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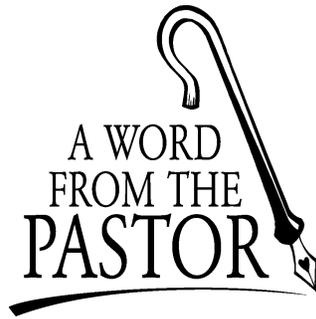
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Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

In peace? What, with all the arguing going on at home? With the stress of work and the loneliness of the evenings? With that uneasy feeling I still get when I pray? *In peace* let us pray? *Lord have mercy.*



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Peace that's bigger and deeper and stronger than our peace. Salvation from my despair and faithlessness. From my greed and laziness. From our lack of imagination and our lukewarm enthusiasm. For peace and for salvation we pray. *Lord have mercy.*

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Iraq, Syria, Juarez, Chicago, Sudan, Yemen, Ferguson – may there be peace.

Ascension, Beth-El, Faith, Grace, Highland Park, St. Paul's – may there be well-being.

Men and women. Rich and poor. Republicans and Democrats. Labor and management. Boomers and millennials – may there be unity.

Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

For boys and girls eating suckers after a children's sermon and women reading the large print hymnal with a magnifying glass. For deacons and musicians and pastors and acolytes. For decades-

old members and first-time visitors. For those who sit alone and those surrounded with kin. For those who came before us and for those who will come after us.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Amen.

Pastor Daniel

Veterans Salute



Veterans Salute - Yes very same event that A Senior Moment@Ascension started some 13 years ago!

It will held on November 9, 2016 at the Colorado Springs Senior Center, 1514 N. Hancock, starting at 1:30 PM. It will be a salute to the many Veterans we have in our community. There will be patriotic songs by the New Century Band, speeches and a wonder time, with light refreshments following. We hope to see you there!

Ron Cornell, committee person for
13th Annual Veterans Salute. 528-5142.



Here's Your Chance to Help with the Sunday School Christmas Program

One of the greatest joys of Christmas is seeing children celebrate. Sunday School is looking for help with the Christmas Program to be held on December 11th. More details to come, please contact Tina Krieg, at 678-850-6793, if you would like to help.



What's Happening

What a special day it was to finally cut the ribbon on the south end facility renovation project. This is something all of us should be proud of. I am sure both the CLC and Sunday School are glad to be back.

It is not too late to turn in your "Estimate of Giving" card. Please get those cards in as soon as possible. What you offer up as gifts back to God will help Council plan next year's budget.

Our next congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, 2016 beginning at 9:15 am. On the agenda will be the approval of the 2017 church budget. Be watching at church a couple of weeks prior to the meeting for copies of the proposed 2017 budget.

Watch for upcoming events such as our Fall Clean-Up Day, Spaghetti Dinner and Variety Show, SUP activities, Choir Cantata, Sunday School Christmas Program, and more Advent activities.

"A Community of Grace, Called to Serve."

Peace be with you, Greg Gulliksen, President CPC
637-9313 / greg.gulliksen@gmail.com



The October 11 CPC meeting included the following actions and discussions:

- Pastor Daniel Smith led Council in devotions.
- Council shared how they saw God's grace in action in their lives. How do you see God's grace in your life?
- Rex Rudy reported on the September financials. We were a little down for the month of September but are in good shape for the year.
- Board Directors gave brief updates on current activities and fall plans. Some of those activities are noted above and are expanded further in this newsletter.
- Pastor Dan gave a final update from the building committee. We are open for business. The remaining

work in the sanctuary will be done through the board of property and grounds.

- Greg said that the call committee for making a recommendation to Council for a strategic planning firm has been established. Those serving are Donna Crump, Stacy Jensen, Nancy Albertson, Jon Thompson, and Marcia Oltrogge.
- Greg said he had finished compiling staff review comments and was now scheduling the reviews.
- Rex Rudy had compiled all of the board budgets into a spread sheet for Council to review and discuss. Council reviewed board budgets and salaries.
- Pastor Dan led closing with prayers and the Lord's Prayer.
- The approved minutes of recent meetings are posted on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall and are available in electronic format from the church office.

Fellowship Hour Host

Small groups, families, committees, boards, others, hosting the fellowship hour with treats and information about your organization is a great way to promote your group or upcoming activity.

Change of Address

If you have had a change of address or phone number please contact the church office with your new address or phone number. This will help us stay current with information on how to contact you.

