



# ASCENSION

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## Weekly News Sept. 29-Oct. 6 2019

<b>Sunday, September 29th</b>	Worship Sunday School/Catechism Class Adult/ Teen Bible Study	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45 am 10:00 am
<b>Monday, September 30th</b>	Worship	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, October 2nd</b>	Sisters Sharing Choir Practice/Small Group Bible Study	9:30 am 7:00 pm
<b>Thursday, October 3rd</b>	2nd Harvest	6:00 pm
<b>Saturday, October 5th</b>	Men's Bible Study BOE Meeting	8:00 am 9:00 am
<b>Sunday, October 6th</b>	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School/Catechism Class Adult/ Teen Bible Study	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45 am 10:00 am



**Adult/Teen Bible Study: New *Welcome Home* Bible Study** - On November 3rd we will be celebrating Welcome Home Sunday with a goal of having our entire Ascension church family worshipping our gracious God together and rejoicing in the fellowship we share in Christ. In the weeks leading up to that celebration our Sunday morning Bible studies are designed to increase our sensitivity and understanding of why fellow-Christians may drift away, and just as importantly, how we should respond with love and compassion when they return home. Today's study focuses on those who have strayed from the Lord and his worship because they've fallen into sin. *Thanks to Dean Lahren for leading our discussion!*

*WELCOME Home*

# 10 for 10

Stewardship Emphasis

**10 for 10 Stewardship:** Our giving is an act of worship that shows the trust, honor, love, and gratitude we have for what Christ has done for us. Generous giving is one of the ways that faith-filled hearts respond to the riches of God in Christ. As God's children we should be constantly on the lookout for his many kindnesses and regularly reassessing how we can say, "Thank you!" for his love by how we use his blessings (that is the practice of Christian stewardship). **TODAY** we continue our stewardship emphasis called 10 for 10, focusing our hearts on returning to God of our treasures.



**Financial Basics Presentation:** Tim Peterson is a retired CPA with decades of experience in financial matters. He has created a presentation designed to help individuals and families take more control of their financial affairs and plan for their future. The information in this presentation is applicable to everyone, regardless of age or family status. This is an information only presentation. No products or services will be offered for sale. The presentation is about 90 minutes including 20-30 minutes for Q & A. It will be offered at **Ascension Church at 7 PM on Thursday, October. 10th, or 9:30 AM on Saturday, October 12th.** All are welcome to attend free childcare will be available upon request. No registration fee, but please pre-register online at our website or by signing up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



second harvest

**HEARTLAND**

**Second Harvest:** Volunteer opportunity **Thursday, October 3rd from 6:00-8:00 pm.** We will be packaging food as a service to our community. This is a great way to volunteer as a family or invite a group of friends to join us. Please plan to meet at Second Harvest Heartland (7101 Winnetka Avenue N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55428) at 5:50 pm to register. Space is limited to 20 volunteers per group. Sign-up is posted on the Group Life Board.



**Volunteer Opportunity:** For several years, Ascension Church has *adopted* Vicksburg Lane between Schmidt Lake Road and Rockford Road to periodically pick up litter and other debris. You may have noticed the signage along this stretch of road. We are looking for a lead volunteer to coordinate three annual clean-up events for 2020 and 2021. These events typically would be in April, July and October but the actual dates are flexible. The volunteer would be responsible for coordinating the clean-up events including securing a couple additional volunteers and picking up supplies from the City of Plymouth. If you are interested in leading this effort for a couple years, please contact Group Life Elder Randy Hebb at 612-237-9145 or [randyhebb@gmail.com](mailto:randyhebb@gmail.com) for more details.



**Worship Cards Reminder:** As a family in Christ we have the God-given responsibility to love and care for one another's souls. We are our brother's and sister's keepers. Part of showing that care is reaching out in concern for those who may have wandered from God's Word and worship and encouraging them to return to share in the blessings God has for us. However, our ability to know who has been in worship and who has been away is only as accurate as our recording system. So if you don't do so already please make every effort to fill out a worshiper card for every service you attend so that our flock shepherds can properly devote their attention to those who may need an encouraging reminder.



