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Don't Let Go

Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, August 1st Seniors (55+) Lunch Thursday, August 2nd

Property Team Meeting Saturdays, August 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th LYO - Lutheran Youth Organization

Mondays August 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th Modified Yoga @ 6pm

Tuesdays, August 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th **Quilting Workshop**

Wednesdays, August 1st, 8th & 15th

Houseband Practice

Mondays, August 20th & 27th

Houseband Practice

Sunday, August 5th

Noisy Offering - Lawhon Uniform Gift Cards

Wednesday, August 8th

WELCA Lunch @ Dimassi's Mediterranean

Buffet (old Carabba's off 288)

Leader Huddle

Wednesdays, August 22nd & 29th

Confirmation Class

Wednesdays, August 22nd & 29th

Choir Practice

Thursday, August 9th

Bazaar Meeting

GLOW Meeting

Monday, August 13th **Church Council**

Tuesday, August 14th

Pictorial Directory On-Site Photography

Wednesday, August 15th

Mary Martha Bible Study

Friday, August 17th

WOW (Women of Worth) Bazaar Crafts & LCR



Sunday, August 19th

Rally Day & Backpack Blessing

Tuesday, August 21st

Men's Night Out

Sunday, August 26th

First Responder/Civic Leader Appreciation

August 201



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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

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

"12* RULES TO LIVE BY"

Dear friends & followers @ New Life,

This past Sunday, July 29 New Life Church turned 13 years old. That makes us a 'teenager' and by most standards that means the words "watch out" and "hold on" come in to play! Really. Do you remember when YOU were a teenager? Do you have children who are teenagers? It's a very curious time of life. It only lasts 7 years. And during those years teens explore, re-identify, moving from a connected relationship with parents to forging and bonding friendships with peers. One teen at a time. One body at a time. So, don't be surprised if the "body of Christ" seeks some similar behaviors.

What will the next 7 years of New Life look like? How will we be? What cues will we need? What cues will we take? The world demands so much of us and has such high expectations for us and even cajoles us to engage in behaviors that are not even good for us. Can we stay on course? Will we take to heart the Great Commandment ("Love God. Love Self. Love Others") and the Great Commission ("go and tell others the good news of Jesus!") above all things?

Recently I've listened to Dr. Jordan Peterson, a Canadian Clinical Psychologist. He's shared "12 Rules for Life" that Christians can ponder and even claim as their own... how do you read them? Are they worth sharing...? Here's his list:

- 1. Stand up straight with your shoulders back
- 2. Treat yourself like someone you are responsible for helping
- 3. Make friends with people who want the best for you
- 4. Compare yourself to who you were yesterday, not to who someone else is today
- 5. Do not let your children do anything that makes you dislike them
- 6. Set your house in perfect order before you criticize the world
- 7. Pursue what is meaningful (not what is expedient)
- 8. Tell the truth or, at least, don't lie
- 9. Assume that the person you are listening to might know something you don't
- 10. Be precise in your speech
- 11. Do not bother children when they are skateboarding
- 12*. Pet a cat when you encounter one on the street

Truth be told, I'm not much of a cat lover so I may have to invent another #12 rule, but for those of you who do... go for it! You and I can find a number of Bible verses that sound like Dr. Peterson's list. Stuff like... "stand strong in the Lord," stay away from grumblers and sinners," "take the log out of your own eye", "seek God's kingdom and the reign of Christ," "let the children come to Jesus" on their own even if it is on a skateboard. Above all, life is full of ways to live. Some build. Some destroy. The key is to hold fast to the "way" that brings abundant joy and focused clarity for purposeful living. Let's keep following Jesus for another 13 years and see how we are then.

New Life; now!

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Youth & Family
Hello, New Life Church family,



As I write this, the summer is quickly coming to a close, and school will be upon your kids very soon (yeah, parents!). It has been a historical summer, of course. The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering was quite an experience to behold since this

was my first one. The next one in 2021 will be in Minneapolis, and only 1 of this summer's attendees will be eligible to attend the next one. In fact, based on our present students, the vast majority will be females while we only had 1 female attend this summer. So, the group will be radically different; I look forward to how the Lord will bless that group. Over 30,800 attended the Youth Gathering in Houston. The theme is currently not disclosed, but the number of days stands at 1,068 on 7/26/2018. There is a ton of stories I could share with you, but I encourage you to have a nice conversation with a youth of choice and have them share their experience. The video that Zeke made is on the New Life in Pearland Facebook page. He did a great job. Here are the students you can talk with: Elizabeth, John Russell, Michael, Ryan Flick, Ryan Jones, Zeke, Alex, Kip and Braulio. You can talk to Aimee, as well. As always, I hope events like these will bring the youth group together in terms of fellowship, friendship and general support for one another. Our church's fundraising was truly inspirational, generous and a good work unto the Lord.

As you know, I have been in contact with various local churches so that our youth will interact with their youth. I believe this is godly because it will help us to not just think about ourselves and to grow friendships with other Christians. We had a lock-in scheduled since the spring @ Fellowship Bible Church, but for various reasons, not a single one of our kids were able to attend. I was really hoping that we could send at least 5-7 youth, but it was the Lord's will that no one would go. Their youth pastor was really excited that we could send anybody (they have around 60-70 participants). We were going to go to Main Event from 9:00pm to 1:00am and then stay up all night long doing all sorts of youth group related fun. Hopefully, next summer this will be a priority (that it's the Lord's will).