Building Committee Update

The South End Renovation project has been completed. The CLC has moved back into the newly renovated space and the Lower Level has returned to its normal use. Dedication was held on October 9th. Many thanks to the members of the Building Committee for their work during the past several months – actually 2+ years for some. And a special thanks to the congregation for their generosity in supporting this project with their Capital Campaign gifts. The project will end up well under the budget approved by the congregation. Later the sanctuary renovations will be handled by the Board of Property & Grounds when additional Capital Campaign gifts are received.

US & THEM WE:

Hard to believe, but we are fast approaching the end 2016! Your Board of Social Outreach has had a very busy fall. We have attended fundraisers for both Lutheran Family Services and Mosaic. We have participated in the Family Promise Walk to help end homelessness for families in our city. AND you, as a church family have joined us by hosting some of those families in our own church basement, providing them with good meals and a safe place to gather and sleep at the end of the day.

As we move in to the Holiday Season, we will be working with the Board of Worship in their canned food drive to benefit Mercy's Gate. We will also be collecting Christmas gifts in late November/early December for mental health patients in Pueblo. We hope you will join us by participating in these drives as much as you are able!

God has blessed us so richly, and it is our privilege to partner with Him and with you to try to minimize the struggles of others around us as we are able. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Sharla Saunders – Director, Board of Social Outreach

Compassion Child Bake Sale

Do you love to help children in their faith development? Do you love to eat treats? Then make sure you don't miss the Annual Compassion Child Bake Sale sponsored by the Board of Parish Education on Sunday November 13, 9:15 – 10:15 AM. All proceeds support the two children the Sunday school program sponsors through Compassion International. Even if you don't care for baked goods, please stop by and learn why our one sponsor child, Alemitu, has exited the program and meet our new sponsor child, Nuhamin. If you have questions or would like to donate baked goods, please contact Elisa Thompson. Elisat92@gmail.com or 641.5184.

RUTH CIRCLE

All ladies of Ascension are invited to join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:30am for fellowship and casual Bible Study from the WELCA *Gather* magazine. Our study this fall is on "When God Chooses the Unlikely." Our November 10 lesson is a study on *Paul and the Power of Failure*. Hostess this month is Kay Richardson. If you are new to Ascension or just looking for a casual Bible Study group, we hope you will come and join us! Copies of the study are available in the church office.



Notes from the Music Room

As we continue to read the narrative of the Old Testament, my mind turns to the "Old Testament" of Lutheran music, and today's chapter is Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672). Schütz was arguably the greatest German composer before Bach. Immediately after the Reformation, the chorale, or hymn melody, became the standard of Lutheran church music, almost like the simple Gregorian chant melody had been earlier in the Roman Catholic Church. As decades passed, composers took these unison congregational chorale tunes and used them in increasingly creative ways, adding harmony lines to create "motets" for the church choir to sing. But Schütz went further. He not only composed his own tunes for chorale texts and psalms, but combined a sensitive, comprehensible use of German text with the magnificence of the Venetian style that he learned studying with Gabrieli and Monteverdi. His works became the standard in German church music and make a direct path to Bach. As we count down one year until the 500th anniversary of the 95 Theses, I find particular meaning in Schütz's ability to find inspiration in the works of his Catholic colleagues while staying true to Luther's doctrine, even when working in the contentious religious context of the Thirty Years' War.

Soli deo Gloria! Megan

Quilts for New Beginnings

We encourage you to visit the Bake Sale table at Beth-El Mennonite church on Friday, November 4, from 3 to 8 p.m. or Saturday, November 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy batting for quilts for World Relief for Ascension & Beth-El. Beth-El is featuring their Fair Trade "Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale" and will have many special goodies from around the world – the perfect way to start your holiday shopping. Thank you for supporting our efforts to make the world a warmer place.



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY...

