

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 NewLifeinPearland

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



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The Lifeline

Mark Your Calendars

Sundays in August

Live-Streamed Services

On Facebook @

NewLifeinPearland

8:00am & 10:30am

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Sunday, August 2nd & 16th

8:00 a.m. Tailgate Worship
with Livestream

&

10:30 a.m. - Livestream
Worship

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NOTICE:

**Masks MUST be worn while on
New Life Property**



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Wash your
hands like
you've been
slicing jalapeños
and you need to
put in contact
lenses.



Note: 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.

August 2020



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Pastor's Pen:

The Still, Quiet Voice of God

I once read a story about a young college man who had grown up (pre-Covid) on a farm in the “heartland of America”. Between semesters, he had several days with no classes. So, he accepted an invitation from his roommate to come to visit *his* “hometown” of New York City. The New Yorker took the farm boy around to major points of interest--the U. N., Empire State Building, and others. At one point they found themselves in Times Square, inundated with sounds and sights.

While walking along, the farm boy suddenly stopped. He remarked, “I hear a cricket.” In disbelief, his city friend replied, “No way. It’s noon rush hour, and in all of this traffic noise, you heard a cricket? Give me a break.” “No, I did hear a cricket,” the visitor insisted. Then he focused his attention even more intently. He walked to the corner, crossed a busy avenue and looked all around. Finally, he approached a shrub in a large cement planter. He dug a little under the mulch and sure enough, there was the chirping cricket.

The city friend couldn’t believe it. Then the farm boy said to him, “My ears are no different than yours. It all depends on what you have learned to *listen for*. Here, let me show you...” He reaches into his pants pocket and, pulling out a handful of change, drops the coins on the sidewalk. At the sound of the money hitting the concrete, most every head along the block turns in their direction. “You see what I mean?” he said. Stooping to salvage his coins, he remarked “It all depends on the thing you’re listening for.”

The prophet Elijah (1 Kings 19), was frightened and alone. God comes and tells him to get ready for God to come and reveal himself. First comes a great wind so strong that it split rocks. But God was not in the wind. This was followed by an earthquake and a fierce wildfire. But God was not in the spectacle and noise of those events either. Following these, finally, came a great silence and a “gentle whisper”. And at this, Elijah bowed down and worshipped, for it is in silence that God’s presence and voice is discerned.

Do you have planned times of silence (or at least enough quiet) to be able to know you are alone with God? Humans are “hard-wired” to hunger for God’s presence and hearing God’s “voice”.

Jesus is passing our way every day. Can you and I learn with Elijah that, to receive God, we need to do get quiet and focus? Jesus died to reconcile God to the world. He was raised to life, and is now present with fullness of God’s grace for our lives. We have every reason—and opportunity—to take time every day to get quiet with God.

Peace,
Pastor Bill





Dear Siblings in Christ,

I hope that all of you are keeping safe. These are strange and unusual times. It can at times be very frustrating. Changing the way we live and move around is not easy. This virus definitely is challenging our patience.

As most of you know we have contracted an interim pastor. Pastor Bill Schwertlich, will be here to help us through this time of transition. Please make him feel welcome, you can call to talk with him or set an appointment to meet him.

We will continue with parking lot worship each first and third Sunday of the month at 8:00 am. It is currently too hot to have a later service. The first two services had over 20 attendees. There is plenty of room left for more. We do social distance by parking at every other parking spot. It is nice to see our parishioners! We will start communion sometime this month. We just need to figure out how to do it safely.

Please keep in your prayers all the people affected by this Covid -19. We have church family members that have been personally infected and others that have family members, friends and co-workers that have been infected.

In Christ,

Rudy Moreno
2020 Church Council President
281-734-5019



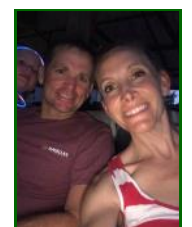
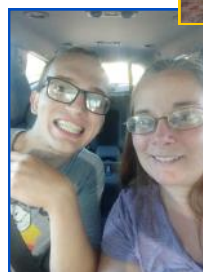
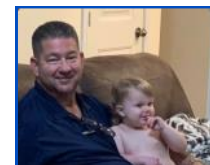
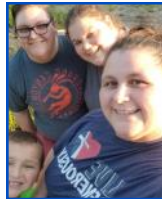
Father's Day Family Pictures



Walt & Carole—55 years!



