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JOY IN THE JOURNEY

Can you find joy in the journey?

It's all about the journey. We always talk about journeys as if they are something we are trying to complete. We speak of extended vacation, the terminal illness, the marriages on the edge of divorce, the job we wish we could quit, the educational process, the committee meetings that seem to go nowhere, the life we live each day, and the report that needs to be finished yesterday.

We live our lives hoping to complete the tasks we are assigned a little early so that we might have a little free time over the weekend or when we retire or when spring break comes. And somehow, we end up behind again. We look for the easy way out and road most traveled. We look to any little option that might help us finish a project sooner or relieve the suffering a little quicker. Yet when it is all over, most of the time, we find that we had to travel the entire journey to get to where we most needed to go.

Holy Week is one of those journeys. It is one of those journeys that offer no easy solution and no quick release of the suffering and pain that will come in the days ahead. Jesus walks the road, measures each step on this journey, from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the pitiful, humiliating death on the cross. We walk this road too. Jesus helps us to measure our steps as well. We look to the joy of Easter morning as the end of the journey. We know that there will be pain, sadness, betrayal, and guilt along the way, but we have this feeling that somehow it has to be this way in order for us to conclude the journey at Easter, at the empty tomb.

And yet we have to look past the empty tomb. For Jesus, and for us, the empty tomb of Easter morning is not the end of the journey, it is only a measured step. The empty tomb surprises us with joy on Easter morning. A light in a journey so often surrounded by darkness. Yet it is just a glimpse of the light that will flood all around us when we enter into the Kingdom of God.

The end of the journey is not Easter morning. The end of the journey is eternal life with Jesus in the Kingdom of God. Easter morning and the empty tomb only share with us a glimpse of the end of the journey. Yet, the end will not come until a place has been prepared for each of us.

I was honored to officiate at the funeral of a man I had never met this past week. He found himself in the hospital and then with the beginning of hospice returned to his home only to take his last breath two days later. At the end of my sermon, I shared with the congregation about Bills' desire to return home and be at peace in his home and not at the hospital. It occurred to me as I was preaching that Bill's sense of peace at going home to the house he had known for so long must have paled in comparison to the peace he found entering into the kingdom of God and the home with many rooms for all.

Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday) helps to push our tired feet farther on the journey. When we enter into the gates of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, we walk with our heads held high as our Savior is hailed as king and palm branches rise and fall in joyful praise of Jesus. Maundy Thursday brings us to an upper room away from the rest of the world, where we will eat with close friends, have our feet washed by our Savior, and go to pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Good Friday will take us to the highest levels of government as Pontius Pilate debates with Jesus and finally hands Jesus over to be crucified. We will stand at the cross, in darkness, and feel the tears on our face and hear the hammers as they pound the nails into the flesh of Jesus. We will stand in the shadows and feel helpless. We will wait, with the whole creation, for Jesus to breathe his last so that we can carry him to the tomb and prepare his body for burial ourselves. And we will wait and pray and hope for something miraculous to happen.

So do not look for the end of the journey, rather find joy in the journey. Find your joy in Jesus Christ and all of a sudden the joy of the journey will be complete and the end of the journey will come too soon. With prayers for your journey.

Pastor Chris Marien



WHOLE-HEARTED WORSHIP

Pastor Becky Fetters



Near the end of the 10:45 worship one recent Sunday, a fun and unexpected thing happened. As we ended the prayers of the people and I said, "Amen," a young boy loudly responded, "Amen!" I said "Amen" again in response, and we all laughed a bit, enjoying his exuberance. This, of course, only encouraged him, and he continued to say "Amen" over and over as I gave the blessing to end our worship time together. With a smile on my face, and joy in my heart, I ended that benediction with another loud "Amen," only to hear the congregation lift up their voices in a way I rarely experience in Lutheran worship. It was practically a shout, as everyone said together, "Amen!"

It reminded me of a family that was part of the church where I did my pre-internship fieldwork while I was in seminary. They had three little girls and at the end of every worship, when we dismissed everyone with the words, "Go in peace. Serve the Lord," their middle daughter, who was maybe five years old, would yell loudly in her sweet little voice, "THANKS BE TO GOD!" Every single Sunday.

Now, I'm sure that both parents to these children may have had a twinge of embarrassment, wishing that their kid wasn't the one drawing so much attention to themselves in church; I know I saw the mom of the little boy here at Ascension trying her best to shush him that morning. But my response to both of these episodes is that it was purely awesome. It made my day! It drew me closer to my fellow worshipers and closer to God too, and I'm pretty sure everyone else loved it too.

I think we can learn something from these children, and all young people who exhibit such joy and happiness in the way that they participate in worship. Sometimes, we come to worship and we're just going through the motions, even if we want to be truly present in worship and give all of ourselves and our attention and focus to God and what is happening. We come to worship filled with distractions: to-do lists, that work conflict we'll be facing Monday, regret at the fight that took place as we tried to get everyone out the door to church, the bad news from the doctor that weighs heavily on us. It is good and right that we should bring those concerns to worship and place them into God's care – but sometimes, it is good to just let ourselves get carried away, swept up in the prayers and love and worship of the people around us. It is a blessing to let ourselves be moved by the music or prayers or readings or sermon or communion – and to know that no matter where we are on a given day, God meets us right there, loving us, embracing us, and strengthening us for all that lies in wait for us when we leave this place.

My hope and prayer for us as we continue through Lent and approach Easter is that we would allow this experience of God's presence to fully take hold of us, that we would let go of some of our grown-up "dignity" and fear of embarrassment and follow the example of the children around us, who show us the way of joy and laughter and whole-hearted worship of the God who loves us, body, mind, and soul – and that we would respond with all we are – maybe even daring to shout, "Amen!"

