



THE HEART OF ASCENSION

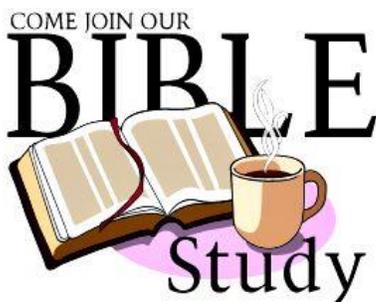


Save the date/mark your calendars for these upcoming events:



THE WIDOW-WIDOWER / DIVORCÉE / SINGLES LUNCHEON will be held on Monday, **August 8, 2016**, in the Fellowship Hall from 11:30 AM until around 2:00 PM. Lunch is served at Noon. This free luncheon is offered as a time to share with others who may have gone through some of the same circumstances you have. It is a time for food, fellowship, and the making of a community of people who can share their lives with each other. If you have not already joined us at this free monthly luncheon, please do so and **invite a friend!** Any questions, contact Ron Davis, Jr. at 412-709-9860.

THE NEXT SOAR RESPITE NIGHT will be held at Ascension on **Friday, August 12, 2016 from 6-9 PM**. SOAR (Special Opportunities, Abilities, and Relationships) is for **children with special needs and their typical siblings ages K-5th grade**. This free event is a “**night off**” for parents where children will have fun playing **games**, creating **crafts**, making **music**, and forming relationships with their buddy and other children. Registration forms are available online at www.ascensionpgh.com and on the table in the narthex. This event will be held on the **second Friday each month**. Future dates are September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9, 2016. There are also posters on the table in the narthex that you can share with others or post at local businesses. For more information, please contact Emily Marcellus at EmKeflavik@gmail.com.



In August the Men's Group will meet on Saturday, August 20, 2016. This group meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Doors are open at 8:30 AM for fellowship followed by a time of study/discussion from 9 AM-10 AM. All men (young and old) are welcome to attend. For more information, please see Bill Seitz.



SILENT AUCTION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

FOR CHURCH PURCHASE OF AED

(AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR)

HOW DO WE GET THE ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION? We are hoping everyone has something at home, new or not, that they don't want but someone else might like to buy. Please bring your auction items on the day of the auction (Sunday, August 14th) and not before. The auction items will be placed on tables with paper and pencil next to each item. If you don't bring something, you can still bid and that will be great. Or you can bring something and not bid. **Bidding or not, join us for coffee and cake and watch the fun! You may not be able to resist bidding on something!** Questions? Call Vicki at 724-816-0413.



THANK YOU to Bob and Pam Martens and Ernie and Kathy Stuckler for purchasing the first two AEDs for Ascension!



Congratulations to Matt Shaginaw who received his Eagle Scout rank!
(Photo courtesy Cherie Shaginaw)



Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to worship at Ascension on September 11, 2016. Following worship we will have our annual "Rally Day" Picnic at the Ranch House! Join us for great food, friendship, fun and games!

Who: Everyone, Casual Dress - Black & Gold Fans Welcome!

When: Sunday, September 11, 2016. Lunch starts at 12:00 PM.

Where: Ranch House, North Park

What: Bring a dish, dessert, or drink and your favorite games

Directions:

Take McKnight Road to the North Park exit and continue on Ingomar Road. Turn left onto Kummer Road. The Ranch House will be on your left.

OR:

Take Babcock Boulevard into North Park. Turn left onto Ingomar Road. Turn right onto Kummer Road. The Ranch House will be on your left.



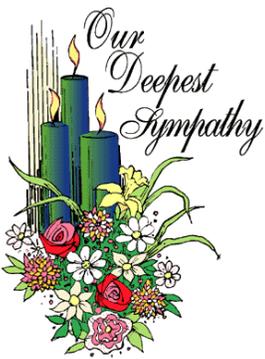
August Anniversaries:

1	Rick & Cheryl Maas	24	Michael & Mary Lynn Tassotto
6	Tom & Cheryl Saffa	24	Roy & Vicki Wiegand
10	Bill & Glenna Powers	31	Paul & Cheri Adams
20	Carl & Jennifer Ciccone	31	Bill & Janet Seitz

August Birthdays:

2	Mary Lynn Tassotto	22	Ernie Stuckler
4	Adriana Ciccone	23	Michael Krom
7	Gabe Gaertner	24	Rebecca Faller
12	Cheryl Saffa	24	Stephanie Faller
13	Sandy Malarkey	26	Mary Jasper
14	Kaitlin Edwards	28	Jim McMillin
14	Chris Shaginaw	29	Shaun Connolly
15	Brittany Clark	30	Jeff Masagila
16	Lauren Skrastins	31	Paul Jasper
20	Nikki Fetzick	31	Kim (Saffa) Detore
20	Debra Weber	31	Pam Martens
21	John Dougherty		

IF WE MISSED YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 412-364-4463.



