

SIGNS OF NEW LIFE



On October 25 the Quilting Team prepared the sanctuary for the blessing of 132 quilts to be sent out to Lutheran World Relief. These quilts will become more than a blanket. They become shade from the heat, a wall for a home, and a carrier for belongings.

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Walk in Newness of Life Pastor Clayton Faulkner

November has great things in store. I am looking forward to this month. Possibly because of all the changes in the liturgical calendar. The church's connection to time has been a resonant part of my spiritual journey. November marks the turning over of a new leaf in liturgical time.

November begins with All Saints' Sunday. Once upon a time during my doctoral studies, I wrote a 20-page paper on All Saints' Day. Just for fun, I opened the document from 2008. Here's an excerpt: *"The need for an All Saints' Day arose in the third century due to an overpopulated sanctoral cycle. In the early church, martyrs were highly honored and remembered for their ultimate sacrifice. As the number of martyrs increased while the early church was persecuted, soon the amount of martyred saints outnumbered the days in the calendar. The solution was to create one all-encompassing day to recognize and honor all the saints, many of whom were forgotten or overlooked."*

All Saints' Sunday will be special at New Life this year, not only for our remembrance of loved ones, but also for the baptism of Melissa James (my first baptism!).

Sunday, November 13 is one last green day for the liturgical and calendar year (the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost). It is here that things begin to turn toward the beginning of the end.

The color of the day goes back to white on Sunday, November 20 for Christ the King Sunday (or Reign of Christ Sunday as I sometimes like to call it). This is the New Year's Eve of the liturgical calendar as we anticipate the start of a new year the first Sunday of Advent.

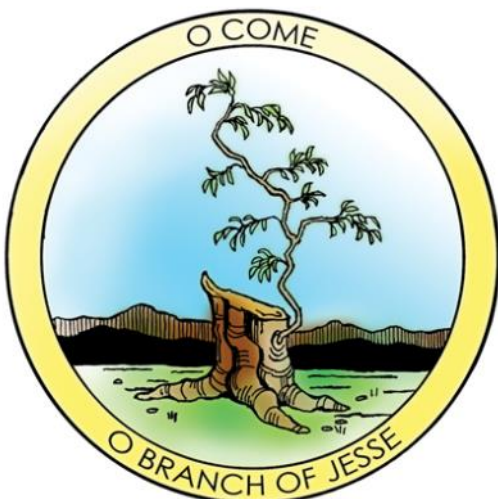
Before we cross over into Advent, we have a national holiday that doesn't necessarily get much attention from the church's calendar. Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 24. My family will be joining my extended family for food and relaxation. I'm sure many of you will be doing the same. Besides the turkey, football, and Friday sales, Thanksgiving is an opportunity to be thankful. I'm reminded of the word we use sometimes for Holy Communion, also known as Eucharist. This word comes

to us from the Greek *εὐχαριστία* which translates literally as “thanksgiving.” We begin our communion with the words, “Let us give *thanks* to the Lord, our God. It is right to give God *thanks* and praise.” Sharing communion is deeply connected to thanksgiving. I pray that your Thanksgiving gatherings will be transformed into little Eucharists as you reflect on how much we have to be thankful for.

Sunday, November 27 marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Advent. There are four Sundays in the season of Advent, leading up to the completion of the season on Christmas Eve. The word “advent” means “coming.” It comes from the Latin word *adventus* which is used to describe the arrival of a deity, the first visit of a new king or conqueror, or the enthronement of an emperor.

In our church, Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. Oddly enough, Advent is primarily about the end of time. A common misunderstanding is that Advent is mainly a time to get ready to celebrate Christmas. However, the primary focus is Christ’s second coming.

Advent is concerned with the future of the Risen One. A central theme is Jesus’ judgment and victory over all enemies. Advent is the celebration of God’s promise that, through Christ, all things will be made new. The beginning of the liturgical year, then, takes our thinking to the very end of things. There is a tension between the future and the past. We celebrate the fulfilling of God’s purpose as we remember the first coming of our Savior and anticipate Jesus’ second coming.