On the other hand, I was pleased with the following events: LYO lunch with Michael, John Russell and Zeke on 7/8, the Sunday after the Youth Gathering. While I am always happier with a larger turnout, I give thanks to the Lord for one of the youth coming out for lunch for the 1st time. In case you're wondering who that is, his name rhymes with Zeke. A week later, Michael and I helped out St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with their REACH mission team @ PACE Center (unloading a semi truck). It was hard work, but there were lots of volunteers from their church including elementary school students. While there were only 2 from our church, their youth pastor appreciated us coming out. I posted this volunteering opportunity on the LYO Facebook page so hopefully we will have more volunteers working together with other churches in the greater Pearland community.

While we have about 3 full weeks before school starts, I hope you and your children will make time to come to LYO events with the ultimate goal of spending time together and becoming a more spiritual church. As I wrote last month, we can see movies, bowl, go to iTZ and any other fun (indoor) environments. I am always open to suggestions. If you would like to host the pool party this summer for a particular age/grade range, please let me know so I can give you the families' contact information.

Finally, because of you, we sent 3 boys to Lutherhill Summer Camp: Austin, Sonny Boy & Sabestian. One of the parents blessed me when he/she said how much he/she appreciates what I have done for his/her child. I told him/her very quickly that whatever I am doing is just a part of all the other moving parts that make our church grow and thrive. In the end, our people respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; hey, each one of us who does that on a consistent basis then the name of the Lord is exalted!

Hi New Life Lutheran Family!

Happy middle of July! I hope you're all doing really well. I can't believe that I'll be home again in less than one month. 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. At the same time,



Oopsie!: I apologize for my tardiness in getting this newsletter out. I had a couple of very unfortunate days at the end of last month, in which I broke my American phone (which has all the photos that I planned to use in the newsletter). The next day, I broke the fifth metatarsal in my right foot as I stepped off of a curb. If this sounds familiar to any of you guys, it's because I broke the fifth metatarsal in my left foot shortly after I arrived in the United Kingdom. Apparently, I wanted to make sure that I completed the set before my YAGM year ended. Fortunately, my parents were lovely enough and able to contact AT&T on my behalf and to send me a replacement phone through our insurance plan. So I now have a fully functional phone and an increasingly functional foot. I'm grateful for both and excited to get this newsletter out to you guys.

Things I've done: 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.

At the end of June, my fellow YAGM's and I traveled to York, where we met up with our country coordinators Matt and Fiona-Jane. From there, we journeyed to Northumberland for our last YAGM retreat. We had an amazing time, full of rejuvenation, reflection, and emotional goodbye's/see-you-laters. It may not have felt this way to everyone at home, but this year has flown by for me. It's really hard to believe that this time last year, I was trying to throw together a fundraiser (thank you again to everyone who donated) and freaking out about my visa application. I really didn't know what to expect, and was honestly a little skeptical about the idea of working on a double-decker youth bus. I couldn't really see how it was supposed to fit in with the plan that I'd envisioned for my life. I could not be more thankful for the experiences that I've had this year or for the people that have been brought into my life through it.

After the retreat, nine of us made the trip to Edinburgh so that we could spend more time together. Despite the aforementioned injury and temporary loss of phone, it was an amazing trip. We visited Edinburgh Castle, which was absolutely gorgeous and educational. It also reminded me how unbelievably lucky I am to have met everyone in my cohort. They were extremely supportive, from meeting me at the A&E (emergency room), to acting as human crutches so that I could get around, to sneaking cups of tea and food up to our room at the hostel, to helping me on and



off of the trains, I cannot thank them enough for the love and support they've given me in this and all other areas this year.

Things that I'm doing with Reality: The bus sessions have officially ended for the summer holidays.. 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 all of my young people whether they be from the bus, the school lunch club, or the church youth group. Even though I've said goodbye to them, it hasn't fully hit me yet, and I know that I'm going to miss them so much when I'm back home.

On a much less melancholy note, I am very excited to participate in "Engage", Reality's weeklong summer mission program. We will be holding it from August 5-9, and will focus on the topic of homelessness. I'm grateful to have the chance to finish off my time here by doing something so meaningful.

yourself; everyone else is already taken

Things I'm looking forward to: My friend Allison who you may remember her from such adventures as our trips to Nottingham, Oxford, and Coventry and I are going stay in Dublin for a few days next week. We were able to get a really good deal on the airfare, and we're staying in a house that's not too far away from city center. I have no idea what we're going to do there, but I know that Allison really wants to visit Belfast. I have to wear my fun "moon boot" for at least another few weeks, so I'm hoping to find interesting places to visit that don't require too much walking. I'm also hoping to visit my friend Sarah at her placement in London one last time before we both leave. I'm looking forward to getting to spend a little more time with these two amazing ladies before we have to say goodbye for a while.

What I'm doing next: It may seem absolutely insane, but I am actually doing another year of service out in Sacramento, California. I'll be living in intentional community with five other young adults, and working for Lutheran Social Services, a church, or another non-profit. The details aren't completely hammered out yet, but I'm very excited. I will also take the time to study for and take the GRE/LSAT so that I can continue my education next year. I'm very nervous and excited for my time in California to begin, but I know that I will miss my friends and family (both home and in the United Kingdom) all over again.









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





Whole Life Stewardship - Stewardship BOOK READING

Your Church Council has recommended the following books for personal, family, and community reflection and discussion. All these books were bought, read, and reviewed by council members and leaders 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 requests every individual to choose a book from this list, 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. Families may choose to be their own small group;. Groups may choose to read the same book or different books to compare and share thoughts.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Evaluate the recommended list. Read the council review. Go to the New Life website Stewardship link 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 (or you can volunteer), and small group options will be offered. 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.

BOOK REVIEWS BY COUNCIL AND MEMBERS

THE GOD GUARANTEE

by Jack Alexander 211 pgs.

