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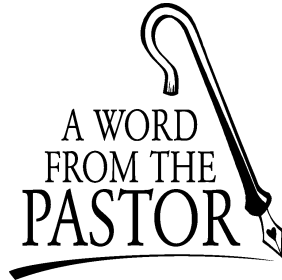
## Commemorating 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation Anniversary

For us, 500 years seems like a long time. With the tempo of inventive change in our modern world, 500 years ago can feel like a distant and largely irrelevant past. One of my favorite quotes comes from Faulkner who wrote, “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.” At times, we find the past is present in resentments or bad habits. But at other times, we remember and honor the good gifts that we enjoy because of the people and events from the past.

The Reformation’s greatest gift was a clear proclaiming of a gracious God as revealed in Jesus as reported to us through scripture. Luther and his compatriots lived at a time where the church was caught up in a number of practices that implied or, at times, outright promoted that people needed to earn God’s favor. They taught how that was wrong and reformed the spiritual practices so that they were grounded in God’s unconditional love for us. We remember and honor what they did by continuing to proclaim God as gracious and reflect that in our practices.

Many serendipitous circumstances had to align for the Reformation to have happened. Others beside Luther had similar insights into God’s grace and scripture but were stifled and even killed by leaders. Luther avoided being stifled because the Emperor and the Pope were tied up with other battles (like fighting the Turks) and more pressing concerns (like building St. Peters). These leaders didn’t think that a contentious monk in a little town in the northeast corner of the Empire would gain much traction. Once he became the best seller, the German leaders decided to protect him. Further, Luther’s message gained traction because people were fed up with how the powerful were using them. And, of course, Luther figured out how to make the most of spreading his message through the newly invented printing press.

On this 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we rightly remember and honor the great contribution of Luther and the



Reformation on shaping our values, theology and practice. Behind the good they brought is our gracious God who continues to work through us. I would invite you to join us for a special Sunday 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation Worship service at 10:00 am (only one service that day) on October 28<sup>th</sup> with a German based dinner to follow.

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## A Note on Pastor Dan’s Telephone

Please take note: Pastor Dan Holt’s home landline in no longer in service. **His cell number is 719-201-4331.**

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## 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. Don’t forget to let us know of your young adults address while at college. We would like to be able to stay in contact with them. Although they are not physically present with us they are still members of our Ascension family.

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## Church Kitchen

With fall activities picking up please remember that if your group uses the kitchen, please make sure you wash, dry, and put away any dishes you use. We are fortunate to have a kitchen to use, but we need to keep it cleaned up so the next group to use the kitchen does have to clean up your mess or put dishes away before they can use the kitchen.

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## 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. There are not many names on the list as we head into the fall.

The September 12 CPC meeting included the following actions and discussions:

- Pastor Daniel Smith led devotions by talking about the values we have at Ascension.
- Board Directors gave brief updates on current activities and future plans.
- Pastor Dan Holt said they would be at a theological conference this next week and that fall activities under way.
- Pastor Daniel Smith talked about the book club still moving along. He is working with the worship planning committee concerning getting children more involved in worship.
- Donna Crump mentioned she had emails a portion of the Ministry Site Review to CPC for review. The review came back with many affirmations and not too many recommendations. The summary was in all positive and will be a good tool for our strategic planner to use.
- Greg Gulliksen gave an update on the sanctuary upgrades. He said the lighting is the big issue and the Capital Campaign Completion Team had set the lighting as a priority with the other work to follow.
- Greg Gulliksen noted staff reviews are in process and hopes to have them completed by the end of the month.
- Rex Rudy reported that our giving is still low, but expenses are low as well which helps. The board of Stewardship continues to review.
- Rex Rudy reminded board directors that their initial budgets are due to him by September 30. He also handed out budget spread sheets for board directors to use for budget planning. Council discussed which insurance plan to offer rostered staff this year. CPC approved to continue to use the same plan as last year.
- Pastor Dan Holt 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.

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### Congregational Meeting

Our next congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, 2017 beginning at 9:15 am. On the agenda will be the approval of the 2018 church budget. Be watching at church a couple of weeks prior to the meeting for copies of the proposed 2018 budget.



