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# Parish Notes

## Welcome to Worship

### November 8, 2020

For help with Covid-19  
needs or Pastoral needs  
contact Pat Refsdal @  
908-625-2039

*Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus*



"Sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things.  
Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy."

+ Psalm 98

Who in the world would ever have guessed we'd have a year like the one we've just been through? Who in the world would have guessed that Ascension would have come through it so beautifully and with such creativity? We hope you'll join us in giving thanks to God for our leadership, especially Pat & Eric Refsdal, Sharen Kamp, and our Worship Team And what about Pastor Gordon Young, who has kept us spiritually fed during our time together. And now, we're blessed to have Pastor Debra and James Jimenez joining us at the end of November. No church is more blessed in their lay and pastoral leadership than ours!

Our stewardship campaign begins this week, "Together for Joy." So much has happened this year, but here we are, moving forward together. There have been ups and downs, we've learned new ways to be together while staying apart. Things are just not the same as they were, but God is the same. He's carried us through the challenges and will bring us joyfully together to bigger and better things.

### The 23rd after Pentecost

Matthew 22:1-14

*Challenge of Discipleship - Readiness*

*Focus Question - How do we get ready for an event at an unknown  
time and place?*

*For more resources visit*

<https://search.elca.org/Pages/ResourceResults.aspx?k=daily+discipleship>

## November Birthdays

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Dave Stuart      | 3  |
| Dorothy Harmon   | 14 |
| Diana Warkentin  | 18 |
| Arliss Zimmerman | 19 |
| Morgan Wallace   | 22 |
| Kelly Martin     | 24 |



## Rehab of the Pastor's Office

We will be painting and cleaning the carpets in the pastor's office in preparation for the arrival of Pastor Debra and her husband Jim Jimenez. A new desk has been donated and it arrived this past week. We are in need of help with the painting in the office area. Please let us know if you can help with painting at 10:00 am on Saturday, 14 November for a couple of hours. Contact Pat Refsdal, 908-625-2039, if you are able to paint on Saturday, or have a couple hours during the week. Thanks!!

## Worship Services for November into December

Sunday, November 8th - Pastor Gordon Young will join us for Holy Communion on this 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 15th - Pastor Gordon Young will join us for the last time to celebrate Holy Communion on this 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 22nd - To be determined

Sunday, November 29th - Candidate Lisa Mensinger will join us as we worship on the 1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6th - Pastor Debra Jimenez will join us for her first worship service at Ascension Lutheran Church on the 2nd Sunday of Advent

## 2021 Annual Meeting and Council Vacancies

As a reminder, our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held January 31, 2021 after the worship service. We anticipate three Council vacancies, so please consider serving on your Church Council. Ministry Leads, just a reminder that End-of-Year Ministry Final Reports will be due January 4, 2021.



Just a reminder to continue shopping and filling those Operation Christmas Child boxes for those who are in need around the world. We will be blessing those on Sunday, November 15th. The directions on how to pack a box are included in the pamphlet. If you need boxes or the pamphlets, contact Pat Refsdal, 908-625-2039 and we can get those to you. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

†Please Lift Up in Prayer:

- Family of Barbara Edisinger Brenton
- Family of Mildred Tolle
- Lillian Hughes & Family
- Tracie Truitt, friend of Alyson's
- Kristy - Shari Morosky's daughter
- Joan Marlow
- Stephanie, niece of Gloria
- Cory, Nancy Byrne's son
- Pam Burbank
- Jessica Stewart, Dick Graves daughter
- Dan Harkin, Lillian Hughes cousin
- Delilah Sell, Lillian Hughes cousin
- Rebecca Rens and the Eyre Families
- Patti, Shari Morosky's sister
- Roy Zimmerman
- Randy and Janie Karas
- Jefferson Barrett
- Kyle and Kristen - friends of Kelly
- Karla and Lynn Davis
- Maylan Chugg, Don & Dee's granddaughter
- Julie Jensen, Mike Williams' sister
- Heather Nolting, wife of Arliss' nephew
- Holly & Libby, friends of Kim Engelby
- Gloria Mike
- Chris, friend of Alyson W.
- Judy Sherman

