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Atascocita Lutheran Church

*We seek to make Christ known in our community through
reflecting Christ in our lives.*



March 20, 2025

Thursday Seeds

Struggling with Lent?

Sometimes when we decide to give something up for the six weeks of the Lenten season, we end up complaining about giving that something up, missing it and feeling more miserable than renewed. We also tend to go right back to what we have given up after Lent is over. If you did choose to give something up, how is it going now that we are a little over two weeks into Lent?

If you find yourself struggling to maintain your Lenten discipline, know that it is normal. If you did not give something up, do you feel a void in your faith journey this Lent?

You might want to try adding something new to your routine for the remainder of Lent, something that is meaningful to you. Maybe you could add a few extra minutes of prayer or read a book of the Bible that you have not read before or last read a long time ago. Perhaps you could get involved in a community project or give some time to a local charity. It doesn't have to be something that takes a great deal of time out of your schedule, but just an intentional few minutes a day or an hour or two a week. Lent is not only about self-denial, but it is also about growing in our faith and understanding how it connects to the world around us.

One quick and easy idea is to join with other members of ALC on Wednesday nights for Soup and Soul. The soup supper starts at 6 p.m. Not only is the food good, the time of fellowship that surrounds it is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other members better and grow in friendship with one another. The soul part of the evening is a short time of worship and study. Each week we will begin and end with devotion time using Holden Evening Prayer. This year we are also taking some time to do a more in-depth study of Jesus' insightful parable of the Good Samaritan.

We also have Lenten devotionals available that provide a brief meditation for each of the 40 days of Lent. The devotions focus on the joy in Jesus' presence and are very uplifting.

It is my hope that you are having a good Lenten season and God's love and grace are with you each day as we journey toward the end of Lent and the great Easter celebration.

God's peace,
Pastor Brian



**Children's Sunday School
held during worship**

Children's Sunday School is held DURING worship time.

- 9:30 am - Children begin worship with parents
- 9:45 am - Children move to Sunday School (room 106) after Children's sermon
- 10:20 am - Children return to parents in pews (before Holy Communion)



Each Sunday after worship join us at 10:45 am. for a look at the scripture lesson just read in worship that morning. The forum is in the large classroom on the right side of the hallway when you are leaving worship.

Pastor Brian will help guide the group through today's lessons to take at what they may have to say to us.

Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor leads a Bible study every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in his office. All are welcome!! Our focus is on the book of Jeremiah.



Noisy Offering

Noisy offering total for January and February was \$235. Our Sunday School class will decide what this money will buy from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. The class will also choose the next recipient soon. Thank you for your generous support!



Choir Practices during Lent

Hand bell Choir meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Adult Choir meets Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
Anyone interested in joining either fun group, please talk to Dan Wright, or phone him at 713-503-7323.



Soup and Soul Wednesday nights

Please sign up to bring a soup, salad or dessert. A sign-up sheet is available on a clip board in the Fellowship Hall for the following Wednesdays:

- March 26
- April 2
- April 9

Soup Supper at 6 pm.
Holden Evening Prayer at 7 pm.



Diners' Group meets Thursday, March 20 at 6:00 pm

Join us at **Cheddar's** in Humble (near Academy) 9500 FM 1960 Bypass W for food, fun and fellowship. Please send your reservation to Judy Johnson at jajohn4471@comcast.net so she can let the restaurant know how many to plan for. All are welcome!



Family Promise

ALC will be hosting Family Promise families March 30 - April 6. Volunteers are needed to provide dinners and host over night. Please sign up on the bulletin board sheets next to the coffee pot. For any questions, please contact Judy Cargill or Judy Johnson.



Giving Love a Hand Up

As caring human beings, we want to keep those we love safe. This is so poignantly demonstrated by Tom McDonald whenever he waits patiently on the side of the altar area to make sure Laurie gets down the stairs safely after doing the prayers or helping with communion. Tom's sweet gesture made us realize that we – as a loving congregation – need to keep everyone in our faith family safe. One way to do that was to install a handrail by the altar steps to help everyone get up and down safely. Mission accomplished! The new handrail was recently installed and is a wonderful addition to our worship space. So, Tom may be out of one job, but he now has another job working in the sound booth. Thanks, Tom!



