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## Mark Your Calendars

<u>Sundays in July</u> Live-Streamed Services On Facebook @ NewLifeinPearland 8:00am & 10:30am

> Saturday, July 4th Independence Day Happy 4th of July!



Saturday, July 25th New Life Lutheran's 15th Anniversary



<u>Note:</u> The Office staff is back part-time, therefore the office is open limited hours. Please leave a message at 281-485-1818 if you need access or something from the office.





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Dear Siblings in Christ,

Some of you may be wondering what is going on at church. We have started sending out Friday emails to help keep the congregation informed. We are also putting information on Facebook.

Our interim situation is looking up. We have been in talks with an interim pastor and things are looking good. I will not announce the person until all the I's are dotted and the T"s are crossed. We will try to avoid the same situation as with the previous interim. We want to make sure it is official before we let the cat out of the bag.

I hope that you have enjoyed the variety in our guest pastors. We will have two more guests and then hopefully we will have our interim.

Thank you for your patience and continued support. I know that it is difficult especially given the Covid crisis. So, New Life is starting up parking lot services. At first we will only have 8:00 am service from the parking lot. This service will also be streamed on Facebook. It is getting hot and having a later outdoor service may be too uncomfortable. If we can figure out ways to keep people cool we will consider having two outdoor services. Of course we will need to social distance and follow all recommended protocols for safety.

I know that communication is key to our success. If any of you have any questions please feel free to contact me or any church council member. We have been having regular meetings and can probably answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for keeping this congregation in your prayers. Remember the people here are the church –not the building. Together we will move forward and will be greatly blessed.

In Christ,

Rudy Moreno 2019 Church Council President

















## **Easter Family Pictures**



















Chalk Art by the Crawford's







## Youth & Family



Hello, New Life Church family,

Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter for July. Because of the pandemic, Lutherhill canceled Day Camp, as you know. We also had to cancel the summer mission trip to the lake house west of Austin. Obviously, we are going through major changes in our church leadership. May the Lord give us strength, patience and understanding through this period of critical transition.

Brothers and sisters, please continue to limit social engagements, practice social distancing and for goodness' sake, please wear a mask! I cannot believe how many people still wander about without wearing a mask! The coronavirus will be here for another massive wave; it's time to take this seriously and with extreme prejudice! Please take every precaution and then some.

Lutherhill Summer Camp rescheduled our summer camp date from July 5-10 to 12-17. The spots were limited and filled up quickly. However, I thought that Lutherhill would postpone the whole summer. I hope that there will be health and safety for all campers and staff.

Finally, while I realize that few of us are thinking of next summer (June 29-July 3), the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis will commence. Due to current economic and financial issues, if you plan to send your son or daughter to this event, please save \$5 everyday as fundraising opportunities may be far and few between. I estimate that the cost per student will be around \$1500 which includes registration fees, transportation and food costs: <u>https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering</u>.

In whatever way that you have been able to worship as a family or do Faith5 or engage in any kind of family worship, please continue to keep up the good work. I realize that this is challenging and difficult, of course. Brazen it through!

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.

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 July LUNCH**



SENIORS

Next will be Wednesday, August 5th @ 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<sup>M</sup>ISSION



## Tuesday, August 17th @ @ 6:00 pm

## The men have met in person and via ZOOM over the last few months!

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 your mail and make sure you get your household counted. www.2020census.gov see page 14 for more info





As of July 2020, 735 prayer shawls and 37 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

# Womén ELCA 🚽



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.

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THE MARY-MARTHA BIBLE STUDY will continue in August 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 hopefullyresume in August. Arrive about 11:30 am at Baytown Seafood on Wednesday, August 12th. Questions? Call Julia Sweet at 281.481.2508.



