



Ascension In Action

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Where Charity and Love Prevail

*Where charity and love prevail, there
God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.*



I like to talk a lot about identity. I think that's because it's such a powerful influence on our lives. Sometimes we are reminded that we are 'role models' for our youth and 'citizens' for our country, and these identities build us up. On the flip side, we are often told we are 'consumers' or 'tax payers,' as if what matters about who we are is what we consume or what we pay in taxes.

As Christians, our identity is rooted in our baptism, in God calling us God's own and promising to love us forever. If we think of ourselves first and foremost as baptized children of God, that changes how we approach this life.

What I too often miss in this identity talk is that we have an identity as a people, a community, too. As a church across the world, as ELCA Lutherans, and as Ascension. What is our identity as Christians? What defines us, not individually, but collectively? What makes us a group, instead of a random collection of people?

We sang "Where Charity and Love Prevail" (ELW 359) at our Easter sunrise service, and the second line of that first verse strikes me: *brought here together by Christ's love by love we thus are bound.*

That same baptismal promise of love that tells us who we are individually, binds us together as a community, too. It is the Word of God, which brings us together, this awesome word of grace in a world

of such little grace. It is the promise of being loved which compels us to come and worship and come and be part of this thing called church. And having been brought together, that same love binds us together.

Which can sound a little frightening. Being bound together? We are people who love liberty and want to be individuals. Well ... too bad! :) Part of being in the church is that God's love binds us together. It binds us together in caring for one another, in forgiving one another, and in being part of spreading God's love in word and deed together. God's love defines us as a people. The challenge and joy of being church together is to ask that old Luther question: what does this mean for us? Let's ask that question together, too.

*Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's
holy Son;
as members of each body joined, in him we are made
one.*

God bless, Daniel Smith

Where is God Calling Ascension?

What is our vision? The most common response, "Ascension is a Community of Grace – called to Serve" says a lot about us. As a guiding principal, it has helped the CPC set priorities and make decisions. Those decisions are often focused on short-term goals. The CPC wants to look more long-term and strategically toward our future. Where is God calling Ascension in the next 15-20 years?

To that end, the CPC plans to hire a consultant to help lead the congregation in developing a long-term strategic plan for Ascension. Before we do that, the Council requests your feedback in three areas:

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- 1) How do we connect with God?
- 2) How do we connect with each other?
- 3) How do we connect with the world and our greater community?

Your feedback will be provided in a short survey put together by the Synod. This self-assessment will help identify our strengths and weaknesses in the three areas.

The survey will be available at the church for three Sundays following Easter: April 30th, May 7th, and May 14th. We ask that you complete and turn in the survey on one of those days. Anticipated time required is 10 minutes. Pastor Judith VanOsdol, Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission, will provide feedback from the survey at a forum between services on June 11th.

The Strategic Planning Committee consists of Donna Crump, Jon Thompson, Marcia Oltrogge, Stacy Jenson, Nancy Albertson, and Pastor Dan Holt. Please take a few moments to help us plan for the future. This is an exciting time for Ascension!

Donna Crump
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What's Happening

There are always a number of activities at Ascension in the month of May. Some are the culmination of study for the past few years such as confirmation. There are activities to participate in such as the spiritual gifts in motion campaign, congregation surveys, Sunday school for all ages, and more. Upcoming summer activities such as Vacation Bible School.

There are many ways for you to participate at Ascension. This is your church. I encourage all to get involved or be part of at least one or more activities in May and on into the summer. In this newsletter there will be information on the activities mentioned above as well as many other opportunities to get involved.

“A Community of Grace, Called to Serve.”
Peace be with you, Greg Gulliksen, President CPC
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The April 11 CPC meeting included the following actions and discussions:

