

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE WELCOME VISITORS!

Please visit us this Sunday and introduce yourself to Pastor Josh and others. We would be glad to have you and would be happy to provide you with information about our Ascension family.

2012 Lenten Schedule

Wednesday, February 22	Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 29	Lenten supper, 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7	Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14	Lenten Supper 6:00 p.m., Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21	Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28	Lenten Supper 6:00 p.m., Worship 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 5	Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 6	Good Friday Worship, 7:00 p.m.

KOO KIDS at Cocoa Key



If you are tired of the cold weather and want to get a jump on summer, come join the Kool Kids for an afternoon of fun in the water at Coco Key. Lots of water slides and water spouts will keep us busy from **4:00-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 11**. The cost is \$12 per person. The tickets must be ordered ahead of time on the internet to get the reduced rate. Bring your friends or just join your Ascension friends for lots of fun at Coco Key. Sign up is in the narthex.

Jerusalem Market



The Jerusalem Market will once again come to life in the Ascension Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, March 24** from **10:00 to 3:00 p.m.** The market offers a wide variety of booths and activities.. There will be new booths this year for added fun. Our market this year will be the best one ever! Put the date on your calendar, and invite your friends.

Special Visitor Next Sunday

Next Sunday, February 26, Pastor Larry Hoffsis of Graceworks Lutheran Services will share about the ministry of Graceworks. He will speak during the mission moment in worship and lead the Adult Forum. Before retirement, Pastor Hoffsis served Epiphany Lutheran Church in Centerville. Graceworks is a partner in ministry in the Southern Ohio Synod and its programs include senior living, credit counseling, affordable housing for persons who are older or have disabilities, senior companion program, and housing and care for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Super Bowl of Caring



A total of \$1,146 was taken in on Sunday, January 22 in connection with the Souper Bowl of Caring. Thank you to all who contributed! *The Wheel of Friendship*

2012 Mission Trip!

The 2012 Mission trip will be June 10 – 15 and it will be right here in Cincinnati! We will work and stay with Franciscans for the Poor (www.franforthe poor.org) in St. Bernard and do a variety of service projects throughout the city. This is a great opportunity to serve those in need in our own city, make new friends, grow in faith, and have lots of fun along the way. The cost per person is \$255, though the final cost will be less as we hold fundraisers. Only 12 spaces are available. A deposit of \$25 is needed by Sunday February 26 to reserve your spot. Make checks out to Ascension Lutheran Church and notify Pastor Josh that you intend to go.

Kids Against Hunger, Panera to donate

If you order a bread bowl of soup at Panera during the month of February, the company will donate a percentage of the price to Kids Against Hunger.

Kids Against Hunger.

Feeding families around the world...and around the corner.

Adult Forum

During the months of January and February, the Adult Forum will be seminars on Christian-Muslim relations.

Today, much is being said about Christian-Muslim relations in the media. If you would like to learn more about these relationships from a Lutheran perspective come join us at the Adult Forum. Participation has two benefits – learning more about this critical subject and getting to know other members of Ascension.

A series of eight leaflets prepared by ELCA are the basis for discussion of topics like:

“Jesus and Muhammad in the Quran”
“Women in Islam”
“Believing in God”

Come join us. We need you and you need the opportunity to expand your understanding of this complex subject.

Music At Ascension Concert Series Spring 2012

- March 17** The Cincinnati premiere of the new women's trio, The Samadhi Piano Trio
Nancy Illman, violin
Melody Wallace, piano
Jennifer Wheatley, cello
- April 14** The White Orchid Celtic Trio, Laura Hazelbaker, founder
- May 5** The Classical Guitar Ensemble of the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music
- May 5** The 5th Annual "STARS OF TOMORROW" Concert featuring some of Cincinnati's most brilliant and talented young musicians ages 16 to 19.

All concerts start at 7:00 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Freewill donations are always welcome!

Emergency need for N.E.E.D.S!

The N.E.E.D.S. Food Pantry is completely out of spaghetti and cereal!

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is currently studying the book of Samuel starting January 18. This 8-week study is a part of the Book of Faith Series put out by the ELCA to encourage Lutherans to dig into the scriptures. We meet from 9:45 to 11:15 on Wednesday mornings. It is a wonderful time to encourage one another and get into the word of God. Cost of the book is \$11. Please contact The church office at 513-793-3288 if you are interested in joining the group.



Office Hours:

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

Activities This Week:

Monday, February 20
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, February 21
Weavings 10:00 a.m.
Church Council 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22
Women's Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 25
Lay Minister Meeting

Sunday, February 26
Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Donations

N.E.E.D.S.

FEBRUARY: spaghetti, pasta sauces, macaroni & cheese, chilli, ravioli, stew and cereal,

FIRST LUTHERAN COLLECTIONS

Pants, jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, underwear, and socks, for both men and women; 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 music fund.

NICU University Hospital

Receiving blankets, onesies sleepers, and 4 oz. baby bottles



2012 LOMO Day Camp

LOMO day camp will be held here at Ascension the week of July 16th-20th. The LOMO camp counselors will lead the children in all of the same activities that they would experience at Camp Mowana (except for night time activities). Registration forms will be available in the narthex. Please give the completed forms and deposit to the office. Friends of the children are always welcomed, so invite others to join us in this great week of sharing God's love through the camping experience!

Important Information

Camp dates:	July 16th to 20th
Time:	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (3 to 5-year-olds, 9:00 a.m. to noon)
Registration Fee:	\$20 per child due by February 26th
Cost:	\$40 per child with early deposit by February 26th; \$50 if registered by March 1st. Balance due April 29th
Items to be supplied by family:	Daily brown bag lunch and a T-shirt for tie-dying