

Parish Notes

Welcome to Worship

October 11, 2020

For help with Covid-19 needs or Pastoral needs contact Pat Refsdal @ 908-625-2039

Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus

Barbara Edsinger Brenton

The congregation was stunned and heart-broken to hear of the passing of Barbara Edsinger Brenton. We extend our prayers and condolences to Pastor Rick and the rest of the family. Barbara's wishes were to keep her health concerns within the family. Thank you to Arliss Zimmerman who used her "Master Florist" skills to make a garden basket for the visitation and funeral on behalf of the Ascension family. May the Lord surround the entire family with his comfort and love...



The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 22:1-14

Challenge of Discipleship - Invitation

Focus Question - When is the last time you invited someone to attend church or to have a conversation related to a faith issue?

For more resources visit

https://search.elca.org/Pages/ResourceResults.aspx?k=daily+discipleship

October Birthdays

Ivy & Iyla Wallace	5
Issac Stephens	10
Pam Burbank	10
Robert Tolle	13
Tedi Morlan	15
Helen Butler	18
Kelcie Hart	23
Lynn Benson	31
Renee Hart	31



Pastor Debra Jimenez - Special Congregational Meeting

Thank you for the warm welcome given Pastor Debra and her husband Jim during their visit with our church family last week. Her email this week summarized her thoughts about the trip,

"My heart is filled with gratitude for the warm reception given to James and me. I'm so thankful for the time spent with the Council Saturday morning. Your thoughtful and professional presentation speaks to the commitment of your membership. You are indeed a welcoming community connected meaningfully with one another and invested in sharing your insights, wisdom, and strengths."

We have sent to the congregation her resume and recordings of her sermons and messages. On Sunday at the Special Congregational Meeting, we will discuss the reasons why the council feels that she is the right pastor for us. A great deal of thought on the part of Synod and our Church Council has gone into bringing this possible call and compensation package before the congregation for a vote. Please join us after worship on Sunday, October 11th at 10:15am to attend the Special Congregational Meeting whether in-person or online. We will need a quorum of at least 40 members to conduct this business, thank you!!

Input to the Letter of Call for 2020

As we look to preparing a Pastoral Letter of Call in the near future, we are seeking the congregation's input on the type of gifts and expectations we have for a new pastor. We recently emailed a document that depicts the contents of the 2016 Letter of Call when Pastor Rick Brenton was called to Ascension Lutheran Church. The second document in that email is your opportunity to make your input to the content for the next Letter of Call for 2020. Instructions on completing and returning the input are contained in the email and the document. If you did not receive this email or text, contact Sharen Kamp and she can resend that for you. We hope to have all the inputs by October 18th.

Family Promise Fundraiser

This past month, Ascension contributed \$1000 to Family Promise of Ogden from our FP budget line along with the generous contributions from our members. Our Treasurer, Mylitta Barratt was able to send them a check for \$2050 towards their annual fundraiser goal. We received a thank letter from Family Promise along with the news that they achieved their fundraiser goal. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry that does so much good for the families of our surrounding communities

†Please Lift Up in Prayer:

- Family of Barbara Edisinger Brenton
- Family of Mildred Tolle
- Lillian Hughes & Family
- Tracie Truitt, friend of Alyson's
- Kristy Shari Morosky's daughter
- Joan Marlow
- Stephanie, niece of Gloria
- Cory, Nancy Byrne's son
- Pam Burbank
- Jessica Stewart, Dick Graves daughter
- Dan Harkin, Lillian Hughes cousin
- Delilah Sell, Lillian Hughes cousin
- Rebecca Rens and the Eyre Families
- Patti, Shari Morosky's sister
- Roy Zimmerman
- Randy and Janie Karas
- Jefferson Barrett
- Kyle and Kristen friends of Kelly
- Karla and Lynn Davis
- Maylan Chugg, Don & Dee's granddaughter
- Julie Jensen, Mike Williams' sister
- Heather Nolting, wife of Arliss' nephew
- Levi Lewis, brother of Kelly's student
- Richard Ower, Craig Butts' stepdad
- Judy Sherman
- Holly & Libby, friends of Kim Engelby
- Matt, friend of Nancy O.
- Gloria Mike
- Chris, friend of Alyson W.
- Judy Sherman

- Sean Zeller, Pastor Gene's nephew
- Cheryl, friend of Alyson
- Mark Hughes and family
- Richard, Shari Morosky's husband
- Harold and Mary VanDehey, friends of Leo Seeber
- Shelley, Diana Warkentin's friend
- Ardis, Elaine Shelburne's sister
- Jason Shepherd, Nancy Byrne's nephew
- Heidi, Diane Shultz' sister-in-law
- Don Hughes
- Dick Graves
- Jim Johnson, Sharen's brother-in-law
- Skyla and Baby Hines
- Karen O.

†Praying for Loved Ones in the Military:





- Mason Bushey and his wife Ida, and family
- Brody Wilcock
- Renee Kiel
- Justin Kiel
- Kris Kiel
- Matt Malde
- Chip Reynolds
- Jason Chugg

Confirmation on October 25th

Mark your calendars, we have confirmation events coming in late October!! On Saturday, October 24th, at 7:00 pm we will hold a Confirmation Bonfire at the home of Dave and Paula Stuart, 370 N Harrison Blvd, with hot cocoa and cookies. On Sunday, October 25th, at 9:00 am, Pastor Gordon Young will join us to officiate the worship service and with joyful hearts, we will confirm our three confirmands, Lauren Gorsline, Ryan Gorsline and Justin Reese. Please join us for this very special Celebration of Confirmation in the lives of these outstanding young people. "May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways" Psalm 91:11

Justin Reese - Eagle Scout Project

We are delighted to thank Justin Reese, his family and the scouts from his Boy Scout Troop for the fabulous make-over of the seating and landscaping around our outdoor chapel. They sanded and re-stained the existing benches and added four more new benches to increase the seating capacity. In addition, they reworked the landscaping and added new gravel. The area looks great and very inviting. Thanks to Justin for the care, planning and commitment to complete this project on time - something to be proud of for years to come. Well done to Justin, the family and the other scouts who joined in to help!!!



Family Promise Host Week

We're hosting 3 families this week starting this evening through next Sunday morning. If you would like to help with a meal please let Kelly know, and she'll add you to the sign up sheet. