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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, Dec 1st
Property Team Meeting
Saturday Dec 3rd
Advent Retreat (Friday and Saturday)
Hanging of the Greens Brunch
Lydia Circle Bible Study
Sunday, Dec. 4th
Advent 2
Noisy Offering - TLU
Wednesday, Dec 7th
Senior's Christmas Lunch (Packing Seafarer Boxes)
Confirmation Class/LYO
Soup Supper
Advent Service
Choir Practice/Houseband Practice
Thursday, Dec 8th
Book Review/GLOW
Friday - Sunday, Dec 9th - 11th
Family Advent Retreat
Saturday, Dec. 10th
Children's Christmas Program Practice
Children's Christmas Party
Sunday, Dec 11th
Advent 3 Sunday
Children's Christmas Program
Monday, Dec. 12th
Church Council
Tuesday, Dec. 13th
Men's Night Out - Christmas Gathering
Wednesday, Dec 14th
WELCA Lunch Bunch @ King's Brauhaus
Confirmation Class/LYO
Soup Supper
Advent Service
Choir Practice/Houseband Practice
Saturday, Dec. 17th
Lydia Circle Bible Study
Sunday, Dec 18th
Advent 4 Sunday
WELCA/WOW Christmas Party
Blue Christmas
Wednesday, Nov 21st
Mary Martha Bible Study
Westside Seniors Lunch Place TBD
Soup Supper/ Advent Service
Choir Practice/Houseband Practice

December 2016



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Saturday, Dec. 24th

Senior Reception - 3pm

Christmas Eve Services - 4pm, 7pm & 11pm

Sunday, Dec. 25th

Christmas Breakfast @ 9:15am

ONE Christmas Day Worship Service @ 10:30am



**"PASTOR'S
PONDERINGS...
... for people like us...
... in times like this!"
"Dreaming of a W-I-D-E
Christmas"**

Dear friends at New Life,

One year ago this week I returned from a three month sabbatical. The gift of time you granted me in 2015 will be treasured for a long, long time. Thank you... still! And upon my return, we launched right into the time of Advent and readied ourselves for another Christmas! And now, as I write these thoughts at the end of November 2016... another Christmas looms in front of us. What will it be like? Better than all the rest? Second place? Not really wanting even to stop and smell the wassail? Just for the record, Christmas always comes all by itself... without our coaxing and without our permission. And with good cause and that is why I'm looking forward to a W-I-D-E Christmas! Yep, you read that right... a W-I-D-E Christmas... Why? Because that's what Christmas is all about...

W-onder... there's your start... "Wonder" in the reality by God how when given the creation a real open and free will... we always choose ourselves over God. WONDER why things in life get all messed up? We don't have to wonder long. We can't blame God for the mess... only that he gave us the power to live in peace... The real wonder comes when we realize that God will not allow us to be consumed by our own selfishness and in a self-less act comes to us (*Emmanuel* = *God with us*!) in Jesus... the wonder of the years... whose life, death, resurrection and ascension provides us with a model of the godly life... for each and every day...

I-nvasion... which sums up the reality that Christmas is not just for Christians... Christ-mass... Jesus coming into the world wasn't designed for a handful of people... God sent his only son into the world.... Out of love... to save

the world... and word in the Bible for 'world' is the Greek term... "KOS-MOS" ... or as we would right it... 'cosmos!' So, the second reason that Christmas is a W-I-D-E deal is that Jesus is for everyone... not just Lutheran Christians like us... and just in case you are a bit uncomfortable with the term... "invasion"... replace it carefully with the word... 'INSURGENCE' ...

D-elivering... when I have conversations with others about Jesus and Christmas... words of delivering packages from a big elf in a red suit is not where the conversation goes! When I have those conversations I try to get to the bottom line... as in if you are going to believe in a God or a higher power or some kind of energy beyond the stars and certainly bigger than any one of us or all of us combined... I point out that you will want to place all your faith and trust in a God who can deliver the goods... as in save me and everyone else from sin, death and the power of evil... Jesus does that. I've searched like a wise man to find someone better. Jesus delivers and I won't look any farther anymore...

E-verywhere... I don't need to look very far to see and experience Christmas! I get the wonder each day and am awed by God's power and presence in my life and in so many others... God's work is eternal... God's grace prevails... it is all around us and in us... And although Christmas gets celebrated on December 25th each year and attached are 12 days to ramp up the joy... I get a taste of Christmas right around Ash Wednesday and during Holy Week and on Pentecost Sunday and some other plain old days throughout the year... for a W-I-D-E Christmas is never a date on the calendar... rather, it is an attitude of the heart...

Martin Luther once said, "*The Bible is the manger in which Christ lays!*" Get it? There's a W-I-D-E Christmas for all of us... just open your Bible and you will find the gift that never breaks and will last you all your life!

Brian



Youth & Family



Hello, New Life Church family,

And like that, 6 months have come and will soon be gone. I am writing this newsletter earlier than I usually do since Thanksgiving is coming up, and I will be on vacation during that week. What an incredible month. Of course, I am talking about politics as well as the general change in the season. If you don't know about PragerU, please check it out on youtube. I have used their 5 minute videos regarding the 10 Commandments, the Electoral College and even "Who NOT to Vote For." Though the youth kids are young, I think the sooner we interact with important topics the better their hearts, minds and wills can become to the glory of God.

