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| **Lutheran Disaster Response Around the Globe**Lutherans are responding to disasters in the U.S. and around the world -- from the damage of Cyclone Freddy in Madagascar, Mozambique, and Malawi, to the tornado outbreaks across the southern U.S. three weeks ago. Learn more about what LDR is up to:* [**Situation Report: Cyclone Freddy**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001GteyASIURtR6mlPlOo2K0uT_6XN43CCn1Y4_iVZVG0cs2JNimgHBedP68c2vYuFTQjkGAV7UIAAM1QQ4fJ8qkYw25KE0n0o1-zgpk0flvVoMKbK0_ZAFD4zepTm_qv1R_tq67l2hUM6EQXFjPAtCrEQxtvqdFdJ0iXCy_bjiQvxdBwioRvY66nX8CALSRq464IM-2h4OsE5f73Fo4CeSeA==&c=wuzX--kSl1_kbUTQhysS0imMsNtSZtM5S7pkb4hEcXWBPpxwsX_g6w==&ch=XViiP2pkIZB7USKiM8c-fD1K_Curjatj8X2ejqisrjC-KoBkSBEHIg==)
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* [**Roma refugees from Ukraine face racism, discrimination**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001GteyASIURtR6mlPlOo2K0uT_6XN43CCn1Y4_iVZVG0cs2JNimgHBedP68c2vYuFTIUxbdWQyAgxt2eMtah80Pts94N4vSmrNr18Z6dvT7J-Ik-6_GF08g7EofhGpgZ1oYe8bhRlpyHhjkarTaqdlPLECH6stUlisr2l12jPmIMr6M4UZrPwALuvaSqTobrvVVNk_80nvWliNfu2dWsfoQBUyhKarYMZyB-n4PwcCmwR9MQp7Fgo1gg==&c=wuzX--kSl1_kbUTQhysS0imMsNtSZtM5S7pkb4hEcXWBPpxwsX_g6w==&ch=XViiP2pkIZB7USKiM8c-fD1K_Curjatj8X2ejqisrjC-KoBkSBEHIg==)
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**Be part of the response:****Pray:** Please pray for all people impacted by these disasters. May God’s healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.**Give:**Lutheran Disaster Response is able to respond quickly and effectively to disasters around the globe thanks to your [**gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001GteyASIURtR6mlPlOo2K0uT_6XN43CCn1Y4_iVZVG0cs2JNimgHBedP68c2vYuFTJYUbRhLHO-JbeSLowyYmzFvTBO9GipxjI8_xuTFnpSg_L0CZm4SMDqI2JrDJ5Tfqv8_aLjznoXJCqEE4dns7eStFc4BCHKRgbjicb4xGYRqS7tF1HsSLtDH7ASCCvsgPJZcHTmTpcRYQism7PAQCQVVZMjB4IRkKSf1LUoFXSEadlBx17CDTJXeSK4eQc2Tru0mWusA556s=&c=wuzX--kSl1_kbUTQhysS0imMsNtSZtM5S7pkb4hEcXWBPpxwsX_g6w==&ch=XViiP2pkIZB7USKiM8c-fD1K_Curjatj8X2ejqisrjC-KoBkSBEHIg==)  |

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**MOVIE NIGHT - "LUTHER"**The movie this month is "LUTHER" the movie from 2003. *It is rated PG-13 for violence, gore, sex and nudity.*Doors open at 6:30pm, movie starts at 7pm.  |

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| **Spring Gardening!!****﻿**Looking for one time volunteers or regular gardeners to help with Spring clean up of Memorial Garden . Please contact Leslie Gallant if you are interested.  215-932-2456 |

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| **SAVE THE DATE FOR****FUN IN THE SUN!!**"Fun in the Sun" is scheduled for Saturday, June 24th. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us for this fun day of community outreach! |

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| **Caring for Friends****Snack Bags**Caring for Friends provides food and friendship to homebound seniors, veterans, homeless persons and families with children in need. They provide ready-to-heat meals, caring visits andcards, and fresh/pantry staple food items that support hunger relief in the five counties of Greater Philadelphia. They need about 4,000 snack bags a day to serve hungry children and adults in between meals and for breakfast.We will be assembling Snack bags on May 21. A Thrivent Action team grant has been applied for. Your help is greatly appreciated!Caring for Friends is no longer requesting oatmeal, instant coffee/tea/hot chocolate packs asthey are transitioning to Snack Bags only.Items needed: in bold if needed most1 gallon plastic storage bags (zip loc)**6.75 oz 100% juice boxes**Cereal/granola/protein bars (Snack bags)**6 packs of peanut butter or cheese crackers**1 oz boxes of raisins or other dried fruit, or fruit/vegetable squeeze pouches (such as Motts or GoGoSqueeze)Or cash donations are also welcome. |

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| **WOMEN’S DEVOTIONAL ZOOM** Do you identify as a woman? Are you interested in enriching both your spiritual life and your array of female friendships? Please join us Saturday mornings at 9:30 for our Women's Devotional Zoom where we are currently discussing the book *Means of Grace*, by Fleming Rutledge w/Laura Bardolph, ed. You are absolutely welcome even if you are not reading the book.We expect to be wrapping up with our present book soon. Our next material will be drawn from Gather Magazine, a publication which reflects many voices on a variety of topics in step with the Lutheran calendar. <https://www.gathermagazine.org/getgather/>There’s a new subscriber’s introductory rate of $9.95 per person, which includes both hard copy and online access. During registration, please choose Ascension Lutheran of Newtown for the purposes of this magazine subscription.If you need any assistance with the subscription, please contact Anne Chmielewski at d.r.ski@att.net.   As always, one need not feel obligated to buy the book or magazine. Join us! We will let you know the day’s topic & scripture focus ahead of time by email. Your unique perspective is always most welcome & encouraged! Zoom Meeting[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84850522590pwd=aFRnMEdxb3ZzUFNwdnZhRnFVdlJjQT09](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ypTLNJ3ZtazP2ap9a7VIAqjvWIWsS3Fxhzbud5FVdYTVh5Ih58gv4C3EuLIjZmKckAJ7HdERZAb2EQnL4HLhocQkdbSZsYYUf6bnWc8-6JuE-1z6tmUnZ14ZJQnAGPlGfbzQdhY8UDWuwRsdtl4--byHB2GWKlCWglfs79b7h4q3Ow41_euYjudAt3U-HLPXGu3WkRemo0HCWIbn_yBvaamDwz5CF9CN&c=&ch=) Meeting ID: 848 5052 2590     Passcode: 659592 |

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| **Barbara Vaughn's 90th Birthday!** |

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| **CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT AT ASCENSION** |

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