As we both remember and prepare for our Savior’s arrival, we will gather for midweek worship on Wednesday evenings (beginning on November 30). The familiar songs from Holden Evening Prayer and a message will draw us together and ground our preparations. Make plans to join us as we journey this season of thankfulness and anticipation. November has great things in store!



Church Council News

Mary Ann Marcha, Church Council Secretary

I'm reading "Squeezing Prayer Into a Busy Life" and this caught my eye while searching for a short read to the punch booklet which is located in the Narthex reading rack. The focuses are:

- Enriching your prayer life
- Creating your own prayer experience
- Making a commitment once a day for prayer

The one that resonated with me is, "Let the events of your day be springboards for conversations with God." Here's my take on this...

We all have our own style, such as reading a passage from the Bible or getting a daily devotional via online or a prayer group for inspiration. Are you a person who has a particular prayer time? Do you have a favorite place, do you kneel, are you with someone next to you or on the phone with someone, eyes closed, hands clasped together, do you say your prayer silently or out loud? So many choices we have that there should be no excuse from saying a daily prayer.

I usually pray when I'm headed to work because there is so much that I come across whether I'm on the bus or driving into downtown. I may see a car broken down, a car wreck, someone riding on a bike no matter the weather because that is their only form of transportation to work, or people walking/jogging for exercise, and the first responders making their way through traffic, students waiting for a school bus, or a group of kids walking to school. The individuals I pray a lot for are 18-wheeler drivers because they are constantly challenged by aggressive drivers. The one truck driver I know is Floyd Brown, you are an amazing driver! I also pray for the homeless, perhaps it is their choice to live on the streets, but I often wonder what their story is. I pray for everyone, known or unknown to me.

Maybe you think your prayer is mundane, not so! God listens to us all and always. Thank you church family for your prayers past, present, and future. This sentence is an excerpt, "God is our perfect Parent, who knows perfectly well that your falls and fumbling's in prayer are simply steps in your progress toward a deeper union with God."

Lastly, I want to say our prayers have been answered, we have Pastor Clayton making every effort to put new life in New Life, to our new volunteers and the repeaters who have not missed a beat, and to our congregation for recognizing the importance of Church Council members.

Public response period: Social message on climate care

We need your help! A draft of the ELCA's forthcoming social message on climate change and how we are called to respond has been posted, and the public comment period is open through Friday, Dec. 2. The draft will be edited in response to your feedback and brought to the ELCA Church Council for a vote this spring. To read the draft and provide your input through our online form, go to elca.org/climatecare.

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2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

including **MYLE** **the tAble**
Young Adult Gathering

New ELCA Young Adult Gathering

The ELCA Youth Gathering and Young Adult Ministries are excited to announce the first-ever **Young Adult Gathering**, taking place in New Orleans during the 2024 Gathering from July 16 to 20. With the cancellation of the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering, MYLE and the tAble, many young people were not able to participate in these life-changing faith-formation events, which prompted the Gathering to think creatively about how these now-young-adults can be involved. Find event details at ELCA.org/gathering.

New Members Welcomed on October 2

At the 10:30 AM service on October 2 we welcomed new members by Affirmation of Baptism: Kate, Deacon, and Masamo Faulkner; Jan Kolosseus; and Ann and Heidi Sebring!



Youth and Family Announcements



The Faulkner and Tatuaca families attended the Fall Family Retreat at Lutherhill on October 14-16. The upcoming Advent Retreat is for 1st - 6th grade students.

Advent Retreat
WEEKEND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY This mini retreat begins Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. with gathering games and an evening devotion.

SATURDAY Jump right into an action-packed day of faith exploration, community meals and camp activities. And before you know it - you're on your way by 4:00 p.m. after a sending worship.

