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| **NEWS FROM ASCENSION - JUNE 1, 2023** |

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| **SAVE THE DATE FOR** **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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| **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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| **ALC Night at the Movies!**Friday, June 9 - Doors open at 6:30, Movie at 7:00Pizza will be served This movie will be geared towards the kids. |

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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 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.On May 21 we filled 670 Snack/Breakfast bags thanks to your generosity and a Thrivent Action Team grant.We will be assembling Snack bagsagain 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 crackers1 oz boxes of raisins or other dried fruit, or fruit/vegetable squeeze pouches (such as Motts orGoGoSqueeze)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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| This year marks the 10th anniversary of “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday!On Sunday, Sept. 10, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service. “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA’s 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.As you explore opportunities to participate in your community, [ELCA.org/DayofService](https://community.elca.org/page.redir?target=https%3a%2f%2fwww.elca.org%2fdayofservice&srcid=334995&srctid=1&erid=3fab2e34-4c9a-443e-921c-4d1e94eb5821&trid=3fab2e34-4c9a-443e-921c-4d1e94eb5821) has the [resources](https://community.elca.org/page.redir?target=https%3a%2f%2felca.org%2fResources%2fGWOH-Sunday&srcid=334995&srctid=1&erid=3fab2e34-4c9a-443e-921c-4d1e94eb5821&trid=3fab2e34-4c9a-443e-921c-4d1e94eb5821) you need to plan and promote your day:* Planning tool kit.
* Worship resources.
* [NEW] Slides for projection screens or online worship.
* Posters, postcards and social media graphics.
* Spanish-language resources.
* Promotional banners.
* Videos.
* Special hymn text, sheet music and recording.

[Old Lutheran](https://community.elca.org/page.redir?target=https%3a%2f%2foldlutheran.com%2fcollections%2felca&srcid=334995&srctid=1&erid=3fab2e34-4c9a-443e-921c-4d1e94eb5821&trid=3fab2e34-4c9a-443e-921c-4d1e94eb5821) has T-shirts and other items available for purchase. The deadline for ordering your congregation’s personalized T-shirts is Aug. 18.Don’t forget to share your congregation’s participation with us! Send stories and photos to LivingLutheran@elca.org so that together we can celebrate what God accomplishes through you.Participate on social media using #GodsWorkOurHands.If your congregation cannot participate on Sept. 10, you are welcome and encouraged to pick an alternate date that suits your schedule.“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an extension of the work you do every day to make your community a better place.Join us in celebrating 10 years on Sept. 10! |

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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! 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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