## What's Happening

Did you see Martin Luther and his wife Katie walking around the Sunday School area on Rally Day? Children had fun making Luther Roses, create their own notices and pinned them to a real wooden door, talked to Martin and Katie Luther, and many other activities.

Look for additional ways to serve or attend fellowship events in the newsletter and Sunday morning bulletins. There are many activities to get involved in. Small groups are a great way to get to know others in the congregation.

Watch for upcoming events such as our Fall Clean Up Day, PILLAR and SUP activities, Ascension's celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, and the ever popular Spaghetti Dinner and Variety Show.

Did you see all those yellow t-shirts around town on September 10 and wonder what they were doing. They were all part of the "God's Work Our Hands" day. A big thank you to the many Ascensionites who helped.

"A Community of Grace, Called to Serve."

Peace be with you, Greg Gulliksen, President CPC  
637-9313 / [greg.gulliksen@gmail.com](mailto:greg.gulliksen@gmail.com)



### 2017 Holiday Bazaar at Ascension

It's that time of year when everyone is getting ready for the fall and upcoming holidays! The Ascension youth will be hosting their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, October 28th, from 9am to 2pm. Mark your calendars to get a jump on all your shopping needs! If you are interested in having a space at the Bazaar, please contact Kirsten Johnson at (719) 440-5896. Spaces are filling up! Lunch will be offered by the youth. All proceeds benefit the youth as they prepare to head to the National Lutheran Youth Gathering in Houston next summer.

## **God's Grace in Action: The 2017 Estimate of Giving Program**

Each year at this time we pause to reflect on our life at Ascension and consider how we might participate, with our time, talent and treasure; in the continuing work to which God calls us. We have much to be joyful about. While many houses of worship are struggling; we continue to grow in the number of people gathered on Sunday morning, in our many programs, and in our lives of faith.

Now it is time to take the next step. We must respond to our growth by providing the infrastructure and financial support to make sure that these programs continue to grow and thrive. To make that happen, we are asking you to make an offering of your time, your talent and your treasure.

In the next week, you will receive an Estimate of Giving card. Committing time, talent, and treasure to our community of faith is about more than keeping the church open. It is about continuing our work and moving us one step closer to supporting God's Grace in the here and now.

We are blessed to have the community of Ascension in which to grow deeper in joy. We look forward to discovering what is possible when we respond in gratitude.

Faithfully, Your Stewardship Board

**Stewardship Prayer:** Gracious and loving God, we thank you for all you have given us in our daily lives. We thank you for the community of Ascension, which you have entrusted to our care. We know that, with you, all things are possible. Help us to share your dream for this place and to share our resources of time, and talent, and treasure to make that dream a reality. AMEN.

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## **Thriving through Thrivent Financial**

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designated Choice Dollars that they can direct to enrolled charities. Several of our ALC congregation members participate in this program; where you can recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds go. Since 2010, more than \$330 million has been distributed to churches (including Ascension) and nonprofits nationwide.

Ready to learn more? Please contact Nancy Albertson at (719) 531-5900. Thank you! Your Board of Stewardship



On October 29, 2017 we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, but over the course of this year, there have been a series of events, classes, and materials made available to our Ascension family to give us a better understanding of the reformation. The Ascension Endowment Committee recently approved a grant to cover the cost of the lunch that we will have after the service on the 29th, so MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR! This lunch will be in lieu of our church picnic and will have a German theme honoring the German roots of the Reformation and of the Lutheran Church. The timing also coincides with October Fest so we can expect German beer and wine with our lunch.

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## **Connecting Ascension Riders and Drivers (CARD) Program**

A couple of weeks ago, the daughter of one of our senior members approached me to see if our church had a ride sharing program for members without cars. Her Mom can no longer drive, but she still lives at home and needs rides to doctor's appointments, grocery stores, church, etc. The daughter lives out of town. I had to say that we don't have a ride sharing program at Ascension, but maybe it's time to start one up. As a result, the Board of Lay Ministry is interested in seeing how many people could use a program like this and how many drivers are willing to provide rides when their calendars allow. If you are in need of rides or are interested in providing rides, please contact John Hayes at (719) 572-1052 or at [blazehayes@aol.com](mailto:blazehayes@aol.com). Drivers would need to use their own cars and have their own auto insurance. *We are now providing rides for three of our members.*

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## **Thank You...**

To whoever is taking care of the flower bed near Circle Avenue. The flowers look great!

