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<b>Mark Your Calendars</b>
Sundays April 28th & May 5th
Modified Yoga @ 6pm
Mondays May 13th, 20th & 27th
Modified Yoga @ 6pm
<b>Houseband Practice</b>
Tuesdays, May 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
Quilting Workshop
Wednesday, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
<b>Confirmation &amp; Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday, May 1st
Seniors (55+) Lunch
Sundays, May 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
LYO - Lutheran Youth Organization - Lunch
Thursday, May 2nd
<b>Property Team Meeting</b>
Sunday, May 5th
Senior Blessing
Wednesday, May 8th
WELCA Lunch @ Golden Corral on 518
Thursday, May 9th
Bazaar Meeting
GLOW Meeting
Friday, May 10th
WOW-Women of Worth- work on Mother's
Day Flowers Fundraiser
Sunday, May 12th
Mother's Day
Monday, May 13th
Church Council
Wednesday, May 15th
Mary Martha Bible Study
Thursday, May 16 - Saturday, May 18

**Synod Assembly** Tuesday, May 21st Men in Mission Monday, May 27th Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED Sunday, June 2nd Noisy/Loose Offering for New Life Day Camp Note: The Office is now closed on Fridays

# May 2019



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# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

... for people like us... ...in times like these...

### "WALKING PAST THE EMPTY TOMB"

Dear friends & followers of Jesus,

At first glance, Easter was an unbelievable surprise. Even though, time after time, Jesus told his disciples and close-to-the-ear followers... 'I must go up to Jerusalem before the Chief priests, the Scribes and the elders and be crucified and on the third day rise from the grave..." they did not believe him. Why would they. No one signs up for that. And then when it happened... they ran for their very lives! We would, too, right? What does it mean for us to walk past the empty tomb of Jesus? The answers are varied and yet worth noting...

- 1) Those who walk by the empty tomb of Jesus, without noticing its emptiness or the story that is attached to it... miss out on a glimpse of the deep mystery of God!
- 2) There are others who walk by and peer inside but take no notice of the details. The burial cloth was "folded" and a reminder of the GREAT HOST of the GREAT MEAL who when leaving the napkin folded was a sign, "I will be back." The unfolded napkin signaled all is done. So, when anyone looks into the empty tomb to see the "folded" burial cloth of Jesus, it was code for "I will return—- you can count on this!"
- 3) Still, there are those who peer in expecting Jesus to still be present. They didn't think there would be a resurrection. They didn't consider him to be a truth-teller. They thought when they heard him say, "it is finished" from the cross and watch him take his last breath... they knew this was the end of all hope for renewed Israel and re-claiming the glorified power days of King David... have you figured out where you are, yet?
- 4) Who are the brave ones in the Easter story? Certainly not the disciples... they were hiding out for their very lives as they were quick to imagine... "well, if they came for Jesus... they'll certainly come for us, next.!" It was the women who were bold in the first Easter story... obedient and bold... as they dutifully went to the tomb, expecting fully that Jesus' body would be there and they would do the right thing by anointing his body according to their practices. Surprise! But, they didn't sit down and cry over it.
- 5) Second opinions are often quite essential. The scriptures report the women ran from the tomb and straight to the disciples to tell them what they had witnessed. Some of Jesus' followers heard their report as "an idle tale" yet Peter and the others got up and made haste to the tomb to find the women were telling the truth. From then on they couldn't keep their mouths shut. AND we are the recipients of this story...

What now? The tomb is still empty. Will you walk by? Will you look in? Will you share the news? As we say we are "an Easter people" it means that Jesus is risen and he is our hope. Our only hope... the only hope we'll ever need... Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

New Life; now!

Brix





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This article is an update on the storm which is about to hit. Some of you may not have a clue as to what I am referencing. If this makes no sense to you please ask me, any church council member or Pastor.

In the first part of April we mailed in the missing 941 forms to the IRS. The Synod CPA has been assisting and advising us. Shortly, we will be receiving letters from the IRS, probably not nice ones. We are prepared to start addressing these as we receive them. We will call a special congregational meeting when we have a better understanding of our situation.

I want to thank the congregation for stepping up and helping us in preparation of the difficult times which lay ahead. I also want to thank all of the faithful people of this congregation. If not for your support this congregation would not thrive. Many of you have offered additional support when we need it. The time is coming. It is really great to see this congregation practicing "Whole Life Stewardship".

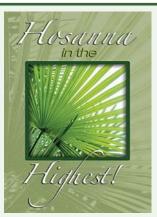
It is really nice to talk to returning visitors and ask them what they liked about this congregation and have them respond "The people here really made me feel at home", that says a lot about you. I hope that this continues and spreads into our community.

Please feel free to talk to me about any concerns which you may have.

