



THE HEART OF ASCENSION

December
2018

WELCOME PASTOR MARTIN LEE, OUR INTENTIONAL INTERIM PASTOR!!

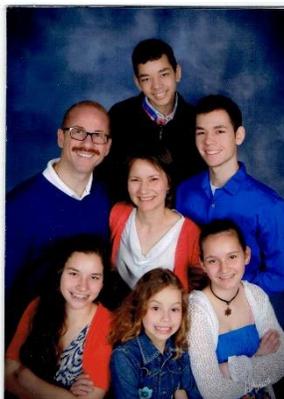


I was born into a bi-racial family and named after Martin Luther King Jr., who of course was named after the first Martin of the Reformation. By the age of 7, I had lived in seven foster homes and was then adopted by two incredible Lutheran school teachers. God is good. I attended Lutheran schools from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

I received a BA degree from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN, and am a doctoral student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. While a student at Concordia Theological Seminary, I also studied at the US Navy Chaplain's Candidate School and graduated from the officer's school in Newport, RI. Since graduating from college, I have been a professional church worker in ten different churches (four with schools) over the last twenty-six years. I have served in small, program, large, and corporate sized congregations; in positions varying from youth ministry to senior administrative



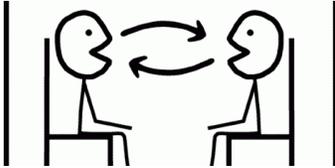
pastor. My first call out of seminary was to a "mission" congregation in southern California requesting me to seek outside employment. I was hired by UBS PaineWebber, where I had oversight of a large portfolio of private investments, including many non-profit endowments. I have served in the securities industry providing financial planning advice, developing planned gifts for churches, and developing estate and retirement benefit plans for church workers over the last 20 years. I also serve as the financial and recording secretary on the Intentional Ministry Conference (IMC) Board of Directors.



In 1994, I married Anne R. (Lockwood), who is an estate planning attorney. Together we have been blessed with five children: Kyle (23), Kelsey (20), Justin (18), Rachel (16), and Katie (12). I enjoy spending time with my family, running, landscaping, and reading. I also love spending time with God's people, and am passionate about working with congregations in times of transition.



INSTALLATION OF PASTOR MARTIN LEE – Pastor Martin Lee's Installation Service will be held on **Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 3:00 PM** at Ascension. A **dinner reception** welcoming and celebrating his installation **will follow** in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the installation. **Please RSVP by December 2 to Barb Marcellus at bemarcellus1@gmail.com with the number attending.**



ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS WITH PASTOR LEE – One-on-One Meetings signup sheets are located on a tripod in the narthex. Please select a date/time that is convenient for you and fill in your name (individual, family, or couple). Please print clearly. Husbands and wives can schedule together or apart, whatever suits your schedules.

You are welcome to bring your children. **Also, please take a questionnaire provided to PREPARE for our meeting.** They are in a folder below the signup sheets. All meetings are private and confidential. I'm looking forward to meeting you all and sharing with you what you may expect in the months ahead. Thanks! In Christ who loves us much, Pastor Lee.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA – The LWML is once again sponsoring a Christmas Tea on Saturday, **December 1st** from Noon-2 PM. We will be having tea sandwiches, salads, cookies, cake, etc. If you would like to bring something, please let Ronette Blake, Shannon Schroeder, or Janet Seitz know. We would also like to use regular tea cups instead of Styrofoam ones this year. If you have any you'd like to share, please bring them. We will get in the Christmas spirit by listening to a program entitled "The Symbols of Christmas Through Christian Eyes" and singing carols. Hope to see you there.



*Communion
Schedule*



Holy Communion in December will be celebrated on December 2, December 23, and December 30, 2018.

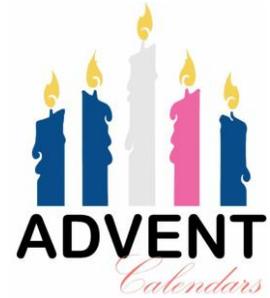
THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be presented during the worship service on Sunday, **December 16, 2018** at 9:30 AM. In preparation for the pageant, there will be a **special rehearsal** and filming session for all children and youth on **Saturday, December 8** from 10 AM until Noon. Pizza will be provided for all participants. Please contact vcandрева@ascensionpgh.com to RSVP. **On Sunday, December 9** during the Sunday School hour there will be **no children's Sunday School classes in order to rehearse for the pageant.** There is a tentative rehearsal scheduled for Saturday, December 15 if needed. That time will be announced.





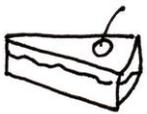
On Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018, at 7:00 PM, there will be a candlelight worship service. Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas during the Christmas Eve Worship Service! Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

THE CHOCOLATE IS BACK! Advent is the time to prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming on Christmas. Ascension provides special devotional materials for adults in our church. The Evangelism Outreach Board is providing materials for our children. Miss Patti's and Miss Vicki's classes will receive a fun calendar with stickers plus an extra to share with a friend. We are also providing chocolate calendars for you to share with your grandchildren, neighbors, or young friends who need to hear about Christ this Christmas. A note attached to the calendars gives ideas for sharing the Good News using these secular calendars. They are available in the narthex.



In December, choir will rehearse at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 6, Thursday, December 13, and TUESDAY, December 18. There will also be a dress rehearsal for Christmas Eve on Sunday, December 23 from Noon until 1:00 PM. We are working on music for the Christmas season. New members are always welcome!

The Young at Heart Retirees' Group will have their next get-together on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 11:30 AM at Casey's on Route 8. Please call Sally Long at 724-449-2618 if you plan to attend!



Take a break

The **Ascension Community Fellowship Luncheon** is taking a break in December due to the busyness of the month. Stay tuned for information on the next date!

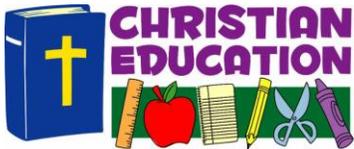
Congregational Meeting

THE VOTERS' MEETING that was scheduled for December 2, 2018 has been rescheduled to January 6, 2019 immediately following the 9:30 AM worship service.



BAND OF BROTHERS meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month in the Fireside Room. The men are scheduled to meet next on Saturday, December 15, 2018. Doors are open at 8:30 AM for fellowship and the study goes from 9 AM-10 AM. All are welcome!

MORNING WITH THE LORD – Join us for *Praise and Prayer Time* Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. We will not be meeting December 26th. For more information, please see Bob Booth.



NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES – There will be no Christian Education classes on December 16th or December 30th.



As you prepare your Christmas cards, please remember our shut-ins:

Ruth Dille
 Concordia of Franklin Park
 1600 Georgetowne Drive
 Room S-203
 Sewickley, PA 15143

Phyllis Kitzki
 Concordia Lutheran Ministries
 134 Marwood Road
 Lund Four, Room 2035
 Cabot, PA 16023

Elva Fields
 1927 Buena Vista Street
 Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Clay McClellan
 The Arbors at St. Barnabas
 85 Charity Place
 Valencia, PA 16059

Helen Goettmann
 401 West Commons Drive, #419
 Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Nadine Weber
 Concordia of Wexford
 125 Brown Road
 Wexford, PA 15090

Lois Kitzki
 Elmcroft of Saxonburg
 100 Bella Court, Room 306
 Saxonburg, PA 16056

Paul Young
 123 Wedgewood Drive
 Pittsburgh, PA 15229

Operation Christmas Child



We praise God that **193** boxes were collected from Ascension for Operation Christmas Child! This is incredible considering all the challenges our church has been through lately! Interestingly, 97 boxes were given for girls and 96 for boys! **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in this wonderful program that distributes shoeboxes that you pack to underprivileged children throughout the world. Remember, each box represents a child and a Gospel opportunity to bring that child to know Christ. Imagine when you're in Heaven and someone comes up to you and says "Thank you. I'm here because I received a shoebox that you packed." How awesome would that be? Pray that the children who receive these boxes will come to know the saving love of Jesus. Thank you again!!!!

In November, SOAR participants wrote things for which they are thankful (see picture to left). Next time you are in the Education Wing hallway take a look to see what they wrote.

THE NEXT SOAR RESPITE NIGHT will be held at Ascension on Friday, **December 14, 2018** from 6-9 PM and the **theme will be Happy Birthday, Jesus!** SOAR (**S**pecial **O**pportunities, **A**bilities, and **R**elationships) is for children with special needs and their typical siblings ages 2-10. 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. **We try to have a buddy for each child, so we can always use more volunteers!** Please pray about and consider helping with Respite Nights as a way to reach out to those with special needs in our community. If you have any questions, please email soar@ascensionpgh.com or call Emily Marcellus at 724-799-5635.