DECEMBER 2-3 | \$60/Camper, \$40/Sponsor*

The graphic features a background of autumn trees. At the bottom, there is a photograph of children playing basketball on an outdoor court. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent orange and red background.



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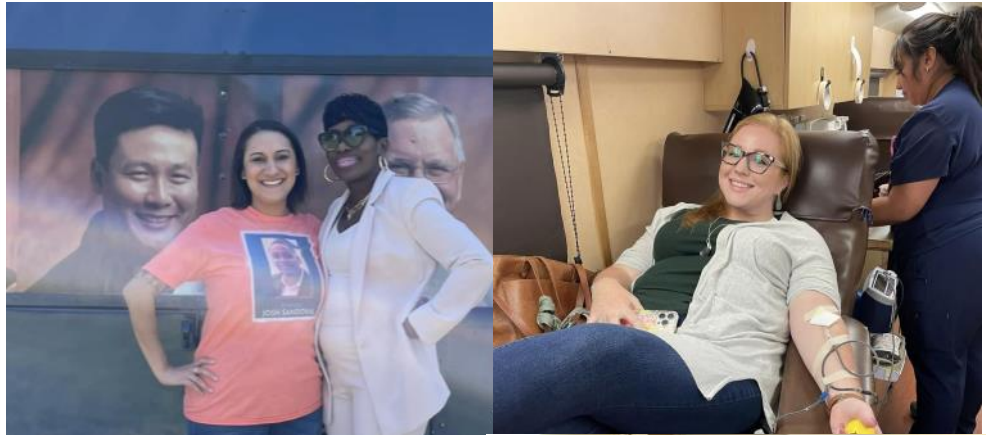
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Support Our
Community!



Thanks to All Our Blood Donors

The Blood Drive at New Life Lutheran Church on October 9 collected 23 total units of blood to help our neighbors in need!



Quilters

New Life Quilters are still hard at work creating quilts to sell and to send to Lutheran World Relief. They meet every



Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall and all are welcome to help make quilts and have fellowship with the ladies.

Quilting is a year-round activity and once the quilts are sent to LWR on November 5, the work of creating more for next year begins.



Meals on Wheels Ministry at New Life

During the month of October, New Life had 18 volunteers who served 160 meals to 32 clients over five days! Thank you to the following people who helped with this ministry: Tamsey Mims, Cheryl Robinson, Donna Patschke, Lynn Cope, Terri Kiser, Helen Beckman, Mary Anna Vance, Becky Homerstad, Bubba Flowers, Carole & Walt Wright, Nancy & Roland Bryars, Lynn & Doug Barron, Barbara & Matt Scott and Bubba & Barbara Flowers.

We are always in need of a few more people. There are times when one or more of the above mentioned people are unable to help for the week. When this happens, it is nice to have some substitute volunteers who can help. Remember – this is **ONE** day every **EIGHT** weeks. If you would like some more information or think you might be interested in helping, please call (or text) Barbara Flowers @ 713-817-1012

The remaining calendar for 2022 is:


December 12-16

If you know someone who might benefit from this program, you can call Pearland Meals on Wheels at 281-485-5081 for information.


BEAR provides children in Harris County in Child Protective Services with basic needs, support, and dignity.

We Are Hosting a BEAR Toy Drive through December 11

Gifts can be purchased for children newborn – 17 years old. **NEW** gifts only, no used items. No candy, food items, or clothing (these resources are provided through BEAR's year round program). If a gift requires batteries, please include them. Do not gift wrap gifts/toys (donations of wrapping paper or gift bags are always appreciated for caregivers, though!).



Help BEAR fulfill the holiday wishes of over **19,000 abused, neglected, and at-risk children** this holiday season through our **BEARing Gifts** program!




