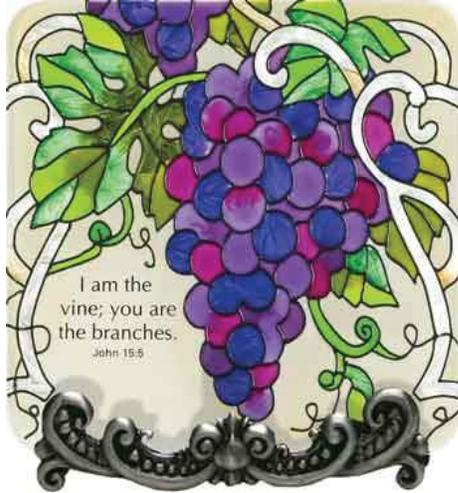


ASCENSION LUTHERAN

CHURCH ■ SCHOOL ■ FOUNDATION

April 28-29, 2018
Easter 5



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, Steve Herder, Julie McCain

INSIDE:

- Tutoring Outreach
- Lutheran World Relief
- Fair Trade Conference
- Project Response
- Adult Ed. for May



Ascension Pastors at Serra Center for staff retreat

Roses on the Altar

Damien Jeffry Haggemacher

Born: April 5, 2018

Proud Parents: Justin and Sasha Haggemacher

Proud Grandmother: Gail Hartung

Joanna Grace Hurdle

Born: April 18, 2018

Proud Parents: Matt and Hannah Hurdle

Proud Grandparents: Ed and Lyn Klodt



VBS July 23-27 LEARN MORE, SIGN UP <https://alcto.org/vacation-bible-school/>

End of Year Update:

Tutoring Outreach at Conejo Elementary

We close out the first year of our Ascension Tutoring Outreach Program at Conejo Elementary School on April 26, 2018 and what an amazing first year it has been! Through this new Ascension community outreach ministry that started in October, 2017, the Holy Spirit called together a team of caring and compassionate volunteers who touched the lives of many children and their parents in wonderful ways at this public school in our neighborhood.

Since the tutoring covered reading, writing, science and math, we wanted to share some “math” with you about this special outreach program:

On average: 23 Ascension Volunteers tutoring 85 children (Kindergarten-5th Grade) for 90 minutes on each of 21 Thursdays = 43,470 minutes of time helping, encouraging, listening, and learning (tutors and children learned much from each other) shared with these special children.

Plus, \$2940 in generous financial gifts to provide sandwiches for the children on each of the 21 Thursdays.

Plus, 1890 minutes of learning, per parent, for the children’s parents who were in special language classes for 90 minutes on each of the same 21 Thursdays at Conejo Elementary School.

Grand Total: An enriching and blessed opportunity to share the gifts God has given to us - our love, compassion, time, talents and financial resources - with those in need in our community, and the privilege to put our faith into action. “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34 (NIV)

“Thank You” to everyone who participated in this first year of our Tutoring Outreach Program. This Outreach Program would not have been possible without your generosity of time and financial support and your prayers and words of support and encouragement. For more information about the program and opportunities for next year, please contact Mary Wennes at mwennes@aol.com, or those interested can also send in a note on the connection card.



Ascension Tutors at Conejo Elementary

1st grade

Phyllis Caudill
Sue Harkins
Zeina Alzein

Kindergarten

Anna Berg
Amanda Berg
Carol Bjelland
Nickie Dwart
Colleen McCarthy
Emma Toufel
Ruth Toufel
Mary Wennes
Sarah Williams

2nd & 3rd grade

Bonnie Bartlett (fall)
Lory Breitzman
Denise Cortez
Ralf Figueroa
Lisa Figueroa
Karen Guetschoff
Julie Herder
Marcia Koenig
Edith Ott
Kristen Rowlands
Jeff Specks
Teta VanOmmeren
Jessica Watson
Vickie Weeks

4th & 5th

Josh Williams

Donors to Program

*Ascension Foundation
Ted & Carol Bartell
Sage Publication
Thrivent Action Teams
Larry Winter
Global Ministry Team*