## A Message from Our Children's Learning Center

School is finally in full swing and with the generosity of the congregation twenty-five school age children went to school with the blessing of having a new backpack filled with school supplies! This program helps families to stretch their school supplies dollar further. With these items they are able to get their child lunch boxes, pay for school fees and other needs for the school year. Our families are always so thankful for what the congregation has done for the children and each of them want to thank each of you!

With the school agers off and running we are getting the Preschool year started! The younger group of children have begun their fall schedule and are enjoying learning every day! They enjoy Pastor Daniel and Ms. Sylvia coming in with Bible stories each week and Ms. Wini is back with her reading program for the older students. With the staff working hard and the help from the Church we are sure our kiddos will be ready when it is their turn to head off to kindergarten in the fall of 2018!

When you are pulling into the Church parking lot, be sure to look towards the playground. Through a grant that the CLC received this fall, we were able to get a shade structure for the playground. Once it arrived, Jeff Courtright and other members of Building and Grounds gave their time and effort to get it installed! We are all so thankful for the work that they put in getting this installed for us!

Another addition to our outdoors is the garden that we have growing above the playground. Ms. Elliotte's mother Chris generously supplied the plants, soil and her incredible knowledge to help get our garden planted! It looks great and the children are enjoying watering it every morning and watching the different plants grow. If you get a chance, feel free to take a peek at our garden!

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## Thoughts on an Abundant Life

Fall is my favorite season, crisp nights and bright days, and pretty colors on the trees and bushes. It seems that the light is brighter, maybe from the yellows and oranges on the trees. And it is only 3 months to Christmas. [My favorite holiday]

October has some fun "holidays" as well. Octoberfest [not really a holiday but worth adding to the list], discount on candy day [usually about the 20<sup>th</sup> at WalMart] and of course Halloween. I see people going all out for Halloween, not really my thing but it is a precursor to the decorations of Christmas [that is my thing]. Whatever

your favorite things about October happen to be enjoy each day with gusto.

Summer has been a roller coaster of events, some bad and some good. I am writing this in mid-September and the media is nonstop on hurricanes and wild fires, honoring loss and steeling ourselves to go forward. As a Christian I pray for those in need and join in the thanksgiving of those spared. But I realized that this rollercoaster never stops, some dips and turns are less violent, but we all share the ride. We bombarded with pleas for giving to those in need and there are certainly many in need right now but don't forget the ones closest to us and also ourselves. The needs are just as real and in some cases easy to serve. My suggestion is to find a need that you can truly impact and give your all. You will be "served" as joyfully as the recipient. Remember money is paper, time is eternal, and love lives forever.

Now let's us voted for the best reason to celebrate October.

- A. Cookie month
- B. Pizza month

God's blessing on your reason to celebrate October.

Sara Petz

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## Quilt Tying—October 28 Fair Trade Fair NOVEMBER 3 & 4

All of you who like to help tie quilts can meet at Beth-El Mennonite Church (south of Academy, east of Union) on Saturday, October 28 . Our fingers will be busy from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. A lunch of sub sandwiches, chips, dessert & beverages will be provided. Please sign up at the kiosk if you plan to attend. If you would prefer a vegie sub, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet. We invite you to bring your children and grandchildren to experience this wonderful fellowship gathering. The quilts will be donated to world relief through the Lutheran and Mennonite church organizations.

The quilting group will be holding a bake sale at the Fair Trade fair at Beth-El Mennonite Church on Friday, November 3 – 4 pm to 8 pm & on Saturday, November 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Any donations would be appreciated. A sign-up list can be found on the kiosk. The funds raised will be used for batting for world relief comforters. We had great participation at the bake sale last year and appreciated your contributions. Questions – feel free to call me at (719) 570-0103 or email me at [slwalker@q.com](mailto:slwalker@q.com).

Thanks, Sally Walker

## A Hymn Story

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" has become known as Martin Luther's and the Reformation's most famous hymn. During the month of October, the prelude for the first four weeks will be an arrangement of this beloved hymn.

