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



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# **Mark Your Calendars**

Sundays, January 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
LYO - Lutheran Youth Organization - Lunch
January 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
Modified Yoga @ 6pm
HouseBand Practice
Tuesdays, January 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
Quilting Workshop
Confirmation (14th, 21st & 28th)

Wednesdays, January 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 1st
Seniors (55+) Lunch - Bingo
Sunday, January 5th
UN-Greening - Brunch
Monday, January 6th
Epiphany
Wednesday, January 8th

WELCA Lunch @ Cracker Barrel (288)

Thursday, January 9th

**Bazaar Meeting** GLOW Meeting

Sunday, January 12th Baptism of Our Lord Monday, January 13th

**Church Council** 

<u>Wednesday, January 15th</u> Mary Martha Bible Study

Friday, January 17th

WELCA/WOW Planning Meeting

Saturday, January 18th

Leader Retreat @ Fellowship Bible Church

Tuesday, January 21st

**Coastal Bay Conference Meeting** 

Men's Night Out

Souper Bowl of Caring SUNDAY

Note: The Office is now closed on Fridays

# January 2020



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#### PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

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

## 'REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY!'

Dear friends and followers @ New Life,

What does one do once one has figured it out? When you learned to ride a bike, did you help your friend learn how to ride theirs? Sure you did! When you figured out how to grill a great steak or cook some fall-off-the-bones-melt-in-your-mouth baby back ribs... did you keep the secret to yourself? Of course not! You let everybody know! And what about that stock tip or 60% sale on that thing you know a friend was looking for... you kept quiet, right? Nah! You texted them as soon as you knew!

And what about this faith of yours? Is it a struggle? Have you figured it out? Do you have friends and family members who struggle with their faith? Because they haven't figured it out? Is it as easy as riding a bike? Not always. Does it take an effort? Certainly! How many ribs did you burn before you got it right? Isn't that why "practicing our faith" is called "practicing our faith?" Because faith isn't magic and we just don't "POOF" (magic pixie dust kind of 'poof") ourselves into a deep relationship with God over a 4 day weekend... we practice our faith so when we need a faith we have one that we can depend on... now, we're talking...

QUESTION: So, what does it take for the world to get its faith posture in good order?

ANSWER: Repeat the sounding joy!

You know like the *repeat the sounding joy* in the song... 'Joy to the World" when the Lord has come! God knew the world needed to have the love of God... so the love of God was brought to us by God in the flesh... by Jesus.. The Emmanuel... the one we know as "God is with us!"

When we look carefully at the song, "Joy to the World" and even though we sing it loud and proud at Christmastime... it wasn't written as a Christmas song all. It is based on Psalm 98 and particularly verses 4-9... go ahead... look it up... and the words point to the love and power, joy and purpose of God and how the whole world cannot keep silent... in fact, it really is a song about the mission of God's people... that WE... repeat the sounding joy... to let the world know that God is love... and God's love is trustworthy above all things... and the path of God (Jesus did say... "follow me!") is a path that leads to righteousness and blessedness... not as a brag or goal... but just simple the way God wants life to be... the difficult part however is one cannot repeat the sounding joy if one doesn't know or have any of the sounding joy the Psalmist speaks of... and this all proves true when we get the third verse of the song...

> No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,

We repeat the sounding joy simply because God's joy replaces our sin and sorrow...always... and his blessings we do to claim despite life's difficulties...

May we repeat the sounding joy all through 2020!

Brit





#### **Happy New Year**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that all of you will have a Happy and Prosperous spirit filled year. I have realized that to say that last year was challenging is boring. All years are challenging, but you know life goes on. We are challenged daily. That is part of life. Challenges are nothing new, it is how we address the challenges. Do we stand up and face them head on or do we get scared run and hide. This congregation stands up. That is why we will prosper and grow.

We start out the year with the uncertainty of our IRS issue still glooming over our head. We will meet that challenge and overcome. Once this is over we will come out stronger.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual congregation meeting in January. Be safe.

