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Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*A Network of Christ-Centered, Outwardly-Focused, Faith-Growing
Communities for the Sake of the World*

Weekly News & Announcements

March 9, 2026

BLOOD DRIVE

Augustana Lutheran Church

**Saturday, March 14
8:00 am - 11:30 am
Donor Coach**

sponsor code: 2076

All successful donors will receive:

**A Sleek Gulf Coast Blood
power bank & A1C Testing!!**



Augustana Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Join Augustana Lutheran Church for a blood drive on **Saturday, March 14, from 8am-11:30am**. All successful donors will receive a Gulf Coast blood power bank as well as A1C testing. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

[Schedule Appointment](#)

[Download Flyer](#)

SAVE THE DATE

*St. James Lutheran Church & Family Life Center
Annual*

Silent Auction Fundraiser

Saturday, April 25, 2026

6 - 8 pm

1602 W. 43rd. Street
Houston, TX 77018

Please Join Us

Save the Date - Silent Auction

Join us for St. James Lutheran Church & Family Life Center's annual silent auction fundraiser being held on **Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 6-8pm** at 1602 W. 43rd Street, Houston, TX 77018.

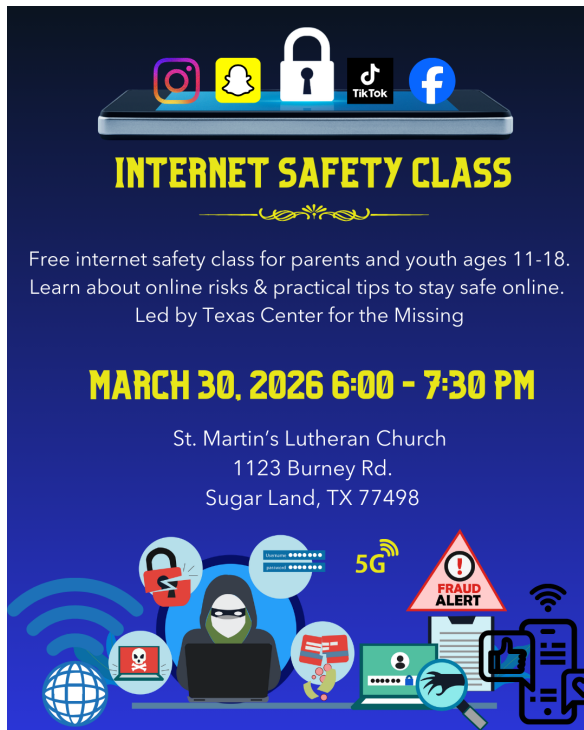


**Spring Festive
and
Blood Drive**

Augustana Lutheran Church
Saturday, March 14, 2026
9AM - 12 PM
 2001 Wheeler Street
 Houston, TX 77004
 music with
DJ Zo Tha Affiliate
Food, Vendors, & More

Come and join us at the Spring Festive
 as we continue to welcome this new year
 with gratitude for our blessings

Join Augustana Lutheran Church for Spring Festive and a blood drive on **Saturday, March 14, from 9am-12pm**. Enjoy music with DJ Zo Tha Affiliate, food, vendors, and more.



INTERNET SAFETY CLASS

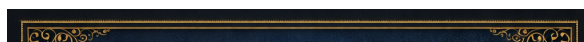
Free internet safety class for parents and youth ages 11-18.
 Learn about online risks & practical tips to stay safe online.
 Led by Texas Center for the Missing

