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Life-giving Waiting

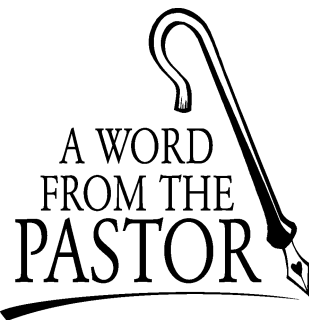
“My soul waits for the Lord, more than the watchman for the morning.” (Psalm 130)

The season of Advent is very compatible with my contemplative spirituality. An important aspect of contemplation is sitting in the silence attentive to the moment. It is a kind of waiting that fits well with Advent. Waiting is often thought of as a biding of time until something happens. We could frame Advent’s waiting as a biding of time until the coming of Jesus. Unfortunately, such waiting is often tied to feeling impatient. Impatience is wanting to get away from what is irritating us to some better circumstance. When caught up in irritation from our impatience, waiting becomes dis-eased.

I would like you to consider a waiting that is life-giving. This kind of waiting sits in the moment quieting the mind and open to God. For the Quaker author, Thomas Kelly, it was this kind of waiting where he experienced God’s coming. He described this encounter of Divine Presence as quickening, stirring, energizing and embracing. I would add that it helps the soul find peace. In short, it is a life-giving waiting.

It is helpful for us to focus our attention in a variety of directions. At times, we need to look back and consider where we have been and reflect on what has happened. There are times where we need to look forward to see what is coming and prepare and plan for it. But too much looking back can leave us caught in losses and regrets. Too much looking forward can leave us anxious and worried. In our culture, it seems we focus too much on looking back with its regrets and looking forward with its worries. People often seem burdened by these. In this Advent Season, I invite you to wait and watch quieting the mind and open to God. “For God alone, my soul waits in silence.” (Psalm 62)

Pastor Dan Holt

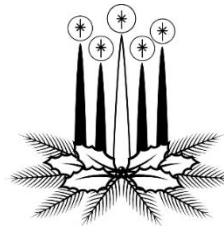


Christmas Giving Program for the Colorado Mental Health Institute

GREETINGS! It’s December and time to prayerfully consider the Christmas Giving program for the Colorado Mental Health Institute in Pueblo. This state program and facility has been serving Colorado for more than a century. They have 445 beds that treat adolescents from age 12 thru seniors, anyone over 60. These patients are always touched by your thoughtfulness and acts of kindness toward them. This program allows us just one more way to be God's hands to those who have so much less. The patient's wish lists will be available for you to look through and chose from starting Nov 20 in welcome center. The gift bags need to be returned to church office before Dec. 12. The Pueblo staff will come there to pick them up. You do not need to buy everything on their lists; it’s just a couple of ideas for you from them. The Board of Social Outreach is sponsoring this opportunity. Please contact me for questions or more information, Cindy Gaona 598-8045.

Share Your Favorite Ethnic Recipe!

ETHNIC COFFEE HOUR on Sunday, December 4, 2016! Time to dig out Mom's and Grandma's recipes and decide what you can make and share with everyone. Bring your contribution in on a serving dish marked with the name of the item and country the recipe came from.



Rejoice!

Christmas Services

**Christmas Eve (Saturday):
4:00 6:00 8:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day (Sunday):
1 service at 10:30**



What's Happening

What a month it has been! Hopefully many of you participated in some aspect of the Abundant Life series put on by our health ministry team.

Thank you to all who turned in an "Estimate of Giving" card. You helped the CPC with compiling next year's budget. If you have not turned in your card yet, please do so. It is never too late.

Our next congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, 2016 beginning at 9:15 am.

Watch for upcoming events during Advent. Opportunities to serve others, Ethnic Coffee hour, SUP activities, Choir Cantata, Sunday School Christmas Program, CLC Christmas program and many more Advent activities.

For some reason it appears as if our elevator has been used more since the spaghetti dinner? Rumor has it there is a secret panel behind the push buttons that leads to secret chambers below the church. Questions? Ask Pastor Dan!

"A Community of Grace, Called to Serve."

Peace be with you, Greg Gulliksen, President CPC
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Congregational Meeting



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, 2016 beginning at 9:15 am. On the agenda

will be a review of the capital campaign, board reports, update of the 2016 budget, and the recommended 2017 church budget among other topics.



The November 8 CPC meeting included the following actions and discussions:

- Pastor Dan Holt led Council in devotions after Council shared how they saw God being connected to their health.
- Rex Rudy reported on the October financials.
- Board Directors gave brief updates on current activities and fall plans.
- Pastor Daniel mentioned they are working on having sermons recorded and put on the website. He also spoke of ways in which our youth and children might be more involved in worship. He also noted Krista had been out for a number of weeks with an illness and that they were grateful to have Sylvia Holt substitute for Krista for worship services as well as choir.
- Donna gave a report for the strategic planning group. They have met once and are gathering information.
- The rest of the meeting was spent reviewing the 2017 budget and coming up with a recommendation to the congregation.
- Pastor Daniel Smith 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.

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.

Get in the Holiday Spirit! Purchase a Poinsettia for the Sanctuary



Join us in decorating the sanctuary for Christmas services by purchasing a poinsettia for just \$7.00. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall. Fourteen poinsettias are available. After Christmas services, you then can take the plant home to enjoy. Make checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church and write "poinsettia" on the memo line.

Create A Legacy



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

Sandy Trent - birthday

Christel Walter - 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

THANK YOU ...

**from Trents for all the cards, calls & prayers during Phil's back surgery rehab! We love our Ascension Family!!

Hello from the Children's Learning Center!

What a busy time we have had this fall! Between the move into our beautiful new space, to the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas events, we are in a whirlwind of activity! Next week we will have the school age children here throughout each day for Thanksgiving Break. While we love having them, it makes for a very busy week! Thankfully the week will end with **all** of us having a long weekend break with our families for the Thanksgiving Holiday! When we return on Monday we will hit the ground running with preparation for the

Christmas season! Ornaments will be made for the tree in the Church lobby, children will be practicing for our yearly program, the preschool children will have a birthday party for Jesus and of course we are expecting a visit from Santa during Christmas break!

We want to extend a very heartfelt thank you to the congregation for all your support of the CLC, the staff, our families and most of all the children. The gratefulness we feel to the congregation for the improvements in the center cannot be expressed with just saying Thank You or even in this letter but can be seen through the smiles on each child's face when they are enjoying their center! That is the best expression of true gratefulness! So please come down to the center and say hi! We would love to have you visit!

Qualified Charitable Distributions from Individual Retirement Accounts

Are you interested in another tax-free way to give to Ascension? Some taxpayers who are age 70½ or older and must take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their traditional individual retirement account (IRA) could make an "IRA charitable rollover" also known as a "qualified charitable distribution (QCD)" and possibly save on income taxes.

Who might benefit from making an IRA rollover as a QCD?

- If you do not itemize charitable deductions;
- If your charitable gifts already exceed the 50%/30% limits of expected adjusted gross income;
- If your Social Security income is taxable; or
- If you or your spouse is facing a high effective tax rate from a combination of estate and income taxes on IRA assets and need to exclude some of these assets from your estate.

What are the restrictions?

- You must be 70½ years old or older
- Any rollover cannot exceed \$100,000
- The rollover must be completed before December 31, 2016
- The rollover can be made only from a traditional IRA, not from a 401(k), 403(b), pension or other retirement plan
- The rollover must be transferred directly from the IRA administrator to the charity.

Contact your financial advisor or tax accountant to find out if you would benefit from a QCD. If so, contact Rex Rudy, the Ascension Director of Finance, 719-577-4637, for information about our Thrivent investment account that your IRA administrator would need to make the IRA rollover.

Abundant Life Service Project: Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

This project, open to everyone, was postponed from November and will be held on Sunday, January 22. Now is the time to start collecting the items for the kits pregnant moms in impoverished countries will be given. The supplies will help her take care of her baby the way she hopes to—like soft blankets, diapers, soap. The list is VERY specific...please see the sample in Fellowship Hall. Donate supplies and/or join in the fun of assembling them. A Thrivent Action Team grant is helping purchase items and pay for shipping.

SENIOR LUNCHEON meets at "Edelweiss" German restaurant (34 E. Ramona), Friday, Dec. 9, at 11 AM. Sign up at the kiosk in the narthex, or call Susan (573-4776). Recesses strongly encouraged! Call, too, if you want to carpool, need a map, or have questions. Look forward to your joining in!! Plan ahead to come along: Jan. 13, "Colorado Smokehouse"; Feb. 17, "Cracker Barrel"; March 17, "Red Robin."

