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Atascocita Lutheran Church

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



January 13, 2022

Thursday Seeds

TRUST GOD

The first lesson from Isaiah this week finds the people of Israel lamenting, frustrated, tried and even wondering where God was, once again in their lives. By this point the people had been back in Jerusalem from exile for a few years. But the Jerusalem they found upon return from exile was not what they were expecting. Much of it still needed to be rebuilt, the new temple was not completed yet and did not seem like it would be anytime soon. A king from the line of David was not on the throne and they were still under foreign rule. They were going through a drought; crops were failing, and their economy was not making them wealthy. Many were starting to wonder why they left Babylon for this, life was better back there. Where and when would all those great promises of God be fulfilled?

What does all this have to do with us today at Atascocita Lutheran in Humble, TX?

It is likely that many of us are lamenting, frustrated, tired and maybe even wondering where God is right now in our lives. We have not been in exile in a foreign country but for many, these past 2 plus years have seemed like a form of exile as we have dealt with the worldwide pandemic. Shut-downs, mask mandates, shortages of various kinds, social distancing, and the like have taken their toll. Then, just as it appeared we were putting all that behind us, that we were returning to normal, returning to the promised land from exile, we find that all was not restored. The wonderful glorious return to the "promised land" we were expecting, celebrating and longing for has not happened or at least not as we were planning. Another surge, one more variant – so again we wonder when will this end God, where are you? In many ways we are not all that different from the people of Isaiah's time.

Sunday we will hear Isaiah give the people a renewed hope, knowledge that God has not forsaken them and that God's promises will be fulfilled. God is still at work among them. That message is not just for the people of Isaiah's time, it is also for us. We can have hope that God is still at work among us. That God is providing us ways to navigate the pandemic. Yes those ways may not be as immediate as we would like, but they are slowly making a difference. God has not forsaken us and is still fulfilling the promises made through Scripture that our God is a loving and steadfast God. We do have hope for the future.

During the months ahead as ALC continues to gather in worship together we will hear, see and experience that hoped for future come into existence. As various groups, studies and activities restart, or come into being, God will be with us. But we also will need to remember and be mindful of the following.

The promises given to Israel long ago were given to a community. God's continued promises are given to us as a community. As we go through this together in community, we need to be aware of and care for one another. There is not one right answer, solution or way of addressing the issues of pandemic. We all need to continue to strive to keep ourselves healthy, respect those around us, honoring their efforts to care for themselves and their loved ones. You see it is not all about you or me as an individual – it is truly about us as a community, the family and children of God.

God's peace

Pastor Brian





We will be having our 41st annual congregational meeting in the sanctuary following worship on Sunday, January 30. All voting members are asked to reserve this date to elect officers, approve the 2022 budget, receive ministry reports and elect two voting members (male and female) for the May 20-21, 2022 Synod Assembly at First Lutheran, Galveston.

Calling all devoted members of ALC

The Nominating Committee is searching for 2 people to serve as President and Vice President of the Leadership Team (term of 2 years, January 2022 - January 2024). Please contact the committee chair, Courtenay Siegrist, at courtenaysiegrist@hotmail.com if you are interested or know of someone who would be a good fit.

Annual reports are due in to Russ Senti no later than Sunday, January 16th. Thank you!!

2022 Church Directory

The Church Directory is currently being updated. You can update your information by either sending changes to ALC.Humble@hotmail.com or at church by visiting the bulletin board next to the coffee pot in the Fellowship Hall. Each page of the directory is on the bulletin board and you can make changes on the sheet by your name. If no corrections are needed, please put a check by your name. All changes should be made by Sunday, January 23. If your picture needs to be updated or added, please see Russ Senti. Thank you!



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Condolences to the family and friends of
Helen Seibert

who passed away

Friday, January 7, 2022.

Please keep Helen's family in your prayers. The family plans to hold a private service to celebrate her life. Cards may be sent to:

Kathy Seibert
25303 Pebble Dr.
Huffman, TX 77336



Adult Forum meets Sundays at 10:45 am

Join the Adult Forum group as Pastor leads a discussion on next Sunday's lessons and Gospel text. See below for readings for this Sunday's forum:

Third Sunday after the Epiphany - January 23, 2022:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - Luke 4:14-21

Bible Study on 2 Kings - Wednesdays at 10:00 am in Pastor's Study - All are welcome!!

Quilt Guild meets January 15



We are a group of women who like to sew. We meet the third Saturday of every month at 9:45 am – 12:00 at ALC. Our mission is to put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Lutheran World Relief is an organization that works with third world countries and areas where disasters have hit. They bring the quilts and pass them out as needed. Our job is to create quilt tops and put them together using the knotting method of quilting.

All are welcome! You do not need to know how to quilt. We need people who can sew but also people who can cut fabric, sort fabric and iron, just to name a few jobs. We will also teach you what ever you want to learn when it comes to putting these quilts together. To join, please contact Cathy DeWoody at dew8314@hotmail.com

Bunco meets January 15 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 20 at 6:00 pm, we are meeting at Italiano's in Humble (on 1960 over RR bridge) 217 FM 1960 Bypass E

Dining Out is a way for Atascocita Lutheran Church members, visitors and friends to enjoy fellowship over dinner with each other at a local restaurant. Our group dines out monthly and all are welcome!

Please send your reservation to Judy Johnson @ jajohn4471@comcast.net so she can let the restaurant know how many to plan for.



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." — Philippians 4:6



**Jose Alfaro
Ned Balek
Amanda Benton
Frances Carnes
Tim & Amy Coogan
Tommy Cook
Dean Dourke
Sue Gardner
Alex Gavril
Bobby & Mary Hall
David Harrison
Jeanette Hinman
Pres Holcomb
Tracy Hoyme
Judy Johnson
Patrick Konikoff
Darrell Kresta
Lori Kresta
Donald Lillquist
Feve Martinez**

**Renata May
Laurie McDonald
Tom McDonald
Sue Murtaugh
Gene Nice
Tony Pierce
Barb Rackliff
Gerrie Randall
Kaye Rendon
Bret & Vanesa Roe
Rhonda Salt-White
Family & friends of Tommy Schraml
Ruth Schumacher
Family & friends of Helen Seibert
Al Simon
Tonya Sprouts-Deamon
James Weston Swoboda
Laurie Wiley Vandever
Mile Wallace
John Wilkerson**

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

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



1/1 - Susan Hinson
1/4 - Riley Townsend
1/4 - Ted Vuong
1/5 - John Poxon
1/11 - Sam Sledge
1/13 - Nathan Beyer
1/14 - Julie Miller
1/18 - Sue Murtaugh
1/20 - Alan Wade
1/21 - Jonathan Sledge
1/31 - Marie Wilkinson

1/20 - Jim and Sheila Ely

January 16 Church Greeters

Sid and Donna Nice

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January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2 9:30 am Worship	3	4	5 10:00 am Bible study 6:30 pm Bell Choir	6	7	8
9 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Adult Forum	10 7:00 pm Book Club	11	12 10:00 am Bible study 6:30 pm Bell Choir	13	14	15 9:45 am Quilt Guild 10:00 am Leadership Team mtg. 6:00 pm Bunco
16 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Adult Forum	17 MLK Jr. Day 10 am MLK parade	18	19 10:00 am Bible study 6:30 pm Bell Choir	20 6:00 pm Diners Club	21	22
23 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Adult Forum	24	25	26 10:00 am Bible study 6:30 pm Bell Choir	27	28	29
30 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Annual meeting	31					