August 14-16: WELCA Retreat - Cancelled? (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

Thank you to Edi Phillipi and Bobbie Cummings for making and providing multiple masks for New Life members and WAY beyond! Edi has delivered more than 60 masks to New Life to provide them for the workers at Leslie Williams medical office, Art Pineda's grocery store

employees, Karen Cheney's daughters Walmart location in Irving and many more. She is coming weekly with more. Leave a message at 281-485-1818 if you are in need of a mask and we will let you know when we have some in stock.

Thank you to the multiple ladies who create the beautiful Prayer and baby shawls for New Life's Prayer Shawl Ministry.



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## 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. 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! From Church Council & Staff



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



#### Meals On Wheels

I would like say how much I appreciate everyone who has ever helped with MOW. This ministry would not happen without your Barbara Flowers support. May 4-8

I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to Walt & Carol Wright for stepping up and helping out for the month of May. They ran Route 1 for the entire week. Bubba and I ran Route 2 for the week. The clients were prepared for the delivery of their food. They had a table or a chair outside the door and they waited for us to step back away before they opened the door.

#### June 29 - July 3

I want to give another gigantic **Thank You** to Carole and Walt Wright for helping with Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Also, Thank You to Joann and Dennis Morrison, Lynn Cope, Terri Kiser, Donna Patschke, Becky Homerstad, and Barbara & Matt Scott. Also, thanks to my hubby, Bubba for helping me cover 3 different days (two for Route 1 and one for Route 2).

Our next delivery date is August 24-28. We are running short on delivery teams due to COVID. If you feel like you might be able to help with the next delivery time, please give me a call (Barbara Flowers – 713-817-1012). We can really use some extra help during this time.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! *Please consider helping with one or more* Our remaining dates for this year will be: **August 24-28 October 19-23** December 14-18



Thank you: Lynn Cope, Terri Kiser, Linda Stavinoha, Charlotte Thurman and Korie Williams for the volunteer time they have contributed in the office this month. You are very much appreciated!

New Life Staff

#### • To all members and 'friends' for stepping in and supporting "your" church in this crazy time.

- To the New Life Church Council for their tireless work revising the budget, reviewing employee needs and working to hire an interim pastor. Their many hours on many Monday nights are much appreciated!
- To Johnny for providing worship insight and leading the Musical talent during Worship services on Sunday mornings.
- To Johnny Salvesen for his multiple musical talents that make for a great experience in Worship (Piano, organ & guitar).
- To Sang Kim for providing meaningful Children 's worship and for presiding several Sundays while New life awaits an **Interim Pastor.**
- To Mike Kiser and John F. Gestl for providing the sound and technical expertise to stream Worship Services.
- To Karen and the office staff for creating Bulletins and getting them uploaded to the website for use on Sunday.
- To Tiffany for processing the mail and dropped off giving checks in a timely manner.
- To Rudy Moreno for helping replace the leaking water fountain in the Narthex.
- To Linda Stavinoha and others for sending out greeting cards to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, those who mourn, those who need encouragement and those we are thinking about.
- To everyone who has encouraged and/or checked up on someone from your Church family.
- To all those who have participated in donations (food, funds, bags & egg cartons) to Christian Helping Hands.
- To Judy Foucheaux, Lynn Cope, Susie Wellman and Karen Cheney for volunteering at CHH doing odd jobs!
- To Walt Wright for replacing lights in the admin building, trimming bushes all around the property & weed-eating flowerbeds under the bushes.
- To Cheryl Robinson for replacing light bulbs in the ladies restroom in the Narthex.
- To those who continue the good works of New Life's outreach programs at home and on New Life Property. We appreciate the gardeners, quilters, altar guild members and everyone who helps us maintain some normalcy in the chaos.
- To Bobbie Cummings and Edi Phillipi (quilter) and others who are making masks for healthcare workers and beyond.
- To all those who have made posters and/or participated in drive-by parades to New Life members and friends.
- To New Life for continued support and for hosting multiple groups on our site. (Several AA/Alanon groups, Girl Scout troops, the Pearland Retired teachers, etc.) Most are meeting virtually, but they are grateful to know that New Life will be here for them when we return to group activities.
- To Carole Wright for her continued work leading the New Life Prayer Shawl Ministry. More than 12 prayer and baby shawls were distributed in the months of March and April.
- 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 all those on the prayer team, GLOW and beyond who are praying for this congregation, friends and family.
- To Terri Kiser for making sure New Life computers are up-todate and backed up continuously.