In-Sight: Gleanings from the Johnson Institute Program of Spiritual Growth

Two months ago, three Ascension members, Mary, Elisa and Jim began a 16 month journey made possible by the Endowment Fund that was inspired by the visit to Ascension by Dr. Richard Johnson in October of last year. The Johnson institute provides a variety of programs in spiritual development for maturing individuals whether they are baby boomers, pre-retired, or retired. This Certificate Program focuses on spiritual growth and development as people move through different stages of life. He challenges his listeners to be countercultural: to look on aging as a time God made for us.

One of the quotes from Johnson that caught Elisa's attention was, "Age is not a thief in the night, but the master teacher of life." Jim liked the statement that, "our chronological age is the most inaccurate, crude measurement of our accomplishments." Mary found Johnson's call to make adult ministry, "significant, spiritual, educational, challenging and active" thought provoking and agrees with Johnson's discussion on the future of the church being both youth and most certainly boomers and elders. In the next 50 years, birth to age 14 will increase by 14% and in the same time, those 50 and older will increase by 127%. If we take these statistics to heart, it is not hard to see how nurturing the faith journeys of older adults nurtures a community's faith.

We have completed just two months of the program and our minds are literally exploding! While scary, it is exactly what we wanted. As a team sponsored by lay

ministry, our mission is to learn as much as possible from this course, and share it with the Ascension community. Part of the sharing will be in Temple Talks beginning on the 4th of December; bulletin inserts like "the Beatitudes of the Aging" in the Nov 27th bulletin; short summaries of our readings in gatherings like Adult Sunday School, Ruth's Circle and SUP; and a monthly column in the Ascension newsletter entitled "In-Sight," this being the inaugural issue.

Our prayer as we go through this certificate program, with your help, is to encourage all to live into their age faithfully and passionately. We hope our gleanings from the program along with your feedback, may provide inspiration that stretches and strengthens your faith in Christ, cultivates your God-given gifts, and deepens your sense of call to serve God and walk with others on their faith journey. As we grow together in this learning, we also hope to encourage our brothers and sisters from other congregations in their faith walk as well. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have questions or would like more information.

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ASCENSION LADIES' LUNCHEON

The ladies of Ruth Circle would like to invite all ladies of Ascension to join us on Thursday, December 8, at 11:30am for our annual Christmas potluck luncheon in Fellowship Hall, when we honor our staff and have a special guest speaker, Pastor Daniel. The main meat dish will be furnished, so please bring a side or a dessert, as well as your own table service. And bring a friend for this special time of Fellowship!

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 1990s. The next opportunity to help with IHN will be January 17-18 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.

Connecting with the CLC

CLC Connection – A blessed time

Beginning Sunday December 4th: This Advent, the CLC cabinet will sponsor a prayer tree for the children and staff of the CLC. The tree will feature ornaments made by the CLC children, with their picture and name. The community is invited to take an ornament off the tree and take home and pray for the child and staff member through this season of hope.

Stockings for each Child

A special thank you to Sally Walker for making 70 felt stockings for the CLC children. The SUP participants will help stuff these stockings at the December 15th SUP gathering. Sally made these stockings with her mother's material and is grateful to know the material was used towards a cause her mother would be proud. Further gratitude to the youth for decorating the stockings. What will the stockings be stuffed with? \$15 gift cards from Target, ornaments, a devotional, candy canes and cookies.

Cookie drive/Stocking stuffers

If you like to bake and love to spread sweetness at Christmas, please consider baking a batch for the SUP group to include in the stockings on the 15th. Drop them off at the church before or on the 15th. The stockings will be handed out to the children by Santa on Wednesday December 21st. Or, feel free to donate small toys or trinkets you think the children would enjoy. Example: small playdough containers, bouncy balls, pencils, etc.

THANK YOU ...

**For all of the cards and prayers at the passing of my brother Steven. They are all appreciated.

Dave Steinhauer and family

**From the Worship and Social Outreach Boards for contributing to the Mercy's Gate food pantry during November.

****Thank you Ascension Lutheran** for your generosity at the ALC Sunday School Compassion Bake Sale. You amazing people raised \$173.73, which is about two months of sponsorship for Victor and Nuhamin. And many thanks to those of you who baked treats for the sale. Together, we made a difference for our two Compassion kids. The Board of Parish Education

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY...

