

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of February 18, 2018

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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.

Lenten Soup Supper and Service

As we begin the Lenten season, we will be sharing a soup supper on Ash Wednesday evening, so you may come, have dinner and then worship. The next soup supper followed by Holden Evening Prayer will be held on **Wednesday, February 28. Supper will be served at 5:30 and the service begins at 7:00.** If you would like to come and dine, sign up on the narthex bulletin board. Please, if you are not sure about coming, sign up anyway as we would rather have too much soup than not enough! We will need some soup makers as well as bread and dessert donors for this and our remaining soup supper March 14.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who contributed to Wheel of Friendship's Souper Bowl of Caring offering. **This year, we raised \$1,812.00, which is our all-time best result!** Everyone's generosity is very much appreciated, and all funds go to support the ELCA's World Hunger Campaign.

Faces of Christ: Adult Forum Lenten Study

Come join us Sunday mornings in Lent as we begin a new Bible study in the Adult Forum, "Faces of Christ." We will dive more deeply into who/how Jesus is for us, with us and among us today and how we are called into mission as we see Christ in the faces of our neighbors in our own communities and around the world. Grab a cup of coffee and meet with us at 9:00 a.m. in classroom 2.

Scrapbooking and Craft Night, Feb. 24

Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us for some scrapbooking or crafting on **Saturday evening, February 24.** Bring your current craft project (whether it is scrapbooking, knitting, needlepoint, etc.) and we can work on our projects and enjoy some company while we do. **We will plan to start at 5:30** and stay until 10:30pm or however long we last. Feel free to bring a friend! **If you plan to come, please let the office know** so we can be sure to be set with the right space. We all bring food to share to share. (If you can't make this time but would be interested in the future, please also let us know so we can keep you posted of future dates.)

Worship at Ascension

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

10:15 am worship, through Easter Sunday:

- 1 Lent, February 18: ELW Setting 3
- 2 Lent, February 25: ELW Setting 3
- 3 Lent, March 4: ELW Setting 3
- 4 Lent, March 11: ELW Setting 3
- 5 Lent, March 18: ELW Setting 3
- Passion/Palm Sunday, March 25: ELW Setting 3
- Easter Day, April 1: Now the Feast

Lent Worship Opportunities

Lent Mid-week Worship:

Wednesday, February 28

5:30 pm Light Supper in Fellowship Hall (please sign up)

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 14

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Holy Week Worship:

Thursday, March 29

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday worship service

Friday, March 30

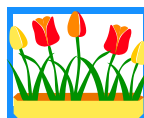
12:00—3:00 pm Good Friday silent prayer and meditation

7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae worship service

Hyejin Pak Recital at Ascension

Members and friends of Ascension, please join us **Saturday, March 3, at 7:00 pm**, for a piano recital by our very own keyboardist, the talented Hyejin Pak. This is an event not to be missed! The choir will sponsor a reception after the performance.

Easter Flower Orders



If you would like to order Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones or to honor friends or family, please fill out an order form on the shelf under the bulletin board in the narthex. **The deadline to order is Sunday, March 4.** The flowers will decorate Ascension's altar on Easter Sunday, April 1, and you may bring your flowers home with you after the 10:15 am service that day.

March Madness Blood Drive

Trinity Lutheran Church is hosting a blood drive **Friday, March 9, 1:00-7:00 p.m.** Sign up to donate at hoxworth.org/groups/trinity or by calling Mary at 741-1638. Trinity Lutheran is located in Mt. Healthy at 1553 Kinney Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45231.



Altar Guild: March Volunteers Needed

Calling all Altar Guild volunteers! The sign-up for 2018 is now on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thanks to those who have already signed up. **We are still currently in need of volunteers for March.** If you haven't yet signed up for a month in 2018 please check the calendar and choose a month that works for you. Thank you!

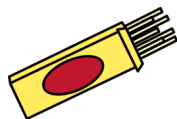
Scripture Readings

For this week, beginning Feb. 19:

M	Job 4:1-21 Ephesians 2:1-10 Psalm 77
T	Job 5:8-27 1 Peter 3:8-18a Psalm 77
W	Proverbs 30:1-9 Matthew 4:1-11 Psalm 77
Th	Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18 Romans 3:21-31 Psalm 22:23-31
F	Genesis 16:1-6 Romans 4:1-12 Psalm 22:23-31
S	Genesis 16:7-15 Mark 8:27-30 Psalm 22:23-31
Su	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-26 Mark 8:31-38

Interested in a "Movie Club"?

Do you like to watch movies with a message and would you like to discuss them with a group of others with the same interest? **Would you like to see an Adult Forum at Ascension based on that idea?** If this sounds interesting, please contact the office or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.



Wheel of Friendship
N.E.E.D.S
for February:
Mac 'n' cheese
Pasta/sauce

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.

Join the Pillowcase Challenge

Are you inspired to start a project at Ascension? We are enthusiastically starting a campaign to encourage our youth to share their caring for others by giving a homemade pillowcase. This idea is based on the 1 MILLION PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE (millionpillowcases.allpeoplequilt.com). Perhaps they have a friend who needs a token of caring—knowing he/she is appreciated and loved. This project will continue throughout 2018. Two pillowcases will be available each Sunday. Please contact the office if you have any questions or would like to participate in making the pillowcases. Tutorials for making the pillowcases are available online.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. John 13:34

Office Hours :

Monday-Friday 8:30-12:30

Activities This Week:

TUESDAY, February 20
Evangelism Committee
6:00 pm

Church Council
7:00 pm

THURSDAY, February 22
Bell Choir Rehearsal
5:45 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm

SATURDAY, February 24
Scrapbooking and Craft Night
5:30 pm

SUNDAY, February 25
Worship
8:00 am
10:15 am

Adult Forum, Sunday School,
Confirmation
9:00 am

Getting to Know You

Ascension members, let's get to know each other a little more! Please take some time to check out the **maps in the hallway** near the kitchen, and place your own "flags" on the map. White stands for where you were born and/or reared. Yellow is for where you went to school (if different from white). Red is for other places you have lived. Then take a look and see whose paths you may have crossed before meeting here. This is a fun chance for us all to grow closer, learning more about each other's lives and backgrounds.



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