- Sean Zeller, Pastor Gene's nephew
- Cheryl, friend of Alyson
- Mark Hughes and family
- Richard, Shari Morosky's husband
- Harold and Mary VanDehey, friends of Leo Seeber
- Shelley, Diana Warkentin's friend
- Ardis, Elaine Shelburne's sister
- Jason Shepherd, Nancy Byrne's nephew
- Heidi, Diane Shultz' sister-in-law
- Don Hughes
- Dick Graves
- Jim Johnson, Sharen's brother-in-law
- Karen O.
- Marijka, Grace and Dallas
- Paula and Dave Stuart



†Praying for Loved Ones in the Military:

- Kaleb Tarr
- Dariyan Edsinger
- Mason Bushey and his wife Ida, and family
- Brody Wilcock
- Renee Kiel
- Justin Kiel
- Kris Kiel
- Matt Malde
- Chip Reynolds
- Jason Chugg

Please send any prayer chain updates or requests to Kelly Martin. [jeffnkelly2@msn.com](mailto:jeffnkelly2@msn.com)

## **Indoor Worship Service Cautions**

As our Covid-19 numbers rise in Weber County and in Utah, the Ascension Church Council has re-evaluated our worship service procedures and made a determination to continue in-person worship in a limited fashion. It was decided to do the following:

1. Encourage those that are at risk or who are unsure, to remain at home
2. If you have a cough, sore throat, fever, or other symptoms, do not come to church
3. Emphasize that even with cautions, we are not able to eliminate all the risk
4. Since we need to tape a full service at church anyway, let those who want to be at church attend as we tape the service
5. Continue to post the service online and continue to use Facebook Live
6. Please respect everyone's decision to worship as they feel comfortable to do

Please let us know if you have additional suggestions....

Also, please let us know if you have a worship time preference, 9:00 or 9:30am.

## **Smith's Inspiring Donations and AmazonSmile Programs**

Don't forget that both Smith's Food and Drug Store and Amazon with AmazonSmile has a rewards program that gives donations to organizations and churches, Ascension included. I was reminded of this the other day when we received a check from Smiths for over \$148 for the past quarter. For both programs - "You Shop - They Give!!" For details on how to sign-up for either program, contact Sharen Kamp at 801-430-0172.

The Ascension Yard Sale and the Christmas Bazaar have been cancelled for this year due to the COVID-19 virus. It is hoped that we can reschedule those events for next year.

## Pastor Debra's Acceptance to the Letter of Call

October 26, 2020  
Ascension Lutheran Church  
Attn: Pat Refsdal, Council President  
1105 N. Washington Blvd.  
Ogden, UT 84404

Dear Siblings in Christ,

It is with great joy and anticipation that I accept the call you have extended to me to come and serve as your pastor! James and I are excited to join with you in ministry and anticipate arriving there during the final days of November. This timeline is predicated in part upon our ability to complete closing on our home there.

Once we arrive, we will need a little time to unpack a few boxes, but I hope to share Word and Sacrament with you no later than Sunday, December 6th.

During our first few months together, I look forward to getting to know each of you and for you to know me as well. Relationships are foundational to shared life and ministry together. I recognize relationship building takes time, particularly during a pandemic, but I would like us to be intentional about getting to know one another. My door and schedule will be open, and I invite you to share your hopes and dreams with me.

I look forward to working and serving alongside you. In the meantime, James and I ask that you keep us in prayer as we pack up our home and say goodbye to our friends and congregation here in New Mexico. Please know that you are continually in my thoughts and prayers.

In Christ,

Pastor Debra Jimenez

cc: James Gonia, Bishop  
Rocky Mountain Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Stewardship Sunday is November 29 this year. On that day, we will seek to meet the challenges before us by gathering up our pledges, (we will take them physically at the church, online, or we can pick them up from your home.) We will bless them and ask God to continue to lead us through the pandemic and into the joys of ministry to our community.

Until then, please place this pledge card somewhere prominent in your home.

Whenever you see it, ask God to help you discern your pledge for 2021.

As you do, consider praying this prayer:

***Great One, for you the floods clap, for you the hills sing. You know my situation better than anyone. Take my credits and debits, ins and outs, my pluses and minuses, surpluses and lacks, and show me how to use them to join the great chorus of Creation. Amen***



### "Together for Joy" Pledge Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I/We plan to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each  week  month  
for an annual total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

*I/We understand that this pledge will 1) help our church sing "together with joy," and 2) can be changed at any time.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