Family Activities





Youth & Family



Hello, New Life Church family,

Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter for August. Because of the pandemic, Lutherhill canceled all summer camp weeks. As it turned out, only one of our students registered in time and was refunded accordingly. Personally, I was surprised that any camp weeks were scheduled this summer so I'm glad they did the right thing and cancelled all dates.

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.

I want to personally thank Aimee Castillo for her faithful years as Sunday's Cool Superintendent. She has recently stepped down and will teach Sunday's Cool for one more year. Thus, we need to find a suitable replacement. Please talk to me or Rudy if the Lord is moving on your heart and mind to lead in this capacity. Please pray about it for several weeks, at least.

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 financial issues, if you plan to send your son or daughter to this event, please save \$5 every day 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: <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>. The plan is to get into a tour bus with other churches in our synod and travel together.

In whatever way that you have been able to worship as a family or do Faith 5 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 (virtually if needed).

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



SENIORS

Discussion

**Postponed
until further
notice**



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
Fundraising Team
Gardening
Offsite:
Christian Helping Hands

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION



**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 July for job 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



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 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 hopefully resume 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: Movie or craft that we are able to social distance with

Sept 18th: BUNCO

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

Thank you to all those who donate yarn to our Ministry!

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 time.

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.





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 support. *Barbara Flowers*

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with delivering meals during our week of June 29-July 3!

Volunteers are needed!

Our next delivery date is August 24-28. If you think you would like to help, please call Barbara Flowers @ 713-817-1012

Our remaining dates for this year will be:

August 24-28;
October 19-23;
December 14-18

Please prayerfully consider helping with this very important ministry.



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 (Karen, Tiffany & Sang)

Thank You! From Church Council & 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 all those putting together the "Parking Lot" services...
- To Johnny Salvesen for his multiple musical talents that make for a great experience in Worship (Piano, organ & guitar).
- To Sang Kim for his energy and for providing meaningful Children 's worship and for presiding several Sundays while New life awaited an Interim Pastor.
- To Mike Kiser and John F. Gestl for providing the sound and technical expertise to stream Worship Services.
- To Rudy and his family for setting up the tarps for Sunday morning "parking lot" service.
- To Barbara Scott for putting out the orange cones.
- To Rev Morgan Gates for preaching on Sunday, July 12th.
- To Rev William Schwertlich for coming to council meetings before he was official and for accepting a year long internship to New Life as our Pastor.
- 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 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, Terri Kiser 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 all her behind the scenes work she does in the altar guild arena and for taking care of janitorial needs while we search for a new service.
- 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 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.
- 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-to-date and backed up continuously.

We appreciate you ALL so much!



2020



The next official citywide cleanup has been postponed until November. However, we are encouraged to continue picking up litter individually. Thanks to Cheryl Robinson for continuing to pick up litter around the church, especially cigarette butts. I guess people don't realize that we have two outdoor receptacles for smoking debris. One is next to the bench between buildings. The other is near the door facing the parking lot. If you do decide to pick up litter along Orange Street, be sure to wear gloves, wash your hands, keep your distance from others, and throw your bag of trash in the church dumpster. Let me know.

