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Atascocita Lutheran Church

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



May 19, 2022

Thursday Seeds

AED (AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR) USAGE TRAINING PROGRAM

Many questions arise when it comes to this important lifesaving machine known as an Automated External Defibrillator (AEDs). Several members of our congregation have donated money for our AED now located on a shelf on the wall opposite the office just outside the worship space, next to the entrance to the sacristy. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a machine that is used to treat cardiac arrest, a life-threatening condition where the heart suddenly stops beating properly. By sending an electric shock to the heart of a person in cardiac arrest, the AED restores a normal heart rhythm. AEDs are designed for use by laypersons with very little training.

How does an AED work?

While AED machines use advanced algorithms and offer lifesaving therapy, they are actually built with only a few key components. The main AED parts are:

Electrode pads: sticky pads that are applied to the patient's chest which read the heart rhythm. If a shock is determined to be necessary by the AED's processor, then the shock travels between the pads and through the patient's heart.

Battery: used to charge the AED's capacitor so that it has enough energy to deliver a life-saving shock as well as running self-tests and AED diagnostics to make sure that the AED is functioning properly.

Capacitor: stores and releases energy. They come in different sizes and store enough energy so when the energy is released all at once it saves a patient's life.

Processor: the brains behind the AED. It's used to analyze the patient's rhythm to determine whether or not the patient is in a shockable rhythm.

AEDs are capable of automatically detecting two forms of cardiac arrhythmias or irregular heart rhythms: ventricular fibrillation and pulseless ventricular tachycardia. If either of these rhythms are detected by the AED, the device delivers a controlled electric shock to the patient. AEDs are different from hospital defibrillators because they are "automated" and completely take the guesswork out of determining whether or not someone needs a shock. AED operators do not need to read and interpret a patient's ECG which depicts the heart rhythm. The AED performs the heart rhythm analysis for them.

The benefit for our congregation is that an AED can often be used immediately when a person goes into cardiac arrest instead of having to wait for the paramedics or police to administer the life-saving treatment. So, if you are wondering if you could learn to use an AED to allow us laypeople to save lives, the answer is YES! YES! YES!

Training will be set up for all who are interested. It's an easy skill to learn to save the life of a friend or loved one. Please let Peg know if you are interested so that a time can be set for the initial training and possibly a yearly review.

Thank you from the Leadership Team and all the current and retired nurses and health care workers in our congregation.

Peg Swavely



Our Graduates



ALC will host a reception for our graduates on June 19.



We will celebrate dads & grads that day following worship.

Scott Heinrich
will graduate from Atascocita High School on May 28, 2022 at 9 am at NRG Stadium.
He will attend Sam Houston State University to major in Business Administration.

Kylie Main
will graduate from Atascocita High School on May 28, 2022 as a member of the National Honor Society. She will attend Sam Houston State University to pursue a degree in Forensic Chemistry.

Ember Benavidez
will graduate from Summer Creek High School on May 28, 2022 at 8 pm. She will attend Texas Tech University in the Fall and will major in Agriculture Communications.

Gracious God,

You bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially for the milestones that Scott, Kylie and Ember will have attained in their upcoming graduations. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they also know your love and experience your peace in all the experiences they encounter. Remind them that you are only a prayer away when they meet obstacles, heartbreaks and challenges.

Bless also the parents of these students who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your continuing presence, and give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters who may be leaving home soon to begin new and varied ventures, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Register now for Vacation Bible School

VBS is being held at ALC **June 27 - July 1 from 9 am to noon each day**. VBS is for kids from potty trained 3 year old thru completed 5th grade.

Registration is \$20.00 per child. This includes a VBS T-SHIRT! You can register and pay online with any credit card by using this link: vbspro.events/p/128d55 (copy and paste link).

Payment can also be made by cash or check on the first day of VBS.

For more information, please call Pastor Brian Deckinger at 281-852-7333.

**Diners' Group meets Thursday, May 19 at 6:00 pm**

Join us at Ling's Chinese Buffet in Atascocita (6730 Atascocita Road).

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!

**Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Assembly**

May 20-21, 2022

First Lutheran Church

2415 Winnie

Galveston, TX 77550



ALC voting members:

Pastor Brian

Robin Crizer

Tim Garcia

Bunco Club meets May 21 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm**Basket Weavers meet Saturday, May 28 in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am**

Join our basket weavers group as we gather on May 28 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Our members are wonderful people whose skills and knowledge vary from folks who just love baskets to beginning basket weavers to more advanced basket weaving. Please join us, learn with us, and share with us!

**Brownie Mix collection for HAAM**

ALC is collecting brownie mixes for HAAM the entire month of May. Our goal is to collect 100 mixes! So far 98 mixes have been donated. You may bring any type and size mix and then place in the HAAM box located in the Fellowship Hall by the coffee bar.

Thank you!!

**Save the date 10/8/2022**

The ALC Fall Festival is fast approaching, please save 10/8/2022 on your volunteer calendar!

We have updated Signup Genius with the time slots for volunteer opportunities.