**to David Snell, former member of Ascension, on the death of his sister.

Create A Legacy



*Ascension Lutheran Church
Endowment Fund*

God's People Using God's Resources to Fulfill God's Calling

Gift's-Wills-Property-Insurance-Memorials-Estates

Legacies Created

Thanks and God's blessings to the following donor(s)
for gifts to the Endowment fund:

Betty Hatcher – Birthday

George Wachs – Birthday

Phyllis Smith – Birthday

Leave a Legacy

You can "Leave a Legacy" by leaving a lasting gift through the wise distribution of your accumulated wealth. Your funds or possessions can do double duty and work for you during your lifetime. Then they can go to care for family beneficiaries for a period of years and finally help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the many areas of ministry, mission, and education in your local church or church at large. For more information, contact a member of the Endowment Committee, one of the Pastors, or visit Ascension's web site; www.Ascensionlutheranelca.org

Reminder: The Colorado Child Care Contribution Credit

Taxpayers who make a monetary contribution to promote child care in Colorado may claim a Colorado income tax credit of 50% of the total contribution. Contributions made for the improvement of facilities qualify for this credit. Therefore, a percentage of your contributions to the Capital Campaign in 2016 may will qualify as a contribution to the Ascension Children's Learning Center. A credit comes right off the top of your state income tax bill. Last year Ascension members were able to claim 22.5% of their Capital Campaign contributions as a Colorado Child Care Contribution credit. Watch for more details later.



**Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Registration
is open November 1, 2016,**
for youth and adults for the summer of 2017.

Lutheran Camping Ministry Is For You.

The Camping Ministry has a magic all its own. Surrounded by the wonders of God's creation and with a small group of people, youth and families can renew their lives and grow in understanding of God's world and Christ's love.

Our Ascension Lutheran congregation has an excellent opportunity to go camping this summer -- at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. Openings are available for youth and families.

The summer programs at our Lutheran Camps are designed to provide Christian growth experiences for everyone. Here Bible Study, nature study, campfires, camping out and worship are all rolled into one experience that means fun, excitement, and Christian development.

Those interested in a camping experience at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp can get more information at rainbowtrail.org, at the RTLC display in the gathering space or from the camp ambassador, Brad Chewakin: 719.237.6801.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Thank you for your continued support of this vital program to provide safe housing for homeless families in Colorado Springs churches. As a charter member of IHN, we have been supporting this vital program since the late 1990s. Through your compassionate and generous support, Ascension hosted four IHN families (17 people) at our church from October 23-30. We converted our Sunday school rooms into hotel rooms for our guests. We served them dinners and provided them with breakfast and lunch items that were all provided by our congregation. We did arts and crafts with the children to include helping them make their own personalized Halloween bags for trick-or-treating. We stayed overnight with our guests in case any emergencies arose. What a great way for hands-on out-reach for those who need our help! The next opportunity to help with IHN will be in January when our mission partner church (Bethel Mennonite) hosts the families for a week. If you have any questions about this program, feel free to contact John or Kathy Hayes at (719) 572-1052 or at kittypawz@aol.com.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation



TIMING: This theme to begin after the 2016 Synod Assembly and continues until the end of 2017. There will be three main periods of focus:

On October 29, 2017, we will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the reformation, but over the course of the next year, there will be a series of events, classes, and materials made available to the Ascension family to give us a better understanding of the reformation. The following was taken from the following ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod web site: <http://www.rmselca.org/500> and it highlights the approaches planned to be taken by our synod.

OVERVIEW: Our theme is intended to highlight the 500th commemoration of the Reformation while also reminding us that the church is a place where we are formed (and re-formed) in faith, both as individuals, and as a community of disciples. We will not only highlight the heritage by which our Lutheran perspective on the gospel has been shaped, but also focus on our commitment to church unity, especially with the Roman Catholic branch of the Christian family. Finally, we will explore what our Lutheran contribution to the life of the whole Body of Christ might be in this new century.

CORE COMPONENTS:

- As the ELCA we recognize that we are church better together – in our congregations, in our conferences, in our synod, across our church, globally and ecumenically. The Spirit’s work of formation and re-formation of our faith always happens in the context of community and relationship. Thus this theme will place a high priority on building relationship within, across and beyond the church.
- As the ELCA our faith continues to be shaped by a particular understanding of the gospel that we call “Lutheran.” What has this meant and what does this continue to mean? Exploring the heart of our Lutheran theology and witness in light of our contemporary context will be central to this theme.
- As the ELCA we are part of a global Lutheran communion and have much to learn from Lutheran churches in other parts of the world. Thus we will live out this theme with an intentional focus on what we might learn in the global context.
- As the ELCA we are committed to the unity of the church and to building our relationships with other parts of the Body of Christ. In exploring our unity, we have the gift of our Full Communion relationships and the fruits of 50 years of Lutheran-Catholic dialogue. Building these relationships in positive ways will be a primary goal of this theme.

THEN: ENGAGING OUR STORY

Fall 2016 – Focus on the honest telling of our heritage: the story of the Reformation, the story of the ELCA, and the story of each congregation. A team will develop resources for helping congregations explore their Reformation heritage honestly, focusing on story of the Reformation, the story of the ELCA (and predecessor churches in the US), and the story of each congregation. (Heritage Events)

NOW: DEEPENING OUR UNITY

Spring 2017 – Focus on church unity, including intentional engagement with the Roman Catholic Church at both a judicatory and local level. A team will develop public events within the eight Roman Catholic Dioceses that overlap with the territory of our synod (Wyoming, Utah, Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, El Paso). A current resource that has been approved by the ELCA Conference of Bishops and will be presented to the Catholic Conference of Bishops is “Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist” which highlights the agreements and achievements that are the fruits of international and regional Catholic-Lutheran dialogue for the past 50 years. (Unity Events)

ALWAYS: RECLAIMING OUR CALL

Fall 2017 – Focus on the future of our ELCA witness through congregational work on a “catechism for our day” and celebrate Reformation worship with full communion partners. A team will develop guides for congregations to use in exploring Luther’s Small Catechism and in developing a “catechism for our day” that articulates the keys components of the faith to be shared in families and in communities in our 21st century North American context. (Re•Formation events)

SUP 2016

Deepening Faith & Friendships

Thursday November 17, 12 pm - 1:30 pm: *Planting Seeds of Abundance:* A gathering that focuses on health and faith (home safety, staying active, etc.) Food provided by *The Local*, the Seed's food truck. Special guests include: Kathy and Brad Chewakin and Lynn Harwell from Seeds' Community Café. *Event Cost: \$15. Friends welcome! *No need to bring a side dish or dessert, all food is provided by *The Local* food truck.

Thursday December 8, 12 pm - 1:30 pm: *Cookies and crafts for The Children's Learning Center (CLC):* Come and make gift baskets for the CLC children, staff and families.

SUP is a gathering time focused on faith formation for older adults through fellowship, learning and service opportunities. If you're interested in a presentation, regardless of age, you are still welcome to attend.

Your Stewardship Board—Continuing to Move Forward in His Name

How do we respond to God's call to serve and love our neighbors? We faithfully steward the gifts God has so abundantly given to us. Although some think of stewardship as only a financial response to God's love, stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care — our time, our talents and our treasures — to love God and our neighbors, both inside and outside of the church walls and our homes.

Your Stewardship Board is proud to have introduced God's Grace in Action and the 2017 Estimate of Giving Program. Your thoughtful and kind generosity allows us to move forward with a multitude of programs that benefit Ascension Lutheran Church internally, as well as many outreach programs that extend into our larger community. Our program will have concluded by the time you receive this newsletter; but our shared work continues. You have assisted us in building a foundation that will extend well into 2017. For that, you have our deepest gratitude.

The Stewardship Board will shift its focus in the next several months. Look to us to work with the entire membership as we update and refine our Gifts and Talents database. This effort will allow the entire CPC to reach out to those who are called to serve in a wide variety of endeavors. We remain faithfully yours!



An Opportunity to Give Thanks

During the month of November through Thanksgiving Day, the Worship Board with the Board of Social Outreach invite you to participate in a food drive for Mercy's Gate. Bring a nonperishable food item or toiletries and place in the pantry in Fellowship Hall. We hope this can serve as a reminder of how blessed we are!

Mercy's Gate exists to provide the basic essentials of life to people in our community. Your donations help meet physical needs as well as the opportunity to meet the greater need – a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Get in the Holiday Spirit with These Opportunities!

Church Decorating: You're Invited!



Join us at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 26, to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season! Join members of the Worship Board to prepare the sanctuary for Advent.

Purchase a Poinsettia for the Sanctuary

Look for a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for purchasing a poinsettia for the Sanctuary. Price and other details will be on the sheet.

BECOME INVOLVED...

****Coffee Fellowship Hour – Smell the Aroma!** Please help keep the coffee hours going by signing up to host a Sunday morning Fellowship Hour! All directions for coffee making are in the coffee station, or just ask for assistance. One or two people is all it takes, and you are so appreciated! See the sign-up sheet on the Kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

****Prayer Ministry** – as we pray for people it helps us to have updates to keep us connected to the person and situation. If you have a prayer concern or would like to become a member of our Prayer Chain, contact the office, 634-1694 or office@ascensionlutheranelca.org.

