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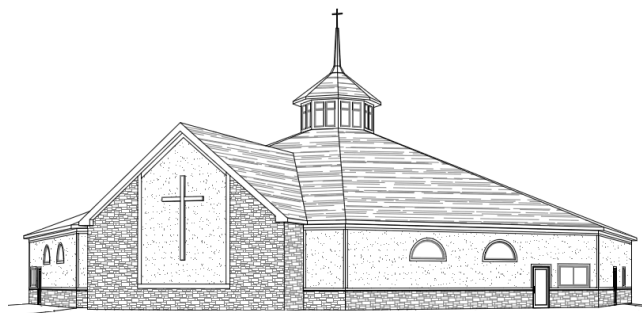
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Sundays - 8:30 am & 11:00 am
(All services are blended worship services)

Sunday School for all ages - 9:45 am

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	1st Sunday in Lent	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<p>8 2nd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:30 am - Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship w/ Holy Communion 12:15 pm - Youth Committee 6:00 pm - Young Adults</p>	<p>6:00 pm - Social Ministry 6:30 pm - Fellowship Committee 7:15 pm - Christian Ed</p>	<p>7:00 pm - Stewardship Committee 8:00 pm - Site Development</p>	<p>3:30 pm - WINGS 5:15 pm - Confirmation 6:00 pm - Lenten Meal 7:00 pm - Lenten Service</p>	<p>7:30 am - Men's Breakfast (Bible Study & Prayer) 8:30 am - Fern's Study 6:00 pm - Worship Team 7:00 pm - Praise Choir</p>		
	<p>15 3rd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:30 am - Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship w/ Holy Communion 6:00 pm - Young Adults</p>		<p>12:00 pm - Seasoned Saints</p>	<p>18</p> <p>No WINGS No ROCK 6:00 pm - Lenten Meal 7:00 pm - Lenten Service</p>	<p>7:30 am - Men's Breakfast (Bible Study & Prayer) 8:30 am - Fern's Study</p> <p>Spring Break</p>		
	<p>22 4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:30 am - Worship w/ Organ Call to Worship 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship w/ Organ Call to Worship 4:00 pm - Young Disciples 6:00 pm - Young Adults</p>		<p>7:00 pm - Church Council</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3:30 pm - WINGS 5:15 pm - Confirmation 6:00 pm - Lenten Meal 7:00 pm - Lenten Service</p>	<p>7:30 am - Men's Breakfast (Bible Study & Prayer) 8:30 am - Fern's Study 9:00 pm - Folding Team 6:00 pm - Worship Team 7:00 pm - Praise Choir</p>		
	<p>29 5th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:30 am - Worship w/ Holy Communion & Men's Chorus 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship w/ Holy Communion & Men's Chorus 6:00 pm - Young Adults</p>			<p>1</p> <p>3:30 pm - WINGS 5:15 pm - Confirmation 6:00 pm - Lenten Meal 7:00 pm - Lenten Service</p>	<p>7:30 am - Men's Breakfast (Bible Study & Prayer) 8:30 am - Fern's Study</p>		



Spring Clocks Ahead



From the Laptop of

Pastor T

One of the addictions that has destroyed countless lives over the years is gambling. Proverbs 28:20 says, “A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.” Gambling is one of the ways that people try to “get rich quick.” I’d like to share with you two short articles I’ve come across that I believe have some helpful statistics and insights into gambling.

From My Perspective
By Charles A. Donovan

Two new studies on gambling came out last week. The first found that over five million Americans are pathological or problem gamblers, and that 15 million more are at risk of becoming just like them. After two years, the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, which authorized the study, is due to issue a wide-ranging report on gambling for Congress.

A second study concluded that people are nearly twice as likely to become problem or pathological gamblers if a casino is within 50 miles of home. A more shocking finding was that up to 1.1 million American adolescents, ages 12 through 17, engage in pathological gambling each year. According to the study, pathological gamblers are far more likely to commit crimes, run up large debts and damage their personal relationships.

One of the studies said that the annual cost of compulsive gambling is \$5 billion, but as commission Chairwoman Kay James points out, estimating the social cost is “very difficult to do.”