Regarding our ELCA Gulf Coast Synod, I had lunch with Jason Houlihan from Faith Lutheran Church and Ben Remmert from Christ the King Lutheran Church. The reason for the lunch is because Jason reached out to me and wanted to welcome me into the ELCA. That's it. We just talked, enjoyed one another's company and ate very, very cheap Chinese buffet (Oriental Gourmet). In other words, I felt welcomed and appreciated their hospitality. I encourage you to do the same for someone who needs some hospitality and Christian warmth. Give them a reason to be thankful for you especially during these holidays. As always, it honors the Lord. On another important note, please take advantage of Zion Retreat Center in Galveston (we had our monthly youth leaders meeting there). They did a great job converting the former church into a great center. Don't delay in making reservations, however. They are already booked through February!

Since I am continually trying to be conscious about being outward, I was happy to preach at CIA at Sam Jamison Middle School. Yes, CIA. I was surprised by the number of "Christians in Action" that attended. I always enjoy speaking to new groups but the more the merrier for me. The sermon topic was "Be a Brother" from 1 Thessalonians 5. One of our youth kids was there, and I was very happy to see her. She sat right in the front. On December 2 and 9, I will be preaching at CITY ("Christians in the Youth") @ Alexander Middle School. If you know of any organizations who want / need someone to speak, just let me know. Being outward is another reason why we set up our New Life tent at Pearland's Trick or Treat Trail and passed out too much candy and promoted the church (the rest of the Backpack Blessing tags were happily taken). I am also going to be a RISE mentor just as soon as I am paired up with a student who needs some time and care. Thanks to Linda for giving LYO the opportunity to write Christmas cards for Veterans. I have always admired veterans for their courage, sacrifice and dedication. My dad has this great story of how American soldiers would give him pieces of chocolate when he was 9, 10 and 11 years old during the Korean War. Imagining my dad being that young and hungry always moves my heart but even more so due to the kindness of the soldiers.

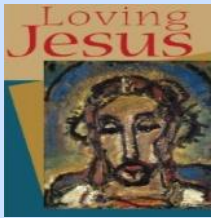
Lastly, congratulations to the Confirmation class of 2016: Gabe, John Russell, Jordan, Michael, William and Zeke. To the new confirmands: live a life of faith each and every day in the small and large moments; show up for Sunday school so we can encourage and share life together. If confirmation is an initial celebration, then continuation and consistency must be indispensable. Otherwise, the confirmation ceremony is just like a high school graduation ceremony, it's great that you participated but eventually it's just a past event. To the parents, continue to set the spiritual standard, attend worship faithfully, participate in Adult Sunday school, pray every night with your sons and daughters and allow them to see your dependence on the Lord. Let them be able to say: "My father / mother / both are godly people."

Finally, here is the fall retreat schedule for Lutherhill:

- 12/2-3 : Advent Retreat (1st to 6th grade)
- 12/9-11 : Advent Family Retreat (families)
- 12/11 : Christmas program

Sang Kim

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



Advent 2016



Theme: "LOVING JESUS"

*a journey to the manger of God
and*

keeping our eyes and hearts on our neighbor.

Wednesday, November 30th, **Advent 1: "Loving God".**

Wednesday, December 7th, **Advent 2: "Loving the Self".**

Wednesday, December 14th, **Advent 3: "Loving Neighbor".**

Wednesday, December 21st, **Advent 4: "Loving Jesus".**

Advent Services and Soup Suppers started on Wed.,
November 30th at 6pm.

If you are available to help make soup, set up, clean up, or
provide worship help (if needed) please contact the office or
sign up in the narthex.

Saturday, December 3rd, **Greening of the Church Brunch.**



Starting @ 10am



**SUNDAY'S COOL
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
DURING 10:30 A.M.
SERVICE**



Are you excited about Christmas?

New Life Sunday's Cool Christmas Program is new this year. Elizabeth White videotaped Sunday's Cool youth members being interviewed about what Christmas means to them. Elizabeth and Sang are taking these answers and hilarious outtakes and are creating a montage that will play on a screen while the youth act out the Christmas story on Sunday, December 11th at the 10:30am service. In short, it will be an intriguing multi-media presentation of the Christmas story which our youth will cherish and remember for years to come.

The one and only dramatization rehearsal will take place before the Sunday's Cool Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10 at 10:00 am. See you there.



Children's Christmas Party!

**December 10th from
12pm - 2pm**

Bingo Crafts Games Cupcakes Pizza
Special Guests

One practice will be held on Saturday morning before the Children's Christmas Party.

**Christmas Program
Sunday, December 11th 10:30 am Service**





THE HOLIDAY SEASON
IS HARD
FOR SOME OF US.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

Join us for a different
kind of service... of
comfort, of hope... when
loss is real

December 18, 2016 7:00 P.M.
New Life Lutheran

The graphic features a light blue background with falling white snow. On the left, there are stylized vertical lines representing trees. Three red robins are perched on branches. A white speech bubble in the center contains the text 'BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE' in blue and white capital letters.

Advent 2016





Thank you to all those who took angels from the tree in the narthex. All angels were taken by the end of services on November 27th! Please be sure to have your gifts back to the church by Sunday December 4th for distribution. If you have any questions on your angel, an item, amount to spend, etc. please contact Kate Bates in the church office.