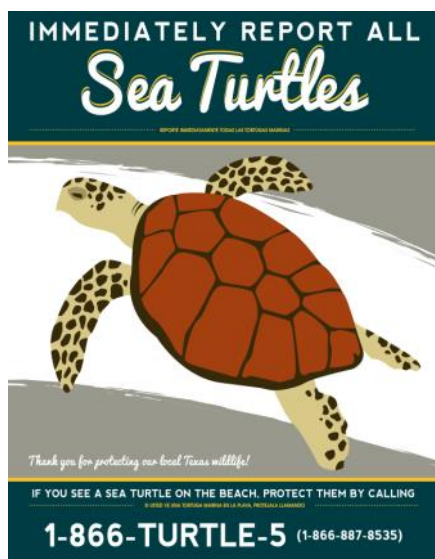
Good news from the Stella Roberts Recycling Center. Some new equipment makes operating the center more efficient and safer. There is now a new water cooler where one can get fresh filtered water. Users should bring their own reusable cup. KPB will no longer be purchasing bottled water. Hurray! It can be done.

For questions about the Stella Roberts Recycling Center or curbside recycling, call 281-489-2795, or check out the website at www.pearlandrecycles.com.

On Earth Day, I pledged to concentrate on the first "R", reduce, especially plastic, and try to reduce my carbon footprint. Unfortunately, for health reasons, most stores do not want you to bring in your reusable shopping bags, but they do have the option of paper bags. Paper bags are also reusable, as bags, for wrapping packages, and covering school books, for example. They are also compostable. Covid 19 is helping me reduce my carbon footprint, because my driving is reduced considerably.

I hope you all have been able to have more time for enjoying your outdoors, reflecting on Gods' marvelous world, and thankful, that flowers continue to bloom, the birds continue to sing, and the evening sky still lights up with the moon and stars. Let's protect it for the generations to come. In my 8 decades on earth, we have already lost so much.

"R" Reuse: I have some scrap lumber, including some plywood, in my garage. If anyone is interested, call me or drop by. I'd love to make room for my car. 281-485-3159.



Turtle Patrolling was very short this year. We didn't start until after May 15th for Galveston and the Upper Texas Coast and then couldn't patrol two other of those weekends due to beach closures. Karen, Terri and MaryAnn patrolled on Friday mornings at 6am from the 61st street Fishing Pier to the Pleasure Pier and back. Thank you for your prayers while we patrolled and even though "we" didn't find anything, several turtles nested at Surfside, Bolivar and on parts of Galveston. If you are at the beach (anywhere) and spot a seaturtle, call 1-866-TURTLE5. Remember, 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. Also, please try to use less plastic (one time use items) and don't let your balloons fly off. Those end up in our waterways which endanger marine and other animals. Thanks!

Helen Beckman & Karen Sweet Cheney



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

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 75 LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

July & August

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



July & August

Combs



September & October

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



September

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



October

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)



November

Bars of Soap



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
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
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.

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.*



Pictures in this issue were obtained from Facebook posts and from submissions. 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".



Kroger Community Awards
New Life Lutheran's Number
changed to TX769

New Life received a check for \$28.60 on 6/22/2020.
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.



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 by the Fellowship Hall and the Sunday food drives will continue for the foreseeable future as CHH feeds more than double the amount of families than in normal times and has added Friday distributions.

THANK YOU: To Judy Foucheaux for delivering collected food each week and to Judy, Lynn Cope, Karen Cheney, Terri Kiser & Susie Wellman for volunteering at CHH with food distribution, food storage, parking, 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. Masks MUST be worn at CHH!



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:

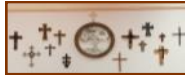
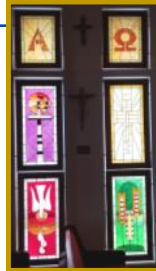
Walt Wright, Rudy Moreno, Ronnie Stavinoha, Rich Newell, Charlie Gaevert, Foster Foucheaux, Richard Lowery, Will Sinacori, Karen Sweet Cheney, Cheryl Robinson and many more are working the property to keep it safe and running smoothly. If you see one of these guys, please give them a wink and a nod and 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



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 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 constant 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!



Thank you to Aimee Castillo for her faithful years as Sunday's Cool Superintendent.

She has recently stepped down, but will teach Sunday's Cool for one more year.