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Finding Freedom from the Fear of Not Having Enough Reviewed by Babs Scott, Church Council Vice President

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

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Paperback

\$8.68 Vprime

Audio CD \$15.00 vprime

41 Used from \$2.99

30 New from \$8.10

ENOUGH Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity Adam Hamilton

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Reviewed by Elna Ritter, Church Council Secretary

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.

Kindle

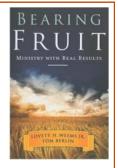
\$8.25

BEARING FRUIT

By Lovett Weems and Tom Berlin 105 pgs.

Ministry With Real Results Reviewed by Babs Scott, Church Council Vice President

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.

HOW THEN SHOULD WE WORK

By Hugh Whelchel 172 pgs

Kindle \$9.99 Hardcover from \$79.95 Paperback \$13.95 vprime 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



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

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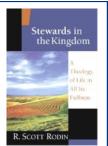
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6 New from \$13.95

8 Used from \$3.60

13 New from \$7.88

Digital



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

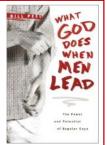
center of it all. It is so packed with information that it would be an excellent book to read and study as a group. A group could probably capture more information and make this more meaningful. I recommend this book.

WHAT GOD DOES WHEN MEN LEAD

By Bill Peel 256 pgs

The Power and Potential of Regular Guys 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.

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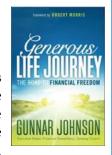
\$10.99

GENEROUS LIFE JOURNEY

By Gunnar Johnson 224 pgs

The Road to Financial Freedom Reviewed by Ed Scott, Young Adult member

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.

Hardcover

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

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.

July 1st - Wedding Vow Renewal













Just a few of the many couples who renewed their vows, more than 780 years of marriage combined!



































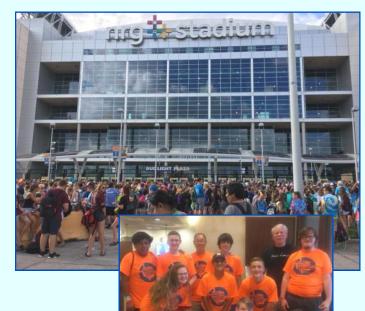


Sunday, July 29th New Life Celebrated 13 years!

New Life Youth go to the National Youth Gathering in Houston



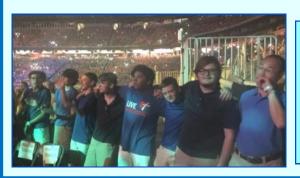






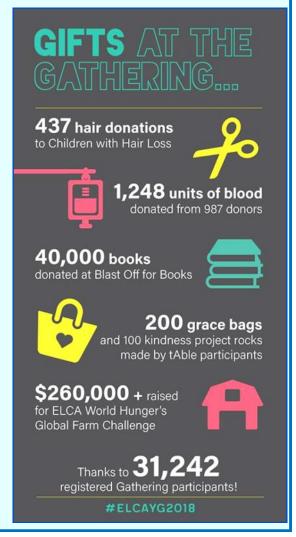






Check out page 25 for more pics and Newlifelutheran.com for pics and Synod UTube videos.

newlifelutheran.com Youth and Family National Youth Gathering





<u>Trent Perez</u> is in the News!

He has been named Mayor Pro-Tem for Pearland!



Perez named Mayor Pro-Tem

By KAROLYN GEPHART Reporter News Staff

Council member Trent Perez was named Mayor Pro-Tem at the July 9 meeting of the city council.

Although the Pearland Charter Section 3.05 Mayor Pro-Tem states the city council at its first meeting after election of councilmembers shall elect one (1) of its members Mayor Pro-Tem, Pearland Council waited until the second meeting after the election so that council member Perez could be at that meeting. He had an excused absence during the first meeting.

In his new position, Perez will perform all the duties of the mayor in the absence or disability of the mayor.

Perez is in Position 6 on council.

In other council news, a first reading was given to an ordinance to rename portions of County Road 59, South Fork Drive, Magnolia Road and John Lizer Road to Magnolia Parkway between County Road 564 and Pearland Parkway.

A resolution was discussed to authorize the

city manager or his designee to participate in an interlocal cooperative pricing arrangement with the General Services Administration (GSA) for the purchase of equipment for the Advanced Meter Infrastructure Project, from Sequel Data Systems Incorporated, in the amount of \$348,102.10.



PEREZ

Starting in August 2018, the City of Pearland will begin upgrading existing analog water meters to state-of-the-art digital meters, according to city officials.

The city is upgrading to an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system because it will improve water service over current drive-by automated meter reading (AMR) system, which is reaching the end of its service life.

Once completed, water customers in Pearland will be receiving more accurate and comprehensive information about usage for budgeting and understanding utility bills.



New Life Seniors' Opportunities

(open to all persons age 55 and up)



New Life Seniors Luncheon

Wednesday, August 1st @ 12:00 pm

Hawaiian Theme

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

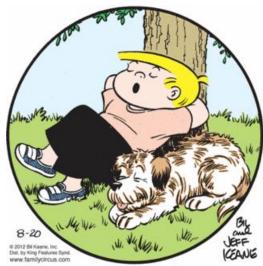
Christian Helping Hands GLOW (God's Love, Our Work) Care Team

Property Team Sunday's Cool Teaching Bazaar Team Gardening

MEN'MISSION

"Men's Night Out" Tuesday, August 21st

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.



"Summer vacation's almost over, Sam. We need to do as much of nothing as we can."





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 Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet (old Carabba's off 288) 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 Bible study is usually on the first and third Saturday at 10:30 am in the conference room in the administration building. At the moment, the "leader" position is OPEN so no studies are going on. All women are invited to attend. The study is taken from the WELCA "Gather" magazine. Copies will be provided. Questions or if you would like to help lead the group call the church office.





