



ASCENSION

LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

15870 46th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446

Email: office@AscensionPlymouth.com

www.ascensionplymouth.com

Weekly News Feb. 2 – Feb. 9 2020

Sunday, February 2nd 	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School/Confirmation Class Teen/Adult Bible Class Stewardship Meeting	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45 am 10:00 am noon
Monday, February 3rd 	Worship with Holy Communion	7:00 pm
Tuesday, February 4th	Second Harvest	6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 5th	Sisters in Sharing Choir Practice/ Small Group	9:30 am 7:00 pm
Sunday, February 9th	Worship Sunday School/Confirmation Class Voter's Meeting Wise Penny	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm



Sunday Morning Bible Study: Making Spiritually Mature Decisions—What does God want for us? Does he want us to have an easy, comfortable life, or for us to mature in our faith unto eternal life? We all know which answer our sinful flesh would prefer. Christian maturity comes from faithfully and repeatedly applying God's wisdom to the problems and challenges of life. As we trust in him, guided by his Word, God promises to make our paths straight (Prov. 3:6). *Thanks to Dean Lahren for leading our study today!*



Quarterly Voters' Update: A meeting is scheduled for **February 9th** between worship services which will include an update on the building project and ministry updates from our elders.



Sunday Worship Survey - God-willing we will soon be moving into our new sanctuary. The worship committee would like every confirmed member of Ascension to fill out a simple worship survey on or before February 9th. You can take the survey online at AscensionPlymouth.com/worship or fill out a paper copy located in front of the mailboxes. Thanks for your input!



Preschool Registrations: We are accepting registrations for the 2020-21 school year. If you or anyone you know is looking for a preschool, come and check us out. All our information and forms are also on our website: ascensionplymouth.com/preschool-home. Contact Tammy Melott for any questions.



Year-End Giving Statements: Thank you all for your generous support of our Ascension ministry this last year! 2019 giving statements were e-mailed to everyone. If you have any questions or would like a paper copy put in your church mailbox please contact Eric Fehlhaber: efehlhaber@gmail.com or (715) 965-6382.



Choir Practice Change Ash Wednesday through Lent: With Lent fast approaching choir will be moving practices to 6:15 - 6:45pm starting February 26th. Please note that the changes are updated on our calendar.



Volunteer at Second Harvest: We will meet to package food for our community on **Tuesday, February 4th from 6:00-8:00pm.**

This is a great opportunity so serve as a family, or invite a group of friends to join you. Only 2 more spots are available on the sign up sheet. Please plan to meet at Second Harvest Heartland.



THE TALK: On **Thursday, Feb. 20th**, Patti Reagles, a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker with Christian Family Solutions, will be presenting on the difficulties of talking with ageing parents about the realities of future health care, lifestyle and financial decisions. Light refreshments will be served and free childcare provided upon request. Please RSVP online at www.AscensionPlymouth.com.



Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ascensionplymouth/.
Stay up to date with the evolution of the building expansion.



Ice Skating: Group Life Ministry invites you to enjoy ice skating on **Saturday, February 22nd at 6:00 PM** at the Central Park of Maple Grove (12000 Central Park Way, Maple Grove, MN). The LED lit refrigerated ice loop is 20 feet wide and 810 feet long, designed for leisure skating (no hockey sticks or pucks). Skating is free and skate rental is available for \$6.00 or feel free to bring your own skates. The warming pavilion offers restrooms, concessions, boot cubbies and a cozy fireplace. A sign up sheet has been posted on the Group Life bulletin board if you are interested in participating.



Youth Dodgeball: All Ascension youth grades 6 - 12 are invited to join us for a fun-filled afternoon of dodgeball action at St. Croix Lutheran Academy on **February 23rd**. We'll enjoy pizza and pop before heading out at 12:30. See Pastor with any questions.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM LESSONS FOR TODAY:

- PreK & K: Jesus begins to teach
- Grades 1-5: Calling Fishers of Men
- Grades 6-8: Jesus Calls and Teaches his Disciples (part 2)

PRESCHOOL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION OFFERING

This year our preschool and Sunday School offerings will be supporting evangelism and outreach through Costa Maya Ministries in Mahahual, Mexico. Check out our mission board in the entryway or go to costamayaministries.org for more information. **So far we've raised \$499.26!**



Shepherding Flock Thank You: A special thanks to Flock #8 for serving our congregation this week. Don't forget the sign up is in the fellowship hall!