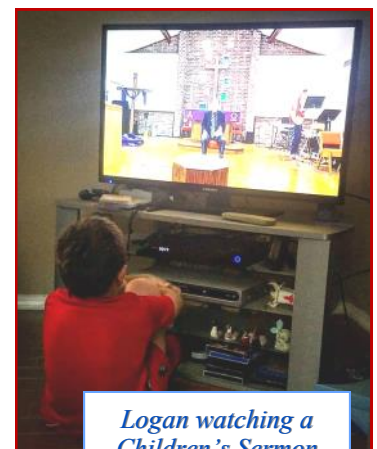
Thus, New Life is looking for a suitable replacement for Superintendent. Please contact Sang or Rudy if the Lord is moving on your heart and mind to lead in this capacity.

NEEDED

Sunday School
Superintendent



Sunday's COOL!



Logan watching a Children's Sermon



See Lutherhill Retreat Schedule on Page 4



Senior High Retreat 2018

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

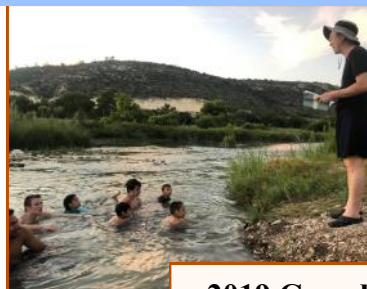


Summer Camp 2018



Senior High Retreat 2019

Elementary Retreat 2019



2019 Grand Canyon Trip



WELCA Retreat 2019



Junior High Retreat Fall 2019



Emergency Preparedness - Hurricane Season is here!

How do I become a 72 Hour Lutheran?

Author: Gulf Coast Synod

A *72 Hour Lutheran* is a person who happens to be Lutheran and has enough supplies in their home to meet their household's basic needs for 72 hours.

Checklist

- Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding, and wind. Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances, the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- If necessary, determine an escape route from your home and designate places to meet. (Note: these should be measured in tens of miles, rather than hundreds of miles.) Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Call the church and make sure that they have all your information.

Create a disaster supply kit

- Proper identification
- Immunization records
- Insurance/Important Papers
- Medications
- Moisture wipes, Hand Sanitizer
- Flashlight/Batteries
- Radio - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Whistle
- Telephones - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery - A traditional (not cordless) telephone
- Cash (with small bills)
- Extra keys
- Tools - keep with you during storm
- Wrenches/Pliers to turn off utilities
- Vehicle fuel tank (kept filled)
- Pet care items
- 2 Sets Clothing (per person)
- Extra Shoes (waterproof)
- Towels, Blankets, Pillows
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Stock up on non-perishable emergency supplies

- Bottled Water (Drinking, cooking & washing)
One Gallon per person per day.
- Juices
- Snack foods
- Food: At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food: Canned Meat, Vegetables & Fruit
- Foods/supplies for infants/elderly
- Cooking tools
- Non-electric can opener
- Cooking Fuel/Stove
- Paper plates and plastic utensils
- Paper Towels/Napkins
- First-aid kit
- Medicines/Prescriptions
- Toiletries
- Hygiene items
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Cleaning Supplies

- All Purpose Cleaning Spray
- Soap (liquid, bar, laundry & dish)
- Rags, sponges, scrubbers, gloves
- Garbage Bags, Ziplocs, Ties
- Plastic Sheeting

Texas Hurricane Center



Make A Plan. Be Prepared. Be Ready.

From <https://gov.texas.gov/hurricane>

1. Put together an [emergency supply kit](#). (in a plastic container & /or backpack)
2. Create a [communication plan](#) with your family. (where to meet, emergency and family phone numbers, addresses, how to communicate if phones not working, etc.)
3. Sign up for your community or county warning system.
4. Know [flood risks](#) in your area. (make map of low areas)
5. Know your [evacuation routes](#). (from neighborhood, city, state)
6. Register for STEAR (State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry) if you or anyone you know will need some [assistance](#) in an emergency event.
7. Keep important documents in a waterproof container; create password-protected digital copies.
8. Protect your property; move valuables to higher levels; declutter drains and gutters.
9. Follow [weather alerts](#).
10. Be extremely cautious of any water on roads or in creeks, streams, storm drains, or other areas. Never attempt to cross flowing streams or drive across flooded roadways and always observe road barricades placed for your protection.
Remember, **Turn Around Don't Drown.**