WOW (Women of Worth) meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at 7pm August 17th WOW will continue to work on Bazaar crafts and will have a few games of LCR (bring your quarters!).

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.

Come by and check out the beautiful quilt for the Bazaar! Half the quilters are putting in seven stiches per inch in the Bazaar quilt 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 and the New Life Quilters!

All are welcome to come and visit on Tuesday at 9:30am! For more information, call Vera White at 713.775.6254.











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 Seniors, Men in Mission and the New Life Church Council.

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. (there was 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 Stavinoha 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 Mike Kiser for installing a cell phone booster to the fellowship hall allowing calls to be received and go out!
- 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.
- To Heidi Heineken for providing a Thrivent Action Team card to help defray costs for New Life's Rally Day and Backpack Blessing.
- 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 New Life's Church Council and Stewardship Committee for their dedication to the WHOLE church.
- To all those participating in Whole Life Stewardship by picking up their packet, doing the assessment and reading a book this summer.
- To the Bereavement Team for their bountiful receptions for the Burt and Childs families' funerals.
- To all who participated in our Summer book sale.
- To all who provided scholarships to send youth to Lutherhill this summer. Three young men had a blast!
- To all who had pictures made or provided pictures for the 2018 Pictorial Directory. There is still time for more! Please see Karen for sittings or info on submitted pictures.
- To the Church Council and everyone who helped set up, brought food and/or cleaned up before, during and after the Anniversay Breakfast on July 29th.
- To Walt Wright and Rich Newell for trimming bushes and trees, changing lightbulbs and blowing debris away from flower beds and drainage areas. Again...
- To Walt Wright and Rich Newell for putting in LED bulbs in the Fellowship Hall staircase. Nice and bright now.
- To everyone who is helping with the Bazaar (committee, donors, shoppers, ticket sellers, etc.)
- To Linda Stavinoha 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 all those keeping up with repairs around the church as well as keeping up the grounds. (Gardening & Lawn Care)
- To New Life's Prayer Team—keeping us covered in prayers everyday.
- To Diane Carver, Elaine Damewood and all the ladies who brought items and/or came to the July WOW meeting to work on Bazaar crafts.
- To all who have (or will) donated items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. (220 kit goal is almost complete!)
- To Cheryl Robinson for making sure the Sanctuary, Narthex and/or the Fellowship Hall is decorated for the season/event.

Your kind and thoughtful
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is deeply appreciated
and gratefully acknowledged

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Upbring is a New Life Bazaar Community Partner



Laura* often went without necessities like food, clothes and even medication for her seizures. When she came to Upbring, her only possessions were two unlaundered outfits that smelled of the cigarette smoke that filled her house.

The Upbring Foster In Texas team connected Laura with a compassionate couple who have a heart for children. While we knew that Laura would be living in a loving home, we also understood that going into an unfamiliar place can be scary.

To help ease Laura's transition, we, because of generous friends like you, gave her a backpack with brand new pajamas, stuffed animals, books and essential hygiene products every kid should have. Your generosity also allowed Laura's foster mom to take her shopping for new clothes.

"Laura had so little that this meant the world to her. She was so excited to pick her own outfits for the first time in her life," her foster mom said.

For Laura, the clothes did more than meet a practical need. They were part of a bonding experiencing with her new family and helped her feel welcomed and loved during one of the most difficult times in her young life.

*Laura's story is true story, but we used pseudonyms and a stock image to protect identities.





2018



By now, we all know our three or four R's: reduce, reuse, recycle, and rebuy. They are all important practices for preserving our natural environment. However, we seem to put a great deal of emphasis on recycle, which is extremely important but actually almost the last resort. Today I wish to stress the importance of "Reduce". We are such a replace and throwaway society. Having "the latest" and most "up-to-date" gives us such joy. Also, most appliances and tools are meant to be expendable. Those of us who prefer to mend and fix, can't find the proper parts after a certain time. The rapid advancement of hand held electronic communication devices is a prime example. They are made of materials that are non-biodegradable but become outdated and unusable over time.

There has been much publicity lately about the overuse of plastics and the harm that plastic debris causes throughout our environment. Here is a place where most people can reduce. Yes, we can recycle most plastics if we do it in a responsible way. Many loads of plastic are rejected and sent to landfills because of a high degree of contamination. Contamination occurs when we mix in the wrong materials and soiled materials. Plastic bags should be taken to the store for their collection barrels. They gum up the machinery if included in the curbside containers. Be sure it's clean of all food and drink. I get bottles where someone has stuffed cigarette butts, straws, or anything that can be stuffed into it. It has to be emptied and cleaned before recycling. But how do we reduce the amount of recycling?

Don't buy it if you don't need it. Many places are no longer serving plastic straws with drinks. Many sea creatures have been harmed by ingesting straws and other plastics. Advertisers convince us that we need things we don't. I can't believe the amount of bottled water that now occupies grocery store shelves. I've been to Fiji. Believe me, their water is no better than ours. Why do people buy a natural product from half way around the globe that they can get out of their own taps? Fiji bananas and other tropical fruit, however, cannot be beat! Most people own at least one reusable container with a secure cover that they can take along for water. Bottled water has its place, such as in an emergency when the local treatment plant has been compromised by flood waters, but we carry it to extreme. Normally when we do our Orange street cleanup, cigarette butts are our most plentiful litter. During road construction it was plastic water bottles and construction debris.

Notice the amount of packaging. Some products we buy are in containers in containers. Also, we've become accustomed to buying food in serving sizes. I wish the parents of kids at our day camp could see the handy snacks that are thrown away in packages that are never opened. Grapes, carrot sticks, peanut butter or cheese crackers, can be put together at home in washable containers and placed in reusable lunch bags. If a container comes home with the snack still inside, it can be an afternoon snack. What's with pudding cups? Jello and pudding are so easy to make and can be put in individual reusable containers. I recently looked for a large jar of applesauce. I finally found it with the snacks, one row of jars next to stacks of boxes of individual servings.