- Pastor Dan Holt led devotions and had us share a time when we recognized the presence of the risen Christ in our lives then shared how God speaks to each of us individually when we gather here at Ascension.
- Board Directors gave brief updates on current activities and future plans.
- Pastor Daniel noted there are a number of adult forum topics from now until the end of May. The team for selecting our new organist /accompanist will be conducting interviews shortly.
- Pastor Dan talked about the care deacons ramping up with the recent number of illness in the congregation.
- Donna Crump gave an update on the strategic Planning efforts. She mentioned there would be survey of the congregation members during a Sunday as well as a survey of groups associated with Ascension and community members also. The surveys will help us look at ourselves. Both surveys will be used by a strategic planner when they are hired.
- Greg Gulliksen gave an update on the sanctuary upgrades. The board of worship had looked as carpet samples. Lighting and window covering representatives have toured the sanctuary and are working on recommendations for new lighting and window coverings.
- Rex Rudy reported that we continue to be behind on our general offerings. He showed some graphs of giving trends for the past number of years. The main thing that it showed was that our offerings are below our percentage of budget at this time of year as compared to past years. He will continue to review with the executive committee.
- Jerry Dollar, board of stewardship director discussed the upcoming “Spiritual Gifts in Motion” campaign coming up in May. This will be a new approach to the time and talent survey of the past.
- Pastor Dan and Donna presented the final draft of the revised “Handling of Spiritual Gifts Policy”. A motion was made to accept the policy. The motion passed.
- 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.

May 7 Abundant Life Hosts Adult Sunday School

On Sunday May 7 during the adult Sunday School hour, the Abundant Life Health and Faith Team will offer a presentation from 9:15 am – 10:15 am. More information to come.

From Your Abundant Life Committee

May is chocked full of some wonderful and heartwarming events. It looks like everyone was just waiting for the warm sunny days to declare a day to honor or recognize a special event. Google ‘special things about May’; the list is very long. I especially like May 15th Chocolate cookie day and May 25th Wine Day.

But if you study the long list on Google, you will see many days to recognize and honor some of the hardworking people who give back to us just in arriving to work each day. Among the list you will see teachers, nurses, mothers, emergency response people, police and of course our military. If you are among these groups I honor you for your dedication and commitment.

The Abundant Life Group has tried to bring awareness to improving the wholeness of the human condition. And I hope we have met some of our goals. My suggestion for May is to find as many people as you can to honor and thank for their work, and if you are among those people being honored absorb the honor like the warm sun and know you have made a difference in someone’s life. God gave you the opportunity to serve and God loves you for using it. We love you as well.

Here are some special days;

- Nurse weeks May 1-6
- Mother’s Day May 8
- Teacher’s week May 8-12
- Police Memorial Day May 15
- Armed Forces Day May 20
- Memorial Day May 30

Sara Petz for the Abundant Life Committee

CONGRATULATIONS...

** to Steven Gulliksen for achieving his degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

**to David Trinko for earning his degree in Mechanical Engineering from Colorado State University-Ft. Collins.

May SUP Set for May 18

The May SUP will be Thursday May 18th, 12 – 1:30 pm. Watch for more information in the weekly bulletin. *We will not meet through June and July. A special thank you to members of last year’s SUP Planning Team who brainstormed and hosted this year’s monthly gatherings. Members included: Rich Johnson, Jim DeLoughry, Sally Walker, Ruth Wiig, Scott Allen and Warren Slagle. And to Darcy Ayen, Ruth Wiig, Sally Walker and Susan Curtis for providing main dishes!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

**Family & friends of Chuck Blaney at his death.

**Andrea Reu at the death of her father.

RUTH CIRCLE



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. Ruth Circle is changing its study focus from the “Gather” publication to an independent study on women of the Bible. Our May 11 circle meeting will focus on “The Rock of My Life”. Our emphasis will be on the who/why/when/where a person (male or female) important to you made a difference in your life. Bring your memories, pictures, historical artifacts and share with all of us how this person influenced you to be who you became and are today. Hostess for the May 11 gathering is Sally Walker. If you are new to Ascension or just looking for a casual Bible Study group, we hope you will come and join us! We will take a summer break for June & July and meet back up on August 10. Questions? Contact Nancy Shatto, 426-9444 or njshatto@yahoo.com.

Bridge Group

Our Bridge Group will meet at 5:30PM on May 20th 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](tel:7195721052) or at kittypawz@aol.com if you have any questions about this group.

Spiritual Gifts in Motion: ALC Time and Talent Program

Each of us is blessed with a set of talents that were meant to be shared. We are also allotted a certain amount of time; both to be used for ourselves, as well as to be given selflessly in service. This year's Time and Talent program allows you do both. Building on Ascension's tradition of giving to others; Spiritual Gifts in Motion provides an opportunity for each of us to give back, both within and outside of our walls.

Please join your Stewardship Board in celebrating our many gifts and making the time to share of ourselves. On Sunday, May 14th, we ask you to come partake in fellowship between services. During this time we will provide treats and a place for you to tell us of your interests in serving Ascension and our greater community. You will be able to meet and chat with members from each of our Boards.