We appreciate you ALL so much!







**Saturday, September 19 is Community Wide Clean Up.** There are no other Keep Pearland Beautiful Events currently scheduled before then, due to the Covid 19 pandemic. However, any time you are out, especially around the church or on Orange St., feel free to pick up any litter you may see. Squatting is great exercise. Remember to wear disposable gloves and wash your hands thoroughly.

The Stella Roberts Recycling Center is now open Tuesday through Saturday mornings from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. with some restrictions:

Only 3 vehicles are allowed in the building at a time. Stay in your vehicle. Sort your recyclables before you come.

Driver's license or water bill is required for Household Hazardous Waste to prove residency. Pearland and Brazoria Co. residents are free. Non-residents pay \$1/lb. Paper shredding fee is \$5 per individual regardless of the amount and \$5 plus .50/lb. for businesses. Because of current safety restrictions, you will not be allowed to leave your car and watch.

At this time, the Stella Roberts Recycle Center is not accepting moving boxes, paint, newspaper, or crushed glass.

Textile and book recycling is suspended until further notice.

Take your newspapers to the church paper recycling dumpster. Put cardboard and glass jars and bottles in the curbside recycling cart. Put textiles out on curbside recycling day, before 7 A.M., in the Simple Recycle orange bag.

Please, reduce the of use disposables whenever possible, especially plastics.



**Turtle Patrol was supposed to start on April 1st, but has been postponed until May 1st for Galveston and the Upper Texas Coast.** We started patrolling on May 15th and are looking for not only tracks, but for the babies that may have hatched from nests not found by patrollers. So, Karen, Terri and MaryAnn will be down there on Friday mornings at 6am

to walk their route from 61st street to the Pleasure Pier and back. Please keep your prayers coming for them as the 6.5 mile trek is not kind and people leave all sorts of trash 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 on the beach 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



## 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.





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





## Collections of items will continue until November.

## 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 are still needed.

## 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 Hanging of the Greens - 11/29** 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

**Rally Day/Backpack Blessing** WELCA Cluster Meeting WELCA Friendsgiving Dinner - 11/20 **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.

#### New Life continues food collection for CHH every Sunday

**324 pounds** of food was collected on Easter Sunday! Judy delivered it on the following Wednesday. Thank you for all who donated and thank you to Walt, Karen and Judy for

loading it all into Judy's car. In March New Life sent more than **\$600** in checks and cash to help purchase

in checks and cash to help purchase needed items.

CHH has reported that they usually serve 20-25 families a day and now they are serving 45-50 families a day.

Karen delivered all the egg cartons that Sunday's Cool was collecting to CHH on Saturday, April 18th. Please continue to save egg cartons and place them in the grocery cart with your donations. They can use all sizes as they get eggs 15 dozen at a time and have to repackage them for distribution. See page 19 for needed items. Christian Helping Hands .... a ministry of churches to those in need .... On behalf of the Board and all the volunteers Of Christian Helping Hands, Thank You! For thinking of our neighbors in need and your wonderful contribution to C.H.H. Shark you for helping us meet the needs of the hurgy in these challenging times.

Thank you to all New Life Health Care workers, First Responders, Mask Makers, Prayer teams, Teachers, parents working from home and taking care of your little ones home-school needs, and many, many more!

We all look forward to being together as a Church Family once again!



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

Glenn Sponholtz moved to Washington close to Seattle. We will update his address as soon as we receive it. His cell number is still valid and he loves getting calls! 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!

On Sunday, May 24th, New Life welcomed into God's Kingdom, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, Lawrence Brooks Roszak, son of Abby & Josh Roszak and little brother of Lena.