YOUR COUNCIL AT WORK

Barbara Nordberg, Council President

We began our meeting on March 18 with a heartfelt devotion by Lee Erlich. By sharing "Our God Moment," we are gaining an appreciation for the paths council members have taken to become members of Ascension. It has made us closer as council members. Look for Lee's story in this newsletter.

Last month, while preparing to write this article, I came across provisions in the By-Laws that we had not considered when preparing the slate of new officers. According to the By-Laws, two of the new council members were not eligible to be elected. These individuals already are volunteers on the Administrative Leadership Team or the Ministries Leadership Team. We chose them for positions on the council because we thought it was important to give Wing and Leg leaders a voice on the Council. Since they have been elected, we plan to keep them on for their terms of office. The council passed the following changes to the By-Laws that will be brought to the congregation at the next Congregational Meeting.

C13.01.01 Administrative Leadership Teams

Administrative leadership teams shall be appointed by the Congregation Council as follows:

Communications Team

Financial Development Team

Leadership Development Team

Facilities Team

The leader for each administrative team shall be appointed by the Congregation Council. The administrative teams shall be coordinated by the Director of Operations, who shall be appointed by the Congregation Council. Team Leaders and the Director of Operations shall be appointed by the congregation council for a term of two years. None shall be elected members of the Council.

C13.02.01 Ministries Leadership Teams

Ministries leadership teams shall be appointed by the Congregation Council as follows:

Joyful Worship Team

Spiritual Growth Team

Caring Relationship Team

Mission Outreach Team

The leader for each ministries leadership team shall be appointed by the Congregation Council. The ministries leadership teams shall be coordinated by the Director of Ministries who shall be appointed by the Congregation Council. Team Leaders and the Director of Ministries shall be appointed by the congregation council for a term of two years. None shall be elected members of the Council.

We are excited about the plans for the Ministry Expo on April 6 and look forward to participating in this event (see articled on p. 6). We appreciate the work of Paul Wehmeier and his committee for all of the work required to make this experience meaningful for all of us.

The next council Meeting will be held on April 22, rather than the usual third Tuesday of the month which falls during Holy Week.

CALL TEAM REPORT

Don Krueger, Call Team Chair

Last month, I promised a report on the results of our survey. We had 110 responses and the winners are:

The top five ministry tasks that are important to the congregation are:

- 1. Preaching/Worship Leadership
- 2. Applying Faith in Daily Life
- 3. Building a Sense of Community
- 4. Small Group Ministry
- 5. Counseling

The top five gifts for ministry are:

- 1. Be able to share leadership and work in a team
- 2. Help people develop their spiritual life
- 3. Be an effective communicator
- 4. Build a sense of community among the people with whom he/she works
- 5. Bring joy and good humor to relationships

What is interesting about the results is that, for both questions, there was a very small gap between the fifth ranked responses and the next three or four responses.

It's been a quiet time over the past few weeks as we wait for the synod to gather the information about potential pastor candidates. We will have received this information on March 17. By the time you read this, it's my hope that we will have completed the first round of interviews. Keep us in your prayers!

MINISTRY EXPO



As a part of the Ascension Arise (see the article on p. 10), we are holding a Ministry Expo!

WHEN: Sunday, April 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Everywhere

This is an OPPORTUNITY to:

- + LEARN about all of the ministries that Ascension is involved in.
- + MEET your fellow members who are involved in these ministries.
- + LISTEN to their vision for the future of the ministry.
- + BE INSPIRED to use your talents and passion to become involved in these ministries.

Because the Ministry Expo begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 6, both the 9 and 10:45 services will be shortened. Kid-friendly activities will be in the East Hall, staffed by Tony Acompanado and youth. Kid-friendly food will also be provided there. A Scholastic Book Fair will also take places during the Expo for families to peruse with their kids.

Exhibits will be displayed all over the church. During the morning, coffee and doughnuts will be available in the Spiritual Growth Wing. After 11:45 a.m., luncheon sandwiches will be offered until the close of the Expo. The Expo will end at approximately 1 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Doug Bue, Treasurer

			Variance		Variance
	2014	2014	to 2014	2013	to 2013
Itom	Actual	Plan	Plan	Actual	Actual
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Income					
Contributions	\$103,799	\$107,700	\$(3,901)	\$111,091	\$(7,292)
Rent, Interest, & Other Income	\$11,621	\$9,800	\$1,821	\$8,941	\$2,680
From Restricted Funds	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,800	\$(1,800)
Total Income	\$115,420	\$117,500	\$(2,080)	\$121,832	\$(6,412)
Expenses					
Communications	\$4,209	\$4,600	\$391	\$2,733	\$(1,476)
Facilities	\$54,419	\$49,693	\$(4,726)	\$31,566	\$(22,853)
Financial Development	\$16,299	\$16,329	\$30	\$18,294	\$1,995
Leadership Development	\$51	\$400	\$349	\$-	\$(51)
Administration	\$32,753	\$41,595	\$8,842	\$43,988	\$11,235
Caring Relationships	\$2,919	\$4,049	\$1,130	\$1,607	\$(1,312)
Joyful Worship	\$10,123	\$10,538	\$415	\$8,146	\$(1,977)
Mission Outreach	\$7,754	\$7,975	\$221	\$11,604	\$3,850
Spiritual Growth	\$10,365	\$15,898	\$5,533	\$14,074	\$3,709
Total Expenses	\$138,892	\$151,077	\$12,185	\$132,012	\$(6,880)
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(23,472)	\$(33,577)	\$10,105	\$(10,180)	\$(13,292)
Mortgage Balance	\$1,185,758				
Vision Ascension Contributions	\$23,864				
Restricted Contributions	\$7,046				
Restricted Funds Balance	\$202,847				
General Fund Balance	\$(1,992)				

What the numbers mean:

- Our general contributions are behind plan for 2014, and they are behind 2013 actual as well.
- Our expenses are under plan due mainly to our pastoral and youth minister transitions.
- Based on our bottom line, we are ahead of plan by \$10,105.
- Our general fund balance is currently negative.