Poinsettias for Christmas

We are offering for sale 6" poinsettia plants to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas. We will have Red, White, Pink, Marble (which is pink with white) and Jingle Bell (which is red tones splashed with pink & white shades) available for \$10.00 each. Orders need to be in by December 16th. Flowers will be available on Christmas Eve. If you have any questions, please see or call Janet Seitz at 412-323-0857.

Make checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church. Please give order forms and payment to Janet Seitz or place them in her mailbox in the narthex or in the offering plate.

I would like to order the following:

Amount	Color	Price	Total
_____	Red	\$10 Each	_____
_____	White	"	_____
_____	Pink	"	_____
_____	Marble	"	_____
_____	Jingle Bell	"	_____

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOUR PLANT IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF SOMEONE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF _____

NAME: _____ Phone No.: _____

Total No. plants: _____ Total enclosed: _____

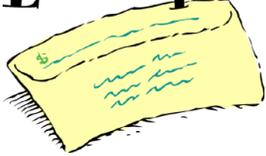


As we look forward to the new year, it's time to set up our schedules for the next 12 months. We are in need of several people to serve on the Altar Guild. This consists of one month a year to set up and take down Communion twice a month. This takes about an hour of time. This is usually done on a Saturday to set up and immediately after the service to take down. If you are interested in serving, please see Janet Seitz or call her at 412-323-0857.

The 2019 flower chart will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex shortly to order Altar flowers. The cost is \$35 per arrangement.



Offering Envelopes



Don't forget to pick up your new 2019 offering envelopes! They will be available soon in your mailboxes in the narthex. Please do not use these new envelopes until January.

OFFICE HELP NEEDED – Barb will be on vacation December 24-31, 2018. The church office will be closed on December 25 and January 1. We are looking for volunteers to come into the office for a half-day (9 AM to 1 PM) while Barb is on vacation to answer the phone and the door. If you are able to help, please call or email Barb at 412-364-4463 or secretary@ascensionpgh.com. Thank you!



Concordia's Sixth Annual **Live Nativity** will be held on Sunday, **December 16, 2018** at 148 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023 (Entrance #5, Haven II). Performances are scheduled for 4:30, 5:15 and 6:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public. This live nativity will consist of Concordia staff and residents and live animals. Live Christmas music, hot beverages and refreshments will be provided indoors as well as a gift for children 12 and under. This will be a "walk-through" nativity, so guests are encouraged to dress warmly. Parking will be available at Entrances 5 and 6. For more information, call 724-352-1571, extension 8343, or visit the Events page at www.concordialm.org.

December Anniversaries:

- 20 Ron & Ruth Gredlein
- 27 Clay & Diane McClellan



December Birthdays:

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| 3 | Abel Debner | 21 | Dan Skrastins |
| 4 | Bonnie Clark | 21 | Kathy Stuckler |
| 7 | Maggie Larrow | 22 | Reed Gaertner |
| 11 | Vicki Wiegand | 22 | Mark Koorsen |
| 11 | Easton Lamping | 23 | Jack Connolly |
| 12 | Craig Preisendefer | 23 | Evan McMillin |
| 13 | Oak Gaertner | 25 | Our Savior, Jesus |
| 15 | Gene Williams, Jr. | 28 | Connie Letters |
| 19 | Mariann Kaczmarek | 29 | Kim Zdobinski |
| 19 | Tim Koontz | 30 | Linda Williams |
| 21 | Glenna Powers | | |

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 Marty Dodson and her family as her husband, Chester, went to be with his Lord and Savior on October 28, 2018. Please keep Marty and her family in your prayers, and may God be with them and comfort them.

Thank you to Tom Saffa (Cheryl's husband) for donating and installing safety grab bars in bathroom stalls in the Fellowship Hall area!



Thank You

Thanks also to Amy and Steve Diak for redecorating and reorganizing the narthex!

Thank You

Ascension received the following note with a monetary donation enclosed from the SALT Speech and Debate group who uses the facilities:

Dear Friends,

Once again we write to thank you for graciously allowing us to use your lovely church for our speech & debate meetings. Our ultimate mission is to train our students to be winsome communicators of the Gospel. Your service to us makes you a partner in this. May God bless you for your kind hospitality.