Proud sponsors for Lawrence are Jordan & Thomas Williams and Alan & Kasey Gaska.







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".

#### GLOW is caring for New Life Members. GLOW-<u>G</u>od's <u>L</u>ove, <u>O</u>ur <u>W</u>ork.

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.





#### **How To Respond**

The 2020 Census will ask a few simple questions about you and everyone who is or will be living with you on April 1, 2020.

For the first time, you can choose to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. Find out more about each of these methods below:

- Online Response Guide
- Phone Response Guide
- Paper (Mail) Response Guide

Please note that if you are responding online, you must complete the census in one sitting, as you don't have the ability to save your progress. See the questions the census asks here.

If you do not receive an invitation to respond from the Census Bureau, you may respond online or visit our <u>Contact Us</u> page to call our phone line.

#### Who Should Respond



2020Census.gov 844-330-2020

State and local officials also use census data to redraw districts and so much more.

Do your part and respond today!





#### Flexible Schedules Working in Your Own Community

Looking for Part-time work?

2020 Census field operations have been temporarily suspended, but we will need many census takers once operations resume.

#### Text JobsNow to 313131

2020census.gov/jobs 1-855-JOB-2020 Shape your future START HERE > Census 2020



## **Christian Helping Hands**

Since Easter Sunday, New Life has collected more than 1,000 pounds of food for Christian Helping Hands. In addition, more than \$1,000 in cash and checks were given to help supplement purchases.

The basket will be out all the time now and Sunday food drives will continue for the foreseeable future as CHH feeds more than double the amount of families than in normal times.

THANK YOU: To Judy Foucheaux for delivering collected food each week and to Judy, Lynn Cope, Karen Cheney and Susie Wellman for her volunteering at CHH with food distribution, food storage, paperwork and cleaning. Way to be part of community!



Many workers at Christian Helping Hands are older and can no longer help out due to health concerns. If you are able to help them sort, unload and/or distribute food, please contact them at (281) 485-9776.



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Assisting those in need in Pearland, Friendswood, Brookside and Manvel since 1984

(281) 485-9776

CHH is a 501c3 Organization

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)



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)

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 give them a wink and a nod 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). With Covis19 concerns, Lysol wipes and spray are also needed to prep and clean areas after use. 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).

## Take time for Life-Long Learning!







#### 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 health: Gebron Alvarez, Chris Baldauf, Annie Bates, Brian Bates, Kate Bates, Helen Beckman, Susan Bickham, Bryan Bradford, Ed Bradford, Lucas Bradford, Robyn Bradford, Leta Branum, Theresa Breuer, Barbara Brown, Terry & Floyd Brown, Hap Cummings, Rannie Daugherty, Foster Foucheaux, the Gestls & Goschs, Harvey Hamilton, Walter Hayes, Homerstad families, John Howell, Linda Hudgens, the Kisers, Larry Magers, Mark Landrum, Tina Meyer, Tamsey Mims, Pete Mistrot, Cheryl & Rich Newell, Kerrie Nichols, 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 and Vera White.

Special prayer needs: 2020 Graduates, Adams & Robinson Families, Barnes & Daeschner families, Barrett and Ruddock families, Barron, Larson, Reed & Moore families, Bradford family, Broughton & Boeker familes, Buckels family, Childs family, Dahse family, Gosch family, Grage family, Kaiser family, Kyle Lawson, Lawson family, Marcha & Castillo families, Marcha & Salazar families, Mistrot & Meyer families, Moreno Family, Nichols family, Patschke, DeWeese, Schneider & Yancey families, DJ (Jessica Paul's son), Phelps, Butler & Schmidt families, Porter family, Purdum & Hayes families, Reynolds-Siegworth & Galloway families, Schroder family, Sweet family, Tatuaca family, Thomas family, Vavrecka family, Welch family, Wellman family, Wilson family, Wood family and the Young & Harrah families.