Here is just a representative sampling of the places where you can find a home for your Spiritual Gifts:

Leadership - Groups, Programs

Teaching - Adults, Youth, Children, Preschool, Early Elementary, Late Elementary, Middle School, Confirmation

Organizing - Events, Fundraising, Christmas Program, Rally Day, Blessing of the Backpacks, Bingo

Hospitality - Greeting, Visiting, Social Ministry, Driver, Food Preparation, Reception

Worship - Planning, Communion Assistance, Reading, Ushering, Prayer Groups, Recording

Performance - Singing, Instrumental, Acting, Choir

Outreach - Mercy's Gate, Habitat for Humanity, IHN, ELCA World Hunger Relief, Fair Trade, CROP Walk, Food Pantry

Office Support - Mailings, Telephone, Computer, Audio Visual

Finance - Counting, Bookkeeping, Auditing, Endowment

Maintenance - Handyman, Indoor, Outdoor, Facility Preparation

This list is by no means exhaustive. But as you can see, there is a place for each of us to give of our talent and time. We look forward to welcoming you to the Spiritual Gifts in Motion (Time and Talent Program) event on Sunday, May 14th between services. Eat, chat, and find your unique place to serve within the Ascension family!

First Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

--Your Board of Stewardship (the "Stew Crew")

US & THEM WE:

2017 ELCA WORLD HUNGER LENTEN "QUENCH THIRST. QUENCH POVERTY"

Thanks to everyone who gave an offering to help us purchase wells for people in need of access to clean water! The kids did such a great job decorating their water bottle change banks and it was fun to see them fill up our wash tub on Palm Sunday. (Thanks to all of you who helped fill up those bottles even more during the children's sermon on Palm Sunday!)

As I write this today, we are still in the process of tallying donations to our "Quench Thirst. Quench Poverty" campaign. Stay tuned to bulletin and Friday WhatsUp for more info on that. God is good and we are thankful for your generosity!

COLORING CONTEST WINNERS FOR 2017!!!



The response this year for entries to the coloring contest was so encouraging! Thanks to everyone who entered a picture! It was fun to see them hung up around the church and really helped raise awareness for the millions in the world who struggle to find clean water. Here are this year's winners (drumroll, please!)...

PRESCHOOL: Kyla Hjelmstad and Abbie Kindley (tie).

EARLY ELEMENTARY: Emma Hindley

UPPER ELEMENTARY: Kadence Baun

ADULT: Elizabeth Diehl

Winners received **FABULOUS** prizes courtesy of Kathy Hayes (Board of Social Outreach).

Sharla Saunders – Director, Board of Social Outreach

Funeral Luncheon Committee

When an Ascension member passes away and the funeral is held at our church, we offer the grieving family a luncheon following the funeral ceremony. We have many volunteers who provide salads and desserts for these luncheons. We are pleased to announce that Marjorie Essigmann has stepped up to be our second Funeral Committee Co-Director. She and Val Rudy will oversee these luncheons and coordinate required food items with our many volunteers. Val and Marjorie - thank you for your gracious service.

On October 29, 2017, we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, but over the course of this year, there will be a series of events, classes, and materials made available to our Ascension family to give us a better understanding of the reformation. Our ELCA leadership has divided this year of celebration into thirds with the first third remembering Martin Luther and foundation for the Reformation. The second third is to look at the reconciliation going on between the Lutheran Church and the Catholic Church. The final third will focus on where we go from here and how do we continue to reform. So for the next several months, we'll look at reconciliation efforts with the Catholic Church. In October 2016, Pope Francis and the leaders of the Lutheran World Federation traveled to Lund, Sweden to preside over an ecumenical prayer service and at the end of the service they signed a joint declaration pledging to improve relations through dialogue, while working together to heal conflicts, welcome refugees, and care for the planet. The goal of the theological dialogue was to bring Catholics and Lutherans together at the Eucharistic table. In conjunction with that historic service in Sweden, there have been two joint prayer services between the Lutheran and Catholic churches here in Colorado Springs. The following excerpts from the **JOINT DECLARATION ON THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION** by the **Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church, dated October 31, 1999** were taken from the service at First Lutheran on 29 October 2016.