The gambling industry sought to defend itself by saying that the cost of compulsive gambling to society is below that of alcoholism or mental illness. Some defense! If we can reduce the damages (which are more than economic) caused by any of these problems, why not do so?

(Charles A. Donovan was the Executive Vice President of the Family Research Council)

Lotteries Exploit Poor

In research reviewed last week by the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, alarming gambling habits among the poorest Americans were found to be the lifeblood of state lotteries.

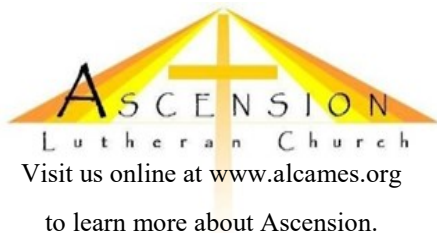
Duke University researchers retained by the commission found that 5 percent of lottery players account for half the money spent on ticket sales. That 5 percent spend an average of \$3,500 per year on lotteries.

The people spending the most are those who can least afford it. Among those who play the lottery, people in the lowest income groups spend the most money. Black lottery players spend an average of \$998 per year, nearly five times the average among white players (\$210 per year).

The scale of the problem becomes even more evident in light of the amount of money spent by Americans buying lottery tickets: \$71 billion in 2017. May God grant us wisdom in this area so that we will not be snared by the allurements of getting quick riches. Proverbs 22:4 says, “The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.” To that I say, “Amen!”

Press on in the Lord!

Pastor Twito



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Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8-12 am & 1-5 pm

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Sunday Morning News

Sunday, March 1, 2020

1st Sunday in Lent

Worship w/ Holy Communion

“God For All the Nations”

Sermon Text: Genesis 12:1-4

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4

Epistle Lesson: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

Wednesday, March 4, 2019

Midweek Lent 1

“Jesus Arrested”

Sermon Text: Matthew 26:47-56

Sunday, March 8, 2020

2nd Sunday in Lent

Worship w/ Children’s Message

“The Heal Upon the Head”

Sermon Text: Matthew 4:1-11

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 3:1-15

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Lent Midweek 2

“Jesus Before the Sanhedrin & Peter’s Denial”

Sermon Text: Luke 22:54-71

Sunday, March 15, 2020

3rd Sunday in Lent

Worship w/ Holy Communion

“Submitting is Freeing”

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2:11-17

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 2:11-17

Gospel Lesson: Luke 11:14-23

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Lent Midweek 3

“The Road to Golgatha - Simon of Cyrene”

Sermon Text: Matthew 27:32

Sunday, March 22, 2020

4th Sunday in Lent

Worship w/ Organ Call to Worship

“Set Straight”

Sermon Text: John 9:1-22

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:14-21

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-22

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Midweek Lent 4

“Care for Mary”

Sermon Text: John 19:25-27

Sunday, March 29, 2020

5th Sunday in Lent

Special Guest: Artist, Kelly Brinkman

Worship w/ Holy Communion &

Men’s Chorus

“Pottery & Parables”

Sermon Text: Isaiah 64:8

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 40:1-8

Epistle Lesson: Romans 9:14-21

Gospel Lesson: John 21:15-19

Giving for the Week of February 9, 2020

How we are meeting our Budget plus Strategic Objectives

	Last Week:	Year-to-Date:
Giving.....	\$23,096.75	\$63,496.86
Budget	\$10,287.49	\$61,724.94
Budget + Strategic Objectives	\$10,780.64	\$67,494.66

Sunday Morning News

Senior Ministry - "Seasoned Saints"

Please join us at the next "Seasoned Saints" gathering scheduled for **Tuesday, March 10 at 12 pm**. Pizza and salad are on the menu (\$5). The meal will be followed by a Bible study. This monthly event is aimed at those that are 55 and older.

Men's Ministry Bible Study

All men are invited to join the men's Bible study on Thursday mornings from 7:30-9:00 am in the narthex. The time together includes breakfast (B.Y.O.B. - Bring Your Own Breakfast), prayer and a time of study.

