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Atascocita Lutheran Church

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



September 18, 2025

Thursday Seeds

Rosh Hashanah – Happy New Year!

This year Rosh Hashanah begins on Monday, September 22, at sundown. Rosh Hashanah is mentioned in Leviticus 23:23-24 and is a Holy Convocation, a day on which we are instructed not to do any regular work as it is a memorial day.

In Hebrew rosh = "head", ha = "the", and shanah = "year." Rosh Hashanah is therefore known as the "Head of the Year" or the beginning of the Jewish civil new year. It is marked by the blowing of shofars (ancient musical horns) and commemorates the creation of the world. This comes from an unbroken chain of number of years since the creation of the world. This new year is counted as 5786. The celebration of the creation of the world is originally mentioned in Job 38:4-7 where it is written:

Where were you when I laid the foundations of earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who set its dimensions—if you know—or who stretched a line over it? On what were its foundations set, or who laid its cornerstone—when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

The word "shouted" in this verse comes from the Hebrew word שָׁחַח which has the meaning of blowing a shofar of joy or alarm. Therefore, since ancient times, Rosh Hashanah has been connected to the celebration of the creation of the world and the beginning of years.

As believers in Jesus (Yeshua), we also understand the prophetic nature of this Holy Day to be a Divine rehearsal of time when Yeshua will return to the earth with the blast of the shofar. It is written in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17:

For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the blast of God's shofar, and the dead in Messiah shall rise first.

At Rosh Hashanah we not only celebrate the anniversary of the creation of the world and the beginning of time, but we also look forward to the day when Yeshua will return and there will be a renewed heaven and earth and time will be no more.

We invite everyone to join us for this joyful celebration marked by the traditional 100 blasts of the shofar set to a beautiful liturgical service, followed by eating sweet deserts with prayers and wishes for a sweet new year. L'shanah Tovah! Happy New Year!

Shalom,
Rabbi Philip



Children's Sunday School held during worship

Children's Sunday School is held DURING worship time.

9:30 am - Children begin worship with parents

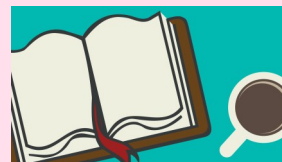
9:45 am - Children move to Sunday School (room 106) after Children's sermon

10:20 am - Children return to parents in pews (before Holy Communion)



Adult Forum

Adult Forum has started up again. Pastor Brian will help guide the group through the upcoming lessons to learn what they may have to say to us in worship the next Sunday and for the week ahead. Join us.



Guest Pianist

This Sunday, we welcome Keith Weber as our guest pianist while Dan is taking a Sunday off.



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Noisy Offering

Noisy offerings donated the month of September will go to the Gulf Coast Synod Disaster Relief fund. Thank you for your continued generous support!



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.



'From Toasty to Frosty' Capital Campaign Update

Can you feel the breeze beginning? \$6700 has been given towards the HVAC campaign! Thank you generous members and friends!



Diners' Group meets Thursday, September 18 at 6:00 pm

Join us at **Iguana Joe's** in Atascocita 18319 W Lake Houston Pkwy 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 dinner. All are welcome!



Basket Donations needed

ALC is gathering items to create a "fall-themed" basket for the Chicks & Hogs auction on October 4th. Please drop off your donations by September 23 on the table in the Fellowship Hall. The auction will benefit Family Promise. Thank you for your support!



Needed

ALC Cub Scout pack 1154 is in need of a 12-15 ft single axel enclosed trailer in road worthy condition with a clear title to haul gear and supplies. Due to limited funds, our growing pack would prefer it donated. The ability to safely transport to outings and events is necessary. Please contact Sarah Palombo at 281-923-5111.



Astro game update

Every one who has tickets to the September 21 ball game, please note the time for the game has changed. The new start time is 6:10 pm. See you there!



Basket Weavers meet Saturday, September 27 at 9:00 am

Join our basket weavers group as we gather from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Anyone interested in the craft of basket weaving is invited to attend. Contact Joy C. for more information.



