

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SIGNS OF NEW LIFE



Save the dates for our 9:30 AM Sunday services!

The dates listed below are dates that will entail only one worship service.



Don't forget to
wear your T-shirt!

God's Work Our Hands

September 10

Congregational Meeting

September 24

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Walk in Newness of Life Pastor Clayton Faulkner

There are many exciting things happening with our young people here at New Life. We had Rally Day on August 13 including a backpack blessing in both worship services and the kickoff of Sunday School. 35 people participated in Sunday School that day! (13 children/youth, 22 adults).



Vacation Bible School concluded on August 3 and was very successful with 18 children participating, 5 students assisting, and 5 adults



supporting. The children of VBS took up an offering and raised \$143 designated to God's Global Barnyard, a ministry of the ELCA's World Hunger program. They helped people in the developing world by purchasing honeybees,

piglets, and goats!

Our High School students kicked off the year with a Pool Party on August 13 that included 15 people gathering at the Tatuaca's home (8 students and 7 parents). They are being energized by their new Sunday School teachers, Helen Beckman and Charlie Gaevert, as well as plans to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024.



God has blessed New Life with a growing and thriving ministry to young people and families. This presents us with an opportunity to build on the gifts and energy they bring to the church. We want young people to know that they are loved and cherished by God and called to lives of services for the sake of Jesus in the world. Join me in giving thanks and praise to God for the growth and blessings we are experiencing.

New Life has two important events happening in September: God's Work, Our Hands Sunday (September 10) and our semi-annual congregational meeting (September 24). A friendly reminder: we will have ONE combined service at 9:30 AM on each of those Sundays. It's always a good thing when we combine worship services like this. It gives the people at each of our normal two services the chance to mingle together and see each other. Even though we are usually separated into two worship services, we remain ONE church in Christ.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is a denomination-wide event. On that day, churches in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America come together as one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

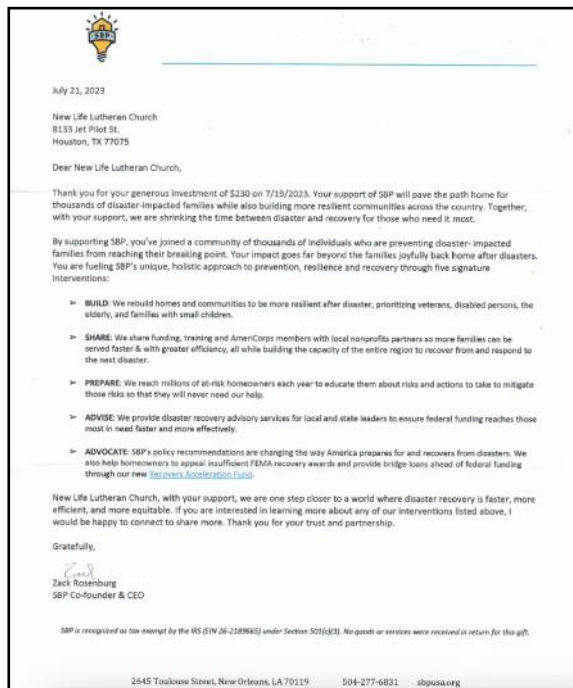


We will gather for one combined worship service at 9:30 AM followed by a host of options to roll up your sleeves and get to work. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

We have plenty of indoor projects to work on that day, as well as some clean up outdoors. We are also working on a project offsite that will have us serving those in our community. Don't forget to wear your yellow shirt that day!

The second important event in September is our semi-annual congregational meeting on September 24. Following our combined worship service at 9:30 AM, the members of New Life will meet to conduct the business of the church. We will approve the minutes from the previous congregational meeting, hear from the Nominating Committee about new council nominees, vote on new council members, discuss a proposal for a Reserve Fund to help manage the church's finances, and hear a report from me, your pastor. I hope you will plan to join us that day as we attend to these details of our ministry together.

Thank You from SBP



NOTES



from Rebecca



Notes from Rebecca

Rebecca McDonald, Director of Worship and Music

CELEBRATING OUR YOUTH

Remember last spring when we held various fundraisers for youth going to camp? Remember our exciting Marinara and Melodies concert? Well, this month we're featuring two of our youth who benefitted from those fundraisers.



Over the summer, Jocelyn Weber and Austin Tatuaca attended Lutheran Summer Music camp at Valparaiso University. Founded in 1981, Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is billed as "the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students."

