



THE HEART OF ASCENSION

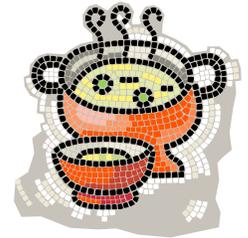


March
2020



Mid-week Lenten Services will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings. The dates of the mid-week Lenten services are March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 2020. We will be using the *Eyes on Jesus* Lenten Series. Please see the next page for more information.

Lenten Soup Suppers will be held on **Wednesdays during Lent at 5:00 PM until the church service begins**. There are **signup sheets located on the table in the Narthex** to volunteer to bring a soup or help set up or clean up. Please come and join us! If you have any questions or can help, please see Ali Lucas.



Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, March 4th! During Lent, we will meet on Wednesdays, immediately following the Lenten services. We will focus on music for Holy Week and Easter. Please join us for some beautiful singing and fellowship! New members are always welcome!

LWML – Our next meeting will be on Saturday, **March 7th** at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. We will have a guest speaker who will explain to us how to make sleep mats for the homeless out of plastic grocery bags. We felt this would be a good mission project. If anyone has 11.50 mm crochet needles, bring them with you. If you don't crochet, there are other tasks involved with this to do. All women are invited. Hope to see you there.



TIME TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS! – Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 8, 2020. Don't forget to "spring ahead" and **set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on March 7th!**



EYES ON JESUS

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Gradual for Lent, based on Hebrews 12:2)

When the characters in the Passion narrative look at Jesus, what do they see? In most cases, people misunderstood who He is and what He was doing. In some cases, by faith, people recognized Him aright. Our Lenten series this year, *Eyes on Jesus* is based on the Passion according to St. Mark. We will examine how the various people around Jesus viewed Him—and how we should view Him. We will “fix our eyes” on what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death, and celebrate what God sees on account of His work: our justification for His sake.

On Ash Wednesday, we heard how, in spite of Jesus’ repeated predictions about His upcoming Passion, the disciples with “Misjudging Eyes” fail to recognize that soon He will not be with them, and they cannot see the anonymous woman’s anointing of Jesus as preparation for His burial. But Jesus sees her actions as a beautiful deed that will be proclaimed throughout the world wherever the Gospel is heard.

At our midweek service after the First Sunday of Lent, we will look through Judas’s “Betraying Eyes” and learn why he did this awful deed. Yet the behind-the-scenes-reality is that Jesus was “handed over” (another way of translating the verb for “betray”) by God the Father Himself, so that Jesus could die for the sin of the world.

“Sleepy Eyes” is the theme for the second week of Lent. In Gethsemane, Jesus’ inner circle of Peter, James, and John cannot keep their eyes open to watch and pray with Jesus for even an hour, while Jesus comes to see that His Father’s will is that He drink the cup of God’s wrath when He comes to the “hour” of His suffering.

In the third week of Lent, we stare into the “Denying Eyes” of Peter and the other apostles. They could not see how they could ever fall away from Jesus, but after Jesus is betrayed by Judas, ten of them flee, and Peter—when he is spotted by a servant girl and sees that his own neck is on the line—sees fit to deny Jesus, which leads to his own eyes weeping in remorse. We sinners likewise deny our Lord in many ways, but Jesus denied Himself to take up the cross for our salvation.

“Murderous Eyes” is the theme of week 4 in Lent. The chief priests and scribes saw Jesus as an obstacle to be rid of by murdering Him through the Roman judicial system. Yet during the Passover festival, they would unwittingly bring about the Father’s sacrifice of the ultimate Passover Lamb.

In the fifth week of Lent, we look through the “Worldly Eyes” of Pilate, the Jewish leaders, and the Roman soldiers. Pilate can only view matters in a worldly, pragmatic way, wishing to placate the worldly Jewish leaders and crowd, so he consents to handing Jesus over for crucifixion. The soldiers see the opposite of a worldly king, but their ironic hailing of Him as “King of the Jews” proclaims who He really is. The world looks for power and glory; God’s way is suffering and the cross.

On Maundy Thursday, there is “More Than Meets the Eye” to the Lord’s Supper. We will look into the Old Testament background of the Last Supper and rejoice in the mystery that Jesus, in and with, bread and wine, gives us His body and blood in order to deliver to us the benefits of His Passion.

On Good Friday, we look through “God’s Eyes” to see what is happening during the Passion: the once-for-all atonement for the sin of the whole world and the justification of all sinners on Easter.