**to Russ Johnson and family at the death of his brother.

**to Dave Steinhauer and family at the death of his brother.



Sunday School Update

December is an exciting time for the Sunday School Program with our Christmas Pageant just around the corner. Saturday, December 10th, we will have the Christmas Pageant rehearsal from 9-12. On Sunday, December 11th, the Pageant will be held during both services and a reception for all during the Sunday School hour. We hope everyone will come to celebrate the Christmas Pageant with our children and youth.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Tina Krieg, SS Superintendent,

petetiangirls@gmail.com

Elisa Thompson, BOPE President, elisat92@gmail.com

Sunday School will not be in session December 18, 25, and January 1 and will resume January 8. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



Christ is coming! The time is near! Advent is an exciting time of preparation for the joy of Christmas.

Our musicians have been preparing

for some time for a beautiful Christmas cantata on Dec. 18th, as well as the Christmas Eve and Day services. Music has a long tradition in Christmas celebrations. Some of our oldest hymns were written for Christmas. "Of the Father's Love Begotten" comes from a Latin poem written in Spain around 400 AD, with an early musical setting in a manuscript from the 900s! And many of our other carols feature medieval tunes or harmonies, which are what gives Christmas music that mysterious happy and sad quality. The word "carol" originally came from the word for a circle dance, and early carols sounded more like dance music than church music may have been danced to. I love that this year's cantata features a lot of folk music and carols. Christmas carols were the people's church music and helped regular people celebrate Christmas and tell Jesus' story in their language, not Latin. So, sing, dance, and be merry as Jesus comes down to dwell with the most lowly and humble at Christmas!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Megan



500th Anniversary of the Reformation

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. We plan to include articles in this newsletter throughout the next year to give us better insight into the Reformation. This month we'll learn about Martin Luther, the Father of the Reformation. The data in this article was taken from the HISTORY Channel website.

Early Life

Martin Luther (1483–1546) was born in Eisleben, Saxony (now Germany), part of the Holy Roman Empire, to parents Hans and Margareta. Luther's father was a prosperous businessman, and when Luther was young, his father moved the family of ten to Mansfeld. At age five, Luther began his education at a local school where he learned reading, writing and Latin. At 13, Luther began to attend a school run by the Brethren of the Common Life in Magdeburg. The Brethren's teachings focused on personal piety, and while there Luther developed an early interest in monastic life.

Martin Luther Enters the Monastery

But Hans Luther had other plans for young Martin—he wanted him to become a lawyer—so he withdrew him from the school in Magdeburg and sent him to new school in Eisenach. Then, in 1501, Luther enrolled at the University of Erfurt, the premiere university in Germany at the time. There, he studied the typical curriculum of the day: arithmetic, astronomy, geometry and philosophy and he attained a Master's degree from the school in 1505. In July of that year, Luther got caught in a violent thunderstorm, in which a bolt of lightning nearly struck him down. He considered the incident a sign from God and vowed to become a monk if he survived the storm. The storm subsided, Luther emerged unscathed and, true to his promise, Luther turned his back on his study of the law days later on July 17, 1505. Instead, he entered an Augustinian monastery. Luther began to live the spartan and rigorous life of a monk but did not abandon his studies. Between 1507 and 1510, Luther studied at the University of Erfurt and at a university in Wittenberg. In 1510–1511, he took a break from his education to serve as a representative in Rome for the German Augustinian monasteries. In 1512, Luther received his doctorate and

became a professor of biblical studies. Over the next five years Luther's continuing theological studies would lead him to insights that would have implications for Christian thought for centuries to come.

Martin Luther Questions the Catholic Church

In early 16th-century Europe, some theologians and scholars were beginning to question the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. It was also around this time that translations of original texts—namely, the Bible and the writings of the early church philosopher Augustine—became more widely available. Augustine (340–430) had emphasized the primacy of the Bible rather than Church officials as the ultimate religious authority. He also believed that humans could not reach salvation by their own acts, but that only God could bestow salvation by his divine grace. In the Middle Ages the Catholic Church taught that salvation was possible through “good works,” or works of righteousness, that pleased God. Luther came to share Augustine's two central beliefs, which would later form the basis of Protestantism. Meanwhile, the Catholic Church's practice of granting “indulgences” to provide absolution to sinners became increasingly corrupt. Indulgence-selling had been banned in Germany, but the practice continued unabated. In 1517, a friar named Johann Tetzel began to sell indulgences in Germany to raise funds to renovate St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