In Christ we extend our love and sympathy to Rob Weber and his family upon the death of Rob's mother, Doris Weber, and to Chris and Shannon Schroeder and their family upon the death of Chris's grandfather, Lawrence Vossler. May God be with these families and comfort them during this difficult time.

Congratulations to Glenna and Bill Powers who became grandparents again! Benjamin William Kim was born on July 13th to Amy Powers and her husband, Bob, and big sister, Mia, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Mom and baby are doing well. Grandma and Grandpa Powers feel very blessed!



6 Reasons Why You Should Serve In Children's Ministry

ministry-to-children.com/serving-in-childrens-ministry/

Tony Kummer

In most churches, finding volunteers for children's ministry is a *constant struggle*. If people really understood the spiritual blessings of serving God's kids, we would have to start a volunteer waiting list. Children's Ministry is one of the most important things your church will ever do. In this post I will share my 6 favorite reasons why people should minister to children.

Why You Should Serve In Children's Ministry

1. Children are important to God.

I don't know about you, but I want to serve in ways that matter most to God. There is no question about God's attitude toward children. The Bible tells us that kids are a blessing from God. While Jesus was on earth, he made a point to welcome children and to affirm their value. He even talked about punishment for anyone who would abuse a child. Make no mistake, kids matter to God. If God's priorities matter to you, then you should serve in Children's Ministry.

2. Serving in Children's Ministry multiplies your efforts long-term.

There are few ministry opportunities that allow you to impact the future in such a direct way. When you love and teach kids this Sunday, you are also influencing generations to come. These children will one day become parents and church leaders themselves. If you want to change the world long-term, then you should serve in Children's Ministry.

3. Reaching children should be a top priority for the church.

It's been proven that most people who will come to Christ do so when they are young. The childhood years are the years of greatest opportunity for the Gospel. Unfortunately, many churches don't make the most of what God has given them. If you want to see people come to Christ, then you should serve in Children's Ministry.

4. Serving children will build humility into your character.

Too often, those who work hard in the church nursery or Sunday school are not given credit for their service. "Out of sight out of mind," is the way most churches operate. While this can be discouraging, I think it's a blessing in disguise. Like so many other acts of service done quietly, the rewards come in heaven. But in the here-and-now, I am glad for a humble place to serve.

5. Serving kids will make you a more patient person.

Children's Ministry is unpredictable and even the best plans can be torpedoed by a disruptive child. This is another blessing in disguise, working with kids will teach you patience. Where else can you gain this excellent fruit of the Spirit in as little as one hour each week?

6. The #1 qualification is love.

As a young Christian, I discovered that many avenues of church service were beyond my abilities. You may never sing a solo or preach a sermon in church, but God wants you to find a place of ministry. Serving in the Children's Ministry is open to almost all Christians. If you love God and his children, then there are many different ways for you to help.

I hope this post has been an encouragement to you.

Submitted by the Board of Education

Children's Sermon Coordinator - Roles and Responsibilities:

PLANNING

- obtain a copy of Church Year Calendar
- identify and schedule presenters for the second and fourth Sunday of every month from September through May
- identify appropriate children's sermons that correspond with the Old Testament Reading, Epistle, or Gospel from available resources
- research and update resources as needed
- write bulletin announcements listing dates needed and give to secretary as appropriate



Children's Sermon

COMMUNICATION

- communicate with presenters and provide suggested resources as requested
- place printed resources or a copy in presenters church mailbox or other as agreed upon
- inform ALC secretary of presenter by second and fourth Tuesday of each month
- provide first-time presenters with presentation tips
- hold a volunteer meeting and review expectations and presentation tips



Ascension Lutheran Church (ALC) – Missouri Synod in Pittsburgh, PA is seeking a **Director of Youth Ministries (DYM)**. This position is a part-time (approximately 20 hours per week), salaried position.