Sign Up with this link ALC Fall Festival: [ALC Fall Festival Volunteer Time Slots](https://signupgenius.com) (signupgenius.com)



If you would like to assist with one of the booths as a leader, please email

Debbie Heinrich (dh26rn@hotmail.com) or Kristin Retrop (kristin.bieber@gmail.com)

Debbie and Kristin

Children's Sunday School held during worship

Children's Sunday School is now 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)



Sunday School will continue during the summer.



Adult Forum meets Sundays at 10:45 am

Join the Adult Forum group in Room 105 as Pastor leads a discussion on next Sunday's lessons and Gospel text. See below for readings for next Sunday:

Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 29, 2022

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor leads a Bible study every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in his office.

All are welcome!! Our current focus is 2 Chronicles.



Check Out the ALC Library

With summer almost here, be sure to browse through the ALC library for books to read poolside or kids' books to keep them busy while school is out. There is a wide selection, with something for everyone. Help yourself to as many books as you'd like from the library, located just outside the worship space, and return them in the marked basket when you're done. Happy reading!



Your Church Needs You:

Now that things are starting to open back up after the pandemic ALC is in need of help with the worship services.

If you are interested in helping out at your church by being an:

Assisting Minister- help with parts of worship (carry cross, assist with communion, read prayers)

Lector - read 1st and 2nd lessons & assist with communion

Usher - greet people in sanctuary, help with offering, count attendance

Counters - After worship, help count offering in office

Please use the sign up sheets in the fellowship hall by the coffee pot to volunteer

or "Sign up Genius" link: <https://bit.ly/3D732ea>

Please see page 6 for spots which still need to be filled.

Thanks to all who serve!



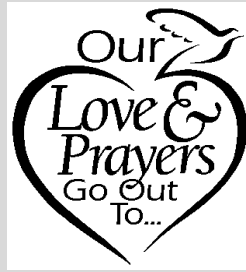
Covid-19 safety

We are still experiencing Covid-19 cases in our area so please continue to do social distancing, wear a face mask if you choose, and stay home if you're not feeling well. Sunday worship is on Facebook Live so you can still "attend" church from home!



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
Bryan
Frances Carnes
Tim & Amy Coogan
Tommy Cook
Corrine Coughlin
Mr Dang
Dean Dourke
Sue Gardner
Alex Gavrila
Betty Goode
Bobby & Mary Hall
David Harrison
Jeanette Hinman**

**Pres Holcomb
Judy Johnson
Charlie and Chloe Kitts
Patrick Konikoff
Darrell Kresta
Lori Kresta
Donald Lillquist
Debbie Marshall
Fevé Martinez
Renata May
Laurie McDonald
Tom McDonald
Sue Murtaugh
Christine Amelia Nice
Gene Nice
Patsy Nice**

**Family & friends of Dave Novak
Billy & Barbara Phillips
Tony Pierce
Gerrie Randall
Kaye Rendon
Bret & Vanesa Roe
Rhonda Salt-White
Russ Senti
Family & friends of Al Simon
Tonya Sprouts-Deamon
Tanya Stuart
James Weston Swoboda
Laurie Wiley Vandever
John Wilkerson
People in Ukraine**

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

**Please pray for leaders and voting members of the Texas Louisiana Gulf
Synod meeting May 20-21, 2022 in Galveston.**

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



May

5/3 – Sid Nice
 5/5 – Andrew Call
 5/5 – Fred Swavely
 5/11 – Sharon Sledge
 5/13 – Ember Benavidez
 5/17 – Beryl Ragsdale
 5/17 – Chelsea Tieman
 5/19 – Joy Berthold
 5/22 – Russell Weeks
 5/27 – Carrie Benavidez
 5/28 – David Foisie
 5/30 – Ryan Heinrich
 5/31 – Sophia Leigh



May

5/3 – Paul & Pam Augustowski
 5/17 – Alan & Rita Wade
 5/23 – Tim & Diane Trautman
 5/25 – John & Ellen Poxon

May Worship Team

	Greeter	Assisting Minister	Lector	Usher	Counter	AV Crew
May 1	Donna & Sid Nice	Laurie McDonald	Robin Crizer	Tim & Trey Garcia	Joy Berthold	Youth Tech Team
May 8	Laurie & Tom McDonald	Laurie McDonald	Tommy Cook	Tim & Trey Garcia		Youth Tech Team
May 15	Judy Johnson & Robin Crizer	Ellen Poxon	Ellen Poxon	Tim & Trey Garcia	Joy Berthold	Youth Tech Team
May 22	Joy & Tommy Cook	Needed	Needed	Needed	Robin Crizer	Youth Tech Team
May 29	The Beyer Family	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed	Youth Tech Team

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

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Adult Forum	2	3	4 10:00 am Bible study 6:30 pm Bell Choir	5 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	6	7 9:00 am Confirmation Class
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Adult Forum	9	10	11 10:00 am Bible study 6:30 pm Bell Choir	12 8:00 am HAAM Food Fair	13	14
15 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Adult Forum	16	17	18 10:00 am Bible study 6:30 pm Bell Choir	19 6:00 pm Diners Group	20 Synod Assembly	21 Synod Assembly 10:00 am Al Simon memorial service 11:30 am Leadership Team 6:00 pm Bunco Club
22 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Adult Forum	23	24	25 10:00 am Bible study 6:30 pm Bell Choir	26	27	28 9:00 am Basket Weaving
29 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Adult Forum	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	31				