In Christ,

Rudy Moreno

2019 Church Council President 281-734-5019















# **EASTER Sunday** Resurrection Service

































## **Lenten Suppers**

### Fun and Fellowship of course GREAT soup!

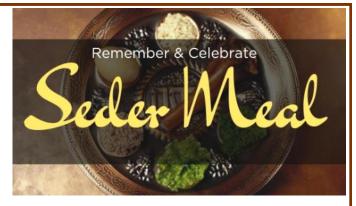


















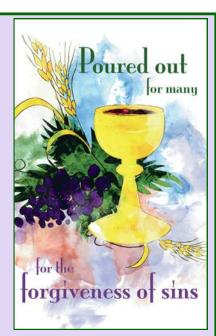


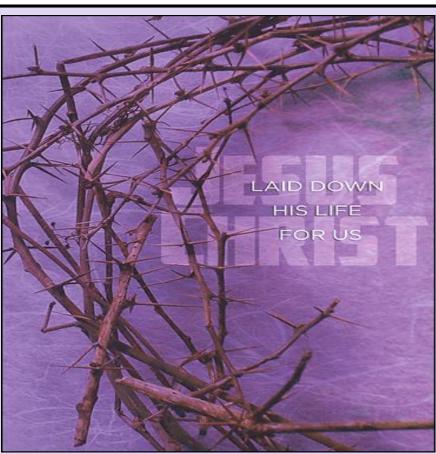




Maundy Thursday
First Communion
Baptism & New Member













**Good Friday** 



Fish Fry



### Children's Easter Party and Egg Hunt Saturday, April 20th





Helpers for the party consisting of Friday and Saturday: Mary Ann, Cheryl, Linda, Karen, Tiffany, Lorie and Leslie, John Russell, Kip, Elna, Carole, Travis, Aimee, Sang, Girl Scout Troop 143109, Pearland Saints Frank, Josh, Jeffrey and Jason, etc. Candy donations: Becky, Beverly, Terry and Floyd, Tiffany, Lynn, Linda, Mina and Elaine who donated a \$250 Thrivent card. Door Prizes & gifts: Karen, Linda, Cheryl & Tiffany. To WOW for stuffing eggs during their game night.





"For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37

















203 Quilts, 279
School kits, 20 Fabric
Kits and 73 Personal
Care kits were sent to
the Ingathering on
Monday April 22nd.
Thank you to all who
packed, shopped, etc.
to make this happen!



### **Youth & Family**

Hello, New Life Church family,

The Holy season is now complete. Of course, the Holy way of life that each of us is called to never concludes. I was given the opportunity to lead 3 of the 5 Wednesday night services and really appreciate each and every brother and sister (younger and older) who attended. Thank you so much for showing your heart for worship. During the holy week, we had our annual Seder meal with lots of new faces. Thanks to everyone who brought a side dish, helped with decorations and provided the lamb (pastor cooked a delicious lamb!). Maundy Thursday was as touching as ever with first communion recipients and the newly baptized. Good Friday was moving, and the fish fry was terrific. Thanks to all the cooks and helpers (it was the least I could do to do some dishes). The Easter children's celebration was bright, joyful and sweet as the kids filled their baskets, bellies and hearts. Thanks again to all the helping hands.

Easter Sunday was a wonderful and appropriately special Sunday. Attendance was great; the breakfast was delicious. Worship was full especially at the 10:30 service. The children's sermon is always more lively with a full house. Thanks for coming to worship the Lord on that day. Let us strive to keep the resurrection of Christ first and foremost in our hearts and minds, indeed.

We continue to spend time together in the context of LYO Sunday lunches. I always appreciate our students who invite other students to eat, share and spend time together. That is a highlight of these lunches. John Russell in particular continues to invite many of his friends to enjoy church and lunch afterwards. Because of him, I was able to preach at CITY at Turner in April. I may be able to do that again before the school year ends.

Faith 5 continues to be a long and steady journey, to say the least. As we continue to encourage each family, parents are beckoned to take up their spiritual mantle and leadership roles in their families. Faith 5 gives you some guidelines to do that: share, read, talk, pray and bless as many times as you can throughout the week. As we are always seeking God's will, I hope we can sincerely do our best to be the spiritual leaders of our families. Do your best to spend time with your kids in a spiritual way so that Jesus is real and relevant every chance you get.

Student Recognition Sunday (will already have come to pass) and Senior Graduation Sunday will be on the first Sunday of May. Let's keep them in your prayers as our younger brothers and sisters in Christ grow one year older.

Lutherhill Spring Retreat Schedule:

New Life Church Summer events

Day Camp will also commence the week of June 9-14.

Lutherhill summer camps will be upon us soon; please register online and pay 40% of the cost and the church and scholarships will cover the rest .

Summer Youth trip: most likely to the west side of the USA during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July around the 7 to the 13). Thanks to Jenaro and Aimee for attending, as well.

