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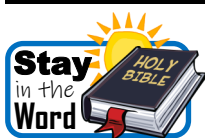
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Weekly News Jan. 19 – 26 2020

Sunday, January 19th		Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School/Confirmation Class Teen/Adult Bible Class	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45 am 10:00 am
Monday, January 20th		No School/ Martin Luther King Jr. Day Worship with Holy Communion Council Meeting	7:00 pm 7:15 pm
Wednesday, January 22nd		Sisters in Sharing Choir Practice/ Small Group	9:30 am 7:00 pm
Saturday, January 25th		Tubing Event	1:00 pm
Sunday, January 26th		Worship Sunday School/Confirmation Class Teen/Adult Bible Class	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45 am 10:00 am



Sunday Morning Bible Study: Christian Decision Making - "What should I do if God's Word doesn't tell me what to do?" Today's Bible study will discuss the topic of adiaphora—things God neither commands nor forbids. While it is true that we have freedom in such areas, God's Word gives us guiding principles to consider so we make such decisions to the glory of God and for good of our neighbor. *Thanks to Dean Lahren for leading our study today!*



Midweek Bible Study: Digging in Deeper into God's Word - Our worship services each week are designed to examine a small slice of the Christian life and teaching through Bible readings, sermon, songs, and prayers. But alas God's Word and his wisdom is deeper than our mortal minds can go--much less in the mere 60-minutes allotted for worship! On Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 pm we meet for a more in-depth study of the Scripture reading from the previous Sunday. Join us as we seek to more fully mine and appropriate the treasures the God holds out to us each week!



SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM LESSONS FOR TODAY:

- PreK & K: Jesus is Baptized
- Grades 1-5: Craft
- Grades 6-8: Jesus' Early Ministry



PRESCHOOL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION OFFERING

Costa Maya Ministries in Mahahual, Mexico. **So far we've raised \$487.26!**



Shepherding Flock Thank You: A special thanks to Flock #6 for serving our congregation this week. Don't forget the sign up is in the fellowship hall!



Family Literacy Night: On **Thursday, January 30th from 3:30-5:30 pm.** The night will include a presentation on Building Early Childhood Literacy Skills from Jennifer Tripp and Nicole Fenstad from Princess Party Pals will be doing a fun, engaging program with the children. We will have a book swap and stations for the kids. All preschoolers are welcome to come. There is a sign up on the bulletin board by the door so we know how many to plan for. Please speak to Tammy Melott if you have any questions.



Let's Go Tubing! Group Life Ministry invites you to come snow tubing on **Sat., Jan. 25th at 1:00 PM** at the Elm Creek Park Reserve. The cost is \$15 per person for two hours. Riders must be at least 4 years old or 36 inches tall to participate. A sign up sheet has been posted.



Second Harvest Volunteer Opportunity: We will spend the time packaging food as a service to our community on **Tuesday, February 4th from 6:00-8:00pm.** This is a great way to volunteer as a family, or invite a group of friends to join you. Space is limited to 16 volunteers. A sign up sheet is posted if you are interested. Please plan to meet at Second Harvest Heartland.



THE TALK: We will host our next Community Health presentation on **Thursday, Feb. 20th 6:30-7:30.** 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 the future. This very important discussion addresses how to approach adult parents and present them with options for handling their future health care, lifestyle and financial decisions. The key is determining their wishes before a time of crisis occurs. Refreshments will be served and free childcare provided upon request.



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.



Parent Information Night: All parents of 7th & 8th grade students are invited to information night on **Monday, Jan. 27 at 7PM.**

Annual Gala: Join us on **Sat., April 4th**. This years 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>.



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.



Check out the NEW *Forward in Christ* magazine

Forward in Christ, the official magazine of WELS, has relaunched with the January issue.

Changes include:

- A redesigned cover and interior pages.
- Expanded Confessions of faith.
- This is WELS—photos from our readers.
- Q&A column with accompanying Bible study.
- A new website and weekly e-newsletter.

Subscribe at nph.net and check out the new website, forwardinchrist.net.



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Stay up to date with the evolution of the building expansion.



Synod Prayers: *Lutheran Leadership Conference* – Father of all, some things never change: our sinful nature and actions, and your forgiveness despite our wicked actions. At this week's synodwide Lutheran Leadership Conference, give the attendees new ways to share your Good News with a sin-sick world. We pledge to continue to reach out to the lost since you have given us that commission. Bless both presenters and listeners. Amen.



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

Jan. 24th: Jon Sandager, Kris Sandager, Patrick & Stephanie Schmidt

Jan. 31st: Jeff & Jill Siewert, Denny & Sue Simpson

Staff Christmas Gifts:



Thank you for all the Christmas cards, gifts, family updates, and words of encouragement that we received this holiday season. We are truly humbled by this outpouring of your generosity and love! We are blessed to share our lives and ministry with you!

Pastor Brian and Christy Roloff

Thank you so much for the thoughtful Christmas gift! I am so grateful and blessed for the opportunity to work with the music ministry at Ascension. Thank you for your continued support!

Susan Decker

I would like to thank you for your continued support of my ministry here at Ascension. Your words of encouragement and your generous Christmas gift are greatly appreciated. I look forward to another year of serving our Lord and Savior through the Preschool ministry here at Ascension.

Tammy Melott

Dear Members of the congregation: What a wonderful job I have! Every week I get to share the good news of our Savior Jesus with the preschool children. Christmas is especially joyful with the celebration of Jesus' birth. I feel truly blessed to be supported in prayer and gifts by the members of Ascension. Thank you!

Jennifer Tripp

It is a blessing for me to be a part of the preschool ministry here at Ascension. Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Amy Rau

Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gift. It's been a blessing to work with the children God brought to us. It is a privilege to work at Ascension, serving the Lord.

Emily Buskirk

It's a blessing to work in such a friendly, positive, faith-filled atmosphere. Thank you all for the thoughtful Christmas gift. It is greatly appreciated!

Michelle Stein
