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Don't Let Go

Mark Your Calendars

Sundays in April
Live-Streamed Services
On Facebook @
NewLifeinPearland

Sunday, April 5th Palm Sunday

Tuesday, April 7th
Passover

Thursday, April 9th
Maundy Thursday
Livestreamed Service @ 7pm

Friday, April 10th Good Friday Streamed Service Starting at 9am

Sunday, April 12th EASTER SUNDAY

He is Risen!

Livestreamed at 8am Available @ 10:30am and all day

Note: The Office is now closed on Fridays & have limited hours during the week.

Please, no visitors without prior authorization. Check in at office.

April 2020

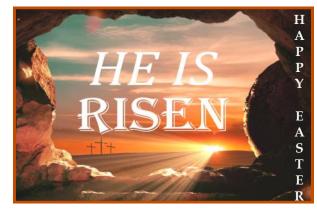


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The Lifeline



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

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

"WHO WOULD HAVE EVER THOUGHT?"

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by." -Psalm 57:1-2

Dear friends and followers @ New Life,

Who would have ever thought? Yet, here we are! Life as we know it has been placed 'on hold.' We are all having to adjust... as in the whole world... is now dealing with a 'new life!' We should be ahead of the curve, then... those of us who claim the name of Jesus Christ as Lord of the nations, embracing the new life that only he can offer. Are you worried? Maybe. Are you on your knees? You might be. Just remember, the world has dealt with pandemics before. God is faithful. God's Word and purposes are trustworthy. Always. Forever. Please note:

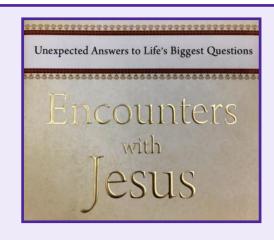
* - God didn't cause this. God's not mad. * - God doesn't need another angel in heaven!

* - God didn't allow this so "we could learn our lesson."

Ok, with that said... here are some good thoughts posted in Tuesday March 24 Houston Chronicle... with some comments from me...

- 1. We are not at fault, but you are responsible. This disaster chose us. We must own it. WE can. WE will.
- 2. No one is coming. We must move at the speed of need. Christians are good @ taking care! Do know this!
- 3. We can build on broken. Cultures do this all the time. Pay attention to the strengths & skills around you. Do what you can with what you have where you are. Right now...as we're all still at home!
- 4. . There is nothing more powerful than a family, company, community in touch with its own aspirations and principles. WE ARE CHURCH—- ROOTED... REFRESHED... REACHING!
- 5. Focus! Allow things that are not destructive... Even in disasters, people need joy. Choose joy. Joy.
- 6. We may be physically distant, but we must remain spiritually, emotionally, socially connected. Connect today. Church is a primary connection after our immediate family. "Ask. Jesus said."
- 7. At every milestone forward there will be gratitude and grief in equal measure. Allow gratitude and grief to reside in your heart together... side by side. It will be easier on all of us when this is done.

Who would have ever believed this could happen? Those words rang true for Jesus' disciples when he went to the cross... repeated again at the resurrection. It feels like Good Friday. Easter's a comin!



ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

A personal journey for God's people in Lent

WED April 1

"The Great Enemy" (Even Satan has an 'encounter'!)



Sunday, April 5th - Palm Sunday

Thurs., April 9th- Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 pm





Friday, April 10th - Good Friday

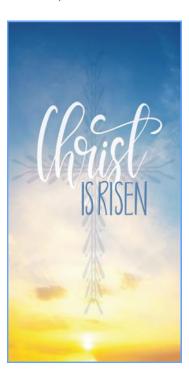
The Crucifixion of Jesus
Scripture / Reflections / Songs / Bidding Prayer
9:00 AM Facebook Livestream on NEW LIFE IN PEARLAND
(can be viewed all day and shared with others)



Sunday, April 12th - Easter Sunday

Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, Son of God and Savior of the Cosmos

Facebook Livestream on NEW LIFE IN PEARLAND At 8am and available @ 10:30am and all day





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.



Dear church,

The last couple of weeks have been trying ones for everyone across this church. Our synods, congregations and ministries are facing challenges that they've never faced before. Being church together means more now than ever before.

The churchwide office is launching a comprehensive Covid-19 response across the ELCA beginning today. We have three new approaches designed to provide several levels of support for our most vulnerable congregations and ministries. These three approaches are Daily Bread Grants, Here to Serve, and the Covid-19 Response Appeal.