Divine Call Received: On Wednesday, our music director, Susan Decker, received a call to teach English and be the Director of Drama at Divine Savior Academy in Doral, Florida. Please keep her in your prayers and share any ministry insights or encouragements as she considers where best to serve the Lord and his people.



Women's Event: Unplug & Recharge: Come join women and girls (age 10+) of faith as we gather to unplug from the stressors of life and recharge with God's Word. Speakers from Holy Hen House will be sharing encouragement for women to consider in addition to several recharge options. **Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 - 4:00 pm** at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Shakopee.

Christian Yoga: *Move. Flow. Meditate. Pray.* Redeemer Lutheran in Maple Grove invites you to join them. **Saturday, February 8th at 9 am** in the fellowship hall. Donations welcome, not expected. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel and water. Join us for gentle exercise and relaxing in Jesus' peace taught by Sarah Gierach.



New LWMS Mission Calendar: Check out this calendar hanging by the News Board. Each month will focus on missionaries using technology in the mission field. It also list of people to pray for along with missionary birthdays. January's focus is on **Mark Rieke—Former Friendly Counselor to South Asia.** Read more about how technology helped him in the mission field.



Church Cleaning Schedule: We are so thankful for all of the hands that work together to keep Ascension clean and welcoming!

Feb. 7th: Owen & Judy Slettedahl, Brian & Michelle Stein

Feb. 14th: Terry & Mary Steinbach, Dennis & Beth Svendsen



Request for Special Gifts to the Piano Fund: Our current piano has served our congregation well for many years, but is showing its age and is becoming less effective in accompanying choir and worship. Some of you may also be aware that Curt Putland gave a \$15,000 memorial to the piano fund in memory of his wife, Jayne. The worship committee has investigated several different piano options (new and used, electric and acoustic) and decided that a new classic grand piano from Kawai--the GL-30--would best suit our worship space. The good people at Schmitt's Music are giving us a very generous discount (to the tune of \$6,000), but even with that discount, there is a difference of approx. \$4900 between what is currently in the piano fund and the price of the new piano. If you would like to contribute to this fund over and above your regular offerings please write "Piano" in the "other" category of your offering envelope or if giving electronically, select the "other" category and include a note for "piano" with your gift. Should we gather excess funds, these monies will go towards new altar furnishings (altar, lectern, and baptismal font). Please see Pastor Roloff, Mike Melott, or Susan Decker if you have any questions.



New Chancel Furnishings: The interior design committee is happy to present an artist's rendering of the proposed new chancel furniture--an expanded altar, baptismal font, and lectern. They are located along the east wall in the kitchen area. The committee trusts that these furnishings will not only beautify and adequately fill our new space, but more importantly, they will communicate the centrality of Word and Sacrament in our worship. We will be finalizing finishes/colors and artistic details in the coming weeks. The pieces will be fabricated by Gunder Church Furniture. The estimated cost of construction and shipping is \$13,000. If you are willing to help defray this expense please write "Chancel Furnishings" in the "other" line of your envelope or online giving.



Annual Gala: Join us on **Sat., April 4th**. This year's theme Aloha, Komohana. Dress is Hawaiian casual, or whatever you're comfortable in! This year's proceeds will provide valuable tuition assistance to our families and help purchase a new school bus for activities.

Summer Camps: Summer activities are fast approaching. Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Theater, STEM/Robotics Camps are being offered this summer. Please see poster in entryway for dates and times or visit <https://www.wlhs.net/athletics/camps.cfm>.



Youth Bible Camp! Camp is a blast and a great safe week to spend time with 100 other campers and caring staff exploring and utilizing this part of the north woods located between Spooner and Danbury on Lake Rooney. Session 1 & 4 have spots available. Register at www.campcroix.org