FAIR TRADE (continued)

produced products reflects our values; (6) producer empowerment & involvement is essential; (7) profit & social justice are not mutually exclusive (conscious capitalism); (8) as consumers, we want to support companies & organizations who support and promote, in positive ways, social and environmental issues and concerns;(9) as consumers, we have the power to choose to do business in a way that is fair; (10) Fair Trade is linked relationally to human trafficking prevention, environmental protection, hunger alleviation, many other social justice focus areas; and (11) Listen, Learn, Accompany & Support – the best and most effective model for the growth and success of Fair Trade, Sustainable Production, Justice and Equality.

produced products reflects our values; (6) producer empowerment & involvement is essential; (7) profit & social justice are not mutually exclusive (conscious capitalism); (8) as consumers, we want to support companies & organizations who support and promote, in positive ways, social and environmental issues and concerns;(9) as consumers, we have the power to choose to do business in a way that is fair; (10) Fair Trade is linked relationally to human trafficking prevention, environmental protection, hunger alleviation, many other social justice focus areas; and (11) Listen, Learn, Accompany & Support – the best and most effective model for the growth and success of Fair Trade, Sustainable Production, Justice and Equality.



In the coming weeks, Ascension’s Global Ministries Team will be discussing, developing and sharing action plans and messages that will help our Ascension Community, as “Fair Traders”, grow our Fair Trade ministry and ministries of Equality, Justice, Empowerment and Sustainability through key linkages and partnerships.

Interested in learning more about how you and that delicious Fair Trade chocolate bar can promote equality, justice, empowerment and sustainability? Contact the Global Ministries Team or send us a note on the Connections Card.

The Global Ministries Team’s next EE/LWR Fair Trade Product sale event is May 5 & 6. We look forward to seeing you there.

Fair Trade tastes good, looks good, is good and does good!



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH - SCHOOL - FOUNDATION



LUNCH BUNCH

**Every Wednesday
At Noon
\$4.00**

**Menu
This
Week**

Menu for May 2:
Meatball subs,
chips,
brownies

Reserve by noon
Monday

Give by text
(805) 360-5092
use the number you wish to donate as message.
Example 25



Sunday Morning Adult Education

Bethlehem Room, 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Today, April 29

Update on Lutheran World Relief



Come to Adult Class on Sunday, April 29th, to hear about Lutheran World Relief and the international work we are doing to help some of the poorest and most vulnerable.



Did you know that LWR will celebrate 75 years in 2020? Come to hear how LWR got started after World War II.

Ascension Lutheran Church has been and continues to be part of LWR's history! As you know, for many years ALC quilters have made quilts to send to people around the world, from refugee camps in the Middle East to survivors of earthquakes in Peru and Nepal. ALC has also made school kits for children that were shipped to children who are going to school in Honduras but need pencils and paper.

But, did you know that LWR is more than quilts and kits? LWR strengthens communities through programs in agriculture, climate and emergency support. Did you know that 80% of the world's coffee is produced by 25 million small coffee producers? LWR works with more than 427,000 farmers and their family members in Africa, Asia and Latin America. LWR works to improve the lives of small producers and people experiencing poverty both in times of emergency and for the long term. So come to class with your cup of Fair Trade coffee or tea and meet Louise Evenson, a member of ALC who has served on the LWR board of directors since 2012.

Coming in May:

May 6

Race, Ethnicity, Culture, and Gender and the Contemporary Church

This session will introduce two Social Statements of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). The statement on Race, Ethnicity, and Culture was adopted in 1993, but is ever more relevant today. The second statement on Women and Justice is still in draft form and is being discussed in many of our congregations.

Led by: Dr. Carol Bartell

May 13

"Race, Ethnicity, and Culture"

We live in a world of vibrant and beautiful diverse cultures. This diversity is a blessing from God, but this gift is often received fearfully or reluctantly. Why is this still such an issue in our society and in our churches? How do we get past that which divides us and embrace our differences to become a welcoming church for all.

