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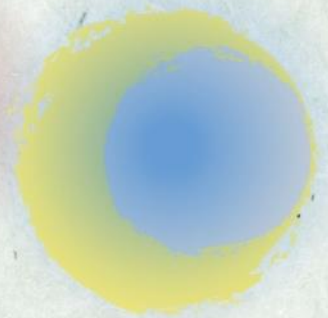
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HOLY WEEK AT KINSMEN



BEGINS APRIL 1/2

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April 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever had a teacher, mentor and friend who moved or died? The one person you knew you could always go to when you needed a listening ear, a jolt of confidence, or sage advice. In times of loss like this, there is grief compounded by doubt and loss of direction.

This happened to me in 2017. I lost a dear mentor, friend and colleague—Pastor Chris Nelson—who was the Senior Pastor at my previous church in Minneapolis. He was the one I would call whenever I had questions as I was beginning my new role as your Senior Pastor here at Kinsmen. There were so many things I didn't understand and appreciate about his leadership until after I had moved here and, even more so, after he had died. If I could just ask him one more question... If I could just get his advice on this one thing... If I could just get one more glimpse of the hope he could provide...

I often think about this period of time, but especially after Easter. I think about my experience of losing a mentor and try to imagine—to a greater degree—what it must have been like for the disciples and followers of Jesus. Their mentor, friend and the Savior of the world had died. So many hopes and dreams died for a while as well. I imagine their grief, lack of direction and doubt must have paralyzed them at first.

Then after they saw the empty tomb, they experienced glimpses of hope. Jesus appeared to them in different moments and in different ways. It took some time—God's own time—but eventually those glimpses of hope turned into something that would last and remain: living hope. The spirit of hope and new life filled them and became a part of them. It became a part of their new leadership, discipleship and daily life. Not only did they live out this hope, but they led the new forming Christian communities to have faith in the

Daily Devotions on Kinsmen App

Did you know that there are always 2 devotions available to you at Kinsmen? One can be found on the Kinsmen app that you can access on your phone. Simply go to where you download apps on your phone and download Kinsmen's app. When it downloads there is a "Devotions" tab that you can use. We also have hard copies of the "Christ in Our Home" devotions that are available in the narthex. We encourage you to use one or both of these.

new life in Christ as well—no matter the hardships they faced.

1 Peter 1:3-4 says:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a *living hope*

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you."

There is good news for us as we reflect on the disciples and this passage. We, too, are promised that we will be brought through loss and grief. Joy and new life might be absent, fleeting, or intermittent times and doubt. But, as we move beyond the glimpses of hope may we too embody, proclaim, and be sustained by a living hope....today, tomorrow and forevermore.

Grace and Peace,

Beth Warpmaeker



Senior Pastor

P.S. I look forward to seeing all of you as we enter this Holy Week. See worship and Easter times on page 3.





Saturday/Sunday, April 1/2

5:30PM Saturday

8:30AM Traditional Worship

11AM Contemporary Worship

12:30PM Spanish Language/Misa en Español



Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7PM

Join us in worship as we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. We will also be celebrating the Communion Milestone for 7 members of the congregation.



Good Friday, April 7

10AM Service Project

12PM (noon) Tenebrae worship service (English)

7PM Tenebrae worship service (bilingual)

*NOTE: There will be no 5:30PM Worship Service on Holy Saturday



Sunday, April 9

6:15AM Sunrise Traditional Worship

7AM—12PM Easter Breakfast

8AM Traditional with Brass

9:30AM (Outside) Child Focused, Adult friendly *(in case of rain, worship will be in sanctuary)*

11AM Contemporary

12:30PM Spanish Language/Domingo de Resurrección

ORDER YOUR EASTER LILY

Help us beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter lily in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one.

The cost of each lily is \$12. You may order your lilies at: <https://bit.ly/easterlily2023>.

The deadline to order and be recognized at Easter is Monday, April 3.

Thank you for your gracious generosity.



The Promise of Living

a celebration of life well-lived

a choral tribute to Sherrie McMahon and Kevin Riehle

SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD

4:00 PM

THE CENTRUM

(6823 CYPRESSWOOD DRIVE, SPRING, TX 77379)

FREE

Featuring music by
Copland
Dvořák
Gaspard
and Hayes' Requiem

Performed by the choirs of:
Kinsmen Lutheran Church,
Klein United Methodist Church
Northwoods Presbyterian Church

ST THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL

Jazz Band

Join us Sunday,
April 16 for special
Jazz worship
services at 8:30
and 11AM.