Gift Suggestions

Infants: Nursery Toys, Teething Toys, Ride-On Toys, Sit-To-Stand Walkers, Activity Mats, Soft Building Blocks	Toddlers: Toy Trucks/Cars, Action Figures/Dolls, Costume/Dress Up Items, Building Blocks, Stuffed Animals, Play Food/Dishes, Interactive Learning Toys (VTech)
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Children (up to 12 years old): Action Figures/Dolls, Tween Make-Up Sets, Arts and Crafts Kits, Science/Discovery Kits, Puzzles, Legos, Remote Control Cars/Helicopters	Children (13+): Tablets, Bluetooth Headphones, Digital/Instant Camera (with refills), Make-Up Sets, Nail Polish, Bath & Body Sets, Jewelry Items (both genders), Cologne/Perfume Sets, Purses/Wallets
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General Toys:
Bikes*, Scooters, Sports Equipment (all types), Board Games, Handheld Gaming Device, Tablets

*Bikes = please ensure they are **not** assembled and are still in the box.



Scan to learn more about BEARing Gifts!

3572 E TC Jester Blvd. Houston, TX 77018 | www.bearesourcehouston.org | 713.274.9850



Thank You! From Church Council and Staff

- To Mina, Nancy, and Rachel for the 2023 budget proposals.
- To Mina for her dedication to New Life as a volunteer in worship, fundraising, and on council.
- To Mina for her devotion to the church and being available when called upon throughout the year (from Vanessa).
- To Mina for her knowledge of office procedures and etiquette that she bestowed (from Tiffany).
- To Mina for being the first person who welcomed the Weber family to New Life (from Lisa).
- To the congregation for donating 23 units of blood.
- To Aimee for organizing the blood drive.
- To our office volunteers: Linda, Tamsey, Lynn, Elna, Tiffany, Korie, Charlotte, Julie and others.
- To the incoming 2023 council members for their future volunteer hours.
- To the estate of Gretchen Barnes for her legacy gift.
- To Mike for the leg work of securing the Barnes gift.
- To Margaret Purdum for her generous donation to the church.
- To Helen and all who organized the food following Don Purdum's memorial service.
- To Jill, Bryan, and Helen for their stewardship Temple Talks.
- To John and Coleen for Beanie Babies donated to the Halloween Party.
- To Cheryl for stuffed animals and toys donated to the Halloween Party.
- To all who made candy donations for the Halloween Party.
- To Elaine D. for decorations and items for bingo donated to the Halloween Party, as well as the crosses.
- To Bob for his generous donation for the Halloween Party.
- To Korie for all her hard work in making her first fundraiser such a success and raising over \$3,000.
- To the Barrons for providing the Thrivent card for the fundraiser.
- To all the workers, donations of food, money, and silent auction items for the fundraiser.
- To Bob and Lan for the seasonal greeting cards.

We appreciate you ALL so much!



**Thank you to the
Pearland Fire
Department for
sharing their
truck at the
Halloween Party!**

Signs of New Life

Welcome Dean Roszak!

Joshua and Abby welcomed Dean into their family on September 18! Abby shares that everyone is good and that they've "been adjusting to the chaos that is three kids and their schedules!"



Thank You from Action Behavior Centers

Dear New Life Lutheran Church,

Thank you for allowing our group of dedicated clinicians and therapists to use your field to play kickball. It is our mission to embody FUN and TEAM, our clinicians love playing kickball after hours and we were thrilled to be able to use this space provided. We appreciate your flexibility and support!

Best regards,

Jennifer Nguyen
Clinic Admissions
Associate
Action Behavior Centers



Halloween Party Attendees Check Out the Firetruck



Lutherhill Summer Camp Registration Starts Nov. 1

Lutherhill Summer 2023

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FIND YOUR
Camp!



Week 1 | June 11-16

Alpha | Youngn | Yearling | Jr. High Adventure | LYLE 1

Week 2 | June 18-23

Youngn | Yearling | Jr. High | Sr. High Adventure | LYLE 1
Onsite Day Camp

Week 3 | June 25-30

Camp at Your Church! Connect with Lutherhill to bring a Day Camp to your community!