Happy Thanksgiving from all the families of SALT

A VISIT TO BETHLEHEM – Explore the true meaning of Christmas as you walk through the streets of Bethlehem as they existed in the time of Christ. Experience the story of the nativity firsthand as the people of Bethlehem go about their work. Admission to this indoor attraction is FREE and will be held December 8, 9, 15 & 16, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at St. John’s Lutheran Church of Highland (311 Cumberland Road in McCandless across from Northland Public Library). Estimate 30 minutes time for walk-through. For more information call 412-364-2508.



AL'S BIKE DRIVE – Please assist us in supporting our Marines as they collect toys for underprivileged children. Your donation of \$90 will purchase a bicycle for a child who might not receive one otherwise. Make your check payable to Al's Bike Drive and mail to: Al Todd, 1736 Ferguson Road, Suite 200, Allison Park, PA 15101 or donate online at www.alsbikedrive.org. For more information, contact 412-229-7783 or alsbikedrive@gmail.com. Bicycles will be presented to

the Marines at a luncheon on **December 6, 2018** at 11:30 AM at **Wildwood Country Club**. For those who can help transport bikes that morning, please visit our website to sign up! www.alsbikedrive.org. **FYI—Al's Bike Drive is the organization that donated new bikes to all our SOAR participants!**



www.lcmsfoundation.org 800-325-7912 Ext 1684

God's Invasion

Invasion is a word that recalls huge impact for all of us. The thought of 'invasion' stamps vivid images that etch experiences and memories into our lives.

My father experienced the fear and protection of a military invasion when he was not yet 20, as his US Army forces pushed across France toward the Eastern Block European countries in the second major wave against the Evil Axis that was formed to end Hitler's madness. His stories were of atrocities, suffering and grace that only a soldier knows.

If a home has ever been invaded, the owner knows how exposed and fear-filled vulnerability such emotions are that few other circumstances match. Personal invasion of sexual, physical or emotional boundaries leaves the victim violated in ways that are profoundly singular yet, sadly, far too common for many.

Financial language speaks of 'invasion' when referring to a reduction of principal assets such as with a trust or account. Invasion of corpus is typically an undesirable objective, unless it is a planned occurrence that is managed to handle unforeseen 'what if' scenarios. The LCMS Foundation was created to determine such decisions. The thing about invasions is that they can be initiated to protect and provide!

A surgeon invades the body to remedy a physical issue that requires the medical operation. When such invasion is needed, the risks are weighed against the benefits. It is determined that the benefits outweigh the risks toward the objective of healing.

Privacy and identity 'invasion' is another hot button issue for contemporary government, health management and digital worlds. Typically, these invasions present risk that creates unwanted vulnerability for all consumers and citizens.

Invasions usually are associated with circumstances that involve important and critical issues; often life or death. When God planned to invade a world that He created with His Goodness but had gone rogue. This plan of invasion required not only a sacrificial lamb without blemish, but it would fulfill the only spiritual promise of immortality ever given with an unbreakable seal.

God's invasion penetrated and conquered the thresholds of evil with good; darkness with light; death with life! Bitterness, envy, malice and hatred were covered up with compassion, love, peace and forgiveness. The Good News for all mankind is that God, in Christ, has invaded His Creation to reconcile it (and us) back to the God who made it.

God's invasion brought the Savior. His Holy Spirit continues to sustain faith daily in the Word and Sacraments of the Church. Having been so invaded by God, we also can direct and plan His love for the people and ministries we care about, that they might spread the news. *For more information, contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ robert.wirth@lfn.org or 716-863-4427.*



HEALTH & HEALING (health issues unless otherwise noted)