The DYM reports to the Pastor for spiritual and ministry guidance. The DYM will build young disciples for Christ by developing and implementing a multi-faceted approach to youth ministry while serving as a spiritual leader and role model. You will be developing and implementing the youth ministry based on core principles of prayer and worship; reading the Bible; giving of time, talents and resources by serving at and beyond ALC; witnessing to unbelievers; and being in relationship to encourage spiritual growth in one another.

Your qualifications:

You will be actively living a Christian lifestyle and able to embrace Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod doctrine and theology. A bachelor's degree in a related field and/or professional certification in youth ministry is desired. You will have a vision and a demonstrated ability to plan, develop, coordinate, manage and implement a youth ministry. You will be available to lead Sunday morning Bible study. You will need excellent written and verbal communication skills, conflict management skills, and computer skills (word processing, social media, etc.). You will possess a proven ability to work effectively with youth, diverse individuals, and teams of volunteers. You will have or be able to obtain state-required clearances for working with minors.

Qualified candidates interested in the Director of Youth Ministries position may send their cover letter and resume to: education@ascensionpgh.com or Ascension Lutheran Church, 8225 Peebles Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

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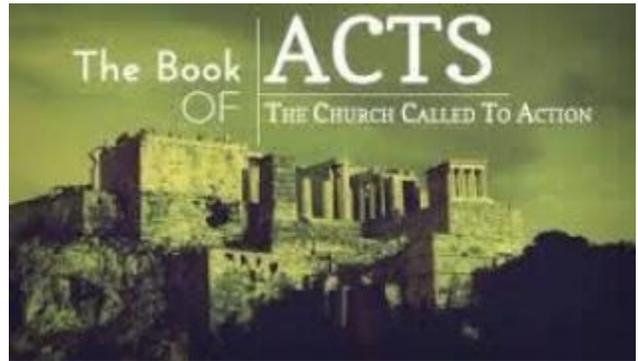
Reaching the next generation of Cambodia for Christ!

CHRISTIAN & ALISON TAYLOR

New Class July 2, 2016: The Book of Acts

We are studying through the book of Acts in our Bible Classes! We meet Monday-Thursday every week with student fellowship on Fridays. The Book of Acts will last 6 months and will focus on learning how the beginnings, role and function of the New Testament Church is vital to us today. Please pray as we teach these students the importance of their role in history.

June Graduating Class: Book of Esther (below)



New Ministry Project:

(left and above right) Christian and Alison's hearts were touched with a new project and will be managing the project to help the poor children in the villages. We will give you an update on the details in a couple of weeks. Please pray for all of us regarding this new project that God will be glorified as we touch the hurting children with His love and in a tangible way.



Mission Opportunity: Now that this summer is half over, are you looking forward to your next break? What are you going to do? Do you want to do something worthwhile and fulfilling? Any plans? What about a missions trip with your church, family or small group? We are now accepting mission trip dates for Fall 2016, Spring 2017 & Summer 2017. For more information, please leave us a message via Facebook, messenger, email at christianandalison@yahoo.com or SKYPE at 2092321223. Looking forward to hearing from you all. www.facebook.com/SunbeamKidsInternationalTheTaylors/



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE: Our next LWML meeting will be on Saturday, August 27th, at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room.

If you are interested in receiving the *LWML Fall Quarterly*, please let Janet Seitz know as soon as possible, as we will be ordering them shortly. These have interesting articles, information about what the LWML is doing, and good Bible studies in them.

The LWML Fall Retreat is on September 16-18 at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center in Angola, New York. The cost is \$150 for the 2 nights lodging and 5 meals. Several ladies have decided to drive there and we could travel together. Deadline is September 1. Application forms are included in the copies of the *Eastern District LWML Link* on the table in the narthex.

The Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, October 15th at Grace Lutheran, Universal.



COLLEGE STUDENT BIBLE STUDY – A summer student Bible Study with lunch will be held on Sundays at 12:30 PM at First Trinity Church (535 N. Neville Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15237) in the campus pastor's study (use back door to lower level). All college students (including recently graduated high school seniors) are welcome. Join us for one, some, or all, as the plan is that each session will stand on its own. This event is free. Pastor Eric R. Andrae; 412-683-4121, ext. 2; www.LSFPgh.com.