Week 4 | July 2-7

Family Camp | LYLE 2

Week 5 | July 9-14

Yearling - Art Camp | Jr. High - Art Camp | LYLE 2 | Onsite Day Camp

Week 6 | July 16-21

Alpha | Youngn | Yearling | Jr. High - Amazing Race | LYLE 1

Week 7 | July 23-28

Alpha | Youngn | Yearling | Jr. High Adventure | LYLE 1

Week 8 | July 30-August 4

Youngn | Yearling | Jr. High | Onsite Day Camp

ALPHA | Completed 1st Grade (3 Night Stay)
YOUNGN | Completed 2nd or 3rd Grade
YEARLING | Completed 4th, 5th or 6th Grade
JR. HIGH | Completed 6th, 7th or 8th Grade
SR. HIGH | Completed 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th Grade
LYLE 1 | Completed 9th or 10th Grade
LYLE 2 | Completed LYLE 1, 10th or 11th Grade

Ready to Register?

Visit us at: lutherhill.org





Sunday School Wraps up on November 20

Most of our Sunday School classes will finish on November 20 and take a break for Advent and Christmas. The children and youth will prepare for their Christmas Pageant during the break (scheduled for December 11).

Combined ELCA High School Events

The high school students in our synod's conference (the Coastal Bay Conference) are joining together for events once a month. This month we are gathering for jumping and fellowship at Christus Victor Lutheran Church in League City. See flyer below for details.

Coastal Conference Youth

JUMPING WORLD!

FALL GATHERING FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

Saturday, November 19, 2022

- 4 – 6pm at Jumping World,
100 Gulf Fwy N, League City
\$25/person
- 6:30pm dinner and fellowship
at Christus Victor Lutheran Church,
2098 W Main St, League City

Please RSVP by 11.11.22
YouthMem1@gmail.com -or- 409.945.4052

EnviroNews Helen Beckman



Saturday, November 5 is Pearland's Fall Sweep Litter Cleanup. We need your help to pick up litter along E. Orange Street, our adopt-a-spot. Students can get volunteer credit for school. Meet at the church at 8:30 AM. It will take about 1.5 hours. Refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, November 10 is Garden Lecture live on Facebook at 7 PM. The topic is "House Plants and Ornamentals." There will be no garden lecture in December. <www.facebook.com/keeppearlandbeautiful>

I'm sure you're enjoying the cooler weather as much as I am. Beware. Some animals are thinking it's time to seek warmer quarters nearby and your garage, house, or attic may seem a good choice. Last winter I had 4 mice move in and now I have a huge opossum in my attic. The mice can come in a very small hole, but this guy must have come through the garage attic. Now is a good time to check all around the house and on the roof for any opening for a possible wildlife entry. Squirrels have also been known to cause big problems and damage in a home.

Last year I knew something was amiss when I saw the damage in my pantry and the hole on top of my flour canister plus droppings left behind. The exterminator told me mice feast where they are and leave a mess. Rats like to take things back to their nest, not much spore left behind.

Whatever the animal, it could bring disease and parasites in addition to the mess and destruction. Opossums don't attack, but threaten by baring teeth and hissing. They also play dead. Animal Control told me they have a very sensitive sense of smell and that putting out some water with cayenne pepper in it may cause them to vacate. My next-door neighbor's grandson just came over and put a trap with cat food bait in it up in my attic. We'll see if I catch anything. I hope that after this I can continue to observe wildlife in nature. As I told my children, pets are welcome indoors. Wildlife belongs in its natural habitat. All forms of life are God's gift and act according to their own nature.



A Hindu swami was sitting by a stream when he saw a stinging bug struggling to stay above water. He reached in and saved the bug. The bug stung him and dropped back into the water. The swami reached in and saved it again. A passerby saw what transpired and commented about the fact that the bug stung him.