In Christ,

**Rudy Moveno**2019 Church Council President 281-734-5019



# Leader Retreat

@ Fellowship Bible Church
1720 Broadway St.
Friendswood, TX

Saturday, January 18th @ 9:00 am





New Members: November 24th, 2019

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























New Life is still collecting Good Gift gifts. Please return by January 31st.





























Thank you Linda Stavinoha and all those who donated time and/or items for the party!



# The New Life Sunday's Cool/Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 8th

















# Caroling at Windsong!

Friday, December 20th















New Life submitted this picture last year and now it is on the Souper Bowl of Caring 30 year page!

Wow us!

# First Annual Youth Christmas Cookie Fundraiser

Cookies sold will send our Youth to Camp!









Not ONE cookie burned!



Way to go Floyd!



15 kinds of cookies were made.2 - 5 dozen per kind. Tons of fun!





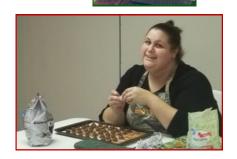














## Youth & Family

Happy New Year, New Life Church family,

another fundraiser soon in the spring. As always, the more the merrier.

We just had our fundraiser for the younger Sunday School kids on 12/14. The effort of Karen and Tiffany were outstanding. I appreciated the 3 kids who showed up to bake and participate and earn towards their summer camp or retreat. Thanks for your teamwork and good spirit! We made over \$350 that will go towards scholarships for Lutherhill and Day Camp. We'll have

Thanks to all the parents and their kids for participating in the Christmas practice, party and performance during the weekend of December 8; you guys were great! I especially give my sincere thanks to Aimee for choosing the script and being the director. Mary Ann was amazing behind the scenes, as usual.

On a side note, thanks to those who showed up for Christmas Caroling on Friday, December 20th.

I have been your Director for Youth and Family Faith Formation for over 3½ years now. For the parents and grandparents and guardians who have faithfully brought your kids or grandkids to church as much as you possibly could, I give you my warm appreciation. Our Sunday school attendance is as unpredictable as ever, but hope springs eternal for 2020. God's timing is rarely our timing so may the Lord continue to give us the gifts of patience, perseverance and strong encouragement. Once again, I repeat that there is nothing more significant than being consciously involved in the religious development of your son, daughter or grands. How?

- 1) Read the Bible or do devotions together at least 2X a week,
- 2) pray together at every opportunity and
- 3) come to worship on a weekly basis.

LYO continues to be steady on Sunday afternoon, but after the spring, all three of my regular seniors are graduating so LYO will change drastically very soon. It was great while it lasted, but it will be time to trust the Lord with a new song and a new way.

Thanks to those who registered early for Lutherhill Summer camps; you have saved \$75 as a result! The annual Spring retreat for high schoolers will be in February; elementary students will have one in March and Day Camp will be upon us quickly in June. Our Lutherhill camp will be the week of July 5-10. Please tell me when you do register, even though you missed early registration for 2020. Make sure you use our church code. "New Life Lutheran Church"

WORSHIP. LEAD. SERVE. | Feb. 7-9, 2020 A gathering for 9th – 12th grade youth to practice discipleship.

<u>UNWIND</u> | March 6-8, 2020 Renew your body and spirit with your favorite ladies.

**EXPLORE** | March 27-29, 2020 A gathering for 1st-6th grade youth to discover camp.

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 teaches 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



# New Life Seniors' Opportunities

(open to all persons age 55 and up)

### **New Life Seniors Luncheon**



Wednesday, January 1st 12:00 pm

Celebrating the New Year with



Please bring your favorite entrée, side dish or dessert.

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

New Life Seniors packed 108 shoeboxes for the Seafarer's at the Port of Houston. They were taken to the Center on December 5th with numerous magazines, books and puzzles.







# MEN'MISSION



# Tuesday, January 21st @ 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.





As of December 2019, 711 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

Property Team
Sunday's Cool Teaching
Bazaar Team
Gardening





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.