Additional Resources

[TexasReady.gov](#) - disaster preparedness and awareness in Texas

[Flood Safety](#) - before, during and after

[Hurricane Safety](#) - before, during and after

[2-1-1](#) for shelter, food and disaster services

[7-1-1](#) for Relay Texas Service

- 1-800-452-9292 for TxDOT statewide road closures

- 1-800-525-5555 for roadside assistance

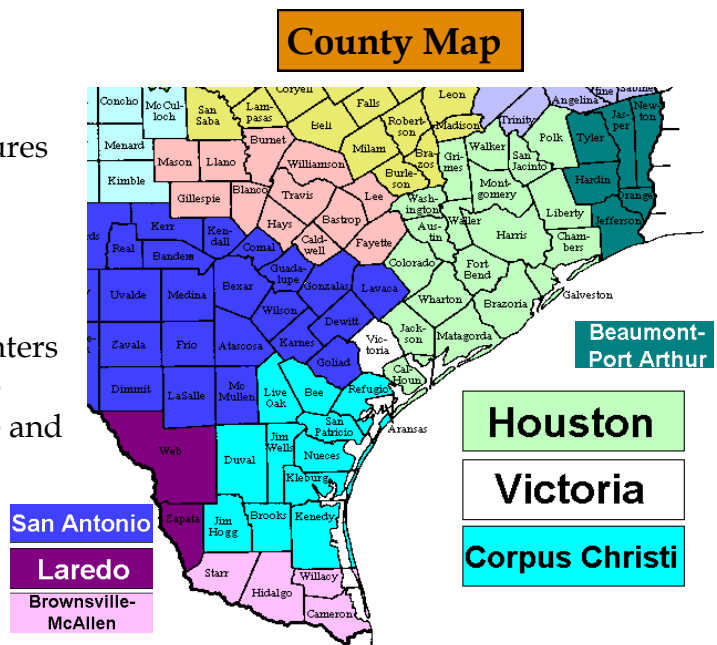
[Drivetexas.org](#) for flooded roads and conditions

[Texas Division of Emergency Management](#)

[Ready.gov](#) to plan ahead for disasters

[National Flood Insurance](#) for homeowners and renters

- insurance does not typically cover flood damage
[Red Cross Safe & Well](#) to register yourself as "Safe and Well" or search for loved ones online





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, Kathleen & Bill Schwertlich, 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 families, 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.

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.

**We are in this
struggle together...**
Philippians 1:30

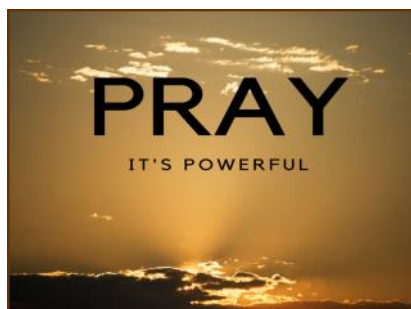
*Dear Lord, We all go through trials and
tribulations, but we are never alone -
you are always near. Oh Lord, listen to
the cries and prayers of my heart.
Thank you for answering in your most
perfect ways.*





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 Pray for open hearts and minds, that we might reflect prayerfully on our church, society, institutions, laws, traditions and selves, seeking meaningful change and reform to combat racism and white supremacy wherever they exist, perpetuate injustice or influence us.

2 Pray that the story of Jesus feeding the hungry crowd will inspire us to be compassionate and generous, and that, individually and together, we will be able and equipped to respond to the needs of our neighbor.

3 Give thanks for artists and craftspeople who share their creative gifts and perspectives, arousing our joy, wonder, reflection and appreciation of life.

4 Pray that we will not be too inhibited to wrestle with God and God's Word, or to have candid conversations with God, and that the Spirit will deepen our trust in God's love, concern, forgiveness and patience with us.

