

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of July 25, 2010

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WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome to Ascension Lutheran Church! Please introduce yourself to Pastor Josh and others. We are glad you chose to worship with us this Sunday and would be happy to provide you with information about our Ascension family.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

This Sunday, July 25, at 9:00 a.m. and after worship, Dave Eickman and Joy Schwartz of Thrivent Financial will be here to explain the "Choice Dollars" program. "Choice Dollars" has the potential to greatly enhance the support Thrivent members can give to Lutheran organizations including Ascension. All members of the congregation are invited to attend. Come share a cup of coffee and some coffee cake with Dave and Joy and learn more about this program.



MORNING BLEND WORSHIP IN AUGUST

On Sunday, August 15, we will blend into our worship service the theme, "Christ in you." The theme comes from Colossians 1:27. We need more responses from you! We want to hear from you what you feel it means that "Christ is in you." Joe LaNunziata will be videotaping your responses after worship and your response may be used for the August 15 worship. There's no right or wrong answer and we'd love to hear from you! Joe will have his camcorder set up just outside of the narthex after worship to tape your response.

MISSION STATEMENT FORUM

If you haven't yet had the chance to discuss our new draft mission statement, please sign up on the bulletin board to attend one of the two forums to be held on Sunday, August 1 and Sunday, August 8. Both will be at 9:00 a.m. in the social hall. Our draft mission statement is, "To receive and share Jesus' love" and would replace our current mission statement. This will be an opportunity to learn about the process that brought us to our new draft mission statement and ask questions. After the congregation has had the opportunity for discussion we will begin a visioning process to discern a vision for the future of Ascension.

HEALTH KITS



The Wheel of Friendship is collecting Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief. There are sheets with instructions on the Wheel of Friendship shelf in the coat room. Please place the kits in the basket by our shelf. Our goal is to collect 100 kits!

WHEEL OF FRIENDSHIP



The Wheel of Friendship will be collecting coupons for cleaning supplies and diapers. Please place the coupons in the basket on the Wheel of Friendship shelf in the coat room.

N.E.E.D.S.



We will be collecting dry erase markers and colored pencils for NEEDS this summer. Please place items in the collection box located in the narthex. Backpacks are also appreciated. **All items must be collected by Sunday, August 8th.**

DO NOT FORGET TO SAVE YOUR "TREASURES" FOR THE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE THIS FALL!

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

July 18, 2010
10:00 a.m. 105

Flower Donor



*Sandy Rhoads
and Joel
Mortensen in
celebration of
Jacob's birthday.*

Treasurer's Report

Month of June 2010

Pledged	Received
\$15,000	\$12,903

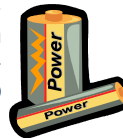
Year to Date

Pledged	Received
\$113,000	\$102,630



Ascension Battery Recycling Program

Just like aluminum cans and glass bottles, most batteries can go in the trash can but it's not the best stewardship of the earth to put them there. June was our first month for the Ascension battery recycling program and we recycled just over 5lbs of batteries. Hurray! That's 5 pounds of batteries that did not go to the landfill but instead went to an EPA approved battery recycling center. Thanks for supporting our battery recycling program. We ask that you put a small piece of tape over the battery ends before you drop



ASCENSION COMING TOGETHER

The members of Ascension have been cleaning for three months now. You don't realize how much carpeting our church has until you have to vacuum it!!! Our cleaning schedule is looking good through the end of July. We have a few open slots in August and September but October through December it is wide open. So we are still in need of volunteers. With our current budget situation, the need for volunteers is as urgent now as it was in March when we started our initiative. Please speak with Judi or Gary Lang if you would like to sign up.

CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

DATE	TEAM
Monday, July 26 to Saturday, July 31	Aaron and Midge Bateman (Team Leaders), John McKinney

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Activities This Week:

*Monday, July 26 to
Thursday, July 29,
Vacation Bible School,
"Baobab Blast,"
9:00 a.m.*

*Evangelism Committee,
7:00 p.m.*

*Tuesday, July 28,
Weavings,
10:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, August 1
Worship, 10:00 a.m.*

DONATIONS

N.E.E.D.S.

N.E.E.D.S. for July: canned vegetables and fruit

FIRST LUTHERAN COLLECTIONS

Men's pants, men's underwear, men's socks, towels, wash cloths, and deodorant. (Please send only these items as storage is a problem.)

EMPTY PILL BOTTLES

Matthew 25 Ministries needs empty pill bottles. The pill bottles are being sent to third world countries to help distribute medications. The ministry is grateful to us for this assistance and welcomes continuing contributions.

EMPTY ALUMINUM CANS

Please place your aluminum cans in the plastic trash can in the area near the coat racks. Proceeds benefit the special music fund.