“Resting Eyes” is the theme for Holy Saturday. Various disciples rested their eyes upon the dead Jesus, cared for His body, and buried it. As Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses rest their eyes upon the sealed tomb and contemplate further anointing of His body the next day, they cannot see that Jesus’ own eyes are merely resting temporarily, and Easter morning will bring a dramatic reversal.

Finally, Easter Sunday gazes upon “Angel Eyes.” The angel in the tomb knows the whole story of Jesus’ resurrection. When he sees the women, he proclaims the Gospel to them, shows them where Jesus’ body had formerly lain, and tells them that they can see Jesus themselves in Galilee. Likewise, the “angels” or messengers of the Church in the apostolic ministry tell God’s people where they can find Jesus and His salvation in the Means of Grace.

With *Eyes on Jesus* as our theme this Lent, we will continuously focus on Jesus Christ and Him crucified, buried, and risen for our justification. This is a vision that will never disappoint, for by trusting in Jesus, He promises that we will gaze upon His beautiful face now by faith and forever in heaven!

Congregation Meeting

The call committee has asked to hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, **March 8th** following the Christian Education hour. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the candidates the call committee has interviewed and their recommendations regarding a potential call. Our goal would be for the congregation to decide upon the pastor to be called to Ascension. More information will be forthcoming regarding the candidates once the current round of video calls has been completed (tentatively March 1st). For questions please see any member of the call committee: Cooper Blake, Pete Candreva, Jennifer Ciccone, Mike Fiffik, Lynn Gunther, Ali Lucas, or Cherie Shaginaw.



THE NEXT SOAR RESPITE NIGHT will be held at Ascension on Friday, **March 13, 2020 from 6-9 PM and our theme will be baking!** 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 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!** If you can help or have any questions, please email soar@ascensionpgh.com or see Emily Marcellus.

MORNING WITH THE LORD – Join us for **Praise and Prayer Time** Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. For more information, please see Bob Booth.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS/BOARD CHAIRPERSONS:

Vice President: Russ Lucas
Board of Education: Ali Lucas, Chairperson
Elders: Cooper Blake, Pete Candreva, Darryl Gunther
Evangelism: Karen Booth, Chairperson
Trustees: Pete Candreva, Head Trustee
Hospitality Committee: Ali Lucas, Chairperson

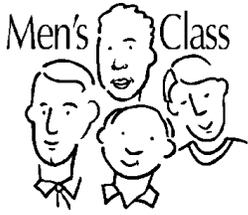
THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING OUTGOING OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS:

Bob Booth – Vice President
Coleen Henkelmann – Recording Secretary
Lora Koontz – Chairperson, Board of Education
Carolyn Walker – Chairperson, Board of Evangelism
Amy Diak – Head Trustee

FOR PASTORAL NEEDS/EMERGENCIES, please call Pastor Barry Keurulainen at 724-352-2777 (office) or after hours at 724-352-3841 (home). You may also reach him via email at bjk@stlukecabot.org. If you would like to speak with an Elder instead, please feel free to contact one of the Elders listed below:

Mike Fiffik, Head Elder	412-780-1647
Cooper Blake	412-654-4146
Bob Booth	808-295-1835
Pete Candreva	412-999-4856
David Dille	412-726-1934
Darryl Gunther	724-272-0441



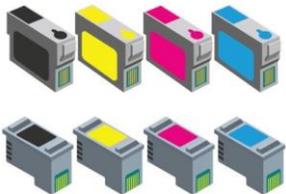


BAND OF BROTHERS: We are looking for someone to lead this group of men on the third Saturday of the months. Unfortunately, Bill Seitz has decided to retire from his leadership role with this group. We thank him for all his years of service and all the trivia facts he supplied us with. If you are interested in taking this on, please let Ali Lucas know.



