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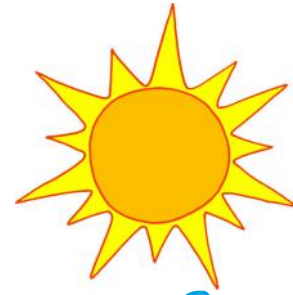
 NewLifeinPearland

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



*An emerging ministry of
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July 2018



Hang On



Don't Let Go

Mark Your Calendars



Sunday, July 1st
Youth Gathering Ends

Wednesday, July 4th
Independence Day
Office Closed

Saturdays, July 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
LYO - Lutheran Youth Organization

Mondays July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Modified Yoga @ 6pm

Tuesdays, July 3rd, 10th, 17th 24th & 31st
Quilting Workshop

Wednesdays, July 11th, 18th & 25th
Houseband Practice

Thursday, July 5th
Property Team Meeting

Monday, July 9th
Church Council

Wednesday, July 11th
Seniors (55+) Lunch

Thursday, July 12th
Bazaar Meeting

GLOW Meeting
Tuesday, July 17th

Men's Night Out

Wednesday, July 18th

Mary Martha Bible Study

WELCA Lunch Bunch @ Casa Ole on 518
(moved from the 11th because of Senior Lunch)

Friday, July 17th

WOW (Women of Worth) Bazaar Crafts

Sunday, July 29th

New Life Lutheran's 13th Anniversary

Wednesday, August 1st
Seniors (55+) Lunch

Tuesday, August 14th

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The Lifeline



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

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

‘God Will Build the Church!’

Dear friends and followers @ New Life,

Recently I learned the news of the death of my seminary president, the Rev. Dr. Fred Meuser. He lived well into his 90's. Good for him. Good for the church! He was such a smart, faithful and articulate saint... here are some words of his that are timeless... he wrote them in 1997! Enjoy...

"There are only two sure things in life. Death is one. Taxes are not the other... the other, in the words of Luther's Small Catechism, is: God's kingdom comes indeed without our prayer, but we pray that it may come among us also." Jesus' promise to Peter in Matthew 16: "I will build my church."

And God has and God will continue to do just that. The Dr. Meuser asked some personal questions to a room full of faithful people...

"You who were baptized as infants, raised in Christian homes, children of God from the cradle to this day in spite of having strayed onto some very slippery spiritual slopes, who did that?" he asked.

"You who once were too sophisticated to believe, too proud to repent, too self-reliant to pray, too stingy to give, but now happily do them all, and are here representing this whole church and imagine! -- making decisions about its future who did that?" Dr. Meuser continued.

"Who toppled each of us off the control panel of our lives and put Jesus Christ there?"

Christ's promise is significant because it says that God's power sustains the church and that the church belongs to God, not to its human caretakers, us, who find ourselves as the church of 2018.

Meuser went on...

"It's easy to forget what God promises to build: Not sanctuaries, not the American way of life, not American Christianity." What God does promise is a saved people, a fellowship, not solitary Christians but a family of disciples for whom Jesus is the center of life."

This he wrote and preached to a churchwide assembly in 1997. Yet these words find their rightful place in our hearts and minds even today. Does this mean that New Life is 20 years behind the times? Not at all. It means the God's power is always at our disposal or like I prefer to say... WE trust the God who neither sleeps nor slumbers... and our goal is to recognize how God works in us and through us daily! It is the 'whole-life' stewardship of self New Life is desiring of everyone here and all whom we know!

New Life; *now!*

Bruce

"STEWARDSHIP STORIES OF THE SAINTS"

How God Uses Ordinary People To Do Extraordinary Things

Sunday July 15— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, pastor and anti-Nazi activist

Sunday July 22—Corrie ten Boom, Dutch Reformed Social Worker

Sunday July 29—St. Teresa of Avila, mystic and contemplative



Youth & Family

Hello, New Life Church family,



It is one week before the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in our backyard of H-Town as I write this. Along with the men's group, I went to the Astros game with Braulio and Kip last night. The game was not good in terms of offense, but Verlander was money despite not winning.

Anyway, Day Camp 2018 was fantastic in so many specific ways despite it being very different than last year. We had a high of 27 kids with 10 kids being first-time campers at New Life (some are new to New Life or became old enough to attend or were invited by other New Life members). New names included Emily, Emily, Jocelyn, Liam, Lizzie, Logan, Nick, Natalie and Owen S., Also, thanks to our adult volunteers (especially Coleen and Christine who cooked, Helen B. and the Perez families for hosting the Lutherhill staff and other adults who helped with kitchen / fellowship hall tasks). Our youth volunteers included JR, Brianna and Victoria. We also had others who attended a day here or a day there. As always, none of this happens without your generosity, faithfulness and sacrifice. Thank God we had it the week before Father's Day as the week after Father's Day has poured buckets and buckets of needed rain.

Regarding the historical **2018 ELCA Youth Gathering**, here are the various details you may be inquiring:

Fundraising: only through your sacrifice and generosity could the 11 of us attend.

Schedule themes are related to
"This Changes Everything" :
God's Call, God's Love, God's Grace,
God's Hope and Jesus.

Each day will have a specific focus including: Interactive Day, Synod Day and Service Day.

Throughout the summer, there will be opportunities for your student to see movies, bowl, iTZ and any other fun (indoor) environments. I am always open to suggestions. There is a very good chance that we will have a similar pool party gathering like we did last summer so keep that in the forefront of your minds which will take place later in July or August. I give a potential thank you to the host family. If you would like to host the pool party this summer instead, please let me know so I can contact the other family although 2 different parties focusing on 2 different family demographics would be a great blessing.

On Friday night, July 20, Fellowship Bible Church is having a lock-in, and I want at least 7 of our kids to go. Your student will probably know some faces from their schools. I think this is a great way for our kids to meet other Christians, enjoy a bigger group and bond with each other better. I have already been invited for a game night on June 27th @ Faith Community Church (Presbyterian) but obviously can not attend. So, good interactions are already happening behind the scenes.

If you are interested in attending a Lutherhill Summer Camp, then July 22-27 could be a target date. Please contact me immediately to see which dates may still be available. It would be great to send students of all ages / grades at once instead of just sending elementary or junior high or high school students only. Cost for camps is expensive, but you are only responsible for 40% of the cost while the church addresses the remaining.

Sincerely, *Sang Kim*
Director for Youth and Family Faith Formation



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope all are well.

We had a very busy month in June. Along with rolling out Whole Life Stewardship we faced air conditioning problems. It seems that many of u are very excited to learn more about stewardship. That is music to the ears of Pastor and your church council. I hope we can keep this momentum going. I would also like to thank all of you who went above and beyond to help pay for our new air conditioner. We are still a few dollars short. I am confident that we will make up the deficit.

Again, thank you all and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Be safe and God Bless you,

Rudy Moreno

2018 Church Council President
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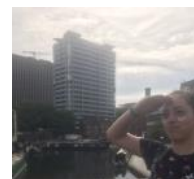
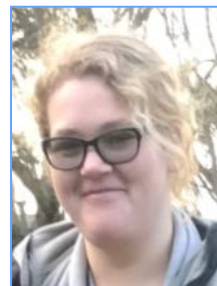
Hi New Life Lutheran Family!

Happy middle of June! I hope you're all doing really well. I can't believe that I'll be home again in less than two months. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all the love, support, and prayers you've sent my way throughout my YAGM year. I'm really looking forward to seeing all of you again, and can't wait to tell you more about all the amazing things that I've seen and experienced with your help.

