission in the world and advise our church. We pray the Spirit will guide their efforts and God will grant them strength and wisdom in their work back home with their congregations, leaders and communities.
- 30** *Jerome, translator, teacher (died 420)* We give thanks to God for people who have gifts of speaking, writing and translating languages for the sake of serving others and sharing God's word in our diverse world.



September

Wedding Anniversaries

Susan & Jim Burkard	09/06
Guadalupe & Austin Caballero	09/07
Shirley & Norm Griffith	09/08
Tally & Trent Perez	09/08
Saundra & Charles Foster	09/09
Terry & Floyd Brown	09/11
Maria & Roland Moreno	09/12
Terri & Mike Kiser	09/21
Vera & Tony White	09/22
Judy & Foster Foucheaux	09/27
Rosalie & JR Salazar	09/30

Baptismal Anniversaries

Miroslava Jerez	09/03
Joseph Glenn	09/04
Mathew Glenn	09/04
Brandt Barrett	09/09
Monica Marcha	09/09
Joyce Pyeatt	09/13
Nicole Martinez	09/14
Stacy Drake	09/15
Mark Lowery	09/16
Clayton Migl	09/16
Casey Crawford	09/18
Kyle Crawford	09/18
Laura Krajca	09/18
Vanessa Rincones	09/19
Kenneth Peterson	09/22
Kim Koepke/Johnson	09/23
James Hosea	09/24
William Hosea	09/24
Brianna Payette	09/24
David Porter	09/25
Esmeralda Amesquita	09/27
Louis Marcha	09/27
Phyllis Mistrot	09/28
Risa Cates	09/29
Brittany Hissa	09/29
Keith Lawson	09/29
Kelly Lawson	09/29
Nathan Gigue	09/30

Birthdays

Wendy Conners	09/01
Juliet O'Banion	09/03
Blanca Jerez/Rodriquez	09/03
Kate Bates	09/05
Leah Castillo	09/05
Jim Burkard	09/08
Justin Burt	09/09
Marcos Salazar	09/09
Cathy Lee	09/10
Taylor Pyeatt	09/10
Isabel Moreno	09/11
Quinn Velasquez	09/11
Barbara Flowers	09/13
Laura Gaevert	09/13
Stacia Sweet	09/13
Chris Young	09/13
Bob Conners	09/15
Joseph Stubblefield	09/15
Katherine Browdy-Paul	09/16
Mary Webb	09/16
Gary Bishop	09/17
Abbey Grage	09/18
Rachel (Krajca) Fosdick	09/19
Carole Wright	09/19
Doug Barron	09/20
Eric Metzger	09/20
Terri Kiser	09/21
Sheila Schmidt	09/21
Parker Perez	09/22
Joyce Pyeatt	09/22
Lynn Cope	09/23
Norm Griffith	09/23
Victoria Manrique	09/23
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Cheryl Robinson	09/25
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Benita Kovar	09/26
Rosa Wolf	09/26
Teri Wolfe	09/26
Mike Lassiter	09/27
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September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	29 6:45 PM House Band Practice 8:00 PM AA & Al- Anon	30 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	31 6:30 PM LYO Lutheran Youth Org	1 6:00 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Property Team	2	3 10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
4 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool/Veteran Cards 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	5 Labor Day 6:45 PM House Band Practice 8:00 PM AA & Al- Anon	6 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	7 12:00 PM Seniors (55+) Luncheon 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM LYO Lutheran Youth Org	8 Y&FM Network 6:00 PM Phoenix Women's Group 6:30 PM Book Review - Finding the Right Words 7:30 PM GLOW	9	10 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group 6:00 PM Friendship Circle Game Night
11 Noisy Offering - Houston Lutheran Campus Ministry Rally Day/First Responders Day/ Anniversary Picnic/3&4 Yr Old Blessing 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool	12 6:45 PM House Band Practice 7:00 PM Church Council 8:00 PM AA & Al- Anon	13 9:00 AM Costal Bay Conf. @ Peace/Pasadena 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	14 11:30 AM WELCA Lunch 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM LYO Lutheran Youth Org	15 6:00 PM Phoenix Women's Group	16 WELCA Convention 7:00 PM WOW - BUNCO	17 WELCA Convention 10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
18 WELCA Convention 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	19 6:45 PM House Band Practice 8:00 PM AA & Al- Anon	20 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	21 9:30 AM Mary Martha Bible Study 11:45 AM Westside Senior' (55+) Lunch 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM LYO Lutheran Youth Org	22 6:00 PM Phoenix Women's Group	23	24 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
25 Men's Sunday/Blood Bank/ Congregational Meeting/Generosity Fair 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	26 6:45 PM House Band Practice 8:00 PM AA & Al- Anon	27 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	28 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM LYO Lutheran Youth Org	29 6:00 PM Phoenix Women's Group	30	1 WLECA Fall Cluster meeting HoP 10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bible Study 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group

Helping Hands in Worship - September 2016

Altar Guild: Tina Meyer, Beth Moore & Becca Reed ♥ Communion Elements: Lorraine Walls

ERVICE	September 4 –Pentecost 16	September 11- Pentecost 17 Rally Day 3/4 Year Old Blessing Honor 1st Responders 11th Anniversary Breakfast	September 18-Pentecost 18	September 25-Pentecost 19 Men's Day Blood Drive Generosity Fair Congregational Meeting
Acolyte 8:00 10:30	Ryan Flick Sophia Castillo	Michael Scott Jordan Barthelme	Kyle Flick Zeke Bickham	John Russell Gestl Faith Wood
Assisting 8:00 10:30	Sang Kim Jamie Hilliard	Matt Scott Michael Porter	Denise Jurgens Robert Broussard	Sang Kim Aimee Sandoval
Communion 8:00	Beth Moore DeAnna Gerber	Tamsey Mims Susie Wellman	Coleen Jessica Gestl	Brenda Migl Jerry Migl
Communion 10:30	Kristi Glowka Mary Ann Marcha	Daoud Karam Deanna Barthelme	Barbara Flowers Tiffany Pineda	Cheryl Robinson Kristi Glowka
Altar Flowers	Kate Bates	Norm and Shirley Griffith	OPEN	Foster and Judy Foucheaux
Lay Reader 8:00 10:30	Rebecca Reed Ed Bradford	Norm Griffith Kristi Glowka	Helen Becky Homerstad	Elna Ritter Jan Zuerner
Nursery 10:30	Mandy Schroder	Katie Fraker	Trent Perez	Jackie Crawford
Greeters 8:00	Foster and Judy Foucheaux	Brenda Migl	Charlie Gaevert	Kate Bates
Greeters 10:30	Carole Wright Walt Wright	Lynn Cope Daoud Karam	Merideth Oliver Becky Homerstad	JoAnn Morrison Dennis Morrison
Ushers 8:00	Charlie G Susie Wellman	Norm Griffith Shirley Griffith	Frank Jurgens Charles Gaevert	Tamsey Mims DeAnna Gerber
Ushers 10:30	Nolan Patschke Jenaro Castillo	Jay Tillis Ed Bradford	Milton Thomas Jan Homerstad	Gary Siegworth Tony White
Hosting Fellowship Hour	The Bates Family	ALL	Seniors	MIM

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