Jocelyn, a sophomore bassoon player, reports:

"Attending Lutheran Summer Music was an incredible opportunity for me to grow both as a musician and in faith. While at LSM, I met many people from all across the country who I got to know both as musicians and as people. I made many friends there, (some who even live as far as New York!), that I still keep in touch with and can't wait to see again next summer. This experience allowed me to spend my time doing what I love as a musician and growing in my faith, in a beautiful community of people who all had so much in common. I was able to learn many new things from the people around me and spend my time around people who I was truly blessed to have met. I am so incredibly grateful for having been able to have this incredible experience at LSM and for all the people who helped make this possible for me."

Austin, a bass clarinet player who is a freshman this year, had this to say:

"The best part about Lutheran Summer Music was to see and make new friends with musical talent, and learn about musical knowledge I never knew before. My daily schedule would always have morning prayer before breakfast. I would spend the morning working on concert music with the full band, and learning different music notes in my musicianship class. I would usually be free for the rest of the afternoon to hang out with friends or practice. They had table tennis, pool tables, and



ultimate Frisbee. After dinner, there would usually be recitals to watch where we needed to dress nice, and after we would have a fantastic evening prayer. I learned about the different methods that some churches use, like singing a hymn and everybody singing back. LSM was a great experience and I am so thankful I got to go this summer!"

What a wonderful blessing in the lives of these talented young people! Many thanks to everyone who supported them.

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to everyone who signed up to be a Helping Hand in worship, both existing volunteers and brand new ones! We are so grateful for your service. Be sure you've picked up a handbook for your role from Cathy Scott, and we'll be in touch regarding training if needed.

I'm also excited that our choir has started again, and I know we are going to have a lot of fun this year! Look for the choir to debut on September 10th (and remember there is only one service that day at 9:30). We would love to have even more voices in the choir, so it's not too late to come and join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30.

Please let me know if you have any questions about worship Helping Hands or the choir. music@newlifelutheran.com See you in worship!

Sunday School For Everyone

Sunday School has returned! We have room for everyone, and you are welcome.

Class options at 9:15 AM include:

- Elementary Class (Kindergarten through 6th grade) – downstairs Fellowship Hall classrooms
- Confirmation Class (7th through 8th grade and parents) – conference room in office building
- High School Class (9th through 12th grade) – library in office building
- Adult Class – Fellowship Hall



Upcoming Events

Senior Lunch: All Seniors 55+ are welcome to join us for lunch September 6 in the fellowship hall 12:00PM—1:00PM.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday: On Sunday, September 10 we will observe "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. One service at 9:30 AM—don't forget your yellow shirts!

WELCA Lunch Out: All women of the church are welcome to join us for lunch at La Madeleine (11200 Broadway St #1600) on Wednesday, September 13 at 11:30 AM.

Mary and Martha Bible Study: All women of the church are welcome to join us for a Bible study in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, September 20 at 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM.

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Orange Street Cleanup: Saturday, September 23 at 8:30 AM. Join a team to pick up litter in our neighborhood!

Family Retreat at Lutherhill: Friday evening, October 13 through Sunday morning, October 15 at Camp Lutherhill in La Grange. A gathering for your family to rest, play, and reconnect. Make space to rest as you relax in a hammock, sneak in an afternoon nap or take in the epic Lutherhill sunset. Make space to play as you tackle the ropes course, take aim at the sling shot range or sing silly songs around the campfire. Make space to reconnect with the ones you love and our loving God. Cost is \$110 per Adult (ages 13+) and \$80 per Child (ages 3-12). Ages 2 and under: Free. Family Maximum: \$360. Contact Pastor Clayton for more details (pastor@newlifelutheran.com).



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, the work of creating more for next year begins.



Meals on Wheels Ministry at New Life

We will be delivering meals this month on Monday, September 18– Friday 22.

Thank you to everyone who helps with this fantastic ministry!

Future Dates: November 13-17

We are always needing extra drivers/delivery volunteers. If you are thinking you might want to help with one of the above dates, please let me know. It is really simple, takes about 2 hours, and you only NEED to agree to one day.

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

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Thank You! From Church Council and Staff

- Nancy B. for stepping in last moment and filling a vacancy as assisting minister in worship!
- Our Sunday School leaders: Lorraine W., Merideth O., Pastor Clayton, Bryan B., Charlie G., Helen B., and Kate F.
- Our Vacation Bible School adult volunteers: Cheryl R., Helen B., Linda H., Karen D., and Diane T.
- Our Vacation Bible School youth volunteers: Deacon F., Masamo F., Emily W., Elliot B., and Reggie M.
- The Tatuaca family for hosting the high school pool party.
- Mark R. for hosting the Vacation Bible School pool party.
- Terri K. for volunteering in the church office.
- Our administrative assistant, Marissa Z., who's last day in the office was August 25. We have enjoyed getting to know you and appreciate your service over the last 5 months.

