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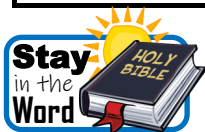
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Weekly News Jan. 26 – Feb. 2 2020

Sunday, January 26th	Worship Sunday School/Confirmation Class Teen/Adult Bible Class	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45 am 10:00 am
Monday, January 27th	Worship	7:00 pm
Tuesday, January 28th	Interior Design Mtg.	6:30 pm
Wednesday, January 29th	Sisters in Sharing Choir Practice/ Small Group	9:30 am 7:00 pm
Thursday, January 30th	Literacy Night	3:30-5:30 pm
Saturday, February 1st	Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Sunday, February 2nd 	Worship with Holy Communion 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 - Wouldn't it be a lot easier for us to make our decisions if God would just tell us what the final outcome would be? But however badly we may want to know our personal futures, God in his love and wisdom has kept that knowledge from us. His individual plans for us are hidden in his secret will, but his written Word does tell us what his ultimate goal is for his children and that is where we put our hope and confidence as we make decisions each day. *Thanks to Dean Lahren for leading our study today!*



Sunday Worship Survey - God-willing we will be moving into our new sanctuary by early March. An original goal of this expansion was to grow our unity by worshipping together in one service. The worship committee is gathering input as to what our new worship and Sunday morning schedule should be. If you have not yet taken the survey you can take it online at ascensionplymouth.com/worship or fill out a paper copy available on the table in front of the mailboxes. **This survey will remain open until February 9th.** Thank you!

--Ascension Worship Committee



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.

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 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. You can contact Tammy Melott for any questions.



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.



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 is Temped
- Grades 1-5: Rejected in Nazareth
- Grades 6-8: Jesus Calls and Teaches his Disciples



PRESCHOOL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION OFFERING

Costa Maya Ministries in Mahahual, Mexico. **So far we've raised \$499.26!**



Shepherding Flock Thank You: A special thanks to Flock #7 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.



King of Grace—Kindergarten Information Night is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 28th, at 6:30 PM**, in the Fellowship Hall (upper level) at King of Grace. See flyer on News and Events board for more information.



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 1st & 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.



Synod Prayers: *Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary* – Lord Jesus, Head of the Church, we ask you to guide this time of transition at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary as new men are called to replace several long-time professors. Prof. Richard Gurgel will be leaving the seminary to serve as president of Martin Luther College beginning this summer. Prof. James Tiefel retired at the end of 2019, and Prof. John Brenner plans to retire in June 2021. By your Spirit call for these positions the men you have in mind and be with them as they help train our future pastors. Amen.



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

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

Feb. 2nd: Owen & Judy Slettedahl, Brian & Michelle Stein



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.



Hope Baures Adoption Update: Most of you know that for several years now Greg and Melissa have been fighting to keep Hope as their adoptive daughter. Recently the judge in Wisconsin decided in favor of Hope staying with Greg and Melissa, but the biological father is again appealing the decision that it is in Hope's best interest to stay with her adoptive family.

Their legal fees for this multi-year litigation is currently at \$130,000 and rising. The emotional toll has been devastating, and they are struggling to provide for their family with this looming debt. Continue to keep the Baures family and Hope in particular in your prayers. If you would like to offer financial support you can do so through their Fund Me Page (gofundme.com/f/legal-fees-to-defend-hope).



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>.



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