<u>WELCA LUNCH BUNCH</u> (all women of the church) Lunch with New Life women and friends! Arrive about 11:30 am at Cracker Barrel on 288 Wednesday, January 8th. Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.

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

WOW will meet Friday, January 17th for an annual planning session!

Bring your calendars, ideas and smiling faces!



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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





24 ladies celebrated Christmas with an "Angels" party on December 15th.
Thank you to Fernando & MaryAnn
Marcha who cooked fajitas and a whole feast for us!











## **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.







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: Sunday's Cool parents, 3rd Sunday Group, Men in Mission, Church Council and many mystery individuals.

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



I would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who have helped deliver meals this past year! This program would not be able to continue without each and everyone of you! Not only do you deliver the meals, but you also take time to talk with and get to know the clients.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our next date for MOW is January 13-17 (I will be calling you soon).

If you would like to plan ahead, mark the following dates on your calendar for the remainder of the year.

March 9-13; May 4-8; June 29-July3; August 24-28; October 19-23; December 14-18.

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 the New Life Church Council for wisely leading the Church this past year.
- To all those who helped decorate the church for the Advent/ Christmas season.
- To Karen and Tiffany for organizing and running a successful Cookie Fundraiser to earn scholarship funds for youth trips, retreats and outings.
- To Terry, Floyd, Sang, Linda S., Leeta, Rick, Andrew, Lucas, Logan for volunteering a Saturday to make and bake cookies.
- To Aimee and Sang for leading the 4th Annual Caroling group who took 90 blankets and sang to the residents at Windsong Care Center.
- Thrivent cards for the many Fall/Winter events that New Life is involved in! See page 14 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 108 shoeboxes for SeaFarers.
- To Karen and Tiffany for toting the Seafarer boxes, books, magazines & Puzzles to the Port of Houston Seafarer Center.
- 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, Helen Beckman and many others for donating several items for SeaFarer shoeboxes.
- To Terry & Floyd Brown for manning the kitchen on many occasions.
- To Karen and Tiffany for a fabulous WELCA/WOW "Angels" themed Christmas Party.
- To Fernando and Mary Ann Marcha for cooking a feast for the WELCA/WOW Christmas Party.
- To Doug Barron for cooking up multiple dinners for Men's Night Out events.
- To Linda Stavinoha, Korie Williams, Dee Roe & Terri Kiser for folding, stapling and stuffing Christmas Eve Bulletins.
- To Linda Stavinoha and Korie Williams for restocking the pews for Christmas Eve services.
- 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, Carole Wright, Terry Brown, etc. for making and donating shawls for the prayer shawl ministry.
- To Carole Wright for her continued work leading 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, GLOW and beyond who are praying for this congregation, friends and family.
- To the musical members of New Life's HouseBand and Choir.









The Garden Lecture and Open Garden Days at the Harris County Friendship Garden have both been postponed until February.



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 from Dec. 26 to Jan. 16 during regular hours: Tuesday through Friday from 8-5 and Saturday from 9-1. Be sure to remove all decorations and tinsel and no flocking. (Does anyone do that anymore?) do not leave trees at the center when it's closed. Trees will be used for Dune building. Obviously, nature recycles. You can, too.





**Dunes Day** January 18, 2020 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Recycle Christmas trees into beneficial sand dunes along the Brazoria County coastline. Volunteers meet at Stahlman Park in Surfside Beach to rebuild, restore, and strengthen our dune line against storm surges. For more information, contact Mike at 979-864-1541 (Surfside).

Check out Keep Pearland Beautiful's website for more info on recycling. The what and hows are all there!