DAILY BREAD GRANTS

ELCA World Hunger is announcing the immediate launch of Daily Bread Matching Grants. Through these grants, ELCA congregations can raise funds for their feeding ministries using an online fundraising platform and will receive a grant of \$500 from ELCA World Hunger. Up to 100 Daily Bread Matching Grants are available for ELCA congregations on a first-come, first-served basis, with the possibility of more grants becoming available in the future.

HERE TO SERVE

The churchwide organization is inherently a resource in support of the members, congregations, synods and partners of the ELCA. During this time, Domestic Mission will pivot to a project-based, service-oriented structure so this church knows we are here to serve. By the first week of April, we will launch a chat function on **ELCA.org** along with an 800 hotline for prayer, support and questions that will be answered by our staff. As soon as these channels are live, we will let you know.

COVID-19 RESPONSE APPEAL

It's more important now than ever to support our church across the country through these difficult times. We will begin to raise funds to support our congregations, ministries and synods. This effort will launch the week of March 30 via email and social media with a special form online to donate.

In addition to our new three-pronged response, our work continues in providing and updating resources on <u>ELCA.org/publichealth</u>. We are also still at work in the world. Our global mission work continues and grows in this time of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are working with our global companions to provide support where we can.

I am proud to say that even during challenging times, we continue our service in living out the mission of this church: *Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.*

Peace and be well,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

WORSHIP PLANNING COVIDIO PANDEMIC EDITION

Breathe on Me, Breath of GodN	OPE
Precious Lord, Take my Hand	OPE
Just a Closer Walk with Thee	OPE
Gather Us In	OPE
Close to Thee	OPE

COULD WORK

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley
I Come to the Garden Alone
Trust and Obey

From Facebook

(PSTEPHSC)



buildkitsofcare.org

This Lent, we're joining Lutheran World Relief in A SEASON OF HOPE to announce to the world the HOPE of Christ. Each week, we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

March 1

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



March 8

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color

recommended)



packaging)



March 22

Combs



March 29

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)

April 5 – Palm Sunday

Bars of Soap





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



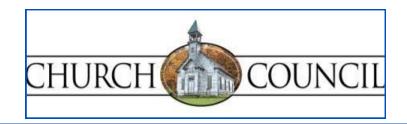


Collections of items will continue after Easter and Social Distancing is lifted.

A Collection Basket will continue to be located in the Narthex.



The Ingathering has been postponed to November so we will have plenty of time to put kits together! All items still needed.





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope that all of you are doing well. Please take health warnings seriously. This stuff will end, so let's do what is necessary to ensure our safe and healthy future. A little prevention today will mean a lot tomorrow.

I hope that you have been watching the online streaming of services on Facebook. Even if we are not present we can know that we are not alone.

All churches are suffering at this time. Please practice fiscal responsibility. I thank those of you who have been dropping off and mailing your offerings to the church. Your offering is much needed for continued daily expenses and is greatly appreciated. If it is easier, remember that you can give online via Vanco (through our website — newlifelutheran.com/giving), do text giving (see info in bulletins) or send through the U.S. mail. New Life also has a mail slot in the door to the Fellowship hall if you want to drop off a check and no one is in the admin building. Please let the office know if you drop something off though. At this time I want to be transparent and let you know that we are already behind on one mortgage payment. We may have to make some tough decisions in the near future. Thank you as always.

Be safe!

In Christ,

Rudy Moreno2019 Church Council President
281-734-5019

L.O.C.K.D.O.W.N

- L- Listen to God's voice and reflect. Let Go and Let God.
- O- Obey His word and his teachings.
- C- Call on Jesus's name and be calm.
- K- Know that God has a Purpose for all of This.
- D- Dwell in His presence. Do not panic.
- O- Offer a Prayer for everyone's Safety.
- W-Wait on the Lord and be Patient. This too Shall pass.
- N- Nurture Our Personal relationships with God.



This was written by Sarah Radloff-Long, a Heart-to-Heart Sister in the North Wisconsin District, and posted by Becky Haltaufderheid, LWML NWD President. Copied from Facebook.



Youth & Family

Hello, New Life Church family,

In March, I attended our monthly meeting of the ELCA's Youth Ministry Network. We talked about how horribly various parents treat their kids as our speaker was a chaplain at Texas Children's Hospital. It was harrowing to hear. In every way that you have been and continue to be a good parent, thank you so much for loving your kids as God intended. Thanks a lot to Mike for putting up the projector. In light of the coronavirus as I write this, I hope we can use the projector by June if life resumes to normal by then.

Please be sure to practice conscious social distancing. Please wash your hands longer than usual. Please do not make unnecessary trips whenever possible. Please be mindful of this. It could literally save your life and that of others.