Paul Young (broken shoulder); Martin Anderson (recovery from toe amputation – Becky Marquette’s father); Gene Williams, Sr. (mesothelioma/mini-stroke recovery); Emily Marcellus (concussion); Ruth Dille; Chris Fiedler (Eileen Vogel’s brother-in-law); Joan Fitzpatrick (inoperable, painful tumor on spine – Eileen Vogel’s friend); Sean McClellan (ulcer – Clay and Diane’s son); Tim Koontz (depression); Art Prado (hand injury – friend of Eileen Vogel); Amy Borden (Arlene Preisenderfer’s daughter – cancer and treatments); Tim Robinson (kidney transplant recovery – Ron Davis’ son-in-law); Carolyn Fagen (foot problems); Geraldine Nicolette (4th stage ovarian cancer – Janine’s mother); Karen; Denny (friend of Bob & Karen Booth); Jenn (recovery from lung surgery – friend of Cherie Shaginaw); John (healing – friend of Sandi Weber); two-year-old Eliana (Ellie) Doman and family (serious heart issues – on transplant list – friends of Shannon Schroeder); Colby McClellan (thyroid mass – Diane & Clay’s grandson); Ron Davis, Jr.; Clay McClellan; Matthew McClellan (recovering from surgery on both eyes); Marian & John Benka (Mary Lynn Tassotto’s parents); Polly (cancer); Nancy Edmundson (Cherie Shaginaw’s mother); Roxanne (stage 4 cervical cancer – Cherie Shaginaw’s cousin-in-law); Shannon Schroeder (recovery from car accident injuries); Sue (recovery from open-heart surgery – Gordon Marquette’s sister); John (recovery from quadruple bypass surgery – Jeannie Connolly’s brother); Becky Marquette; Marc Thompson (heart problem – Karen and Bob Booth’s nephew); Sharon (friend of Jeannie Connolly); Laurence Gaertner (Lyme disease); Pat Casten; Katy; Kate Candreva (Pete’s mother); Bj Astridge (recovery from surgery); Luciano and Irene Fantin (in their 80s with declining health – Michael’s parents); Jake (car accident – friend of Bj Astridge’s cousin); Janet (breast cancer); Stephanie and daughter (Eileen Gaugler’s niece); Diane McClellan; Levi Mayle and family (idiopathic infantile scoliosis requiring body casts – Lora Koontz’s cousins); Kristine, daughter Lauren, and Kristine’s father (friends of Michael Lipinski); Nancy Mahler (Stage 4 cancer – friend of Karen Booth); Ryan (recovering from an accident – friend of Davis family); Debby (breast cancer – Sandy Malarkey’s sister); Colleen (Eileen Vogel’s daughter); John Dougherty; Diane (autoimmune system issues – friend of Gene Williams); Eileen Gaugler’s sister (back pain); Anna (treatment for cancer – Ron Curcio’s great-niece); Lisa Hinterliter (Michael McAndrews’ sister); Kim (friend of Cheryl Saffa); Don Sohngen; Cheryl (breast cancer – Edie Krom’s sister); Cheryl Hoffman (cancer – friend of Cherie Shaginaw); Scott Halapin (liver failure – friend of Cherie Shaginaw); Brody Barry; Twilla (Lydia Jarboe’s niece); Dulcie Fisher, and Helen Goettmann

FOR STRENGTH & COMFORT

For all those who lost loved ones, especially the family of Pastor Gene Reddel; the family of Pastor Paul Morrison; the family of Miriam Martens; the Agostino family with the loss of Lyla June; Charlotte Beiter on the death of Ted; the Fantin family on the sudden death of Michael’s sister; Deb Weber and her family on the death of her father; for the citizens, survivors, relief workers, missionaries, and families affected by hurricanes, earthquakes, terrorist attacks and disasters worldwide, especially Christine and her family in Puerto Rico (Shannon Schroeder’s friend)

FOR THANKSGIVING

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 Stephen Blum and Ben Blum; missionaries; our armed forces; unborn children; college students

FOR DIRECTION AND FAITH

For John III (friend of Gene Williams); Frank; James; Brendan; Gerald; Colby; Tonya Robinson (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 the Gaertner family; Matt Shaginaw; VBS families; that God would raise up leaders here at Ascension and especially for our youth; for SOAR Respite Nights and participating families; Concordia College (Bronxville, NY); Barry family; Gene Williams, Jr. and DiscipleMakers; Pastor Eric Andræ 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; those with special needs (physical, mental, or emotional)



Upcoming Lutheran Hour Broadcasts

December 2, 2018: "Reality Therapy" The book of Ruth deals with unimportant people and unimportant matters, but deals with them in such a way as to show that God is active in ordinary lives—like yours and mine. Ruth's story became an important part of the story of Jesus. Listening to God's work in her life can rescue us from dead-end delusions and bring us into what is most real—a Jesus-centered reality. (Ruth 1-2) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