The swami replied, "That's what the bug does."

"Then why did you save it again?"

"That's what I do."

Upcoming Events

Senior Lunch is Wednesday, November 2 at noon. The group will be receiving an offering to help hurricane relief in Florida.

Quilt Shipping on Saturday, November 5 at noon. Lend a hand in loading up the trailer with our boxes of quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Orange Street Cleanup on Saturday, November 5 at 8:30 AM. A group will be picking up litter and anyone is welcome to participate.

All Saints' Sunday is on November 6. You can submit a name to be included during our remembrance in worship. You can also bring to church a framed picture of a loved one who has died.

WELCA Thankoffering is Sunday, November 20. Our guest preacher and presider that day is Pastor Tracey Schultz, assistant to the bishop of the Gulf Coast Synod.

Midweek Advent Worship begins on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 PM. We will gather to sing Holden Evening Prayer and hear a message. A community dinner in the Fellowship Hall will happen beforehand at 6:00 PM.

Halloween Trick-or-Treaters

Elna and Diane greeted the neighborhood kids with candy on Halloween night. A group from church enjoyed fellowship and six pets were blessed!



Seafarer Christmas Boxes

Seniors will be packing boxes on December 7th

Seafarer Box Donation List - Needs

(We try to put this in every box)

Shaving Cream	Large Soap	Pocket Sized
Razors (3 per box)	Washcloth	Notebooks
Deodorant	Hairbrush/Comb	Gum/Hard Candy
ToothBrush	Pens	Shampoo
ToothPaste	Pencils	Conditioner
Nail Clippers	Pencil Sharpeners	Lotion
		Playing Cards
		Ball
		Car
		Misc Toys

Extras (if we have them)

BandAids	Word Search
Dental Floss	Sudoku
Kleenex	Coloring Book
Gold Bond Powder	Flashlight w/ Batteries
KeyChain	Texas Souvenirs
Mechanical Pencils	Earbuds/Headphones
Magnets	Lip Balm
USB Flashdrive	Sewing Kit
Hot Chocolate	
Popcorn	
Q-Tips	

Fillers (for larger boxes)

TShirts (New)
BaseBall Caps
Ski Cap
Gloves
Socks
Puzzles
Magazines
Books



New Life has been packing 100+ Christmas shoeboxes for the Seafarers out of the Port of Houston for many years.

Collections are made all year around and the New Life Seniors pack these boxes at their Luncheon in December. The wrapped shoeboxes, books, magazines, puzzles and many more bulk items are taken to the Port of Houston, International Seafarers Center during the month of December for distribution to the ships that come in to port.

Items above will be collected in the Fellowship Hall until the December packing.

Financial Snapshot

Giving in October 2022 (through Oct. 29)	= \$20,207.41 (76.1%)
Giving needed per month	= \$26,519.00
Giving January—October 2022	= \$215,797.93 (81.3%)
Giving needed January—October 2022	= \$265,190.00



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At Large: Lisa Weber, Aimee Castillo

Helping Hands in Worship for November 2022

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Assisting Minister 8:00	Helen Beckman		Nancy Bryars	
Communion 8:00 Assistant	Tamsey Mims	Doug Barron		
Communion 8:00 Assistant	Lynn Barron	Lynn Barron		
Ushers 8:00	Doug Barron	Charlie Gaevert		
Assisting Minister 10:30	Aimee Castillo	Bryan Bradford	Aimee Castillo	
Communion 10:30 Assistant	Linda Hudgens	Merideth Oliver	Merideth Oliver	
Communion 10:30 Assistant	Merideth Oliver	Barbara Flowers		
Ushers 10:30	Cathy Scott		Cathy Scott	Jenaro & Max Castillo
Acolyte 10:30				
Altar Flowers	Mark and Susie Wellman	Tamsey Mims/ Dolores McCafferty	Cheryl Robinson	Stephanie Creighton

November 2022

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