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# Parish Notes

## Welcome to Worship

### November 6, 2022

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

<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:30 am	-	Worship
	10:30 am	-	Fellowship
	11:00 am	-	Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am	-	Teen Sunday School
<b>MONDAY</b>	9:00 am	-	Friendly Ties Quilters (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday's)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 am	-	Yoga
	1:00 pm	-	Book Club
	6:00 pm	-	<del>Faith Formation</del> /Confirmation
<b>THURSDAY</b>	1:00 pm	-	Shepherding Bible Study Group – (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)
	6:30 pm	-	Church Council meeting – (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:00 pm	-	AA and Al Anon

Lined through events are off for the summer.

### Reformation Sunday

Luke 21:5-19

Discipleship – A New Preparedness

Focus Question – *If the world would end tomorrow, would you be prepared?*

## November Birthdays

David Stuart	3
Dorothy Harman	14
Diana Warkentin	18
Arliss Zimmerman	19
Morgan Wallace	22
Kelly Martin	24



Flowers on the altar this morning are given by Shellie Ingram in memory of her mom and in remembrance of her birthday.

**Please join us after worship** for food and fellowship. Our coffee hour treats this morning are courtesy of Christie & Mark Denniston.

## Upcoming Events

- Nov 16 – Book Club @1PM\
- Nov 20 – OCC Shoebox Sunday
- Nov 20 -27 – Family Promise Week
- Nov 27 – Stewardship Sunday
- Dec 3 – Holiday Bazaar
- Dec 4 – Blessing of the Quilts



Please make sure you bring your shoeboxes to church next Sunday.

**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. Ascension receives quarterly checks from these organizations, the most recent check was in the amount of \$118 and so far this year, we have received \$1352. For both programs - "You Shop - They Give!!". For details on how to sign-up for either program, contact Sharen Kamp at 801-430-0172, or instructions for Smith's "Inspiring Donations Program" is available from the ushers.



Today after worship we'll welcome Lettie Louise Debick and her family

## **Family Promise Needs**

- 13 Gallon Garbage Bags
- New Pillows
- Full/Queen size blankets
- You can bring your donations to the church and someone will take them to the Day Center

**Our Family Promise Host week** starts next Sunday. If you can help out by spending an evening or overnight at the church or providing meal please see Kelly to see what spots are still available, or look at the signup <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e44aaaa29a1fa7-family2>

**There's a new flower** chart in the narthex. Please sign up for your special days and events.

Family Promise is looking for sponsors to adopt a child for Christmas! 🎄 🎄 🎄

Sponsors will need to donate:

- 1 pair of shoes
- 1 pair of pants
- 1 T-shirt
- 1 jacket
- 1 Christmas wish (\$50 maximum)



If you would like to sponsor a child please call Raquel at Family Promise, 385-439-3115 or send her an email



The Ogden Valley Library is hosting an Interdenominational nativity scene display on December 10. There will be a live nativity scene, live music, and Christmas Carols. They are looking for volunteers to help as well as people willing to donate their nativities to be displayed. And if you just want to go and enjoy the festivities that's great too! If you'd like more information, give Diane Schultz a call, 801-710-5701



But while the son was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him....And they began to celebrate.

+ Luke 15:20, 24

Greetings, grace, and peace from the Ascension's "Grace in Action" Stewardship Team!

One of Jesus' most famous parables is usually called, "The Parable of the Prodigal Son." But this is actually a parable designed to teach us about the merciful, generous nature of God. And to the extent that "prodigal" means extravagant or over-the-top, that word is better applied to the father in the story.

The son comes home hoping for a modest meal in exchange for an apology. Before he can say a word, however, his father is lavishing him with love and making preparations for a party. For the prodigal parent, only a splendid celebration will do.

Jesus says that God - the Prodigal Parent - puts grace into action this way: welcoming us home even when we don't "deserve" it; forgiving us completely before we can even ask; and treating just the sight of us as cause for extravagant joy.

At our best, this sort of celebratory welcome is what Ascension is all about. Welcoming visitors and regulars alike into the beautiful choreography of worship and celebration. We strive to be a community of joy - prodigal, extravagant, and free - for anyone who longs for a meal, an embrace, and the reassurance that they are not alone.

This welcome is about repairing the world through love, one celebration at a time. That's "Grace in Action." You can hear it in the language we use: we celebrate Communion, celebrate Baptism, celebrate Easter, celebrate Christmas, celebrate Youth Sunday, we celebrate all our ministries and we celebrate our community in so many ways.

