

NEW LIFE

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 NewLifeinPearland

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



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Hang On

Mark Your Calendars

Sundays, December 8th & 15th

LYO - Lutheran Youth Organization - Lunch

December 9th, 16th & 30th

Modified Yoga @ 6pm

Tuesdays, December 3rd, 10th, 17th & 31st

Quilting Workshop

Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th, 18th & 24th

Choir Practice

Sunday, December 1st - Advent 1

Greening & Brunch

Wednesday, December 4th

Seniors (55+) Lunch - Pack Seafarer Boxes

Thursday, December 5th

Property Meeting

Saturday, December 7th

Children's Community Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8th - Advent 2

Children's Christmas Program

Monday, December 9th

Church Council

Wednesday, December 10th

WELCA Lunch @ Hope Village Café' (2351)

Thursday, December 11th

Bazaar Meeting GLOW Meeting

Saturday, December 14th

Youth Cookie Fundraiser

Sunday, December 15th - Advent 3

WELCA "Angels" Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 17th

Men's Night Out Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 18th

Mary Martha Bible Study

Friday, December 20th

Caroling & Blanket Drive

Sunday, December 22nd - Advent 4

Tuesday, December 24th @ 4pm, 7pm & 11pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Wednesday, December 25th

CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 29th

Songfest SUNDAY

Note: The Office is now closed on Fridays

December 2019



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Don't Let Go

The Lifeline



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

...for people like us...

... in times like this...

“WHEN ADVENT CALL US TO START OVER!”

Dear friends & followers @ New Life,

Lutherans and other liturgical churches celebrate Advent every year... it's when the church parament colors change from green to blue. Blue is the color of HOPE and Advent is a time of hope... a time not to just prepare for Christmas but a time to ask and answer a series of questions... What does it mean to embrace “new life?” It kind of leans into the question of the fundamentalists... “Are you saved?” Which always makes me ask... “Saved from what?” Saved from who?” Saved for what?” It's important to press this... Why? Well, because we are always saints and sinners... always sinners and saints... and when it comes to the ‘saving’ aspect of my life... I could get “saved” at the local Third Baptist Church of the Incarnate Intersection... but rob a bank the next day... losing my saved-ness in stealing the savings of others... See? It's the same with “new life”... we have one... because of the ‘saving’ nature of Jesus... but do we live it? Hopefully, with a ‘do-over’ each day!

When New Life Lutheran Church was founded in 2005, this name we chose (*we actually voted on it!*) was connected to the community in which we live... for when people come to Pearland and the SE Houston/Beltway 8 corridor you probably moved into a new house in a new subdivision and shopped at a new grocery store. You drove there in a new car because you just got a new job to relocate you to this area and if you have children they most likely attend a brand new school and will make new friends very soon... get it? When people come to this part of greater Houston they get a ‘new life’ and since there was no other church in town by that name... it worked...

But, by 2015... God seemed to have a different idea...not only did people join New Life as newcomers... many have come here seeking a new life... as in a place to start over, a place to review and reassess faith and life and service in Jesus's name. We've had our share of babies baptized at New Life but we have also celebrated baptism with older children, teens and adults... because we believe no matter your age or place... *Jesus still gives new life in a new place and new time with new friends & new tasks...*

So Advent comes this December 1! It's a time be *new* again... willing to get rid of the life we've planned to have the Godly life that is waiting for us... a desire to claim a new starting point for the days and years to come, not only a hope, but a keen pulsating desire transcending everything about us It's the Jesus-style life he promised... powered by grace... experiencing joy and pain, with victory and loss, in each generation, the circle of life and faith the world can't live without...

For what it's worth, it's never too late to be who God has called you to be! It's never too late - never too late to start over, never too late to take your place at Christ's table and watch the waters of your baptism wash you anew... never... never... too late! Advent blessings to us all!

+++ PRAY + WORSHIP + STUDY + INVITE + ENCOURAGE + GIVE + SERVE +++



The Advent & Christmas season is upon us.
Services available to serve are:

- 12/24/19 - Senior Reception at 3pm
- Christmas Eve Service at 4pm
- Christmas Eve Service at 7pm
- Christmas Eve Service at 11pm



If you or you're your family would like to serve in a helping hand position as a part of one of the Advent or Christmas services please email Tiffany Pineda at: communitylife@newlifelutheran.com Please check the below schedule.



Helping Hands for Christmas Eve Services

SERVICES	24-Dec Christmas Eve – 4pm	24-Dec Christmas Eve - 7pm	24-Dec Christmas Eve - 11pm
Acolyte	Elliot Baldauf	Cate Cummings	
Assisting Minister	Aimee Castillo	Nancy Bryars	Michael Porter
Communion Assistants	Carole Wright Deanna Barthelme Gary Siegworth	Robin Gottlieb Stephanie Gottlieb Vincent Gottlieb	Andrew Thompson Christal Thompson
Greeters	Linda Stavinoha Dolores McCafferty	Lynn Cope Rylynn	
Ushers	Jenaro Castillo Sophia Max	Floyd Brown Art Pineda Logan	Ed Bradford Kate Bates

New Life will be putting up and decorating the tree, sanctuary and grounds on Sunday, December 1st during the Sunday's Cool hour and after the second service.

All are welcome!



A start of Advent celebration lunch and fellowship will follow the decorating in the Fellowship Hall.



The New Life Community Children's Christmas Party is around the corner, December 7th @ 11am and the team is in need of candy for goody bags and books, games and gently used (or new) stuffed animals for door prizes.

If you are able to donate, please see Linda Stavinoha. Thank you to all who have already or plan to donate!



children's program



**The New Life Sunday's
Cool/Children's Christmas
Program will be Sunday,
Dec. 8th at the 10:30 service.**



Program Practice

**Practice will be at
9am on Saturday,
Dec. 7th, before the
Community
Children's Christmas
Party.**

Let's Go Caroling

Caroling the neighborhood!
Friday, December 20th



Meet at 6:30pm for Hot Chocolate and snacks.

We are including a blanket drive for the residents of Windsong Care Center. Please leave donations in the Narthex before December 20th.

We are hoping to finish the night at Windsong, but that trip may get postponed until Sunday, December 22nd.





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that this year is almost over. We started this year with a large shadow hanging over our heads. (IRS Debt). Unfortunately it is still there. I received a letter a few days ago in which they responded to our offer of compromise. Now they need another 90 days to evaluate our offer. Beneath this shadow we showed our resilience and our commitment to Whole Life Stewardship. We took this challenge and raised over \$87,000.00 dollars to help pay this debt. What an awesome feat this is. We banded together and instead of folding we stepped up and met the challenge. We not only monetarily demonstrated our stewardship we demonstrated it by our show of faith and desire to learn Gods word and by showing our stewardship in daily life. God is Good!!!!

Many positive things have happened this year. I would list all of these things but I don't want to steal anybody's thunder. Please read all the other articles in this newsletter and realize all of the positive in this church.

I hope that all of you have a joyous Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. Peace and good will to all.

I am very thankful to be part of a very loving and caring congregation.

In Christ,

Rudy Moreno
2019 Church Council President
281-734-5019

Coming in December

December 1st - Advent I
Noisy/Loose Offering
for Wounded Warriors



Greening of the Church
During the Sunday's Cool hour
& After the second service
Followed by brunch.

ELCA Good Gifts Tree
In Narthex





It is the time of the year, when New Life Lutheran is being asked to share the Good News of Christ's birth with our Pearland friends and neighbors. This year, New Life will be providing gifts for ten (10) children who are a part of our Pearland Independent School family. Of the ten PISD children, all are associated with Lawhon Elementary. As we all know, the holiday season is a special and exciting time. However, for underprivileged children it can be a time of sadness. Lexi Marshall, PISD Angel Tree Coordinator, has suggested that each of our ten children receive 2-3 gifts worth an aggregate total of \$50.00:

Name	Age	Gender	Shirt Size	Pant Size	Hobbies Interests	Hobbies Interests	Hobbies Interests	Hobbies Interests
Camila	9	F	10	10	Reading	Writing	Coloring	
Helen	4	F	5	5	Drawing	Coloring		
Larissa	11	F	12	12	Reading	Writing	Coloring	
Valeria	10	F	Small	12-14 Youth	Chapter Books	Dork Diaries Books Series		
Violetta	5	F	6 Youth	5-6	Girl Toys			
Roberto	6	M	M Youth	7 Youth	Sports	Toys	Remote Control Car	
Jorge	5	M	S Youth	6 Youth	Sports	Toys	Remote Control Car	
Maria	15	F	L Adult	10 Adult	Gift Card			
Jennifer	8	F	10-12	12 Tall	Bike			
Kevin	12	M	16	16	Video Games		Soccer	

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our Pearland friends and neighbors this Christmas. Tags with the wishes of our PISD children families can be found on New Life's Angel Tree located in the back of the church starting November 24.

All Gifts must be wrapped and have the tag attached, and returned to New Life Lutheran Church by Monday, December 9, 2019.

If you have an questions contact Tiffany Brown-Pineda at 832-330-1478 or email her at communitylife@newlifelutheran.com



Youth & Family

Hello, New Life Church family,



2019 is essentially over! Thanks to all those at our church who have loved one another, given sacrificially financially and continued to be godly, faithful followers of Jesus. I am very thankful for the vacation time that I get to enjoy this month so I will be missing Sunday the 29th. I will be out of the office throughout the month, as well. Thanks to Church Council's support for my wonky schedule. This report is one of gratitude, encouragement and hope. As Director for Youth and Family Faith Formation, my joy has been to help develop faithful Christians who know they are loved and valued in their homes and church.

Our last Faith 5 group lesson for the fall is on / will have been on 11/24. The attendance may or may not be good so thanks to your kids who will show up. They make it loud and interesting and godly! I truly hope that you have been at least trying to do a daily / regular devotional with your kids. For Faith 5, a simple sentence is "Some Really Terrific People Barbeque": Share, Read, Talk, Pray and Bless. Again, this is a great way to spend more time with the younger Sunday School students. Thank you for any time you practiced Faith5 to use as a means to practice discipleship in your family.

Our LYO lunches after church on Sundays continue to go great. We do this because it's a fun, simple way of spending time with the students and building up rapport and overall camaraderie. Related to LYO, thank you so much to the parents of Avery, Cate and Jocelyn for going to Lutherhill for the middle school retreat; thanks to and Vera and Elizabeth for driving and leading and shepherding. That was really great!

Lutherhill has the spring schedule because, why not? Notice that these include retreats for FAMILIES and not just your kiddos to enjoy themselves.

[WORSHIP. LEAD. SERVE.](#) Feb. 7-9, 2020 A gathering for 9th-12th grade youth to practice discipleship.

[UNWIND](#) March 6-8, 2020 Renew your body and spirit with your favorite female friends.

[EXPLORE](#) March 27-29, 2020 A gathering for 1st-6th grade youth to discover camp.

Our Sunday's Cool Christmas Program this year is on 12/8. Thanks to Aimee for finding the script and for your kids' participation. We will meet on Saturday morning, 12/7, @ 9:00 to practice which is 2 hours before the Community Christmas Party. Let me know if you would like to help in any way. At the very least, we need your hands to setup, get costumes on, organize props or do crowd control.

We are having a Youth Cookie fundraiser on Saturday, December 14, from 9:00 to noon. Please show up and help bake cookies; thanks to Karen and Tiffany for this great idea! We need parents, older youth AND younger youth to pull this off.

Friday, December 20th is our annual Christmas caroling. We will meet at 6:30 for hot Chocolate and snacks. We are bundling this with a blanket drive for the residents at Windsong, so donations are welcome! If our Carolers cannot make it to Windsong on the 20th we will go on Sunday, the 22nd.

In summary, the fall Sunday School season continues to have its ebb and flow. Our great teachers continue to faithfully show up and teach and model God's Word. The teachers are great, but the parents have the greater impact so continue to model and share God's Word in your families. Thanks for another great year that was 2019; may the Lord give us 20/20 vision as the new year approaches.

Sincerely, *Sang Kim*

Director for Youth and Family Faith Formation

DECEMBER



New Life Seniors' Opportunities

(open to all persons age 55 and up)

New Life Seniors Luncheon



SENIORS

Wednesday,
December 4th
12:00 pm



Please bring your favorite entrée, side dish or dessert.

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

In December the Seniors will be packing shoeboxes for the Seafarer's at the Port of Houston. See the November lifeline for a list.



PORT HOUSTON
THE INTERNATIONAL PORT OF TEXAS



Thankoffering

Women of the
ELCA

"... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings."
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Sunday, November 17th

\$793 was raised during the ThankOffering.
It will be sent to WELCA Churchwide for Scholarships.

Thank You!



As of October 2019, **709** prayer shawls and **35** 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 Carole Wright @ 713-826-8749 if you are interested.



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



O Theophilus!

Where Is Home?

George Carlin once described the point of baseball as, "... to run home – and be safe."

It's getting on toward Christmas, again.

In life, as well as baseball, the desire to run home, and be safe, can be strong. When we are confronting pain, loss or betrayal, we instinctively feel that if we can just hide away, the terrors won't be able to find us. Home is a warm place where we feel safe and secure. Home is filled with pleasant memories. Home is where we find the chimney that Santa uses to bring presents to all the good little girls and boys.

Of course, that perfect home is a myth. Home can also be painful. Disease can enter a home unbidden and carry off someone you love. Home can be where you are lied to and betrayed. Home can be where someone promises to be your partner and to always be there, but then leaves you alone and hurting.

Pain changes people. For some, the pain produces a hardness of spirit, like a callous – a response that I know all too well. Each betrayal, each violent word, each failure, each lost job, each lost child, each lost love adds layer upon layer of callous. And this process goes on and on, until one day you realize that most of your life is behind you, and the life you have now is largely defined by the things that you no longer have.

My middle daughter recently asked me, what I was going to do next. She suggested that I might want to retire and move home. But to tell the truth, I've spent so much time traveling around the country and world, that I've kind of lost track of where home is.

The thing is, because I traveled so much, I always thought less about the home I was leaving than the home I was on my way to: the next duty station, the next job, the next contact. Now, I have begun looking at my next home in a different way.

Jesus said that He was going to prepare a place for me – a permanent home that really will be perfect.

Seeing this ultimate home through faith is why the change that pain causes doesn't have to create hardness. It can also produce a warm, open heart. A friend from church told me recently that she was glad I was starting to open up again in spite of the ever-present risks. Of course, being open is a risk. God risked in Jesus.

Hurts will still come; we will still be betrayed and life will still be unfair at times. But now we aren't alone. Jesus is there taking the blows for us, shielding us from real harm.

But openness is also the only way to really live. If your heart isn't open you may make it from now until death with a minimum of upset or pain, but at what cost? Your callouses will have also caused you to miss out on the hope, joy and love that God had in store for you – and that, dear friend, is the real tragedy.

So, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and that Christ will be at home with you no matter where you spend it.

In Christ, *Theophilus*

LUTHERAN
MEN IN MISSION



Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 17th

@ 6:00 pm

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.



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.

WELCA LUNCH BUNCH (all women of the church) Lunch with New Life women and friends! Arrive about 11:30 am at Hope Village Café on 2351 in Friendswood Wednesday, December 18th.

Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.



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

WOW met Friday, November 22nd for a FRIENDSGIVING potluck dinner! Several other churches WELCA groups were invited. Fun, games & fellowship was shared between the ladies who participated.



is a part of the WELCA of New Life, all women over the age of 16 are invited. Let Tiffany know what dish you will be bringing. communitylife@newlifelutheran.com

WELCA/WOW is hosting an "Angels" Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15th @ noon.



Bring an "Angel" themed gift to exchange (up to \$20) and a dessert dish of your choice to share. Fernando Marcha is cooking a Mexican food lunch for us!

Contact Tiffany or Karen for details.



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 on Palm Sunday, 203 of which were sent to LWR after Easter.



December

Thanks!

Thank you to all who served as Worship helpers for last month.



Thank you to all who served coffee, juice and food during Fellowship Hour: the New Life Seniors, the Men in Mission and many mystery individuals.

New Life appreciates all work done to the Glory of God! Let us know if we missed thanking someone.



A huge **THANK YOU** to Walt & Carole Wright, Helen Beckman & Mary Anna Vance, Nancy & Roland Bryars, Jan & Becky Homerstad, Lynn Cope & Donna Patschke, Bill & Doris Clements, Hap & Bobbie Cummings, Susan Siegworth, Barbara Flowers, Raymond Rocha & the Pearland Saints and Barbara & Matt Scott for stepping up and helping out this month on November 18-22. There are several volunteers on summer vacation and some of the people listed above have stepped up to help multiple days! Thank you!