Obviously and sadly, there will be no Lutherhill Elementary School retreat, and at the time, only two students registered so they were refunded. Hopefully, next year, we can get our kiddos to attend.

On a happy side note, thanks to Rudy and the various Boy Scouts for the new checkerboard. This was an Eagle Scout project for our very own William Sinacori. Alex Tatuaca and a crew demolished the deck for "his" Eagle Scout project so that William's project could be completed.

Hopefully, you noticed the "footsteps" in the narthex and fellowship hall before our services were suspended. They are concrete ways of "taking the next step" and being a leader or proactive member. Take a look and take a step!

Most likely, we have to postpone the April 11, Saturday Easter party for the community kids. Hopefully, Day Camp will continue on June 8-12; online registration is up and running. https://form.jotform.com/90496337109159.

On the horizon are still the following dates:

Lutherhill summer camp reminder: July 5-10. Please let me know when you have registered. Make sure you use our church code (newlifelutheran). Please note that parents are now paying 50% of the cost for Lutherhill events per church council budget changes based on my recommendation. Here are some Lutherhill events quickly coming up!

July target date: Summer Service Trip at lake house; chat with Fred Pfaff about the trip.

Regarding the topic of your generosity, thank you so much regarding the church budget. Those who are able to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2021 in Minneapolis please start saving a \$1 a day so that you will be ready for registration fees, transportation and food costs. I anticipate that parents will need to budget around \$1500 according to their website: https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering.

Parents, as always, you can do the following:

- 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. (On facebook for now)

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



NO APRIL LUNCH

Next will be Wednesday,
May 6th
@ 12:00 pm

Please bring your favorite entrée, side dish or dessert to go with it.

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



Other Senior (and younger adult) Opportunities:

Men in Mission
Women of the ELCA, Women of Worth
Quilters
Altar Guild
Prayer Shawl Ministries
Bereavement Team
Meals on Wheels
Christian Helping Hands
GLOW (God's Love, Our Work) Care Team
Property Team
Sunday's Cool Teaching
Bazaar Team
Gardening

MEN'MISSION



Tuesday, May 19th @ @ 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.





Census 2020 is here! Check you mail and make sure you get your household counted.

www.2020census.gov





As of March 2020, 722 prayer shawls and 36 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.



Julia Sweet's sister, Marie

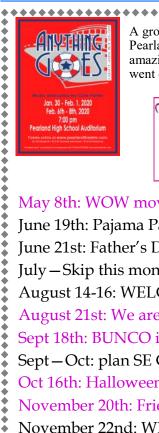




WOMEN OF THE ELCA is the women's organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As a partner in the total ministry of the church, the organization affirms, supports and challenges women in their daily ministries at home and around the world. All women of the congregation are included and 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 will continue in May on the third Wednesday. Readings and study material come from the national WELCA magazine named Gather. There is an online Gather Bible study that is available during Social Distancing.

WELCA LUNCH BUNCH (all women of the church) Lunch with New Life women and friends will resume in May. Arrive about 11:30 am at Baytown Seafood on Wednesday, May 13th. Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.



A group of 20 plus another 10 people went to see Michael Scott in "Anything Goes" at Pearland High School on Saturday, February 8th. The Musical, starring Michael was amazing! As this was the last performance, we were happy to find out that many others went on other nights!





Save the Date: See email for full calendar with church dates on it.



May 8th: WOW moved earlier to put together flowers for Mother's Day Flower sale.

June 19th: Pajama Party

June 21st: Father's Day – Ladies do Fellowship Hour?

July – Skip this month (this is also New Life's 15th anniversary!)

August 14-16: WELCA Retreat (Brenham?)

August 21st: We are trying to get a speaker for this month – or we will play BUNCO

Sept 18th: BUNCO if we didn't play in August – or do crafts?

Sept—Oct: plan SE Cluster meeting here at New Life.

Oct 16th: Halloween or Fall Crafts and party

November 20th: Friendsgiving Celebration or go to other function that MaryAnn talked about

November 22nd: WELCA Thankoffering – we will need ladies to do all helping hands jobs this day

December 13th: Kids program & WELCA Christmas Party

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

All are welcome to come and visit on Tuesday at 9:30am! Come to guilt 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. Usually more than 200 quilts would be displayed on Palm Sunday and be for sale. This year the ingathering was postponed so we will postpone the display and blessing of the quilts to sometime in early Summer or Fall. After the quilts are blessed and purchases are made, any remaining quilts will be sent with school kits, personal care kits and fabric kits to the LWR ingathering.