ATTENTION YOUTH – SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- The **North Allegheny Women's Association** is offering a \$500 scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year in memory of Doris “Meemo” Knowlton. It is specifically offered to community-service minded female residents in the North Allegheny School District. **Application deadline is March 13, 2020 – www.nawomen.org.**
- The **Perry-Highland Women's Association** is accepting applications for a \$3,000 scholarship. Applicants must live in the North Hills area and be enrolled in a college or technical school for either summer 2020 or fall 2020. To receive application materials, please email phwa.scholarship@gmail.com. **The application deadline is March 2, 2020.**
- The **Lola G. Duff and William H. Duff, II Scholarship Program** is accepting applications for renewable scholarships up to \$15,000. The application is available at apply.scholarsapply.org/duffscholarship. **Application deadline is March 15, 2020.**



EMPTY PRINTER CARTRIDGES – If you have any empty printer cartridges at home, please donate them to the church. OfficeMax® will accept any brand empty printer cartridges. For each cartridge we will receive \$2 towards supplies at OfficeMax®. Just place the cartridges in the basket under the mailboxes in the Narthex or on Barb's desk. Thank you!

THE NUMBERS ARE IN! Because of the generosity of people across the United States, **Operation Christmas Child** collected more than 8.9 million shoeboxes in 2019! Combined with those collected from partnering countries, the ministry is now sending more than 10.5 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 100 countries! These numbers are pretty consistent with what was collected in 2018. Praise God for all the people around the world (like you) who are moved to fill shoeboxes to help spread the Good News of Jesus Christ!





ONLINE GIVING is the future! Less and less checks are being written every year and not many people carry much cash anymore. Giving online to the church only makes sense. This is the norm for the younger generation. Plus you can give at any time, not just the giving plate on Sunday mornings. Check it out! Go to Ascension's website at www.ascensionpgh.com or download the app (Give+). Questions? Talk to Bob Marcellus or email him at finance@ascensionpgh.com. Try it...you'll like it!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

LAST CHANCE: If you are a Thrivent member, you can designate your Choice Dollars to Ascension Lutheran Church. **Choice Dollars designated to eligible benefit members in 2019 must be directed by March 31, 2020.** To designate your Choice Dollars, or for more information, visit Thrivent.com/choicedollars or call 1-800-847-4836.



Concordia University – Portland Ceases Operations After Spring 2020 Semester

February 10, 2020—Portland, Ore.—Concordia University – Portland's Board of Regents has voted that the University will cease operations at the end of the Spring 2020 academic semester. The resolution was approved February 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. PST. The Board's decision came after years of mounting financial challenges, and a challenging and changing educational landscape.

“After much prayer and consideration of all options to continue Concordia University - Portland's 115-year legacy, the Board of Regents concluded that the university's current and projected enrollment and finances make it impossible to continue its educational mission,” said Interim President Dr. Thomas Ries. “We have come to the decision this is in the best interest of our students, faculty, staff and partners.”

The Northeast Portland campus has been a part of the Portland community for more than a hundred years. Upon closure, the University will return the Northeast property to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and one of the lenders, the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. It is expected they will seek a buyer for the 24-acre campus property.



March Birthdays
& Anniversaries

March Anniversaries:

12	Pete & Diane DePasquale	20	Ken & Flo Pizzica
18	Paul & Edie Krom (25 years!)	29	Greg & Patti Lopresto (40 years!)

March Birthdays:

2	Scott Fetzick	22	Claire Fiffik
6	Nikki Debner	22	Mike Kaczmarek
8	Sylvia Robinson	23	Daisy Lucas
9	David Dille	23	Michael McAndrews
13	Hannah Koontz	25	Chris Schroeder
14	Paul Adams, Jr.	28	Deanna Edwards
15	Kenneth Pizzica, III	28	Tillie Gaertner
16	Abigail Gaugler	29	Rachel Dille
17	Pat Casten	29	Eileen Vogel
19	Ronette Blake		
19	Helen Goettmann (101st!)		

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



FOUNDATION FOR CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

FUNDRAISER – The annual fundraising event for the Foundation for Christian Counseling will be a dinner and auction held on Friday, **March 20, 2020** at 6:30 PM at Giannilli's II Restaurant, 4816 US 30, Greensburg, PA. Tickets for this event are available on the Christian Counseling Associates website @

<https://christiancounselingwpa.com/>. Under **Foundation**, click on **Dinner Auction Fundraiser**. Tickets may be purchased individually or for a table of 8 people. Deadline for purchasing tickets is March 13, 2020. In lieu of attending, you may make a monetary donation to the Foundation for Christian Counseling. The Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that provides mental health resources through funding faith-based clinical interventions for those in crisis, who may not be able to afford needed counseling otherwise. The Foundation also sponsors community marriage programs.