Led by: Dr. Michael Hillis, Dean of the Graduate School of Education at California Lutheran University, and former Dean, Dr. Carol Bartell.



May 20

"Women and Justice"

How do we understand and confront the patriarchy and sexism that are prevalent in our society and in our churches? What is our responsibility as Christians to seek, support, and advocate for equality, fair treatment, and justice for all?

Led by: Dr. Colleen Windham-Hughes, Associate Professor, Religion Department, California Lutheran University

MEN'S MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

Screening



Attention, all men of Ascension. Come to view a movie together, Friday evening, May 18th, 7-9pm, in the Dugout. We will be showing the movie, "Steve McQueen: American Icon, The Untold True Story of the Spiritual Quest of a Hollywood Legend."

You can view a 30 second trailer at www.stevemcqueenmovie.com

Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

Men of Ascension Annual Fishing Trip

Mark your calendars -- Saturday, June 16, has been set for the Men's Ministry Annual Fishing Trip. Last year's trip sold out, so sign up early! Limited to 30 anglers and open to all. (This trip also happens to fall the day before Father's Day -- a perfect outing for dads and sons.)

Where: We will leave from Sea Landing -- 301 W Cabrillo Blvd, Santa Barbara -- early in the morning (exact time TBD), and set out aboard the Stardust for a great day of fishing and fellowship.

Cost: \$100 (excludes license, equipment rental and food)

Reservations: Sign up in church office or email Tim Schneider , toschneider@yahoo.com

Our Faith Quilt Ministry

How would you like to be part of a wonderful ministry here at Ascension? I am looking for a few good people to help make Faith Quilts for our high school seniors. If you have basic sewing skills, I will show you how easy it is to put these wonderful quilts together.



Please call me, Chris Maccarone at (805) 716-3785 or (805) 559-1965 as soon as possible. We really need your help!!

"did you know that..."



we are here, together in grace, to serve those that need us, in prayer and in a personal

way, respectful and in confidence. We are an "in touch" ministry, quietly touching lives in person, and in prayer. Please bring us your prayer needs to the prayer chapel on Tuesday mornings, from 10 AM to 11AM, or call Jim Adams (Capt. Jim) at (818) 497-8606 or email jim at sawtooth7@sbcglobal.net.

...your fellow believers, the In Touch Prayer Team"

PROJECT RESPONSE FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, May 5, 2018, Project Response is conducting our annual food drive for church members who reside in Agoura, Agoura Hills, Camarillo, Moorpark, Newbury Park, Oak Park, Simi Valley, and Westlake Village. Volunteers will be contacting families in those areas to donate one or more bags of groceries. The food will fill our church food pantry and will be distributed to Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and Manna. Money donations will be used to purchase groceries for the food pantry and will be donated to LSS.

If you are not contacted or reside in another area, and want to donate groceries, please bring your groceries to the front church parking lot on May 5, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, or want to help, contact Tom Saldin at (805) 492-9742.

Please donate only **unexpired** canned goods and packaged food. The following are the most needed items:

Paper towels
Toothpaste/tooth brushes
Cereal (hot/cold)
Toilet paper
Kleenex (facial tissues)
Shampoo/conditioner
Soap liquid/bar
Soups (hearty not condensed)
Rice (small bags)
Coffee/tea/hot chocolate
Beans (refried, baked)
Canned meats (tuna, chicken, SPAM)
Canned tomato sauce
Canned tomatoes
Canned diced tomatoes/stewed tomatoes
Tomato paste
Canned pasta sauce
Canned pasta
Canned beans (all types)

Crackers
All pasta (1lb.)
Broths (chicken, veggie, beef)
Rice a Roni
Instant soups & meals (Cup of Soup, Top Ramen)
Juice (boxes, quarts)
Pudding packs/Jell-O cups)
Canned chili (beans & no beans)
Pork and Beans
Pinto beans (small bags)
Granola/cereal bars
Canned fruit
Macaroni & cheese
Canned vegetables
Peanut butter
Jelly or jam/ honey
Ketchup/mustard/mayo
Oatmeal



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.