MARCH 30, 2026 6:00 - 7:30 PM

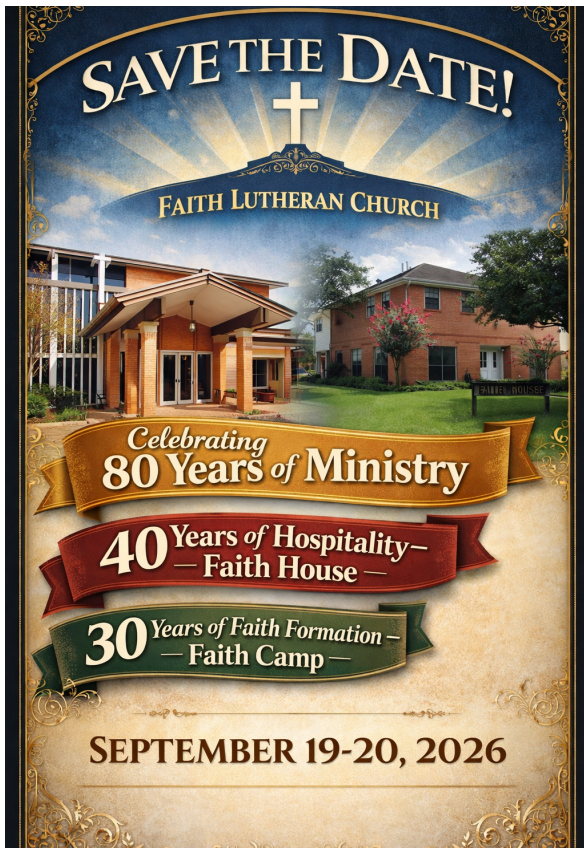
St. Martin's Lutheran Church
 1123 Burney Rd.
 Sugar Land, TX 77498

The digital world is constantly changing—and so are the risks our kids face online. Join us for a **FREE Internet Safety Class** designed specifically for youth (ages 11–18) and their parents on **March 30, 2026 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM** at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 1123 Burney Rd, Sugar Land, TX 77498.

[More Info](#)



Set aside **September 19-20** in your



Save the date September 19-20 in your calendars to come and celebrate 80 years of ministry, 40 years of hospitality, and 30 years of faith formation with Faith Lutheran Church in Bellaire.



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ALL ARE INVITED to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Houston on **March 31 at 10:30am** to join for prayer, reflection, anointing, Eucharist, and the reaffirmation of vows for clergy and all the baptized.

We will bless and distribute the oils used for baptism, the sick, and the dying. Bring your congregation's cruet to receive oil.

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Light refreshments to follow.



Early bird [registration](#) for Synod Assembly 2026 is open! Join us on **May 15-16, 2026** at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 1123 Burney Rd, Sugar Land, TX 77498.

[Register](#)

Upcoming Events

March 13-15

[Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary \(PLTS\) Discernment Weekend](#)

March 14

[Augustana Spring Festive & Blood Drive](#)

March 20-22

[Wartburg's Considering Your Call Weekend](#)

March 22

[Installation of The Rev. Tim V. Marquez](#)

March 30

[Internet Safety Class](#)

March 31

[Chrism Mass](#)

April 4-5

[Easter Vigil Overnight](#)

April 9

[Youth Ministry Network Meeting](#)

April 17-19

[Spring Family Retreat at Lutherhill](#)

April 19

[Installation of Deacon Michelle Mote](#)

April 25

[St. James Houston Silent Auction](#)

May 1-3

[Explore Retreat at Lutherhill](#)

May 7

[Youth Ministry Network Meeting](#)

May 15-16

Synod Partners



LEAD: Living Every Day As Disciples
[LEAD](#) is a Christian leadership development organization that is nurtured by this synod to be a gift to the whole church.



Lutheran Men In Mission Opportunities
For more information on [LMM](#), contact [Randy Bratsven](#), [Ambassador-Grams](#) (right side)



Lutherans Restoring Creation
For more information on [LRC](#), contact the [Lisa Brenskelle](#). The team is seeking additional members.



Creation Care
For more information on [Creation Care](#), contact [Lisa Brenskelle](#).



Lutherhill Ministries



Live On

Lutherhill Ministries is a Summer Camp and year-round Retreat Center at two locations – [Lutherhill in La Grange, TX](#) and [Lutherhill in Galveston, TX](#).

[Live On](#) is the endowment fund of the Gulf Coast Synod. Together with the synod, we are developing Lutheran leadership through a culture of generosity.

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