

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out a blue welcome card and drop it in the offering plate so that we may further assist you.

We're glad you chose to worship with us today and we are happy to provide you with information about our congregation.

Helpful information:

- Participate as you are willing and able. • Bold print and portions marked with a "C" are the congregation's part. •
- Ascension is equipped with a "Hearing Loop." If your hearing aid has a "t-coil," you can turn it on and hear the service through your hearing aid. •
- For children 5 years and younger, a nursery is available where parents and guardians may supervise them. Parents and children may also enjoy the basket of children's books in the narthex (space outside of the sanctuary), where they can still see the worship service. •

Commitment Sunday Potluck Luncheon TODAY



Be sure to join us **TODAY, October 22, after the 10:15 am worship service**, for Ascension's Commitment Sunday Potluck Luncheon. We will celebrate another year of commitment to furthering our mission to receive and share Jesus' love. Let's enjoy food and fellowship, and look forward to the new year together!

Spark Bibles for Sunday School

Many families purchased Spark Bibles for their children several years ago when we began using this curriculum. If you have a Spark Bible that your teen is no longer using, we can put them to good use in our Sunday School classrooms. Please leave them in the office if you have any to donate. Thank you for your help.

Worship at Ascension

8 am worship: A simple, small and early worship service every week.

10:15 am worship, through Advent:

Pentecost 20, Oct 22: Rejoice! (Contemporary Worship)
Reformation Sunday, Oct 29: Liturgy Setting 2 ELW
All Saints Sunday, Nov 5: Liturgy Setting 2 ELW
Pentecost 23, Nov 12: Rejoice! (Contemporary Worship)
Pentecost 24, Nov 19: "Now the Feast" Liturgy
Christ the King, Nov 26: Liturgy Setting 2 ELW
Advent 1, Dec 3: Liturgy Setting 4 ELW
Advent 2, Dec 10: Liturgy Setting 4 ELW
Advent 3, Dec 17: Liturgy Setting 4 ELW
Advent 4, Dec 24: Liturgy Setting 4 ELW

Ascension Commemorates the Reformation



Join us for a family night! On Saturday evening, **October 28**, join in the fun as part of our Reformation commemoration with a German meal followed by Rick Steves' video showcasing the path Martin Luther traveled through Germany.

Besides brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, and other traditional German foods, there will be delicious desserts and kid friendly food. While the adults are watching the video, activities for kids will be provided.

If you have a special German dish or beverage that you would like to share, that would be great! Please indicate what you would like to bring on the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. **Our meal begins at 5:30 followed by the video around 7 p.m.**

Talent Show, Art Show, Food, and Fun



We have so much talent at Ascension and we want to highlight your special gifts. **The Refugee Resettlement Committee is sponsoring a fundraiser on Friday, November 10 from 7-9:00 pm.** Shine up your French horn, brush the dust off your harmonica, find a copy of your favorite poem, look over your paintings, crochet work, woodworking or quilted items, bake a special recipe and bring in anything you're willing to part with. We are excited to share this with our family and the community, so plan your strategy and invite your friends to enjoy a night to remember. Contact the office to sign up.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Be sure to save the date for this year's Montgomery Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service: **Sunday, November 19, 6:30 pm.** It will be an evening of "Sacred Readings, Reflections and Song," and all proceeds from the free-will offering will go to Matthew 25 Ministries to support hurricane relief efforts. This year's service will be at **Church of the Saviour United Methodist; 8005 Pfeiffer Rd.; Montgomery, OH 45242.** (The event is sponsored by the Montgomery Ministerial Association, of which Ascension is a member.)



Living in Grace and Gratitude

It is that time of year again. Stewardship is time, talent, and treasure. For six weeks in September and October, we focus on the treasure, culminating with a potluck luncheon on Commitment Sunday, October 22. Our annual campaign tells Council the funds available for next year's budget.

Below are excerpts from an essay sent to members of Cove Presbyterian Church.

I think two of the most important concepts within the Christian faith can be summed in the words "grace" and "gratitude." As a matter of fact, I believe that one could argue that a life of faith can be reduced to these two words.

To me, grace represents the action of God, an action that's grounded in his very nature. It's motivated by his love for us and not our actions toward him. It's God reaching out to us in a way that's unconditional and irresistible.

And gratitude, well, that's our response to this incredible gift.

Last year, pledges were made for our capital campaign. Most pledged over a three year period. The first year's pledge payments reduced our mortgage loan by \$100,000 which reduced our monthly payments by \$716. The second year's pledge payments hopefully will result in a similar reduction.

As we said last year, contributions to the capital campaign should not be made as a substitute for your annual contribution. As you consider your annual pledge this year, please do so prayerfully understanding that the Finance Committee, Church Council, and ultimately you make difficult choices based on the amount pledged.

God bless, *The Stewardship Committee*

Hurricane Harvey Collection

Ascension is collecting items on an ongoing basis to help people affected by Hurricane Harvey. Please place your donations in the bins provided in the narthex. The **items most needed** are cleaning supplies, bathroom supplies, personal hygiene products, cleaning gloves, masks, school supplies, first aid kits, and non-perishable food items.



**Wheel of Friendship
N.E.E.D.S
for October:
PBJ**

Commemorating the Reformation

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati and ELCA Southern Ohio Synod are sponsoring these upcoming activities to understand the origins of the Reformation, our differences, and our growing unity in Christ.

The Reformation: Catholic & Lutheran Historical Perspectives

Dayton Area: Thursday, October 26, 7:00 pm; Peace Lutheran Church (3530 Dayton Xenia Rd.)

A Joint Prayer Service in Commemoration of the Reformation with Archdiocese of Cincinnati Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer and ELCA Southern Ohio Synod Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt

Sunday, November 5, 7:00 pm; Epiphany Lutheran Church (6430 Far Hills Ave., Centerville)

Donations

FIRST LUTHERAN COLLECTIONS

Pants, jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, underwear, and socks, for both men and women; towels, wash cloths, and deodorant. **(Please send only these items as storage is a problem.)**

EMPTY PILL BOTTLES

Matthew 25 Ministries needs empty pill bottles. The pill bottles are being sent to developing nations to help distribute medications. The ministry is grateful to us for this assistance and welcomes continuing contributions.

POP TABS

Please put your pop tabs in the basket in the Wheel of Friendship area. Proceeds to the Ronald McDonald House.

EMPTY ALUMINUM CANS

Please place your aluminum cans in the plastic trash can in the area near the coat racks.



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Office Hours :

Monday-Friday 8:30-12:30

Activities This Week:

MONDAY, October 23

**Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm**

TUESDAY, October 24

**OneHeart Prayer
9:30 am**

**Healing Christ Ministry
7:00 pm**

THURSDAY, October 26

**Making Mission Quilts
9:30 am**

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm**

SATURDAY, October 28

**Reformation Commemoration
German Dinner and Video
5:30 pm**

SUNDAY, October 29

**Reformation Sunday
Worship
8:00 am
10:15 am**

**Sunday School, Confirmation,
Adult Forum
9:00 am**

Scripture Readings

For this week, beginning October 23:

M	Daniel 3:1-18 Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20 Psalm 98
T	Daniel 3:19-30 Revelation 18:21-24 Psalm 98
W	Daniel 6:1-28 Matthew 17:22-27 Psalm 98
Th	Numbers 5:5-10 Titus 1:5-16 Psalm 1
F	Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18 Titus 2:7-8, 11-15 Psalm 1
S	Proverbs 24:23-34 John 5:39-47 Psalm 1
Su	Jeremiah 26:1-16 Psalm 11 1 John 4:1-6 John 14:21-27