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Parish Notes

Welcome to Worship

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Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus

4th Sunday in Lent

Matthew 9: 18-26

In this season of recovery, what is being reawakened in us and in our communities?

What is being saved? And for what purpose?

Restarting our Sunday Ministries as the number of our in-person worshipers has increased (YAY GOD!) it's time to bring back our worship assistants, ushers, greeters and counters for Sundays. If you are interested in serving, Pat has put a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We'll start these in April, and just like we used to, we'll list everything on the back of the Parish Notes. We know that the world isn't back to normal yet, we're just taking small steps that lead in that direction.

Update on Lonnie Kern Visited with Lonnie Kern the other day at Wide Horizons Care Center. He was excited to visit and learn about our new Pastor Debra and all the news at Ascension. He looks good and just celebrated a birthday in February with a party at the center. He has received both vaccine shots and is looking forward to visits outside the center. Wide Horizons is now discussing how to re-open their facility to visitors and allowing residents to leave for outside visits.

Wednesday Evening Lenten discussion continue this week at 7:00. The link is the same as before.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72977987273?pwd=WlYxYytVVjQ5dUZmZnB5L2VVK3Vkdz09>

Meeting ID: 729 7798 7273

Passcode: Lent

March Birthdays

Stefani Rhees	14
Jessica Cornell	22
Marlys Sorbo	23
Danette Cornell	23
James Jimenez	27
Roy Zimmerman	29
Ashlee Fields	30
Hazel Ann Linke	30



Upcoming Events

- March 28 - Palm Sunday
- April 1 - Maundy Thursday, 7:00pm
- April 2 - Good Friday, 7:00pm
- April 3 - Easter Sunday, 9:30am
- April 11-17 - Family Promise Host Week
- April 25 - Compassion Sunday

Remember a Loved One with Easter Flowers

Each Sunday through March 28th, we will collect money for Easter flowers in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. The flowers will be used to decorate our sanctuary during the worship service and throughout the Easter season. Cash or checks (made out to Ascension Lutheran Church) may be given to Pat Refsdal (908-625-2039) or Arliss Zimmerman - please include your name and your dedication. Thank you...

Food Donations for the Ogden Rescue Mission

During the month of Lent, we are collecting food donations to be given to the Ogden Rescue Mission. You can donate paper products, canned goods, non-perishables, rice, pasta, etc. Donations like yours make a big difference in the work Ascension is doing in the community. Thanks to those who donated items the last few weeks, we were able to take a carload of food and supplies to the Rescue Mission this past week.

Making Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

As we mentioned previously, LWR has put out an appeal to the churches to make Personal Care Kits for world-wide use. Due to natural disasters, wars, and conditions in poverty-stricken areas, the warehouse for these kits is almost empty. These simple gifts help people around the world, reach their full potential and improve their standard of living. The directions and contents needed to build a kit are included with these Parish Notes.

During the remainder of the Lenten Season, we are going to begin this project to make Personal Care Kits for LWR. At our worship service on Sunday, we will display a poster outlining the directions - and demonstrate the contents and how to assemble a kit. Take home flyers will also be available. If you have any questions, contact Pat Refsdal, 908-625-2039 or Pastor Debra.

†Please Lift Up in Prayer:

- 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
- 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
- Henry, Nancy G's grandson
- Luci, Pastor Debra's daughter
- Justina, friend of Rebecca
- Amanda and her unborn baby, Paula's daughter-in-law & grandbaby
- Sharen's sister and her family, especially unborn grandchild

- Sean Zeller, Pastor Gene's nephew
- Cheryl, friend of Alyson
- Mark Hughes and family
- Richard, Shari Morosky's husband
- Shelley, Diana Warkentin's friend
- Heidi, Diane Shultz' sister-in-law
- Don Hughes
- Dick Graves
- Paula and Dave Stuart and Paula's Dad
- Steve Morlan
- Ruth Ann Hudspeth, friend of Dick G.
- Charles, Arliss' brother
- Bob P.
- Bill, Arliss's Brother
- Mark B.
- Shari Morosky and her family
- Dee Brown
- PJ, friend of Kelly
- Toni, Pastor Debra's Sister-in-Law
- Patricia, friend of Dick G.

†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
- Jason Chugg



Please send any prayer chain updates or requests to Kelly Martin. jeffnkelly2@msn.com



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



PERSONAL CARE KITS

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

- ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE** adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

* *Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap*

HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents