

February 3-4, 2018

5 Epiphany



Holy Communion  
Every Sunday at each service  
2nd and 4th Saturdays

We pray that you will meet the Risen Christ as we worship together. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to worship with our Ascension family again.

All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine as the word of God declares are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us today. Children who have not received First Communion instruction are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.

If medical/health concerns give you reason to avoid the wine and bread, please remember the teaching of the Christian Church that Jesus Christ is fully present in either element alone, bread or wine. (Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice, in the center of each tray, are also available.)

May God bless you in your worship today!

Pastors:  
Tim Delkeskamp and Steve Herder

## Pastor Julie Answers the Call



Pastor Julie McCain has accepted the call to become Ascension's Children, Youth and Family Pastor. By an overwhelming majority, our congregation voted this past Sunday to call the CLU and Luther Seminary graduate, whose

background includes: five years as an associate pastor at her current church in Marshall, Minnesota; a year as an intern pastor in Anchorage, Alaska; two years as an intern youth director in Minneapolis; a stint with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps working as a case manager for disabled adults in Seattle, and five years as a camp counselor and staff leader at Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences.

You can find her "You Should Call Pastor Julie!" video message to our congregation on our website.

We look forward to sharing more news as she and her husband, Brannon, make their plans to move to Thousand Oaks. It will take awhile for them to transfer here; we expect her to join in leading Ascension sometime after Easter.

## Baptism This Weekend

Luke Adamczyk  
Born: 5-27-17



## Flowers on the Altar



In memory of  
her daughter-in-law,  
Carol Brenner,  
with love,  
from Skip Brenner

# 'This is Hunger' Exhibit Coming

As you probably know by now, the massive mobile "This Is Hunger" exhibit that's been touring the country will be stationed in Ascension's parking lot from February 10-14. It will be toured by students, community members and public officials, members of our congregation and of Temple Adat Elohim's. We're partnering with the temple in hosting this groundbreaking exhibit by Mazon (Hebrew for Food), a Jewish Response to Hunger.



Several members of our Global Ministries Team had the opportunity to visit the exhibit last weekend (photo left) at its current location in Rancho Palos Verdes and found it moving and memorable.

This mobile experience features a 53-foot-long, 10-foot-high, 1,000-square-foot, double-expandable trailer. In the trailer, you will sit at the table and "virtually" meet real people struggling with hunger as they share their stories in their own words with their own voices. You'll have various opportunities to delve more deeply into the issues and take action to support real change in the lives of those who struggle with hunger. There is NO charge, but RSVPs are a must – and we can tell you, many of the time slots are already filled. Visit our event page at <http://bit.ly/mazonTO> to schedule your visit and reserve your free tickets. If you would like to go but don't have access to a computer, call Stacy Bosco in the office and she will assist you in signing up.

ALSO: We are in need of greeters and chaperones at the exhibit. If you can serve in this way, please give a call or go straight to the Signup Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/hungertruck>

## Undie Drive Contributions Wanted



A child can enter foster care at any time of the day or night. Imagine how alone and scared they feel! They typically have nothing with them except the clothes on their back.

James Storehouse in Newbury Park provides basic necessities to children in the critical first hours as they enter a foster or group home. James Storehouse is a 501(c)(3) community based non-profit that partners with local public and private child-welfare agencies. They have received commendations from Los Angeles County and Ventura County recognizing their service to the foster care community.



James Storehouse is in urgent need of new underwear, in package, for boys and girls size 2T and up. Both BOYS' AND GIRLS' underwear is needed! There will be a table on the patio where contributions can be dropped off between services on Sundays this month, or you may bring them to the LSS offices during the week. Questions? Contact Karen Guetschoff at LSS (805) 497-6207.

## Cards that Give Twice!



Looking for that extra special Valentine card? ELCA World Hunger Valentine Day Grams will be sold in the library (Sat. 2/10) and on the patio (Sunday 2/11). 3 cards for \$1.00 or a pkg of 30 for \$9.00. All proceeds go to ELCA World Hunger. Need them sooner? Contact Carol Bjelland.



# Pastor Tim invites you to 'Make Room' during Lent

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Lent begins on Wed, February 14. It is the six weeks before Easter and is known as a time to grow and deepen one's faith. This year's Lenten theme for Ascension Lutheran Church and School is "Making Room."

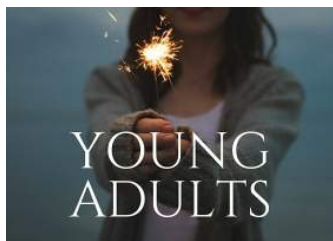
The idea is to make room for spiritual practices that help us live fuller, more vibrant lives. Just as there are physical exercises for our body, there are spiritual exercises for our soul. So come learn more about them each week of Lent. I invite you to come to each of our Soup Suppers and Lenten Wednesday Worship services at 9 AM with the school and at 7:15 PM. Those will feature the preaching of some of the many ordained pastors that we have in the Ascension community as well as the Holden Evening Prayer.

Also, there are Lenten Study Group opportunities in which dozens of people throughout the Ascension community will be participating during Lent. This weekend at worship, please sign up for one of the many opportunities we are making available. If you are interested in gathering some friends and starting your own group for this season, we will help you! To do so, please contact Ron and Kathleen Rudrud at [Ronrudrud@verizon.net](mailto:Ronrudrud@verizon.net).

Thank you in advance for making a special effort this Lent to "Make Room" for Jesus. I trust that God will reward your efforts!

Blessings,

Pastor Tim



## Lenten Study Small Group

After our night-time services during Lent (Wednesdays Feb 14th-March 21st), at about 8 PM, we invite young adults to join in the conversations based on the topic of Lent. Join us for this six-week series!

Come with questions; leave with answers and a new friend.

## COOKIES FOR LENTEN SERVICES

The Library Committee is getting ready for Lent. Once again we will need cookies each week for the fellowship time in the Library after the Wednesday evening service. The dates this year are Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 and then Feb.21, Feb. 28, March 7, March 14 and March 21. If you want to bake or bring cookies for any of these dates please call Dolores Ledbetter at (805) 716-3045 or (805) 750-7646.



# NEWSBRIEFS

## SWEETHEART SOCIAL

The Senior Luther League will be hosting a "Sweetheart Social" on Friday, February 9th, at 7pm in Pederson Hall!

At \$5 a ticket, bring your sweetheart to enjoy music, dancing and sweets (and a few surprise treats!), all while supporting the high schoolers in this fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering! Fathers & daughters, mothers & sons, childhood friends, couples celebrating 30+ years together, and singles, too -- all are welcome to attend this love-filled One Ascension event.



(Tickets at the door or at donut booth)

## AUGUSTANA SYMPHONIC BAND



Save the Date: The Augustana Symphonic Band is coming Friday, February 23 at 7 PM.

We need your help in hosting members of the Augustana Symphonic Band overnight, Friday, February 23. If you can host two or more students, please sign up at the West Narthex information counter.

## BLOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEK

On February 11, there will be a blood drive here at Ascension. You can sign up online by going to <http://bit.ly/ALCTOblood>



## APPLICATIONS READY



Applications for college scholarships are now available in the west narthex or in the church office, or on our website.

Completed applications are due by April 20.

# MADE TO THRIVE: GROWING STRONG THROUGH THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS



Tuesday, February 6, 5-7 PM

Come discover how students can flourish through the middle school years! This evening will feature inspiring TED-talk style presentations with practical advice for equipping tweens for confidence and success during these formative years. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Tracy Bennett of Get Kids Internet Safe, has tips for "Managing the Social Pressures of Social Media." The evening will begin with a pizza dinner, and then you will choose from 3 of 4 topical break-out sessions, followed by our keynote speaker's presentation. Bring your friends for this informative and fun night! There is no charge for this event, but advance registration is required - reserve your space today at <https://alschool.org/registermadetothrive/>.

Questions? Call Ascension Lutheran School at (805) 496-2419.



## Growing Together Through The Power of Prayer

Might you be available to pray? We are looking for people who are able to gather in the prayer chapel between 10 AM and 11 AM every Tuesday to pray for the continuing needs of the ministry and people of Ascension Lutheran Church and School. This ministry led by new member Jim Adams, is a wonderful opportunity grow strong in prayer, serve others through the ministry of prayer and connect with other prayer partners. Jim, though new to Ascension, has much experience in prayer ministry and a passion for mission work in his journey. If you are interested, please contact Jim Adams at sawtooth7@sbcglobal.net. Our first meeting is February 20th.

**KIDS OF THE KINGDOM**  
**FEBRUARY**

**2/14 VALENTINES DAY PARTY  
& MAZON THIS IS HUNGER TRUCK**

3:00-5PM We will be walking through the Mazon This is Hunger Truck  
more information is available at <https://thisishunger.org/>  
Then we will go into Founders Hall for refreshments and our 'whos wearing the most red' contest

**2/24 SNOW DAY \$5**

8am-4pm at Mt. Pinos in Angeles national Forest (near El Camino Pines). Bring \$5 for the bus, pack a lunch and drink, bring a tube or saucer to slide on, dress warm, and have medical release form on file before we leave the church. Friends are always welcome with medical release form. NO toboggans or sleds with metal runners.  
**IF THERE IS NO SNOW**, we will have a ZOO Day with a packed lunch included Price \$40

questions? please contact Cori Hengst 323-692-6083 or [chengst@alcto.org](mailto:chengst@alcto.org)