We appreciate you ALL so much!

Financial Snapshot

Giving in August 2023 (through Aug 27) = \$21,089.71 (83%)
 Giving needed per month = \$25,328.00
 Giving January—August 2023 = \$169,312.71 (83.6%)
 Giving needed January—August 2023 = \$202,624.00

Christian Helping Hands Judy Foucheaux

For the month of August a total of 449 pounds have been collected and taken to CHH.

For her birthday, Robin Gottlieb asked for no gifts, but requested food for Christian Helping Hands. Robin's friends and family gave her 323 pounds of food and a check to CHH for \$50.00 toward more food. Thank you Robin and family. Also a big thank you to Doug Barron for taking the food from the church to CHH.

No more egg cartons are needed at this time.



Environews

Helen Beckman

Tuesday, September 5 the Stella Roberts Recycle Center (SRRC) will be closed for Labor Day Celebration. Normally the SRRC is open five days, Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM with their weekend on Sunday and Monday.

It will be closed again for facility maintenance and staff training **September 26 through 29**, Tuesday through Friday, and open again Saturday, September 30.

Thursday, September 14 is the monthly Garden Lecture sponsored by Keep Pearland Beautiful (KPB) and Brazoria County Master Gardeners on KPB Facebook at 7:00 PM. The topic for this month is **“Strawberries are My Jam”** led by Kimberly Meyer, CEA. Previous lectures can be watched on KPB Facebook page.

Saturday, September 23 is Community Wide Cleanup. We will meet at the Church at 8:30 AM to pick up litter on E. Orange St., our adopt-a-spot. Breakfast, bags, and gloves will be supplied. We should be finished by 10:30. Students can get volunteer hour credit for school and scouts. Everyone else will receive the good feeling that comes from knowing you have done your part for the environment and our neighbors. We desperately need your help! Your next opportunity will be the Fall Sweep Cleanup on Saturday, November 4.



Save the dates:

Saturday, October 21 will be the Fall Native **Plant Sale** at the SRRC from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It will no longer be part of the annual Plant Thyme Luncheon.

Friday, November, 3 is Arbor Day in Texas. It will also be the day for the annual **Plant Thyme Luncheon**, which has been held in October in past years. There will be some changes this year. Instead of being a fund raiser, it is repurposed for education. Funds raised are for the purpose of paying for the event itself. The tickets are now \$25 each. There will be a hat raffle. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and 5 for \$40. There will be no plant sale or silent auction. There is a major fundraiser scheduled for the spring. More details next month.





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Helping Hands In Worship September 2023

	3-Sep	9/10/2023 (9:30)	17-Sep	9/24/2023 (9:30)
Assisting Minister 8:00	Helen Beckman	Lisa Hitchcock-Weber	Cheryl Robinson	Peter Weber
Communion 8:00 Assistant	Vince Gottlieb	Nancy Bryars	Doug Barron	Cheryl Robinson
Communion 8:00 Assistant	Robin Gottlieb	Linda Hudgens	Lynn Barron	
Ushers 8:00	Doug Barron	Jenaro Castillo		Jenaro Castillo
Acolyte 8:00		Max and Emily		Max
Assisting Minister 10:30	Bryan Bradford		Evelyn Baldauf	
Communion 10:30 Assistant	Merideth Oliver		Linda Hudgens	
Communion 10:30 Assistant	Barbara Flowers			
Ushers 10:30	Cathy Scott		Cathy Scott	
Acolyte 10:30			Matthew and Rebecca	

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
8am - Traditional Worship @ 9:15am - Sunday School 10:30am - Contemporary Worship 12pm - Word Fellowship Christian					6pm - WOW - Women of Worth @ 10:30am - Phoenix Group 4pm - Word Fellowship Christian	
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30am - Combined Worship - 12pm - Word Fellowship Christian	6pm - Church Council Meeting @ 6:30pm - Girls Scouts Troop 8pm - AA Meeting (Co-Ed) @ 8pm - Al-Anon @ Sanctuary	8am - Quilters Workshop @ 7pm - Word Fellowship Christian	11:30am - WELCA Lunch Out @ la	10am - Pearland Area Education	First Day of Hispanic Heritage 6pm - WOW - Women of Worth @	10:30am - Phoenix Group 4pm - Word Fellowship Christian
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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