Our dates for next year (2020) will be: January 13-17; March 9-13; May 4-8; June 29-July 3; August 24-28; October 19-23; December 14-18.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are always in need of volunteers. If you find you have a day during one of these weeks and you think you might like to help, please feel free to talk to me about this. I can match you up with an experienced driver. If you have any questions, please contact me (Barbara Flowers) at 713-817-1012. You can also contact the church office.

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



Thank you: Lynn Cope, Mike & Terri Kiser, Elna Ritter, 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

- To all members and 'friends' for stepping in and supporting "your" church.
- To Pastor Tracey Breashears Schultz, Bishop's Associate for Leadership who was guest preacher on All Saints Sunday.
- To Pastor Jen Kindsvatter from Lutherhill who was guest preacher on WELCA ThankOffering Sunday.
- To all who gave on WELCA Thankoffering Sunday.
- To Helen, MaryAnn, Becky and Karen who came and helped on clean up day, November 9th.
- Thrivent cards for the many Fall/Winter events that New Life is involved in! See page 12 for the Events and who put in for a card. Thank You!
- To Bob Leach for an amazing donation to carry on Dianne's passion for helping defray the cost of the Children's parties and items for the Seafarer boxes – packed on December 4th.
- To all who have or will donate items to help fill 100 shoeboxes for SeaFarers.
- To the Pearland Saints for helping to move Christmas Party items down from upstairs in the Fellowship Hall and for taking extra chairs and tables out to the shed for storage.
- To Linda Hudgens and Helen Beckman for donating several items for the multiple SeaFarer shoeboxes that will be packed by the Seniors on December 4th.
- To Terry & Floyd Brown for manning the kitchen on many occasions.
- To Tiffany Pineda for organizing a fun and successful "Friendsgiving" potluck dinner for the WELCA/WOW of New Life and the SE Area.
- To the 4th-6th graders for planting flowers in the cylinder garden and for the neighbors and Girl Scouts who maintain several of the gardens/flower beds.
- To the Pearland Saints for moving items out of the Bazaar closet to set up the BBQ room in the Sanctuary Kitchen.
- To the Pearland Saints for taking more than 30 dog beds, made by the quilters to the Animal Shelter.
- To the Pearland Saints for moving quilt batting upstairs & moving bazaar items downstairs in the Fellowship Hall
- To Linda Stavinoha for her numerous donations of Kid's prize items, crafts, and door prize items for WELCA functions.
- To Donna Patschke for donating crafts, games, toys, prize items and 3 large bags of stuffed animals that will benefit many areas in & outside of the church.
- To Vera White for donating crafts, games and toys for the kids party door prizes as well as numerous puzzles, balls, cars, etc. for Seafarer boxes.
- To those who make and distribute prayer shawls for comfort and blankets to newborns.
- To the quilters for their tireless work on LWR quilts.
- To Dee Roe, Marjorie Schooley, Julie Watkins, etc. for donating shawls for the prayer shawl ministry.
- To Carole Wright for her continued work with the New Life Prayer Shawl Ministry
- To Karen and volunteers for issuing the informational Monthly Newsletter and weekly bulletins. See box!
- To all those on the prayer team and beyond who are praying for this congregation, friends and family.
- To Becky Homerstad for purchasing TP for the Church.
- To Elna Ritter for purchasing coffee & creamers.



2019



The Garden Lecture and Open Garden Days have both been postponed until February.



Thanks to Karen Cheney, Becky Homerstad, Mary Ann Marcha, and Helen Beckman for picking up litter on E. Orange Street November 9. We picked up one tall kitchen bag of litter, about 1/3 bag of recyclables and 125 cigarette butts in 1 1/2 hours. It seemed to be much less litter than usual. Maybe, we had help from the previous rain. If so, it means litter was washed into the gutter and out to sea. I hope it didn't include plastic bags, straws, and cigarette butts or I hope that people are just more careful about littering. Some of the things we found were a spoon and two forks, \$1.19 in change that went into the WELCA Thank Offering box, all kinds of mini-litter, literally nuts and bolts, and a loofah that was used as show and tell in Sunday School. Our recycling bag included 6 water bottles. The use of reusable drink containers could have prevented that.



A loofah is a gourd which can be used as a sponge when peeled and dried. Because of its rough texture, it is used to exfoliate the skin, but is not recommended by dermatologists. It looks like a huge cucumber and grows on a vine that spreads rapidly and kills tomato and pepper plants with which it comes into contact. We found ours on the ground under a vine along the fence on the north side of E. Orange.



As our local flora goes into the dormant stage, many of us are beginning to prune tree limbs and bushes and rake leaves. We are especially fortunate here in Pearland to have curbside yard waste pickup every week on the first garbage pickup day. Limbs need to be bundled and tied. Bundles should be 4 feet or less in length. Yard waste should be in clear, see through plastic bags and contain only yard waste and no other garbage. The ones I get are tinted green. If you have lawn service, be sure they have the correct bags. Everything in black bags is left for garbage pickup. Every week in Pearland, thousands of bags of yard waste go into the landfill, using up precious landfill space, because they are left curbside in opaque bags. Decaying yard waste produces biogas, sometimes called landfill gas, which is about half methane and half carbon dioxide. Both are considered greenhouse gasses, but methane has 25 times the effect of CO2 and more dangerous to the environment and people. Because landfills are the third largest source of methane, environmental protection law requires the capture of methane to be burned off through flares or for fuel for producing electricity.