## Mid-Year Update:

# Tutoring Outreach at Conejo Elementary

We are half way through the tutoring program at Conejo Elementary for this school year. The 85 children and their classroom teachers and parents are grateful for the 23 tutors from Ascension that work with them every Thursday evening. While the children are in their classrooms, the parents receive tutoring to improve their English language skills. The program has been greatly enhanced by Ascension's participation. Yes, the children and their parents are learning much through the tutoring program, but we as tutors are learning much also about the children and their families in our neighborhood and community. Many live in very small rented rooms with barely even the basics – for some, living spaces so small that the entire family must share one mattress and everyone wakes very early in the day when parents leave for work. Still, parents and children come on Thursday nights to learn even if their day has been very long and they are very tired.



We know that hunger makes it hard to learn. We have been able to make a very significant contribution to the tutoring program by providing a healthy snack of a Subway sandwich for these children. The sandwich snacks have been made possible by financial gifts from Sage Publication, Ascension's Global Ministry Team, the Thrivent Action Team Program, Larry Winter (Hillcrest Financial Group), Colleen McCarthy, and Ted & Carol Bartell. We are very grateful for this generous support.

We are always in need of volunteers to help as substitute tutors – we welcome and invite you to join this wonderful outreach program. If interested, please contact Mary Wennes at [mwennes@aol.com](mailto:mwennes@aol.com).

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## IN NEED OF PRAYER

Our printed prayer list focuses on Ascension members and immediate family members. We do pray for people listed on the blue cards during church services and we do refer them to the Prayer Tree.

A name is added to this list only with the permission of the person or the person's family.

Prayer Notes and Care Notes are in the West Narthex and the library.

### **Prayers of comfort for:**

Skip Brenner and family on the death of her daughter-in-law, Carol

**Dan Lareva, on the death of his father, Pastor Jim Lareva**

### **New Prayers For:**

Don Trinkle, brother of Jan Timmons, for healing

### **Continuing prayers for:**

Bonnie Abbott

Connie Angress

Bonnie Bartlett

Dean Chandler

Tom Heller

Beth Lugo

Chuck Mork

Helen Nenne

Cleo Sarff

Diane Seal

Julia White

### **Prayer Focus:**

For our Peru mission: Pastor David, Sister Emilia, the Pachacamac community (please pray for them each Wednesday at 6 pm, as they do for us, and for our Mission Peru 2018 trip)

### **Prayers for our missionaries:**

Carol and Randy Stubbs, Tanzania

### **Prayers for safekeeping:**

Connor Braaten, USMC

Scott Clark, U.S. Navy

LCpL. Alexander Daley

Tim David, U.S. Army

ET2 Patrick Maccarone, USN

Sean McEwen, U.S. Army

Scott Mochatel, U.S. Coast Guard

LCJG Caroline Truesdell, USCG

## ATTENTION WOMEN OF ASCENSION

# Secret Prayer Partner

You are invited to participate in this ministry of caring and sharing with other women from Ascension. The Secret Prayer Partner Program (for women 18 or older) will run from February 28, 2018, to February 27, 2019. To participate please fill out the "All About Me" form (available at information desk in Narthex) with your personal information and email to [wm.alcto@gmail.com](mailto:wm.alcto@gmail.com), or drop your completed form in our marked box at the Narthex information desk. The deadline to submit your form is February 14th. The name of your Secret Prayer Partner and her information will be mailed to you end of February. Starting February 28, 2018, you will need to pray and encourage her throughout the year by sending a note, card and perhaps a small inexpensive gift from time to time. Often this is the beginning of a wonderful new friendship!

Your Responsibilities as a Secret Prayer Partner:

1. It is a commitment. The person you are assigned will be expecting you to uphold her in your prayers. Please make sure to contact her at least once a month but remember you can't reveal who you are! So don't email or use a return address!
2. Pray daily for her. Check the church Newsletter for prayer needs for her or her family.
3. Be an encouragement to her by sending cards or notes.
4. Remember her on special occasions. Don't forget to send cards for her birthday, anniversary or other special dates in her life.
5. Keep it a secret! Don't tell anyone your prayer partner's identity.
6. If you are unable to continue, contact Kathleen Mullen at [wm.alcto@gmail.com](mailto:wm.alcto@gmail.com) so another person can be assigned for partner. Or if you don't hear from your partner let Kathleen know as well.
7. Don't let gift-giving deter you or distract you from praying. Gifts need not be expensive (e.g. card in the mail, a plant, nail polish and file, book, box of specialty tea or coffee, dollar-store gifts, etc) and need to be sent via mail or UPS (do not include return address – if needed by shipper use Women's Ministry as sender and church address). The exchange of cards and prayers and no gifts is fine too.
8. If you have a special prayer need for yourself or your family please email it to the website [wm.alcto@gmail.com](mailto:wm.alcto@gmail.com) and we will let your Secret Prayer Partner know as soon as possible so she might pray for you.



## NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING MEETING

Students interested in attending the National Youth Gathering this summer (open to 8th-12th graders) AND their parents are invited to attend this informational meeting on Monday, February 5th, at 6:30pm in the Dugout. You will receive a Summer Tour schedule, including important dates to remember, a breakdown of costs, and some insight into the National Youth Gathering taking place in Houston, Texas. Students must RSVP for Summer Tour by the following Monday, February 12th.



**Give by text (805) 360-5092**



Thank you for being part of what we believe will be a very special addition in the lives of all who participate.

Women's Ministry

# Welcome New Members!

James Adams

Pascual & Leah Arredondo and Ava Hagen

Mia de Rocha Luna

James & Allison Taylor and Lydia Taoylor

Scott & Holly Watkinson,  
Fiona, Isla and Shephard Watkinson

Jacqueline Wright



# CALENDAR

## Sunday, February 4

8:00 am Worship Service – Traditional, Sanctuary  
9:30 am Adult Ed — Judaism & Hebrew, Bethlehem Rm  
9:30 am Sunday School, Sanctuary  
9:30 am Worship Service – Traditional, Sanctuary  
10:30 am Chapel Choir Rehearsal, Dugout  
10:30 am Cherub Choir Rehearsal, Music/Toddler Room  
11:00 am Adult Ed — Judaism & Hebrew, Bethlehem Rm  
11:00 am Worship Service – Contemporary, Sanctuary  
2:00 pm Christian Life Hour, University Village Oak View  
7:00 pm NA Women’s Group, Library

## Monday, February 5

9:15 am Women’s Bible Study, Founders Hall  
6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Modular classroom  
7:00 pm Financial Peace University, Founders Hall  
7:30 pm Senior Luther League Bible Study, Dugout

## Tuesday, February 6

6:30 pm Carillons Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
6:45 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Bethlehem Rm  
7:00 pm LSS meeting, Church staff office  
7:30 pm Small Group Bible Study, Library

## Wednesday, February 7

9:00 am Chapel, Sanctuary  
10:00 am Christian Life Hour, Senior Concerns  
12:00 pm Lunch Bunch, Founders Hall  
6:30 pm Men’s Small Group Bible Study, Dugout  
6:30 pm Secret Prayer Partner Gathering, Bethlehem Rm  
7:00 pm Global Ministries Team meeting, Library

## Thursday, February 8

9:00 am Coffee Talk With Pastor Tim, Library  
5:00 pm Confirmation, Pederson Hall  
6:00 pm Tutoring, Conejo Elementary School  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:30 pm Men’s Bible Study, Library

## Friday, February 9

12:30 pm GriefShare, Library  
7:00 pm Sweetheart Social, Pederson Hall  
7:30 pm CODA, Library

## Saturday, February 10

THIS IS HUNGER EXHIBIT

10:00 am Alanon, Bethlehem Room  
10:00 am Overeaters Anonymous, Library  
5:30 pm LWR/Equal Exchange Coffee for sale, Library  
6:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary



Dear Ascension Lutheran Community,

We here at Lutheran Social Services received your generous donation to us by way of your beautiful Gifts of Hope. We wish you each could see the difference your generosity made for our clients the very day we received it.

God is so good to us through you.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

LSS Staff



## Lunch Bunch

Menu February 7

Corn Chowder

Garlic toast

Fruit

Please reserve your meal by noon

February 5

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

In God we trust.

*Weekly worship*

*Saturday 6 pm Country*

*Sunday 8 and 9:30 am Traditional*

*11 am Contemporary*

*Childcare at all Sunday services*

**Pastoral Care Emergency Line: (805) 405-7431**

*Give by text (805) 360-5092*

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

## Physicist-Turned-Rabbi Leads Adult Ed. Class About Judaism

Rabbi Michael Lotker from Camarillo will be with us today, Sunday, Feb. 4, at both the 9:30 and 11:00 adult education hours in the Bethlehem Room. He'll speak about Judaism and the joys of Hebrew.

He is a second-career rabbi, having been ordained at age 55 from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in 2003. He is a physicist who spent his first career in alternative energy focusing on wind, solar and geothermal energy.