Special Seafarer Christmas Mission



The Sunday School children invite the congregation and friends to join them in this special mission. Their goal is to fill 60 plastic shoe boxes with items to brighten seafarers' lives at Christmas.

Please bring your items (plastic shoe boxes will be provided) from now until Halloween.

Body Wash
Shampoo/Conditioner
Deodorant
Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Dental Floss
Disposable Razors
Shaving Cream
Hairbrush/Comb
Lotion
Flashlight w/ batteries
Needle & Thread
Playing cards

Band-Aids (fabric)
Lip Balm
Kleenex
Nail Clippers
Q-Tips
Gold Bond Powder
Gold Bond Cream
Baseball Caps (NEW)
T-shirt (NEW)
Gum & hard candy
Magnets
Texas Souvenirs

Socks
Pocket-size Notebooks
Mechanical Pencils
Pens
Word Search books
Sudoku books
Fill-in Books
Earbuds/Headphones
Popcorn
Key Chains
2026 Calendar
Personal note or card

Another opportunity to serve mariners and seafarers is through Christmas at Sea (CAS) knitting/crocheting ministry. The Seamen's Church Institute has the patterns online and mailing instructions. This is the hallmark of the oldest and continuously running charter knitting program in the U.S.

Please go to:

<https://seamenschurch.org/programs-services/christmas-at-sea/>



Fundraising event for Family Promise of Lake Houston:
15th Annual Chicks and Hogs BBQ & Brew-Fest
A.V. Sallas Park 21675 McCleskey Rd, New Caney, TX 77357



Join us on **Saturday, October 4th, from 12–5 PM** (11 AM for early entry brew-fest ticket holders) at A.V. Bull Sallas Park in New Caney for an incredible event featuring up to 40 top-tier cook teams competing in this CBA-sanctioned State Championship. Savor some of the best BBQ in Texas and sample craft beer from up to 20 breweries at our brewery festival. Plus, enjoy live music, a silent auction, a kid zone, and more!

Get your tickets today by clicking the link below (scroll to the bottom of the page) and join us for a day of delicious BBQ and community spirit!

<https://fplh.org/>

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
Jennifer Bruce
Miguel Carlos
Bri Carrington
Carolyn Gardella
Justin Gardella
Sarah Gomez
James & Brenda Harp
Vernon Harris
Jeanette Hinman
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
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**

**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.*



9/01 - Lily Poxon
 9/02 - Brady Mikesell
 9/03 - Shelia Ely
 9/04 - Addy Fowler
 9/05 - Jeremy Schmidt
 9/16 - Rita Wade
 9/18 - Steve Beyer
 9/18 - Timothy Garcia III
 9/20 - Stephanie Fowler
 9/21 - Ellen Poxon
 9/21 - Cynthia West



9/7 - Erik & Michelle Mikesell
 9/15 - Dan & Judy Cargill
 9/19 - Sam & Sharon Sledge

September Worship Team

	Greeter	Lector	Counter	Usher
Sept. 7	Joy Berthold	Judy Cargill	Sue Murtaugh	Robin Crizer & Tim Garcia
Sept. 14	Sid Nice	Nancy Garcia	Randy Gray	Clarissa Balcar & Tim Garcia
Sept. 21	Laurie & Tom McDonald	Aiden Sampson	Robin Crizer	
Sept. 28	Robin Crizer & Judy Johnson	Martha Deckinger	Joy Berthold	

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Russ & Susan Senti	Thursday Seeds volunteers	ALC.Humble@hotmail.com

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	4	5	6 9:00 am City On The Hill
7 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Adult Forum	8 7:00 pm Book Club	9	10 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	11	12 3:30 pm Tai Chi with Peg 6:30 pm FPLH Graduation	13 9:00 am City On The Hill
	ALC to host Family Promise Clients					
14 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Adult Forum	15	16 6 pm Peace By Piecing Quilt Guild	17 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	18 6:00 pm Dining Out	19 3:30 pm Tai Chi with Peg	20 9:00 am City On The Hill 6:00 pm Bunco
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