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: Pancake supper leftovers (Browns, Pinedas & Nancy Bryars hosted) and the New Life Seniors.

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



May 4th-8th is our next time for delivering meals.

A huge **THANK YOU** to Walt & Carol Wright, Joann & Dennis Morrison, Scott & Leeta Sanger, Hap & Bobbi Cummings, Nancy & Roland Bryars, Lynn Cope, Bill & Doris Clements, Barbara & Matt Scott, and Barbara Flowers for stepping up and helping out for the month of January.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Our remaining dates for this year will be:
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 at 281-485-1818.

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



Thank you: Lynn Cope, Mike & Terri Kiser, Elna Ritter, Linda Stavinoha, Korie Williams and Carole Wright for the volunteer time they have contributed in the

office this month. You are very much appreciated! New Life Staff

Thank You! From Church Council & Staff

- To all members and 'friends' for stepping in and supporting "your" church in this crazy time.
- Bubba & Barbara Flowers for their help in the design of the "footsteps".
- To Helen Cunningham for donating material to the Quilters.
- Vera White & Linda Howell for donating door prizes to WOW
- To Vera White and Karen Sweet Cheney for donating items for a Texans basket.
- To Alex Tatuaca for demolishing the deck as part of his Eagle Project.
- To William Sinacori for installing a large Checker Board with checker and chess pieces to replace the deck for his Eagle Project.
- To Walt and Carole Wright for their purchase of paper towels, TP and 20x20 filters for the Church.
- To Becky and Jan Homerstad for purchasing paper towels, TP and Clorox wipes for the Church.
- To Walt Wright for replacing filters throughout the church and switching out bad fluorescent bulbs for LED.
- To Elna Ritter for purchasing 2 large canisters of coffee for Fellowship Hour.
- To Elna Ritter for jumping in to play the piano for 8am service on Sunday, February 16th for a sick Johnny.
- To all those who lead teams and/or events at New Life
- To all those who continue to help seed projects and events at New Life and beyond with Thrivent cards! See page 14 for 2020 Events/needs.
- To Rudy Moreno for installing the screens at the front of the Sanctuary to get us moving forward to worship more "green".
- To Sang for purchasing the first projector for the green project
- To Council for hosting the Pancake supper Fellowship event.
- To Doug Barron for agreeing to cook the meat for the Pancake supper and Mardi Gras Party.
- To all those who helped in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall during the Pancake Supper.
- To John F. Gestl and Elaine Damewood who shopped for supplies for the Pancake supper.
- To Doug & Lynn Barron for submitting a Thrivent Action team to get a card to purchase food for the Pancake supper.
- To Helen Beckman for doing the Orange St CleanUp on her own. Lets make sure to be at the one rescheduled to May.
- To Karen and Tiffany for hosting a Successful Dinner for New Life's Community Partners. Watch for future Temple Talks!
- To New Life for hosting multiple groups on our site. (Several AA/Alanon groups, Girl Scout troops, the Pearland Retired teachers, etc.) Community Outreach is present here!
- To the quilters for their tireless work on LWR quilts (170+).
- To Carole Wright for her continued work leading the New Life Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- To those who make and distribute prayer shawls for comfort and blankets to newborns for New Life's Prayer Shawl Ministry. (Dee Roe, Marjorie Schooley, Julie Watkins, Carole Wright, Terry Brown, etc. and the numerous yarn donors)
- To Sang for continuing to lead the older youth and stay connected with them during Sunday's Cool and at lunch on Sunday afternoons. And doing awesome Children's services.
- 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.
- To everyone who serves as "Helping Hands" during Worship We appreciate you ALL so much!











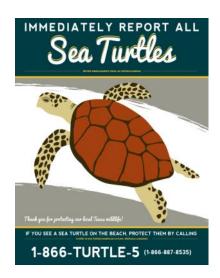


All Pearland and Harris County activities for April are suspended.

Garden Lectures, Open Garden and the Orange Street Cleanup should all start back up in May.

Please continue to recycle and be Earth conscious during the Month of April. Observe Earth Day on April 22nd by planting something and being outdoors if your health allows.





Turtle Patrol was supposed to start on April 1st, but has been postponed until May 1st for Galveston and the Upper Texas **Coast.** Galveston beaches are shut down for the first week of April (as of the end of March), but that closure may continue for the entire month. Once we are allowed, Karen, MaryAnn and Terri will be down there on Friday mornings at 7am to walk their route from 61st street to the Pleasure Pier and back. Please keep your prayers coming for them as the trek is not kind and people leave all sorts of trach that "someone" ends up picking up. Patrols will continue to July 15th. If you travel to the beach, please take EVERYTHING home with you that you brought. Trash left ends up in the water and back on the beach if a sea animal hasn't tried to eat it. Thanks!

