

Winter, 2022

Dear neighbor,

Greetings! My name is Mary Stoneback, and I serve as Deacon at Ascension Lutheran Church, a neighborhood church I feel fortunate to be a part of now for over 12 years.

When I'm not at the church, you might find me in a neighborhood coffee shop, connecting with church or community members. I love talking about life, faith and hearing other's stories. That's what I love about Ascension. We are a faithful community committed to nurturing relationships within our church, with our local community members and around the world, sharing God's gracious love with all.



In this edition of Full Circle, you'll meet Jaden Thompson, the Director of the KPC Respite Center, located here in the neighborhood. In September 2021, KPC flooded and relocated its operations to Ascension. Over the course of a year, Ascension worked with KPC on a renovation and this past September, we celebrated KPC's grand re-opening, ensuring that families in the Springs will continue to be served for decades to come!

In this edition, you'll also learn about Ascension's Christmas events including Christkindl Fest. Donations at Christkindl Fest this year benefit ... KPC! All are invited!

As fall turns to winter, I pray you are filled with the awe and wonder of the season. And I hope we get a chance to meet sometime soon, be it at church or the coffee shop.

Your neighbor,
Deacon Mary Stoneback

What's Happening at Ascension this Winter

- **Worship** – *Sundays, 8:00 and 10:30 am*
God's love comes to us through music, message, and the meal – Holy Communion. All are welcome! We worship in our sanctuary and online. www.ascensioncos.org/worship
- **Christkindl Fest** – *December 10th, 4-6 pm*
Each year we bring a German Christmas market across the Atlantic and to Ascension! Food, drinks, vendors, caroling, campfires, and more. The whole community is invited! RSVP's are appreciated: www.ascensioncos.org/fest2022
- **Christmas Cantata** – *December 18th, 8:00 and 10:30 am*
Our choir will perform a meaningful Christmas cantata during our worship services. You are invited!
- **Christmas Eve Worship** – *December 24th, 4, 6, and 8 pm*
Join us for a candlelight worship!



KPC Respite Center

I'm part of a unique community service organization right here in the neighborhood: KPC Respite Center, a ministry of Lutheran Family Services.

KPC is a crisis center that provides short term, temporary child care for children whose families are experiencing extreme challenges such as homelessness, loss of job, domestic

violence, or other critical, unforeseen life circumstances. Most of the children that come to KPC are under the age of 6, but in some cases siblings up to 12 years old can be accommodated.

KPC creates a nurturing environment and uses low child-staff ratios to promote individual attention for each child that comes into the center. We are even licensed to keep children for



up to 3 days in emergency situations. Everything is provided for the children when they are here. We have strong relationships with

many other organizations and resources in the community which is how many of our families find us. This also helps to provide natural connections for families that need additional assistance. The staff at KPC get to hear countless stories of parents and caregivers that are shocked and grateful for a place to bring their children when they are in some of the most vulnerable situations in life.

- Jaden Thompson, KPC Respite Center Director

Contact us!

Do you have ideas for our next Full Circle Newsletter? Questions?
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Join us for worship:

Sundays: 8:00 and 10:30

Christmas Eve, Dec 24th: 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00

Christmas Day and New Year's Day: 10:30



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