Sermon Series Title: Living Hope

After the disciples saw the empty tomb, they experienced glimpses of hope. Jesus appeared to them in different ways. It took some time—God’s own time—but eventually those glimpses turned into something that would remain: living hope. We, too, are promised that as we move beyond the sadness and fleeting joy, we will be sustained by a living hope that abides today, tomorrow and always.

Join us for this 6-week sermon series that will strengthen us in faith and hope.



Dates	Sermon Title	First Reading	Gospel
April 15-16	Not Seeing and Believing	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
April 22-23	Eyes Opened	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
April 30 - May 1	Finding Your Way	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 7-8	Like Living Stones	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 14-15	The Hope That Is In You	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 21-22	Entrusted to God	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11

Easter Flowering Cross

On Easter Sunday, April 9, you are invited to be part of the Flowering of the Cross, an ancient and meaningful tradition that represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of the resurrection.

As you prepare for Easter worship, purchase or pick fresh flowers and greenery from your garden or yard and bring them to church. When you arrive for any of our services, place your flowers on the cross that will be located in the narthex (entrance area to the sanctuary).

Together we will transform a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus' death, into an Easter symbol. Covered with fresh, living flowers, the cross serves not only as an emblem of Jesus' resurrection but also of the continuing presence of Christ among today's Christians. Together, let us make this Easter a celebration of new life!





Easter Sunday

APRIL 9

Easter Breakfast	7AM - 12PM
Sunrise	6:15AM
Traditional	8:00AM
Child-focused (outdoor)	9:30AM
Contemporary	11:00AM
Misa en Español	12:30PM

The graphic features a background of a sunrise over a field with a large, faint cross in the center. The text is arranged in a list format with corresponding times to the right. The title 'Easter Sunday' is in a cursive font, and the date 'APRIL 9' is in a simple sans-serif font. The event details are in bold, black, sans-serif font.



7AM - 12PM

**EASTER
BREAKFAST**

The graphic is split into two main sections. On the left, a circular inset shows a plate of breakfast food including a fried egg, bacon, and toast. A brown speech bubble with white text '7AM - 12PM' is overlaid on the top left of this inset. On the right, the words 'EASTER BREAKFAST' are written in a large, bold, brown, brush-stroke font. Above the text is a stylized sun with radiating lines, and below it are wavy lines representing water or a field.

Join a Group or Bible Study

Grow in faith and friendship through Group Life at Kinsmen. There are opportunities on Sunday mornings and other times during the week to gather around God's Word or around Common Interests.

Learn more here. <https://bit.ly/experiencefamily>



Simon Peter Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday Mornings 9:45AM, April 16—June 4

Together we will take an in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter. Through video teaching, we will join Adam Hamilton on location at key sites in Peter's life. The main resource you will need is the Bible. However, we will be using the book, *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*, to guide us through this six-session Bible Study. Register here: <https://bit.ly/KinsPeter>

April 16: The Call of the Fisherman

April 23: Walking with Jesus in the Storms

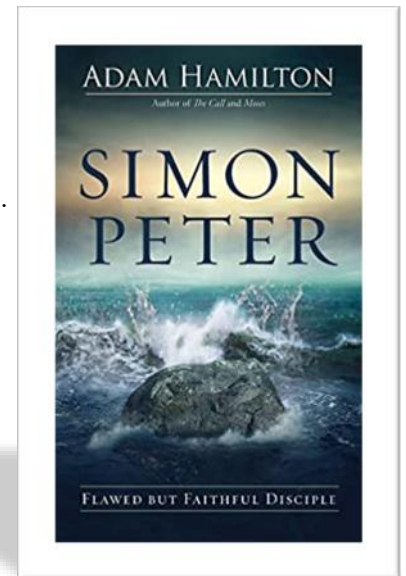
April 30: Bedrock or Stumbling Block?