FOUNDATION FOR CHRISTIAN COUNSELING KENNYWOOD DAY - Have a fun day at Kennywood and support Christian Counseling services throughout western PA on August 4, 2016! Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$45 for children under 12. Your donation will include a Ride All Day Pass, access to the Foundation Pavilion, and free food and drink at the Foundation Pavilion. Staff members from the Foundation and Christian Counseling Associates will be available at the Pavilion to greet you! Visit www.ccawpa.com for more details.



Genesis Seminar II: Creation, Evolution or Both **August 12, 13 & 14**

Zion Lutheran in Bridgeville (3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017—located 1 mile south of Exit 54 from Interstate 79) will host a key teaching event on a topic relevant to all Christians as it pertains to the trustworthiness of Holy Scripture. Several **Question & Answer** (Q & A) sessions are planned. The complete program is on the **Zion** website, www.zlcb.org. **Creation Science Fellowship (CSF Pittsburgh)** is a cosponsor of this three-day teaching event, www.cfspittsburgh.org.

SPEAKERS: **Dr. Steinmann** is the Distinguished Professor of Theology & Hebrew at Concordia U, Chicago. He is an ordained LCMS minister and author of over 50 articles, a seminary level textbook and a consultant for the Concordia ESV Study Bible. Two speakers from **CSF**, biologist **Dennis Wert** and physical scientist **Robert Walsh**, will lecture. Mathematician **Ralph Gillmann** and logistics consultant **Anthony German** will also give lectures. Zion member **Dr. Ted Siek** will MC and lead the Q & A sessions on Saturday night and Sunday night with all speakers present. Presentations will be by PowerPoint.

Friday 7 PM: All speakers (our creationist faculty) will be introduced and each speaker will summarize the scientific reasons why he rejects comprehensive evolution. Q & A, as time allows, will follow.

Saturday 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Illustrated lectures by R. Gillmann, D. Wert, and R. Walsh.

Saturday 2-5 PM: Lectures by Dr. Steinmann, A. German, D. Wert by PowerPoint.

Saturday 7 – 9:30 PM: Dr. Siek on evolutionists admitting bias; more Q & A by panel.

Sunday 2 – 4 PM: Dr. Steinmann on interpreting Genesis by letting scripture interpret scripture.

Please join us and allow highly qualified scientists and theologians help you to understand the creation-evolution controversy and to defend the biblical account of creation in six literal days.



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Time is running out for you to sign up for one of this fall's Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends. All married couples deserve a weekend to escape from daily pressures and responsibilities to search out and discover an even warmer, closer, more joyful marital relationship! NOW is the time to sign up for a Weekend at one of the beautiful retreat centers scheduled this fall:

- **September 16-18, 2016** at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new, hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.
- **October 21-23, 2016** at the Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA—a lovely, hotel-style retreat center perched on a hillside in the Allegheny National Forest, a couple hours north of Pittsburgh.

Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 3 PM and are designed to help you make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your registration fee of \$100, plus a contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign up TODAY by going to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the fee with a credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.



Two Nights – One Mission

Two Locations – One Dynamic Program

Meet clients who were served at local centers.

See and hear Mary Chapman, Director of Church Outreach and Engagement and creator of all the new Making Life Disciples Curriculum.

**Thursday, October 6, 2016 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, North Hills
OR**

**Thursday, October 27, 2016 at The Double Tree Hotel in Monroeville
Registration has begun and details are at www.mypregnancycenter.org.**



*Beginning Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00 PM, Women's Choice Network in Wexford will begin a six-week Post-Abortive Healing and Recovery Group. If you have previously suffered from abortion and have struggled with negative emotions, **BROKEN VESSELS** is a safe and confidential place where you can break free from the past and experience ultimate healing and freedom. For more information or to register, visit www.brokenvesselsgroup.com or email jessicap@womenschoicenetowork.com or call (412) 687-7767, exte.205.*



“Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift” (2 Cor. 9:15)! This is St. Paul’s exclamation upon hearing the Corinthian church’s response to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his request for support for the Church in Jerusalem. The Christians in Corinth heard and received God’s mercy in Christ, and they responded to St. Paul’s call to support Christians in Jerusalem with a collection. The Corinthian’s joy filled Jerusalem’s need.

This is the reality of stewardship. Because of God’s generosity in the giving of His Son to die on the cross for us, we are to be generous with all that we receive from Him. What do we receive? Everything. All that we are and all that we have is the Lord’s. He is the creator and the giver. We are His creatures and those who receive what He gives.

