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Atascocita Lutheran Church

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



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Thursday Seeds

Daily Conversations with God

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

By now most of us are settling into our "fall routines." School has been in session for a while and the fall pre/post school activities have begun. Summer vacations are now a memory and plans may have begun for winter breaks. The fall TV lineup is now airing and even the weather is starting to show signs of turning a little bit cooler. At ALC we have launched our fall ministry programs and are settling into all the routines those programs entail. In short, our weeks are full to overflowing with commitments, meetings and activities that demand our presence.

During the fall we begin new routines or restart old ones. We consider what actions we need to take each day to accomplish what we need to get done. In the midst of our fall realignment, we also need to examine the "routine" we have in our relationship with God. How much time have you made for God in your fall routine? Does your relationship with God have a place in your busy life? Maybe the better question is how is everything we do influenced by our relationship with God?

That is what the verses of Deuteronomy 6:4-9, known as the Great Commandment, are pointing out to us. Our God wants us to love Him with all our heart, soul and might. He wants us not only to embrace His words, but share them with others wherever we may be. God wants us to have His words and command always before us, to be the lens through which we view life. And God wants us to share our relationship with Him with those closest to us – our children and partners.

This can be challenging with our busy schedules, but the more we are intentional about spending time with God, the more it becomes part of who we are and what we do. There are many ways to spend time with God, and this can look different for every one of us. For some, setting aside time for prayer early in the morning or late in the evening works best. Others find that short prayers throughout the day are what work as a guide for them. Daily personal devotions or family devotions help individuals focus on their relationship with God. Some find singing a hymn or a praise song or singing along with a Christian song on the radio aids in directing their thoughts to God. For others, quiet meditation is a way of centering, or they find clarity in a great conversation. A hike, jog or bike ride spent talking with God is important for some. The ways to keep God's words in our hearts are many and varied.

Why is this important? We know that the more we communicate with others the better our relationship becomes with them. We also know that the best communication is a two-way process – give and take between two or more individuals. The same holds true in our relationship with God. Keeping God's words in our hearts is a very important part of our communication with God. His words are speaking to us and we respond to Him based on those words, while growing in understanding of His great grace and love for us and our love for Him. The more we understand God's grace and love for us as an individual, the more we live lives that reflect that grace and love to others, and our love grows deeper for God as well. Yet another way we 'reflect Christ in our lives.'

I encourage you this fall to be intentional in finding ways to spend time with God. Make this part of your daily routine, not just something to check off your to do list, but a wonderful opportunity to spend time with someone who loves you very much.

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 105 for confirmation class; room 106 for 5th grade & younger) after Children's sermon

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



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 John.



Noisy Offering

Noisy offerings collected will go towards a ministry to be determined. Thank you for your continued generous support!



New Email Scam

Warning! You may have recently received a new email asking for a PDF of our church directory. PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL OR ANYTHING LIKE IT. Someone is trying to get into our data base to scam our members. Again, please block the email if you receive a request for our church directory. Thank you!



Making a difference, helping Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM)

Below is a list of the types of items that are most in need at HAAM. Consider sharing the love of God in a way that helps make a daily difference in someone's life. You can give directly to HAAM or drop items in our HAAM box in the fellowship hall and we will deliver them to HAAM.

Requested Food Donations

Canned Beans
Canned Fruit (low sugar)
Canned Meat (tuna or chicken)
Canned Vegetables (low sodium)
Cereal
1 Pound Bag of Dry Beans
Macaroni and Cheese
Pasta
Tomato Sauce
Peanut Butter
Soups (canned or dry)

Requested Hygiene Donations

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste (full size or travel)
Razors
Shampoo/Conditioner (full or travel size)
Shaving cream
Lotion
Deodorant
Bar Soap - full size
Toilet Paper
Comb



Thank you!!!



Seafarers Christmas Shoebox Ministry

We are closing in our goal to fill 100 boxes of personal care and recreational items for the Seafarers Christmas Shoebox Ministry. Please get all items in by **October 25**.

Needed still items: full size items preferred over travel size

Band-aids (fabric)
Dental Floss
Gold Bond Cream or powder
Kleenex
Nail clippers
Playing cards
Shampoo/conditioner
Texas souvenirs
2027 Calendar (pocket size)

Baseball caps
Deodorant
Gum
Lotion
Needle & thread
Pocket-size notebooks
Shaving Cream/Disposable razors
Toothpaste

Body Wash
Earbuds/headphones
Hairbrush/comb
Magnets
Personal note or card
Q-tips
Socks

Upcoming dates:

November 1 – Fill the seafarers/mariners boxes with items and homemade cards.

November 15 – Wrap party to wrap boxes and enjoy lunch.

Pastor Nancy will be one of the chaplains helping to distribute these gifts of love!



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
Rini Assad
Shelly Baxter
Jennifer Bruce
Judy Cargill
Miguel Carlos
Bri Carrigan
Father John
Judy Johnson
Patrick Konikoff
Marilyn Konikoff
Darrell Kresta
Mary Sue Lee
Edward Mack
Kay Mack**

**Debbie Marshall
Laurie McDonald
Tom McDonald
Gordie Moser
Sandy Moser
Sue Murtaugh
Donna Nice
Dave Noble
Micki Perry
Family & friends of Poxon
family on death
of John's mother
Ellen Poxon
Bret & Vanesa Roe
Laura Rowe
Sam Sledge**

**Sharon Sledge
Alan Wade
Don Wilcox
Lori Austin Wilson
Mark Wilson
Worth Ranch
Conflict in the Middle East
People affected by
earthquakes
People affected by floods
and wildfires**

**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.*



10/02 - Tim Garcia, Jr.
 10/06 - Susan Senti
 10/08 - Michael Beyer
 10/09 - Kacey Vuong
 10/14 - Jeffrey Schmidt
 10/17 - Peg Swavely
 10/20 - Russ Senti
 10/23 - Jason Reutter
 10/25 – Harper Marie Helis
 10/26 - Debbie Heinrich
 10/26 - Nancy Simpson
 10/28 - Emily Hardy-Croskey
 10/28 - Jarod Hardy-Croskey

October Worship Team

	Greeter	Lector	Counter	Usher
Oct. 4	Sid Nice	Ellen Poxon	Sue Murtaugh	
Oct. 11	Laurie & Tom McDonald	Judy Cargill	Joy Berthold	
Oct. 18	Judy Johnson	Stephanie Fowler	Judy Cargill	
Oct. 26	Joy Berthold	Nancy Garcia	Randy Gray	
Nov. 1	Sid Nice	Martha Deckinger	Sue Murtaugh	

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October

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