May 7: I Will Not Deny You

TWO WEEK BREAK

May 28: From Cowardice to Courage

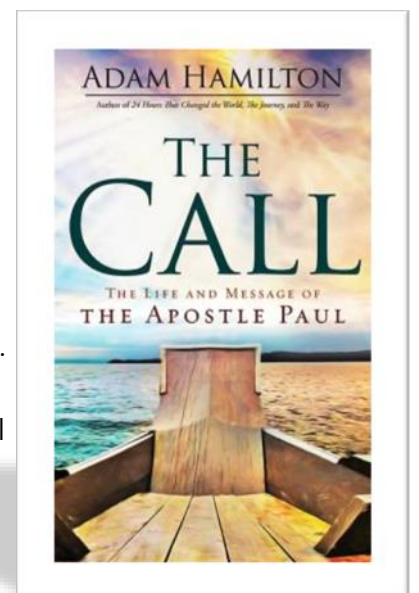
June 4: The Rest of the Story



Men's Monday Evening Bible Study

The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul

We have had some great discussions centered on scripture as we have learned together how God's Word continues to speak into our lives. We will be starting a new study so this is a great time to join. Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary. The main resource you will need is the Bible. However, we will be using the book, *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* to guide us through this six-session Bible Study. You can purchase a book through Amazon or another online retailer. Please sign up for the session here. <https://bit.ly/KinMenBibleStudyPaul>



Join a trip to the Holy Land

Trip Dates: June 4-17, 2024 with an optional extension to Jordan.

Join Kinsmen members and friends on this life-changing trip to the Holy Land!

This trip will visit biblical and archaeological sites from as far south as Beer Sheva to as far north as Ancient Dan. It will deepen your understanding of the Bible, but it will also give you insight into the current Christian witness of our Lutheran brothers and sisters, specifically in the city of Bethlehem.



The brochures are being finalized now. Please contact Pastor Beth at bwarpmaeker@kinsmenlutheran.org if you are interested in receiving a brochure and future updates on this journey of faith, learning and relationship building.

Naomi Bible Study

The Sanctity of Life and Love: Commandments 5 and 6

Women of all ages, we invite you to join us for Naomi Bible Study. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Coffee House in the Community Life Center. Bible readings are combined with application to issues in our lives, community and world. Studies have some leader-led direction but a lot of sharing.

We are currently examining how the commandments are a gift to us that still speak to the challenges of our world today. In April we will look at Commandments 5 and 6, reviewing some of the major murders of the Bible and delving into the scriptural witness to the spirituality of sex and the covenant of marriage. We will continue to explore how these commands offer a source of peace and inspiration in today's often hectic and generationally segregated society and church.

You will find Naomi Circle to be an informal and caring group of women. Please join us!

For any questions, contact Pastor Mark England.

Youth and Family News

Are you receiving the Tuesday Middle School and High School Youth Ministry News?

These emails are one of the primary ways you will stay in the know on all things, especially Confirmation (Middle School) and SWAT (High School) happenings.

If you are not receiving the Tuesday email, please contact [Pastor Mark](#) at mengland@kinsmenlutheran.org

S.W.A.T.

April 2 and 23

S.W.A.T. is our high school ministry and we meet regularly throughout the year to grow in faith and friendship. Those in high school are not only invited to participate but they are given opportunities to lead bible study, games, and prayer time.



SWAT
Students With A Testimony

In April, we will be meeting on April 2 and April 23 at Kinsmen. Details of each gathering will be included in the weekly e-mails. All high school students are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kristen at kschulze@kinsmenlutheran.org.

Be a part of the 2023 Camp Hope Staff

Current 7th & 8th Grade through High School Students

Camp Hope Staff Applications are available here.

bit.ly/KinCHStaff23

7th & 8th Graders only need to fill out an application.

High School youth will apply and be interviewed.

CAMP HOPE 2023

TRAVELERS



Camp Hope is one of the ways we form Middle School, High School and young adult leaders at Kinsmen. Though learning to be a leader through Camp Hope can be challenging, you may be surprised at what God will do through you.

I encourage you to apply and interview even if you think your summer plans will prevent you from participating.

Let Pastor Mark know if you have any questions.



REGISTER NOW!