If you have questions or comments on the financials or would like more details, please email me at dwbue@wi.rr.com.

MY GOD MOMENT

Lee Ehrlich, Council Member-at-Large



My name is Lee Ehrlich and I am an ordinary Christian. I will explain what I mean by "ordinary Christian." I was baptized and raised in a WELS Lutheran Church. I even attended a Lutheran grade school and high school. God was around me nearly every day. It was pretty hard not to hear about God and the gift of His Son. When I graduated from high school and was beginning my adult life, a search for a church life began. Even though I had attended many chapel services, heard many sermons, and taken many religion courses, God was still a stranger to me. Sometimes I heard how much he loved me, other times I heard how we as sinners were not worthy of Him.

As a young adult, my church life was a sampling of different churches and no real connections. There was never a sense of belonging, never a sense of being part of a family. Fast forward to 2000. A new millennium and a new opportunity presented itself. I had been married for a few years and my wife Cheri and I had not made The Church a priority in our lives. We were clinging to each other and felt as long as we loved each other, we had enough. Thank God for our neighbors, Terry and Beth Northrup. They invited us to Ascension, where we were introduced to so many people that first Sunday morning that I cannot remember everyone. It was nice to attend a church where everyone seemed so friendly. We continued to attend, took the new member class, and finally became part of the church.

Even as new members, we attended on Sundays, sometimes volunteered in the nursery, and helped out with the occasional spring cleanup but still, we did not really engage. After a number of years, people started coming up to me and asking if I would like to volunteer in different roles in the church. I was still unsure of myself and most times politely declined. I never heard any voices telling me to do it, but nonetheless people still kept asking. Then one day I was approached to serve on the Church Council. I said, "Are you sure you want me for this duty; I can be a little vocal on some issues at times?" I was told that is what we need for this church. It started a whole new energy in me as well as my wife. It seemed that every time someone asked for volunteers, and they came to me, I was there. I cannot say I heard God's voice, but maybe God directed the people towards me because I could hear their voices better than His.

During my 14 years here at Ascension, I have felt the love and support of many of God's people. Whether it was difficult pregnancies with Cheri, loss of a job, surgeries, or the recent loss of both my parents, the cards, letters, and kind words came at just the right time. It became quite obvious that I had found another family, a Christian family, who cares about one another.

So back to the comment, "ordinary Christian." I cannot remember a time in my life when a bright light, or a subtle whisper, or a near death experience has created a special memory in my walk with God; however, there have been many subtle times when God had to be involved. I would love to have that epiphany someday, but for right now, I have to be happy being an ordinary Christian and just learn to look harder for those quiet times that He moves me. God moments can be very subtle.

God's Peace to all.

HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS

Palm Sunday Sunday, April 13, 2014 Worship at 8, 9, and 10:45 a.m.

Choirs, Handbells, Praise Band, and Palm branches will call us to the trium phant entry of Jesus and the disciples into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2014 Worship at 7 p.m.

We gather to share in the journey of Jesus and the disciples as they recline around table in the upper room. Holy Communion will be shared and we will witness the stripping of the altar to symbolize the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday Friday, April 18, 2014

Mime Performance, 3 and 5 p.m., Worship, 7 p.m. (No mime)

On this holy day, we will gather to be reminded of the suffering of our Savior on his journey to the cross and his pain on the cross. Our CRASH students will offer the passion story in Mime at 3 and 5pm. Ascension will then gather for a full worship service or tenebrae (service of shadows or darkness) to honor the story of the death of our Savior and hear the seven last words. The choir will join us for this powerful time of worship and reflection.

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR THESE PERFORMANCES AND WORSHIP THIS YEAR.

Easter Sunday Sunday, April 20, 2014 Worship at 7:30, 9, and 10:45 a.m.

Come and join us in celebration of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus, the Christ. Ascension will pull out all the stops in praise of our God. A Sunday not to be missed!







In 2011, Pastor Frank wrote, "God's vision for us is filled with promise, hope, and opportunity for each of us. It's a vision of a growing church with growing ministries that touch hearts and

change lives in our community and world where Christ's love is so urgently needed."

Making a vision a reality requires enormous energy and effort. Ascension Lutheran stewards have fulfilled the first step of this Vision. As we end our Vision Ascension debt reduction campaign that called for sacrificial giving over and above regular offering, we can celebrate the reduction of our debt by approximately half. Through the end of February, a total of \$964,000 has been received, and \$905,000 has been used to pay down our debt. We have knocked down the Goliath of

debt to enable us to look beyond today and walk with genuine hope toward God's vision for our future. Final details of the financial response of the campaign will be released this month.

The Vision Ascension campaign officially ends April 30, 2014. A big "Thank You" goes out to all those who have met or exceeded the commitment they made three years ago. Those who are behind in their commitment are encouraged to do their best during the last month of the campaign. After April 30, all contributions received which are designated for Vision Ascension will be applied to the new Ascension Arise campaign as we continue to take steps to eliminate our debt.