New prayers for:

Ruth Hartung, Gayle Hartung's mother, for healing of two broken ribs and also bronchitis

Continuing prayers for:

Bonnie Abbott
Connie Angress
Bonnie Bartlett
Debi Bing
Dean Chandler
Ken Dameron
Bill Gray
Jack Koenig
Henry Leland
Marcia
Lynne Merrill
Chuck Mork
Helen Nenne
Doris Owings
Cleo Sarff
Roy Thorsen
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

Prayers for safekeeping:

Connor Braaten, USMC
Scott Clark, U.S. Navy
LCpL. Alexander Daley
Tim David, U.S. Army
ET2 Patrick Maccarone, USN
Scott Mochatel, U.S. Coast Guard
LCJG Caroline Truesdell, USCG

Please take this prayer list home and pray in the coming week for the needs expressed.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 29

8:00 am Worship Service – Traditional, Sanctuary
9:30 am Adult Ed. Class — LWR, Bethlehem Room
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. Class — LWR, Bethlehem Room
11:00 am Worship Service – Contemporary, Sanctuary
7:00 pm NA Women's Group, Library

Monday, April 30

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

Tuesday, May 1

6:30 am Men's Bible Study, Sidestreet Cafe
10:00 am 'In Touch' Prayer Team, Prayer Chapel
6:30 pm Carillons Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:45 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Bethlehem Room
7:30 pm Small Group Bible Study, Library

Wednesday, May 2

9:00 am Chapel, Sanctuary
10:00 am Christian Life Hour, Senior Concerns
12:00 pm Lunch Bunch, Founders Hall
6:30 pm Women's Ministry meeting, Church staff office
9:00 am Coffee Talk With Pastor Tim, Library

Thursday, May 3

10:15 am Fellowship Committee, Bethlehem Room
5:00 pm Confirmation, Pederson Hall
6:00 pm Global Ministries Team, Founders Hall
6:00 pm Tutoring Outreach, Conejo Elementary School
7:00 pm Bethel, Prayer Chapel
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study, Library

Friday, May 4

12:30 pm GriefShare, Library
7:30 pm CODA, Library

Saturday, May 5

PROJECT RESPONSE 8 AM - 10:30 AM

10:00 am Alanon, Bethlehem Room
10:00 am Overeaters Anonymous, Library
6:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary



Not Too Late for Tomatoes!

Thank you to all the helping hands who made the Tomato Sale last weekend a success! It's not too late to snap up a plant. Check out the healthy, strong plants for sale on the West narthex patio between services.

It's also not too late to see the Adult Ed. classes on creation. Check out bit.ly/ALCTOvideo.



A Time to Focus

Our staff retreat at the Serra Retreat Center in Malibu was a time to prayerfully focus on our One Ascension family, ministries and goals. Thanks to Dr. Carol Bartell for leading us in learning via the Myers Briggs type indicator, to Amanda Berg for leading us in a time of devotion and meditation, to Kaylee Searway for organizing this wonderful day, and to our pastors for their total awesomeness.



SAVE THE DATE

Who: Everyone!

What: Enjoy yummy Mexican Food

When: Saturday, May 19th, 4-9 PM

Where: The Alamo Bar and Grill, 2311 Borchard Rd,
Newbury Park

Why: *Help Raise Funds for Peru Mission Trip
construction supplies and vacation Bible
school!*



PERU 2018

de Ascension Lutheran y Angélica Lutheran de California

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

Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Acts 10:44-48

Psalms 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17



Calling all graduates and families of graduates!

It's getting closer to that special time of year -- graduation. We are compiling our annual lists of Ascension graduates so that we can be sure to congratulate everyone properly! Please be sure to give us your GRAD information so we can include you in our Congratulations page! We need your graduating student's NAME, SCHOOL, and, if applicable, COLLEGE DEGREE. Write information on the back of the Connection Card, email to ssmith@alcto.org or call the office (805) 495-0406.