Sincerely,
Sang Kim
Director for Youth and Family Faith Formation

## **Mother's Day Flowers**

**Fundraiser for Youth Camp Scholarships** 



The youth will be selling arrangements on Sunday, May 12th before and after services.

If you would like to help put the flowers together, join WOW on Friday, May 10th @ 7pm.

## Noisy/Loose Offering on June 2nd

To benefit New Life Day Camp





## New Life Seniors' Opportunities

(open to all persons age 55 and up)

### **New Life Seniors Luncheon**



Wednesday, May 1st @ 12:00 pm



SENIORS

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



# Tuesday, May 21st @ 6:00 pm

**Guest Speaker Night** 

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.





As of December 2018, 688 prayer shawls and 31 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.

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:
No meeting at this time

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**WELCA LUNCH BUNCH** (all the

women of the church) Lunch with New Life women and friends! Arrive about 11:30 am at Golden Corral on 518 on Wednesday, May 8th. Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

WELCA lunch @ Kelley's



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

**May 10th, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall** to create Mother's Day bouquets for a youth scholarship fundraiser (on Mother's Day). Bring a snack to share and beverage of choice.

WOW is a part of the WELCA of New Life, so all women over the age of 16 are invited. Contact Karen at office@newlifelutheran.com



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### WELCA/WoW planned 2019

May 10<sup>th</sup> — We will be working on Mother's Day flowers, etc for Youth scholarship Fundraiser on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th.

Jun 21st - Pajama party - movies, popcorn, games

Jul 20th (Saturday!) - Family Bowling - Mary Ann is leading this one.

Aug 16th - Bazaar Crafts

**SE Fall Cluster Meeting TBD** 

Sept 20th - Bazaar Crafts

Oct 18th - relaxing Movie night

Nov 15th - Friendsgiving - Tiffany to lead

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> - (Sunday after 2<sup>nd</sup> service) WELCA Christmas Party



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

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

If you are looking for a unique gift for any occasion, consider giving a New Life Quilt. See Vera to open the quilt room to browse the finished quilts. Purchase one for \$45. Proceeds go to purchase batting and thread for these amazing Lutheran World Relief quilts. 237 were displayed, 203 were sent to LWR.





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





Thank you to all who served coffee, juice and food during Fellowship Hour: Sunday's Cool Teachers & Parents, All New Life for Easter, the Men in Mission and many mystery individuals.

We would like to thank Walt and Carole Wright, Raymond Rocha, Jason Lane, Frank Cullen, Jeffrey Ramsey, Josh Sherwood, Donovan Roesler, Charles and Saundra Foster, Joanne Morrison, Phyllis Deats, Barbara Flowers, Susan Siegworth, Lynn Cope, Donna Patschke, Hap and Bobbi Cummings, Nancy and Roland Bryars, Barbara Scott, and Matt Scott for helping deliver over 127 meals during the week of April 8-12.

Our next dates for delivering meals will be *June 3-7*, 2019 and July 29-August 2, 2019.

### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are always in need of volunteers. If you have never participated and would like to be a part of this very important ministry (we do "On The Job Training") or you have any questions, please contact Barbara Flowers at 713 -817-1012. You can also contact the church office at 281-485-1818.

#### Additional delivery dates for 2019 are: July 29- Aug 2 Sept 23-27 Nov 18-22

Barbara is looking for someone who would be willing to work with her as a "Co-Coordinator (to fill in when she is out of town visiting Grandkids or traveling). Lynn Cope has stepped up and offered to help out as needed, but it would still be great if someone would like to come aboard and experience this rewarding work (3 is always better than 2).

Please prayerfully consider this position/opportunity. You may give her a call at 713-817-1012.



Thank you: Lynn Cope, Mike & Terri Kiser, Linda Stavinoha and Korie Williams for 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 all those who have sponsored or provided food for the Wednesday night Soup Suppers.
- To the Gestl family for lending their van for the Kid's trip to Lutherhill.
- To Rachel (accountant) for making great headways with updates and inputting historical data into the books.
- To Walt Wright for power washing concrete walks in front of the Narthex and around the church.
- To Charlie Gaevert for finishing up the power washing all over campus.
- To Ryan and Kyle Flick for power washing the parking spots by the admin building.
- To Bubba Flowers for cutting palms when our order didn't arrive and for Nancy Bryars for prepping the palms for the Palm Sunday Services.
- To the NL quilters who have created 237 quilts and presented them for viewing in the Sanctuary.
- To those who purchased quilts to support the purchase of batting and backing material.
- To all those who brought breakfast items on Palm and Easter Sunday. We enjoyed it ALL!
- To Linda Stavinoha for coordinating the Children's Easter Party. See page 7 for a list of all who helped make the day be a wonderful experience.
- To all who participated in the Seder meal.
- To Tiffany and Sang for preparing the Seder meal.
- To Rudy for donating the Lamb and Pastor for cooking and cutting it for the Seder meal.
- To all those who participated in Maundy Thursday celebrations of first communion and baptism.
- To all those who participated in Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter services.
- To the Men in Mission for cooking up a GREAT fish dinner on Good Friday! (Doug, Walt, Charlie, Tony, Gary, Ed, Sang, etc.).
- To Karen and Tiffany for doing all the shopping for the multiple events going on during Lent and Easter.
- To Tiffany for updating giving for 2018 statements.
- To Rudy Moreno for hanging family crosses on the new Sanctuary wall.
- To Mike Kiser for organizing and keeping up with the sound maintenance.
- Thank you to Walt Wright who replaced lights in the Sanctuary, admin building and the Fellowship Hall.
- Thank you to Walt Wright, Rich Newell and Bubba Flowers for trimming bushes and trees.
- To all those who packed kits and/or made quilts during the year for LWR. See numbers and pics on page 8.
- To all those who helped get LWR kits into Bubba's trailer.
- To Bubba Flowers, Gary S. and Elizabeth & Vera White for taking 61 boxes of LWR items to the Easter Monday InGathering. Plus 4 boxes of quilts from another church.
- To the families who sent in updated info and pics to Sang for the Student Recognition Booklet.
- To Linda Stavinoha and Lynn Cope for their extra work cleaning the pew backs and getting them resupplied.