Our curbside collected yard waste goes to a commercial composter where it decomposes aerobically (with oxygen) as opposed to anaerobically (without oxygen) in a landfill. This produces more CO2 and much less methane.

After Christmas, remember to put your live tree outside for yard waste collection or take it to the Stella Roberts Recycle Center to be taken to the Gulf Coast for dune building. Obviously, nature recycles. You can, too.



Helen Beckman

Thrivent Action Team Cards 2019



For 2019 Events, New Life THANKS the following: (Red are sponsors who have initiated the card)

Epiphany Party & UnGreening - **Jon Sweet**
 Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras Party - **Pastor Gige**
 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 Gige**
 Mother's Day Flower Fundraiser - **Evelyn Baldauf**
 Men's Sunday - Blood Drive - **Vince Gottlieb**
Bazaar
 Sweets & Yummies - **Helen Beckman**
 Baked Potatoes - **Helen Beckman**
 Pit Masters - Meat - **Rich Newell**

Advertisement - **Karen Sweet Cheney**
 Onions & Spice - **Karl Sweet**
 Hydration - Drinks - **Robin Gottlieb**
 Kids Zone - **Robin B. Sweet**
 Let me Tell You! InHouse Printing - **Robin Sweet**
 Portable Restroom & Hand-wash Station - **Jon Sweet**
 Children's Halloween Party - **Elaine Damewood**
 WELCA Friendsgiving Dinner - **Robin Gottlieb**
 Hanging of the Greens - **Leeta Sanger**
 Council/Staff Angel Tree Christmas Party - **Elna Ritter**
 Children's Christmas Party - **Evelyn Baldauf**
 Youth Cookie Fundraiser - **Vince Gottlieb**
 Caroling - Blanket Drive - **Larry Damewood**
 UnGreening - Animal Shelter - **Nolan Patschke**



If you are a Thrivent Member or Associate and have not signed up to submit an Action Team Card for 2019, please contact the church office. Karen is working with the below list and Thrivent to try to help defray costs of events that impact our community. Each card provides \$250 in seed money to get events started (food, paper products, items for collections, etc.)

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:

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve/Senior Reception Jan 16 - Community Partner Dinner

**Congratulations Confirmation
Class of 2019!**

Victoria Marrique

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

**Baptism
May 29, 2016**



**New Members were welcomed
on Sunday, November 24th**

WELCOME!

Linda Hudgens, Rhonda Klak, Dolores McCafferty, Linda Miller, Kerrie Nicholls & Doris Roe.

At New Life we covenant via our Baptism:

- * to live among God's faithful people
- * to hear the word of God and learn it
- * share in the Lord's supper
- * proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- * serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- * strive for justice and peace in all the earth

Save the Dates:

Advent 1 - December 1st

December 1st: Greening / Brunch (Decorate)

December 7th: Children's Christmas Party

Advent 2 - December 8th

December 8th: Children's Christmas Program

December 14th: Youth Cookie Fundraiser

Advent 3 - December 15th

December 15th WELCA Christmas Party

December 17th MiM/Men's Christmas Party

December 20th: Caroling & Blanket Drive

Advent 4 - December 22nd

Updates for the Church Roster: New Members 11/24/2019

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*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.*



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 Barbara a call at **713-817-1012**.



*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 hasn't received a check since 10/23/2018.
Please update your Community Award number
online at Kroger.com**

**Thank you to all who have used the New Life #!
The old number is still associated with us but cannot be
used when enrolling or accessing our account anymore.**

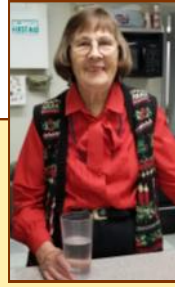
GLOW is caring for New Life Members. GLOW – God's Love, Our Work.

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 nothing 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!



Holiday Harvest Food Drive Time!
See poster for donation dates and times

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)



Property
Maintenance



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:

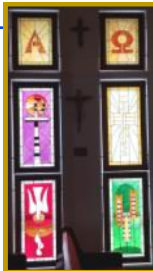
Walt Wright, Rudy Moreno, Ronnie Stavinoha, Rich Newell, Charlie Gaevert, Foster Foucheaux, Richard Lowery, Will Sinacori, Karen Sweet Cheney, Cheryl Robinson and many more are working the property to keep it safe and running smoothly. If you see one of these guys, please shake their hand and let them 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. Text to Karen @ 972-841-2600.



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 the office. 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 moving to LED)

Other consistent 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)





SUNDAY'S COOL



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!*



Sunday's Cool Teachers 2018-2019

Partial group of Sunday's Cool Teachers 2019-2020



4th-6th grade class

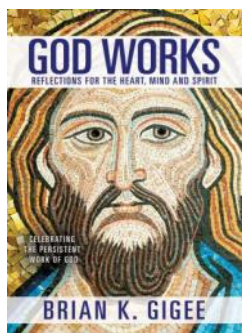


- ALL youth from 3 year olds through 3rd grade meet in their respective rooms upstairs in the Fellowship Hall, 4th-6th graders meet downstairs across from the DVD room and 7th-12th graders meet in Sang's office in the Administration Building. **Sunday's Cool will ONLY be held on December 1st for the youth. 12/8 will be practice for the kids program, 12/15 will be Faith5 with Sang and no Sunday's Cool for 12/22 & 12/29 while the kids are out of school.**
- Ø The ABC class... Adult Bible Class is studying the gospel of John in the New Testament. This class meets in the Admin Building Library.
- Ø The DVD class... Daring Video Disciples will watch and discuss a series entitled "How Jesus Became God" by Professor Bart D. Ehrman. Meets in the DVD room.

children's program

Sunday December 8th
10:30 service

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



GOD WORKS
By Pastor Brian Gige
*reflections for the heart, mind
and spirit*

\$15.00 (softcover)

Also available on Nook and Kindle

Purchase a copy or go online to get a copy for some reflective reading as you embolden your faith this Advent Christmas time!