And speaking of celebration: we're looking forward to celebrating our "Grace in Action" Commitment Sunday with you on November 27, 2022. We will hold a special Coffee Hour that morning to celebrate, you won't want to miss it!

Grace and joy,  
Your Ascension Stewardship Team

Hi Kelly,

Feel free to edit or discard any or all of this.

I'll start by asking forgiveness since the list is long. What I do know is that every day the people of Ascension are busy going about their ministries. It would be impossible for me to accurately name each one of our family and what they do. The ones who quietly come in during the week and drop off supplies or do repairs or a thousand other things. Thank you to each and every one of you for showing up to worship and praise God - for sharing your particular gifts.

Thank you:

Quilters who gather and create gifts of beauty and comfort

Gardeners who feed so many in our congregation and community

Financial Team - receiving and counting our offering - paying bills and accounting for the gifts we receive

Thank you to our Worship Assistants, Greeters, and Ushers

Altar Guild and Bread Maker

Technology providers so that we stay connected

Meal preparers and treat suppliers

Card Ministry - Home Visitation - Phone Calls

Thank you to our Council for your stewardship and faithful service.

Thank you to our worship team. Each week you share your many gifts in praise.

Thank you to those who teach and all who are open to deepening their faith and asking questions.

Thank you to Jim Craig for the many hours spent identifying vendors and overseeing their work to ensure our buildings are repaired. Also, thank you for creating the metal work that provides safety and beauty in our worship space

Thank you to those who tend the sprinklers, trim the trees and bushes and remove trash.

Thank you to our Yard Sale team.

Thank you to those that provide cleaning supplies.

Thank you to our Holiday Bazaar crafters and workers.

Thank you for all those who volunteer for Family Promise

Thank you for Parish Notes, weekly worship bulletins and online worship materials

Thank you, John Warkentin, for the beautiful kneeler and for the many loads of treasure he picked and brought to the yard sale

Thank you, Nancy Otto for the many hours creating inviting and inspiring worship settings

Thank you to the volunteers who show up and donate and participate in God's Work. Our Hands, Operation Christmas Child, LWR Personal Care Kits

This list isn't complete - it would be impossible for me to list all of the incredibly wonderful ministries and gifts that take place here where God has planted Ascension Lutheran Church. One of the most beautiful ministries is your ministry of prayer. You pray for one another, and you pray for our world. Thank you for being people led by the Holy Spirit to share your time, talent, and gifts to bring healing and to share God's love in our community and around the world.

Thank you,

Pastor Debra

**2023 Annual Meeting and Council Vacancies** As a reminder, our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held February 5, 2023 after the worship service. We anticipate four Council vacancies, so please consider serving on your Church Council. To our Ministry Leads, just a reminder that End-of-Year Ministry Reports will be due January 7, 2023. Annual Reports can be emailed to Pat Refsdal, [p.refsdal@comcast.net](mailto:p.refsdal@comcast.net).

**Our Holiday Bazaar** is less than a month away. There's still time for you to make some crafts, bake some goodies or help out in other ways. Our set up day will be Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We'll begin at 9. The Bazaar is Saturday, from 8AM-2PM.

There's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please ask Kelly or Kim if you have questions or want to know how you can help.

**The 2023 Budgeting Process Begins Soon** We will begin the budgeting process within the next week or so. We would ask that our Ministry Heads look at their budget lines and let us know if there are increases or decreases that need to be considered, along with justification, as we plan for 2023. You can text or email that information to Pat Refsdal, 908-625-2039, along with any questions you might have.

**A letter from our visitor from Denmark**

Dear Debra,

When I for the second time visited your wonderful church last month I promised you to write you about my impressions from the visits in March and now in October. I had some busy weeks after I came home - but as I tomorrow at our annual "Community-meeting" in our church will mention my visits, it must be the right time to write to you.

Thank you again for the warm welcome - that was a thing I mentioned when I came back from Utah in March - here we have to be better to welcome new people in our church ! But in Denmark we are a bit more reluctant and often have the feeling that some people maybe want to be more anonymous. I myself felt it strange when I moved to Elsinore 43 years ago and twice visited the local church - and nobody welcomed the new guest.

I moved to Elsinore to teach at the local High School - Helsingoer Gymnasium - I taught there for 43 years and only stopped this summer. That's the reason I could visit my Danish friends Susanne and Keld in North Ogden outside the holidays - Keld is sent by the Danish Airforce to Hill Air force base and they will be staying there five months more - they came to North Ogden back in 2021 but because of the corona I could only visit them now in March - and again in October.