Kinsmen
@ LUTHERHILL 
JULY 16-21, 2023

Alphas - 1st Graders, \$395
(leave camp on Wednesday, July 19)

Youngns - 2nd & 3rd Graders, \$695

Yearlings - 4th & 5th Graders, \$695

Amazing Race - 6th-8th Graders, \$745

Scholarships are available!



**Camp Kinsmen registration is
now open!**

We hope you'll join us for 1, 2, or up to 7 weeks of summer day camp fun!

Monday-Friday, 9:30AM to 3:30 PM, with before and after care available from 7AM to 6PM

www.kinsmenlutheran.org/summer

Ages entering 1st through 8th grades

- ❖ May 30—June 9
- ❖ July 31—August 4



Camp Hope

Save the Date!

Camp Hope 2023 will be
June 12-16, June 19-23, June 26-30.

Camp Hope a day camp run by the Kinsmen youth and is for children currently in Pre-K (entering Kinder in fall 2023) through 7th grade. Youth currently in 8th grade and older can apply to be part of the Camp Hope Staff.

Staff applications and registration for campers are open now!

Go to <https://kinsmenlutheran.org/camp> to register.



Playground Playdate

Saturday, March 4 at 10AM

We'd love to help parents connect with other families in the same life stage while kiddos connect with others their age.

Snacks and water bottles are provided!

If your kiddo is too young to run and play, we encourage you to bring a blanket or a stroller so you can still enjoy the adult fellowship.

We meet in the North Parking Lot (the small lot off of Pinewood Springs). That is where our preschool playground is located. This event is aimed at those 5-years-old and younger, but all are welcome!



Good Friday Service Project

Friday, April 7

10 am to noon, and beyond!

Most schools have the day off, so bring the whole family to serve together! There will be projects for all ages and abilities, including helping assemble the LVR Personal Care Kits and teacher projects.

Let us know you're coming so we can have enough projects ready!

<https://bit.ly/GoodFriday23>



CAMP HOPE 2023

Travelers

**FOR CHILDREN ENTERING
KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 7TH
GRADE IN FALL 2023**

 *More than a day camp...*

It's a place where Bible stories come alive, faith becomes real and mentoring relationships are formed—all through the leadership of passionate teens and young adults.

 *Campers learn 15 bible stories*

Each day centers around a different Bible story, with every activity—games, crafts, drama and even snacks—pointing back to the story of the day. Vibrant worship, small group time, and service projects for older campers round out the day.

**REGISTER
NOW!**

- June 12-16
- June 19-23
- June 26-29



www.kinsmenlutheran.org/camp



CRAWFISH BOIL



SAVE THE DATE

4
MONTH

22
DAY

23
YEAR



CRAWFISH BOIL WILL BE SATURDAY, APRIL 22. TICKETS ON SALE APRIL 1.

Saturday, April 22 at 6:30 PM.

Adults \$20; Youth 5-11 \$5;

Children under 5 – Free.

Alternative Food is available.

Buy your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/2023CrawfishBoil>

Last day to purchase a ticket is Tuesday, April 18.



Kinsmen Summer University

KSU is an opportunity to learn something new and/or experience fellowship.

Classes will be held in June and July.

Be watching for more information and registration opportunities.

MINISTERIO LATINO



Holy Week celebrations in Latin America

Holy Week or also called *Semana Mayor*, is the largest celebration of the Christian faith in which 8 days are available to remember the last moments of Christ on Earth and where thousands of people reflect on their good and bad acts. The main difference in the way these holy days are celebrated is that in Latin America greater importance is given to the Passion and Death of Christ, while in the United States the day that most celebrates and has greater reception by the faithful is Easter Sunday.

Although in all Latin American countries Holy Week is celebrated, each one commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth in a different way. However, all the traditions of Holy Week in our countries are full of fervor, religiosity, and cultural diversity.

Mexico

On the night of Good Friday, the impressive Procession of Silence takes place in San Luis de Potosí. It consists of the congregation of different neighborhoods where they carry religious images, while walking referring to the mourning of the Virgin Mary for the death of her son.

In *Iztapalapa*, there is another tradition called "The Passion of Christ". This is based on the community choosing a young man who will play the role of Jesus and making a representation of his last moments. This tradition became Mexico's intangible cultural heritage in 2012. The representation of the Via Crucis and is very popular by Mexicans where every year around three million people congregate in the mayor's office of *Iztapalapa*, up to the top of Cerro de la Estrella. On that hill, the crucifixion is now carried out as a symbol of the renewal of the faith of believers, in an act that mixes Western culture with pre-Hispanic culture.