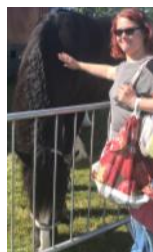
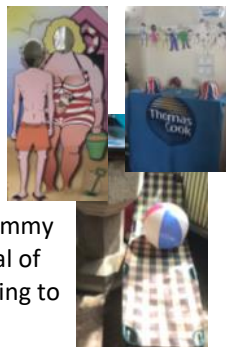


Things I've done this month: I went to visit my friend Jasmine at her placement site in Manchester for a few days at the beginning of the month. Manchester has more of a Houston-y big city feel to it than Leicester does. Jasmine was a lovely host, and she introduced me to the Manchester cathedral as well as the John Rylands Library. The library is home to "historic toilets" of some kind. I'm not sure what made them so special, but they looked kind of like the toilets that are in Moaning Myrtle's bathroom in "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets". We also met up with our friend and fellow

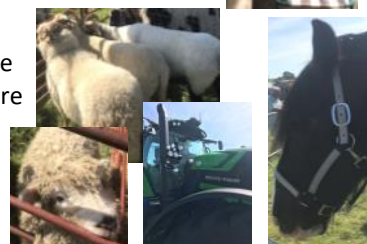
YAGM, Grace. The three of us spent a lovely afternoon at a kitty cafe in Manchester. The cafe made delicious hot chocolates and lattes, and we got to pet a few gorgeous and chilled out kitty cats. The rest of the YAGM's and I will be leaving to meet up for our last YAGM retreat next week. Somewhere near York. Most of us are going to take a side trip to Edinburgh after the retreat ends, so that we can spend as much time together as possible before people start going back to the states. I'm really excited to see everyone again, but am also a little sad at the idea of everything coming to an end. Also, I took a short trip to Birmingham on Saturday so that I could meet up and have dinner with my friend Allison (you may remember her from such adventures as our journeys to Oxford, Coventry, Nottingham, and Dudley). We walked around for a while, and then went to eat Ramen and Pad Thai at a restaurant called Wagamama. I really enjoyed having the chance to hang out with her. I ended up staying in Birmingham much longer than I had originally planned to, and had to catch the last train of the night back to Leicester, but it was all very much worth it. Allison and I are also hoping to go to Ireland so that we can visit Dublin and/or Belfast toward the end of July. I would also like to visit York and to return to London again before our respective terms of service end.



I was also lucky enough to help out at a cruise themed "holiday-at-home" event that my home church held last Friday and Saturday. Several members of the congregation went all out to decorate the sanctuary so that it would resemble the deck of a cruise ship. They opened the church to senior citizens and others who might not have the opportunity to go away for vacation anymore, and set up different stations so that they could relax, play board games, engage in light exercise, and receive hand massages. They were also given yummy soup, sandwiches, and cakes to eat. I really enjoyed getting the chance to speak with several of the people who attended. It was neat to hear about their life stories, and it was heartwarming to see how much they appreciated and enjoyed everything we did for them.



I'm also beyond thrilled to say that I finally got to pet a sheep on Sunday. I've wanted to hug a sheep since I first arrived, but they are very shy animals, so they've always run away from me. Thankfully, my friend/co-worker Bez has long been aware of my goal, and she told me and invited me to the Blastow show, which was full of sheep, horses, tractors, and cows. I got to spend yesterday afternoon with Bez, her adorable sons Keiran and Aiden, and several other friends from church. Although it was uncomfortably warm outside, I really enjoyed spending time with my friends.



Things that I'm doing with Reality: The bus sessions are winding down, and will officially finish at the beginning of July. I've already said goodbye to my group of young people in Stoney Stanton, because it's a bi-weekly session, and I will be at the YAGM retreat for the last session that the bus is there for. I could never have predicted how attached I would get to our young people, how much I would come to love working on the bus, or how much fun I would have every day. It's been an amazing experience, and I'll never forget the nights that I've spent making hot chocolates, losing at FIFA, making friendship bracelets, and just listening to and spending time with our young people. I feel so privileged to have gotten to build relationships with them. I've also continued to help run a lunch club at Brockington College, which is always a pleasure. I can't think of a better way to spend a hour of my day than by playing Go Fish and Uno with a bunch of high schoolers.

That's all I have for now. I'm excited to update you this time next month about my trips to York and Edinburgh.

I hope you guys have a wonderful few weeks and tons of loves!

-Annie

Annie Bates is serving as
a Young Adult Global
Missionary in the UK.

Whole Life Stewardship - SUMMER BOOK READING

SELECT ONE

Your Church Council recommends the following books for personal, family, and community reflection and discussion. All these books were bought, read, and reviewed by council members for their value and support of our mission to live responsibly and give joyfully. Not all books we read made the list.

The Church Council wants every individual to choose a book from this list. We ask each person to select and acquire one of these books to read over the summer, and then engage in small group discussion with others reading these books – friends, family, social groups, service groups, etc. The church office will be keeping a list of who is reading which books so that you can identify others and create a small group for discussion.

We encourage groups of 3 to 5 for ongoing discussion over the summer. Families may choose to create their own small group; they may choose to read the same book or different books to compare and share thoughts.

INSTRUCTIONS

Evaluate the recommended list. Read the council review. Go to the New Life website Stewardship page for more information about the books.

Prayerfully choose a book to read. Consider one that speaks to you where you are or where you want to be; challenge yourself to grow in faithfulness and fruitfulness. The choice is personal.

Buy the book or text (or find in a library). *Financial assistance available upon request.*

Inform the church office 281-485-1818 of your choice and begin reading the book.

Small Group Leaders will be identified and small group options will be presented. We hope that small groups will meet weekly or bi-weekly over the summer and discuss and share thoughts. Meeting in a home/café type environment is suggested. Sharing a meal or snack is suggested.

Whether you choose to read one or all these books, continue to engage in deeper discussions with others about the responsibilities of a faithful and fruitful steward.



THE GOD GUARANTEE

by Jack Alexander 211 pgs.

Finding Freedom from the Fear of Not Having Enough

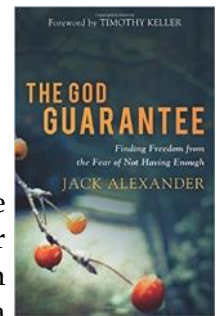
Reviewed by Babs Scott, Church Council Vice President

Kindle
\$9.68

Paperback
\$10.19 ✓prime

32 Used from \$4.95
44 New from \$7.98

Audio CD
\$10.00 ✓prime



This book really spoke to me in my place of fear, gave me a better understanding of my place in God's world, and brought me to a new depth in my relationship with God. The author gets down into the details of life and defines a practical way to live and see life daily when we let go of fear and live for God. This text is based in the scriptures and written in a personal way.

This is a fast read; however, the author is direct, and, along the way, you may need to pause to reflect and digest what you just read. Each chapter asks you to pray and reflect on your faith life in the moment and score yourself; at the end of the book, you can compute your total score and post it to watch a short encouraging video.

I highly recommend this book, especially for those who are struggling financially, emotionally or spiritually. I think the content is accessible to all ages 10 and older.

ENOUGH

by Adam Hamilton 109 pgs

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Reviewed by Elna Ritter, Church Council Secretary

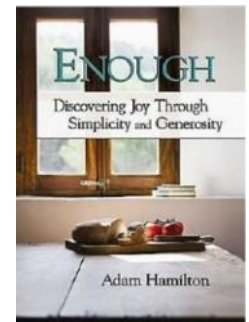
Kindle
\$7.98

Hardcover
\$8.08 ✓prime

Paperback
\$8.40 ✓prime

122 Used from \$0.25
38 New from \$0.99

Audio CD
\$15.00 ✓prime



This little book was easy to read. It is written in Units with a set of brief questions at the end of each chapter for reflection and discussion. Mr. Hamilton discusses how we have overextended ourselves financially and find ourselves buried under debt and fear! He reminds us of the Apostle Paul as he wrote "I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need" (Philippians 4:11-12). Feeling content is something we are ignoring, and we are overextending our finances by spending tomorrow's money today. The result of this is not greater happiness and satisfaction but greater stress and anxiety. Mr. Hamilton reminds us that "As we choose to live for others and to give generously of what God has given us, we will both bless others and experience the abundant blessings that come from living for God." This book is recommended for those who are seeking God's abundance, are overextended financially, or living in financial fear.

BEARING FRUIT

By Lovett Weems and Tom Berlin 105 pgs.

