# Announcements May 5, 2024

#### Ascension Lutheran Church

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#### **ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans**

Ascension's youth are busy preparing for their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans from July 16-20. A number of study/planning sessions are required as part of the preparation. On April 21 Ascension hosted the first planning session for the youth group, which also includes high school students from Lord of Life and Gethesmane Lutheran churches. Three hours were spent in study, and Ascension provided snacks and a light meal. Other planning sessions will be occurring soon. Our youth, Kayla Salukele and Jenny Mutabirwa, along with chaperone Oscar Kamazima, are extremely grateful to their Ascension congregation for the funding to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering. The theme for the ELCA gathering is "Created to Be," centered on Psalm 139:14.

#### **Spring Clean-Up**

We are planning a spring clean-up day outside on Sunday, May 19, 2024. If you can help, please bring your gardening tools and dress appropriately.

Lunch and drinks will be provided.

#### What's a Lutheran anyway?

If you're a newer member/attender of Ascension Lutheran, new to the Lutheran church, a lifelong Lutheran or member of this church, or just want to know more about what it means that we call ourselves Lutheran, join us for Ascension 101, on Sundays, from 11:15-12:15, beginning Sunday, May 19th (place:tba). Pastor Karen will lead this five-part class on Daniel Erlander's book, "Baptized, We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life." Covering topics like history, liturgy and the eucharist, the book gives a foundational understanding of our church's theology by focusing on Lutheranism as a way of seeing, hearing, teaching and following.

Free copies of the 28-page book are available in the church office. You don't need to sign up for the class – just pick up a copy of the book and read the first chapter in time for our first session on May 19.

### Ascension Lutheran Church "News You Can Use"

#### **Welcome Guests**

Welcome to Ascension Lutheran, a congregation of the Southern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** God's work, Our hands.

#### Membership

If you would like to know more about Ascension or are interested in living out your discipleship as a member of this community, please contact the church office at (614) 262-7389.

#### **Email/One Call List**

Please let us know if you would like to be on our email list to receive our weekly news blasts, bulletins and newsletters and/or also if you want to be on our 'one call' list to receive twice-weekly brief announcements and devotions. If you are interested in being on this list, please contact the church office via phone (614-262-7389) or email (bnoe@ascension-columbus.org).

#### **Ascension Staff**

**Pastor: Rev.** Karen Asmus-Alsnauer (PastorKarenALC@gmail.com)

#### Office Administrator/Facilities Coordinator:

Brenda Noe (bnoe@ascension-columbus.org)

#### Organist/Choir Director:

Dr. Ed Duling (ebd2140@aol.com)

#### **Bell Choir Director:**

Jan Dahlstrom (dahlstroma@att.net)

#### **CWS Band Director:**

Tom Martin (gtmartin257@aol.com)

#### **Education Director:**

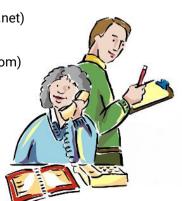
Pat Abele (pat@abelefamily.org)

#### **Facilities Maintenance:**

Jim Mead & Don Perry

#### Janitorial Services:

Sam & Rose Boateng



#### Altar and Chancel Flowers

Altar flowers are given by Vicki Blaesing to the Glory of God. Chancel flowers are given by Fred and Ruth Ann Helser in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary and for so many blessings received. We love and treasure our Ascension family.

Altar or chancel flowers in honor, memory or celebration may be donated by signing up in the Flowers Notebook (table across from office door). Please order flowers at least one Sunday in advance.

#### Remember in Prayer

- Judy Stark
- Jim Kelley
- Tom Huss
- Douglas Battenberg (Sandy Nicholson's brother)
- Chris Blaesing (Vicki Blaesing's son)
- Eric Freece
- · Howie Kerchner
- Rolland Hiscox (brother of Allan Hiscox)
- Stew Roberts (heart surgery on 5.14.24)

#### **Attention Prayer Chain**

The list of people on the prayer chain was mistakenly erased. If you want to be on the prayer chain, please contact Peggy Dlusky 614-785-1799. (The prayer chain prays for people who need immediate/emergency prayer.

#### **Prayer Chain**

For confidential prayer requests, submit your requests to the prayer chain; Jim Kelley at (614) 893-2047.

If you wish to have your prayers included in Sunday's intercessory prayer, please email the church office.

Prayers in the bulletin will remain for 30 days. If you would like to remain on the Sunday prayers, please contact the church office.

We are honored to pray for you and those

you love.



#### Next Steps as a Congregation...

Two Sundays ago the congregation came together for Part Two of the Congregational Conversations as we consider our future mission. We recapped our previous gatherings, and reflected upon the "energy audit" of the Church Council, centering on the specific dimensions of church life – spiritual energy, missional energy, financial energy, building, and demographic realities. So, what's next? The Discernment Group (a smaller group from the Church Council) is developing a questionnaire tool to seek more input, and as a means to connect with those of our membership who are unable to join us on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary. It's coming soon, so stay tuned. And many thanks to those who attended, and to those who couldn't attend and are keeping the church in prayer!

## Columbus Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert

Columbus Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra spring concert on Sunday, May 12, 2024, at 7 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church. Free-will offering will be collected.



#### **Church Calendar**

#### Sunday, May 5, 2024

10:00 am - Worship: In-person & Streamed

11:00 am - Coffee Fellowship

11:15 am - Confirmation Class

11:15 am - Sunday School

#### Monday, May 6, 2024

6:30 pm - Cub Scout Pack 613

7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 613

#### Tuesday, May 7, 2024

10:00 am - Bible Study

10:00 am - Women's AA (Open Meeting)

1:00 pm - Property Meeting

7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00 pm - Worship & Music Committee (Zoom)

8:30 pm - Finance Committee (Zoom)

#### Wednesday, May 8, 2024

11:00 am - Prayer Meeting

#### Thursday, May 9, 2024

10:00 am - Crafty Hands

7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm - Ascending Tones Rehearsal

#### Friday, May 10, 2024

No Events

#### **Saturday, May 11, 2024**

7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

#### Sunday, May 12, 2024

10:00 am - Worship: In-person & Streamed

11:00 am - Coffee Fellowship

11:15 am - Confirmation Class

11:15 am - Sunday School Class

7:00 pm - Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra Concert

\*For a full building calendar and space assignments, please visit the web calendar: <a href="mailto:www.ascension-columbus.org">www.ascension-columbus.org</a>. To put meetings/events on the calendar contact the church office and/or to inquire about building use, contact bnoe@ascension-columbus.org

#### **Items Available on Back Table**

The following items are available on the back table in the Sanctuary: New edition of Christ in Our Home; April/May 2024 Chi-Rho and Resurrection Accountings in the Gospels.

#### **Book Club**

The Book Club will begin discussion of The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese at its next meeting, May 16 at 10:30 in the Adult Lounge. We will continue the discussion at the June meeting. (It's a long book!)