****Funeral Committee** – Contact Bonnie Vawter (579-6707) if you would like to be added to the list of volunteers to help with food or serving at funerals. We are always looking for volunteers!

****Quilters for a New Beginning** – meets every Wednesday from 9-1 in the Fellowship Hall. They spread out quilts in all phases of creation, and if you'd like to help put together quilts for a good cause, come and join us. No experience necessary, just a good heart willing to learn and participate.



SENIOR LUNCHEON

on Friday, November 11, 11:00 AM, at the Black Bear Diner (1340 W. Garden of the Gods Rd.). Join the fun! Call Susan (573-4776) with questions, make reservations, need a map, or to carpool. Sign up, too, on the kiosk in the fellowship hall. Planning ahead? "Edelweiss" on Dec. 9, "Colorado Smokehouse" on Jan. 13, and "Cracker Barrel" on Feb. 17.

Health & Faith

November's "Abundant Life" at a Glance

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."
John 10:10

A team of ALC members dedicated to encouraging the congregation in living abundantly in Christ is connecting with the Penrose St. Francis Healthy Church Initiative. The Initiative seeks to connect health and faith. This November, the team will lead the congregation in a number of learning opportunities, gatherings, fitness efforts and service projects aimed to help people of all ages connect their faith and health, encouraging abundant life in Christ.

November 1st - WALK TO BETHLEHEM: Walking is mentioned 247 times in the Bible starting in Genesis. Join us on an imaginary Walk to Bethlehem! Our walk begins on November 1st, with a "flight" to Casablanca, Morocco, a walk along northern Africa, and finishing on Christmas Eve in Bethlehem. Together, we will log over 3000 miles of walking! Our journey provides members an opportunity to exercise the physical body by walking (or other forms of movement), exercise the spiritual body by praying, and exercise the mind by learning about different countries and cultures. Each week we will log our miles, see our progress displayed, learn about countries, and be offered verses for meditation.

November 2, 6:30 pm – Special guests from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will share "In Our Own Voice." This is a presentation devoted to hearing first-hand stories of individual's struggles with mental illnesses and how in giving voice to their experience can help others. This is a Confirmation night. All are welcome! Please bring a food item to share.

November 6, 9:15 am – *Adult Sunday School:* A session devoted to addressing issues focused specifically on elder care. Families with elder members and/or older adults

concerned for their health and aging issues like memory, functioning independently may find this time very beneficial. Special guest, Katie Johanson, a student under Sarah Qualls, PhD (professor and head of the department for the Center on Aging at UCCS).

November 13, 9:15 am – Sunday School for M.S., H.S. and Adults: Suicide seems to be in our local news a lot. The Suicide Prevention Partnership will present a class that helps answer questions like: What can you do or say to help a depressed or suicidal friend? What shouldn't you do? How do you tell a person you think they need help? What are signs to look for?

November 13, 12 pm - *Service Project:* Share a potluck lunch before joining together to assemble Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. The items in the kit provide some things a mother needs to care for her baby. Donate supplies (a detailed list will be provided) and/or join in the fun of assembling them. All ages welcome! A Thrivent Action Team grant will help buy supplies.

November 17, 12 pm – *SUP: Fall Prevention & Soul Food:* Therapist and member, Kathy Chewakin will lead a time of learning for the group on Fall Prevention with lunch provided by Seeds' Community Cafe. **Cost: \$13.**

November 20, 9:15 am – *Adult Sunday School:* Stress is an epidemic. What are ways to manage stress well? How can our faith in Christ and various spiritual practices aid in this management?

November 23 - *Service Project:* Join other Ascension members to help serve Thanksgiving dinner provided by the Springs Rescue Mission at City Auditorium on the day BEFORE the holiday.

November 27, 9:15 am – *Adult Sunday School:* "There's No Such Thing as a Magic Pill": This will be an educational session on the safety and benefits of the many categories of medication. How to become your own best advocate when dealing with the resources available in today's healthcare arena. It will start a discussion on becoming comfortable asking questions about medications and how to create a resource for yourself and your family. Goal: a better informed individual will ensure a safer, more engaged healthcare consumer.