Spring Fashion Luncheon Features Styles by Several Vendors

Concordia Lutheran Ministries' 2020 Spring Fashion Luncheon "Pearls and Lace" will be held on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Butler Country Club. All proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Endowment Fund, Concordia's charitable care fund that provides care to residents and patients in need. Tickets are \$40 and include lunch and valet parking. Several vendors include: Fade Market, Me and My Shadow and Specialty Distributing. A basket auction and \$5 mystery bags will be featured. Seating is limited and available by RSVP and advance payment only. Please call 724-352-1571, extension 8355, to make your reservation or visit give.concordialm.org.



Did You Know?

Concordia Lutheran Ministries offers home and community based services comprising Visiting Nurses, Private Duty Home Care, Home and Inpatient Hospice Care, and Home Medical Equipment and Supplies. For more information, visit www.concordialm.org or ask for information from Barb in the church office.

Concordia Tele-CareGivers is also a program offered by Concordia. Volunteers make daily brief telephone calls to those who qualify who live alone and need to be checked on. This is a free service. For more information, you may call 1-866-352-6260 or ask Barb in the church office for a brochure.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Now through April 5th, you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life**—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. **Through 40 Days for Life, 16,742 lives have been saved, 196 abortion workers converted, and 104 abortion centers closed!** If you'd like more information—and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Contact Nikki Bruni, 412-926-9413, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com, www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh, or www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com.



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts, the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God, those that pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

The easiest example of this is fasting. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. You have, though, learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above in order to do it.

There is another example of this. It is alms-giving. This is an increase in giving to the church and its mission during this time. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is in leading you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

"But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs." (1 Tim 6:6–10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.



FOR HEALTH & HEALING

Marie (breast cancer – friend of Becky and Gordon Marquette); Geraldine Nicolette (home hospice – Janine’s mother); Eileen Vogel (recovery from surgery); Susan, Carol, and Karen (health issues – friends of Trish Young); Cookie (health issues – Trish Young’s sister-in-law); Joe (mass on heart – Cheryl Sedar’s son); Gene Williams (mesothelioma); Carolyn Fagen (health issues); Shut-ins: Elva Fields, Helen Goettmann, Lois Kitzki, Phyllis Kitzki, Clay McClellan, Don Sohngen, Nadine Weber

FOR STRENGTH & COMFORT

For the Nicolette and Fantin families; for all those who lost loved ones, especially Gino’s family (friend of Gene Williams); Mark, Coleen, and Nick Koorsen and Mark’s three grandchildren, on the loss of Mark’s daughter, Rebecca; for the citizens, survivors, relief workers, missionaries, and families affected by hurricanes, earthquakes, terrorist attacks and disasters worldwide

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 our college students; missionaries; our armed forces; unborn children

FOR DIRECTION AND FAITH

For those who are experiencing a crisis of faith; women with unplanned pregnancies

GENERAL PRAYER, GUIDANCE, AND PROVISION

For Pastor Lee and his family; the Gaertner family; SOAR Respite Nights and participating families; 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)

***Please note that prayer requests will remain on the prayer list for 60 days and then be removed unless an extension is requested by notifying the church secretary.**

Upcoming Lutheran Hour Broadcasts

March 1, 2020: “Singled-Out But Not Alone” Something needs to be done and it falls to you to do it. You might feel alone—but you're not alone. (Exodus 3-4) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

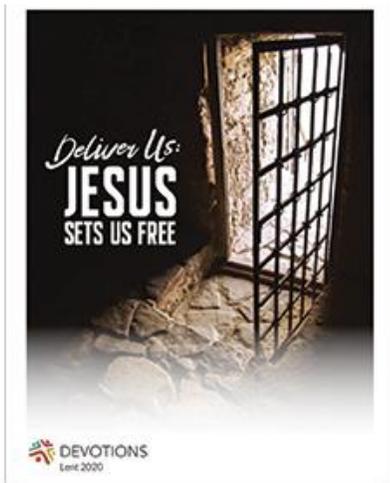
March 8, 2020: “Upon Further Review” God's forgiving love for us in Christ cancels the continuous playback of our regrets. (Exodus 5) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

March 15, 2020: “Gracious Confiscation” (Exodus 7-8) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

March 22, 2020: “TBD” (Exodus 8-9) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

March 29, 2020: “Reckless, Raging Fury” (Exodus 10) Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti

Lutheran Hour broadcasts can be heard on WWNL/1080 AM on Saturdays at 3:30 PM and on Sundays at 8:00 AM. You may also read the sermon or listen to it at <https://www.lutheranhour.org/sermon.asp>.



“Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free” Lenten Devotions

“Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free,” tells of the Savior’s triumphal act of redemption in Israel’s exodus from captivity in Egypt. Just as Moses led Israel to the Promised Land, Jesus won victory for us through His life, death, and resurrection. In both events, God saves His people. But, through Jesus, God saves completely. *“Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free”* shows God’s love in action—working His purposes through human affairs,

drawing people into a relationship with Him. Even as Moses (a kind of redeemer) foreshadowed the work of Christ (the ultimate Redeemer), readers remember with awe and humility the pains God took to win them back to Himself, sparing not His only Son. Available to read online (www.lhm.org/lent) or as a podcast beginning February 26, 2020, *“Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free”* can also be received as an e-mail subscription throughout the Lenten season. The audio version will be available on LHM’s daily devotion page starting February 26, 2020. Copies are available on the table in the Narthex.



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

Are taxes evil? Jesus said, when questioned about that, *“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God, what is God’s.”*

Though some taxes are wasted, much support things we really need. We want to have roads to drive on. We want to have security officers to protect us. We depend on government being there to rescue people from communities that are in crisis. The list could go on and on.

At the same time we celebrate blessings of services provided through taxes, many of us also struggle with paying them. That has probably been true since Egypt began taxing 5,000 years ago. Some of that aversion may flow from our selfish hearts, not wishing to help others. Some of it flows from our fear that dollars will not be spent correctly.

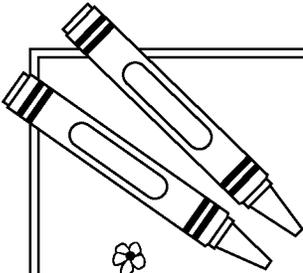
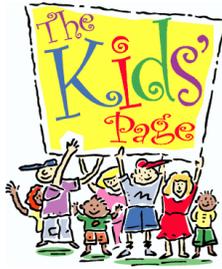
God calls us to be good stewards of the gifts He gives us. Can I be happy about directing those gifts to those who have not proven to be good stewards?

Avoiding taxation can never be our prime motivation for making contributions for supporting the Lord’s work. It is sort of a defensive posture. That posture causes us to shrink in on ourselves. Instead, we look to maximize the use of God’s gifts to magnify the impact they will have on spotlighting the love of Jesus in the world.

Our faithful decisions will be mindful of potential tax savings and use legal opportunities to save tax dollars, knowing those savings will enable us to do even more, showing love to family or supporting ministries the Lord has laid on our hearts.

Be aware that a simple review of your estate plan may turn up many opportunities to fine-tune your service to the Lord. If you want to look into this, your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help.

Contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner at robert.wirth@lfnd.org or 716-863-4427 for more information.



Just for KIDS

Isaiah 35:1-2

One sign of spring and rebirth is the appearance of flowers and plants in our yards, woods, fields and gardens.

Use the code to find this verse in Isaiah that reminds us of spring and rebirth.

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		

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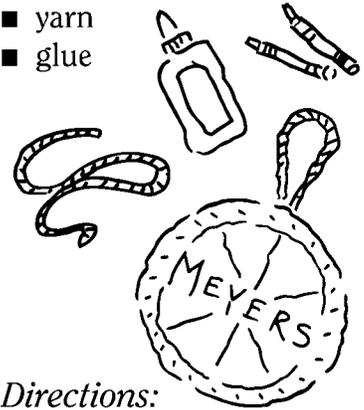
Isaiah 35:2

There will be oaks and cypresses, willows and poplars; the sycamores will flourish and the palms will be seen. There will be cedars and oaks together, myrtles and olive trees together. The locusts will be there and the grasshoppers; the turtle doves will be there and the falcons.

Make a Family Shield

Materials you'll need:

- a paper plate
- crayons or markers
- yarn
- glue



Directions:

1. Write your last name on the paper plate.
2. Divide the plate into sections, one for each member of your family. Don't forget your pets!
3. Fill in each section with a different design for each family member. Include their favorite colors, foods, hobbies or anything that describes them.
4. Glue a piece of yarn to the back to use as a hanger. Be sure the glue is dry before hanging your shield.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Prayer time at 8:45 AM in Fireside Room
Worship Service: **Sunday at 9:30 AM**
Christian Education: **11:00 AM**

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday **9:00 AM-Noon; 1:00-4:00 PM**

**OUR MISSION AND VISION
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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