# 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 Gigee
St Patrick's Day/Blood Drive - Jon Sweet
Lenten Suppers - Becky Homerstad
Baskets of Promise - Karl Sweet
Seder Meal - Donna Patschke
Good Friday Fish Fry - Doug Barron
Children's Easter Party - Elaine Damewood
Men in Mission Night @ BAKFish - Pastor Gigee
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 - Nolan Patschke
Leader Retreat -

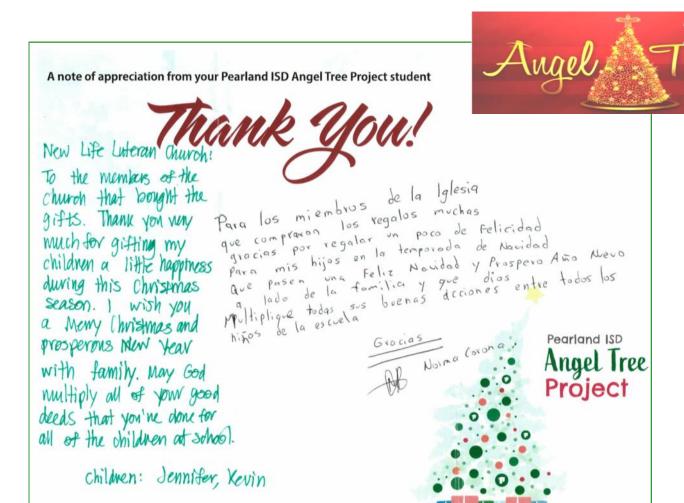


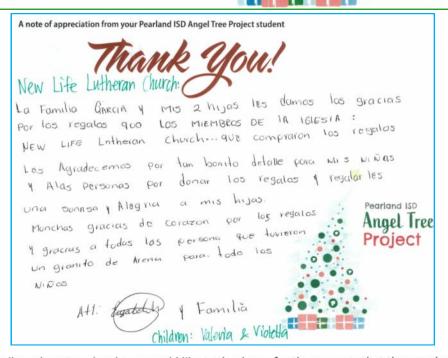
If you are a Thrivent Member or Associate and have not signed up to submit an Action Team Card for 2019, please contact the church office. Karen is working with the below list and Thrivent to try to help defray costs of events that impact our community. Each card provides \$250 in seed money to get events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





Translation:

The Garcia family and my two daughters would like to thank you for the presents that the members of the New Life Luteheran Church bought. We thank you for such a beautiful gift for my children and to the people who donated the presents and gifted them, you gave my daughters a smile and happiness. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the gifts and thanks to all the people that had a grain of sand for all of the children (were thinking about).

#### A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR:

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year

and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever as we pray in Jesus' name...

and this prayer for peace may be said:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

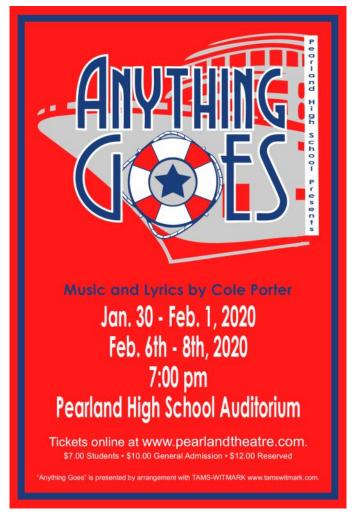
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life; through Christ the Lord. Amen.

- Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi



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Starring our own Michael Scott, *Anything Goes* is a 1934 musical with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. The original book was a collaborative effort by Guy Bolton and P. G. Wodehouse, heavily revised by the team of Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. The story concerns madcap antics aboard an ocean liner bound from New York to London.

Plan a night out at the theatre!

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

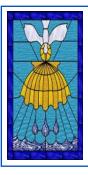
Bill & Pam Dahse

18236 County Rd. 132 Pearland, TX 77581-6508

Barbara Brown

16719 Arboleda Dr. Humble, TX. 77346

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.





Sunday, December 22nd, New Life welcomed into God's Kingdom, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, **Rowen Edwin Ullmann**, son of Molly & Richard Ullmann III. Rowen's proud sponsor is Michael Lowery.







