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Atascocita Lutheran Church

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



July 2, 2026

Thursday Seeds

Seafarers Christmas Shoebox Ministry



For all the details, see page 4!



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- BAND-AIDS (FABRIC)
- BODY WASH / SOAP
- DENTAL FLOSS
- DEODORANT
- DISPOSABLE RAZORS
- GOLD BOND CREAM
- GOLD BOND POWDER
- HAIRBRUSH / COMB
- HAND WIPES
- LIP BALM
- LOTION
- NAIL CLIPPERS
- Q-TIPS
- SHAMPOO / CONDITIONER
- SHAVING CREAM
- TISSUES
- TOOTHBRUSH / TOOTHPASTE

RECREATIONAL ITEMS

- BASEBALL CAPS (NEW)
- CHEWING GUM / HARD CANDY
- EARBUDS / HEADPHONES
- FLASHLIGHTS W/ BATTERIES
- HANDKERCHIEFS
- KEY CHAINS
- MAGNETS
- MECHANICAL PENCILS / PENS
- NEEDLE & THREAD
- NON-PERISHABLE SNACKS
- PLAYING CARDS
- POCKET-SIZED NOTEBOOKS
- POCKET CALENDARS
- SOCKS
- TEXAS SOUVENIRS
- T-SHIRTS (NEW)
- WORD-SEARCHES / SUDOKUS

We welcome Yishan Xiao as our guest pianist this Sunday!

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 meets every Sunday after worship in room 105. Pastor Brian guides the group through the current Sunday's lessons. Join us for lively discussions.



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 Luke.



Noisy Offering

Noisy offerings collected starting this month will go towards the upcoming HAAM. Thank you for your continued generous support!



Thrivent Choice Dollars

NEW you can now direct Choice Dollars on your schedule Choice Dollars are designated in full at the beginning of the year and can be directed any time until Dec. 31. Balances are based on a member's prior-year qualifying product activity.

Make a real impact

Each Choice Dollar directed = \$1 in grant funding to the organization you choose.



ALC Book Club Meets on July 13

Join us on Monday, July 13 at 7 p.m. as we step back in time to the early years of the J.P. Morgan Library and Museum and learn about the incredible woman who grew J.P. Morgan's art and manuscript collection into one of the best in the world. We'll be discussing "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, a historical novel about Belle da Costa Greene, J.P. Morgan's personal librarian who passed as white to navigate a racist society. The book chronicles her rise as a powerful figure in the art and book world, curating Morgan's collection while hiding her Black identity, and explores her internal conflict and the sacrifices she made to protect her family and legacy. We hope you'll be part of the discussion!



Diners' Group meets Thursday, July 16 at 6:00 pm

Join us at **Lake Houston Brewery** in Huffman 1964 FM 1960 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!



Back to School Brunch and Bingo

In the blink of an eye the kids will be heading back to school. Before that time, let's get together for some food, fun and fellowship. Everyone's invited to join us for brunch and Bingo on Sunday, **July 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Please sign-up in the fellowship hall if you will be participating to ensure we have adequate supplies. We hope to see you there!



Family Promise of Lake Houston

Great BBQ. Sept. 26, 2026
Great People. A.V. Bull Salas Park
Great Purpose. 12-5pm



A Perk with a Purpose

If you are a coffee drinker, and like the idea of your coffee purchase doing more than just jump-starting your day, check out the [Brewing Hope website](#).

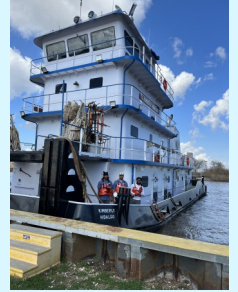
Every bag of coffee you purchase supports **Family Promise of Lake Houston's** mission to help families in crisis in our community. Don't drink coffee? Then buy a bag for a friend, for your office, or for any coffee drinker in your life.

This is a delicious and easy way to support one of ALC's main ministries.



Seafarers Christmas Shoebox Ministry

It is not just in the Hallmark movies, but you see it in the Houston Ship Channel and Gulf Coast region - seafarers on ships and mariners on towboats and tugboats, working on our waterways. They are on their vessels 24/7 for extended periods of time, working far from home and their loved ones. Sometimes seafarers cannot depart their ships when they are in port. For many years, the church, as well as other caring individuals and organizations have assembled shoeboxes for the seafarers. They are filled with items to help them “weather the storm” during the long days at sea, and let them know we care about them.



One of our church members, Rev. Nancy Simpson, Ministry on the River chaplain, shares that St. Nicholas is the patron saint of seafarers, as well as children, so this is a wonderful connection for Christmas giving to seafarers.

The Sunday School children invite you to join them in making this Christmas season special for seafarers. Their goal is to fill 100 plastic shoe boxes with gifts to help brighten the lives of seafarers far from home. We will collect items from now until Oct. 31. Items can be dropped off at the church. We will provide the shoe boxes which will then be filled at the church and wrapped for delivery to the Houston International Seafarers Center in time for Christmas.

Needed items: full size items preferred over travel size

Band-aids (fabric)

Dental Floss

Flashlight w/batteries

Hairbrush/comb

Lotion

Nail clippers

Personal note or card

Q-tips

Socks

Toothbrush/Toothpaste

Word Search books

Baseball caps

Deodorant

Gold Bond Cream or powder

Kleenex

Magnets

Needle & thread

Playing cards

Shampoo/conditioner

Sudoku books

T-shirt

Body Wash

Earbuds/headphones

Gum and hard candy

Lip Balm

Mechanical pencils

Pens

Pocket-size notebooks

Shaving Cream/Disposable razors

Texas souvenirs

2027 Calendar (pocket size)



Christmas at Sea (CAS) Seafarer ministry opportunity

An opportunity to serve seafarers is through the Christmas at Sea (CAS) program, making hand-knitted beanies. Included with the beanies are handcrafted Christmas cards that will be made by the Sunday School children. This organization has patterns for the beanies and recommendations for yarn. Every cap must be handcrafted – that is the hallmark of this oldest and longest continuously-running charter knitting program in the U.S. These hand-knitted items need to be sent in time for distribution in early November.



We are proud to share that Pastor Nancy will be one of the chaplains helping to distribute these gifts of love. For more information about The Seaman's Church Institute Christmas at Sea program, visit

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

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



Jose Alfaro
Carol Appleby
Shelly Baxter
Jennifer Bruce
Judy Cargill
Miguel Carlos
Patrick Konikoff
Marilyn Konikoff
Darrell Kresta
Mary Sue Lee
Kay Mack
Debbie Marshall
Laurie McDonald

Tom McDonald
Bill Mudge
Sue Murtaugh
Donna Nice
Dave Noble
John Poxon
Beryl Ragsdale
Bret & Vanesa Roe
Joy Sisler
Sam Sledge
Sharon Sledge
Victor Vela
Alan Wade

Don Wilcox
Lori Austin Wilson
Mark Wilson
Conflict in the Middle East
People affected by earthquake
in Venezuela
People in Kentucky affected
by flooding
People affected by wildfires
in the west

**Please keep those who are in active duty with
the U.S. Military in your prayers, especially
Christian Anderson, 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 5	Judy Johnson	Ellen Poxon	Randy Gray	
July 12	Joy Berthold	Martha Deckinger	Sue Murtaugh	
July 19	Sid Nice	Stephanie Fowler	Joy Berthold	
July 26	Laurie & Tom McDonald		Judy Cargill	

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JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm Prayer Mtg.	2	3	4 9:00 am City On The Hill
5 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 11:00 am Holy Transfiguration church	6	7	8 5:00 pm Prayer Mtg.	9	10 3:30 pm Tai Chi with Peg	11 9:00 am City On The Hill
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