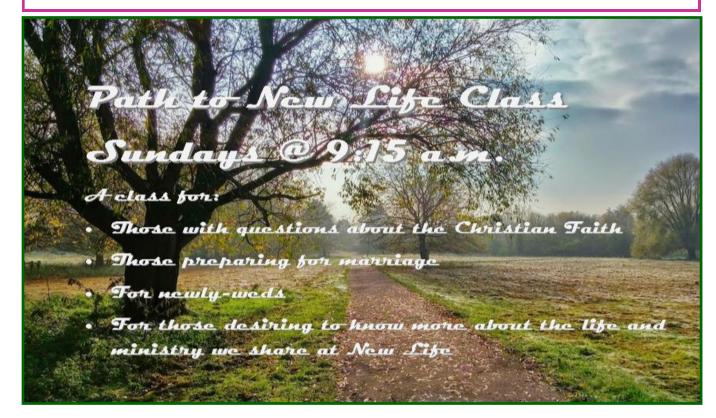
Dear Carole and new Life Prayer Shawl ministry.

Thenk you for the brautiful prayer showl. Your kind gesture has truly touched my heart. Josing my mother has left an empty place in my heart. The showl has warned one & any heart. It will forever be a comforting verninder of my anom. I sincerely thank you for wharing your wonderful gift with me.





Thank you to the multiple ladies who create the beautiful Prayer and baby shawls for New Life's Prayer Shawl Ministry.









2019





Thursday, May 9 is the monthly garden lecture, sponsored by Brazoria County Master Gardeners and Keep Pearland Beautiful. This month Ellen Pedisich will tell us how to build a pest free compost pile. The lecture begins at 7 o'clock. All garden lectures are now taking place at the new Delores Fenwick Nature Center next to the recycle center

located in the John Hargrove Environmental Complex, 5750 Magnolia Pkwy.

Monday, May 20 is Open Garden Day at the Harris County Master Gardeners' "Genoa Friendship Garden" on Genoa Red Bluff at 9 A.M. Come and enjoy the multiple gardens, orchards, and flower/herb gardens. There are always plants for sale in the greenhouse as well.

I hope everyone got the message in time to participate in the Drug Take-Back Day at the Stella Roberts Recycle Center. If you missed it, you can store them at home in a safe and secure place until the next one on October 26 or take them to the Alvin Police Department where there is an ongoing drug take-back system.



Last September I wrote about the accumulation of ocean debris in the sub-tropic ocean gyres, created by the natural ocean currents, and the ambitious efforts of Boyan Slat and The Ocean Cleanup. They launched their system in the Pacific Ocean at the end of last year. So far there has been minimal success and they have been making many adjustments. It is still a work in progress and they are still determined to clean the ocean. In the meantime, most coastal communities continue to deal with seaside litter from land and sea. Sea life continues to die from ingesting debris and getting trapped and strangled by nets, plastic rings and other objects no longer useful to the original user. Litter prevention still seems to be the key.

One of my favorite columnists in the Houston Chronicle is economist Chris Tomlinson. On April 15 in the "Texas Inc." section, he wrote an article entitled "Plastic Waste Requires Actual Conservatism". He makes a great case against the production and use of plastic straws. Of course, fossil fuels are necessary in the production of plastic and there are many types of plastic. I can't imagine a world where plastics don't exist. The environmental problem arises when plastic is used unnecessarily, when it is not disposed of properly, and when fossil fuels are extracted and processed without considering the best way to proceed with the least amount of environmental impact. As an example of the chemical industry's concern with plastic waste, he quoted Dow Chemical CEO, Jim Fittering, who said in a recent speech, "There are no deniers out there that we have a plastic waste issue. Everybody has confronted that; everybody sees that issue and is willing to tackle it." He informs us that global plastic sales topped 440 million tons last year and 88 million tons ended up in the ocean. He also tells us that according to Orb Media almost 85% of worldwide tap water samples were contaminated with microscopic plastic fibers as well as 93% of bottled water tested from 11 major brands.

Mr. Fitterling goes on to discuss putting value on plastic waste and creating sustainable, circular supply chains. It makes business sense as well as environmental sense. There are industrial and international coalitions addressing the problem of plastic waste, but your choices are still important. You can decide, when plastic is the right choice and you can make the effort to dispose of your choices properly. We can't recycle all plastics yet. That is not the only solution. Reduce your use of plastic, recycle when you can, and be careful how you dispose of it.

To read Chris Tomlinson's entire article, check the Houston Chronicle archives for the Monday, April 15, 2019 edition of TEXAS INC. or ask me for my hard copy. It's a worthwhile read.

Turtle Patrol started April 1st. Karen, Terry and MaryAnn are trekking 6.5-8 miles every Friday til mid-July.

### Thrivent Action Team Cards

Provided by members made the Holidays easier!

2019 - Lent and beyond



For early 2019 Events, New Life thanks the following:

Epiphany Party & UnGreening - Jon Sweet
Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras Party - Pastor Gigee
St Patrick's Day/Blood Drive - Jon Sweet
Lenten Suppers - Becky Homerstad
Baskets of Promise - Karl Sweet
Seder Meal - Donna Patschke
Good Friday Fish Fry - Doug Barron
Children's Easter Party - Elaine Damewood
Men in Mission Night @ BAKFish - Pastor Gigee

If you have not signed up to submit an Action Team Card for 2019, please contact the office. Karen and Tiffany are working with the below list and Thrivent to try to help defray costs. Some of these need to be submitted asap.

To learn how you can help make a difference with New Life's campus and outreach ministries, please contact the office.

Upcoming Events that Thrivent Cards could be useful for.
(Red are sponsors who have initiated the card)

Mother's Day Flower Fundraiser - Evelyn Baldauf **Summer Kickoff Party/BBO New Life Day Camp** Men's Sunday - Blood Drive **Bazaar** (several for different areas) **Children's Halloween Party Reformation Sunday Confirmation Sunday WELCA ThankOffering Sunday** Greening **Caroling - Blanket Drive Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** Children's Christmas Party Council/Staff/Leader Dinner **Christmas Eve - Senior Reception 2020 Un-Greening** 

### **Updates for the Church Roster:**

### Change of Address and/or email:

**Derrick Flick Email Update:** txflickster@hotmail.com

Abby & Josh Roszak Address Update: 12302 Baymeadow Ct. Pearland, TX 77584

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.

### Birth



**Congratulations** to Sarah and Bryce Kennedy on the birth of their new baby boy, Henry Francis Kennedy. Henry was born April 1st. Big brother Hayden, Grandparents Rudy & Dianna Moreno and aunts Holly & Chelsea Moreno are super excited!

On Maundy Thursday, April 18th, New Life welcomed into God's Kingdom, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, Elliot and Chloe Baldauf.

Sponsors for Elliot and Chloe are Elaine & Larry Damewood and Michael & Megan Baldauf.

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



Welcome to the Lord's Table! On Maundy Thursday, April 18th, Elliot Baldauf and Rylynn Cope received their First Holy Communion.



New Life welcomed New Member, Chris Baldauf through Affirmation of Baptism as well as Elliot & Chloe on Thursday, April 18th.





Take a picture. Keep it in your phone for your trips to Kroger.

# **Kroger Community Awards New Life Lutheran's Number changed to TX769**

New Life received a check for \$38.72 on 10/23/2018.

Thank you to all who have used the New Life Number!

The old number is still associated with us but cannot be used when enrolling or accessing our account anymore.

### 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 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.





If you enjoy having breakfast and fellowship, please consider pairing up with other members to host a week to serve in this important ministry. On past Sundays where there was no sponsor, therefore no food, several people were surprised and complained. As the church cannot fund breakfast, if no one brings food, there is none to serve. If you and/or your family expect something more than coffee—bring something.

Note that MOST 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month NEED Sponsors.



Contact Tiffany Brown-Pineda at CommunityLife@newlifelutheran.com or the church office (281-485-1818) or to sign up!





Christian Helping Hands is in need of many things all year around

Please consider donating the following items EVERY month:

Soup (Ready to eat—like Chunky Soup)

Cooking Oil/spray

Tomato products (diced, sauce, paste, spaghetti sauce, etc.)