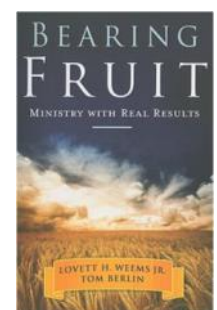
Ministry With Real Results

Reviewed by Babs Scott, Church Council Vice President

Kindle
\$8.25

Paperback
\$8.68 ✓prime

41 Used from \$2.99
30 New from \$8.10



Bearing Fruit gives a biblical perspective of God's purpose for His Church. Although this book addresses the stewardship of leaders, it is an insightful read for the followers of Christ, not just the church leaders. The authors address the ways of "being" the Church and explore what it means for each of us to be part of a mission-shaped congregation; they explain mission (who we are) versus vision (what we do). The byline of the book is "Ministry with real results." The authors discuss faithfulness and fruitfulness of leadership as both being mutually important and relational to the life of all God's stewards; we must not be one or the other, but both at the same time. The applications of this book are practical as well as theological. I strongly recommend this book to pastors, office and ministry staff, Church Council, LEAD, and all of you who desire to explore how God wants His Church to work for His glory. If your spiritual gift is leadership, administration, apostleship, or giving, then this book is for you. Lastly, I recommend this book to all aspiring young leaders in our congregation.

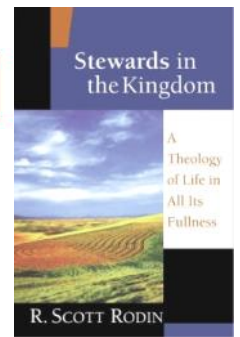
STEWARDS IN THE KINGDOM

By **R. Scott Rodin** 216 pgs
A Theology of Life in All Its Fullness
Reviewed by Rudy Moreno, Church
Council President

Kindle
\$18.99

Paperback
\$16.26 ✓prime

37 Used from \$1.96
24 New from \$2.98



This is an excellent book on stewardship that traces stewardship back to Adam and Eve. It talks of being a steward before you can even practice stewardship. It is a deep conversation between lordship and stewardship. It talks of stewardship in a biblical sense, where the Triune God is the center of it all. It is so packed with information that it would be an excellent book to read and study as a group. A group could probably capture more information and make this more meaningful. I recommend this book.

WHAT GOD DOES WHEN MEN LEAD

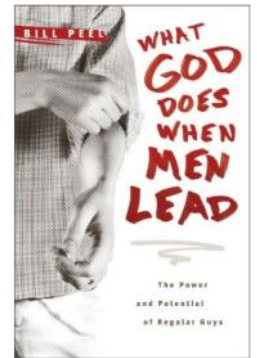
By **Bill Peel** 256 pgs
**The Power and Potential of
Regular Guys**

Kindle
\$10.99

Hardcover
\$6.89

Paperback
\$13.95

18 Used from \$1.08
6 New from \$13.95



Reviewed by Frank Jurgens, Church Council Treasurer

The book that I am reading is 'What God Does When Men Lead: The Power and Potential of Regular Guys' by Bill Peel. While I have not finished reading it, I think that it does hit on the major themes of Biblical Stewardship that we are bringing out in our new approach to Whole-Life stewardship. The book title and the dialog in the book suggest leadership by men; however, there is nothing that I see that does not apply to women as well. I recommend this book to someone who is, or is wanting to be, in a position of leadership in the church. The ideas in this book can also be applied to just taking leadership of your own life. Personally, I do not like books on 'How to be a Christian,' but many people enjoy reading this type of book. I think readers will get some good information and perspective on the idea that we are just stewards of God's creation.

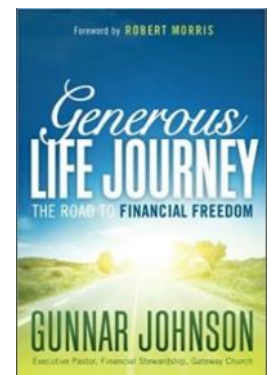
GENEROUS LIFE JOURNEY

By **Gunnar Johnson** 224 pgs
The Road to Financial Freedom
Reviewed by Ed Scott, Young Adult member

Kindle
\$10.99

Paperback
\$15.99 ✓prime

8 Used from \$3.60
13 New from \$7.88



A good read. Very informative. The author takes a hardline stance on positive tithing versus coercive tithing without condemnation. The book defines Tithing as bringing forth to God the first fruits of what He has given you, encouraging tithing to be the first budget line item. The author reinforces the concepts of stewardship and delves into what it means that everything we own is God's, and we are just taking care of it all. There are different guidelines and perspectives in the book for people in all walks of life. The author specifically addresses four financial categories of people: In need, Scraping By, Satisfactory, and Surplus; I recommend this book, especially if your financial status is one of these four. This book is solid, engaging, biblically literate, and passionate.

THE GOOD OF AFFLUENCE

By: John R Schneider 244 pgs

Seeking God in a Culture of Wealth

Reviewed by Matt Scott, Former Church Council President

Kindle
\$11.99

Hardcover
\$6.00

Paperback
\$16.06 ✓prime

Digital
\$4.80



In *The Good of Affluence*, author John Schneider writes a Biblical justification for the notion that not only is material success – what we call affluence – not a moral and spiritual evil, but not contrary to God’s intent for human beings. His arguments are grounded in biblical texts, specifically Genesis where he articulates God’s intent that man and woman have dominion over the earth but also that they should have abundance. In Leviticus, God describes his desires for abundance for his chosen people (the Israelites).

Schneider does address the dangers of affluence and the moral and spiritual pitfalls of material wealth, especially when present with other human weaknesses (such as greed and selfishness); but he points out that this overlooks the good that is possible when an affluent person chooses to use his or her wealth for good. The author also makes compelling biblically-based arguments for our responsibilities as affluent Christians in a global economy/culture. As a whole, the book does an excellent job of justifying the success of Western capitalistic societies and helps the concerned Christian apply God’s benefits in ways that are consistent with His will.

HOW THEN SHOULD WE WORK

By Hugh Whelchel 172 pgs

Kindle
\$9.99

Hardcover
from \$79.95

Paperback
\$13.95 ✓prime

10 Used from \$12.45
14 New from \$12.50

Discovering the Biblical Doctrine of Work

Read by Gary Siegworth, Church Council

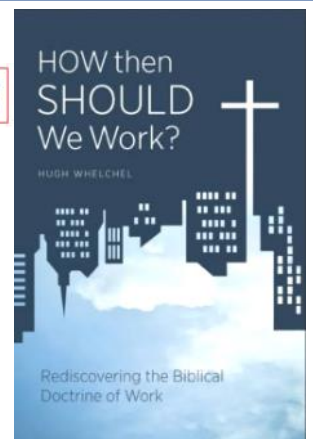
Summary by publisher:

Businessman Hugh Whelchel provides a thorough, deeply satisfying biblical answer to the age-old question, "Does my work matter to God?"

Many Christians struggle to make sense of their faith and work. Some are taught the only value in their work is evangelism among their coworkers and earning money to donate to the church and missions. With more than 25 years working in the business sector, Hugh Whelchel was just that guy. He knew there had to be more. His thorough investigation reveals the eternal significance of work within the grand, biblical story of God's mission throughout history.

In *How Then Should We Work*, discover the rich biblical meaning of work---from Genesis to Revelation:

- The difference between work, vocation, and calling as a Christian
- The history of the Christian view on work
- The call to "reweave shalom" through your job
- How to live a life of deep significance



Guest Preacher, Rev. Blair Lundborg



Teacher and student Recognition



End of School Party



Blood Drive



New Life had
18 participants which
generated
21 units of blood and
saved 63 lives.



New Life Day Camp with LutherHill



Dr. Alvin Johnson is presented his Doctoral Hood



New Life Youth Gathering Blessing Sunday, June 24th



Not Pictured:
Braulio Medina



2018 Nation Youth Gathering Attendees

Zeke Bickham, Ryan Flick, John Russell Gestl, Ryan Jones, Braulio Medina, Kip Olson, Michael Scott, Alex Tatuaca, Elizabeth White, Sang Kim and Aimee Castillo.