Guatemala

It is in La Antigua Guatemala where the processions of Holy Week are lived with greater devotion. The mystical environment of the place and the veneration shown by the faithful make the streets become the scene of an unforgettable experience for followers and even non-believers. This commemoration is characterized by huge tapestries made of flower petals, on which the image of Christ passes. This commemoration is considered one of the most beautiful Easter traditions in the world.

These dates are a reason for meeting and family union.

Colombia

The largest celebration takes place in the west of the country, in the city of *Popayán*. In this town they recreate the death of Jesus and is accompanied by angels carrying hammers and chisels. In this city a great tradition is the processions of Holy Week that have been celebrated for more than 400 years. Since the sixteenth century, the "small processions" are also carried out, in which children from 5 to 11 years old participate and are held a week after Holy Week.

Likewise, Pamplona attracts parishioners from the east of the country. This town is known as the *Mitrada* City, for the numerous and well-preserved colonial temples that receive tourists and Colombians.

Peru

In Ayacucho, known as "the city of churches," Holy Week has become an important celebration. There is a mixture between the religious traditions inherited from the Spanish and the indigenous ones. This is why in the processions you can see craft markets, bullfights and musical groups.

Venezuela

Venezuelans make a procession to venerate the Nazarene of San Pablo. It is one of the oldest traditions in the country and the most important during Holy Week.

It all starts at 1:00 in the morning, with the first of 18 masses throughout the day. A mass is held every hour at the Basilica of Santa Teresa, located in downtown Caracas. Devotees dress in purple robes and many walk barefoot to church to pay their promises to the Nazarene or to make new requests.



Citizenship Classes

For immigrants, obtaining citizenship is the last step in a long road of legal processes, which go hand in hand with adapting to a new country with different language, culture, and traditions.

Once the legal requirements have been met, an oral and written exam must be presented, as well as an interview that verifies the knowledge of this country as well as the certain basic command of English.

This process is often intimidating, expensive and requires some preparation to complete.

Part of Kinsmen's Latino community has asked for our help in reaching that goal. For this we have worked together with the Barbara Bush Library, who is providing advice and training to make this dream a reality.

The preparation course has a duration of 10 sessions that include: literacy skills, civics, and literacy and ready for the interview, to end with a Mock Interview, carried out by a person other than the instructor, who will determine if the candidate is prepared to pass the exam or must reinforce some areas.

This program will have the help of our American volunteers who will be the best facilitators to train new citizens.

Mental Health Matters Begins April 19

Kinsmen is forming community based supportive groups to help ourselves and each other with promoting better mental health practices. Starting April 19, this initiative will include resources, support groups, personal listening opportunities and educational classes. Kinsmen chooses to stand up for each other, fight stigma and shame to cultivate better relationships. Kinsmen Cares!

Register here: <https://bit.ly/MHMReg>

For more information contact [Lynnae Schatz](#).



Pickleball

April 27 at 7PM

Join in on the fun on Thursday, April 27 at 7PM. All equipment is provided.

Dress comfortably.

Questions? Contact Lynnae Schatz



Euchre

April 24 at 7PM

Like to play cards? Check out Euchre on Monday, April 24 at 7 PM in the Coffee House. Euchre is an easy and fun card game that uses a 24-card deck.

Questions? Contact Colette Edwards.

55+ Lunch

April 17, 12PM

ADRIATIC CAFE

Italian Grill

19004 Windsor Pointe Dr, Tomball, TX 77375

For more information contact Colette at Cedwards@kinsmenlutheran.org

Calling All **thrivent**® Members!

Did you know that Thrivent has a program to help us raise money for our church and community activities? It is called Thrivent ACTION TEAM. You can find out more about it by visiting Thrivent.com/action_team, but here is some initial information about the ACTION TEAM opportunity.

Does your Small Group or others you are involved with want to raise money for a worthwhile cause? If you just need a little "seed money" to get your idea going, then a Thrivent member is eligible for \$250 to get your project going. Only one action team for each project – in other words you cannot have more than one \$250 award for the same project.