It sounds easy. And it is. But then again it isn’t. Stewardship is easy because it God’s work. Through what God gives, we give to others. Through what God gives, we support the work of the church for the life of the world. He gives; we receive. And like our generous Father in Heaven, we, as His children, use what He gives to us to love and serve others.

But stewardship is also difficult. That is because it goes against our natural inclination to think that what I have is mine to do what I want with. This is our sinful nature. It is our selfishness and our greed. How can we who have been given everything—life, food, clothing, house, home, forgiveness, divine sonship, an eternal inheritance—be so stingy with what we give to the church, the place where we hear about and receive all that God gives us and does for us? We are all guilty of this kind of thinking. And the only godly response is to repent and trust in the Gospel.

For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes. He will. This is His sure and certain promise. God provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the life that is to come.

The church is a mercy place. It’s a place where God’s mercy in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, is given and received. For we who believe in Christ, it means forgiveness, life, and salvation in the face of sin, death, and the power of the devil. Here in the church we inhale God’s mercy in Word and Sacrament, and exhale this same mercy in love and service to our neighbor. And that is an enduring, joyful thing to do. Our joy fills our neighbor’s need because His joy filled ours (Heb. 12:2). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

*You can’t help everyone,
but everyone can help someone.*



FOR HEALTH & HEALING

Betty Marcellus (recovering from surgery); Ryan (hospitalized, recovering from an accident – friend of Davis family); Diane McClellan (recovering from cornea transplant surgery); Timothy Robinson (health concerns – Ron Davis’ son-in-law); Nathan (burns to face – Bernice Yeager’s grandson); Diane DePasquale (recovering from back surgery); Harry Muschar (COPD problems, family member of Linda Williams); Debby (breast cancer – Sandy Malarkey’s sister); Harry Marcellus (health issues); Ron Davis, Jr. (health concerns); Sharon (sepsis – friend of Sandi Weber); Ralph Schuetz (health concerns); Colleen (health issues – Eileen Vogel’s daughter); Sloss Family (health issues – McClellan’s neighbors); Clay McClellan (health issues); John Dougherty (health issues – Jackie’s son); Christina Lopresto (thyroid cancer treatment – Patti’s daughter-in-law); Nadine Weber (health issues); Mary (lung cancer – Nadine Weber’s sister-in-law); Pete Piper (health issues – friend of Jasper’s); Lucy (breathing problems – friend of Sandi Weber); Vicky Herrmann (health issues – friend of Lisa Marcellus); Brian Leonard (health issues); Mary (Jessica Barry’s aunt – leukemia); Diane (autoimmune system issues – friend of Gene Williams); Roberta and Suzanne (health issues – Ruth Dille’s nieces); Ted Beiter (health issues); Anna (treatment for cancer – Ron Curcio’s great-niece); Eileen Gaugler’s sister (back pain); Lisa Hinterliter (Michael McAndrews’ sister – health issues); Kim (friend of Cheryl Saffa – health issues); Sandi Weber (health issues); Don Sohngen; Bing (cancer – Nadine Weber’s brother); Carol Watterson (brain cancer); Cheryl (breast cancer – Edie Krom’s sister); John Walker (health issues); Anna May Forsman; Cheryl Hoffman (friend of Cherie Shaginaw – cancer); Scott Halapin (friend of Cherie Shaginaw – liver failure); Betty Owen (health issues); John Benka (Mary Lynn Tassotto’s father); Brody Barry; Norm Stauffer; Twilla (health issues – Lydia Jarboe’s niece); Marge Christopher, Dulcie Fisher, Joan Fullerton, and Helen Goettmann.