Cream soups

Packets of tuna (not just cans)



Macaroni & Cheese (boxes & cups - Kraft is preferred by most visitors) Single serve meals (canned and packets)

(Tuna salad & crackers, spaghetti-o's, ravioli, shelf tv dinners, etc)

Canned beans (ranch style, kidney, pinto, refried, etc.) Shampoo (& Conditioner)



















# 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:

Walt Wright, Rudy Moreno, Ronnie Stavinoha, Rich Newell, Charlie Gaevert, Foster Foucheaux, 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 the thank you page for individual job thanks.



Property updates, cleaning, and replacements are being done continuously. If you see something that needs to be addressed or 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.



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 ball teams who use the back field are under contract to keep the field mowed.





**New Wall with Family Crosses** 

## **New Life Needs:**

We are always 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 every other month)

**Light Bulbs:** T-12 and T-8 Fluorescent Tubes (we are slowly moving to LED)

Other consistant needs: Bottled water is used year round (all sizes), Coffee (regular and decaf), little creamers (mini moos, hazelnut & French vanilla), Z fold paper towels & 2 ply toilet paper (Charmin ultra plus). We purchase some of these items when there are events using Thrivent cards, but if you are at Sam's and can pick an item up it would be appreciated! (let the office know)







# 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!

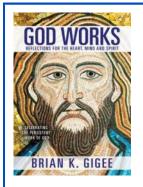






- The youth from three year olds through 3rd grade will meet upstairs in the Fellowship Hall for Sunday's Cool. 4th 6th Grade will meet downstairs across from the DVD classroom.
- 7th Grade thru high school will be meeting in Sang's office in the admin building.
- Ø The ABC class... Adult Bible Class will be returning to the Old Testament Book of Judges.
- Ø The DVD class... Daring Video Disciples will continue to watch and discuss "Reading Biblical Literature Genesis to Revelation" by Craig Koester.
- Ø Path to New Life meets each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

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



## GOD WORKS

By Pastor Brian Gigee reflections for the heart, mind and spirit

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Lenten Groups are forming!













# 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: Gretchen Barnes, Brian Bates, Kate Bates, Susan Bickham, Bryan Bradford, Lucas Bradford, Robyn Bradford, Barbara Brown, Terry & Floyd Brown, Rannie Daugherty, Carl Ericsson, the Gestls & Goschs, Margo Gigee, Kelli Grage, Harvey Hamilton, Walter Hayes, Homerstad families, the Kisers, Larry Magers, Tina Meyer, Jerry Migl, Tamsey Mims, Pete Mistrot, Cheryl Newell, Hubert Pardue, Allen Patschke, Allison Patschke, Viola Patschke, Tyler Peterson, Janet, Frannie & Mike Porter, Scott & Leeta Sanger, Glenn Sponholtz, Julia Sweet, Karen Sweet-Cheney, Patrick Sweet, Claudia Thomas, Ben Viccellio and Vera White.

Special prayer needs: Angelo family, Barrett and Ruddock families, Barron, Larson, Reed & Moore families, Bradford family, Buckels family, Burt family, Childs family, Zachary Cope, Fraker family, Gosch family, Kaiser family, Kyle Lawson, Lawson family, Magers family, Marcha & Castillo families, Marcha & Salazar families, Mistrot & Meyer families, Patschke, DeWeese, Schneider & Yancey families, Porter family, Purdum & Hayes families, Reynolds & Galloway families, Eric Schmidt family, Schroder family, Tatuaca family, Thomas family, Vavrecka family, Welch family, Wellman family, Wilson family and the Wood 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.

#### PRAYER VENTURES 2019

#### A praying congregation prays for the wider church!

## **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 Throughout Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, give thanks for the rich history, gifts, influence and contributions to our nation of our Asian and Pacific Islander brothers and sisters. Ask God to bless and further the work and witness of ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries and the Association of Asians and Pacific.

2 National Day of Prayer Encourage individuals, congregations and communities to pray, asking the Spirit to help us — and our nation — follow Jesus' instruction to "Love one another as I have

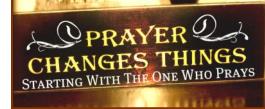
loved you" (John 15:12).

