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Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you for all your prayers for our One Ascension's ministries in our congregation, our community, and throughout the world! You and your family are in our prayers. Thank you for your prayers for the Delkeskamp family as Pastor Tim is in the midst of his sabbatical, returning September 9th.

With Pastor Tim away, I am so thankful that Ascension has 18 pastors who are members of Ascension and who so often help with preaching and pastoral care here. Eleven of the 18 are old enough (65) to receive this newsletter! Thank you to all 360 65+ members, for the ways that you care and pray for Ascension, your neighbors, and the world. Together, we are Christ's hands and feet, sharing His love with one another. – *Pastor Steve*

We're Having a Party and You're Invited

Get ready for a party! From 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 26, Ascension will celebrate the groundbreaking for its new Early Childhood Education Center, complete with burgers and dogs, a bounce house for the kids, a DJ with cool music—and Pastor Tim, who's on sabbatical, will be there.



Grading for Ascension's new Early Childhood Education Center (rendering above) will begin in August.

"We're encouraging everyone to come. It will just be a big party," says Creighton Van Horn, Ascension member and project manager for the construction.

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The next S.A.M. trip will be to L.A.'s Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral and will include an organ concert.

S.A.M. Trip:

L.A. Cathedral, Concert and Art

Mark it on your calendar: Wednesday, Aug. 14, is the date for our next S.A.M. Trip, this time to Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in L.A.

Even if you have been before, though, this promises to be extra special. Acclaimed artist and good friend of Ascension, John August Swanson, will join us
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The event will kick off the job of turning a dream into a reality on the east side of the campus.

"We should be ready to start building on the first of October," says Van Horn. Depending on the city's requirements and timeliness, grading will begin in August and go through September, he says. The center is expected to open in August 2020.

But what about all those parking spaces that allow easy access to the east side of the sanctuary?

No worries, says Van Horn. All parking places will be available except where the bus is usually parked; that will become home to a construction office trailer.

"There should be no concern to anybody because of the construction," Van Horn stresses.

Well, maybe a little dust. But that should be minimal on Sundays. "There's no construction on Sundays in Thousand Oaks," Van Horn says.

If you haven't already done so and want to help financially to build the new center, please contact the church office. And come to the party!



MINOR MAINTENANCE MINISTRIES

Don't Forget to Call 3M for Help

3M can help with minor household needs. Just call or email coordinator Beverly David, 805/495-0190; bdavidgpe@yahoo.com

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for a tour and explanation of his 31 pieces on display at the cathedral. Following the tour, the group will enjoy lunch on site and stay for a 12:45 p.m. organ recital.

The group will go on the newly painted church bus (have you seen it yet? It's a beautiful rendering of our colorful Ascension logo), leaving about 8:30 a.m. and returning about 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, with lunch on your own. Call the church office to make your reservation.

This summer, join us for the fascinating adult education series, "Mystics and Monastics" at 9 and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday in the library.



Join us at noon each Wednesday for good food and fun in Founders' Hall. Cost is \$5. Sign up by noon Monday with the church office. Here's the menu for July-September:

July

3: Hot dogs, potato salad, ice cream bars

10: Chili rellenos, side salad birthday cake

17: Chinese chicken salad, fresh fruit

24: Meatloaf sandwiches, carrots/celery sticks, cookies

31: Taco salad, watermelon

August

7: NO LUNCH BUNCH (VBS)

14: NO LUNCH BUNCH (S.A.M. Trip)

21: Orzo salad w/veggies, fresh fruit

28: Wraps, chips, brownies

September

4: Chicken caesar salad, garlic toast, Cheryl's surprise

11: Baked salmon, rosemary roasted potatoes, asparagus, birthday cake

18: Meatball subs, carrots/celery sticks, biscotti

25: Tri-tip sandwiches, chips, ice cream bars



To all our friends with birthdays in July, August and September.
God bless you!