More Action Team Cards

Provided by:



For December, New Life thanks the following:

- “ Karl Sweet for a card to help defray the cost of Batting that the quilters purchased in late November;*
- “ Robin Sweet for a card to provide soup, bread and salads during this year's Advent Soup Suppers starting November 30, 2016;*
- “ Robin Sweet for a card to provide brunch to those who come to help decorate the church and spruce up the property on December 3, 2016;*
- “ The Gigue's for Helping provide pizza, fruit, cupcakes and craft activities at Sunday's Cool Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10, 2016;*
- “ Doug Barron for providing a card to defray the cost of advertising for the December 18th Blue Christmas Service.*
- “ Doug Barron for providing a card to provide lunch for the women in WELCA/WoW for their outreach Christmas party on December, 18th.*
- “ The Gigue's for providing a card to help serve refreshments at the Seniors' Reception on Christmas Eve and at New Life's Christmas Day's breakfast.*
- The Gigue's for providing a card to help serve refreshments to those who help pack up New Life's Christmas decorations at our Epiphany Party on January 6, 2017.*

To learn how you can help make a difference with New Life's campus and outreach ministries, please contact Kate Bates, New Life's Thrivent Congregational Advocate.

Confirmation Sunday 2016



Jordan Barthelme
Zeke Bickham
John Russell Gestl
Gabe Napoleon
William Schroder



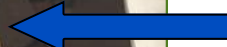
New Life Out in the Community

The Scott Family won the Keep Pearland Beautiful “Extra Mile Award” at the annual award dinner!



Susan & Hannah Bickham helping out at the Galveston County Food Bank.

They sorted 5,000 pounds of food!



Houston Boys Choir



2 Concerts, December 11th (4 and 6:30 pm)
First Presbyterian Church,
5300 Main St, Houston, TX 77004

**A Star....
A Manger....
A Promise.....**

**Houston Lutheran Chorale
32nd Annual Concerts**

Saturday December 3 7:00 PM	Sunday, December 4 4:00 PM
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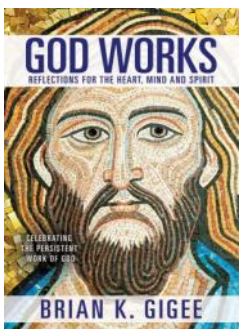
**Trinity Lutheran Church
800 Houston Ave., Houston, Texas**

Come listen, sing, and enjoy the familiar sounds of the season, a beautiful Christmas medley of carols in Susan's Christmas Garland, favorite traditional carols including Stille, Stille, Stille, O Holy Night and many more will be part of the celebration.

WELCA THANKOFFERING SUNDAY



The Women of the ELCA Thankoffering received on Sunday, November 20, was \$550.00. Thank you. If you were not here that Sunday you can still give, just be sure to indicate that it is for the Thankoffering. Where does the Thankoffering go? The full amount goes to Women of the ELCA Churchwide Organization. It helps programs of Evangelism, Global education cross-cultural, racial justice and advocacy, stewardship and intergenerational programs and more. In 2015, Women of the ELCA helped our church learn about human trafficking with an award-winning exhibit and advocacy opportunity at the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit. The churchwide organization also administers grants and scholarships, supported by our giving and special endowment funds. In 2015, nearly \$50,000 in grants to 18 domestic and nine international programs to promote women's total health: physical, emotional and spiritual. For academic year 2015-2016, 14 Women of the ELCA scholarships were awarded to women who are members of ELCA congregations, totaling \$22,000. Also in 2015, six Raising Up Healthy Women & Girls seed grants were awarded to congregational units working to make a difference in the emotional, spiritual and physical health of women and girls in their congregations and communities. This year's seed grants brings us up to a total of 57 congregational units receiving grants since the program began in 2010. Churchwide also funds communications such as Gather, Gather Bible study, Daily Grace, Café, Bold Connections, Interchange and Intercambio, the Monthly Message for synodical leaders, our social media presence, the many free resources available on our website welca.org and so much more.



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B.S.A. EAGLE PROJECT @ NEW LIFE



LIFE SCOUT KYLE FLICK LED A CREW ON NOVEMBER 19TH AND DURING THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING TO POWERWASH AND RE-STRIPE THE PARKING LOT FOR NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

IT LOOKS GREAT! THANK YOU KYLE!





New Life Seniors' Opportunities

(open to all persons age 55 and up)



New Life Seniors Luncheon

Wednesday, December 7th
@ noon

We are packing Seafarer boxes.
If you have supplies to donate, please bring them to church by Dec. 4th.

For questions, please contact
Helen Beckman at 281-485-3159.

For a list of needed items, please
contact Karen in the church office.
281-485-1818



Jason's deli

The Fundraiser for the New
Life Youth at Jason's Deli
raised \$45.23

Thank you to all who participated!

The Westside Seniors' lunch
Will be announced later for December.
(may include a visit to a shutin)

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

"Men's Night Out"

Tuesday, **December 13th**

6:30 pm

Christmas Party Off Site



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, **649** 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 or 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) Lunch with New Life women and friends Wed. Dec.14 at King's Brauhaus on Hwy 35! Arrive about 11:30 am.
Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

THE MARY-MARTHA BIBLE STUDY enjoys third Wednesday bible study Dec.21 from the national WELCA magazine named Gather, thanks to Helen Beckman who leads us at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

The Lydia Circle Bible Study meets on the first and third Saturdays in December, the 3rd and 17th. This Bible Study meets at 10:30 am in the conference room in the administration building. All women are invited. This study is from the women's Gather magazine. This month's session is titled *What wants to be born in you?* by Sonia C. Solomonson. Advent is a period of waiting and anticipation, a time of preparation, or making ready, and a time of possibility. 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) meet the 3rd Friday of the month at 7pm
For December, WoW will meet as WELCA on the 18th for a Christmas Party.
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:

Sunday, December 18th, at noon WELCA/WOW will hold our Annual Christmas Party at Noon. Bring a side dish or dessert to share

Saturday, December 31st at 11:30, is the next Women of the ELCA 5th Saturday lunch. We will meet at 11:30 at Golden Corral on FM 518 in Pearland. Questions? Call Barbara Brown at 281.798.2138.