HOUSTON
WE HAVE A
GATHERING...
2018



July

New Life Seniors' Opportunities

(open to all persons age 55 and up)



SENIORS

New Life Seniors Luncheon

2nd Wednesday in July because of July 4th

Wednesday, July 11th
@ 12:00 pm

Play BINGO and watch
"I Can Only Imagine"

Please bring your favorite entrée, side dish or dessert.

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



Other Senior (and younger adult) Opportunities:

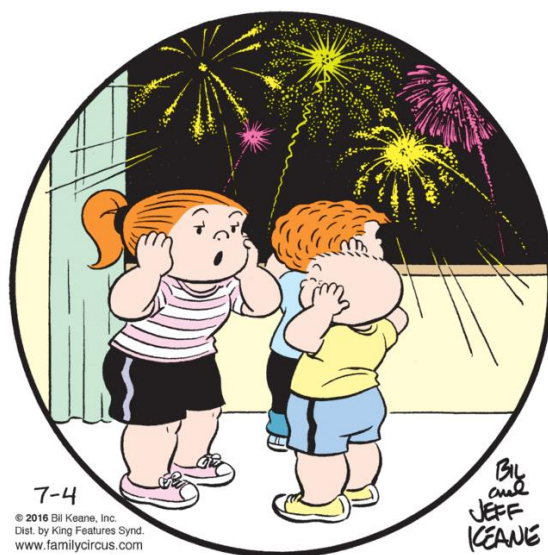
Men in Mission
Women of the ELCA, Women of Worth
Quilters
Altar Guild
Prayer Shawl Ministries
Bereavement Team
Meals on Wheels
Christian Helping Hands
GLOW (God's Love, Our Work) Care Team
Property Team
Sunday's Cool Teaching
Bazaar Team
Gardening

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

"Men's Night Out"

Tuesday, July 17th

For information contact any participating member of Lutheran Men in Mission RSVP to
Charlie Gaevert at c_gaevert@yahoo.com
or the church office at 281.485.1818.



"You can open your eyes, PJ.
Your eyes can't hear!"



As of March 2018, 672 prayer shawls and 28 baby afghans have been made and distributed to those in need. This ministry only has a few members and really needs more people who would like to help make shawls and afghans. Please contact Karen in the church office @ 281-485-1818 or Carole Wright @ 713-826-8749 if you are interested.





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! Arrive about 11:30 pm at Casa Ole on 518 on Wednesday, July 18th after Mary Martha. 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 who leads us at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

The Lydia Circle Bible Study:

Our April bible study will be on the first and third Saturday, 6/2 & 6/16 at 10:30 am. We meet in the conference room in the administration building. All women are invited to attend. The study is from the WELCA "Gather" magazine. Copies will be provided. Questions?

Call the church office as the leader position is **Open**.



WOW (Women of Worth) usually meets the 3rd Friday of the month at 7pm

WOW will meet on **July 27th (4th Friday)** to do crafts for the Bazaar.

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 Date/s: September 14-15 - WELCA Convention @ House of Prayer

September 29th, Saturday: 5th Saturday Lunch Bunch – TBD

October 5th-6th, Friday-Saturday: New Life Bazaar – WELCA Booth

October 20th, Saturday: WELCA Fall Cluster meeting @ New Life

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

Quilters Salute Vera White!

Another fine quilt is in the frame! Vera has found a spectacular pattern, chosen lovely fabrics, cut the pieces and sewn them perfectly into a king size wonder. Half the quilters are putting in seven stitches per inch while the rest continue assembling twin size quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Fall Bazaar auction tickets for the king size quilt are \$1 or 6 for \$5. The proceeds pay for rolls of batting to line the LWR quilts. Thank you Vera!

All are welcome to come and visit on Tuesday at 9:30am!

For more information, call Vera White at 713.775.6254.



Thank You



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



Thank you to all who served coffee, juice and food during our Fellowship Hour; Sunday's Cool Teachers & Parents, the New Life Church Council, WELCA and the Third Sunday Group.

Many Thanks to Walt and Carol Wright, Joann and Dennis Morrison, Lynn Cope, Hap and Bobbi Cummings, Raymond & Melissa Rocha, Jason Lane, Frank Cullen, Jeffrey Ramsey, Josh Sherwood, Donavan Roesler, Helen Beckman, Mary Anna Vance, Jan & Becky Homerstad, Barbara and Matt Scott and Barbara Flowers for volunteering to deliver meals during the week of July 2-6. (no delivery on the 4th).



Our next dates for delivering meals will be August 27-31 and October 22-26. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! If you have never participated and would like to be a part of this very important ministry or you have any questions, please contact Barbara Flowers at 713-817-1012. You can also contact the church office at 281-485-1818.



Thank you: Lynn Cope, Mike & Terri Kiser, Elna Ritter, Linda Stavinocha and Korie Willams 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 MANY MANY THANKS!!!

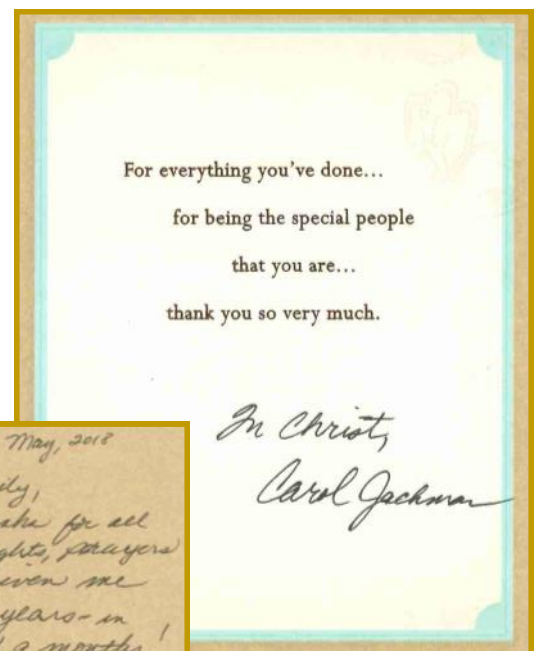
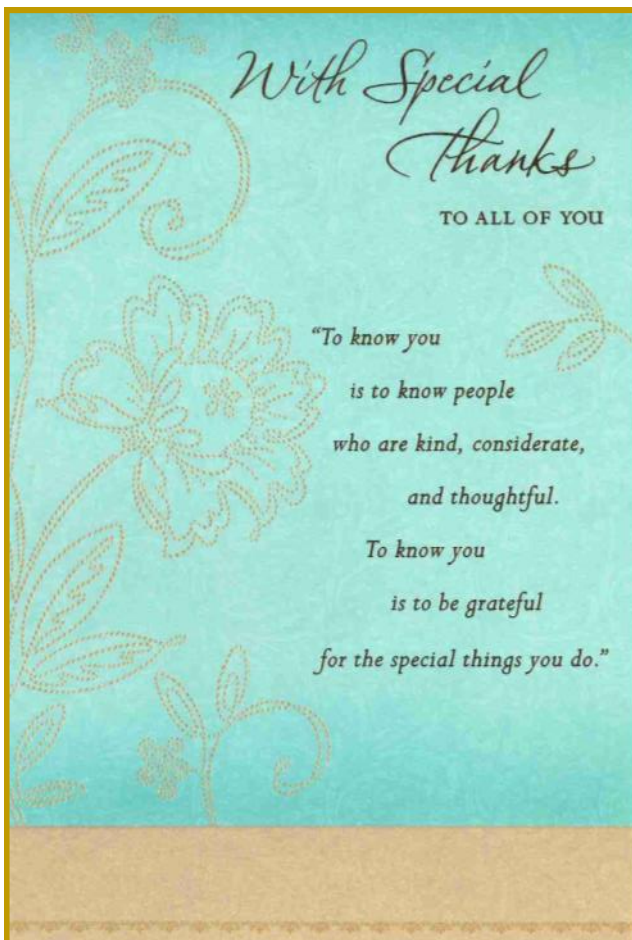
- To Coleen Gestl and Christine Gosch who cooked breakfast and lunch for the Lutherhill staff and volunteers during the week of New Life Day Camp.
- To all who shared their children (and neighborhood children) with New Life for the week of Day Camp.
- To all who donated, fundraised, sponsored and helped the week of New Life Day Camp.
- To all those who provided scholarships for more children to attend Day Camp.
- To Heidi Heineken for providing a Thrivent Action Team card to help defray costs for New Life's Day Camp food and essentials.
- To all who donated to help purchase a new 15 ton AC unit for the Sanctuary. There is still funding needed, but a large chunk has already been sponsored.
- To Barbara Scott for putting together the Whole Life Stewardship packet and to Elna Ritter for assisting.
- To Barbara Scott, Linda Stavinocha and Korie Williams for folding, stapling and labeling the Whole Life packets.
- To all those participating in Whole Life Stewardship by picking up their packet, doing the assessment and reading a book this summer.
- To WELCA for providing a wonderful breakfast to celebrate Father's Day.
- To Linda Stavinocha and Korie Williams for their continued help in the office to get Sunday Bulletins ready for Sunday mornings.
- To the Altar Guild for their tireless work.
- To Barbara Brown for her many years of heading up the Lydia Circle Bible study.
- To Rev Blair Lundborg for presiding and preaching on the Sunday of our End of School party.
- To the BBQ team for cooking the meat for the End of School Party.
- To everyone who helped set up, brought food and/or cleaned up before, during and after the Party.
- To all the Sunday's Cool Teachers & assistants.
- To those who will be cooking and/or helping out at the June 3rd, End of School/Beginning of Summer Party.
- To all who donated blood during the Blood Drive.
- To Karen Sweet Cheney for providing a Thrivent Action Team card to purchase the meat for the End of School Party.
- To Walt Wright and Rich Newell for trimming bushes and trees, changing lightbulbs and blowing debris away from flower beds and drainage areas.
- To all those keeping up with repairs around the church as well as keeping up the grounds. (Gardening & Lawn Care)
- To Sang Kim and Aimee Castillo for being the chaperones for the youth going to the National Youth Gathering.
- To all who drove participants and their stuff to the National Youth Gathering at NRG in Houston.
- To all who donated to fundraising, etc. to help gather the funds for 9 youth and 2 adults to attend the National Youth Gathering.