WOL Women's Bible Study & Lunch

The women of Ascension Lutheran Church are invited to a Women's Bible study & lunch on **Thursday, March 12 at 11:15 am**. Plan to bring your own lunch and come enjoy a time of fellowship and study.

New Sunday Classes for Adults

John Carlson will lead a class in the sanctuary entitled, "Praying for The Persecuted Church," that will be introduced on March 8 and resume March 29. The goal of this course will be to enhance our awareness of the challenges many Christians throughout the world face on a daily basis, and thereby encourage more focused and passionate prayer for our brothers and sisters. Ascension Lutheran Church members as well as guests will lead the sessions.

Kasey Strosahl will be leading a class that will meet two times in the sanctuary, March 15 & 22, covering various topics in mental health. She will be giving some informational background, statistics, as well as guidance for those dealing with mental health issues in themselves and loved ones. Topics may vary based upon interests and questions of attendees.

A Discovery Class for those considering membership or anyone interested in reviewing the Biblical basis for our Lutheran Faith will be held on Sunday mornings in Room 104 beginning March 15. The book for the class, *Lutheranism 101*, is \$15. For more information or to register for the class please talk to Pastor, Brigitte, or Wendy in the church office (232-3815 or ascensionsec@gmail.com).

Jason Davis will be leading a class in the Ark aimed at Young Adults but open to everyone beginning March 22.

Prayer Requests

- Please keep Mark Wengert in your prayers as he begins a different course of chemotherapy. Please pray the chemo will kill the cancer with minimal side effects.
- ♦ Prayers of healing for John Abrams, who had surgery at the end of January for several aneurysms.
- ♦ Please keep Dean Crowe in your prayers. Dean recently found out that his prostate cancer has returned.
- ♦ Please keep little Knox Cline in your prayers. He has been having some issues with jaundice.
- ♦ Prayers for Darrel Rensink, who has been receiving chemotherapy for stage 4 cancer.
- ♦ Continued prayers for Pam Miller (Parkinson's), Tim Niemeyer (Parkinson's), Bill Driscoll (cancer), Koleta Berning (cancer).
- ♦ For our shut-ins: Dean Crowe, Henry Knoploh, Jerome Peterson, and Larry Riley.
- Middle East), and Mike and Diane (Asia).

The 2020 Membership & Regular Attender Directories (February - July Edition) have been updated and can be taken home. The new directories can be found on the cabinet in the narthex.

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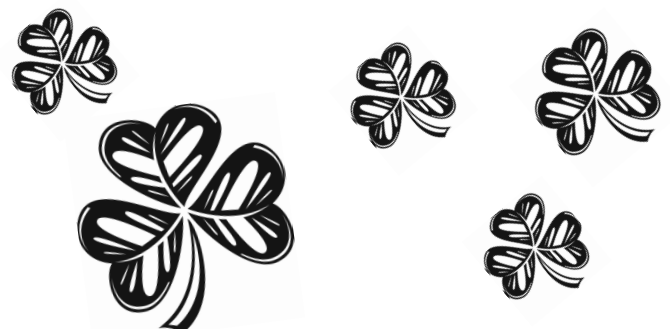
Dear Ascension,

Thank you for the special gifts you've given us as we seek to grow our family through adoption.

We welcomed our biological son, Knox, to our family on December 31st. We are so thankful to the Lord for His blessing. We continue to wait for His plan & timing in an adoption.

We're always grateful for your prayers as we adjust and wait.

Love, Matt, Amy, Adah & Knox



Celebrations around Ascension!