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 received a check for \$27.67 on 12/23/2019. 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)

















# Lots of things going on behind the scenes...

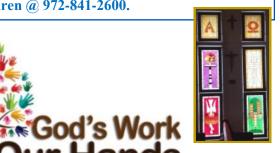
Thank you to the New Life Property team for all their efforts to keep up with ongoing maintenance including:

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







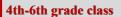
There are Sunday's Cool classes for everyone (youth & adults). Classes resume January 5th.

Sunday's Cool has classes for everyone (youth & adults). Take time for Life-Long Learning!



Partial group of Sunday's Cool Teachers 2019-2020

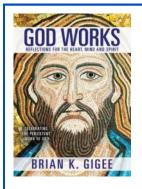






- ALL youth from 3 year olds through 3rd grade meet in their respective rooms upstairs in the Fellowship Hall, 4th-6th graders meet downstairs across from the DVD room and 7th-12th graders meet in Sang's office in the Administration Building.
- Ø The ABC class... Adult Bible Class is studying the gospel 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.

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



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# 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 Gigee, 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 familes, Buckels family, Childs family, Pastor Gigee, 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

#### January 1

Happy New Year!

For I know the plans I have for you,"
says the Lord. "They are plans for
good and not for disaster, to give you
a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Lord, I look forward to the good plans you have for my life this year.

No matter what each day holds, I the know all will be well because you are always with me.

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



May the Lord make my New Year a happy one ... Not by shielding me from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening me to bear it if it comes. Not by making my path easy, but by making me sturdy enough to tread any path. Not by taking hardship from me, but by taking all cowardice and fear from my heart as I meet hardships. Not by granting me unbroken sunshine, but by keeping my face bright even in the shadows. Not by making my life always pleasant, but by showing me where men and His cause need me most and by making me zealous to be there and to help ... God, make my year a happy one."

FROM GUIDEPOSTS MAGAZINE

**Woman's Day** 

#### PRAYER VENTURES 2020

## **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ameri**

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

God's work, Our hands.

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.



1 What is the significance of your name? On this day we recall the naming of Jesus and pray that when we hear, say or think his name, we will recognize him as our salvation, our uniter and our sure source of love, forgiveness and new life. 2 Throughout National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, remember in prayer the men, women and children who are victims of this global tragedy, which disproportionately affects women and girls. Pray for an end to human trafficking and that all who suffer its abuse, injustice and oppression may

find freedom, support, healing and safety, especially in our communities of faith.

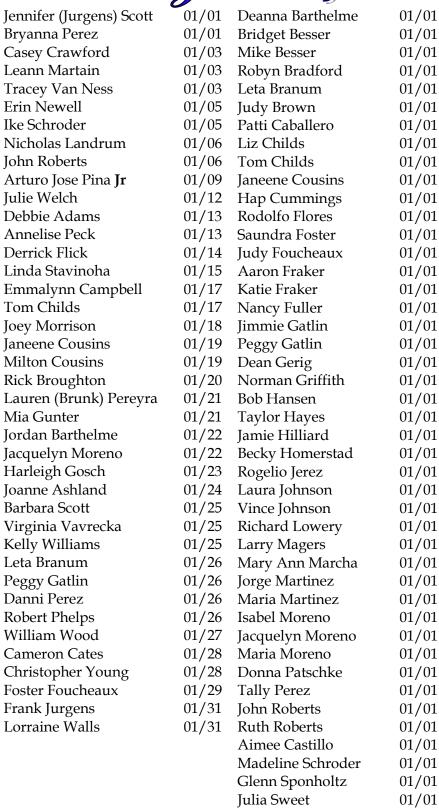
- 3 Give thanks for the cloud of faith-filled witnesses who surround us as mentors of faith, vocation and life skills, enriching our lives through their example and sharing their faith, wisdom and knowledge.
- 4 Pray for the people and communities affected by the recent fires in California, that they will not lose hope but will experience God's presence and encouragement through the care and support of others. Give thanks for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response — with the California synods, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California and Lutheran Social Services of Southern California — to respond with physical, emotional and spiritual care.
- 5 Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us bear witness in the world to the light and truth of Jesus Christ, that we will be infused with enthusiasm for inviting others to believe and follow, and that all will experience the grace and fullness of God.
- 6 Feast of Epiphany God's glory is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, born among us and immersed in the messiness, complexity and commonness of humanity for the sake of the world. Pray that we will recognize God's divine presence and activity in the world for the redemption and healing of humankind and for the nurturing of our lives to better emulate Jesus.
- 7 Give thanks for the gift of wisdom that comes from God. Pray that our faith, with the encouragement of the Spirit, will compel us to share, teach and cultivate God's wisdom and ways among all people — young and old
- 8 Give thanks and praise to God that we are adopted and called children of God through Jesus Christ, an immeasurable gift of grace, love and forgiveness in which we are immersed.
- 9 Pray for the ministries that have received ELCA World Hunger Big Dream Grants, which support domestic ministries as they pursue innovative and sustainable approaches to ending hunger. Ask God to help their work flourish and inspire others to seek new ways of ending hunger and lifting the human family.
- 10 The good news of Jesus Christ embodying God's love, forgiveness and promise of eternal life is for all humanity; no one should be excluded from this good news and mystery of grace. Ask that the Spirit fill and inspire us to speak enthusiastically about our faith and serve our neighbor — every neighbor — in the name of Christ.
- 11 Do you have goals, plans, hopes and ventures for this new year? Give thanks and take comfort and courage in the promise of God's love, forgiveness, renewing Spirit and acceptance of us just as we are — in all our human endeavors.
- 12 Washed in the waters of baptism and touched by the Spirit, Jesus began his ministry and was made known to the world as the Son of God bringing the light and truth of God to the world. Remember in prayer how we are cleansed and renewed daily through our baptism, filled with the Holy Spirit, prepared for a life of praising God and serving our neighbor, and called to share the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 13 Pray for people who struggle with substance abuse and addictions and for those who are working to rebuild their lives and relationships through sobriety and the support of companions who understand the challenges of recovery. Pray that they will have faith in God's unwavering love and forgiveness in moments of despair, joy, accomplishment, weakness and stumbling.
- 14 God's voice and presence throughout creation are powerful and awesome. Give glory and praise to God as a humble member of the body of Christ, seeking God's strength each day.

- **15** *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* Give thanks for saints, martyrs and leaders, throughout history and today, who have dedicated their lives to racial justice, equality for all people and an end to racism and discrimination, and who stand with the neglected or weary. Pray that our actions, words and service for the sake of our neighbor will be inspired and guided by the witness and example of these bold leaders.
- **16** Pray for ELCA churchwide staff, volunteers and planning committees as they prepare for "boundless: God beyond measure," the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Ask the Spirit to guide them as they help youth, young adults and adults catch a glimpse and develop a deeper understanding of Christ's love and what it means to live a life filled with God.
- 17 Give thanks that God shows no partiality or exclusivity in sharing love, mercy and forgiveness; the good news of Jesus Christ is for everyone and every nation!
- **18** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today. Give thanks for the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, the Lutheran World Federation, the World Council of Churches and the ecumenical organizations and ministries with whom we journey together toward unity unity that we celebrate and share in Jesus Christ.
- 19 Pray that in moments when God says, "Come and see" (meaning "trust and follow"), we demonstrate the same curiosity, hope and faith that moved the first disciples of Jesus, imperfect and uncertain as they were even when face-to-face with the Messiah.
- **20** Lift up in prayer the names of staff paid and volunteer whose vocation and faithful, generous service enhance and support the daily ministry and mission of our congregations and synods, including administrative assistants, business managers, custodians and people responsible for digital communications.
- 21 Pray for the leaders of every nation, including our own, that they will heal long-standing and recent rifts, pursue just and peaceful agreements and solutions for the well-being of the people they serve, and share resources to relieve hunger and poverty everywhere, without concern for profit or gain for any single nation.
- **22** Ask God to help us actively mend the suspicion and hatred in our nation and around the world that divide us, frustrate compassion and generosity, and undermine our understanding of how to live in community. Pray that where we are broken or in conflict, God will show us how to be whole.
- 23 Pray that we will find joy in following the will of God as it is written in our hearts and revealed in Scripture.
- **24** Thank God for our special relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997; pray for the church, its diverse ministries and its members and leaders; and pray that together we will find mutual support, new partnerships and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.
- **25** *Conversion of Paul* Reflect on how God has transformed you. Give thanks and praise to God for stirring our lives and calling us to be witnesses and servants doing God's work in the world. And give thanks for our faith, our unique personal histories, our strengths and weaknesses, and our gifts and skills, even when we are uncertain of their usefulness and relevance in the body of Christ.
- **26** Praise God for Jesus' life, teachings, ministry and personal example, which instruct us today as modern-day disciples called to follow Christ, share the gospel, serve our neighbor and grow the church in an ever-changing world.
- 27 Remember in prayer women of the early church, throughout history and today, whom God has called and equipped as witnesses, bearers and teachers of the faith, and leaders in every corner of the world. They are a blessing to the church.
- 28 Give thanks for theologians and teachers in our church, in our educational institutions and in our midst. Pray that God will grant them insight and wisdom to help us connect faith with daily life and deepen our understanding of God's word, ways and desires for us.
- **29** Ask God for forgiveness for the conflicts that divide our church and our congregations. Pray that when we disagree, we will exercise humility, love, respect and reconciliation, remembering and reaffirming our unity of spirit and purpose as siblings in Christ.
- 30 Ask God to help us when we feel discouraged or overwhelmed by or detached from the difficult challenge of reducing gun violence. Pray for wisdom, courage and boldness in advocating for legislation and cultural shifts that, though complex or unpopular, will protect the gift of life and honor the handiwork of our Creator.
- **31** "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Praise God and shout with joy!