The 95 Theses

Committed to the idea that salvation could be reached through faith and by divine grace only, Luther vigorously objected to the corrupt practice of selling indulgences. Acting on this belief, he wrote the “Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences,” also known as “The 95 Theses,” a list of questions and propositions for debate. Popular legend has it that on October 31, 1517 Luther defiantly nailed a copy of his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle church. The reality was probably not so dramatic; Luther more likely hung the document on the door of the church matter-of-factly to announce the ensuing academic discussion around it that he was organizing. The 95 Theses, which would later become the foundation of the Protestant Reformation, were written in a remarkably humble and academic tone, questioning rather than accusing. The overall thrust of the document was nonetheless quite provocative. The first two of the theses contained Luther's central idea, that God intended believers to seek repentance and that faith alone, and not deeds, would lead to salvation. The other 93 theses, a number of them directly criticizing the practice of indulgences, supported these first two.

In addition to his criticisms of indulgences, Luther also reflected popular sentiment about the “St. Peter's scandal” in the 95 Theses: *Why does not the pope, whose*

ASCENSION YOUTH

Christmas Caroling and Chili Supper

What: Christmas caroling and chili supper

When: Sunday, Dec. 18 from 4-7 p.m.

We'll carol to home bound members and those in nursing care facilities. All are asked to bring a chili dish and/or fixings and dessert and meet at the church at 4 pm. Thank you!



Thank you, thank you, thank you for the much-appreciated, generous donations that were raffled off between the acts during the Spaghetti Supper Variety Show.

Thanks to all of you the raffle was a huge success. Your thoughtfulness means so much and we are so grateful!

We would also like to thank Patrick and Jim DeLoughry and Annie Saunders for your commitment to our mission and all of your hard work and dedication you put in... Your efforts were truly appreciated!

Also, a million thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers! We could not have done it without you all.

Thanks again for supporting our 2016 Spaghetti Supper, Raffle and Variety Show!

The Youth Board

wealth today is greater than the wealth of the richest Crassus, build the basilica of St. Peter with his own money rather than with the money of poor believers? The 95 Theses were quickly distributed throughout Germany and then made their way to Rome. In 1518, Luther was summoned to Augsburg, a city in southern Germany, to defend his opinions before an imperial diet (assembly). A debate lasting three days between Luther and Cardinal Thomas Cajetan produced no agreement. Cajetan defended the church's use of indulgences, but Luther refused to recant and returned to Wittenberg.

Luther the Heretic

On November 9, 1518 the pope condemned Luther's writings as conflicting with the teachings of the Church. One year later a series of commissions were convened to examine Luther's teachings. The first papal commission found them to be heretical, but the second merely stated that Luther's writings were "scandalous and offensive to pious ears." Finally, in July 1520 Pope Leo X issued a papal bull (public decree) that concluded that Luther's propositions were heretical and gave Luther 120 days to recant in Rome. Luther refused to recant, and on January 3, 1521 Pope Leo excommunicated Martin Luther from the Catholic Church. On April 17, 1521 Luther appeared before the Diet of Worms in Germany. Refusing again to recant, Luther concluded his testimony with the defiant statement: "Here I stand. God help me. I can do no other." On May 25, the Holy Roman emperor Charles V signed an edict against Luther, ordering his writings to be burned. Luther hid in the town of Eisenach for the next year, where he began work on one of his major life projects, the translation of the New Testament into German, which took him 10 years to complete.

Martin Luther's Later Years

Luther returned to Wittenberg in 1521, where the reform movement initiated by his writings had grown beyond his influence. It was no longer a purely theological cause; it had become political. Other leaders stepped up to lead the reform, and concurrently, the rebellion known as the Peasants' War was making its way across Germany. Luther had previously written against the Church's adherence to clerical celibacy, and in 1525 he married Katherine of Bora, a former nun. They had five children. Although Luther's early writings had sparked the Reformation, he was hardly involved in it during his later years. At the end of his life, Luther turned strident in his views, and pronounced the pope the Antichrist, advocated for the expulsion of Jews from the empire and condoned polygamy based on the practice of the patriarchs in the Old Testament. Luther died on February 18, 1546.

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.

****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 10:00-11:00AM 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.

Bridge Group. Our Bridge Group will meet at 5:30PM on December 17th 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.

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*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

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