Bridge Group

Our Bridge Group will meet at 5:30 PM on November 19th at Ascension. If your card playing skills are a little rusty or you would like to learn how to play this great game, we have help sheets and bridge instructors available to help. Feel free to contact John or Kathy Hayes at (719) 572-1052 or at kittypawz@aol.com if you have any questions about this group.

BECOME INVOLVED...

****Mercy's Gate – formerly Northern Churches Care** – Pantry items and toiletries are collected in the cupboard in the Fellowship Hall. Ongoing needs: crackers, mac & cheese, oatmeal, spaghetti, corn, green beans, spaghetti sauce, tomato products, tuna, gravy toothpaste, tooth brushes, face soap.

****Knotty Kneedlers** – We continue to make small blankets and now sweaters for the Indian reservations, as well as prayer shawls. If you would like to become involved in this ministry, or just want to join us for fellowship and work on your own project, we meet every Wednesday at 1pm, in Fellowship Hall. Contact Bonnie Vawter, 579-6707, with any questions.

****Terrace Gardens Bingo - Prizes and Volunteers are needed.** Our church has been supporting bingo at the Terrace Garden Healthcare Center for almost 35 years. We call three games of bingo from 10:00-11:00 AM on the third Wednesday of each month for the interested residents. We normally have about 10-15 players. We call out the numbers until every player wins in each game. After they win, we help them (if needed) to the prize table where they can pick out a prize of their choice. The prizes are all donated by members of the Ascension family. We could use some of the following prizes: gently used men and women's clothing, board games, some small containers of ladies' perfumes, adult coloring books/crayons, and lady's jewelry. Please mark items as "Bingo Prizes" and place them in the Terrace Garden Bingo box located on the counter behind the Welcome Center. **We are also in need of some additional volunteers** to help the residents with their bingo cards and to help them determine which prize they would like to have. The residents really look forward to our bingo each month and it is rewarding to help them each month. Please contact John Hayes at 572-1052 or at blazehayes@aol.com if you'd like to help or learn more about this Outreach program.

****Campbell's Soup Labels:** Please just cut the UPC bar code and the picture of the "point value boy" from the following products: Campbells - soups, chunky soups, Healthy Request, Supper Bakes; Pepperidge Farm, Spaghetti-Os, Swanson, V-8 beverage caps and Prego Spaghetti Sauce. Thanks for continuing to collect these to help the people with disabilities.

****Pop can tabs** help the Ronald McDonald House. They may be placed in the container in the cupboard in the Welcome Center.

ASCENSION YOUTH



**Spaghetti
Supper/Variety
Show/Raffle –
Sunday, Nov. 13th**

The annual Spaghetti Supper/Variety Show/Raffle is just around the corner! Join us at **5 p.m. on Sunday, NOVEMBER 13th**, (doors open at 4:30) for a night of fun and fellowship at Ascension Lutheran Church. Funds raised will support Middle and High School youth at Ascension, ensuring all, regardless of their financial situation, have the opportunity to participate in meaningful events. The Variety Show Sign-up sheet will be posted on the Youth Board. Please contact Mary Stoneback at [\(303\) 475-4886](tel:3034754886) or Kim Knoche at [\(719\) 661-7086](tel:7196617086) with any Variety Show questions. Tickets can be purchased in the Fellowship Hall between services beginning October 16th. Ticket prices: Adult - \$10; Child (ages 3-10) - \$5; Family - \$30. Children under 3 are free. *Due to schedule conflicts, we have changed the date to November 13th. Thank you for your understanding and please mark your calendar with this updated information.

Helping Youth at Ascension – The Ascension Youth are asking for your help in making their Annual Spaghetti Supper/Variety Show fundraiser on **Sunday, NOVEMBER 13th** a success. They are requesting donated items that will be raffled off between the acts during the Variety Show. Your donation is tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. Please drop off your donations at the front office Monday – Friday, between 9am – 12pm, or Sunday mornings. For any questions, please contact Carie Hagen at [\(719\) 332-3301](tel:7193323301). Thank you for supporting our 2016 Spaghetti Supper, Raffle and Variety Show!

THANK YOU...

A huge thank you to all who came and shopped, bought lunch and set up their goods at the Holiday Bazaar October 15th. We hope you were able to find something for yourself or get some of your Christmas shopping done! We appreciate your support! Proceeds from the day will benefit the youth traveling to Wisconsin in 2017 for a mission trip. Thanks! The Youth of Ascension



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& Prayers*

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