

# 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. •

## Blessing of Students & Backpacks Today

Attention all students (preschool through high school)! **TODAY, Sunday, August 19**, we wish to bless you and pray for you as you begin a new school year. If you have brought your backpack to worship you may wear it during the prayer and blessing. All students will also receive a small gift to take with them for the school year. Come and be a part of it!

## NEEDS Update

**NEEDS Update**—NEEDS is running low on the following items: canned meals (ravioli, beef stew, etc.), pasta sauce, dish detergent, and deodorant. Please consider picking up an extra when shopping to help local families in need.

## Personal Care Kit Donations Needed for Lutheran World Relief

It's time again for our collection of Personal Care Kits to assist the ministry of Lutheran World Relief. Your donation will help us achieve **our goal of exceeding 100 kits**. Kits should include: a **lightweight** bath towel, tooth brush, 2-3 bars of soap, toenail clippers, and a large-toothed comb, all of which should be wrapped in the towel. **Our deadline to collect the kits is Sun., September 30. Please see pg. 4 of your July Ascension newsletter for more specific instructions.**

## Meditation This Summer

Every Sunday throughout the summer (June, July and August), there will be a period of silent meditation and spiritual reading from **9 am until 9:30 am** in the sanctuary. From those who practice meditation frequently to those who have never done so but are interested, all are welcome. Pastor Josh will offer brief instructions, lead the meditation, and conclude with a spiritual reading. Come once, come every Sunday, or come whenever you are able.

## Save the Date: Sept. 9 God's work. Our Hands. Service project after late service and lunch

If anyone has ideas for where to volunteer or wants to help with organizing this or future service projects, please contact the office.

## Sunday School Volunteers Needed

**Sunday School will resume on September 9**, Coming Home Sunday, so preparations have begun for another year of learning about God's love for us. Each year our program features workshops in three-week segments that focus on a specific Bible story. We use crafts, science discovery, drama, and cooking to bring the stories to life. It takes many volunteers to make this program a success, but the commitment for each volunteer is small. The activities and student conversations are all scripted, the supplies are provided, and the workshop leaders' preparation is only to read through the lesson and set aside a three-week time slot on their calendar. With 12 volunteers for the year, each volunteer would only be committed to teaching three times during the nine-month Sunday School year. Prayerfully consider sharing your time and your faith with our youth and **sign up on the sheet provided on the narthex bulletin board**. No previous teaching experience is needed—just a love for the Lord.

## Teen Sunday Morning Breakfast Club

Interested in food? Fun? Friendships? If that sounds like a great idea, why not start your week off with your teen friends from Ascension? If there are enough teens interested in starting a Sunday morning "Breakfast Club" during the Sunday School hour (9:00-10:00) then it will happen. You would meet at church and go by car to a nearby restaurant for breakfast, drinks, etc. and a great time together talking about whatever you're thinking about that day. To make this happen we will also need **ADULT VOLUNTEERS** to share an hour of their time with our young people. If you are interested, please sign up on the narthex bulletin board. Oh yes, and friends are always welcome!

## Women's Retreat at Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford September 21 –22

Let's re-set our outlook on life! Our September 21-22 women's retreat is around the corner, and this is the perfect opportunity. This retreat, entitled **Creation – God's Manifestation of Love**, is happening in a season which allows walking the beautiful grounds and labyrinth, and experiencing the natural beauty of God's Creation. Moreover, **Fr. John Quigley and Rev. Lisa Bernheisel** are presenting a beautiful ecumenical retreat about this subject in a way that helps us to appreciate more deeply who we are in this vast universe. We women need "time out" and this retreat is it. **Please remember that the "early-bird" cost of \$175 is effective until September 1.** On September 2 it increases to \$200, so take advantage of the savings! To register, visit our website at <https://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats/ignatian-retreats/september-21-22-2018/> or call 513-248-3500 ext. 10. We hope to hear from you soon!



**Scripture Readings**

For this week, beginning August 20:

- M Genesis 43:1-15  
Acts 6:1-7  
Psalm 36
- T Genesis 45:1-15  
Acts 7:9-15  
Psalm 36
- W Genesis 47:13-26  
Mark 8:14-21  
Psalm 36
- Th Joshua 22:1-9  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Psalm 34:15-22
- F Joshua 22:10-20  
Romans 13:11-14  
Psalm 34:15-22
- S Joshua 22:21-34  
Luke 11:5-13  
Psalm 34:15-22
- Su Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69



**Wheel of Friendship  
N.E.E.D.S  
for August:  
Mixed veg, spinach,  
tomatoes**



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**Office Hours :**  
Monday-Friday 8:30-12:30

**Activities This Week:**

**TUESDAY, August 21**  
Evangelism Committee  
6:00 pm

Church Council  
7:00 pm

**SUNDAY, August 26**

Meditation  
9:00 am

Worship  
10:00 am

**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.

**HURRICANE COLLECTION**

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.