Helen Beckman & Karen Sweet Cheney

At the Dobie 9th

grade center

wanted to do his part today while we were out walking and picked up all the water bottles that people had left behind.

#maketheworldabetterplace

1st picture was the bottles from the field

2nd picture is all the bottles he picked up between the track and bleachers.





Thrivent Action Team Cards 2020



2020 UnGreening - Nolan Patschke
2020 Leader Retreat - Nolan Patschke
Souper Bowl of Caring - CHH - Larry Damewood
Community Partner Dinner - CHH - Helen Beckman
Valentines Spaghetti Dinner - Karl Sweet
Valentines Pop-Up Flower Shop - Robin Sweet
Pancake Supper - Doug/Lynn Barron
Lenten Suppers - Jon Sweet
Baskets of Promise - Karl Sweet - postponed
Seder/Passover Meal - Postponed
Good Friday Fish Fry - Doug Barron—postponed
Wine to Water Party/Water2Thrive - PG - Postponed

Mother's Day Flower Fundraiser – 5/10. (by 4/24)
Fundraiser for Youth Scholarships
New Life Day Camp - 6/8-12 - (by 5/21)
Event costs & Scholarships
Summer Kickoff Party/BBQ –
Rally Day/Backpack Blessing
WELCA Cluster Meeting
WELCA Friendsgiving Dinner - 11/20
Hanging of the Greens - 11/29
Council/Staff Angel Tree Christmas Party Dec?
Children's Christmas Party - 12/12
Youth Cookie Fundraiser - 12/19
Caroling - Blanket Drive - 12/18



Thrivent Members and Associates, if you have not yet signed up to submit an Action Team Card for 2020 please contact the church office. Karen is working with the above 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, educational materials, etc.). If you would like information about becoming a Thrivent member or associate, let Karen know.

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



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Jertifer walker

Dear New Life Lythern

Church Congregation.

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the generous donain for hawons

We so appreciate you always

thinking of us and helping us strike

to provide resources fer the shaft

and students Thank you also for

the dinner. It was a great

night of fan & fellowship Jenn. It walker



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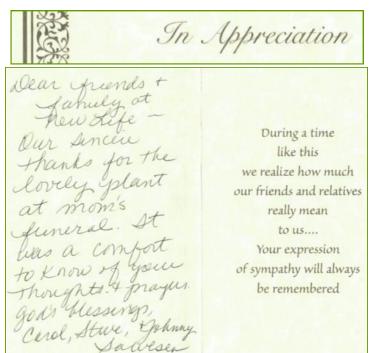
It was our worderful pleases to assest everyone lating your fabrilius Least last night.
What a joy! Thank you so very much por your densities to C.H.H. and others who serve the community. Blessing to you all! Thank you, thank gn!

With Michieu and Sugi Burns

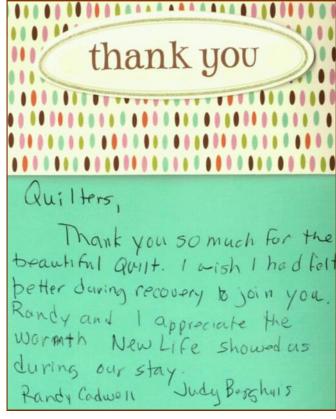


Dear Caring Friend,

Few things are more meaningful—and vital—than reaching out to America's wounded service members, as you did with your generous gift of \$202.59. Thank you so much for your remarkable compassion.







A heartfelt thanks for everything!

On behalf of Pearland Mow I want to thank you for your generous gift this year, But more than that, for the faithful services of your volunteers in keeping the meal delivery going for all these years. Jim Skipper Chairman, Pearland Meals on Wheels





In Sympathy – We extend our Christian sympathy to Rudy Moreno, family, and friends, for the loss of his mother, Rachel, who died in Christ Monday, March 23rd. Services were held Wednesday in Rosenberg and livestreamed to family who could not attend. She was 94... a remarkable woman with a remarkable faith in Jesus.

In Sympathy – Lift up prayers of comfort and hope for Robert and Abbie (nee: Butler) Phelps at the death of their infant son, Robert Jeffrey Phelps on March 21. A memorial service will be held in College Station in April on a date to be announced. May the Holy Spirit bear down comfort and healing to all.