Preamble

1. The doctrine of justification was of central importance for the Lutheran Reformation of the sixteenth century. It was held to be the "first and chief article" and at the same time the "ruler and judge over all other Christian doctrines." The doctrine of justification was particularly asserted and defended in its Reformation shape and special valuation over against the Roman Catholic Church and theology of that time, which in turn asserted and defended a doctrine of justification of a different character. From the Reformation perspective, justification was the crux of all the disputes. Doctrinal condemnations were put forward both in the Lutheran Confessions and by the Roman Catholic Church's Council of Trent. These condemnations are still valid today and thus have a church-dividing effect.

2. For the Lutheran tradition, the doctrine of justification has retained its special status. Consequently it has also from the beginning occupied an important place in the official Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue.

5. The present Joint Declaration has this intention: namely, to show that on the basis of their dialogue the subscribing Lutheran churches and the Roman Catholic Church are now able to articulate a common understanding of our justification

by God's grace through faith in Christ. It does not cover all that either church teaches about justification; it does encompass a consensus on basic truths of the doctrine of justification and shows that

the remaining differences in its explication are no longer the occasion for doctrinal condemnations.

Biblical Message of Justification

11. Justification is the forgiveness of sins (cf. *Rom* 3:23-25; *Acts* 13:39; *Lk* 18:14), liberation from the dominating power of sin and death (*Rom* 5:12-21) and from the curse of the law (*Gal* 3:10-14). It is acceptance into communion with God: already now, but then fully in God's coming kingdom (*Rom* 5:1f). It unites with Christ and with his death and resurrection (*Rom* 6:5). It occurs in the reception of the Holy Spirit in baptism and incorporation into the one body (*Rom* 8:1f, 9f; *I Cor* 12:12f). All this is from God alone, for Christ's sake, by grace, through faith in "the gospel of God's Son" (*Rom* 1:1-3).

The Common Understanding of Justification

15. In faith we together hold the conviction that justification is the work of the triune God. The Father sent his Son into the world to save sinners. The foundation and presupposition of justification is the incarnation, death, and resurrection of Christ. Justification thus means that Christ himself is our righteousness, in which we share through the Holy Spirit in accord with the will of the Father. Together we confess: By grace alone, in faith in Christ's saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works.

Justification as Forgiveness of Sins and Making Righteous

22. We confess together that God forgives sin by grace and at the same time frees human beings from sin's enslaving power and imparts the gift of new life in Christ. When persons come by faith to share in Christ, God no longer imputes to them their sin and through the Holy Spirit effects in them an active love. These two aspects of God's gracious action are not to be separated, for persons are by faith united with Christ, who in his person is our righteousness (*I Cor* 1:30): both the forgiveness of sin and the saving presence of God himself. Because Catholics and Lutherans confess this together, it is true to say that:

Assurance of Salvation

34. We confess together that the faithful can rely on the mercy and promises of God. In spite of their own weakness and the manifold threats to their faith, on the strength of Christ's death and resurrection they can build on the effective promise of God's grace in Word and Sacrament and so be sure of this grace.

The Good Works of the Justified

37. We confess together that good works - a Christian life lived in faith, hope and love - follow justification and are its fruits. When the justified live in Christ and act in the grace they

receive, they bring forth, in biblical terms, good fruit. Since Christians struggle against sin their entire lives, this consequence of justification is also for them an obligation they must fulfill. Thus both Jesus and the apostolic Scriptures admonish Christians to bring forth the works of love.

The Significance and Scope of the Consensus Reached

40. The understanding of the doctrine of justification set forth in this Declaration shows that a consensus in basic truths of the doctrine of justification exists between Lutherans and Catholics. In light of this consensus the remaining differences of language, theological elaboration, and emphasis in the understanding of justification described in paras. 18 to 39 are acceptable. Therefore the Lutheran and the Catholic explications of justification are in their difference open to one another and do not destroy the consensus regarding the basic truths.

41. Thus the doctrinal condemnations of the 16th century, in so far as they relate to the doctrine of justification, appear in a new light: The teaching of the Lutheran churches presented in this Declaration does not fall under the condemnations from the Council of Trent. The condemnations in the Lutheran Confessions do not apply to the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church presented in this Declaration.

43. Our consensus in basic truths of the doctrine of justification must come to influence the life and teachings of our churches. Here it must prove itself. In this respect, there are still questions of varying importance which need further clarification. These include, among other topics, the relationship between the Word of God and church doctrine, as well as ecclesiology, ecclesial authority, church unity, ministry, the sacraments, and the relation between justification and social ethics. We are convinced that the consensus we have reached offers a solid basis for this clarification. The Lutheran churches and the Roman Catholic Church will continue to strive together to deepen this common understanding of justification and to make it bear fruit in the life and teaching of the churches.