Take your shopping bags with you. I keep a bag of bags ready to go to the grocery store. I prefer the canvas like bags that are washable. If I remember my shopping list, I remember my bags. I also keep a few bags in the car for shopping at non grocery stores. As long as you get a receipt, a woman can always put a small item or cards in her purse and skip the bag.

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Is dishwashing really all that bad? We do not need plastic utensils at the church. Most people prefer our Corelle plates to paper ones and ceramic mugs to cardboard. At home most of you have a dishwasher. When you make an effort to reduce the amount of plastic and cardboard that you use, you will find that you also save money. Then you can be an even better steward and support the church and organizations whose goal it is to improve the lives of others. Thank God for the gifts of our natural resources. Let's all try to be good stewards.



Thursday, August 9 the **Garden Lecture** topic will be **Plant Propagation** led by master gardeners Ruth and August Aimone. The lecture will begin at 7 P.M. at the Pearland Recreation Center on Bailey Road.

Monday, August 20 is **Open Garden Days** by the Harris County Master Gardeners located at 1205 Genoa Red Bluff from 8:30 to 11 A.M. Julia Sweet is there for info and checking in folks.







Turtle Patrol has ended for the season:



Karen Sweet Cheney, Terri Kiser and Mary Ann Marcha walked the beach from 61st Street to the Pleasure Pier in Galveston each Friday morning at 7am from April 1st to July 15th for "Turtle Patrol". We were joined by Mike Kiser and Elna Ritter a few times as well! We are part of more than 200 volunteers who looked 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, but only 14 nests were found on the 72 miles of beach that the Upper Texas Coast covers! There were spectacular sunrises, cool sand sculptures and wonderful people to talk to along the way. We also picked up trash and "weird" stuff that we are going to put on posters to show how MUCH trash is left behind. PLEASE, if you visit ANY beach or waterway, pick up some trash and pack out ALL

your gear. Again, even though leaving sand toys is a nice gesture for the next family, they end up getting washed out to sea and slung back onto the beach broken—becoming plastic trash.



The Kemp Ridley turtle is the Texas State seaturtle! We found that out last year when we attended an unveiling of the Sea Turtle statue that is on the Sea Wall across from Academy. Go check it out!



DENNIS the MENACE

Terri and I were lucky this year and got to watch an expert pulling eggs out of a nest (102 eggs at Surfside) and place them in the sand lined cooler that they are housed in for incubation. The coolers go to South Padre to a hatching barn and

are released as they hatch apx. 21 days later.

The sand helps the turtles be imprinted to their "nest" beach so they will return there to lay eggs in the future. If you happen to see a turtle or tracks, call 1-866 -turtle5. A team will be dispatched to find the nest, collect eggs or do a physical on the momma turtle.

We also observed a release of rehabilitated turtles from the NOAA group. 12 Kemp Ridley's (some of which were missing flippers) and one huge Loggerhead turtle (apx. 350 pounds) were released at Stewart Beach in Galveston.



If you are interested in patrolling next year, you must attend a training (in February) and be over the age of 16. I plan to do this again and I believe Terri and MaryAnn are also on board. We do a walking route but there are several routes that use an ATV if you prefer.





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.

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	Poncho with Hood for rain	プ	Pliers – for turning off utilities		Complete or basic - First Aid Kit with medicine
	Emergency Survival Sleeping Bag	DICT TAPE	Duct Tape – to "shelter-in-place"		Shovel - to dig sanitation holes
drant.	Body Warmers to keep you warm	1	Plastic Sheet – "shelter-in-place"	3	Flashlight and extra batteries
A	Tube Tent and regular blanket or sleeping bag		Dust Mask (N95)	(Carrier	Waterproof Matches
1	Swiss style Army Knife (with can opener)		Leather Palm working Gloves	1	Lighter
Ja.	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	8	Mini Hand Sanitizer	1	Food Bars - High in calories and don't need to be cooked.
E	Survival Whistle to signal for help.	6	Garbage Bags and ties for sanitation.	70	Water Boxes – great for travel and on the go.
See Childr Kits on Ba	en, Pets & Car ck!	(4000,T-77,700000	ormation on 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 & lbprophen.)

- □ 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. OR if an emergency occurs, please contact the office if help is needed for your fmaily (not 911 type help though).

Updates for the Church Roster:

Change of Address and/or email:

Jessica Gestl Address Update: 1085 E. 9th Ave. Apt. 202 Broomfield, CO 80020-1568 MaryAnn Marcha Email Address Update: Mamarchants60@gmail.com

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.

In Sympathy - We extend our Christian sympathy to the Buckels, Baldauf & Damewood families for the death of their father/grandfather, Fred Buckels on Thursday, July 5th. The memorial service was held Friday, July 13th at Clayton Funeral Home followed by a celebration of life lunch at King's Beer Garden.



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



In Sympathy - We extend our Christian sympathy to Ericlon Burt & family for the death of their mother/aunt/grandmother/great-grandmother, Carolyn Burt on Friday, June 29th. The memorial service was held at New Life on Monday, July 9th.

In Sympathy – We extend our Christian sympathy to Debbie Adams & Cheryl Robinson, family, and friends for the loss of their cousin, Chris Campbel, (53) who died in Christ on Wednesday, July 25th. A Memorial services will be held today, Sunday, August 5th, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer on Lawndale at 1:30pm.





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 make-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. Karen will also be taking pictures between services on Sunday, Aug 5th and 12th.

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.