Lawhon Elementary
Hurricane Harvey Donations from New Life
Lutheran
(Used to buy every student who flooded pajamas
for our school's Polar Express Day... and to
have for Christmas/winter)
Thank you!

June 2018

Dear Friends at New Life Lutheran,
As this 2017-18 school year comes to a
close and we reflect, we are humbled by
the generosity of your congregation.
Thank you for the beginning of the year
staff BBQ, Hurricane Harvey donations (used
to buy all of our flooded students pajamas),
a staff luncheon, STAAR testing student
snacks, and a grab-n-go breakfast for
staff during one of the STAAR testing
days. We also enjoy weekly visits from
your beloved Mrs. Wright, Mr. Wright,
and Mr. Flowers when they come to
visit/motivate their RISE Mentees.
Thanks for all you do!
Amy Perez
Lawhon Elementary Counselor



May, 2018
To My Church Family,
My sincere thanks for all
the support, thoughts, prayers
and help you've given me
over the last few years - in
particular the last 9 months!
I'm the first one back home
on my block!! Starting to
find some namoley back
in my life. :)
The enclosed check is a contribution
toward the church mortgage
Love to you all!!

I recently came across a word that is new to me although it's been in use since the turn of the century and was added to the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) a couple of years ago. Scientists are recommending that Anthropocene be the new term for our current geologic epoch, the age of man, because the human population is causing geologic changes that will be shown in the geologic layers of our planet.

In 200 years, earth's population has gone from less than a billion to 7.6 billion people. Animal populations have more than halved since 1970 while humans have doubled. Scientists and conservationists are saying we are in the sixth mass extinction because so many species and so much biodiversity are being lost. The fifth mass extinction was when the dinosaurs disappeared. Geologic evidence in our geologic layer will probably include radioactive elements, plastic pollution, concrete, asphalt, and bones of the domestic chicken, now the most plentiful bird on the planet.

The current epoch, Holocene, began at the last ice age and has shown a stable climate. Since the mid 20th century, however, there has been noticeable acceleration of carbon dioxide emission and sea level rise, global mass extinction of species and transformation of land by deforestation and development. There is double the nitrogen and phosphorus in soil in the past century with the increased use of fertilizers. Throughout most of human history, man and animals have adapted to their environment, but during the past century or more, we have been trying to change our environment to suit our needs. We've drained swamps, dammed rivers, changed the flow of rivers, air conditioned our buildings, even sports arenas, taken off tops of mountains to mine for coal, put poison and radioactive material in our air and water, cluttered our ocean and land with trash that will last forever. We've put up obstacles that block the seasonal migration of birds and taken away the plants and water that sustain them in their travels.



The Bible tells us that God wants us to be stewards of his earth. He has given us everything we need for a good life. Now it is our responsibility to take care of it and to make sure that everyone gets a fair share. We Americans are notorious over consumers. There is a worldwide movement to be better stewards and there is much that one can do. As we prayerfully consider how we can make better use of our talents, time, and resources, let's not forget that our planet needs our consideration. Everyone can do something. Let's start by trying to avoid waste by using only what we need and recycling and reusing when we can.



Thursday, July 12 the **Garden Lecture** topic will be Herb'n Renewal: Gulf Coast Herbs. The speaker will be horticulturist Stephen Brueggerhoff. The lecture will begin at 7 P.M. at the Pearland Recreation center on Bailey Rd.

Monday, July 16 is **Open Garden Days** by the Harris County Master Gardeners located at 1205 Genoa Red Bluff from 8:30 to 11 A.M. Swing by for a tour and see the production garden as well as the greenhouse and orchard.



Thanks to the altar guild for ordering recyclable communion glasses. That's less plastic in the land fill.

Thanks to the attendees at day camp for being such good recyclers at lunch time.

Turtle Patrol: Karen Sweet Cheney, Terri Kiser and MaryAnn Marcha are walking the beach from 61st Street to the Pleasure Pier in Galveston each Friday morning at 7am. We are looking for turtle tracks to find nests, momma and baby turtles to help increase hatching rates. Texas Beaches have seen more than 250 nests so far! We have also been picking up trash and "weird" stuff along the way. Look for our posters of trash that we are putting together for the end of summer. And PLEASE, if you visit ANY beach or waterway, pick up some trash and pack out ALL your gear. Even though leaving sand toys is a nice gesture, they get washed out and back in broken as plastic trash.

PLASTIC
FREE
JULY



Helen Beckman & Karen Sweet Cheney

Hurricane Season - June 1st—November 30th

72-Hour Kit Supply List

Be Prepared

This list of recommended items is not necessarily comprehensive or required. Use it as a guideline to create your own kit. You might add items you feel important and / or delete items to meet your needs.

Sample Picture	Product Name	Sample Picture	Product Name	Sample Picture	Product Name
	Poncho with Hood for rain		Pliers – for turning off utilities		Complete or basic - First Aid Kit with medicine
	Emergency Survival Sleeping Bag		Duct Tape – to “shelter-in-place”		Shovel – to dig sanitation holes
	Body Warmers to keep you warm		Plastic Sheet – “shelter-in-place”		Flashlight and extra batteries
	Tube Tent and regular blanket or sleeping bag		Dust Mask (N95)		Waterproof Matches
	Swiss style Army Knife (with can opener)		Leather Palm working Gloves		Lighter
	FM Radio w/ AAA Batteries		Roll of Toilet Paper in Ziploc Bag		30 Hour Emergency Candle
	Pen & Pad of Paper for notes		Hygiene Kit - Tooth Brush & Paste, Wet Wipes & famine items		24 Hour Light Stick
	60 Foot Nylon Rope		Mini Hand Sanitizer		Food Bars – High in calories and don't need to be cooked.
	Survival Whistle to signal for help.		Garbage Bags and ties for sanitation.		Water Boxes – great for travel and on the go.
See Children, Pets & Car Kits on Back!		More information on www.Ready.gov			Backpack to store your supplies. Don't make it too heavy!