44. We give thanks to the Lord for this decisive step forward on the way to overcoming the division of the church. We ask the Holy Spirit to lead us further toward that visible unity which is Christ's will.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Thank you for your continued support of this vital program to provide safe temporary housing for homeless families in Colorado Springs churches. As a charter member of IHN, we have been supporting this vital program since the 1990s. Ascension's next opportunity to engage with IHN will be on 7-14 May when we will host four families at our church. If you would like to help with IHN, please contact John or Kathy Hayes at [\(719\) 572-1052](tel:(719)572-1052) or at kittypawz@aol.com.

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 Val Rudy, 577-4637, 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!

****Quilts for New Beginnings** – 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 (large and Plus sizes), 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. While we have gained a few more volunteers, *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.

Holy Pedalers Update!

Holy Pedalers are off to a good start for this riding season. Judy Conroy led a recent meeting of our group. We all were in agreement that we want to continue the biking group and increase the number of rides. Judy has volunteered to be the contact person for our rides. Judy's email address is: jnconroy@comcast.com. She will maintain a list of scheduled bike rides with the person's name, leading the ride. Due to uncertainty of weather, rides will be posted, by email, no later than two days prior to the ride.

Rainbow Trail Day Camp, June 19 - 22

The Board of Parish Education, along with the CLC Cabinet, is pleased to announce that ALC will be hosting our second annual Rainbow Trail Day Camp, June 19 - 22. Rainbow Trail Day Camp is a week of fast-paced, high energy faith formation fun facilitated by counselors from Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. It's also a very special week of the year where children from ALC and the CLC get to interact, learn about Jesus' love for them and form new friendships. Day Camp is open to children 3 years-old (and potty trained) through children entering fifth grade in August 2017. Preschool children attend Day Camp from 9 Am - 12 Pm and children kindergarten and older attend Day Camp 9 Am - 3 Pm. Day Camp will wrap up on with a Community BBQ on Thursday June 22, 5 - 7 Pm. All members of ALC are invited to attend the BBQ whether they attend Day Camp or not.

Registration to attend Day Camp continues through June 1. And there are many types of volunteer opportunities to support Day Camp, including providing supplies or meals/housing for our Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp counselors. For more information about attending or helping with Day Camp, please contact Elisa Thompson, elisat92@gmail.com, 641.5184 or Mary Stoneback, m.stoneback@ascensioncos.org, 303.475.4886.

Graduates Honored May 21

On Sunday May 21, the Youth Board invites you to celebrate in this year's graduating Senior class of 2017. Join us and the following HS Seniors for a time of fellowship at 9:15 am and then a special blessing at the 10:30 am worship service. Blessings to: Selina Krieg, Timothy Coltrin, Daniel Torchinsky, Scotty Massen and Nathan Britsch.

Yum! Donuts Are Back!

Donut Sundays are back! Last year, HS youth and adults from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Kenosha, WI joined us in Colorado for a week-long adventure in service and fun. This year, it's our turn! So ... from July 14 - 22, ten youth and three adults will make their way to Kenosha, WI to enjoy a week-long venture in service, fun and faith growth opportunities. The theme is "Do Not Be Afraid" based on the story of Jesus walking on water from Matthew 14:22-33. The group is doing several creative fundraisers from now until our July departure, including everyone's favorite, donut Sundays. Don't miss the following Sundays in between services: May 14th, June 11th, June 25th, and July 9th. Also keep an eye out for FUNdraisers like a California Pizza Kitchen night, a great way to get out and donate to a great cause. We are grateful for the ALC community and your amazing support for our youth!

THANK YOU!

To the members of the Youth Board for the hard work you put forth to ensure a successful garage sale and Easter pancake breakfast.

To Mary, the middle school and high school youth who did a wonderful job with the Easter Vigil.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our youth.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Knoche
Director, Youth Board

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the congregation for your continued support of the youth of Ascension! The annual garage sale again was a great success! Thank you for bringing in your treasures and for stopping by to add to your collections! Money raised that day will help the 10 youth traveling to Wisconsin this summer for their Service and More week! Be watching for upcoming donut Sundays to help out this group more!

Thank you also to those who came to the Easter Pancake breakfast. Proceeds from the breakfast help pay for the middle school and high school youth to attend the local youth gatherings.



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& Prayers*

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