In Sympathy – We extend our Christian sympathy to Julia Sweet, family, and friends, for the loss of her sister, Marie Weltman, who died in Christ Tuesday, March 13th. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In Sympathy – We extend our Christian sympathy to Shannon Young, family, and friends, for the loss of her brother, Alex Harrah, who died in Christ Tuesday, March 10th. A memorial will be held at a later date.



May the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ bring comfort and consolation to all who mourn.



In Sympathy – We extend our Christian sympathy to Susan Reynolds -Siegworth, family, and friends, for the loss of her mother, Laura Galloway, who died in Christ Tuesday, March 17th. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Updates for the Church Roster:

Jose Villalobos III Address Change: 1st Inf Div, 1st Bn ARB 686 Pawnee Bluff Rd Fort Riley, KS 66442

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.



Please submit pictures you take of New Life events and/or special things going on in your family so that we can ALL celebrate. Send pictures and info to Karen. office@newlifelutheran.com

Thank you!





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



Randalls "Good Neighbor"

New Life Lutheran's Number is 4748

If you shop at Randalls please consider adding this number to your "rewards card".



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 \$32.61 on 3/24/2020. 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

members to host a important

On past Sundays several people were



where there was no sponsor, therefore no food, 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





pairing up with other week to serve in this





Thank you for your continuous donations! Families served has increased by more than 100%

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)



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

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

Shampoo (& Conditioner)















Checks can be mailed to: 3402 Swensen Rd, Pearland, TX 77581



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. There is a new signup sheet in the Narthex to help offset the shortage New Life is currently incurring. 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.



Family Cross Wall Continues to Grow



<u>New Life Needs:</u>

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 now ONLY using LED and we are OUT)



(WalMart has LED tubes that can be used as T8 OR T12 - Box of 10 for \$42.88)

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).

RAINBOW SCAVENGER HUNT

Find something red.

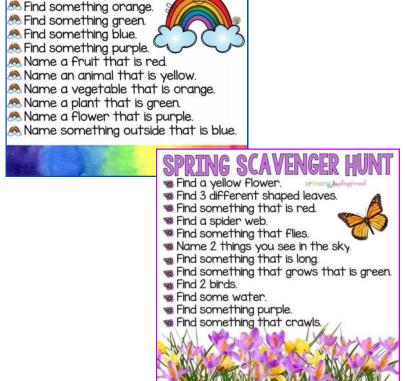
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Take time for Life-Long Learning!

Lenten Learning @ New Life...

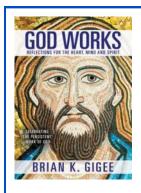
...where God's people gather to grow in faith...
... as there is something for everyone...

SUNDAY'S COOL material is located online for each age group. Sang and Pastor are sending out updates. Newlifelutheran.com/youth-families/sundays-cool/& on Facebook New Life Lutheran Sunday Cool



40 Old-Fashioned Skills That Kids Need to Know o How to write a letter o How to care for a pet o How to make a phone call How to select a thoughtful gift o How to take a message How to admit a mistake How to converse with an elder o How to set the table O How to play with a baby o How to iron a shirt O How to sew on a button o How to give someone the How to genuinely apologize benefit of the doubt How to hammer a nail o How to weigh pros and cons o How to introduce yourself How to have good table o How to notice the needs of o How to dust How to make scrambled eggs How to read a recipe How to balance a checkbook How to vacuum the stairs o How to write a thank you note o How to change a lightbulb o How to do laundry o How to open, close, and lock o How to garden windows o How to fix something o How to use a fire extinguisher o How to plan a healthy meal o How to make a salad o How to hang a picture o How to make a smoothie O How to wash dishes o How to clean the refrigerator o How to clean the bathroom o How to budget o How to wait and save for o How to clean the kitchen o How to address and stamp an something o How to check tire pressure o How to write a check o How to ask questions to get to o How to refill a stapler know someone better o How to put air in a bike tire o How to read a map o How to pump gas o How to find a book in the o How to change a flat tire How to seek counsel from someone more experienced

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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!

Please continue to pray for those living in assisted living and nursing facilities as they are unable to leave their homes/rooms also.

Pray for renewing <u>health</u>: 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, Foster Foucheaux, 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: Barnes & Daeschner families, Barrett and Ruddock families, Barron, Larson, Reed & Moore families, Bradford family, Broughton & Boeker familes, Buckels family, Childs family, Dahse family, Pastor Gigee, Gosch family, Kaiser family, Kyle Lawson, Lawson family, Marcha & Castillo families, Marcha & Salazar families, Mistrot & Meyer families, Moreno Family, Patschke, DeWeese, Schneider & Yancey families, DJ (Jessica Paul's son), Phelps, Butler & Schmidt families, Porter family, Purdum & Hayes families, Reynolds & Galloway families, Schroder family, Tatuaca family, Thomas family, Vavrecka family, Welch family, Wellman family, Wilson family, Wood family and the Young & Harrah families.