5 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Young Adults in Global Mission program will not be sending out volunteers this year. Give thanks for young adults who have volunteered for global service over the years, and pray that the Spirit will guide the Young Adults in Global Mission program as it prepares to continue its work and ministry alongside our global companions.

6 Ask the Spirit to help us be bold and articulate in sharing who God is, what God has done and what God is doing in the world for the sake of all people.

7 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly and participating in online sessions, 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.

8 Pray for the Spirit to stir within us humility, wisdom, empathy and a commitment to dismantle the barriers between people who live in wealth and people who live in poverty. Pray that all will have sufficient resources for daily life and self-sufficiency but also will develop a deeper commitment to mutual care and will value one another and our interdependence.

9 Just as Jesus calmed and reassured his disciples in a boat crossing a stormy sea, we pray for protection, comfort and renewal of faith in these difficult, uncertain times and in future ordeals.

10 Give thanks to God for leaders — paid and volunteer — who serve in youth, young adult and family ministries in our congregations and synods. Pray for the ELCA Youth, Young Adult and Youth Gathering ministries and the ELCA Youth Ministry Network, that their collective work of supporting, equipping and nurturing faith and of connecting leaders and young people will yield abundant fruit.

11 Pray that we will listen carefully to God and be receptive to the ways God speaks to us each day, especially when we least expect it or are slow to recognize God's voice amid the noise and competing voices in the world.

12 "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Ask God to help us proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and salvation, that all who hear will believe, be saved and enjoy the blessings of being a sibling in Christ with believers throughout the world.

13 Give thanks for nurses, who care for our physical, emotional and spiritual needs in diverse settings, including hospitals, community clinics, congregations, schools, home care, the military, facilities for older adults, health education programs and global mission. Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Parish Nurse Association and its work supporting, equipping and encouraging parish nurses across the country.

14 Pray that during this pandemic, which has stretched beyond our expectations and imagination, we will be renewed in our commitment to the patience, sacrifice and awareness of the example we set as we continue personal health measures for the sake of our health and the wellness of our neighbors, community and nation.

15 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others of the Eastern North Dakota Synod who are gathering for their digital assembly, 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.

16 Pray for forgiveness and God's mercy when our actions, words, intentions or thoughts dishonor God's ways and commandments. Ask for the Spirit to help us shine as bright witnesses to God's unbound, unbiased love for humanity and to serve our neighbor without prejudice or reluctance.

17 Remember in prayer the people and communities of India and Bangladesh that were affected by Cyclone Amphan in May. Pray for the response of Lutheran World Service India Trust, supported by Lutheran Disaster Response, as it provides food to families in urban slums, tarps and temporary shelters, and assists families in obtaining aid for housing reconstruction. Pray for God's presence, comfort, hope and healing throughout their recovery.

18 God asks us to do justice and do what is right. Pray that we will be faithful to God's ways and commandments and to Jesus' example of unrestrained love and compassion for people who are needy, suffering or oppressed.

19 Give thanks for nimble, creative teachers and school staff as they adapt to the changing dynamics of the COVID-19 pandemic with concern for the safety, education and personal needs of students and their parents.

20 God is gracious and blesses us; God's face shines on us. Join creation and every nation in praising God and singing for joy!

21 Who can argue with the psalmist who proclaims that it is good and pleasant when we live together in unity? Pray that, amid unrest, conflict and division, we will work for the unity that God desires for us, a unity rooted in love, respect, justice, diversity, reconciliation, mutual understanding and advocacy for neighbors in need.

22 Give thanks for how God sustains us and nurtures our hope through interactions with friends, family, siblings in Christ, strangers and communities of faith — in person and by phone, text, email, online meetings, posted notes and cards, and acts of kindness.

23 How do you respond when someone asks you about your faith, your beliefs, the church or who Jesus is? Pray that the Spirit will inspire our boldness and clarity as we, respecting and welcoming people's questions, talk about our faith, recognize and seek opportunities to bear witness to God's presence and work in the world, and reveal the Jesus we know and follow through our actions and prayerful conversations.