Additional Things I need in my 72 Hour Kit

Food & Water (rotate every 6 months) A 3 day supply of food & water, per person, when no refrigeration/cooking is available.

- ☐ Snacks for munching
- ☐ MRE Food Pouches – for tasty meals, are lighter in weight than cans.
- ☐ Juice / Protein Shakes (can or pouch like Slimfast but less sugar. Full of protein, vitamins and minerals.)

Bedding & Clothing

- ☐ Change of Clothing (short and long sleeved shirts, pants, jackets, socks, underwear, etc.)
- ☐ Sleeping Pad (insulation from cold ground)
- ☐ Cold Weather Gear



(Coat, gloves, blanket...)

Personal Supplies & Medication

- ☐ Feminine Hygiene, folding brush, Hair Ties.
- ☐ Immunizations Up-to Date
- ☐ Medication (besides Non-aspirin tablets & Ibuprophen.)
- ☐ Prescription Medication (for 3 days)
- ☐ Glasses/Contacts

Light & Fuel

- ☐ Flares
- ☐ Extra set of AAA Batteries for Radio
- ☐ Gasoline for your car.

Personal Documents & Money

- ☐ Contact information & Pictures of family & friends.



- ☐ Copies of Legal Docs: Birth/Marriage Certificates, Wills, Vaccination Papers, Passports, Contracts, Insurance Policies, Bank Info, Genealogy, Pet, etc...
- ☐ Cash: \$50-\$100 in small bills and \$10 in quarters.
- ☐ Credit Card to your Bank
- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Pre-Paid Phone Cards
- ☐ Extra Car & House Keys

Games & Entertainment

Keep just a few to keep yourself & kids entertained.

- ☐ Books: Scriptures, Reading, Coloring...
- ☐ Crayons, Pencils & Paper
- ☐ 1-2 Board Games & Puzzles, Stuffed Animals.



New Life has a Emergency Phone Tree Plan. Please let the office know if you are available to help when needed.

Updates for the Church Roster:



Change of Address and/or email:

Jill & Kip Olson Address Update:
2241 Washington St
Pearland, TX 77581-4039

*The Church Staff Thanks everyone for helping us keep the database up-to-date with addresses, phone numbers and emails, for each of your family members.
Also: Birthdays, Baptisms, Confirmations, and Wedding dates with the year.*



If you and/or your family have not submitted profiles to the office, please see Karen for a Member form. We would like to recognize your Birthday, Baptism date and Wedding anniversary in the Lifeline, and provide updated address, phone numbers and emails, but do not have everyone's complete data.



In Sympathy – We extend our Christian sympathy to Tom, Liz and Katy Childs for the death of their daughter/sister, Brigett Rea Yurtas-Childs on Monday, June 11th. The memorial service was held at New Life on Saturday, June 16th.

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

New Life wants you



**included in the 2018
Photo Directory!**



Re:Member Photo Directory pictures were taken in early June. New Life will have ONE mak-up day on Tuesday, August 14th. If you would like to sit for one of these sessions, please contact the Church office for an appointment.

If you are not having pictures taken and are submitting a photo, please make sure to get a release if it is a professional photo and if it is personal, Karen will be inspecting it for clarity. When submitting, please include \$10.

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 7:00pm 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 (and more) and/or cleaned up during our Fellowship Hour!



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. Dates Available

Contact Kate Bates at the church office (281-485-1818) or kate@newlifelutheran.com

Most 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month.



Altar Flowers

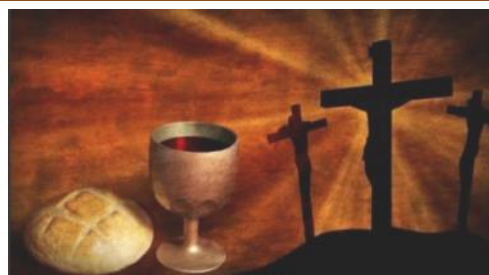
Dates Available:



Weekly Altar Flowers are \$40 and can be taken home after the 10:30 service or if indicated will be taken to a Nursing Home. (Place fee in offering plate and indicate that it is for altar flowers.)

*Please mark your dedication on the chart if possible. (in honor of, in celebration of, etc.) Let the office know a week ahead of time for special flowers or colors.

August 12th & 19th, November 11th & 25th and December 2nd & 9th



Communion Elements are \$40 per month - Please let the office know if you would like to sponsor a month in 2018. 281-485-1818 (June – December Available)



Critical Summer Months Food is needed now more than ever!



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

Christmas is past, but families are still in need of food for children's lunches and food in the home.

CHH is also in need of "cream" soup to hand out to families to cook with. They also need jellies, peanut butter, mac-and-cheese, diced tomatoes, tuna, canned chicken, diapers, pull-ups (don't have to be a full package), baby food and toiletries (toothbrushes, tooth paste, shampoo, soap, etc.)

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



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, Walt Wright, Rudy Moreno, Ronnie Stavinoha, Rich Newell, Charlie Gaever, Richard Lowery, Will Sinacori, Karen Sweet Cheney, Cheryl Robinson and many more are working the property to keep it safe and running smoothly. If you see one of these guys, please shake their hand and let them know they are appreciated! See page 17 for individual job thanks.



Thank you to all those who provide special offerings to help with Lawn Care. If you are not giving and would like to be added to the reminder list, please contact Karen. Lawn Care is \$380 per month for the front of the property. The teams who use the back field are under contract to keep it mowed.

New Life just replaced the large AC unit in the Sanctuary, THANKS to YOU!

We are still in need of air filters
to make all the units run optimally.

They are changed every other month.

Please consider donating:

Air Filters:

20x18x1 (1) & 20x20x1 (10 are needed every other month)

Light Bulbs: T-12 Fluorescent Tubes

Watch the video of removing the old machine on Pastors Facebook



She's a Big'un!



Taking Out the Old



Putting in the New





*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!*

- **This Summer, all youth and adults will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a new kind of intergenerational Sunday's Cool.**

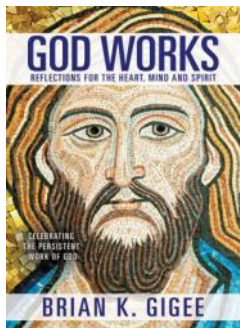
Ø The DVD class... *Daring Video Disciples* will be watching and discussing the "Reading Biblical Literature - Genesis to Revelation" by Craig Koester.

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

Houston Boys Choir in Norway

June 15th in Stavanger, the Olde Boys climbed to Pulpit Rock. It was incredibly taxing: 7.3 miles round trip and about 16,000 difficult steps. In Boychoir tradition, they sang at the top.

See/hear the video on Facebook.



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See Lutherhill Retreat Schedule on Page 4



Senior High Retreat 2018

For more information on retreats, see Sang's Youth Director page 10 or visit



Confirmation Camp 2017



Lutherhill.org

How TO PRAY For Kids



Question: What can I pray about?

Answer: ANYTHING! God wants you to talk to Him about everything in your life. Nothing is too big or too small to talk to God about.



Question: When and where should I pray?

Answer: ANYTIME and ANYWHERE! It doesn't matter where you are; you can always talk to God. He is always with you.



Question: How long should my prayer last?

Answer: You can pray for one second or for hours. God is always listening! He loves for you to talk to Him.



Question: Can I pray with my friends?

Answer: ABSOLUTELY! Praying with your friends will make your faith and your friendships stronger.



Question: Should I always fold my hands?

Answer: Folding your hands and closing your eyes may help you to concentrate on your prayer, but you don't have to. You can talk to God while riding your bike or just sitting quietly.



