

Ascension Lutheran Church & School

M E S S E N G E R

14th Sun after Pentecost

www.ascensiontucson.org

August 28 & 29, 2010

Welcome, friends! Let us join hands and hearts, finding God's peace together in worship. You, Creator God, are sovereign. Teach us your ways and help us walk in the paths you desire us to follow.

Join us for Coffee & Donuts after our 8:00 & 9:30 services in Grace Hall

What is happening TODAY!?

Blanket Circle Card Sale!

Cards and Crafts available for sale August 28th & 29th. The money realized from this sale funds materials for the quilts we give to various charities. Thanks for your support!



Tickets Now Available!

Ascension's 4th Annual Evangelism Festival—September 25–26, 2010

The preacher for the Fourth Annual Evangelism Festival is the Rev. Ted Hartman. The festival will be held during all services of September 25th and 26th. A catered luncheon will follow the 11am service. Cost is \$3.00 per person. Tickets will be available beginning on August 29th after each service.

You can purchase your tickets in Grace Hall. *If you have questions, please contact Pastor Feller.*

Upcoming Events!

A New ChristCare Study...

Just Walk Across the Room:

Simple Steps Pointing People to Faith,

began Saturday, August 28th at 9:15 a.m....but it is not too late to join us! Contact Jo Riester, 742-2882 for more information. This study will also be offered on Thursday evenings, beginning in October.

Family Night Resumes!

Wednesday Family Night is open to everyone interested in food, fellowship, and a chance to grow together as believers in Christ. Family Night offers a meal and brief worship/devotion followed by classes and activities for a wide range of ages. We recently moved confirmation to Wednesday night to include our Jr. High Youth, and are continuing to look for new ways to make Wednesday Family Night more accessible for our entire Ascension Family. Our



Classes for All Ages

classes and activities include Lutheran Servanthood School, Adult/Parent Bible Study, Confirmation, and faith based activities for Children. *For a Detailed list of Classes for Family Night Check Out the September Newsletter!*

**This year's Family Night resumes:
Wednesday, September 1st**

Wednesday Family Night Schedule:

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| 5:30 p.m. | Family Night Meal |
| 6:00 p.m. | Worship/devotion |
| 6:15 p.m. | Classes and Activities for Children and Adults |
| 7:30 p.m. | Dismissal
(Confirmation will be dismissed at 7:45) |

For more information please contact Pastor Eric Schoech at 297-3095 or e.schoech@ascensiontucson.org

First Friday Friends

First Friday Friends Kicks Off its 7th Season on Friday, September 3rd!

Seniors, please plan on joining us in Grace Hall this Friday, September 3rd starting at 11:30 AM for the start of another year of good food, fun, fellowship and entertainment. First Friday Friends, designed as a fellowship opportunity for seniors, meets once a month between September and May and offers a luncheon and some type of program. This month we have a little "heat relief" planned in the air conditioned comfort of Grace Hall with the luncheon provided by member chef and professional caterer, Mardi Burden. Mardi will be preparing a lighter fare of Chicken Caesar Salad with rosemary roast potatoes, garlic bread and fresh fruit dessert.



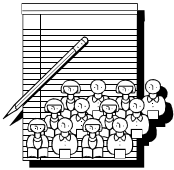
Our entertainment in September will be provided by Gil Payette, a docent with The Arizona Historical Society, who will be offering a storytelling program on Native American Folklore. Storytelling is used to entertain and to teach. Stories are meant to be told aloud and come alive when spoken. Gil will tell tales based on the traditional stories of the Native Americans, as he understands their relationship to events, experiences, and perceptions with the people, animals, and plants of their world.

We encourage all seniors to attend, invite some friends, and join the fun. We don't require reservations, but a \$3.00 donation is suggested to help defer the cost of food and preparation. *Anyone requiring transportation should contact Jon Robisch at 825-3623.*

Moms ChristCare Group

Mom's ChristCare begins on **September 3rd at 9:15 a.m.** in the west nursery room. If you are the mother of young children please join us, babysitting is provided. This is an opportunity to meet other mothers of young children for fellowship and sharing God's word in our daily lives. *If you have questions, please call Ruthann Stults at 219-1527 or Tara Mercer at 544-7939.*

Fundamental Christian Beliefs New Member Class



Membership Class

A new Fundamental Christian Beliefs class will begin on **Wednesday, September 8th at 6:15 p.m. in the Grace Hall Conference Room.** This 8-week long course is for anyone considering membership at Ascension, those who want to find out what Lutheran Christians believe, and those who want to learn more about the basic truths of Christianity. Materials will be supplied. **You are welcome to come early for our Family Night meal and devotion before each class at 5:30 p.m.** *For more information please contact the Church Office, at 297-3095.*

Share Your Gift of Music!