If you and your spouse are both Thrivent members, you are eligible for two awards, but they cannot be combined for the same project. You need to apply at least 21 days in advance of your project, and complete a post project report. The list is extensive – so visit the website and learn about this wonderful gift that Thrivent provides for people of faith. In the past, Kinsmen has used Action Team Awards for the following: THANKSGIVING FEAST AT KINSMEN, CAMP HOPE, 50th Anniversary celebration, SMALL GROUP MATERIALS, KRAUSE CENTER.

If you would like to talk about how your gift could be used at Kinsmen, please contact [Pastor Beth](#) or [Lynnae Schatz](#).



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-  twitter.com/LuthWorldRelief
-  youtube.com/LutheranWorldRelief

WHERE DID LWR QUILTS & KITS GO IN 2022?





“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

It’s “bonus season” for many working professionals and one way to express your faith and thankfulness is to apportion a gift to the Kinsmen Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund enhances the financial stability of Kinsmen and provides security for the future. Your contributions earn income that is used to fund ministries in accordance with the funds distribution policy and in keeping with donor intent.

Do you receive stock as part of your bonus package and are unsure how to donate a gift of stock? One of the services available to Kinsmen Members from the ELCA Foundation is to facilitate stock transfers on behalf of Kinsmen. Other services include:

- Can accept gifts of real estate on behalf of Kinsmen
- Regional Gift Planners to assist with End-of-Life Gifts
- Administers bequests and can liquidate real estate and securities for the benefit of named beneficiaries
- Offers Legacy Gift Planning tools and resources

May your heart be filled with peace and joy this Easter Season.

Peace in Christ,

The Generosity Team: Loretta Castano, Andrew Hanson, Benita Huff, Jen Nash, Ed Newhard, Craig Sutter, Melissa Turnquist, Richard Vermilyea, Pastor Beth Warpmaeker, and Brad Young.

Estate and Legacy Planning

Sunday, May 21 at 9:45AM

May 21 is Kinsmen’s Charter Sunday. To mark this date, we are offering a class to educate and encourage legacy giving to Kinsmen’s Endowment fund. Topics will include:

- How to distribute personal items
- How to give to your values after death
- Documents every individual needs
- Vehicles for end-of-life planning
- Means of fund transfer from one individual to another
- Generic examples of financial scenarios
- Advantages of including charity in your end-of-life plan
- Kinsmen Endowment overview

Facilitator: Lizbeth Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Gift Planner available for your confidential assessment and plans at no charge **or obligation.**

**MAKE
A
GIFT!**

TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND

In honor of Kinsmen's 51st anniversary, we are inviting you to make a gift using 5's and 1's

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Sleep in Heavenly Peace

No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!®

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Across Houston and across the US, too many boys and girls go without a bed—or even a pillow—to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health.

That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) comes in. SHP is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. You can help with building, assembling and/or delivering on the mornings of April 1 and/or April 22. Simply sign up at the links below.

No experience? No worries. There's a place for everyone to help. On the job training is provided.

Volunteer Sign Ups:

April 1: <https://bit.ly/SHPApril1>

April 22: <https://bit.ly/SHPApril22>



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE®

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is located at:
The Met Church
13000 Jones Rd
Houston, TX 77070

Food Distribution Update

On Wednesday, March 15, Bridging for Tomorrow Administrative Staff and the Administrative Staff at The Houston Food Bank met to discuss mobile food distributions. Plans are underway to resume satellite food distributions just as Kinsmen had been doing soon. If you'd like to know more about Mobile Food Distributions, contact [Lynnae Schatz](#).



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houston foodbank.
Filling pantries. Filling lives.
713-223-3700

LENT Personal Care Kits

During the season of Lent, we will collect items for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for Personal Care Kits. Personal Care Kits are one of LWR’s most requested items and make a simple yet profound difference to families struggling in poverty. In a world filled with strife, the demand for kits grows every year and LWR relies on our generous hearts to make sure those with the very least are not forgotten.

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don’t know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Personal Care Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.



LENT IN KIND DONATIONS  Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Personal care kits will provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, basic hygiene tools to our brothers and sisters in need.

- Bars of soap (4-6 ounces, any brand, in original wrapping)
- Bath towels (light-weight, maximum 52"x27", dark color recommended)
- Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)
- Metal nail clippers
- Combs

Personal Care Kit items will be collected in the narthex from Ash Wednesday, February 22 through Maundy Thursday, April 6.