The SE Cluster meets at New Life for the Spring meeting on March 4th.

WELCA Triennial Conference in July 13-16, 2017 in Minneapolis, MN.

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

Tuesday Morning Quilters continue to meet 52 Tuesday mornings each year sorting, pinning, sewing, tying and folding twin size quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Officially we start at 9:30 am but a few of us arrive early, by 8 am. Quilting activity stops for coffee time mid morning, 10:30 or 11 am. We welcome visitors and learners anytime.

Saundra and Linda delivered fifteen more pillowcase dog beds filled with scraps to the Pearland dog shelter around the corner on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

For more information, call Vera White at 281.485.9713.





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

Class, New Life Staff & Volunteers, the New Life Seniors and the Men in Mission.

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



Thank you to the following Meals on Wheels volunteers: Charles & Sandra Foster, Jan & Becky Homerstad, Maudie Halbadier, JoAnn Morrison & Barbara Flowers, Lynn Cope &

Donna Patschke, Barbara Scott, Hap & Bobbie Cummings, Walt & Carole Wright, Helen Beckman & Mary Anna Vance, and Foster & Judy Foucheaux for delivering the week of Oct 24-28.

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 Dec 19th-23rd.

Volunteer of the month for December:

Charlie Gaevert

Thank You!!!



Volunteer of the month for November:

Tiffany Pineda

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*

Thank You! From Church Council & Staff

- Sang for his enthusiasm and outreach.
- To Sang, LYO and the Sunday's Cool groups that made Christmas cards for the veterans.
- New Life WoW women for making ornaments to go in the veteran cards.
- Doug Barron & Walt Wright for putting up the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary.
- Ronnie Stavinoha & Walt Wright for replacing the water heater in the Sanctuary kitchen.
- Ronnie Stavinoha for replacing the broken handle on the toilet in the Fellowship Hall men's restroom.
- Everyone who helped make Confirmation Sunday a success. Kate Bates, Coleen Gestl, Barbara & Mathew Scott, Deanna Barthelme, Sang Kim & Pastor Brian.
- Kyle Flick for restriping the parking lot.
- Barbara Flowers and Diane Carver for donating craft items for the Children's Christmas Party.
- Walt Wright & Foster Foucheaux for replacing the light fixture in the hall outside of Pastor's office.
- Pastor Chon Pugh for guest preaching on WELCA Thankoffering Sunday.
- Tally Perez for doing the Children's Services on WELCA Sunday.
- Diane Carver for offering seasonal quilts for sale.
- Jessica Gestl for stepping in to help in Sang's Sunday's Cool class while Sang was out.
- Sang for running the booth at the Pearland Trick-or-Treat Trail.
- Elizabeth & Vera White for filming and putting together the video for the Children's Christmas program.
- To the New, New Life Choir! We Love to hear you sing!
- Elna Ritter, Mary Webb, Barbara Scott, Johnny Salvesen 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 those who are volunteering on the New Life LEAD team.
- The office staff for extended hours to get things done for worship and events.
- Kate Bates for organizing the soup suppers.
- Kate Bates for being New Life's Thrivent Advocate and keeping up with cards and donations from Thrivent members.
- The New Life Church Council for their continued work and support for needs of the church.
- The Foster and Judy Foucheaux and Lynn Cope for continuing to serve at CHH.
- Bubba for singing to the quilters.
- Helen for keeping up with the supplies for school kits.
- Julia Sweet and Karen Sweet Cheney for organizing and keeping up with the inventory for Seafarer box contents.
- New Life Seniors for packing Seafarer Boxes on Wednesday, Dec 7th.

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:

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

Mike Kiser for continued work on improvements to the sound system and the beautiful new desk for the sound board.

Ronnie Stavinoha for keeping up with monthly insect spraying and for replacing the 30 gallon water tank in the Sanctuary kitchen that decided to spring a leak right after the Bazaar.

Allen Patschke for continuing to replace highlight bulbs in the Sanctuary and do odd jobs all over.

All those who 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.

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

Join the Property Team on Work Days or on the first Thursday of the month. There is much to be done. Pull weeds, paint, change light bulbs, clean windows, even replace a water heater - many small jobs done by many is easier than one person trying to do them all.

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

PushPay is coming in January!

PushPay is a phone app that allows for easy donations to the church.



Thank you to Walt Wright for helping me pick up litter on Orange Street Saturday, November 5. In about 1 ½ hours we picked up two bags of trash and about 1000 cigarette butts. Cigarette butts are still the most numerous litter items. Our next cleanup will be a Saturday in February.



Congratulations to the Scott Family who received an award from Keep Pearland Beautiful for their faithful participation in our adopt-a-spot events. In addition to our cleanup, they participate in the beach cleanups and the dune building. Watch for future announcements about both of those events.

Having trouble finding gifts for Christmas? How about giving someone the opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life. Check out the ELCA Good Gifts catalog at www/ELCA.org/goodgifts. There is also a catalog in the church office.