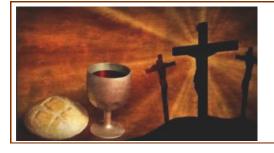


Dates Available:

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.

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 (August—December Available)





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



Summer is coming to a close and School will be back in session before we know it. Families are still in need of food for children's breakfasts & lunches as well as 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, pullups (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 Gaevert, 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 14 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 moved.

Property updates, cleaning, and replacements are being done continuously. If you have a talent you are willing to share, and time to share it, please let Charlie Gaevert, Rudy Moreno or Karen Sweet-Cheney know. Even if you only have 15 minutes on a Sunday to help with something you would like to share! Suggestions are welcome as well.



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

3 more AC units had to be repaired as well in July.



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 and T-8 Fluorescent Tubes (we are 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!

- 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.

Rally Day and BackPack Blessing



Sunday, August 19th



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

The Houston Lutheran Chorale is seeking new and returning singers to the celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in music and song. This year we will sing selections from Handel's *Messiah* as well as many joyous hymns and contemporary Christmas songs. Please join us.

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

When: Rehearsals begin August 12.

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

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 800 Houston Avenue,

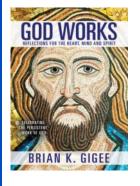
Houston 77007

Concerts: November 30 at St. Timothy - Houston,

December 1 at Memorial - Katy December 2 –Trinity - Downtown.

For More Information: call 832-489-6773 or for a proposed rehearsal schedule visit our web site at www.hlc-tx.org.





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Go online to get a copy for some reflective reading as you embolden your faith this

Summer!

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Read a BOOK this Summer!

Check out
Whole Life
Stewardship
Summer Reading
suggestions.
See pages 7-9.

















SURPRISING BOOK FACTS

33% of High School Graduates never read another book the rest of their lives

42% of college grads never read another book after college

57% of new books are not read to completion

70% of US adults have not been in a bookstore the last five years

80% of US families did not buy or read a book last year

The more a child reads, the likelier they are able to understand the emotions of others

Reading one hour per day in your chosen field will make you an international expert in 7 years.

RobertBrewer.org

Dear PBS

by Kristen Krueger, PhD – LEAD Consultant & Director of Student Leadership

"Dear PBS,



I don't think the Cat in the Hat shows respect. Because every time Nick takes a picture, Sally says "great photo Nick!" but every time Sally takes a picture Nick says "Next time I get to take the picture." Just because she's a girl doesn't mean she doesn't deserve fairness." —Cora, age 6

Several weeks later, PBSKids sent Cora a thoughtful, personal reply in which they validated her opinion, admitted that they could make improvements and assured Cora that they had passed her words on to the writers of *The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That*. They encouraged her to "always speak up if you hear something that doesn't sound right to you" and assured her that her criticism was appreciated.

<u>That letter</u> and <u>the response</u> convinced Cora that she is a person with the ability to create lasting change for good. At age 6, Cora has no doubt that her voice matters and that she should use her words to speak out when she perceives injustice. She proudly tells anyone who will listen "I *know* I can change the world. I already changed PBS.

But the truth is, it almost didn't happen.

When Cora came up to me with her criticism of the TV show, I only half-listened. I had hoped the show would entertain my kids long enough for me to cross a few things off my never-ending checklist and maybe allow me to drink my coffee in peace. I had not bargained on a letter-writing campaign. Later I dashed off a quick "isn't my kid cute?" post on Facebook and a teacher friend suggested writing the letter, an idea that Cora jumped at.

It is so easy for adults to talk over, half-listen to, or fully dismiss children like I wanted to that night. We do it without even realizing it, assuming that small people's thoughts can be pushed aside for grown-up matters. The letter PBSKids sent to Cora reminded me of just how wrong that can be. Empowering kids today means building young people and adults who are the catalysts for change. It means hearing criticism and being willing to make changes based on a child's ideas.

There are four things that we can do with the children in our lives right now to encourage young people to become advocates for change in their worlds.

- 1. TEACH children to name their feelings and provide healthy ways to process them. Truly listen when children tell you how they feel, validate their thoughts and ensure that they know their feelings have value. Put down the mental lists and really, truly listen.
- 2. EQUIP young people to solve their own problems. This means granting decision-making power to children, allowing them to make mistakes and helping them rethink choices so they can succeed in the future.
- 3. SHARE stories of ways kids have changed the world. Fill your home, church, school, and neighborhood with true stories of kids who identified a problem and made a change. Remind kids that not all changes have to be big to make an impact that is felt across their community.
- 4. EMPOWER kids by providing platforms for them to make an impact. Family meetings, neighborhood service projects, community gardens, and congregational days of service learning all teach kids that they can shape their worlds. Be sure to celebrate each contribution.

Most of all, live authentically. Serve as a family, create intentional time and space for open conversations, build trust by sharing feelings, and invite children to join in promoting the causes near to your heart. What if every kid felt empowered and encouraged to speak out the way Cora did? And what if they received encouraging responses each time? I imagine they would change the world.

List of Children's Books I love on this topic:

In My Heart: A Book of Feelings (Growing Hearts), All My Treasures: A Book of Joy (Growing Hearts) Brave As Can Be: A Book of Courage (Growing Hearts), The Story Of Ruby Bridges: Special Anniversary Edition,

If You Were a Kid During the Civil Rights Movement, Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation (Jane Addams Award Book (Awards)), Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909, ¡Si, Se Puede! / Yes, We Can!: Janitor Strike in L.A. (English and Spanish Edition)



LYO Schedule for August

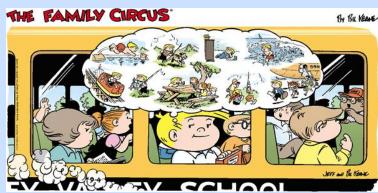
Saturdays @ 9:30am

August 4th August 11th August 18th August 25th















Check out more pics and Synod UTube videos on newlifelutheran.com Youth and Family National Youth Gathering





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 Gigee, 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, Tyler Peterson, 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, Adams, Robinson & Cambel families, Barrett and Ruddock families, Bradford & Miller families, Brown and Tumlinson families, Buckels family, Burt 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 & Haves 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.