It's that time again for all things musical to start up again. **Hand Bell** rehearsals will begin Tuesday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m. and **Choir** starts up on Thursday, September 9th at **6:00 PM. with a potluck in Grace Hall.** Rehearsal begins at 7:00 p.m. Choir will begin singing Sunday, September 12. If you haven't been singing with us previously and you are interested in joining the Choir, feel free to join us on Thursday nights! *Questions? Contact Terrie Ashbaugh at 297-3095 or t.ashbaugh@ascensiontucson.org*



ChristCare SEA Group

Support Encouragement and Accountability will meet **Saturday, September 11th from 9:15-10:15 a.m.** in Grace Hall. All ChristCare leaders are encouraged to attend to learn about new Missional Service opportunities. *Questions? Contact Jo Riester, 742-2882*

The Truth Project Returns

About 100 of our Ascension family have participated in The Truth Project experience during the last 2 years. It is a DVD-based small group curriculum on Christian worldview. Each of the 12 lessons describes in detail God's design for all of life. It is an innovative curriculum designed to bring about exponential change within the body of Christ by transforming the hearts and minds of believers world wide.

**Please take a few minutes and visit
www.thetruthproject.org**

In the upper left of the home screen there are nine very brief comments by speakers who appear in some of the lessons. In the large top center position you can click on either the long or the short trailer. If you wish to learn even more, click on the FAQ link and within

that area you will find a few sentences describing each of the 12 lessons.

A new group will begin in the home of Warren and Joan Braun on Saturday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Joan or Warren by phone or email if you have interest in joining the October 16th group.



Seeking Info Guides & Desk Attendants!

Especially for our 11 am service! "Grin & Greet" (and maybe even hug) fellow worshipers while

enjoying the fresh air. This task takes only 20 minutes before the service of your choice! It's an excellent way to meet more of your fellow parishioners, and have a chance to share a smile and a word of welcome and greeting.

The Desk Attendant also greets those entering the Narthex, answers general questions, and accepts prayer requests before service and then distributes "Welcome" gifts to first time visitors after each service. Training for both only takes a few minutes! *For more information please contact Keri Sammons, Volunteer Coordinator at 204-1562 or email: volunteer@ascensiontucson.org*

Share in a Life Banquet!

The Crisis Pregnancy Centers, a Christian ministry, announces their 2010 "Share in a life Banquet"! There are two dates to choose from: **Sunday, October 3rd or Monday, October 4th** at the Tucson Convention Center. On October 3rd, the lobby opens at 12:30 PM. Seating for the banquet program starts at 1:00 PM and lunch is served at 1:30 PM. Or, if you prefer an evening, attend on Monday, October 4th from 7:00-9:00 PM, with seating starting at 6:30 PM.

Reservations are required, so sign up to sit at a church table call Ruthann Stults (219-1527) for Sunday or Jo Riester (742-2882) for Monday.

You won't want to miss the special guest speaker, Bruce Wilkenson, a popular speaker, #1 New York Times best-selling author, leader of various global and humanitarian causes, and media producer. He has written over 60 books in 30 languages. Publisher's Weekly reported "The Prayer of Jabez" as the "fastest selling book of all time" (2001). Mr. Wilkinson has been the keynote speaker to presidents, CEO's, Marriage and Family conferences, and major national events including stadiums of 30,000 to 80,000. He is currently working on a major new Hollywood motion picture.

Tea & Treasures: Exploring the Treasures God has given you

Join us for a morning of Tea and Treasures on **Sat., Sept. 18th at 10:30 a.m. in Grace Hall.** Bring your favorite tea cup and enjoy a cup of tea and some wonderful Treasures (light sandwiches and sweets). Share with your friends the story behind that special tea cup. Explore the treasures God has given you and learn about how you might bless your family and the ministries you care about with those treasures. What treasures has God given you?

Family, friends, possessions, money Have you made plans for your treasures after God calls you home to heaven? **Learn the difference between a Will and a Living Trust** Did you know that you can give some of your treasures away twice? **Learn how the Give-it-Twice Trust works—income first to heirs, principal later to the your favorite ministries**

Who would you want to bless with your treasures? **The IRS or your heirs and favorite ministries** **RSVP to Ascension: 297-3095 or church.office@ascensiontucson.org**

WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday

Traditions of Praise Worship: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Traditions of Praise Worship:

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.;

Praise Celebration: 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class:

9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

LESSON READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Lesson: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

THE MESSENGER

All articles for the Weekly Messenger should be turned in by

Noon each Wednesday

(unless otherwise stated).