Question: Should I pray out loud?

Answer: God hears you whether you pray out loud or silently. Sometimes praying out loud helps you to stay focused on your prayer. Praying silently can be done wherever you are. God hears your prayers no matter how you say them!



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8/7 - 8	The Emoji Movie	(PG)

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LYO Schedule for July

Saturdays @ 9:30am

**July 7th
July 14th
July 21st
July 28th**



**Youth in Action
JR Reading at 8am Service**

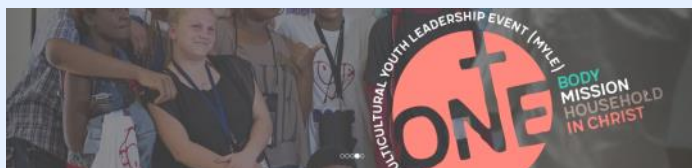


Movies

Fundraisers for the Youth Gathering 2018



**Thank you for your
participation in the t-shirt
and Mother's Day
Fundraisers.**





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

"To be Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." - Martin Luther

GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY!

Pray for renewing health: Marge Angelo, Gretchen Barnes, Brian Bates, Susan Bickham, Bryan Bradford, Robyn Bradford, Theresa Breuer (Barbara Scott's mother), Barbara Brown, Terry Brown, Wendy Conners, Carl Ericsson, Margo Gige, Kelli Grage, Greg Grayson, Taylor Walter Hayes, Becky Homerstad, the Kisers, Michael Lassiter, Larry Magers, Tina Meyer, Phyllis Mistrot, Cheryl Newell, Hubert Pardue, Allen Patschke, Allison Patschke, Viola Patschke, Janet, Frannie & Mike Porter, Scott Sanger, Gary Siegworth, Glenn Sponholtz, Julia Sweet, Karen Sweet, Patrick Sweet, Claudia Thomas, Ben Viccellio and Vera White.

Special prayer needs: Abarca & Lott families, Barrett and Ruddock families, Bradford & Miller families, Brown and Tumlinson families, Buckels family, Butler family, Childs family, Zachary Cope, Fraker family, Hilliard family, Jurgens family, Kaiser family, Kiser family, Kyle Lawson, Lawson family, Lott family, Marcha & Castillo families, Marcha & Salazar families, Martain family, Migl family, Palmer family, Patschke, DeWeese, Schneider & Yancey families, Peterson family, Porter family, Purdum & Hayes families, Putman family, Reynolds & Galloway families, Ritter & Ffrench families, Schroder & Wierick families, Scott family, Sponholtz family, Sweet family, Tatuaca family, Thomas family, Vavrecka family, Welch family and the Wellman family.

New Life members serving in the military: Keagan Barthelme, Jeremy Foster, Zach Gottlieb, Eric Metzger, Mason Moore (reserves), Ryan Newell, Michael Porter Jr., Berkeley Scott & Christopher Young.

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
2018**

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 Pray for youth, adults and ELCA Youth Gathering volunteers traveling home from Houston that they will return home safely to share their enthusiasm, deepened faith, appreciation for the diversity and complexity of the body of Christ, and a broadened vision of the ELCA and their role in carrying out its mission in the world.

2 Give thanks to God for being attentive to our difficulties, experiences of human tragedy and questions and for reassuring us that we are loved and that nothing is beyond God's ability to heal, restore or save.

3 We remember in prayer people, communities and regions affected by recent flooding and severe weather that the Spirit will sustain their faith and hope while they deal with loss, damage and the daunting work of recovery and rebuilding.

4 Give thanks for the blessings of freedom we experience in our nation, and pray the Spirit will guide us in using our freedom to exemplify God's ways of justice, peace, humility and mercy while caring and advocating for those who still experience injustice and obstacles to freedom in our society and world.

5 Give thanks and praise to God for being gracious to us and being our helper, turning our mourning into dancing and clothing us with joy.

6 Give thanks for the ELCA missionaries serving in Cameroon, Kenya and Liberia and for their work alongside our global companions in theological education, parish ministry, communications and growing the church.

7 Pray the Spirit of God stirs in us an inclination to be generous and concerned with the needs of our neighbor that "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

8 Just as the disciples were sent out with few physical comforts and resources – but were well equipped for ministry with the wisdom of Jesus, the power of the Spirit and the company of one another – we pray that we too will trust in the guidance and assets God has provided us to do God's work in the world.

9 Hold in prayer the city of Houston, which was host for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering, that the witness and impact of the faith, enthusiasm and service of the youth and adult participants will endure long after the Gathering and give hope and encouragement to its residents and faith communities.

10 Ask God to have mercy on us that our spirits are restored when we feel disparaged or criticized and that we are strengthened to respond not with vengeance or anger but with the same mercy and love we have experienced through faith in Jesus Christ.

11 Pray for congregations, social ministries and community organizations working in partnership to prepare for serving our neighbors in need on "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, Sept. 9.

12 Give thanks for the bounty and impact of community gardens tended by congregations and neighbors for the sake of those who are hungry, need fresh food to supplement their diets or are uncertain of their next meal.

13 We ask God to help us see and understand our shortcomings, hardships and tragedies in life not as humiliating weaknesses but as sources of strength, preparation and wisdom to help us better understand and serve our neighbor and share the good news of the hope and healing we have in Jesus Christ.

14 Give thanks for the rich partnership and relationship we have with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for their church and ask God to further our respect for one another and work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

15 Pray we each have a measure of John the Baptizer's boldness, persistence, courage and confidence of faith as we talk about our faith with others, share the gospel and invite our neighbor to experience God's grace through Jesus Christ.

16 Continue to pray for leaders of nations working toward diplomatic solutions to complex and deep-seated conflicts in the world; ask God to grant them persistence, mutual understanding and an openness to reconciliation for the sake of people caught in the middle who suffer injustice, violence, displacement, division and poverty.

17 Pray our ears, minds and hearts are open to what Scripture tells us about God's steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace and goodness and what it means for our life and baptismal journey.

18 Remember in prayer youth and adults involved in service learning and mission trips this summer; pray they discover mutual bonds of faith, understanding and partnership in communities where they serve and that a spirit of servanthood will grow and endure in them throughout life.

19 Give thanks and glory to God for the gift of eternal life and the coming time when we will be gathered in heaven as loved children adopted through Jesus Christ – a gift that infuses our life with understanding and appreciation of true love and mercy.

20 For physicians, scientists and researchers who commit their lives and skills to curing, treating and ending life threatening and debilitating diseases, we lift up prayers of thanksgiving and encouragement.

21 The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are committed to prayer, fasting and advocacy addressing cuts to public programs that are vital to hungry people who are living in poverty. Pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.

22 Pray we learn from the selfless, empathetic example of Jesus to not turn our backs on our neighbors, especially those in need or crisis, but to move close, accompany them and exercise generosity and compassion.

23 *Mary Magdalene, Apostle* The stories of women in the Bible who are examples of faith, courageous leadership, serving neighbors in need and sharing boldly the good news of Jesus Christ sometimes remain untold or unfamiliar to us. We pray to be disciplined in studying their stories in Scripture and to share far and wide the inspiring stories of women of faith in the church today.

24 We may not know much about shepherds in today's world, but we know enough to be grateful that God – like a shepherd – is attentive to our daily lives and needs for care, comfort and guidance.

25 Pray for the ELCA missionaries serving in Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica and Jamaica and for their work alongside our global companions in health education, teaching English, human rights, leadership development and theological education.

26 Pray for communities preparing for the long hurricane season ahead. Ask God to move us to be generous in supporting Lutheran Disaster Response and the congregations, volunteers and agencies that are quick to mobilize and assist with disaster relief and recovery across the United States and the Caribbean region.

27 Ask God to remind us of and restore among us the unity and peace we have in the promises, love and sacrifice of Christ Jesus that reconcile us to God.