Now it's time to celebrate your generosity and support of Ascension's Vision. "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you" (Romans 1:8).





ASCENSION ARISE

NEW NAME, GOAL'S THE SAME



Doug Bue, Financial Lead for Ascension Arise As we continue on our debt elimination journey, we are changing the name of our debt retirement campaign from Vision Ascension to Ascension Arise. The name changes, while the goal stays the same – eliminate our debt. This might be a little confusing at first, but it will make more sense as we progress through the campaign.

What does this mean for your pledges and contributions to Vision Ascension/Ascension Arise? Vision Ascension pledges go from May 1, 2011 to April 20, 2014, and Ascension Arise pledges go from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2017. So, after April 30, 2014, we will stop tracking contributions as

Vision Ascension and start tracking contributions as Ascension Arise. Just like our General Fund pledges start fresh every January 1, our capital campaign pledges will start fresh May 1. Whether you end Vision Ascension ahead of, at, or below your three year pledge, the slate will be wiped clean. Starting May 1, all capital campaign contributions will be applied to your Ascension Arise pledge.

If you have already completed or exceeded your Vision Ascension pledge, you can start contributing to Ascension Arise now. Clearly label your donation as Ascension Arise, and these early donations will be applied to your new pledge.

If you have not yet completed your Vision Ascension pledge and are in a position to do that by the end of April, we encourage you to do so. The more successful our Vision Ascension campaign is, the easier it will be to reach our goal of eliminating our debt.

If your circumstances have changed over the past three years and you are not able to complete your Vision Ascension pledge, we understand. We encourage you to reassess your situation, start fresh, and make a new three-year pledge to Ascension Arise.

Thanks to everyone who has made our Vision Ascension campaign a success. Please prayerfully consider what part you will play in helping us eliminate our debt through Ascension Arise.

A NEW WAY TO GIVE



Ascension has added online giving as a way for you to contribute to our ministries. Just follow a few easy steps:

- 1. Go to our website at <u>www.ascensionelca.org</u>.
- 2. Click on the Online Giving link in the lower right portion of our home page.
- 3. Enter your donation amount and payment information.
- 4. Print your receipt and your contribution is complete.

Set up an account for convenience, and even set up recurring donations. We use Vanco Services for the online giving site, so your experience will be safe and secure.

If you currently use our Simply Giving program, please contact Joan Birner at <u>jbirner1@</u> wi.rr.com before setting up an online giving profile.

SUPPORT AND SACRIFICE; DUTY AND DELIGHT

Dave Hammer, Stewardship Team Leader

As we prepare to make our commitment to the Ascension Arise debt reduction campaign, the thoughts and ideas of Mark Allan Powell from his book *Giving to God: The Bible's Good News About Living a Generous Life* can guide us in our thoughts and action.

- There are two different types of giving: support and sacrifice.
- + All responsible church members are called by God to support their church with contributions proportionate to their income and circumstances so that the church can meet its budget. This is also called Regular or General giving.
- + Receptive Christians will usually be moved by Scripture and the Spirit to go beyond support and renounce their material possessions by making cheerful sacrifices that take them into a spiritual realm where the real joy of giving abounds.
- + Support and sacrifice: the first is our duty; the second our delight.
- There are two different drivers for people to give: law and gospel.
- + When people give to the church to fulfill obligations of membership (support), they are responding to the law.
- + When people give out of gratitude for God's undeserved grace, out of a joyous willingness to sacrifice, they are responding to the gospel.
- + Giving to God can be our response to both law and gospel, and as such, it can become both our duty and our delight.
- Support = law driven = a Duty; Sacrifice = gospel driven = a Delight
- Support
- + All church members should contribute fairly to meet the costs of the community's life and mission.

- + Giving should be proportionate to one's assets (Acts 11:29; 2 Corinthians 8:12-14).
- + Those who are able to give much are never to be esteemed above those who are only able to give a little (Mark 12:41-44; the widow's might).



- + Giving to a church does not become fully sacrificial until after the responsibility for proportionate giving is met. Until then, we are merely doing our duty.
- + One significant feature of faithful giving is renunciation; we are to take some of our money and give it away and do so cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- + The richest spiritual blessing the good news of stewardship is found in the arena of sacrificial giving. It is here that we move beyond duty to delight.
- + People find spiritual freedom (and joy) through the call to radical, sacrificial renunciation giving away money in ways that go beyond common sense expectations.
- + Giving away our money is a definitive act of worship an act of devotion to God.
- + Giving away our money is a demonstrable way of expressing our faith.
- + Giving away our money frees us from the pull of materialism, which draws our hearts away from God. It makes sure our hearts are in the right place (Matthew 6:21).
- Support is what we do with our General Offering. This is our duty as Ascension members.
- Sacrifice is what we are being asked to do for Ascension Arise. As Ascension members, this is our delight, and a way for us to discover the good news of biblical stewardship.



BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING SCHOLARSHIPS

Alison Roe, Spiritual Growth Wing Leader

Ascension Lutheran Church has a Blessed to be a Blessing (BTAB) Scholarship Fund. Amount of scholarships:

- Up to \$2,000 paid evenly over four years Eligibility requirements:
- Ascension member
- Attend a Lutheran college or university
- Be in good standing at the college or university
- Complete an application form (available in the church office)

Application deadline:

April 10, 2014

Who should apply:

- High school seniors planning to attend a Lutheran undergraduate school in the fall
- Members who are not currently receiving the BTAB Scholarship and are planning on attending a Lutheran undergraduate school in the fall
- Members who are planning on attending a post graduate school in the fall to pursue a career in ministry within the ELCA

Members who currently receive the BTAB Scholarship:

- Steve Bogie
- Caitlin Marschall
- Alexander Kirk

Applications are available in the church office. Questions, please call Alison Roe (513-9273).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Koutnik, Director of Children's Ministries



Blessings upon your Easter season!