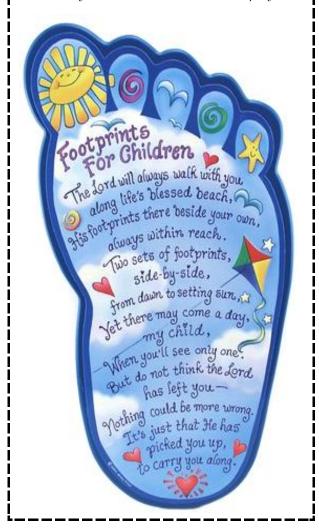
New Life prays for those serving in the military: Keagan Barthelme, Jeremy Foster, Zach Gottlieb, Eric Metzger, Mason Moore (reserves), Ryan Newell, Michael Porter Jr., Berkeley Scott, Joe Wishart & Christopher Young.

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 Remember in prayer the newly elected synod bishops, and pray they be strengthened and inspired by the Holy Spirit for serving and encouraging leaders and members of their synod's congregations and ministries.
- **2** Pray for unity among all Christians and that, as followers of Christ, we pursue and celebrate a unity that bridges differences and affirms we are of one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God.
- **3** Sing and shout praise to God for the fullness and wonder of creation and nature, gifts that renew our spirit, inspire creativity, sustain life and reveal God's power and love; pray we value and tend carefully these gifts entrusted to us for the sake of the world, all life and glorifying our Creator.
- 4 Give thanks for the ELCA missionaries accompanying our global companions in Germany and Russia to help build the capacity of Lutheran churches for evangelism, mission and leadership development.
- **5** In the spirit of Jesus' feeding 5,000 people, pray for generous responses to ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge, a year long, youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the agriculture-related programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty.
- 6 It takes the skills, dedication and work of many to run our schools people who teach, cook, attend to special needs, drive buses, clean, counsel students, coach and more. Pray for everyone who has a role in the education, development and well-being of children and youth in our schools.
- 7 The Lutheran Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations Network (LEIRN) is made up of volunteers representing the 65 synods of the ELCA. Pray for the work of LEIRN's representatives as models and advocates for ecumenical and inter-religious engagement in the life of the synod and this church.
- **8** Remember in prayer all those who suffer daily from chronic pain and its physical, mental and spiritual effects; pray they find hope, effective treatments without addiction and relief from their pain.
- 9 Continue praying for all who are recovering from natural disasters, severe weather, flooding and wildfires; ask God to stir an enduring hope, resilience and spirit of mutual care in people as they face the lengthy, difficult and emotional work of grieving loss and rebuilding lives and communities.
- 10 Ask God to bless and further the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA) in supporting, equipping and advocating for our 1,400 schools and early childhood centers and their 18,000 educators and employees serving and sharing the gospel with over 150,000 children and their families.
- 11 Just as God has fed, nourished and sustained us in body and spirit, pray we too are generous with our resources, abundance and witness for the sake of our neighbors who are hungry or food insecure and for the sake of those who long for the hope and good news we know in Jesus Christ.
- 12 Jesus' refusal to turn away hungry crowds reminds us that gospel-centered, faith-driven compassion and responses are not easily dissuaded by daunting problems or large-scale situations that might otherwise discourage our engagement. Pray for the Spirit to stir in us empathy, determination and an awareness of the assets around us that we can put to use in serving our neighbor.
- 13 Florence Nightingale (1910) and Clara Maass (1901) Pray for all who work for the care, healing and comfort of those who are sick, injured or in the last stages of life, especially physician assistants, nurses, physicians, hospice staff, health educators, medics in the military, emergency responders and home-care providers.
- 14 Pray for humility and courage to be imitators of God and put aside anger, bitterness, slander, dishonesty and cruelty, and be as urged in Ephesians kind, tenderhearted and forgiving of one another as God in Christ has been for us.
- **15** Give thanks for the ways *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA* is strengthening and growing ministries of the church here and around the world. In this last year of the campaign, pray that the Spirit will continue to spark generosity, involvement and a clear sense of the amazing things we can accomplish together.