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/god-works-brian-k-gige/1117780985?ean=2940149008445>



See Lutherhill Retreat Schedule on Page 4



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



Senior High Retreat 2018



Summer Camp 2018



Confirmation Camp 2017



Lutherhill.org

Elementary Retreat 2019



Senior High Retreat 2019



Junior High Retreat Fall 2019





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: Gebron Alvarez, Chris Baldauf, Annie Bates, Brian Bates, Kate Bates, Susan Bickham, Bryan Bradford, Ed Bradford, Lucas Bradford, Robyn Bradford, Leta Branum, Barbara Brown, Terry & Floyd Brown, Hap Cummings, Rannie Daugherty, Carl Ericsson, the Gestls & Goschs, Margo Gige, Kelli Grage, Harvey Hamilton, Walter Hayes, Homerstad families, Linda Hudgens, the Kisers, Larry Magers, Tina Meyer, Jerry Migl, Tamsey Mims, Pete Mistrot, Cheryl Newell, Hubert Pardue, Allen Patschke, Allison Patschke, Viola Patschke, Janet, Frannie & Mike Porter, Ruth & John Roberts, Scott & Leeta Sanger, Glenn Sponholtz, Julia Sweet, Karen Sweet-Cheney, Patrick Sweet, Claudia Thomas, Ben Viccellio and Vera White.

Special prayer needs: Angelo family, Barnes & Daeschner families, Barrett and Ruddock families, Barron, Larson, Reed & Moore families, Bradford family, Broughton & Boeker families, Buckels family, Childs family, Gosch family, Kaiser family, Kyle Lawson, Lawson family, Marcha & Castillo families, Marcha & Salazar families, Mistrot & Meyer families, Patschke, DeWeese, Schneider & Yancey families, DJ (Jessica Paul's son), Porter family, Purdum & Hayes families, Reynolds & Galloway families, 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, Jose Villalobos III, Joe Wishart & Christopher Young.

PRAYER CORNER

December

The light of God surrounds us, the life of God is within us, the presence of God embraces us and the love of God is poured out into our hearts.

Prayer of the month

You may wish to cut out this section and place it where you will see it and remember to pray.



A Christmas Prayer

*Lord,
You came upon
A Midnight Clear
to bring
Joy to the World
and draw us near.
It was a Holy Night,
when you came from above,
to fill our hearts with hope and love.
Thank you,
Sweet Jesus Boy,
for clothing us with
Comfort and Joy.*



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 *First Sunday of Advent* Lift up prayers of thanks and praise for this season of anticipation, remembrance and celebration of Jesus Christ – God’s awesome gift of love and redemption for all humanity.

2 Pause each day to reflect prayerfully on the symbols, traditions and practices – ancient and new – that we see and experience throughout Advent and Christmas. Give thanks for everything that centers our attention on the good news of Jesus Christ, deepens our faith as loved and redeemed children of God, and inspires and guides our baptismal journey.

3 Today has become known as Giving Tuesday, a day for encouraging generosity and charitable giving. Pray that the Spirit will always inspire us to be generous with our resources, money, gifts and time for the sake of our neighbors in need.

4 Pray that we awake each day, putting on Jesus Christ and shining as a light in the world, a brilliant light that shines with good news, love, justice, compassion and peace.

5 Remember in prayer Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) and the other hospitals in East Jerusalem. AVH is owned and operated by the Lutheran World Federation and supported by several of its member churches, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Pray that our government will restore funding vital to the safe and effective operation of the East Jerusalem hospitals as soon as possible so that patients – especially children, who are particularly at risk – will continue to receive the treatment and care they need.

6 Give thanks for the young people who have served or are currently serving as Young Adults in Global Mission, working alongside our global companions to share the gospel, grow the church, care for people in need and strengthen communities in the name of Christ. Pray that these young adults will inspire others to respond to God’s call to ministry and service – locally and globally.

7 When you see an Advent wreath, reflect on the circle of evergreen branches and give thanks for the gift of eternal life we have in Jesus Christ – the promised Messiah, born for the sake of the world.

8 Pray for clarity and faith in the lifelong baptismal journey for which the Holy Spirit calls, renews and equips us – a journey for the sake of the world.

9 The “Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent” is a public apology offered by our church in the context of the quadricentennial remembrance of slavery in this country. With faith in God’s forgiveness and mercy, pray that we will be unconflicted in our repentance, committed to understanding injustice and racism, and bold and persistent in working to end racism and white supremacy wherever they exist, including in the church.

10 Give thanks that we are freed by our faith to serve our neighbor and affect change in our communities, nation and world – change that is grounded in the gospel and God’s vision of justice, compassion, healing and peace for all people.

11 Pray that God’s righteousness, justice, peace and compassion for the poor and oppressed will flourish in the world, and that we will be bold and persistent in doing God’s work together.

12 Remember in prayer people, especially women and children, who live in refugee camps and immigration detention centers. Pray that they will soon return home or move to a community or country where they are welcome and safe, able to reunite with family and reestablish their lives. Give thanks for our church’s and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service’s commitment to advocate and care for refugees and immigrants everywhere.

13 Remembering that we have been welcomed without hesitation into the body of Christ, pray that we will exercise, without judgment or partiality, grace and hospitality toward our neighbors – friends, antagonists and strangers alike.