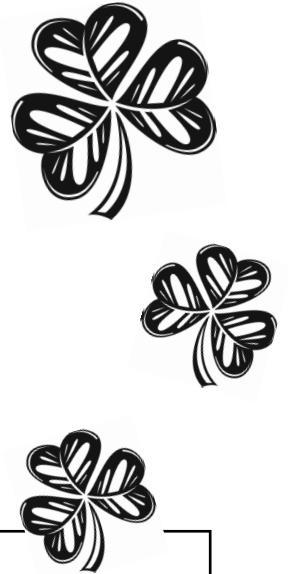
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Pauline Craig	March 2
Susan Patten	March 2
Brett Porter	March 2
Tyler Johnson	March 3
Don Powers	March 3
Sam Robertson	March 4
David Mueller	March 5
Stephanie Burras	March 6
Woody Hart	March 6
Carter Flattebo	March 7
Sandra Johnson	March 8
Lisa Keigley	March 8
Avery Jens	March 9
Molly Jens	March 9
Rusty Harder	March 12
Miriam Thuo	March 12
Reese Johnson	March 13
Tim Kruger	March 14
Donna Nelson	March 15
Diane Romero	March 15
Somlak Toemsap	March 15
Jessica Shannon	March 16
Fern Ostrem	March 17
Donald Good	March 20
Debra Linch	March 20
Julie Feddersen	March 21
Randy Peterson	March 21
Diane Ruyle	March 22
Joe Jurasic	March 23
Levi Sneller	March 24
Brad Thompson	March 24
Nick Rosenberg	March 26
Rachel Kom	March 27
Carrie Warren	March 27
Denny Chaussee	March 28
Carla Jepsen	March 28
Gracie Wesselmann	March 28
Lydia Linch	March 29
Scott Hanson	March 30
Sue Hanson	March 30
Andrew Zagar	March 30

Craig Nelson	March 2
Joy Ritter	March 3
JoLyn Ask	March 6
Andrew Zagar	March 8
Solomon Strosahl	March 11
Ellen Sneller	March 14
Kurt Strong	March 18
Victoria Strong	March 18
Sam Kruger	March 22
Allee Wengert	March 22
Morgan Beetler	March 23
John Abrams	March 28
Bill Hobbs	March 31



Darrel & Jo Rensink	March 10
Donald & Nancy Good	March 15
Roger & Connie Underwood	March 15
Andy & Chandra Flattebo	March 17
Bob & LaRayne Beetler	March 18

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Dear Ascension,

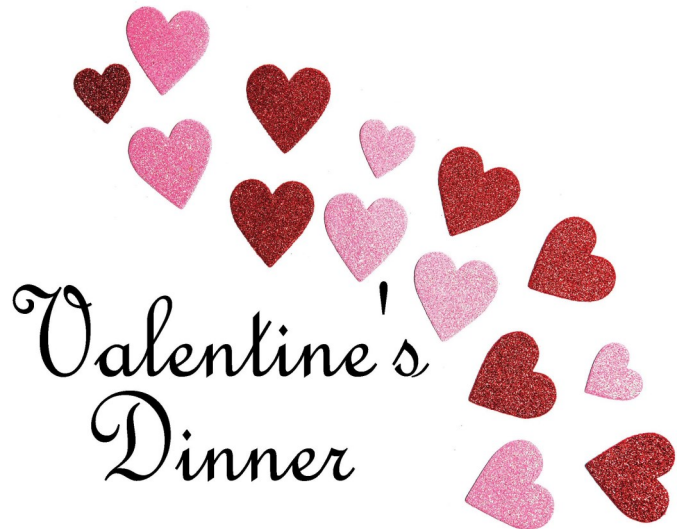
Thank you for your generous gift in helping us meet our recent financial need! We thank the Lord for your support, prayers, and partnership in the Gospel. When we think of you and your love for the Lord, faithfulness to the His Word, and your service to the Body of Christ, our hearts are joyful!

With love & gratitude,

Shannon & Lisa Sandquist



Youth News



MARCH SCHEDULE

The ROCK will still be meeting on Wednesdays during the Lenten Season. Youth can grab their meal (the Lenten meal) and head to the Ark to share in a short devotion and have a time of fellowship. Youth are encouraged to join the Midweek Worship Service at 7 pm.

- MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25** - Lenten Services
- APRIL 1** - Last Lenten Service
- APRIL 8** - Last Supper Dramatization (for public)
- APRIL 9** - Last Supper Dramatization w/ Holy Communion
- APRIL 10** - Good Friday
- APRIL 12** - Easter Sunday