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



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



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- · Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- · Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- · Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- · Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- · Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- · Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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 Give thanks for laughter, smiles, joy and humor today! Praise God for humor that lifts our spirits and provides us an unexpected doorway to reflect on social issues that are difficult to ponder or discuss.

2 Pray for God's blessings upon the ELCA's Arab and Middle Eastern Ministries, which serve our neighbors and strengthen the church through evangelical outreach, advocacy, social ministry, ecumenical and interfaith relations, leadership development and affirming the dignity and worth of Arab and Middle Eastern people and their cultures.

3 The season of Lent can seem dark, muted and immersed in thoughts of our human weaknesses and failings. But along the way, remember to give thanks for the good news and hope found in our journey to the cross and in the life-giving miracle of Jesus' resurrection.

4 Give thanks for bishops, staff, volunteers and leaders who serve in our synods across the country. Pray that the Spirit will strengthen and encourage them for service in the diverse contexts to which God has called them.

5 *Palm Sunday* Some people describe our times as post-Christian, an era in which Christ has little meaning, influence or relevance. Pray for the Spirit to be present and diligent in our lives and in the world, rekindling faith in Jesus Christ, the son of God, our Savior, the light and hope for humankind that holds true throughout time and changing cultures.

6 "How precious is your steadfast love, O God!" Give thanks and praise for God's love and mercy washing over us and providing us refuge.

7 Pray that we will be guided by the spirit, manner and example of Jesus to be humble and gracious in our faith, service and lives.

8 Total Inclusion! Widening the Welcome at ELCA Outdoor Ministries is a collaboration between the ELCA churchwide organization and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, the association of camps and retreat centers affiliated with the ELCA. Pray that this new program will equip and empower outdoor ministry organizations and leaders as they move toward more intentional welcome of people who historically have been marginalized in the church and society — especially people of color, people with disabilities and people who identify as LGBTQIA+.

9 Remember in prayer all who despair, suffer or long for liberation, love and redemption.

10 *Good Friday* As we tell and retell the story of Jesus' life, suffering, death and resurrection, pray that we will see the cross as a vivid symbol and reminder of God's amazing love for us, a life-giving gift given to us in Jesus Christ that is meant to be shared through words, actions and imagery that inspire faith today.

11 The living word of God in Jesus Christ breaks through every barrier and border, shines light wherever there is darkness and bridges every rift and difference in humankind — real or imagined. Give praise and thanks to God!

12 *Easter Sunday* This is the day we eagerly anticipated, a day of celebration and joyous mystery — the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Shout praise and glory to God for saving us and setting us free to live as children of God and share the good news with the world.

13 Give thanks for our church's long-standing commitment to global mission and faithful service alongside global companions, churches and organizations as they share the good news of Jesus Christ, care for neighbors in need, work for justice and grow the church.

14 Look up and all around today; notice what is good, life-giving and hope-inspiring. "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

15 Give thanks for the volunteers of all ages who are vital to our mission and work in the world and who share their diverse gifts, interests and abilities in congregations, volunteer corps, camps and retreat centers, ELCA Global Mission, ELCA Mission Builders, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran social ministry organizations and however else they feel called to serve.

16 Having received a new life and identity in Christ, we ask God to help us recognize and focus on what God considers to be important, good and true.

17 Remember in prayer ELCA missionaries serving alongside the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Slovak Republic in ministries of education, leadership development and parish life.

18 Give thanks for our church's history of hospitality and concern for refugees and immigrants. Pray for the 60 million displaced people in the world and ask God to equip and embolden us to advocate on their behalf and welcome them, in partnership with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, the Lutheran World Federation and companion churches in other countries.

19 Earth Day Sunday Praise God for this wondrous creation! Give thanks for how our church embraces our responsibility to care for God's creation through stewardship, education, advocacy and urging one another to take personal and institutional responsibility. Pray that the partnerships and collaborations of the ELCA will produce far-reaching results through ecoAmerica's Blessed Tomorrow program, Creation Justice Ministries, Lutherans Restoring Creation and other networks focused on engaging the church and society in the care and stewardship of creation.

20 Ask for God's grace and forgiveness when questions and doubts undermine our joy in the good news of Jesus Christ. Give thanks that God meets our uncertainty with the same patience and love shown to the disciple Thomas when he needed reassurance that Jesus was the Son of God, the true Messiah and Savior of the world.