14 Give thanks to God for the gifts, service and ministry of women as we celebrate 50 years of Lutheran women being ordained in the United States, 40 years of women of color being ordained and 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely.

15 Give thanks for being reminded and reassured – through the word of God, the sacraments and the witness of one another – that Jesus is the promised Messiah, our savior, teacher, life and hope.

16 Pray for ELCA missionaries and young people serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program who are separated from their families and home congregations during the holidays yet celebrate the good news and gift of Jesus Christ with our companion churches and brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

17 Pray that wherever the weather turns cold and damp, all people will have the warmth and safety of shelter, and that where shelter is absent or difficult to find, the love and generosity of God dwelling in us will move us to create and open shelters in our congregations, community spaces and homes.

18 Give thanks for ELCA Good Gifts, an opportunity to support ELCA ministries and programs in nearly 80 countries around the world, including the United States. These funds and gifts support work being carried out by our congregations, companion churches and ecumenical partners.

19 Over 47,000 people in the United States died by suicide in 2017, and there were approximately 1.4 million suicide attempts. Pray for hope, relief from suffering and skilled, compassionate care for people who struggle with loneliness, isolation and depression, especially during the holidays. Ask that the Spirit will move us to see and respond to the people around us and to engage in and support suicide-prevention efforts such as the work of the Suicide Prevention Ministry, an independent Lutheran organization.

20 Give thanks and praise to God, who lifts up those bowed down and oppressed, watches over strangers and sets free the bound and imprisoned.

21 Remember in prayer the many people who work and serve during the holidays, including first responders, care providers, law enforcement, medical personnel, pilots and attendants, truck drivers, men and women serving in the military, seafarers, social service staff, and people serving in stores, restaurants and hotels.

22 In the story of Mary, Joseph and the humble birth of Jesus, we sense God's love for humanity and God's understanding of the diverse contexts in which we live. Praise God for loving us as we are and for reaching into the world in ways that we can relate to, understand and embrace.

23 Ask that we will be strengthened and inspired by the Holy Spirit for sharing the story of God's love and mercy — the story of Jesus — in today's world and culture.

24 *Christmas Eve* What draws you to Jesus? What are you looking for in God's promises? Give thanks to God for revealing to us through Jesus Christ the gifts of fullness of life and the one true light that illuminates God's ways and truth.

25 *Christmas Day* Join with our sisters and brothers around the world and with all creation in lifting up prayers and songs of praise and thanksgiving for God's gift of love and life, manifested in the birth of Jesus Christ — a light in the darkness that cannot be overcome.

26 "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things." Pray for enthusiasm and courage in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ through our words and actions each day.

27 Remember in prayer people who struggle to meet the costs of living, students and seminarians graduating with long-term student loans, and people experiencing ongoing or unexpected medical expenses. Ask God to help us exercise understanding, empathy and generosity in our support and care for people struggling with financial debts and needs.

28 Pray that the good news, joy and faith that live in us will not diminish with the passing of the holidays and special celebrations but will grow deeper and pervade every aspect of our life.

29 Reflect on Mary and Joseph fleeing one country for another with the baby Jesus; lift up in prayer all people who suffer injustice and persecution and have become refugees and immigrants seeking safety and acceptance.

30 Pray that God will bless the experiences of college and university students participating in J-term courses and service-learning experiences, and that these will enrich their faith, knowledge, wisdom and discernment of vocation.

31 On the threshold of a new year, ask that the Spirit will instill in us a sense of time and life that is unrushed, observant and appreciative of the people, community, creation and gifts given by God for our sustenance, use, enjoyment and sharing.



December



Birthdays

Dean Gerig	12/02
Della Barrett	12/04
Katy Childs	12/05
Kirby Kippley	12/05
Hope Kaiser-Messenger	12/06
Te'ylor Mark	12/08
Liz Childs	12/09
Ruth Roberts	12/09
Mina Sinacori	12/09
Bridget Besser	12/11
Alyssa Campbell	12/11
Joseph Glenn	12/12
Helen Beckman	12/16
Ryan Flick	12/17
Austin Caballero	12/18
Mike Costello	12/18
Annie Bates	12/19
Susan Burkard	12/19
Greg Grayson	12/19
Robert Broussard	12/21
Tucker Moore	12/21
Sabastian Pompa	12/22
Jaxon Thweatt	12/22
Shannon Young	12/22
Glenn Lilie	12/23
McKenzee Pyeatt	12/24
Ed Bradford	12/25
Robyn Bradford	12/25
Floyd Brown	12/26
Vince Johnson	12/27
Zach Gottlieb	12/28
Christine Morrison-Brandenberger	12/28
Nikki Gatlin	12/29
Korie Williams	12/29
Sheila Martain	12/31

2019

Wedding Anniversaries

Tiffany & Art Pineda	12/05
Viola & Allen Patschke	12/15
Barbara & Matt Scott	12/17
Nancy & Alan Fuller	12/21

Baptismal Anniversaries

Jessica Gestl	12/01
John Gestl	12/01
William Schroder	12/01
Erik Sweet	12/01
Steven Velasquez	12/02
Cheyenne Wheeler	12/06
Mindy Wheeler	12/06
Jessica Paul	12/13
Jenaro Castillo	12/18
Erin Newell	12/18
Pastor Don Cole	12/19
Lenny Gwendon	12/20
Juliet O'Banion	12/20
Andrew O'Banion	12/20
Robert Fricke	12/21
Rhonda Lowery	12/21
Jeremy Rincones	12/21
Valerie Rincones	12/21
Daniel Venglar	12/21
Faith Wood	12/21
Kirby Kippley	12/23
Clara O'Banion	12/23
Jackie Lassiter	12/24
McKenzee Pyeatt	12/24
Tyler Meyer	12/27
Chase Glowka	12/31