SUNDAY  
SCHOOL

### OUR BIBLE LESSONS FOR TODAY:

- PreK & K: Noah & The Flood
- Grades 1-5: The Birth of Jesus
- Grades 6 - 8: The Flood

### 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](http://costamayaministries.org) for more information. **So far we've raised \$46.00!**



**Shepherding Flock Thank You:** A special thanks to Flock #4 for serving our congregation this week. Don't forget to check & sign up when your Flock is serving. **The sign up is in the fellowship hall on the Sign Up board!**



**Diaper Drive:** We are now collecting diapers and wipes for donation to Christian Life Ministries. They help many young families in crisis and in need. Our drive will run through October. There is a Pack & Play set up in the Fellowship Hall to collect donations.



**Preschool Fall Festival Volunteers Needed!:** The date is **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM**. We have a various stations that need to be supervised. If you would like to help in any of these areas, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall. We welcome children helpers as well. We are also having our 2nd annual bake sale at the same time. If you would like to donate items, please indicate on the sign-up sheet what you would like to bring. We ask that you plate the items and drop them off on **Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**. This is open to children in our congregation who are ages 3-5 as well, and they can wear their Halloween costumes. If you would like to come and join the fun, please sign your children up by Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> so we can plan accordingly. If you have any questions, please talk to Tammy Melott.



**Reminder:** Church is truly blessed with many generous members who provide and serve Sunday snacks. Snack time between services provides us with the opportunity to socialize and get more connected with one another. To ensure the continued success of this program, for both church members and our guests, we ask parents to supervise younger children as they go through the snack line and as they eat their snacks. We respectfully ask that the snacks be enjoyed in the Fellowship area only.



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

**Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>:** Glenn & Melody Buskirk, Bob & Amanda Cahow

**Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>:** Andy & Amanda Dale, Susan Decker



**Divine Call Received:** Pastor Roloff has received a call to serve as the second pastor at Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Please ask the Lord to give him wisdom as he deliberates where to best serve in God's kingdom.



**Synod Prayers:** *India* – We thank you, Lord, for the work that our synod has undertaken in India over the past 20 years: for the dozens of personnel trained, for the materials published, and for the children who have been educated. In a place where so much of a person's ability to succeed is often tied to the opportunities afforded to them by their families and communities, we praise you that we have been able to freely share clothing, food, and education with those who would be otherwise unable to access it. Finally, we thank you that you've enabled us to use this as an opportunity to spread your gospel to those who don't yet believe. Amen.



**Parents Crosslink:** If you're looking for some Christian parenting tips we have a new resource available by the coloring pages called *Parents Crosslink*. This fall issue discusses the difficulty of Christian discipline and the importance of promoting humility in our children. Please take a copy for yourself!



**Free Harvest Festival!** As the fall season approaches and the fields become ripe for the harvest, Salem Lutheran Church in Greenfield is thrilled to offer a Harvest Festival on **Saturday, October 5th**. This free festival will take place from 5-8 p.m. on the Salem campus grounds. (9615 Pioneer Trail, Greenfield) With this festival we look to bring the community together to celebrate all the hard work that comes with this time of year. There will be carnival games, bounce houses, live music, and much more! Children are also invited to dress up in their favorite Halloween costume!



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH / JOHN 17:17

**The 5th Annual MOHW Conference:** Will be **Saturday, October 26th** at the Mayo Civic Center in Downtown Rochester MN. Additional details and online registration are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org). Registration is limited to 300 men. The adult registration fee is \$50 and youth registration fee is \$30. These rates increase to \$60 for adults and \$40 for youth after October 13th. Please join us for a day of fellowship in God's Word that you will not soon forget! This year's theme is "BUILT ON THE ROCK."



**West Fall Concert:** This year's fall concert at West Lutheran will be in a different format from the past. After the pre-concert music, the concert will begin at **3:00 PM on Sunday, October 13**. "*Celestial Serenade*" will be our guiding theme for the afternoon with classic and modern songs such as *Fly Me To the Moon*, *Mars, Moon River*, *Stars*, etc. Following the concert, there will be a dessert social held in the small gymnasium. Please note, this is the main music department fundraiser for the year. Thank you for prayerfully considering supporting this ministry at West Lutheran.