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| **NEWS FROM ASCENSION - JUNE 15, 2023** |

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| **Meet & Greet on June 17th**Join us on Saturday, June 17th form 4pm-6pm for an opportunity to meet and greet our pastoral candidate, Reverend Kayla Hopgood.﻿All are welcome, light refreshments will be served.Rev. Hopgood will be preaching on Sunday morning, June 18th. |

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| **Congratulations to Our Graduates****Stephanie Adamousky** is graduating from Pennsbury High School and going to University of Pittsburgh.  **Katie Gallant** is graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School - Veterinariae Medicinae Doctoris **Ryan Horan** is graduating from Council Rock North High School, and attending Jefferson University this fall, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.**Bella Ruggieri** is graduating from St. Joseph's University in Biology and applying to medical school. |

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| **FUN IN THE SUN!!****Saturday, June 24 - 4:00-7:00 p.m.**Join us for a fun filled day of friendship! Live music, lots of food, games, bounce house, water slide, fire truck, police cruiser, and plenty of fun for all! Bring your family, friends and neighbors! *(Rain date is June 25 - 11:30 a.m. after worship)* |

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| **ASCENSION T-SHIRTS**Ascension T-shirts are available! $10 for Youth sizes and $15 for Adults. Proceeds from the sale of the T-shirts will help to cover the cost for "Fun in the Sun!" See Clark Shuster to get yours! |

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| **Have your next Meeting at ALC!**﻿If your group or a group that you know is looking for meeting space, please consider meeting at the church. Our space can accommodate any size group from 2-200. You'll have full access to wi-fi and video services, and kitchen facilities. Meetings can take place in the classroom, narthex, or in the sanctuary. Rates are very reasonable and it's a great way to support your church. For more information, please see Mark Schultz or call him at 609-685-7096.  |

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| **ALC Council is working for you!**John Carducci - President Sheryl White - Vice President Tom D'Esmond - Treasurer Clark Shuster - Secretary Tony EithPatty HeinemannMark Schultz Minutes of Council meetings are posted in the Narthex. If you have any questions or concerns, please see any Council member.  |

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**Caring for Friends**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 and cards, 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.On May 21 we filled 670 Snack/Breakfast bags thanks to your generosity and a Thrivent Action Team grant.We will be assembling Snack bags again on**September 10**, God’s Work Our Hands Sunday. A Thrivent Action team grant will be applied for. Your help is greatly appreciated!Caring for Friends is no longer requesting oatmeal, instant coffee/tea/hot chocolate packs as they are transitioning to SnackBags only.Items needed:1 gallon plastic storage bags (zip loc) 6.75 oz 100% juice boxesCereal/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.Our goal is 750 or more snack bags prepared. |

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| **Delaware Valley Food Pantry** To our generous community, please help us fill our shelves this week with the following items:Saltine Crackers, Ritz Crackers, spaghetti, toothpaste, tooth brushes,shampoo/conditioner, and bottled water.You can bring donations to Ascension and leave in the baskets in the Narthex and they will be delivered to the Food Pantry.Thank you for your constant kindness and support! |

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| **Grief Support Group** ﻿If you're grieving the loss of a loved one or anything else in your life, it helps to know you're not alone. This is a safe place to share your feelings while having the support and understanding of others who are also grieving. Participants are encouraged to bring photos and/or mementos of their loved ones to share with one another. Guests are always welcome. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 27 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information, ask Clark or call him at 215-539-9185.  |

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**WOMEN’S DEVOTIONAL ZOOM﻿**﻿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 will be starting with our focus on Gather Magazine on the 1st Sat in June. Our 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! |

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