The second thing I noticed is of course all the work in and around the church done by volunteers. With a "State Church" like the Danish "Evangelical-Lutheran Church" or "Folkekirken" - see more on <https://www.lutheranchurch.dk/> - it's harder to get people to work for the church. They expect that the church is there - but many Danes will only come for baptism, confirmation, sometimes weddings and then for the funerals. A lot of Danes will also come for Christmas - so I think my Danish friend asked you or another person in your church about the services around Christmas - because here it's very much Christmas Eve that is celebrated. Will you have services also on December 24th ?

"My" church is just south of Elsinore - we have two very old churches in the middle of the town - besides Copenhagen the only Danish town with an English name - the Danish name is Helsingør - with the Danish "ø" - oe. In the seventies and eighties two new churches were built - I belong to "Sthens Kirke" - named after Hans Christensen Sthens (1544-1610) who was a priest here in Elsinore - and wrote some famous psalms. I am the chairman of the Church Board - Menighedsraadet.



I wish you God's blessing for you and your family and the very nice community in Ascension Church.  
Best regards, Otto

### †Please Lift Up in Prayer:

- The Family of Scott Warkentin
- Tracie Truitt, friend of Alyson's
- Kristy - Shari Morosky's daughter
- Bruce & Joan Marlow
- Cory, Nancy Gale's son
- Pam Burbank
- Jessica Stewart, Dick Graves's daughter
- Rebecca Rens and the Eyre Families
- Jefferson Barrett
- Mark Baird
- Maylan Chugg, Don & Dee's granddaughter
- Chris, friend of Alyson W.
- Judy Sherman
- Henry, Nancy G's grandson
- Justina, friend of Rebecca
- Lynn Copper and her family
- Sean Zeller, Pastor Gene's nephew
- Cheryl, friend of Alyson
- Mark Hughes and family
- Erik Thompson
- Scott, Diana & John's son
- Heidi, Diane Shultz' sister-in-law
- Dick Graves
- Bob P.
- Dee Brown
- PJ, friend of Kelly
- Toni, Pastor Debra's Sister-in-Law
- Lynn and Carol
- Roxanne, David's sister
- Carol and Jean, friends of Sharen
- Cindy C.
- Carol Reopelle
- Kim, friend of Bob
- Jack, Pastor Debra's nephew
- Suzy and her family
- Bill, Linda's brother
- Scott Chapan, friend of Dick G.

- Linda, John, Jeff, Pr Gordon's sister and her family
- Alice, Anastasia, and all of the people affected by the war
- Levi
- Brian Washburn, Kamberlynn's dad
- Jeni, friend of Nancy O
- Kemzey, Cindy's niece
- Lacey, friend of Cindy D.
- Kallee, Rachel's sister-in-law
- Bob, Rachel's uncle
- Bob, friend of James
- Terry, Dee Brown's brother
- Heidi, Linda Fallat's daughter
- Carla, friend of Don Hughes
- Jamie, friend of Nancy Otto
- Cathay, friend of Paula DelCarlo
- Charlie Tufts
- Jean Roberts

### †Praying for Loved Ones in the Military:

- Steve Johnson
- Kaleb Tarr, Ethan Lee, Michael Connelly (deployed 13 July 17, 2021)
- Dariyan Edsinger
- Mason Bushey and his wife Ida, and family
- Brody Wilcock
- Renee Kiel
- Justin Kiel
- Kris Kiel
- Matt Malde
- Jason Chugg

**November**  
**Ascension Ministries**

 <b>SUN</b>	 <b>WORSHIP ASST</b>	 <b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	 <b>USHERS</b>	 <b>GREETERS</b>	 <b>ANNOUNCE- MENTS</b>	 <b>COUNTERS</b>
Nov 6	Patti Hall	Hazel Linke & Linda Corey	Todd & Renee Hart	John & Diana Warkentin	Doug Baker	Renee Hart
Nov 13	Mike Hughes	Hazel Linke & Linda Corey	Patti Hall & Stef Rhees	Joanna Wolf	Doug Baker	Paula DelCarlo
Nov 20	Katy Young	Hazel Linke & Linda Corey	Sharen Kamp	Stefani Rhees	Doug Baker	Keith Sorbo
Nov 27	Connie Larsen	Hazel Linke & Linda Corey	James Jimenez	CJ Jordan	Doug Baker	CJ Jordan