21 Pray for worship leaders gathering in Valparaiso, Ind., for the Institute of Liturgical Studies seminar "Living Breath of God: How Word Through Music Forms Us." Ask that the Holy Spirit strengthen and stir their faith, wisdom and creativity as they reflect on questions around the theology and practice of music in our worshiping communities.

22 Earth Day Rejoice in God's astonishing handiwork of creation; praise God's life-giving power and might revealed in the smallest microbe and the infinite mysteries of the universe. Pray that we will demonstrate wisdom, appreciation and respect for nature and all that God has entrusted to our care and use.

23 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

24 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Alaska and Minneapolis Area synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world. 25 Give thanks that God is our ever-present refuge, counsel, comfort and joy.

26 Pray that we will recognize the presence of Jesus in our daily lives — at home, at work, at church, in relationships, during leisure time and in our travels and encounters with strangers.

27 Give thanks for the witness and work of Alberto (Gustavo) Driau, regional representative for Argentina and Uruguay; Rachel Ringlaben, YAGM country coordinator; and the seven volunteers serving alongside our companions in Argentina and Uruguay as part of the Young Adults in Global Mission program.

28 Ask God to stir our generosity for supporting the ministries and witness of our congregations, synods and churchwide organization.

29 Pray that we will find words to share our faith in Jesus Christ and our understanding of Scripture with one another and the world, while also trusting that the Holy Spirit works to deepen our faith and enrich our knowledge of God's word

30 Ask God to help us see and attend to people who are unseen, forgotten, underserved or ignored in our congregations, communities and society — elders who are homebound; people who are quiet, incarcerated, homeless or mentally ill; and people living in shelters, care facilities and group homes.



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Jan Homerstad	04/02	Milt Cousins	04/01
Lynn Barron	04/04	Bobbi Cummings	04/01
Gordon Meyer	04/04	Christine Gosch	04/01
Walt Wright	04/04	Vanessa Jimenez	04/01
Hap Cummings	04/05	Josie Sanchez	04/01
Katy Viccellio	04/05	Ike Schroder	04/01
Rosalie Salazar	04/06	Pete Mistrot	04/02
Leslie Williams	04/06	Stacia Sweet	04/02
Mary Ann Marcha	04/08	Susan Butler Welch	04/03
Hunter Van Ness	04/09	Brian Gigee	04/04
Kaylee Thweatt	04/10	Nicholaus Burkard	04/06
Grady Morrison	04/11	Rachel Gigee Mance	04/08
Carl Ericsson	04/12	Zoe Alvarez Beth Hartfiel	04/09 04/09
Erick Martinez	04/14	Madison Lassiter	04/09 $04/10$
Roland Moreno	04/15	Chase Michael Turner	04/10 $04/10$
Joanne Cummings	04/18	Erick Martinez, Jr.	04/10 $04/11$
Janet Porter	04/19	Emily Guidry	04/11 $04/12$
Peter Weber	04/19	Kip Olson	04/13
Andrew Crawford	04/19	Jude Gosch	04/15
Kyle Crawford	04/20	Leann Martain	04/16
2	•	Miguel Sanchez, Jr.	04/16
Kip Olson	04/20	Kale Koopmann	04/17
Madeline Schroder	04/20	Chloe Baldauf	04/18
Kelli Grage	04/21	Elliot Baldauf	04/18
Bryce Flick	04/23	Helen Beckman	04/18
Colton Broughton	04/24	Parker Perez	04/19
Mason Moore	04/24	Terry Brown	04/22
Cate Cummings	04/27	Johnathan Metzger	04/22
Kennedy Deyo	04/27	Michael Flowers	04/23
Mike Jones	04/27	Loretta Kaiser	04/23
Hal Still	04/29	Jase Zaunbrecher	04/26
Allison Patschke	04/30	John Lee	04/27
		Annelise Peck	04/30

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

Wedding Anniversaries

Kenneth & Karissa Peterson	04/02	Zac & Jennifer Voorhees	04/29
Vince & Lori Zaunbrecher	04/09	Eric & Becca Metzger	04/23
Jan & Dave Peterson	04/19	Dianna & Rudy Moreno	04/23
Kate & Brian Bates	04/20	Tina & Gordon Meyer	04/28
Jackie & Mike Lassiter	04/20	Becca & Josh Reed	04/28
Jennifer (Jurgens) & Berkeley Scott	04/21	Hope (Kaiser) & Jeffrey Messenger	04/30

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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