What items make up a Personal Care Kit?

- light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- bath-size bars of soap any brand, in the original wrapping
- adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- a sturdy comb
- a metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Kinsmen in the Community! - Pastor Beth blessing a Habitat home!





April Birthdays

Caroline Ehlers	4/01	Steven Pate	4/06	Richard Schmidt	4/15	Tobias DeLuca	4/24
Samantha Beecher	4/01	Sara Ray	4/07	Stephen Nott	4/16	Mackenzie Lyons	4/24
Elisabeth Stuller	4/01	Jackie Hanson	4/07	Rob Adams	4/16	Duke Turner	4/24
Edward Isaac Walker	4/01	Lee Rivera	4/07	Spencer Hines	4/16	Valeria Avalos	4/25
Ronald Wittnebel	4/02	Ashlyn Crowe	4/08	Kristen Schulze	4/17	Amelia Smith	4/25
Mark Adam	4/02	Kelsea Tipping	4/09	Warren Hanson	4/17	John Molinaro	4/26
Jackson Kulhanek	4/02	Kevin Edwards	4/10	Ron Wood	4/18	Justin Grimes	4/27
Brandon Holloway	4/03	Lynnae Schatz	4/10	Krista Guerrero	4/19	Holly Hardy	4/28
Allison Hilpert	4/03	Steven Edwards	4/11	Rick Smith	4/19	Kimberly O'Neal	4/28
Jamie Fretwell	4/03	Lois Harris	4/11	Phil McCue	4/20	Ryan Nelsen	4/28
Gretchen Hock	4/04	Patricia Ebner	4/11	Kristen Wooden	4/20	Denise Shurbet	4/29
Cecil Mosqueda	4/04	Savannah Tipping	4/11	Jennene Clancy	4/21	Joshua Kamalu	4/29
Krystle Wallner	4/05	Alexandria Tipping	4/11	Stephanie Gossett	4/21	Amanda Hamric	4/30
John Landgraf	4/05	Edna Thompsen	4/12	Bruce Best	4/22	John Lindblom	4/30
Sallie Marie Stewart	4/05	Michelle Adams Alderfer	4/12	Connor Hardy	4/22		
Hannah Lowe	4/05	Alexandra DeLuca	4/12	Bob Rall	4/23		
Colin Nott	4/05	Michele Watson	4/13	Angela Williamson	4/24		
Wade Ivey	4/05	Janice Meyer	4/14	Kamryn Woods	4/24		



GLIMPSES of GRACE

Kroger and Grocery Rewards Programs

We encourage you to link your Kroger and other grocery rewards cards to Kinsmen. Kroger’s Community Rewards is easy to use. The more you shop and use your rewards card, the more money Kinsmen will earn! From

November 27, 2022 to February 25, 2023, 38 households used their card at least once for a total donation of \$65.88.

KINSMEN BUDGET UPDATE - CHURCH ONLY OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS FOR February 2023			
	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Income	157,525	150,645	(6,789)
Total Expenses	153,738	158,202	4,464
Net	3,787	(7,556)	(11,343)
Year-to-Date (2023)			
Total Income	317,517	348,748	31,230
Total Expenses	304,366	318,324	13,958
Net			

GLIMPSES OF SHARING GRACE CARE MINISTRY	
March 2023	
Flower Deliveries	28
Prayer Shawls	5

GIVING UPDATE			
Thankoffering	Budget	Actual	Variance
February 2023	93,278	87,390	(5,888)
2023	186,557	227,361	40,804

GLIMPSES OF GRACE	
February 2023	
Noisy Offering—	2,633.50
Habitat for Humanity	
General Mission Support	8,496.03
Designated Mission Support	243.00
KCA Scholarships	137.50
February TOTAL	11,510.03
YTD TOTAL	27,193.45



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INFORMAL WORSHIP

Saturday
5:30 PM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Sundays
8:30 AM

EDUCATIONAL HOUR

Sundays
9:45 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Sundays
11:00 AM

MISA en ESPAÑOL

Domingos
12:30 PM

ESCUELA DOMINICAL

Domingos
12:30 PM

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