While the exact date and circumstances for the writing of this hymn may never be known, there is some evidence to suggest as early as 1527 or as late as 1529 for its composition by Luther. It was probably printed for the first time in Joseph Klug's *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert* [Wittenberg, 1529], along with a reference to Psalm 46. The hymn may be a paraphrase of the psalm, though it may be better to think of it as a sermon in verse based on Psalm 46. Luther originally wrote the tune in the madrigal rhythm style of the day. Over the years the melody has undergone a "smoothing" of the rhythm to reveal the hymn we know today. Among his voluminous works, Luther wrote some 36 hymns.

It was ... the Marseillaise of the Reformation. It was sung at Augsburg during the Diet, and in all the churches of Saxony, often against the protest of the priest. It was sung in the streets; and, so heard, comforted the hearts of Melancthon, Jonas, and Cruciger, as they entered Weimar, when banished from Wittenberg in 1547. It was sung by poor Protestant emigrants on their way into exile, and by martyrs at their death. It is woven into the web of the history of Reformation times, and it became the true national hymn of Protestant Germany.

This prelude series will include arrangements of varying styles. The arrangers included are Dietrich Buxtehude, Timothy Albrecht, Michael Praetorius and Johann Pachelbel. A short service note about each composer and the style of the arrangement for the week will be included in each week's worship bulletin.

Teresa Kissling

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## The Youth Are Houston Bound!

We are HOUSTON bound! The ELCA National Youth Gathering will be held in Houston in June of 2018. Ascension currently has 17 youth and adults registered to attend this gathering. Be watching for ways that you can help us both financially and prayerfully!

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## Notes from the Music Room

The big month has come! It's 500 years since Martin

Luther lifted that fateful hammer in Wittenberg. So much has changed in that time, including music! When Martin Luther wrote his 95 Theses, music did not come up in them, but he certainly did have views on it. Music was an important part of his life from his youth, when he was a choirboy in school in Eisenach, where J.S. Bach would follow him 200 years later, and he often spoke fondly of music, saying "When people engage in music, singing in four or five parts, it's like a square dance in heaven" and "I have no use for men who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Music drives away the Devil and makes people joyful; they forget thereby all wrath, unchastity, arrogance, and the like. Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor." At the time of the Reformation all church music was in Latin, which Protestants quickly began to change. Much of the liturgy of the mass (the "Kyrie" and "Holy, Holy" and many other things we still sing) remained in Latin in many Lutheran areas, and Luther felt that this bit of Latin could be educational (remember that Luther attended school in Latin, which was the language of education across Europe), but German quickly was added into services as the language for congregational singing. And that is a big statement. The church forbade singing by laity in the 4th century, so music, much like reading and interpreting scripture, was only allowed for trained clergy and monastics in Luther's day. Wanting to bring congregational participation and thus understanding back into worship, Luther set out to have psalms translated in rhyming verse and to find other appropriate texts for German religious songs. Often these early Reformation songs used an existing sacred or secular tune and added the new words. "Oh Sacred Head Now Wounded" uses a beautiful tune by Hassler that originated as a song about a rejected lover. These new songs had simple melodies that remained the same from verse to verse and were sung in unison. Thus, the modern hymn was born. Over time harmonies were added to the hymns and organs began accompanying them, making them look by 1600 more or less like the hymns we know. Can you imagine church without hymns? Can you imagine church without any singing by the congregation? Martin Luther bringing singing back to the congregation was a great gift to people, with songs teaching people of God's love and comforting them in difficulty, as well as making it clear that music was accessible to all and sparking a return of lay choirs, like our own church choir! Remember how far we've come the next time you sing a rousing chorus of "A Mighty Fortress"!

Soli Deo Gloria, Megan Miller

## Endowment Fund Legacies Created

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

**Jan Zellmer, birthday**

**Phil Trent, birthday**

**Betty Hatcher, birthday**

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## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

\*\*the family of Paul Amick at his death.

\*\*Helen Hedemark at the death of her son, Peter.

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## IHN Update

We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped to provide for our IHN families with our sister church Bethel Mennonite church last month. We are truly blessed to be able to provide a homelike shelter where the families can stay together.