December 9, 2018: "Redeemer with a Capital R" When people use the word "redeem" outside of religious context, they tend to use it in a commercial sense—redeeming points from purchases or casino tokens for cash. In the Bible, the word "redeem" is used in a family setting. In the story of Ruth, Boaz is a "kinsman redeemer," who points to Jesus, our capital-R Redeemer. Jesus has done more than pay our points. He redeems by bringing us into His clan, His people, His household, that we might be with Him forever. (Ruth 3-4) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

December 16, 2018: "In Anxious Times - Rejoice!" Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. With anxiety on the rise, the Apostle Paul's call to "rejoice always" seems all but unobtainable. While there are many helpful ways to cope with society's increasing anxiety, Paul points us to a frequently overlooked source of joy and peace, God's grace in Christ. Philippians 4:4-7) Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

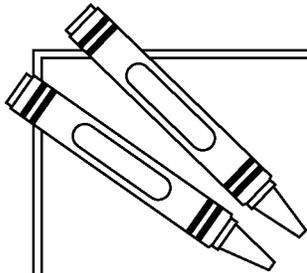
December 23, 2018: "The King's Strength" A true king's strength is seen, not in vaults and arsenals, but in the loyalty of his people. We celebrate the birth of the King who won the victory, not by taxing His subjects and killing His enemies, but by serving, loving and dying for them. By His resurrection, He destroyed the power of sin and lends us strength to become His loyal subjects. (Luke 1:26-56) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

December 30, 2018: "A Long Good-Bye" As the year comes to a close, we likely have regrets and guilt. We can beat ourselves up over work left undone, but Jesus Christ has assured us that He is your hope. His grace is more than sufficient to take us into another year and give us peace. (Luke 2:27-32) Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy

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.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS ARE AVAILABLE!

This year's Advent Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries are entitled "*The Coming King*" by Dr. Kari Vo and show how God worked through various people when He brought His Son into the world. From everyday men tending sheep to others at the local king's court, each played a part. We see Mary and Joseph, legions of angels, Zechariah and Elizabeth, Simeon, the shepherds, wise men from the east, and even King Herod all appearing in the Gospel narrative. It's a story for every man, and it's an everyman story. Such a varied ensemble makes it perfect for the modern fondness for diversity—and a great resource for sharing with others. These devotions can be read online, heard as a podcast, or downloaded at www.lhm.org/advent. **Copies are available in the narthex.**



Just for **KIDS**

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

The prophet Isaiah foretold the birth of Jesus Christ. Isaiah knew that Jesus would be called a peacemaker, but that He would also be called by other names.

Use the code to find out what Isaiah said Jesus would be called.

CODE:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

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X L F M H V O L I N R T S G B

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Isaiah 9:6, NIV

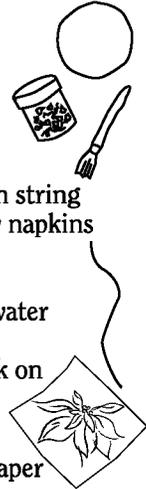
Answer: And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Make Christmas Ornaments

Make Christmas ornaments for your tree or to give as gifts.

Materials you need:

- ★ a Styrofoam ball
- ★ glitter
- ★ white craft glue
- ★ a small art brush
- ★ fishing line or thin string
- ★ decorative holiday napkins
- ★ scissors
- ★ large paper-clip
- ★ small amount of water
- ★ small paper cup
- ★ newspaper to work on



Directions:

1. Lay out the newspaper to cover your work area.
2. Open a napkin all the way and cut out the design.
3. Put some glue in the paper cup and mix in a few drops of water to thin it. Use the brush to stir.
4. Spread some of the thin glue on one half of the ball.
5. Place the napkin's design (face out) on the glued half of the ball. Press gently to smooth.
6. Carefully brush glue over the picture.
7. Repeat on the other side of the ball.
8. Roll the ball in the glitter.
9. Let dry completely.
10. Use the paper-clip to drill a hole through the ball.
11. Thread the fishing line or string through the hole and tie the ends to make a big loop.



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Address Correction Requested

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Prayer time at 8:45 AM in Fireside Room

Worship Service: **Sunday at 9:30 A.M.**

A time of fellowship follows the service.

Christian Education: **Sunday at 11:00 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 His will.

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