# 2020 Birthdays



## Baptismal Anniversaries



	11010111 015001 005	
	Jose Villalobos	01/01
	Chris Young	01/01
	Dave Peterson	01/03
	Austin Caballero	01/08
	Miranda Caballero	01/08
	Coralee Barrett	01/10
	Elaine Damewood	01/10
	Krista Cheney	01/12
	Mike Costello	01/12
	Holly Moreno	01/14
	Bubba Flowers	01/20
	Michael Lowery	01/22
	Vince Gottleib	01/24
	Noah Landrum	01/26
	Ryan Newell	01/29
	Abbie (Butler) Phelps	01/31
	Nikki Gatlin	01/31
-	Nicole Velasquez	01/31
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\*\*Our computer designates all baptism dates as January 1st if a date is not given. Please call the church office if you know your baptismal date. If not, we will celebrate your baptism each new year. Thank you

# Wedding Anniversaries

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Stephanie & Max Thweatt	01/06
Stacia & Erik Sweet	01/09
Katie & Aaron Fraker	01/13
Virginia & Charles Vavrecka	01/13
Pam & John McDonald	01/18

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# Helping Hands in Worship - January 2020 Altar Guild: Tamsey Mims & Susie Wellman Communion Wine/Wafers are provided by Brenda & Jerry Migl