- 16 Remember in prayer students of every age who are returning to school, that their hearts and minds are open to learning, study and change.
- 17 Bless, praise and give thanks to God, for God is good and hears our every prayer, cry, joyful laugh and sigh.
- 18 Pray our schools are safe, encouraging environments free from violence that children and youth can learn, mature, socialize and develop skills for life without fear, anxiety or worry.
- 19 Give thanks for the gifts of God's grace, love and restored hope we experience in Holy Communion and for the promise that Jesus Christ is present in the word, bread and wine through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 20 Ask God to help us be aware and affirming of the vital gifts and assets of elders in our congregations and communities; pray we have the wisdom to call on their spiritual gifts, faith, interests, life experiences and insights for the mission of the church and serving our neighbor.
- 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. Remember to pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.
- 22 Pray for help in discerning, living and walking in God's ways and wisdom, especially when we feel uneasy or uncertain of God's ways in the midst of popular culture, social norms, diverse values, current politics, peer pressure or other powerful influences in our daily life.
- 23 Ask for the Spirit of God to be present and active in planning groups, staff and volunteers preparing for the beginning of fall congregational programs; pray these programs and ministries reach new people, deepen the faith of members, inspire people of all ages to serve neighbors in need and help grow the church.
- 24 Give thanks to God for the work of the Spirit in our lives and the church as we seek to do good in the world, pursue peace and love our neighbor.
- 25 Pray for young adults finishing a summer of service in outdoor ministries that they will continue to be committed to learning, witness and service in their communities, schools, church and the world as leaders equipped with faith, skills, creativity and insights gained through outdoor ministry experiences with people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.
- 26 Give praise and thanks to God for the gift of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, in whom we have new life, salvation and hope.
- 27 Remember in prayer people and situations nearby and globally that have slipped from our memory, prayers, daily conversations or media coverage; pray these people and concerns in the world live in us and are not easily forgotten.
- 28 Faithful, generous volunteers are critical for doing God's work in the world. Give thanks for volunteers who lead and staff programs and ministries in our congregations; pray they are inspired and sustained by their faith, find training and support for their work, and are moved by the Spirit to share their faith and the good news of Jesus Christ with others.
- 29 Pray to be "strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power" when confronted by difficulties, threats or the darkness of evil and that we are always ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and pray for the needs and concerns of others.
- **30** Give thanks for the rich partnership and relationship we have with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 2009. Pray for their church and ask God to further our respect for one another and work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.
- 31 Give thanks for our long, rich tradition and commitment to faith-based education in homes, congregations, day care and early learning centers, schools, colleges and universities, seminaries, lay schools of theology and through online learning; pray for writers who prepare curriculum, educators, faculty, staff, volunteers and administrators who have responded to the call to serve children, youth and adults of all ages, abilities and needs.



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Ryan Jones	08/01
Ted Obraztsov	08/02
Aaron Plata	08/02
Rachel Meyer	08/03
Morgan Barrett	08/04
Elaine Damewood	08/04
Daoud Karam	08/04
Alan Barnes	08/05
Kim Koepke/Johnson	08/06
Meredith (Reynolds) Roberts	08/06
Patti Barrett	08/07
Morgan Johnson	08/07
Joanne Obraztsov	08/07
Catherine Sinacori	08/07
Noah Landrum	08/08
Phyllis Mistrot	08/09
Maria Sanchez	08/09
Marjorie Schooley	08/10
Garrett Thweatt	08/12
Erik Sweet	08/13
Aaliyan Valdez	08/13
Jose Villalobos III	08/13
Michael Lowery	08/14
Rogelio Jerez	08/17
Andrew Turner	08/18
Louis Marcha	08/19
Preston Brown	08/20
Jason Gerstner	08/21
Robert Johnston	08/21
LuAnne White	08/21
Holly Tatuaca	08/21
Mike Besser	08/22
Benjamin Reed	08/22
Ellie Reed	08/22
Valerie Rincones	08/22
Jessica Deyo	08/24
Vince Gottleib	08/24
Kristi Morrison	08/24
Lena Roszak	08/24
Matt Scott	08/24
Tally Perez	08/25
Gary Anderson	08/28
Javier Caballero	08/29
Rama Gerig	08/30

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Baptismal Anniversaries

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

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Helping Hands in Worship - August 2018

Altar Guild: Barbara Flowers, Denise Jurgens & Vera White ♥ Communion Elements: Lorraine Walls

Services		August 5 - Pentecost 11	August 12 – Pentecost 12	August 19 – Pentecost 13/ Rally Day	August 26– Pentecost 14
Acolyte		Clayton Migl	Ryan Flick	Harleigh Gosch	Bryce Flick
	10:30	Willie Wood	Timothy Young	Ryan Jones	Casey Crawford
Assisting		Nancy Bryars	Barbara Scott	John Russell Gestl	Denise Jurgens
Minister	10:30	Aimee Castillo	Michael Porter	Peter Weber	Cindy Welch
Communion As		Robin Gottleib	Doug Barron	John Gestl	Susie Wellman
	8:00	Vince Gottleib	Lynn Barron	Coleen Gestl	Brenda Migl
Communion As	ssistant	Cheryl Robinson	Ed Bradford	Tiffany Pineda	Carole Wright
	10:30	Mary Ann Marcha	MaryAnn Marcha	Barbara Flowers	Deanna Barthelme
Altar Flowers		Tina and Gordon Meyer	Karen Sweet Cheney	The Gestl Family	Kaiser Family 25th Anniversary
Lay Reader	8:00	Elna Ritter	Kyle Flick	Norm Griffith	Frank Jurgens
	10:30	Becky Homerstad	Christal Thompson	Katie Fraker	Holly Tatuaca
Nursery	10:30	Kate Bates	Mandy Schroder	Kate Bates	Jackie Crawford
Greeters	8:00	Brenda Migl	Helen Beckman	Nancy Bryars	Judy Foucheaux
					Foster Foucheaux
Greeters	10:30	Saundra Foster Charles Foster	Carole Wright	Linda Stavinoha	Andy Crawford
			Walt Wright	Lynn Cope	Merideth Oliver
Ushers	8:00	Susie Wellman	Frank Jurgens	Norm Griffith	Robin Gottleib
		Kate Bates	Susie Wellman	Shirley Griffith	Vince Gottleib
Ushers	10:30	Jenaro Castillo	Milton Thomas	Nolan Patschke	Ed Bradford
		Jan Homerstad	Tony White	Greg Grayson	Christal Thompson
Coffee Hour		Sunday's Cool Teachers and Staff	OPEN	Third Sunday Group	MIM
Opening		Elna Ritter	Elna Ritter	Elna Ritter	Elna Ritter
Closing		Rudy Moreno	Rudy Moreno	Rudy Moreno	Rudy Moreno
Sound	8:00	Charlie Gaevert	Charlie Gaevert	John F Gestl	John F Gestl
	10:30	Mike Kiser	Mike Kiser	Mike Kiser	Mike Kiser

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