The calendar for Sunday School this Month:

- + Sunday April 6 Ministry Expo Special Children's Activities in East Hall
- + Sunday April 13 Palm Sunday Normal Sunday School, Family Worship for 5th graders
- + Sunday April 20th EASTER! Family Worship
- + Sunday April 27th Family Worship

Our Lenten Sunday School service project is SUNDAY UNDIES!!! Please help fill the laundry basket for the local shelters. They have a great need for underwear for men, children and women. Collection will be on APRIL 6, APRIL 13, and APRIL 20.

On Sunday April 6, we will be celebrating our ministries by having an expo. Please stop by and visit me to learn about the awesome volunteer opportunities in Children's Ministry!

We welcome all our 5th graders to the communion table this month. Thank you to all the volunteers and parents who were involved with this wonderful Stepping Stone. An especially HUGE thank you to Mrs. Paulette Hayes as she has walked this journey with her class. She has been such a blessing to our Sunday School program and the children she works with!

We will be offering two opportunities for the families to celebrate this Stepping Stone: Palm Sunday, April 13, at the 9 and 10:45 services and Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m.

HE IS RISEN...ALLELUIA!

CRASH

Tony Acompanado, Director of Youth Ministries

On April 6, CRASH will meet at 3 p.m. for a Lenten special movie event. We will gather to watch *The Passion of the Christ* with discussion/debrief to follow. Because of the extremely graphic nature of this movie and the highly emotional response it often evokes, parents will be expected to sign a permission slip to allow their children to attend.

CRASH will then break for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and resume meeting on Sunday, April 27, from 5-8 p.m. for conversations and activities that focus on faith, fellowship, and fun.



On April 26, CRASH students and leaders will take part in an off-site service/fun event that will culminate at Blaze Pizza in Brookfield. Students should bring \$10 each to cover the cost of their meal. Additional information, including permission forms, will be sent to families for both activities. Financial assistance is always available to those in need. Contact Tony to discuss.

In addition to the regular Sunday evening CRASH gatherings, students are still encouraged to join the congregation on Wednesday evenings in Lent for Soup Suppers and worship. In April, CRASH will meet on Wednesday evenings: April 2 and 9.

Ascension's mime troupe will wrap up its travel performances on Palm Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Jackson and will close the Mime season at Ascension on Good Friday. On Maundy Thursday, all mime participants and leaders are invited to worship at 7 p.m. and then stay to reset the worship space for the Good Friday Mime performances. On Good Friday, Ascension's mime will perform at both the 3 and 5 p.m. worship services.

CARE MINISTRIES

As we prepare for warmer weather in Wisconsin, it is exciting to think of ways to continue to keep active and improve our health and wellness. We have an active group of members that began practicing Yoga this winter; 48 people participate to promote flexibility and relaxation. Our last Yoga class will end on April 14. Next month we will look at beginning another activity to keep us moving...how does ballroom dancing sound? More information to follow!

Care Ministries are growing in the year 2014! We have some new and exciting plans for Respite Ministry and a new ministry called Grief and Recovery Support Ministry. There are needs for both of these ministries in our congregation.

Brenda Lytle, RN, Director of Care Ministries

If you are interested in being a part of either of these please contact Brenda Lytle at 262-547-8518 or Brenda@ascensionelca.org.

I also wanted to make you aware of FREE classes, provided by ProHealth Care, available in our area. A free class called *Advance Care Planning Made Easy* is on Wednesday, April 6, from noon-3 p.m. On Friday, April 25 from 1-4 p.m. at Waukesha Memorial Hospital Senior Health Center, ProHealth Care is offering a free *Memory Screening*. Finally, there is a free class called *Solutions for Shoulder Pain* being offered on Tuesday, April 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Waukesha Memorial. All classes are free but require registration. You can register for any of theses classes by calling 262-928-2745.



CARE MINISTRIES PLANT SALE

It is a welcome thought to think of flowers after such a long winter! Help support the Care Ministries by purchasing some annual flowers. The plants come from Shady Lane Nursery. Enclosed in this newsletter is an order form. Please complete an order form and return it with your payment between April 27 and May 4, before and after church services at the Plant Sale table. At the tables, you can also buy plant coupons for \$10.00. Plant pick- up is May 17 in Ascension's parking lot.



HEALING HEARTS OF WAUKESHA COUNTY

Celebration of Hope Fundraiser

Healing Hearts is a program in Waukesha that helps heal children and families that have suffered loss and grief in their lives. The program is free for the families in our community and is financially supported by churches and funeral homes in Waukesha.

Ascension is hosting a table for the "Celebration of Hope" Fundraiser for Healing Hearts of Waukesha County. It will be held on Saturday, May 10, at County Springs Hotel from 6-8 p.m. Donations to cover the cost of the dinner and help this organization are welcome. If interested, please contact Brenda Lytle (Healing Hearts Board Member) at 262-547-8518 or Brenda@ascensionelca.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS AND BLOOD DRIVE



April 27 and May 4 (between 9 and 10:45 services), in the Care Ministries office. Please note: We will be taking a break from the screenings for the summer, so the last blood pressure screening is May 4. We will take off June-August and start up again in September.

A Blood Drive is scheduled Saturday, May 31, from 8 a.m.-noon in the West Hall. Sign-up information is coming soon!