Services		January 5 Christmas 2/ Ungreening	January 12 Baptism of our Lord	January 19 Epiphany 2	January 26 Epiphany 3	February 2 Souper Bowl of Caring
Acolyte	8:00 10:30	Harleigh Gosch Casey Crawford	Elliot Baldauf Cate Cummings	Harleigh Gosch Avery Welch	ElliotBaldauf Sophia Castillo	Jocelyn Wallace Jocelyn Weber
Assisting Minister	8:00 10:30	John Russell Gestl Lisa Weber	Matt Scott Bryan Bradford	Nancy Bryars Jamie Hilliard	Denise Jurgens Aimee Castillo	Barbara Scott Michael Porter
Communion Assistant 8:00am	sistant	Brenda Migl Jerry Migl	Coleen Gestl John Gestl	Robin Gottleib Vincent Gottleib	Rebecca Reed Susie Wellman	Cheryl Robinson Denise Jurgens
Communion Assistant	10:30am	Tiffany Pineda Carole Wright	Ed Bradford Cheryl Robinson	Tiffany Pineda Carole Wright	Christal Thompson Deanna Barthelme	Mary Ann Marcha Barbara Flowers
Altar Flowers		Pineda Family In Honor of Jennifer Gonzalez Birthday on 1/9	Cheryl Robinson In Honor of Debbie's Birthday	Linda Stavinoha In Honor of her Birthday & All Jan. Birthdays	Flowers can be Purchased for this Sunday for \$45	Jerry & Brenda Migl in Honor of Clayton's 14 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Lay Reader	8:00 10:30	Frank Jurgens Peter Weber	Elna Ritter Carole Wright	Evelyn Baldauf Mina Stagner	Helen Beckman Holly Tatuaca	Michael Scott Katie Fraker
Nursery	10:30	Jackie Crawford	Madeline Schroder	Bryan Bradford	Jackie Crawford	Madeline Schroder
Greeters	8:00	Vincent Gottleib Robin Gottleib	Foster Foucheaux Judy Foucheaux	Coleen Gestl John Gestl	Nancy Bryars	Helen Beckman
Greeters	10:30	Andy Crawford & Kyle	Josh Roszak Abby Roszak	JoAnn Morrison Dennis Morrison	Merideth Oliver Linda Stavinoha	Saundra Foster Charles Foster
Ushers	8:00	Susie Wellman Charles Gaevert	Frank Jurgens Doug Barron	Tamsey Mims Susie Wellman	Charles Gaevert Doug Barron	Robin Gottleib Vincent Gottleib
Ushers	10:30	Tony White Floyd Brown & Logan	Nolan Patschke Milton Thomas	Ed Bradford Jan Homerstad	Tony White Jenaro Castillo	Floyd Brown Tiffany & Logan Pineda
Coffee Hour		Ungreening Brunch		Seniors	MIM	Super Bowl Breakfast
Opening Closing & Count						
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

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







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Thu	2	5:30p Bazzaar Team 7p GLOW (God's Love, (	16 23	30 To Property Team
Wed	New Year's Day Office Closed 12p Senior (55+) Lunch	11:30a WELCA Lunchec 5:45p Choir Practice	9:30a Mary Martha Bibl 5:45p Choir Practice 22 22	5:45p Choir Practice 5:45p Choir Fractice 5
Tue		9:30a Quilting 7p Word Fellowship Cer	9:30a Quilting 5:45p Confirmation 7p Word Fellowship Cer 9:30a Quilting 5:45p Confirmation 6p Men in Mission 7p Word Fellowship Cer	9:30a Quitting 5:45p Confirmation 7p Word Fellowship Cer 9:30a Quitting
Mon		Epiphany  Op HouseBand Practice  Op Modified Yoga  8p AA Meeting (Co-Ed)  8p Ala-non	6p HouseBand Practice 6p Modified Yoga 6:30p Church Council 8p AA Meeting (Co-Ed) 8p Ala-non 6p Modified Yoga 8p AA Meeting (Co-Ed) 8p AA Meeting (Co-Ed) 8p AA Meeting (Co-Ed)	6p HouseBand Practice 6p Modified Yoga 8p AA Meeting (Co-Ed) 8p Ala-non 6p HouseBand Practice
Sun		Un-Greening of the Chu Ba Traditional Worship 9:15a Sunday's Cool and 10:30a EPIC Worship 12p LYO - Lutheran You 12p Word Fellowship Ce	Baptism of Our Lord  8a Traditional Worship  9:15a Sunday's Cool and 10:30a EPIC Worship  12p LYO - Lutheran Yot  12p Word Fellowship Cool and Traditional Worship  9:15a Sunday's Cool and 10:30a EPIC Worship  10:30a EPIC Worship	8a Traditional Worship 9:15a Sunday's Cool and 10:30a EPIC Worship 12p LYO - Lutheran You 12p Word Fellowship Couper Bowl of Caring