- 3 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Southeastern Pennsylvania, Rocky Mountain, Northeastern Minnesota and Minneapolis synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.
- 4 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Western Iowa and Arkansas-Oklahoma synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.
- 5 How will we react when God calls us to do something or go someplace new and unfamiliar? Pray that we will follow where the spirit of God leads, find companions in ministry to work with and invite others to join in doing God's work in the world.
- 6 Pray for students who are taking final exams and anticipating employment, further education, or vocations of leadership in the church or military service. Ask God to grant them comfort and reassurance in times of stress and uncertainty, and to provide supportive, attentive and loving people in their lives.
- 7 Ask God to bless and energize our church's commitment to wholeness for creation in collaboration with ecoAmerica and its Blessed Tomorrow program, which helps faith-based organizations care for creation and elevate their leadership on climate change as a moral, religious and justice issue.
- 8 The ELCA International Camp Counselor Program, partnering with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and ELCA Global Mission, trains up to 40 Lutheran young adults from Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Pray for these young adults, who serve as leaders and global partners in our summer camp programs. Give thanks for the faith, gifts, leadership skills and global perspectives they bring to their work with children, youth and adults.
- 9 God worked miraculous changes in the heart, mind and life of Saul that he might spread the gospel, grow the church and serve his neighbor as the reborn apostle Paul. Give thanks for how God calls us by name, equips us for ministry and service, and reaffirms that there is a place and purpose for everyone in the church, the body of Christ.
- 10 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Oregon, Pacifica and Southeastern Iowa synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.
- 11 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.
- 12 Pray that we will trust that Jesus is the true son of God and will be faithful and fearless in following his examples and teachings revealed to us in Scripture.
- 13 Remember in prayer the ELCA's work of using innovative models for starting new congregations and ministries in a diverse and changing world as we seek to grow God's church, welcome all God's people and equip our neighbors with both spiritual and physical sustenance.
- 14 Thank God for being a loving and ever-present shepherd who restores us, stirs our courage, strengthens our faith and guides us through the challenges and joys of life.
- 15 Give thanks for ELCA campus ministry, communities of faith that accompany students in their journeys of faith, education, service and discerning vocation at more than 180 state and private colleges and universities and at an additional 400 schools nationwide with assistance from congregations.

- 16 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, North/West Lower Michigan and Metropolitan New York synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.
- 17 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Saint Paul Area, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast and Southeast Michigan synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.
- 18 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Northwest Washington and Eastern Washington-Idaho synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.
- 19 Pray that, as the body of Christ, we encourage one another and work together to follow Jesus' words in our daily lives: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
- 20 Remember in prayer people who are traveling across the country in search of seasonal employment. Pray that they find employment, fair wages, fulfillment of basic needs for housing and food, and welcoming congregations that understand the unique needs of seasonal workers.
- 21 Give thanks for the special skills, creativity and enthusiasm of people who write blogs, online stories, social media posts and newsletters that help communicate how congregations, synods, the churchwide organization, ecumenical partners and related organizations are sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, serving our neighbor and working together for justice, peace, mercy and healing in the world.
- 22 Ask God to make us bold, persistent advocates and agents in society to end gun violence across our nation, for the sake of our neighbor's well-being and out of gratitude and respect for the fragile gift of life.
- 23 Pray that our vision of the church and its mission will be broadened by the knowledge that the word of God and the good news of Jesus Christ are meant for all people and all nations.
- **24** Pray that the ELCA Guardian Angel and Welcoming Congregation programs will flourish and continue to expand across our nation as part of our church's strategy to support and accompany physically and spiritually migrant children and families through their immigration court process.
- 25 Praise God's infinite power, glory and presence as reflected in our life experiences and every aspect of nature and creation.
- 26 Give thanks for the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, sent to remind us of Jesus' teachings and God's love, and to stir our faith, peace and courage when we are troubled or fearful.
- 27 Give thanks and praise God for the significant and lasting impact of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*. Pray that we will build upon what it has accomplished and continue to be generous in supporting new and existing programs and ministries that serve our neighbor, nurture new leaders and grow the church.
- 28 Pray with joy and thanksgiving, for God is gracious and generous in blessing us, and God's saving power stretches to every corner of the earth.
- **29** Pray for more than 3,500 summer camp staff and volunteers as they prepare to serve in ELCA outdoor ministries as role models, affirming and encouraging the faith of campers of all ages and abilities and guiding them toward the paths and ways of God throughout life.
- **30** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the South Dakota, Nebraska, Upstate New York, Delaware-Maryland and North Carolina synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing

the church.

31 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the South Carolina, Southeastern, Southwest California, Southeastern Minnesota, Greater Milwaukee and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.





Deanna Barthelme 05/01



# Birthdays

Dearing Darthellic	05/01
Faith Wood	05/01
Christina Payette	05/02
Suzy Bradford	05/04
Coleen Gestl	05/04
Beverly Bishop	05/05
Josh Roszak	05/05
Shirley Griffith	05/06
Glenn Sponholtz	05/08
Hannah Bickham	05/09
Johnny Peterson	05/09
Clay Weimer	05/09
Brooke Garrett	05/10
Leigh Mark	05/10
Jose Villalobos	05/12
Katelyn Wishart	05/12
Erin Bates	05/13
Kyle Flick	05/13
Liam Wallace	05/13
Lizzie Wallace	05/13
Emily Weber	05/13
Leslie Velasquez	05/13
William Sinacori	05/14
Kaci Pereyra	05/15
Courtne' Lawrence	05/16
Kayle Gerstner	05/18
Heidi Heinicken	05/19
Larry Magers	05/19
Amelia Martinez	05/19
Austin Tatuaca	05/20
Milton Thomas	05/20
Andrew OBanion	05/21