24 Pray for students beginning a new academic year, that they will adjust quickly to new ways of learning, being together and interacting safely. Ask the Spirit to inspire our communities of faith to provide support, encouragement and help for children, youth, young adults and parents, especially during these beginning weeks and months of school.

25 "In one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." Give thanks and praise to God for the diverse gifts, skills and life experiences we have been given, which we share in the body of Christ to build each other up and do God's work in the world.

26 Remember in prayer our global companions and all nations fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, the resulting economic problems and social and emotional stress, and the lack of accessible health care and adequate medical resources. Pray that we will respond to our global neighbors in need with empathy, hope and generosity, freely sharing our resources, discoveries and technology.

27 Give thanks and praise to God for hearing our words, loving us, sustaining us through times of trouble and strengthening our spirit and faith.

28 Give thanks that, as a church, we listen to the needs of our neighbors, roll up our sleeves and get to work with partners and companions in our communities and the world, helping and serving where the needs are greatest.

29 In this presidential campaign year, pray that our leaders and candidates will serve all people, especially those in the greatest need; work to heal wounds and divisions in society; strive for justice and equality; and seek change for the well-being and prosperity of our communities. Pray that our faith, wisdom and concern for neighbors and global companions will guide our discernment and decisions in upcoming elections.

30 Give thanks that we have been transformed and made new through God's love for us and our baptism in Jesus Christ. Pray that the living word of Jesus will guide our baptismal journeys so that we extend hospitality to strangers, love and serve our neighbor, overcome evil with good, accompany people who are suffering and in pain, and disavow vengeance and hate.

31 Pray for synod leaders and committees as they carefully plan assemblies rescheduled for this fall or next year. Remember that our strength and unity in Christ transcend traditional places, methods or times of gathering — we are the church, the body of Christ, in every setting and circumstance.



2020

August Birthdays



Nancy Brown	08/01
Wendy Conners	08/01
Ryan Jones	08/01
Rachel Meyer	08/03
Elaine Damewood	08/04
Daoud Karam	08/04
Meredith (Reynolds) Roberts	08/06
Patti Barrett	08/07
Catherine Sinacori	08/07
Maria Sanchez	08/09
Marjorie Schooley	08/10
Garrett Thweatt	08/12
Erik Sweet	08/13
Jose Villalobos III	08/13
Michael Lowery	08/14
Andrew Turner	08/18
Louis Marcha	08/19
Carolyn Wallace	08/19
Preston Brown	08/20
Jason Gerstner	08/21
Robert Johnston	08/21
Holly Tatuaca	08/21
Benjamin Reed	08/22
Ellie Reed	08/22
Valerie Rincones	08/22
Jessica Deyo	08/24
Vince Gottlieb	08/24
Kristi Morrison	08/24
Lena Roszak	08/24
Matt Scott	08/24
Tally Perez	08/25
Javier Caballero	08/29
Rama Gerig	08/30
Leeta Sanger	08/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Lynn & Doug Barron	08/01
Beth & Mason Moore	08/01
Vanessa & J.C. Rincones	08/08
Linda & Richard Broughton	08/25
Madelyn & Ike Schroder	08/25
Stephenie & Erick Martinez	08/26
Loretta & Mark Kaiser	08/28

Baptismal Anniversaries

Rick Cummings	08/01
Pamela Guidry	08/01
Dianna Moreno	08/01
Julie Watkins	08/01
Rudy Moreno	08/06
Nancy Ramirez	08/07
Hayden Schmidt	08/08
William Sinacori	08/10
Zachary Gottlieb	08/11
Jaxson Zaunbrecher	08/12
Elna Ritter	08/14
Jose Villalobos III	08/14
Austin Tatuaca	08/16
Patrick Thompson	08/16
Addison Welch	08/16
Garrett Thweatt	08/18
JoAnn Morrison	08/21
Joey Morrison	08/21
Kristi Morrison	08/21
Jordan Barthelme	08/26
Grayson Kaiser	08/28
Christy Villalobos	08/28
Jolissa Villalobos	08/28

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