FOR STRENGTH & COMFORT

For all those who lost loved ones, especially Rob Weber and his family on the death of Rob’s mother; the family of Lawrence Vossler (Chris Schroeder’s grandfather); the family of Helen Lewis; Judy, Shelley and their family upon the death of Ben; Pam Martens upon the death of her aunt; Vanessa and Pete Candreva upon the death of Vanessa’s grandmother; Phyllis Kitzki, Mark Kitzki and Ruth Holmes upon the death of son and brother, Paul Kitzki; Paul and Trish Young and the Diak family upon the death of son, brother, and uncle, Craig Young; Linda Williams and her family upon the death of her father, Robert Eichelman; family and friends of Tom Drucis; Denny Meier and his family upon his mother Alice’s death; Ralph Zacharias and his family upon the death of Ralph’s son, Alan; the Dancison family; for the citizens, survivors, relief workers, missionaries, and families affected by terrorist attacks and disasters worldwide

FOR THANKSGIVING

For the birth of Benjamin William Kim (grandson of Glenna and Bill Powers); for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; the gifts of love and God’s Word; family and friends; our country

FOR SAFETY/PROTECTION

For Dawn and Laurence’s mission trip to Lebanon; Stephen Blum and Ben Blum; missionaries; our armed forces; unborn children; college students

FOR DIRECTION AND FAITH

For Frank, James, Brendan, Gerald, Colby, Roxanne (Sandi Weber’s friend); Tonya Davis (Ron Davis, Jr.’s daughter); Mark, Rob, Randy; Brad; Mike; Sam; John; Jake; Debbie; the Kowalewski family; those who are experiencing a crisis of faith; women with unplanned pregnancies

GENERAL PRAYER, GUIDANCE, AND PROVISION

For all our VBS participants and families; that God would raise up leaders here at Ascension and especially for our youth; for SOAR Respite Nights; Concordia College (Bronxville, NY); Barry family; Mia and her family (friends of the Barry’s); Gene Williams, Jr. and DiscipleMakers; Pastor Eric Andr e and Campus Ministry in Oakland; seminary students; the residents and staff of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, Shepherd’s Heart Fellowship; Food For The Poor; Christian Counseling Associates counselors and their clients



Upcoming Lutheran Hour Broadcasts:

August 7, 2016

"The Word in a World of Words"

It's "Archives August" and Pastor Gregory Seltz revisits a classic sermon by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)

August 14, 2016

"In Spite of Everything "

"Archives August" continues, as Pastor Gregory Seltz preaches another classic sermon by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. (Romans 8:28)

August 21, 2016

"Hope Not in Politicians"

"Archives August" concludes with a classic yet timely message originally presented by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. (Isaiah 31:1-3)

August 28, 2016

"Boasting – Ridiculous or Real"

Modern man boasts, "God is dead," but what have we gained from such thinking? (Galatians 6:14) Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Lutheran Hour broadcasts can be heard on WJAS/1320 AM at 7:00 AM Sunday mornings. You may also read the sermon or listen to it at www.lutheranhour.org.



Generosity Adds Value to Life

The dictionary defines generosity as “the quality of being kind and generous . . . that often overwhelms friends and neighbors.” It’s no wonder why Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Whenever someone contributes to the needs of others because they are motivated by a care and concern for that need, God’s love is clearly and powerfully conveyed with an authentic witness.

Christian songwriter Michael Card says it this way: “With Christ as your only possession, then giving becomes our delight.” For sure, there is a sense of satisfaction in giving that only the giver can know.

The dictionary also lists parallel words for ‘generosity.’ These synonyms include concepts that many hold as positive values: liberality, lavishness, free-handedness, magnanimous, unselfishness, abundance and plentifulness all describe a ‘fullness’ that our Father in Heaven wants for His children.

God established an ancient system to care for the poor, the foreigners, widows and the orphans. Mercy and justice in dealing with others, especially those on the margins of society, was an instruction with a promise of great value. Over time, acts of charity demonstrated by many cultures differentiated Christian charity, because it did not seek its own benefit. Its motivation stemmed from the needs of others.

The value from generosity is not limited to recipients, whether poor, marginalized or otherwise. Anyone who has experienced the kindness of others can affirm that the principal impact of generosity’s value is experienced by the one who shares.

Social and psychological sciences have ample evidence that happiness correlates to taking advantage of the opportunities to live outside of self. The value of generosity surrounds life with joy and meaning.

For more information, contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ robert.wirth@lfn.org or 716-863-4427. www.lcmsfoundation.org; 800-325-7912, ext 1684



Bubbleteers are needed to help NHC! Bubbleteers are volunteers who help at a Bubble Run...a super fun, bubble-filled 5k run where participants run or walk through mounds of colored foam. NHC is the charity partner of Bubble Run at Hartwood on August 27, which means that if a certain number of committed volunteers help out, NHC will receive a financial donation to support our many services. Volunteers are needed for packet pickup on August 26 and for run day, August 27, at Hartwood. Please contact Harriet at 412-408-3830 x 3204 or hzigibbs@nhco.org, or visit nhco.org/blog to find the **specific** link to register to volunteer on behalf of NHC. Volunteers should be registered by August 12.