<u>New Life prays for those serving in the military:</u> 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 VENTURES 2020

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Americ** God's work, Our hands,



A praying congregation prays for the wider church!

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 As this time of stress and uncertainty continues, pray that we will be persistent in our generous support for the mission of the church: comforting and caring for our neighbors, responding to the global impact of the pandemic, providing food and basic necessities for people in need, reaching out to the isolated and lonely, and aiding organizations that work for the health, well-being and restoration of our communities.

**2** Give thanks for God's ever-present love and care, and for the message of the psalmist who proclaims, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

**3** Ask the Spirit to help us express our gratitude and concern for first responders, nurses, doctors and hospital employees, and to show us how to serve as God's hands and voice in caring for their spiritual, physical and emotional needs.

**4** Ask God to help us cherish and not abuse the blessings of freedom and liberty, work to change our society where there is injustice and oppression, and accompany our global neighbors and companion churches striving for freedom, justice and voice.

5 Give thanks that God's love and truth are revealed to us through faith in Jesus Christ and that the Spirit is at work inspiring and equipping us to share the good news, spread truth and invite others to believe.
6 Pray for wisdom and patience as we navigate how to gather as congregations and discern what is appropriate, safe, caring and respectful of the ongoing concerns of our members, communities and nation.
7 We understand well Paul's struggle between the inclinations of human nature and following the ways of God and teachings of Jesus. Pray for forgiveness and strengthened faith when we are weak or make poor decisions; pray that we will be guided and encouraged by the Spirit of God that dwells within us.
8 Thank God for our special relationship with the Episcopal Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1999. 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.

9 Give thanks that "the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made." Pray that our joy and thanksgiving will move us to be witnesses to God's presence, grace and mercy in the world for the sake of all people. 10 Pray for the 120 ELCA companion synods that connect our congregations with Lutherans and ministries worldwide. Give thanks that together we participate in God's mission, support each other, share our joys and sorrow, and use our gifts and resources to respond to human needs and grow the church.

11 Remember in prayer refugees and immigrants throughout the world and at our borders who hope for and seek welcoming, safe communities where they can reestablish their lives and raise their families. Pray that they will have access to health services, food and resources to meet their daily needs during this time of heightened vulnerability and isolation.

12 Pray that we will sow the seeds of the good news of Jesus Christ without bias or judgment as to how people will receive it, and that we will trust the Spirit to accomplish what God intends through our witness and service in the world.

**13** Pause to reflect on the significance of the 50th anniversary of a Lutheran church choosing to ordain women in the United States. Give thanks for the leadership, ministry and gifts of women who have served the church throughout history and for those women who endured the hardships and work leading to the ordination of women.

14 Pray for Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton, that God will sustain her faith and strength and guide her leadership and decisions, particularly during this difficult and uncertain time in our church and society when we are looking to her for guidance and vision.

15 Give praise to God, for God's word is powerful, clear, true and trustworthy.

**16** Pray for businesses that are struggling or reopening or have shut down, and for their owners, their employees and all the other people and businesses they impact. Ask God to help them make decisions and implement new health precautions that take into consideration the well-being and needs of their employees, the people they serve and their community.

17 Pray for voting members of the Western North Dakota Synod gathered for a special meeting and elections, and for members throughout the synod who will participate through livestreaming. Ask that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

18 Give thanks that God's word is a light to our path throughout life that guides us in our baptismal journey, fills us with hope and joy, and illuminates truth and justice.

**19** It is a painful, nagging reality that there are both good and evil in the world. Pray that the Spirit will renew our faith, trust and patience that God's righteousness, judgment and mercy will reign when the end of time comes.

**20** Give thanks for rostered ministers <u>in our church who are active</u> in call, on leave from call, awaiting call or retired. Praise God for their faith, gifts, caring leadership, example and sacrifices in response to God's call to a life of ministry and service.

21 We are church together, many members of the one body of Christ. Pray that the Spirit will unite us in our commitment to condemn sexism, anti-Semitism, white supremacy and racism against indigenous people and people of color, whenever and wherever these sins occur.