Articles should be brief and no more than a ten-line paragraph, and will not run for longer than 2 weeks at a time.

You may submit your articles via email to: the.editor@ascensiontucson.org or you can turn your hard copy into the church office receptionist. Article submissions cannot be taken over the phone. If you have any questions regarding your submission please contact the church office at 297-3095.

If you would like to receive an electronic version (EMAIL) of this Messenger please contact the church office.

PRAYER CHAIN

Anyone wishing to submit a prayer request or participate as a member of the prayer chain should contact:

Jean Fast at 690-9223 or email:

4jeanfast@gmail.com

All Prayer Requests are welcome!

ROOM SCHEDULING

To schedule a meeting room, please contact Barry in the Church Office to fill out a Facility Request Form at 297-3095 or

church.office@ascensiontucson.org

It is important to have your event go through the master schedule to eliminate conflicts. This includes room set up details and other needed equipment.

OUR ATTENDANCE

(Aug 21 & 22)

Saturday 5:00p.....99

Sunday 8:00a.....96

Sunday 9:30a.....149

Sunday 11:00a.....99

Total.....443

Total Communed.....386

Sunday School.....--

SERMONS ONLINE

You can now watch a video of the weekly sermon on our web site.

Go to: www.ascensiontucson.org

Click on "Sermons Online" then scroll down to the date of the sermon and click on the title. Stay tuned as we continue to expand our media ministry via the web.

Need a Ride to Church?

To schedule a van ride to church contact Bill Kadow at 297-0769

This Week At Ascension:

Today, SUN

Aug 29

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9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Worship at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Blanket Circle Card & Quilt Sale

Adult Bible Study (9:30 & 11:00 a.m.)

Sunday School

High School Bible Study

Amplify

MON Aug 30

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Happy Monday!

TUES Aug 31

6:00 p.m.

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WED Sept 1

8:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

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School Chapel

Blanket Circle

FAMILY NIGHT RESUMES!

Family Night Worship

Confirmation

Servanthood School

Neighborhood Bible Study

Topical Study

THURS Sept 2

6:00 p.m.

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FRI Sept 3

11:30 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

SAT Sept 4

2:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

Koelling Memorial

WORSHIP

SUN Sept 5

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Worship at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study (9:30 & 11:00 a.m.)

No Sunday School

MON Sept 6

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7:00 p.m.

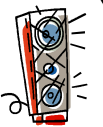
LABOR DAY!

No School/No Childcare

Offices Closed

Executive Committee Meeting

The Youth Corner



amplify

living faith out loud

High School Youth Group

High School Bible Study this Sunday at 9:30am in the teal meeting room in Grace Hall. This week's question that we will explore is: **Is the Bible true?** There will not be a bible study next Sunday, September 5th due to the Labor Day weekend. The following week's question will be: **Can it be proven that God exists?** Plan to join as often as you can...you don't have to attend every week to get something out of it. Hope to see you!

amplify is back! Youth Night Kick-off is Sunday, August 29th at 7pm in the Youth Room in Rittman Hall. **amplify** provides an opportunity for fellowship with getting to know you activities, games and more. We will read from the book "Life's Big Questions God's Big Answers." This book will help you defend and define your faith. Okay, so you are a Lutheran; what does that mean?

Labor Day weekend is coming up... that means that there will not be **High School Bible Study** on 9/5 at 9:30am, there will not be **SUNDAYSHIP** at 11am, and there will not be **amplify** at 7pm. **Bible Study** and **amplify** will resume the next weekend (9/12). **SUNDAYSHIP** will resume in October.

amplify apples... We are taking an outing to Apple Annie's orchard on Saturday, September 11. We will meet at church at 10am. We can enjoy apple-smoked burgers at the orchard. For those interested and able, Mr. Wellik will show us how to make applesauce at the church kitchen upon our return. **Hmmm...amplify applesauce!** Please sign-up on Youth Board in the Family Life Center breezeway or contact Mrs. Wellik.

Faith and Family Night at AZ Diamondback game. Anyone interested in attending a Diamondback baseball game against Los Angeles' Dodgers on Friday, September 24th? The game will be followed by a concert by Jeremy Camp. We will meet at the church at 4:30pm. See sign-up on the Youth Board in the Family Life Center breezeway or contact Mrs. Wellik.

Contact Mrs. Wellik at 940-7790 (call or text!)
or k.wellik@ascensiontucson.org with any questions.