Fill Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt

Bags of two dozen plastic eggs will be available on the table next to the welcome stand. Please pick up a bag, fill the eggs (no chocolate candy or nuts), and place the bag of filled eggs in the large bucket beneath the table. All eggs should be returned to church no later than April 6.



HAAM Food Bags

We are collecting the following items for HAAM:

Canned beans (any kind), canned fruit (low sugar), canned meat (tuna or chicken), canned vegetables (low sodium), 1 LB bag dry beans, soups (canned or dry), macaroni and cheese, pasta, tomato sauce, peanut butter and cereal.

Please place items for HAAM in the HAAM box located in the fellowship hall by the coffee bar. Many thanks!



**Easter falls on April 20th this year.
Plans are already underway to help us celebrate our risen Lord.
We will decorate the sanctuary with lilies
(order forms will be at church or you can print the one below).
Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors.
We will also have an Easter breakfast Sunday morning before worship on April 20.**

Easter Lily Orders

We will again be decorating the church with lilies. The cost is \$10 each, and the deadline for orders is Sunday, April 6. Please make checks payable to: Atascocita Lutheran Church.

Please indicate the number of plants you are ordering, and if desired, in whose name or memory you are ordering these lovely seasonal plants.

Please clearly **print** the information below and leave your order form with payment in offering plate or give to Peg Swavely.

Your Name:

Number of Lilies _____

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Payment by : _____ cash _____ check



April 13, 2025



SUNDAY – April 13

12:30 PM: Hay Ride & Photo Booth with Mr. Bunny; Chalk-Art; etc.

1 PM: Egg hunt by age/grades:

1 to 3 years ~ PreK to K ~ 1st to 3rd Grade ~ 3rd to 6th grade

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THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS EVENT

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We remember in Prayer

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”— Philipians 4:6



Ashley	Jean Johnson	Sam Sledge
Jose Alfaro	Judy Johnson	Sharon Sledge
Carol Appleby	Donna Kelling	Tanya Stuart
Vincent Barajas	Michael Kelling	Diane Walker
Miguel Carlos	Patrick Konikoff	Gabriel Walton
Bri Carrington	Marilyn Konikoff	Don Wilcox
Jim Ely	Ken Meyer	John Wilkerson
Carolyn Gardella	Sue Murtaugh	Verlyn Williams
Justin Gardella	Donna Nice	Lori Austin Wilson
family & friends of	Billy & Barbara Phillips	Mark Wilson
Hardy-Croskey	Bret & Vanesa Roe	Pauline Wiseman
Vernon Harris	Cy Rogers	Pope Francis
	Joy Sisler	

Please keep those who are in active duty with the U.S. Military in your prayers, especially Caleb Gomez & Brady Mikesell.

If you or someone you requested prayer for has recovered or can be removed from the list, please let us know.



3-1 - Christina Reutter
 3/3 - Claire Siegrist
 3/12 - Hannah Deckinger
 3/14 - Natalie Heinrich
 3/17 - John Schmidt
 3/17 - Emery Neumann
 3/18 - Marilyn Jenkins-Konikoff
 3/18 - Robin Crizer
 3/22 - Joseph Heinrich
 3/24 - Judy Cargill
 3/25 - Bronson Heinrich
 3/28 - Dan Cargill
 3/30 - Pastor Brian Deckinger

March Worship Team

	Greeter	Lector	Counter	Usher
March 2	Sid Nice	Ellen Poxon	Joy Berthold	Tim & Tres Garcia
March 9	Laurie & Tom McDonald	Nancy Garcia	Sue Murtaugh	Tim & Tres Garcia
March 16	Robin Crizer & Judy Johnson	Judy Cargill	Sharon Sledge	Tim & Tres Garcia
March 23	Joy Berthold	Martha Deckinger	Robin Crizer	
March 30	Sid Nice	Ellen Poxon	Randy Gray	

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March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Feb. 27	Feb. 28	1 9:00 am City On The Hill
				6 pm Cub Scouts		
2 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Adult Forum	3	4	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday	6 6 pm Cub Scouts	7	8 9:00 am City On The Hill
9 Daylight Saving Time begins 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Adult Forum	10 7:00 pm Book Club	11	12 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Soup 6:30 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Worship 7:30 pm Adult choir	13	14	15 9:00 am City On The Hill 6:00 pm Bunco
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