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Atascocita Lutheran Church

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



July 10, 2025

Thursday Seeds

To my Family in Christ at Atascocita Lutheran Church, Hello!

I am so excited to be worshipping with you all again this Sunday, July 13, while Pastor Brian and his family are out enjoying vacation.

HouMin had a great academic year that was full to the brim! We had weekly lunches and bible studies at Texas Southern University, regular Thursday evening gatherings for all students that include dinner, fellowship, and Holden Evening Prayer, and engagement with campus wide activities. God has been moving and helping us bear the good fruit of God's Kingdom here at HouMin! As we head into the next academic year we are also launching our ministry's next strategic plan: **"GROW"** – a 3 year initiative that will help HouMin continue to move towards sustainability and vitality! **Serving Grace, Finding Hope, and Building Faith-Filled Community** are the pillars of this strategic plan because they are what we DO as a ministry.

Campus Ministry is a "place apart" from the regular rhythms and stressors of college and university life where students, faculty, and staff, are invited to find a path to Jesus through a different experience of the church and Christianity. Campus ministry is a place where people can experience authentic community, be fed – mind, body, and soul – ask questions, discover meaning, and if nothing else, experience demonstrations of genuine care, that while rooted in God's love, have no strings attached. In a world that is becoming increasingly more transactional and demanding, the gift of love, kindness, and care - given freely and demanding nothing in return - is a rare thing.

Serving Grace, Finding Hope, and Building Faith-Filled Community is the work HouMin is called to do across our campus communities, and we want to invite you to join us in that work! You can do that right now by committing to pray for HouMin and its students and by making a gift to HouMin through our website www.wearehoumin.org, or via check (make out to "HouMin Campus Ministry – ELCA"). In coming months there will be other opportunities to support and participate in HouMin's ministry – stay tuned! HouMin ready to GROW - Join us!

Thank you for always welcoming me into your church home and allowing me to share a little bit about Campus Ministry! Students are eager to learn and be in conversation about God, the world, and their faith, and it is among the greatest joys of my life to accompany them in that journey. This work is only possible because of the support from congregations like you all.

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor Morgan Gates
pastor@wearehoumin.org



We welcome Pastor Morgan Gates this Sunday while Pastor Brian is on vacation.

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)



Adult Forum is taking a break over the summer, until August when school begins.

Topic for the fall will be announced here.

Have a great summer!



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 Ezekiel.



Noisy Offering

Noisy offerings donated May through August will be going to the Gulf Coast Synod Disaster Relief fund as we kick-off hurricane season. Thank you for your generous support!



Handbell Choir Update

Handbell Choir is taking a break until September. Anyone interested in joining this fun group in the fall, please talk to Dan Wright, or phone him at 713-503-7323.



Adventure Sundays

Adventure Sundays will take place on July 20 and July 27. Each Sunday will start at 9:30 a.m. with a VBS-style opening/worship, followed by a multi-generational activity modeled along the lines of what the youth would know as imagination station. This will be a chance for youth and adults to share together in the joy of learning and growing in faith in a fun activity. On Sunday, July 27, our Adventure Sunday will close with a congregational BBQ and Bingo event starting about noon.



Email Scam is back again!

Warning! You may have recently received a new email claiming to come from Pastor Brian asking for you to contact him.

PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND to this email or any like it. Also do not respond to any similar text message. This request is not coming from Pastor Brian. Please know that Pastor Brian would never send such an email or text message out asking for help in that way. Please do not send money anywhere else because of such an email or text on Pastor Brian's behalf.



ALC Book Club Meets on July 14

Looking for a bit of mystery and fun this summer? Then join us for the next meeting of the ALC Book Club on Monday, July 14 at 7 p.m. at church. We'll be discussing "2 Sisters Detective Agency" by James Patterson and Candice Fox.



The Bird sisters -- attorney Rhonda and teenager Baby -- learn about each other's existence when they become co-owners of their late father's detective agency. What could go wrong as they get to know each other while working on their first case together? This should make for a lively discussion! We hope you'll join us.