28 Young Adult Ministry of the ELCA serves a diverse population of young people who are students, working, serving in the military, raising families, exploring life and may or not be affiliated with a community of faith. Pray the inspiration, opportunities and resources Young Adult Ministry offer bear fruit and complement the work of congregations in supporting and connecting young adults with communities where they can uncover their identity as children of God, experience belonging and find opportunities to serve their neighbors.

29 Give thanks for the work we participate in through ELCA World Hunger and our partners to end poverty and hunger in the world, and ask God to stir our confidence and faith in the assets, resources and capacities with which we've been equipped for the challenges before us.

30 Remember in prayer congregations facing challenges of changing communities, demographics and economic contexts; pray they find insightful assistance, draw on the resources of synods and churchwide programs and move forward with creativity, new wisdom and renewed energy for the mission of the church.

31 We rejoice that whether new to faith in Christ or a mature leader or elder in the faith, the same Spirit is at work in us, the same love of Christ dwells in us and we are blessed by the same fullness of God that broadens our imagination of our baptismal calling and what can be accomplished together as followers, witnesses, teachers and servants in daily life.



Birthdays

Brenda Migl	07/01
Karl Sweet	07/01
Patrick Sweet	07/01
Bill Phenix	07/03
Rev. Don Cole	07/04
Richard Cummings	07/04
Bill Mitchell	07/04
Josh Reed	07/04
Rhonda Lowery	07/05
Merideth Oliver	07/05
Petrea Phenix	07/07
Tina Meyer	07/09
JoAnn Morrison	07/09
Sydney Sweet	07/10
Timothy Young	07/10
Sonny Boy Beltran	07/12
Aimee Sandoval-Castillo	07/12
Pam Guidry	07/13
Robert Fricke	07/14
Elna Ritter	07/14
Stephanie Thweatt	07/15
Jolissa Villalobos	07/15
James Potenza	07/16
David Young	07/16
Stacy Drake	07/18
Carrie Cole	07/19
Nicole Velasquez	07/19
Julie Watkins	07/19
Katie Fraker	07/20
Michele Grayson	07/22
John McDonald	07/22
Nevaeh Simms-Pina	07/22
Patrick Burkard	07/24
Brian Foster	07/24
Grayson Kaiser	07/24
Pete Mistrot	07/24
Mathew Glenn	07/25
Kenneth Peterson	07/25
Lisa Weber	07/25
Keagan Barthelme	07/26
Susan Bickham	07/27
Brianna Payette	07/28
Jase Zaunbrecher	07/29
Robin Gottlieb	07/30



Wedding Anniversaries

Barbara & Bruce Kippley	07/01
Jessica & Matt Deyo	07/04
Christie & Chris Young	07/15
Nancy & Roland Bryars	07/17
Coleen & John Gestl	07/20
Julie & John Welch	07/21
Holly & Chelsea Moreno	07/22
Kristen & Jackson Reynolds	07/30

Baptismal Anniversaries

Coleen Gestl	07/01
Gina Potenza	07/01
Janie Potenza	07/01
Matthew Scott	07/01
Nolan Patschke	07/02
Avery Welch	07/02
Rory Perez	07/04
Danni Perez	07/05
Berkeley Scott	07/05
Edward Scott	07/07
Barbara Brown	07/08
Marjorie Schooley	07/08
William Wood	07/09
Robert Baluta II	07/10
Colton Broughton	07/10
Susan Reynolds	07/10
Eli Fuentes	07/12
Leon Fuentes	07/12
Roberto Fuentes III	07/12
Sydni McDonald	07/12
Harleigh Gosch	07/19
Katy Broussard	07/21
Edgar Melendez	07/23
Kennedy Grace Deyo	07/26
Stephanie Gottlieb	07/26
Arturo Pina	07/26
Sarah Kennedy	07/27
Jocelyn Lassiter	07/27
Leslie Williams	07/27
Hannah Anderson	07/30
Jaxon Thweatt	07/31

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July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Youth Gathering</p>  <p>8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00 AM Lutherhill Family Camp 6:00 PM House Band Practice 6:00 PM Modified Yoga 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00 AM Lutherhill Family Camp 9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Independence Day 8:00 AM Lutherhill Family Camp</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 AM Lutherhill Family Camp 7:00 PM Property Team 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00 AM Lutherhill Family Camp</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 AM Lutherhill Family Camp 9:30 AM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00 PM Church Council 6:00 PM House Band Practice 6:00 PM Modified Yoga 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:00 PM Seniors (55+) Luncheon</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30 PM Bazaar Meeting 7:00 PM GLOW 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00 PM House Band Practice 6:00 PM Modified Yoga 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 PM WOW (Women of Worth)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 AM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group</p>
<p>29</p> <p>New Life's 13th Anniversary 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday's Cool 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Word Fellowship Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 PM House Band Practice 6:00 PM Modified Yoga 8:00 PM AA & Al-Anon</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 AM Quilt Workshop 6:30 PM Phoenix Women's Group 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Bible Study</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12:00 PM Seniors (55+) Luncheon</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 PM Property Team 7:00 PM Word Fellowship Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM LYO Lutheran Youth Org 10:30 AM Phoenix Women's Group</p>



Helping Hands in Worship - July 2018

Altar Guild: Lynn Barron, Coleen & Jessica Gestl ♥ Communion Elements: Lorraine Walls

Services		July 1 Pentecost 6	July 8 Pentecost 7	July 15 Pentecost 8	July 22 Pentecost 9	July 29 Pentecost 10
Acolyte	8:00 10:30	Bryce Flick Briana Payette	Clayton Migl Bryanna Perez	Harleigh Gosch Lana Royal	Clayton Migl Avery Welch	Ryan Flick Jocelyn Weber
Assisting Minister	8:00 10:30	Denise Jurgens Michael Porter	Barbara Scott Bryan Bradford	Sang Kim Jamie Hilliard	Matt Scott Aimee Castillo	Robert Broussard Peter Weber
Communion Assistant	8:00	Robin Gottlieb Vincent Gottlieb	Susie Wellman Tamsey Mims	Doug Barron Lynn Barron	John Gestl Coleen Gestl	Denise Jurgens Frank Jurgens
Communion Assistants	10:30	Barbara Flowers Tiffany Pineda	Cheryl Robinson Christal Thompson	Mary Ann Marcha Deanna Barthelme	Nancy Bryars Cheryl Robinson	Carole Wright Kristi Glowka
Altar Flowers		Brenda and Jerry Migl	Linda Stavinoha in honor of Dianne Leach	Nancy Bryars	Kaiser Family Grayson's 2 nd BD	Robin and Vincent Gottlieb
Lay Reader	8:00 10:30	Lynn Barron Hap Cummings	Elna Ritter Carole Wright	Norm Griffith Kristi Glowka	Jessica Gestl Cindy Welch	Helen Beckman Lisa Weber
Nursery	10:30	Kate Bates	Mandy Schroder	Trent Perez	Kate Bates	Jackie Crawford
Greeters	8:00	Nancy Bryars	Brenda Migl	Josh Reed	Charlie Gaevert	Foster Foucheaux Judy Foucheaux
Greeters	10:30	Bob Hansen Lan Hansen	Linda Stavinoha Lynn Cope	JoAnn Morrison Dennis Morrison	Becky Homerstad Merideth Oliver	Andy Crawford Kate Bates
Ushers	8:00	Frank Jurgens Charlie Gaevert	Matt Scott Charlie Gaevert	Norm Griffith Shirley Griffith	Tamsey Mims Susie Wellman	Robin Gottlieb Vincent Gottlieb
Ushers	10:30	Nolan Patschke Milton Thomas	Aimee Castillo Jenaro Castillo	Nolan Patschke Tony White	Greg Grayson Jan Homerstad	Ed Bradford Christal Thompson
Coffee Hour		OPEN	OPEN	Seniors	MIM	Church Council
Opening Closing		Frank Jurgens Barbara Scott	Frank Jurgens Barbara Scot	Frank Jurgens Barbara Scott	Frank Jurgens Barbara Scott	Frank Jurgens Barbara Scott

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