BRAIN INJURY - THE SILENT EPIDEMIC

Brain injury has been called the "silent epidemic" because public recognition of brain is extremely low despite the staggering number of people who are injured each year. The effects of brain injury are often invisible. Likewise, the visible effects of brain injury are often not properly attributed to brain injury.

SOME FACTS - DID YOU KNOW?

- Over 1.7 million people in the United States sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI) each year, but only one sixth of them are admitted to hospitals. This number does not include people with acquired brain injuries (ABI).
- Of the 1.7 million who sustain a TBI each year in the United States: 52,000 die; 275,000 are hospitalized; and 1.4 million are treated and released from an emergency department. The number of people with TBI who are not seen in an emergency department or who receive no care is unknown.
- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Injury Prevention, the leading causes of TBI are falls (35.2%); motor vehicle-traffic crashes; struck by/against events; assaults; and almost half a million (473,947) emergency department visits for TBI are made annually by children aged 0 to 14 years.

For more information and resources, please visit USBIA on the web at: www.usbia.org. Improving lives through awareness, advocacy, support, research, and community engagement.

AMEN BY MEN, FOR MEN, TO MEN: HELPING MEN TO MINISTRIES GROW AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

I was in prison and you visited me. - Matthew 25:36

Prepare to make a "visit" and share the Word with those in jail or prison during April.

Throughout April, Amen Ministries will be sponsoring a Bible and Devotional Materials Collection for Ascension's Prison Ministry. Look through your home libraries or the shelves at Goodwill and St. Vincent DePaul for hardcover and paperback Bibles and devotional/spiritual topic books. These are in short supply in both the Waukesha and Racine correctional systems. Selected magazines, such as Sports Illustrated, Popular Mechanics, National Geographic, are also welcome. Unused greeting cards, especially birthday and "thinking of you" cards are in high demand and will be collected as well.



Donations will be collected in the AMEN Ministries designated bins at the Donation Center in the West Hall.

HOLY WEEK BIBLE STUDY

AMEN ministries will be sponsoring a Holy Week study of the movie "The Passion Of The Christ." All men are invited to join us for this event, which will be April 14–17 from 6:30-7:45 a.m. in room 107. This special Holy Week study will include a viewing of the movie followed by discussion using the bestselling book *Killing Jesus* by Bill O'Reilly.



MILITARY FAMILY MINISTRY

Diane Maasz, Military Family Ministry Leader

The Military Family Ministry has been enjoying a trip down memory lane with its veterans as they've been turning in their photos from their military days for our Ministry Expo display board. Be sure to stop by our booth on April 6 to see if you can recognize Ascension veterans.

We've been periodically sending care packages to our deployed service members using the generous donations we received from our collection drive in November. We will be looking for some specific items to supplement our inventory in May to make another

shipment to all of our service members. Please watch for our "wish list" in the May newsletter.

Our next meeting will be April 8 at 7 p.m. in the Hearth Room. All who have an interest in supporting the military are welcome.

Please keep the following service members in your daily prayers:

For safe return from deployment, Cody Penning serving in Afghanistan and David Schmiechen serving in Afghanistan. For strength and encouragement while in Basic Training, Jackson Roe.



PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

"Don't worry about anything! Instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace..." (Philippians 4:6-7)

Join us in an hour of prayer the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 7 p.m., in the Prayer Room.

Also, join in the Prayer Vigil that will be start after the Good Friday service through Easter morning. Sign up for an hour of prayer during that time. You may pray at church or home. A list of suggested prayer requests will be available along with some devotional scripture readings.

KNIT WITS



The Knit Wits are wrapping up our hat distribution for the year and looking forward to another great year. Now's a great time to join us; we have time to teach you to knit or crochet! We can provide you with yarn, needles, hooks or looms. Join us for any of our events.

Our schedule for April:

April 7, 6:30- 8:30 p.m. - Meeting

April 14, 12:30-3 p.m. - Lunch & Knit, at Spring Garden Chinese restaurant, 821 W. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha

April 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Education Meeting

April 26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Knit Fest (NOTE the DATE CHANGE, due to Easter).

April 26 is the last regular Knit Fest for the spring/summer. In May, we have a three day Knitting Retreat in Lake Geneva. We have Saturday Knitting Picnics during the summer. We'll be back at Ascension for a Knit Fest on Saturday, Sept. 20. For more information, call Maddie Goetter, 262-527-4013.

YOUNG AT HEART

We will enjoy a Young at Heart Breakfast at Denny's on Grandview Blvd. on Wednesday April 2, starting at 9:00 a.m. It is very casual, no registration, just come and enjoy the visit. We will have our monthly Potluck Luncheon on Wednesday, April 16, starting at noon with a lunch and games to follow. Please join us for an afternoon of socializing. Hope to see you there.



RIVER WALK FOR BREAST CANCER

Registration is open for Waukesha's annual RiverWalk for Breast Cancer, scheduled for May 3. Sign-up online to walk with Ascension's team, organized by Girlfriends, http://tinyurl.com/AscensionRiverwalk. Forms are also available on the Girlfriends' bulletin board. For more information, please contact Amy Gilgenbach, admin@ascensionelca.org.

SALAD SUPPER AND MOVIE NIGHT

Join us Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 – 9 for our always popular salad potluck supper and a great movie! Sign up at the Girlfriends bulletin board. Cost: FREE. Just bring a salad to share. For more information, contact Cheri Ehrlich.