Fresh produce from gardens accepted at NHC's pantries – NHC has always welcomed fresh produce donations for our clients. To make it easier for local gardeners to donate produce, NHC has joined AmpleHarvest.org, a nationwide program working to end fresh food waste and hunger. Ampleharvest.org enables local backyard/community gardeners to easily locate neighborhood food pantries to share their excess garden bounty with neighbors in need. Please visit Ampleharvest.org for more information and to locate NHC's three pantries.

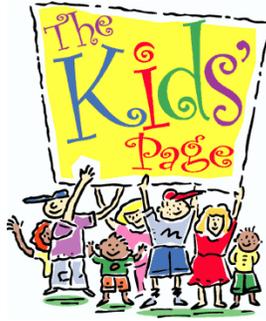
Free Identity Theft prevention workshop at NHC – NHC Millvale will host a free Preventing Identity Theft workshop, 1:30-4:00 PM, Thursday, August 18 in the 2nd floor Millvale Community Center, 416 Lincoln Avenue. To register, please call 412-408-3830 x 3217.

Ask the Attorney sessions for low-income families – Free legal consultation for non-criminal issues such as divorce, bankruptcy, credit issues, family matters, rent disputes and more is available for families in need at North Hills Community Outreach locations the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM except December. The next ATA sessions are: August 17 at NHC Allison Park and September 21 at NHC Millvale. Attendees **MUST** preregister for these sessions by contacting Brady at briedel@nhco.org or 412-408-3830 x 3217.

NHC General Volunteer Orientations – NHC will host a Volunteer Orientation session at 10 AM, Thursday, September 8 in NHC North Boroughs, AGH-Suburban Campus, 100 S. Jackson Avenue, Bellevue, in the 2nd floor physician's dining room. There is no session in August. Volunteers are needed for all sites. Needs include volunteers to harvest produce at our Bellevue garden in September, drivers for our Free Rides for Seniors shuttles, cart runners at our NHC North Boroughs food pantry, drivers to transport seniors to appointments, volunteers to stock our newsletters and brochures in various communities, and more. Please contact Harriet at hzigibbs@nhco.org or 412-408-3830 x 3204 to register.

NHC In Service of Seniors Volunteer Orientations – NHC's In Service of Seniors program matches volunteers with seniors to provide a ride to the doctor, help with grocery shopping, friendly visiting or light yard work. Your friendship and just an hour of your time each week or even once a month means so much to a senior. There is an In Service of Seniors volunteer orientation at 4:30 PM, September 22 at North Hills Community Outreach, 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. Register by contacting Cathy at clpschirer@nhco.org or 412-307-0069 x 3313, or contact Cathy for more dates.

NHC Speakers Available – NHC's staff or volunteer speakers will speak to your congregation, business, civic group or school at no charge about NHC's programs and services and volunteer opportunities. For more information or to schedule a speaker, please contact Jen at JLKissel@nhco.org or 412-487-6316, option 1, x 3112.



VACATION IDEAS WORD SEARCH

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VACATION IDEAS WORD BANK:

AMUSEMENT PARK

AQUARIUM

BEACH

BIKE TRIP

BOAT TRIP

BUS TRIP

CAMPING

COTTAGE

CROSS COUNTRY

CRUISE

DISNEY

HIKING

RANCH

RESORT

ROAD TRIP

SKIING

STAYCATION

THEME PARK

TRAIN TOUR

WATER PARK

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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Prayer time at 8:45 AM in Fireside Room
Worship Service: **Sunday at 9:30 A.M.**

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday

9:00 AM-Noon; 1:00-4:00 PM

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Acknowledging the great gift of God the Father in sending His Son, Jesus Christ, as our Savior, we the people of Ascension Lutheran Church, as guided by the Holy Spirit, are committed to the furtherance of God's Kingdom. We will share and live the Gospel in our homes, our church, our community, and the world. Motivated by Christ's love for us, we are dedicated to spiritual growth and unity, worship and fellowship, and compassionate service. We recognize this as our common purpose and pray that God will enable us by His strength and wisdom to seek and do His will.

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