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# Wedding Amniversaries

Liz & Tom Childs	05/06
Melanie & Steven Walker	05/06
Rhonda & Richard Lowery	05/15
Rachel (Gigee) & Cord Mance	05/15
Christine & Joseph Morrison	05/19
Susan & Duane Bickham	05/21
Christal & Guy Thompson	05/23
Cheryl & Rich Newell	05/24
Susan (Reynolds) & Gary Siegworth	105/26
Margo & Brian Gigee	05/28
Danica & Clay Weimer	05/28
Mina & William Sinacori	05/30

# Baptismal Anniversaries

Nancy Bryars	05/01
Joanne Cummings	05/01
Beth Moore	05/01
Josh Reed	05/01
Guy Thompson	05/01
Walt Wright	05/01
Cody Broughton	05/05
Amanda Patschke	05/09
Rebecca Reed	05/11
Clay Weimer	05/13
Suzy Bradford	05/14
Jan Homerstad	05/15
Jade Lawrence McCullough	05/15
Mary Kate Schroder	05/15
Derek Anderson	05/17
Andrew Cummings	05/17
Lucas Cummings	05/17
Gordon Meyer	05/20
Hazel Moore	05/21
Hattie Moore	05/21
Anthony (A.J.) Royal Jr.	05/21
Felicity Campbell	05/28
Andrew Thompson	05/28
Victoria Manrique	05/29
Adrian Manrique	05/29
Michael Manrique	05/29
Abbey Grage	05/31

If your name or date needs updating, please contact the New Life office to have your name included in next year's posting.

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# Helping Hands in Worship - May 2019

Altar Guild: Denise Jurgens & Barbara Flowers

Communion Wine/ Wafers are provided by Guy & Christal Thompson

Services		May 5 Senior Blessing	May 12 Mother's Day	May19 Easter 5	May 26 Easter 6	June 2 Easter 7
Acolyte	8:00 10:30	Harleigh Gosch Avery Welch	Clayton Migl Cate Cummings	Bryce Flick Jocelyn Weber	Harleigh Gosch Cate Cummings	Clayton Migl Casey Crawford
Assisting Minister	8:00 10:30	Sang Kim Jamie Hilliard	John Russell Gestl Aimee Castillo	Denise Jurgens Peter Weber	Nancy Bryars Michael Porter	John Russell Gestl Cindy Welch
Communion Assistant 8:00am		Denise Jurgens Frank Jurgens	Susie Wellman Tiffany Pineda	Cheryl Robinson Susie Wellman	Lynn Barron Coleen Gestl	Frank Jurgens Denise Jurgens
Communion Assistant 10:30am		Michael Porter Ed Bradford	Gary Siegworth Barbara Flowers	Carole Wright Deanna Barthelme	Christal Thompson Tiffany Pineda	Mary Ann Marcha Ed Bradford
Altar Flowers		Cindy Welch	Flick Family in Honor of Kyle's 18 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	Guy & Christal Thompson in Honor of their 32 <sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary	Pastor & Margo Gigee In Honor of their 25 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	Viola & Allen Patschke
Lay Reader	8:00 10:30	Norm Griffith Carole Wright	Evelyn Baldauf Lisa Weber	Frank Jurgens Becky Homerstad	Helen Beckman Bryan Bradford	Lynn Barron Carole Wright
Nursery 10:30 Madeline Schroder		Trent Perez	Madeline Schroder	Trent Perez	Jackie Crawford	
Greeters 8:00 Helen Beckman		Coleen Gestl John Gestl	Nancy Bryars	Vincent Gottleib Robin Gottleib	Coleen Gestl John Gestl	
Greeters 10:30 Nolan Patschke Donna Patschke		Lan Hansen Bob Hansen	Charles Foster Saundra Foster	Linda Stavinoha Lynn Cope Rylynn & Logan	Andy Crawford Ed Bradford	
Ushers	8:00	Shirley Griffith Norm Griffith	Vincent Gottleib Robin Gottleib	Charles Gaevert Frank Jurgens	Susie Wellman Doug Barron	Shirley Griffith Norm Griffith
Ushers 10:30 Milton Thomas Christal Thompson		Floyd Brown Tiffany Pineda & Logan	Greg Grayson Gary Siegworth Nolan Patschke Milton Thomas		Tony White Floyd Brown	
Coffee Hour		OPEN	OPEN	SENIORS	MIM	OPEN
Opening Closing & Count		Susie Wellman OPEN OPEN	Susie Wellman OPEN OPEN	Susie Wellman OPEN OPEN	Susie Wellman OPEN OPEN	Elna Ritter Cindy Welch OPEN
•	8:00 10:30	Charlie G./John G. Mike Kiser	Charlie G./John G. Mike Kiser	Charlie G./John G. Mike Kiser	Charlie G./John G. Mike Kiser	Charlie G./John G. Mike Kiser





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