TITUS TEA

The women's ministry of Lake Country Bible Church is sponsoring a banquet and motivational speaker Friday, April 25, and the Ascension Girlfriends are invited! Deadline for registering is Wednesday, April 2, firm. If you are interested in sitting with Girlfriends, please register with us. Write a \$22 check (per person) payable to Ascension Lutheran, and put it in our church mailbox, #31. Include your name(s), phone number, and write "Titus Tea" on the check's memo line. For event information, please see http://tinyurl.com/k6mjns6. For more information, contact Kathy Bue, https://tinyurl.com/k6mjns6. For more

EASTER BAGS OF HOPE

Sat, April 5 9am - 12pm

Ascension Lutheran Church
1415 Dopp Street
Waukesha

Teach children the importance of helping others by involving them in the collecting of items and the assembling of Easter Bags benefitting the Hope Center of Waukesha

Item Drive

March 1 - 30

We are looking for the following donations which will be included in Easter bags

- *Non-perishable snacks
- *Trial size ibuprofen/acetaminophen
- *Hand sanitizer
- *Toothpaste
- *Toothbrush
- *Nail files & nail polish
- *Hygiene products:

Hand or face lotion, lip balm, soap, travel size shampoo/conditioner, women's razors, deodorant (teen and women), body spray or perfume

- *Hats & Gloves
- *Socks (children, teen and women)
- *Hair accessories for girls and teens
- *Books for kids, teens & women (including Bibles, devotional or prayer books)
- *Crossword puzzles
- *Small toys
- *Coloring books & crayons
- *Small stuffed animals
- *Crosses
- *Candles
- *Journals & pens

Easter Bag Assembly

Saturday, April 5

Come join the fun as we create and fill Easter Bags benefiting the Hope Center of Waukesha

Kids & Teens of all ages

(along with their parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles and friends)

Ascension Lutheran Church

1415 Dopp Street, Waukesha

Register at www.owenslittlewarriors.com

(pre-registration is appreciated but walk-ins are always welcome)

Collection bins located at

Ascension Lutheran Church 1415 Dopp Street, Waukesha

ASCENSION'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 13

At 12 noon (after 10:45 service)

Outside if weather permits

Bring your own basket!
All ages welcome!

Potluck lunch after the hunt.

If your last name beings with:

A-K Bring Side Dish

L-R Bring Dessert

S-Z Bring Fruit

hot dogs, chips & beverages will be provided.

We are looking for individuals to donate filled Easter Eggs. If you are willing, please drop the eggs off by Sunday, April 6. Drop-off bins will be located in the narthex.

For more information, e-mail Ileen Marien at <u>ileenmarien@gmail.com</u>

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CONSIGNERS WANTED!









CLOTHING A SHOES A TOYS BOOKS & VIDEOS BIKES & BLANKETS & SWINGS & EXERSAUCERS AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

MAKE SOME EXTRA CASH AND SIGN UP TO BE A SELLER!

Pre-register at ascensionelca.org Price your items with the approved seller tags. Drop off your items along with a \$5 registraion fee (covers administrative costs) during one of the available drop off times and we do the rest!





AS A SELLER YOU'LL BE ALLOWED TO PRE-SHOP THE SALE AND YOU'LL TAKE HOME UP TO 80% OF YOUR SALES!

SELLER DROP OFF

Monday, April 28 at 5-8pm & Wednesday, April 30 at 4pm-7pm

PRE-SHOP FOR SELLERS & VOLUNTEERS

Thursday, May 1 at 6-8pm

MISSION OUTREACH

Shirley Wehmeier, Mission Outreach Wing Leader



WHAT IS ACCOMPANIMENT

Accompaniment focuses us on our relationship with our mission partners so that we can engage one another in a true relationship of equality, rather than one being better than the other. In traditional mission work, one group was the stronger who would go to the weaker to do something for them. In contrast, with the accompaniment model, the two groups work alongside each other. For instance, when Ascension goes to serve a meal at Cross, our members work with members of Cross. Because we donate to the Cross Food Pantry, the Cross mission to the neighborhood can serve more people. During the Mission of Healing this summer in El Salvador, Ascension members will work along with members of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church and local medical people in providing medical care. The Mt. Meru coffee project is a partnership in that the coffee growers in the Meru Diocese grow the coffee and through churches like Ascension, the coffee is sold (continued on the next page) at a fair wage price so that the coffee farmers are able to provide for their families.

When we do mission based on accompaniment, we see the Church of Jesus through the eyes of our brothers and sisters in the faith. We are no longer the strong helping the weak. We recognize that we each have gifts to offer one another. The gifts we share may be spiritual gifts, financial gifts, or gifts of prayer. Each gives as God has blessed them, and each receives in Christian love. As we work toward the goal of true accompaniment with our mission partners, we will continue to learn more about each other, share in ministry, and lift one another up in prayer. Stretch your faith and learn more about our partnerships with Cross Milwaukee, the Lutheran Church of El Salvador, and the Meru Diocese of Tanzania.

FEATURED MISSION: ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN



A child dies from malaria every 60 seconds. Last fall, Ascension joined in a walk to raise funds for the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Members of the Tuesday Bible Class were motivated to do more. They invited George Corlis to give a presentation for members of Ascension on how the malaria campaign has impacted the people of Africa. Malaria nets have done a great deal to stop the spread of malaria. Money was raised to purchase 60 mosquito nets which will help stop the spread of the disease. The nets are \$10 each and make a huge difference.

Through the ELCA Malaria Campaign, there has been a reduction in the number of deaths from this preventable, treatable disease. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together. Working through Lutheran partners in Africa, the ELCA Malaria Campaign is uniquely positioned to help provide mosquito nets, education, testing, medication, and more to help eliminate deaths from this disease — for good.