Two friends from Minnesota went to Liberia in 2012 on a tour with Women of the ELCA. They visited the hospital in Phoebe. Due to the long-running civil war much of the infrastructure including the electrical power grid was destroyed. They depend on diesel generators for power. If they run out of fuel, they don't have power. When the women returned they did

research, consulted with a local company, and learned that solar energy would save Phebe about \$35,000 a month, the cost of their diesel fuel. They brought a resolution to the Northeastern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) asking for support. The resolution was eventually adopted by the WELCA at their triennial Convention in 2014. As of June 30, 2016, \$145,364.79 had been raised toward the goal of \$624,000. National Geographic awarded \$100,000 through its Great Energy Challenge on the condition that the project is completed by September, 2017. \$378,635 still needs to be raised by December 31, 2016. If you wish to donate to the solar energy fund for Phoebe Hospital in Liberia, you can make a gift on line at skipthegrid.org or mail checks to NE MN Synod, ELCA, 1105 E. Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802 and note "Phoebe" on the memo line. I will be mailing my donation on December 5 and will include any donation that you wish to send.

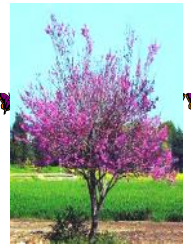
If you are getting a live tree for Christmas, you can donate it to the dune building project by dropping it off at the Stella Roberts Recycling Center on Magnolia. If you put it curbside on yard waste pickup day, it will be composted. Please avoid putting it in the trash for the landfill.

Merry Christmas, everyone.

Helen Beckman



Updates for the Church Roster:



Change of Address and/or email:

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Pete Brumfield

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Friendswood TX 77546
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Welcome Little ones!

Congratulations! Scott & Leeta Sanger are grandparents again! Baby William Gary Sanger was born October 16th. Weight 7 lbs 9 oz. Length 21 inches. Parents are Chris & Liz Sanger of Alvin, TX. Siblings are Nak'oma, age 5; Christopher II, age 3 1/2; and Theodore, age 1 1/2.



Congratulations! Becky & Jan Homerstad are grandparents again! Freya Audrey Homerstad was born November 16th. Weight 6 lbs 5 oz. Parents are Lori and Kyne Homerstad of Alvin TX. (former members) Sisters Mina and Kaela are excited!

Congratulations! Mina Stagner is a grandmother again! Victoria Kate Stagner was born November 29th. Weight 8 lbs 12 oz. Parents are Aaron & Kristen Stagner of Manvel TX. Big sister Reagan is very excited!



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.





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 Fouchaux recently told about a family who visited CHH and was unable to receive support from them because there simply was not enough food to go around to all who needed same.

This Spring New Life's Sunday School classes are choosing an \$.99 or less food item, Mainly need **Peanut Butter and Jellies** as well as toiletry items such as **Shampoo, razors, and deodorant** the list goes on...to donate to CHH on a weekly basis.

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

the Sunday school chh wagon will make the rounds to collect your donations during Sunday school each week.

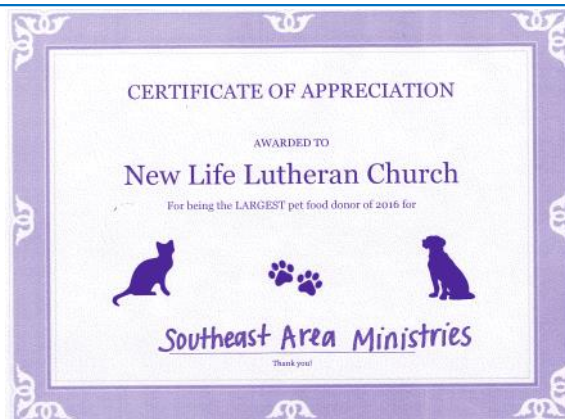
As always, you can place your chh donations in the chh basket whenever you are here at church.



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



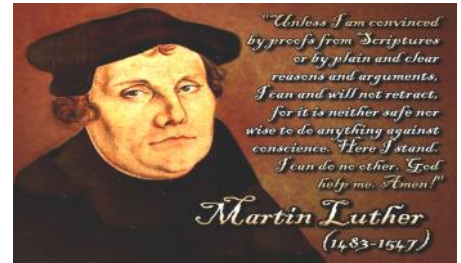
- **DVD Class**—Donna and Nolan Patschke lead a conversation on the "Lives of Great Christians" as presented by William R. Cook... 30 min movie followed by discussion in the DVD room of the Fellowship Hall.
- **"Reformation Anniversary - Luther Reformation Video Series/Discussion"**

Lutheran Learning is Lifelong Learning

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

MARTIN LUTHER: GOSPEL, LAW & REFORMATION

Over the coming weeks each Sunday @ 9:22 am a 30 minute DVD segment from the lectures of Luther scholar, Dr. Phil Cary will be shown in the Fellowship Hall. New Life is a "teaching" church and this course is open to all adults!



12/4 The Work of the Reformer 12/11 Against The Spirit of Rebellion 12/18 Controversy Over The Lord's Supper 12/25 Christmas Breakfast

*Each session will end with a 20-30 minute discussion in clusters.
Bring a friend as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation of the Church !*

"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:

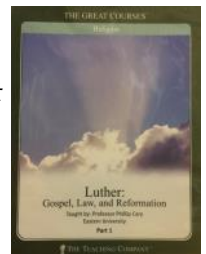
- + Luther's Gospel + The Medieval Church + The Augustinian Spiritual Life + Faith & Works
- + The Problem of Indulgences + The meaning of the Sacraments + Luther and the Bible
- + Infant Baptism Problem + Luther and Politics + Luther and his Enemies + *and much more*

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

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

- 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!

