



# *Ascension Lutheran Church*

Experiencing God's Grace ~ Sharing God's Gifts

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August 2018

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." ~ Philippians 1:6

I hope everyone will join us for worship on August 12 when our pastoral candidate is scheduled to preach. Immediately following the service, we will have a special congregational meeting to vote on whether Julie Peterson will be the next pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church.

Julie Peterson is originally from Naperville, Illinois. She is a graduate of Hope College and Princeton Theological Seminary, and also studied at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Along her path pursuing God's call to service as a pastor in the Lutheran Church, Julie has worked for ELCA World Hunger in Chicago and as a Case Manager for homeless veterans in New Jersey. Julie is married to Andrew, a PhD Candidate in Theology at Princeton Seminary. You will have an opportunity to meet Julie at the church the evening of August 11 at 6:00 pm.

We've been fortunate these past months to have the support and guidance of Pastor Frank Sayford and Pastor Soenke Schmidt-Lange. They have led us in worship, reintroduced children's sermons, and prayed for our congregation. Their steady presence has been a true blessing.

We understand that the timing of the congregational meeting is not ideal with many families on vacation during the month of August. However, we are eager to hit the ground running with a full time pastor in place before the school year starts.

It is an exciting time in the life of Ascension Lutheran Church. The good work that God has begun in us will carry on!

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# Calendar

August 4:

- ~ Men's Breakfast at Ascension (8:00 am)
- ~ Women's Breakfast at Corner Bakery (8:00 am)

August 8:

- ~ Movie Night – “I Can Only Imagine”
- ~ 6 pm Potluck Dinner followed by Movie at 7 pm

August 11: Meet & Greet with Pastoral Candidate at 6 pm

August 12:

- ~ Pastoral Candidate leads 10 am Worship Service
- ~ Followed by Special Congregational Meeting

August 14: Council Meeting (7:00 pm)

August 22:

- ~ Movie Night – “God's Not Dead 2”
  - ~ 6 pm Potluck Dinner followed by Movie at 7 pm
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ALC members and friends enjoyed a fun night at the Trenton Thunder game last month. It was also time to celebrate Christmas in July!



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## Praise God with Music



Rehearsals for the Handbell Choir resume on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. All rehearsals will be on Monday nights from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

**New** ringers are welcome! There are 4 open positions that need to be filled. Please come to the first rehearsal on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to learn more about this choir. If any questions, please contact the Bell Choir Director, Anna Hobbs at [ahobbs@timothychristianacademy.com](mailto:ahobbs@timothychristianacademy.com)



The Choral Choir resumes practice on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. All rehearsals will be on Monday nights from 7:45 pm to 9:00 pm.

**New** voices are welcome! If any questions, please contact the Music Director, Peter de Mets at [pdm@peterdemetsmusic.com](mailto:pdm@peterdemetsmusic.com)

As your summer is winding down, please think about joining either the Handbell or Choral Choir this coming year.



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## Worship Service Volunteers

Ascension is in need of a few more volunteers to help with Sunday morning services. Also, to assist in keeping the church clean.

Please consider one or more of the following jobs - Altar Service, Greeter, Usher, Reader of Lessons, Assisting Minister, Communion Assistant, Acolyte, Coffee Social (provide food & cleanup), and the Church Cleaning Team. Training will be provided. We are also flexible with your personal schedule.

If interested you may email Jeanne at [adminalc@comcast.net](mailto:adminalc@comcast.net) or call the church office. You may also email Sue and Bruce Baumgarten at [whohah@comcast.net](mailto:whohah@comcast.net). Also, Bill Rumpa at [billrumpa@aol.com](mailto:billrumpa@aol.com).

Please consider becoming involved as we have been dependent on the same group of people.



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## Mission Ministry Update

### Aid for Friends

*God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday* will be Sunday, September 9, 2018. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Ascension will participate by making the Breakfast Bags for **Aid for Friends** after our 10:00 am worship service on September 9th. The more who help, the faster and easier goes the work. Please plan on sharing this project with your fellow Ascension members to celebrate doing God's work through our hands.



This project is supplemented with a grant from Thrivent Financial and we welcome donations of items for the bags (which contain an instant oatmeal packet, box of raisins, packet of peanut butter or cheese crackers, a juice box, a packet of instant coffee or a tea bag); or money to be used to buy supplies. We also need the gallon size storage bags. Please see Sheryl White, if you have any questions.

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### Rescue Mission of Trenton



The belief in the intrinsic worth of each individual continues to motivate the Rescue Mission of Trenton to provide the highest quality care and to offer support, encouragement, and a sense of dignity to all who enter through its doors.

We are still collecting gently used clothing, shoes, accessories and linens throughout the spring and summer. For further information on items such as usable furniture and electronics collected by the Rescue Mission (they will even come to your home for pick-up), please visit their website at [www.rescuemissionoftrenton.org](http://www.rescuemissionoftrenton.org)

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### Lambertville Food Pantry

Collections for the Lambertville Food Pantry are ongoing. Please remember that the need is especially great during the summer months when children are not in school.

We are currently collecting the following needed canned items: chili, beef stew, baked beans, corn, peas, black beans, tuna, and soup. Also needed are crackers, fruit juices, cereal, pancake mix, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce (jars), mac & cheese, popcorn, toilet paper; toothpaste; toothbrushes, deodorant, and used plastic bags.

**FEED** the **HUNGRY**



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# JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*



We certainly hope that all our members are having a wonderful summer and enjoying their vacation plans. As we go into this last month of summer, please remember your donations to the church. Disruption in the weekly contributions can negatively affect the operations of the church if our finances become depleted.

If you miss attending worship service for a week or several weeks, please remember to adjust your offering to the church when you return. If you forget your envelope, there are envelopes for you on the table in the Narthex. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

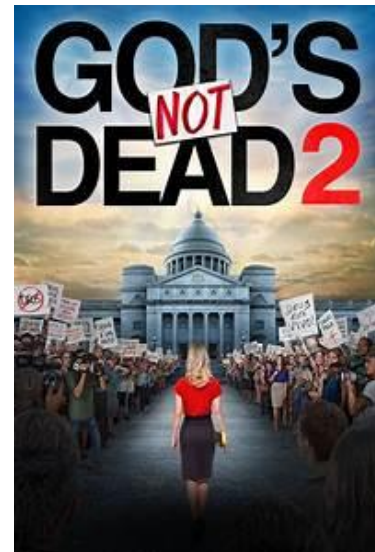
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## August *Movie Nights*

Come and enjoy a movie 2 Wednesday nights during the month.

**August 8 – I Can Only Imagine (PG)**

**August 22 – God’s Not Dead 2 (PG)**



Each night will begin with a Potluck Dinner at 6 pm followed by the movie at 7 pm. After the movie, a brief discussion will be held. Please see the signup sheets in the Narthex. We request that all children be accompanied by an adult.

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