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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Fri. Closed

WORSHIP: Sundays 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday’s Cool 9:15am

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE TEAM

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Church Treasurer	Glenn Sponholtz	832-328-5785

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	Carol Jackman	201.406.4312
	Cindy Welch	253-683-0004
	Susie Wellman	281.844.1294

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Lawhon Volunteer Coordinator	Carole & Walt Wright	713.826.8749
Meals on Wheels Coordinator	Barbara Flowers	713.817.1012
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Prayer Shawl Ministry	Carole Wright	281.489.1101
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Helping Hands in Worship - December 2019

Altar Guild: Denise Jurgens & Cheryl Robinson Communion Wine/Wafers are provided by Lynn Cope

	December 1 Advent 1	December 8 Advent 2	December 15 Advent 3	December 22 Advent 4	December 29 Christmas I	January 5 Christmas II
Acolyte 8:00 10:30	Jocelyn Wallace Lucas Cummings	Bryce Flick Sonny Boy Beltran	Elliot Baldauf Grace Fraker	Elliot Baldauf Austin Tatuaca	Clayton Migl Avery Welch	Harleigh Gosch Casey Crawford
Assisting Minister 8:00 10:30	Matt Scott Peter Weber	Nancy Bryars Cindy Welch	John Russell Gestl Jamie Hilliard	Denise Jurgens Aimee Castillo	Jamie Hilliard Michael Porter	John Russell Gestl Lisa Weber
Communion Assistant 8:00am	Robin Gottlieb Stephanie Gottlieb	Denise Jurgens Frank Jurgens	Tiffany Pineda Cheryl Robinson	Coleen Gestl John Gestl	Cheryl Robinson Susie Wellman	Brenda Migl Jerry Migl
Communion Assistant 10:30am	Ed Bradford Tiffany Pineda	Deanna Barthelme Michael Porter	Mary Ann Marcha Carole Wright	Barbara Flowers Cheryl Robinson	Christal Thompson Barbara Flowers	Tiffany Pineda Carole Wright
Altar Flowers	Art & Tiffany Pineda in Honor of their 10 th Wedding Anniversary	Robyn & Ed Bradford in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary	Viola & Allen Patschke	Flick Family in Honor of Ryan's Birthday	Rudy & Dianna Moreno	OPEN
Lay Reader 8:00 10:30	Nancy Bryars Mina Stagner	Evelyn Baldauf Becky Homerstad	Michael Scott Carole Wright	Elaine Damewood Holly Tatuaca	Helen Beckman Katie Fraker	Frank Jurgens Peter Weber
Nursery 10:30	Madeline Schroder	Bryan Bradford	Jackie Crawford	Madeline Schroder	Bryan Bradford	Jackie Crawford
Greeters 8:00	Helen Beckman	Coleen Gestl John Gestl	Jerry Migl Brenda Migl	Nancy Bryars	Judy Foucheaux Foster Foucheaux	Vincent Gottlieb Robin Gottlieb
Greeters 10:30	Linda Stavinoha & Pearland Saints	Dennis Morrison JoAnn Morrison	Bob Hansen Lan Hansen	Lynn Cope, Rylynn Linda Stavinoha & Logan	Carole Wright Walt Wright	Andy Crawford & Kyle
Ushers 8:00	Frank Jurgens Vincent Gottlieb	Doug Barron Susie Wellman	Tamsey Mims Susie Wellman	Doug Barron Charlie Gaevert	Robin Gottlieb Vincent Gottlieb	Susie Wellman Charles Gaevert
Ushers 10:30	Milton Thomas Nolan Patschke	Ed Bradford Floyd Brown & Logan	Tony White Jan Homerstad	Tiffany Pineda Pearland Saints	Nolan Patschke Ed Bradford	Tony White Floyd Brown & Logan
Coffee Hour	OPEN	Sunday School Parents	3 rd Sunday Group	MIM	Church Council	OPEN
Opening Closing & Count	Susie Wellman Carol Jackman OPEN	Susie Wellman Carol Jackman OPEN	Susie Wellman Carol Jackman OPEN	Susie Wellman Carol Jackman OPEN	Susie Wellman Carol Jackman OPEN	OPEN OPEN OPEN
Sound System 8:00 10:00	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	Charlie G./John G. Mike Kiser

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

Calendar is on our website: www.newlifelutheran.com under Calendar tab.

DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Advent 1 Greening of the Church 8a Traditional Worship 9:15a Sunday's Cool and 10:30a EPIC Worship 12p Greening Brunch 1p Word Fellowship Cer	6p HouseBand Practice 8p AA Meeting (Co-Ed) 8p Ala-non	9:30a Quilting 7p Word Fellowship Cer	12p Senior (55+) Lunch 5:45p Choir Practice	7p Property Team	Church Office Closed	9a Practice for Christm 10:30a Phoenix Group 11a Children's Communi 7p Word Fellowship Cer
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Advent 2 8a Traditional Worship 9:15a Sunday's Cool and 10:30a Children's Chris 12p LYO - Lutheran You 12p Word Fellowship Ce	6p HouseBand Practice 6p Modified Yoga 6:30p Church Council 8p AA Meeting (Co-Ed) 8p Ala-non	9:30a Quilting 7p Word Fellowship Cer	11:30a WELCA Lunche 5:45p Choir Practice	7p GLOW (God's Love, C	Church Office Closed	9a Youth Cookie Fundra 10:30a Phoenix Group 7p Word Fellowship Cer
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