BBQ and Bingo on July 27

We're cooking up some yum and fun on Sunday, July 27 at 11:30 a.m. Before we get ready for back-to-school, let's have a great time together enjoying barbeque and fixin's and playing some Bingo. This is a fun event for the whole family and will also serve as the finale for our two Sundays of VBS. There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee bar for those who plan to participate. We need to know how many for our BBQ order. There is also space to indicate if you wish to bring a side or a dessert. This is not required, but would be appreciated. Don't miss out on this fun family event!



'From Toasty to Frosty' Capital Campaign

As we all heard from 'the Cool Dudes' -- our ALC A/C task force -- replacing the 10-ton unit that cools half of the sanctuary will have to wait until we have the \$45,000 needed for this new unit. So, we are kicking off the ALC 'From Toasty to Frosty' capital campaign to raise the funds and raise our level of cool. Generosity is a hallmark of our ALC family, so please consider how you can donate over the next several months. And keep your eye on the chart in the fellowship hall that will mark our progress.



HAAM Food Bags

We are collecting the following items for HAAM for the summer:

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!



Take me out to the ball game!

The Astros are playing the Seattle Mariners at Daikin Park on Sunday, September 21st. Game time is at 1:10 pm. Kids run the bases after the game.

Tickets have been purchased and there are two tickets that have not been spoken for. Please let Pastor Brian or Kathy DeWoody if you like to purchase these 2 tickets. Go Astros!



We remember in Prayer

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



**Jose Alfaro
Carol Appleby
Vincent Barajas
Miguel Carlos
Bri Carrington
Carolyn Gardella
Justin Gardella
James & Brenda Harp
Vernon Harris
Jean Johnson
Judy Johnson
Donna Kelling
Michael Kelling
Patrick Konikoff
Marilyn Konikoff**

**Darrell Kresta
Mary Sue Lee
Laurie McDonald
Ken Meyer
Bill Mudge
Sue Murtaugh
Donna Nice
Billy & Barbara Phillips
Bret & Vanesa Roe
Nancy Senti
Rose Senti
Joy Sisler
Sam Sledge
Sharon Sledge
Tanya Stuart**

**Fred Swavely
Alan Wade
Rita Wade
Gabriel Walton
Don Wilcox
John Wilkerson
Verlyn Williams
Lori Austin Wilson
Mark Wilson
Pauline Wiseman
Families affected by flooding
in central Texas**

**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.*



7/04 - Kari Galloway
 7/04 - Emily Poxon
 7/11 - Martha Deckinger
 7/13 - Joy Cook
 7/16 - Cathy DeWoody
 7/20 - Randy Gray
 7/22 - Tom McDonald
 7/22 - Erik Mikesell
 7/28 - Chloe Siegrist



7/03 - John & Carol Schmidt
 7/07 - Noel & Carrie Benavidez
 7/17- Drew & Stephanie Fowler
 7/29 - Russ & Susan Senti
 7/29 - Tim & Pat Stine

July Worship Team


	Greeter	Lector	Counter	Usher
July 6	Robin Crizer & Judy Johnson	Martha Deckinger	Randy Gray	Joy Berthold & Robin Crizer
July 13	Joy Berthold	Aiden Sampson	Robin Crizer	
July 20	Sid Nice	Ellen Poxon	Joy Berthold	
July 27	Laurie & Tom McDonald	Martha Deckinger	Judy Cargill	

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July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	3	4  INDEPENDENCE Day	5 9:00 am City On The Hill
		ALC to host Family Promise Clients				
6 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS	7	8	9 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	10	11	12 9:00 am City On The Hill
13 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS	14 7:00 pm Book Club	15 6 pm Peace By Piecing Quilt Guild	16 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	17 6:00 pm Dining Out	18	19 9:00 am City On The Hill 6:00 pm Bunco
20 9:30 am Adventure Sunday	21	22	23 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	24	25	26 9:00 am Basket weaving 9:00 am City On The Hill
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