October 1-8 it is our turn to provide food and shelter for the families as they continue their journey to regaining independence and self-sufficiency.

Many folks wish to help in ways beyond the host week. Here is info on our upcoming Walk (Oct 15) and FP Week (Oct 15-22). It is appropriate for all ages and entails an easy way to be engaged.

Last but not least, we want to give a huge thanks to John and Kathy Hayes for their years of service as IHN coordinators at Ascension Lutheran.

With Thanks, Ron and Debbie Mohler

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## Ruth Circle

All ladies of Ascension are invited to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:30am for fellowship and casual Bible Study. We will be discussing Chapter 3 from the book *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, by Joanna Weaver. You can join at any time. Hostess for the October 12 gathering will be 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! Please see Nancy Shatto for a book, 719-426-9444 or njshatto@yahoo.com.

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## ~~US & THEM WE:~~

Greetings from your Board of Social Outreach! We have been busy these past few weeks with many activities and getting ready for fall. Along with the other ELCA churches in town, we pulled together for "God's Work. Our Hands." Lives were impacted as we all spread out throughout our community to try to make things just a little easier for people. Example: The "Kids Against Hunger" project saw 21,000 meals put together that will be shipped around the world. And by supporting Pastor Daniel through "Faster Pastors" you raised well over \$3,000 that will go to helping establish a new ELCA church in South Sudan. Thanks everyone, for your generous hearts!

One of the things we try to do through BOSO is to provide opportunities for the Ascension family to engage with our community in ways that are tangible. Here are not one, but two such opportunities:

**Family Promise Walk** is coming! You can help families in our community overcome homelessness while walking through beautiful downtown Colorado Springs! It's as simple as grabbing your walking shoes and showing up. And oh yeah, donations are also GREAT, because get this: **100% of what is raised goes straight to Family Promise** right here in Colorado Springs! **Details:** Sunday, October 15, 1:30 pm. Meet at Grace and St. Stephen's Church, 601 N. Tejon St. Questions? Ask Craig Kelly (kellykamp5@msn.com) or Sharla Saunders (sharsaunders1227@gmail.com).

**Women's Resource Exchange** is looking for long-term, "specialized" volunteers to help women with things like resume writing, interviewing prep, and wardrobe consulting. Sound like something you'd be good at? Want to help? Contact our own Emily Kindley, Program Administrator (emily.kindley@yahoo.com).

Sharla Saunders –  
Director, Ascension Board of Social Outreach

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## 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.

## BECOME INVOLVED...

**\*\*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 and baby burial buntings 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 about 35 years. *Thank you for your continued support of this program.* We call three games of bingo from 10:00-11:00AM on the third Wednesday of each month for the residents. We normally have about 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: our #1 need is for gently used men's clothing (sizes Large and higher), then we also have a need for women's clothing (large and Plus sizes), hygiene products (body washes, lotions, tooth paste, shampoo, etc), playing cards, 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. The residents really look forward to our bingo each month and it is rewarding to help them. Please contact John Hayes at 572-1052 or at [blazehayes@aol.com](mailto: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 October 21st 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](mailto:kittypawz@aol.com) if you have any questions about this group.

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## Sunday School Rally Day A Success!

Rally Day was filled with lots of fun and information about Martin Luther. A special thanks to Sharla and Andy Saunders for their portrayal of Luther and Katie, Megan Miller for the music and story of Luther's namesake, and Jeff Courtright for the infamous "door." We look forward to a fun filled year of Sunday School.

God Bless, Tina Krieg

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## Helping Youth at Ascension

The Ascension Youth are asking for your help in making their Annual Spaghetti Supper/Variety Show fundraiser on Sunday, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you for supporting our 2017 Spaghetti Supper, Raffle and Variety Show!

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## Spaghetti Supper/ Variety Show/Raffle

Sunday, November 5—The annual Spaghetti Supper/Variety Show/Raffle is just around the corner! Join us at 5 p.m. on Sunday, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>, (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 or Kim Knoche at (719) 661-7086 with any Variety Show questions. Tickets can be purchased in the Fellowship Hall between services beginning in October. Ticket prices: Adult - \$10; Child (ages 3-10) - \$5; Family - \$30. Children under 3 are free.



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*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

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