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





See Lutherhill Retreat Schedule on Page 4



For more information on retreats, see Sang's Youth Director page (5) or visit Lutherhill.org



Confirmation Camp 2016

LYO Schedule for December

LYO will continue on Wednesdays after soup supper:

Wednesday, December 7th: 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 14th: 6:30pm

NOT Wednesday, December 21st (Christmas week)

Wednesday, December 28th: 6:30pm

Lutheran Facts

Luthers 95 Theses - From Martin Marty's Book October 31, 1517

Translated from Dr. Martin Luther (1517)

31-40 of 95 - See more in following months

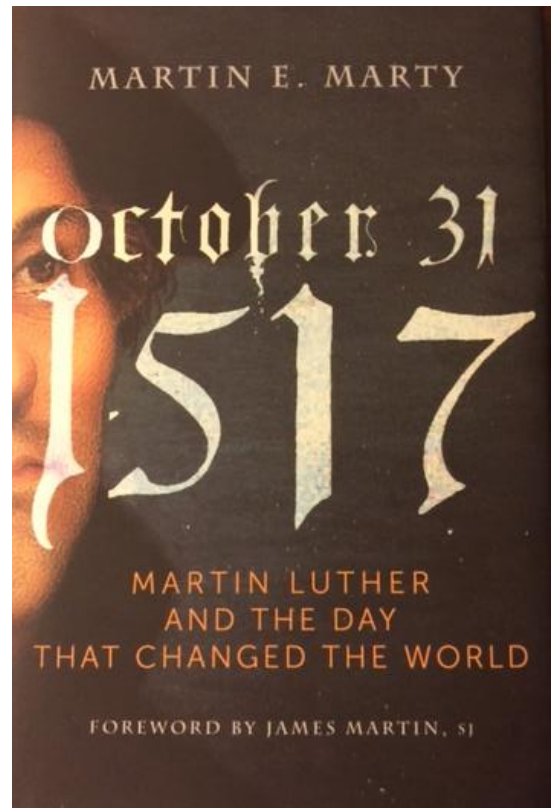
31. As rare as a true penitent is, so rare is one who truly gains indulgences - that is to say, exceedingly rare.

32. Those who believe that through letters of indulgence they are made sure of their own salvation, will be eternally damned along with their teachers.

33. We must especially be on guard against those who say that these indulgences from the Pope are the inestimable gift of God by which humans are reconciled to God.

34. For the grace conveyed by these indulgences has respect only to the penalties of sacramental satisfaction, which are of human appointment.

35. People so not preach any kind of Christian doctrine who teach that sorrow for sin and repentance are not necessary for those who buy souls out of purgatory or buy letters of indulgence.



36. Every Christian who feels sincere repentance and sorrow for sin has perfect remission of pain and guilt even without letters of indulgence.

37. Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the Church, and this is granted by God, even without letters of indulgence.

38. Nonetheless, the remission of sin imparted by the Pope is in no way to be despised, since it is, as I have said, a declaration of the Divine remission.

39. It is a most difficult thing, even for the most learned theologians, to hold up in the eyes of the people the ample effect of indulgences and at the same time the necessity of true sorrow for sin and repentance.

40. Those who are truly sorry for sin and repent for it seek and love to pay penalties for sin; while the abundance of indulgences softens penalties and causes people to hate them, or at least it gives occasion for them to do so.





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...

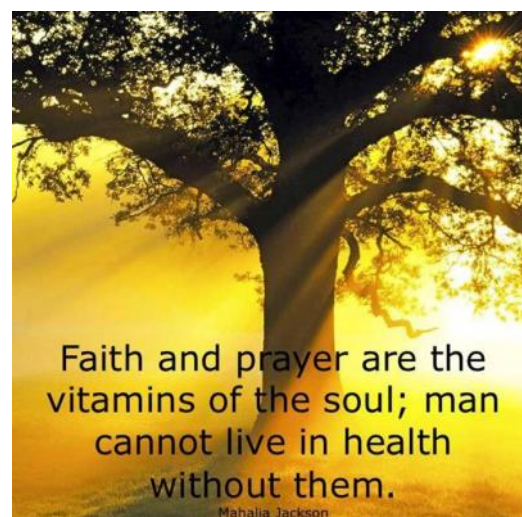
Pray for renewing health: Marge Angelo, Gretchen Barnes, Brian Bates, Susan Bickham, Bryan Bradford, Robyn Bradford, Theresa Breuer (Barbara Scott's mother), Rick Broughton, Barbara Brown, Terry Brown, Louisa Brown, Pete Brumfield, Patrick Burkard, Diane Carver, Carl & Shirley Ericsson, Brian Foster, Nancy Fuller, Regina Gestl, Margo Giguee, Maudie Halbardier, Becky Homerstad, Mike Kiser, Bobbie Lott, Larry Magers, Phyllis Mistrot, Rudy Moreno, Erin Newell, Zetta Palmer, Hubert Pardue, Allen Patschke, Allison Patschke, Jan Porter, Mike Porter, Scott Sanger, 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, Angelo 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, 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



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
December 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 *World AIDS Day* We pray that our work with global partners, companion churches and community agencies will further develop and expand ministries of HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment, care and advocacy where they are needed most and bring hope and wellness to people who live with HIV and AIDS.

2 We look forward to Jesus' return, though we know not when, and pray that we not lose sight of the work and ministry God is calling each of us to do here and now in the world before that day of salvation and judgment arrives.

3 *International Day of Persons with Disabilities* We remember in our prayers people living with disabilities and pray our church, communities and social structures grow in commitment to affirming the gifts and abilities of all people and creating a more inclusive, equitable and just world for people living with disabilities.

4 John the Baptist called people to repentance and a new life—a new beginning—in Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God for the new life and hope we have in Jesus Christ and pray that our lives always reflect and share the light of Christ in the world.