**22** Pray that, like God, we might be "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."

**23** Pray for our ELCA colleges, universities and seminaries and their faculties, staff and students as they work to adapt to and overcome the disruptions and difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray that faculty and staff will find effective ways of caring for students, continuing educational experiences both in person and from a distance, enriching faith and helping students discern and prepare for their vocations.

**24** Pray that we will be filled with and led by the Spirit so that our actions, words and faith reveal who we are — children of God, followers of Christ.

25 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the <u>South Carolina Synod</u> <u>Assembly</u>, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.
26 How do you envision and understand the kingdom of heaven? Pray that we might stay well-rooted in Scripture and the teachings of Christ to better understand the kingdom of heaven, and to be cautious in embracing cultural myths, traditions handed down and false promises about the kingdom of God.

**27** Pray that we will continue turning to and prayerfully studying Scripture — individually and together. Pray that doing so will strengthen and deepen our faith, comfort and encourage us, guide us in loving our neighbor, and be a source of joy and thanksgiving.

**28** What gives you cause for happiness and hope these days? Give thanks and praise to God for desiring joy, healing, renewed life and freedom for us and all humanity.

**29** Praise God for the joy and reassurance of knowing that there is nothing , absolutely nothing, that can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ.

30 Give thanks for the special gifts, skills and minds of scientists, researchers and explorers who strive to better understand creation, improve the human condition, solve complex problems that cause us suffering, and restore and steward creation with a long view of sustaining future generations. Pray that they will make wise, responsible and just use of their research and discoveries for the well-being of all people and our planet.

**31** Lift up in prayer our neighbors who are unemployed or underemployed and seek safe, meaningful work that will help them develop self-sufficiency and confidence and meet the needs of the people for whom they provide care, assistance and support.







Wedding Anniversaries

Barbara & Bruce Kippley	07/01
Jessica & Matt Deyo	07/04
Christie & Chris Young	07/15
Nancy & Roland Bryars	07/17
Kim Johnson & Robert Koepke	07/18
Coleen & John Gestl	07/20
Julie & John Welch	07/21
Holly & Chelsea Moreno	07/22



Coleen Gestl	07/01
Matthew Scott	07/01
Nolan Patschke	07/02
Avery Welch	07/02
Rory Perez	07/04
Danni Perez	07/05
Berkeley Scott	07/05
Edward Scott	07/07
Barbara Brown	07/08
Marjorie Schooley	07/08
William Wood	07/09
Robert Baluta II	07/10
Colton Broughton	07/10
Susan Reynolds-Siegworth	07/10
Eli Fuentes	07/12
Leon Fuentes	07/12
Roberto Fuentes III	07/12
Sydni McDonald	07/12
Harleigh Gosch	07/19
Katy Broussard	07/21
Edgar Melendez	07/23
Kennedy Grace Deyo	07/26
Stephanie Gottleib	07/26
Arturo Pina	07/26
Sarah Kennedy	07/27
Jocelyn Lassiter	07/27
Leslie Williams	07/27
Hannah Anderson	07/30
Jaxon Thweatt	07/31

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Brenda Migl	07/01
Karl Sweet	07/01
Patrick Sweet	07/01
Bill Phenix	07/03
Rev. Don Cole	07/04
Richard Cummings	07/04
Bill Mitchell	07/04
Josh Reed	07/04
Rhonda Lowery	07/05
Merideth Oliver	07/05
Kelly Lawson	07/07
Petrea Phenix	07/07
Tina Meyer	07/09
JoAnn Morrison	07/09
Sydney Sweet	07/09
Timothy Young	07/10
Sonny Boy Beltran Aimee Castillo	07/12
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Pam Guidry	07/13
Robert Fricke	07/14
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David Young	07/16
Stacy Drake	07/18
Carrie Cole	07/19
Nicole Velasquez	07/19
Julie Watkins	07/19
Katie Fraker	07/20
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