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Parish Notes

Welcome to Worship

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Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus



Want to send a big Thank You to Pat & Eric, James J., Todd & Renee, CJ, Kim, The Gallop Family, Jim C., Lauren & Ryan G., Kelly, and Arliss for cleaning the outdoor area and the sanctuary and decorating for Palm Sunday.
Everything looks fantastic!

Palm Sunday
Matthew 9:1-8

We glorify God for beautiful words and works of wholeness.

March Birthdays

James Jimenez	27
Roy Zimmerman	29
Ashlee Fields	30
Hazel Ann Linke	30

April Birthdays

Eric Refsdal	4
Shari Morosky	4
Alyson Williams	5
Lauren Gorsline	8
Ryan Gorsline	8
Aiden Gallup	12
Justin Hart	12
Kathy Williams	14
Catrin Smith	21
Nancy Otto	22
Elaine Shelburne	22
Eric Engelby	23
Babs Bezyack	24
Keith Sorbo	26
John Shelburne	28
Mattie Lorenzen	28



Changes during Worship- We have been so very blessed to have been able to worship in person together these past several months. While the pandemic is not over, we feel that our congregation is ready to move forward to begin to worship a bit more “normally”. We will begin to pray and sing together on Easter Sunday. We’ll stand (for those that are able) for the reading of the Gospel and for the Prayers of the People. We will still wear masks and practice social distancing as much as we can, but we feel that we can safely take this next step.

Many of you are missing the time we spend together having coffee and treats and visiting after church, but we don’t feel we’re quite there yet. We are hopeful that by Mother’s Day we may be ready to take that step.

As always, if you are not feeling well, please stay home and take advantage of our Facebook Live service (starts at normal worship time), or the YouTube video that gets posted about an hour after worship finishes.

In order to make everyone feel safe during worship, we will continue to wear masks in worship even after the governor’s mandate has been lifted.

If you have questions or concerns, please speak to a member of the council.

Bible Study- We continue to meet Sunday afternoon @1:00 for group bible study. There are between 6 and 12 people that meet via Zoom every week and more is always better! We are reading from the bible and discussing what we’ve read. We’re currently reading 2nd Corinthians. Please join us, it’s such a great discussion, but you don’t have to talk if you just want to listen. Here is the Zoom link, it’s the same each week.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74401670409?pwd=QIVYTGJO bGptRjJ6V2NXM1Z4Y1pvZz09>

Meeting ID: 744 0167 0409
Passcode: Study

†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
- James Boe

- 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

Remember a Loved One with Easter Flowers

Today is the last day to give money toward Easter flowers. 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 three carloads of food and supplies to the Rescue Mission during March.

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.

Upcoming Events

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



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

April
Ascension Ministries

 SUN	 WORSHIP ASST	 ALTAR GUILD	 USHERS	 GREETERS	 ANNOUNCEMENTS	 COUNTERS	 FELLOWSHIP TREATS
April 4		Kim Engelby	Jim Jimenez	???	Connie Larsen		TBD
11		Kim Engelby	Patti Hall/ Stef Rhees	Jim Jimenez	Connie Larsen		TBD
18		Kim Engelby	Arless Zimmerman	Joanna Wolf	Connie Larsen		TBD
25		Kim Engelby	???	???	Connie Larsen		TBD