5 As we shop for Christmas gifts for family, friends and coworkers, we ask God to give us pause and remind us of the benefits, hope and joy that can result from sharing our financial gifts and resources with neighbors in need—in our community and globally.

6 We ask God to grant our newly elected president and leaders wisdom, compassion for all people, commitment to justice and strength for carrying out their responsibilities as public servants.

7 Where there is conflict in the world, we pray for peace and healing; for soldiers and veterans who are currently serving or have served our country in the interest of peace and freedom, we give thanks and ask for God's protection. And reflecting on times of war and peace throughout history, we ask God to instill in us lessons of reconciliation, justice, forgiveness, diplomacy and concern for the well-being of all people.

8 We remember in our prayers our relationships with Lutheran churches around the world and the Global Ministry Projects that support our companions in expanding their ministries, training pastors and evangelists, reaching youth, strengthening their community presence and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

9 We continue to pray for the communities and people who have suffered great losses and tragedy from recent hurricanes and flooding in the southeastern U.S. coastal areas and Caribbean region.

10 Though we sometimes have doubts and wonder about who Jesus is and what he has done for us as the promised Messiah, we pray the Spirit will continue to stir and strengthen our faith and reveal to us God's word and truth.

11 As people of faith in Jesus Christ, we ask God to make us agents of hope, forgiveness, love and reconciliation that by our witness and actions we might help bridge and heal the deep divisions and discontent that exist in our society today.

12 We remember in our prayers ELCA missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission and all servants of Christ separated from their home communities, friends or families during this time of year. We give thanks to God for their faithful service and the sacrifices they make for the sake of sharing the gospel and caring for God's people throughout the world.

13 *Lucy, martyr (died 304)* Lucy, a young Christian woman in Sicily, devoted her life to God and to serving the poor. We pray that we too are so devoted in our faith and service and fear no persecution, criticism, adversity or even death.

14 We remember in our prayers the thousands of displaced refugees living in temporary camps this winter in the Middle East and pray their daily needs are met, they not lose hope and will someday return home or settle into new communities that are safe, nurture trust and care among neighbors and where all can prosper—in every way.

15 Being engulfed by commercialism and pop culture traditions attached to the Christmas season, we ask God to remind us of and keep us centered in the simple, true essence of Christmas – the birth of Jesus Christ and God’s gift of love for all people.

16 We remember in our prayers that our hope and help is found in God, who made heaven and earth and everything within them.

17 People working during the holidays sacrifice much to serve our needs and our communities. We pray they find employment that pays fair wages to support themselves and their families, find times for rest and renewal, and experience the joy we have in Jesus Christ.

18 We pray that we remain faithful, committed and receptive to God even in the face of the complexities and mysteries of life, just as Joseph and the pregnant Mary were in preparing to bring Jesus into the world – for the sake of the world.

19 We remember in our prayers all people who are homeless or facing imminent homelessness and pray that the Spirit will guide us in helping them secure warm, safe and reliable shelter and homes.

20 *Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church (died 1552)* We give thanks to God for the life, faith and influence of Katie Luther, wife of Martin Luther, and remember in our prayers women throughout history who have helped influence, lead and grow the church and its mission in the world.

21 *Winter solstice* In our observance of Advent, we look to the lighting of candles to remind us of the light of Jesus Christ shining brightly without fail in the world, especially in places of despair and darkness where people long for light and hope.

22 We pray the Spirit will move us to share the good news with people we encounter during the Christmas season and invite them to join in the life of our faith communities so they may see, hear, experience and come to know the source of our faith, kindness, hope and joy – Jesus Christ.

23 We remember in our prayers individuals and families who live with poverty, unemployment or are homeless and pray the Spirit will move us to be attentive of others, generous and welcoming, especially during our holiday gatherings, the sharing of gifts, bountiful meals and celebrating the good news of the Christ child.

24 *Christmas Eve* On this day each year, we remember with hope, faith and anticipation the promises God has made and fulfilled through the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ, God’s real and present gift of love and forgiveness for the world.

25 *Christmas Day* Alleluia! We give thanks and praise to God for the good news of great joy given to all people in the birth of Jesus Christ, the son of God – our light and salvation.

26 *Kwanzaa begins* During this week of Kwanza, we give thanks to God for the richness and significance of traditions, cultures, languages, stories and leadership among people of African descent .

27 We humbly give thanks to God for our baptism through which we are joined with the body of Christ – all believers – and cleansed of our old self and made new, not because we did anything to deserve it, but because of God’s abundant mercy.

28 We remember in our prayers the communities in Italy that continue to be affected by earthquakes and pray for their recovery, the ongoing efforts of disaster response workers and that all may know the love and hope of God’s presence.

29 We ask the Spirit to inspire and guide us as we seek to make our congregations places of celebration, caring, worship, outreach and that equip us to serve our neighbor and the world.

30 Christmas presents have been opened and set aside, decorations are being put away and Christmas trees tossed to the curb, but we pray the celebration and joy of the gift of Jesus Christ continues throughout the year, for life.

31 We ask God to help us not squander or forget the forgiveness, new life and freedom we have in Jesus Christ and that we can face without fear the changes and newness that may come with the approaching new year.



December

Birthdays

Dean Gerig	12/02
Della Barrett	12/04
Katy Childs	12/05
Kirby Kippley	12/05
Hope Kaiser	12/06
Rance Fromme	12/07
Te'ylor Mark	12/08
Liz Childs	12/09
Ruth Roberts	12/09
Mina Sinacori	12/09
Bridget Besser	12/11
Alyssa Campbell	12/11
DeAnna Gerber	12/12
Joseph Glenn	12/12
Bobbie Lott	12/13
Bailey Hardt	12/14
Helen Beckman	12/16
Ryan Flick	12/17
Austin Caballero	12/18
Mike Costello	12/18
Alexis Baker	12/19
Annie Bates	12/19
Susan Burkard	12/19
Greg Grayson	12/19
Robert Broussard	12/21
Tucker Moore	12/21
Shannon Young	12/22
Glenn Lilie	12/23
McKenzee Pyeatt	12/24
Ed Bradford	12/25
Robyn Bradford	12/25
Floyd Brown	12/26
Vince Johnson	12/27
Christopher Stewart	12/27
Zach Gottlieb	12/28
Christine Morrison	12/28
Nikki Gatlin	12/29
Janie Potenza	12/29
Korie Williams	12/29
Sheila Martain	12/31



Wedding Anniversaries

Tiffany & Art Pineda	12/05
Viola & Allen Patschke	12/15
Barbara & Matt Scott	12/17
Nancy & Alan Fuller	12/21

Baptismal Anniversaries

Jessica Gestl	12/01
John Gestl	12/01
William Schroder	12/01
Steven Velasquez	12/02
Catherine Gilbert	12/05
Cherylann Gilbert	12/05
Alyssa Hall	12/05
Cheyenne Wheeler	12/06
Mindy Wheeler	12/06
Jessica Paul	12/13
Jenaro Castillo	12/18
Erin Newell	12/18
Pastor Don Cole	12/19
Lenny Gwendon	12/20
Juliet O'Banion	12/20
Andrew O'Banion	12/20
Robert Fricke	12/21
Rhonda Lowery	12/21
Jeremy Rincones	12/21
Valerie Rincones	12/21
Daniel Venglar	12/21
Faith Wood	12/21
Kirby Kippley	12/23
Clara O'Banion	12/23
Jackie Lassiter	12/24
McKenzee Pyeatt	12/24
Tyler Meyer	12/27
Dillon Vaughan	12/27
David Reynolds	12/29
Chase Glowka	12/31

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Yarn-Lovers Co-Coordinator		

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship	28 8:00 PM AA & AI-Anon	29 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study	30 5:45 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Soup Supper/Vespers 6:30 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 7:30 PM House Band Practice	1 7:00 PM Property Team	2 Advent Retreat	3 Advent Retreat 10:00 AM Hanging of the Greens Brunch 10:30 AM Lydia Circle Bi- ble Study 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group
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HELPING HANDS IN WORSHIP – BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016 7 P.M.



Usher: Karen Sweet Cheney



HELPING HANDS IN WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



SERVICES	December 24 Christmas Eve - 4pm	December 24 Christmas Eve - 7pm	December 24 Christmas Eve - 11pm
ACOLYTE	Clayton Migl	Alex Tatuaca	Michael Scott
ASSISTING	Denise Jurgens	Jamie Hilliard	Ed Scott
COMMUNION	Frank Jurgens Cheryl Robinson Brenda Migl	Robin Gottlieb Stephanie Gottlieb Barbara Flower	Cheryl Robinson Andrew Thompson Christal Thompson
NURSERY	Kate Bates	Mandy Schroder	
GREETERS	Judy and Foster Foucheax	Donna and Nolan Patschke	Matt Scott Berkeley Scott
USHERS	Jerry Migl Norm Griffith Shirley Griffith	Charlie Gaever Milton Thomas Tamsey Mims	Patrick Thompson Ed Bradford



Helping Hands in Worship - December 2016

Altar Guild: Cheryl Robinson & Debbie Adams♥ Communion Elements: Lorraine Walls

SERVICES	December 4 Advent 2	December 11 Advent 3 Children's Program	December 18 Advent 4	December 25 - Christmas Day 10:30 Service Only
Acolyte 8:00 am 10:30 am	John Russell Gestl Faith Wood	Clayton Migl Jordan Barthelme	Michael Scott Zeke Bickman	Madison Lassiter
Assisting Minister 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Bryars Aimee Sandoval	Denise Jurgens Jamie Hilliard	Sang Kim Michael Porter	Nancy Bryars
Communion Assistant 8:00 am	Tamsey Mims Susie Wellman	Brenda Migl Robin Gottlieb	Lynn Barron Doug Barron	
Communion Assistant 10:30 am	Tiffany Pineda Mary Ann Marcha	Deanna Barthelme Cheryl Robinson	Ed Bradford Barbara Flowers	Kristi Glowka Robin Gottlieb
Altar Flowers				
Lay Reader 8:00 am 10:30 am	Norm Griffith Christal Thompson	Helen Beckman Catherine Sinacori	Beth Moore Bryan Bradford	Mike Lassiter
Nursery 10:30 am	Jackie Crawford	Kate Bates	Trent Perez	Kate Bates
Greeters 8:00 am	Coleen Gestl	Judy Foucheaux Foster Foucheaux	Josh Reed	
Greeter 10:30 am	Charles Foster Saundra Foster	Donna Patschke Nolan Patschke	Linda Stavinoha Meridith Oliver	Carole and Walt Wright
Ushers 8:00 am	Shirley Griffith Norm Griffith	Frank Jurgens Jerry Migl	Matt Scott Berkeley Scott	
Ushers 10:30 am	Gary Siegworth Jan Zuerner	Jay Tillis Milton Thomas	Jenaro Castillo Daoud Karam	Tony White and Charlie Gaevert
Coffee Hour	Greening Brunch	Sunday's Cool Parents	3rd Sunday Group	Christmas Day Brunch

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