The ELCA Malaria Campaign funds programs of companion churches and Lutheran partners in education, prevention, and treatment of malaria by: providing life-saving health care, including medicine to treat malaria; training pastors, church volunteers and health care providers to diagnose and treat malaria; teaching people how to protect themselves from the mosquitoes that spread malaria, recognize symptoms, and seek treatment; distributing insecticide-treated mosquito nets and providing training on proper use; providing preventative medication to protect pregnant women and their babies; encouraging governments to provide adequate healthcare and engage in malaria; prevention activities; supporting community projects to control the environments where mosquitoes breed; promoting sustainable livelihoods through participation in village savings and loans; groups so that community members can afford mosquito nets, transport and health care.

CROSS FOOD PANTRY

For people on food stamps, it is often difficult to get the necessary paper products that are needed to run a household. This month, the focus for our collection for the Cross Food Pantry is paper products: toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, etc. Thank you to all of you who so generously support the Cross Food Pantry each month.



CALLING ALL SMALL GROUPS

The Hebron House Overflow Shelter is still in need of groups to provide a few evening meals during April. Local congregations have been providing the meals for the men in the shelter. Contact Shirley Wehmeier, pwehmeier@wi.rr.com, if your small group would like to do this as a Lenten project.

VOLCANO UPDATE

Fortunately the last few weeks have not brought any new eruptions to the San Miguel volcano in El Salvador. The Greater Milwaukee Synod recently had a Mission of Healing in a different part of the country, but they adjusted their schedule in order to spend a day with the people most impacted by the volcano. They were pleased to find that there were no serious health issues from the eruption. There were a lot of people dealing with eye irritation and some congestion and a lot of people seeking prayers, but there were no serious volcano-related illnesses.

Sadly, not all of the news from the region has been good news. Scientists continue to see the seismic activity increase, suggesting that another eruption could potentially bring lava flows. There is another equally serious threat. The two recent eruptions killed off all of the vegetation at the top of the volcano. This vegetation serves the important job of keeping the earth in place. In May, the rainy season will begin. As the rains come, there is a very serious threat of mudslides along the volcano. Due to these two deadly threats hanging over the communities, there has been talk of the government relocating everyone. Understandably, the people are hesitant to relocate and leave behind homes and property that have been in families for generations for an unknown location.

What can you do to help: keep the people of the area in your prayers; participate in our upcoming Mission of Healing to the area (See the Ascension website); donate items to the Mission of Healing bins.

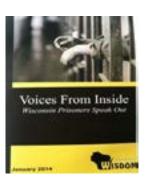


SOPHIA

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Sophia at the annual prayer breakfast on Saturday, April 26. We'll meet at the UWW dining room at 8:30 a.m. Questions, please contact Iva Richards.

When WISDOM launched the "11x15 Campaign for Safer, Healthier Communities" in Feb. 2012, an unexpected consequence was a thoughtful letter from an inmate. Soon letters were arriving in bunches. "Very few of the letters are from people seeking to avoid responsibility or accountability. The most common core message...is: 'I am still a human being, and I want a chance to live the rest of my life as well as I can," writes David Liners, WISDOM State Director.

To create awareness, letters, editorials, and general info about the WI prison system have been compiled into "Voices From Inside." The book is available in the welcome center for \$5. David Liners explains, "Mostly, I hope (this collection) will cause each of us to reflect, to discuss, and perhaps to get a little more involved."



IN GRATITUDE



TONY MEMMEL CONCERT

A big thank you goes out to our Ascension family that came out to join us for Tony Memmel's performance with the Sheboygan Symphony and Chorus. The show was spectacular! Todd and I are still smiling about the experience. The whole Memmel clan appreciates your support, as always.

Todd and Kate Memmel

BREAD OF HEALING EMPOWERMENT MINISTRY

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$2757.80 to the Bread of Healing Empowerment Ministry's food pantry. Your congregation's giving of time, talent, and finances ensures that the valuable ministry provided at Cross will continue. Thanks a bunch for the gloves and hats too! They were much needed and appreciated.

The hungry are fed both spiritually and physically at Cross. The unemployed fin and keep work. People with addictions gain sobriety. In short, people receive salvation. All of this would be impossible without God working through you.

May God continue to bless Ascension Lutheran Church!

Pastor Arlen Solem Associate Pastor/Director of BOHEM

LUTHER COLLEGE

On behalf of the Office for College Ministries and the Luther College community, thank you for your participation in the Educational Partners in Covenant (EPIC) program. We are particularly grateful for your congregation's support of \$250 to Caitlin Marschall. Through EPIC, Luther's matching grant program, the college has matched up to \$750 for each student and has applied the correct amounts to the recipient student account. Your continued support is appreciated in a time when congregations are addressing many needs in the midst of historic economic challenges. This underscores the value of the support you provide for your students. Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and partnership in ministry. Luther College.

HE IS RISEN!

W.E Sangster (1900-1960), a well-known pastor in England, contracted a progressive muscle disease. He lost the ability to move his legs, and eventually his voice faded away. Because Sangster wanted to continue serving God even though he could no longer preach, he became a prolific writer and organize prayer cells throughout England.

On Easter morning, shortly before his death, Sangster wrote a note to his daughter in an unsteady hand. "It is terrible to wake up on Easter morning and have no voice to shout, 'He is risen! But it would be still more terrible to have a voice and not want to shout."

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ...he was buried, ...he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.
(1 Corinthians 15:3)

FLOWERS FOR THE HEART - ORDER FORM

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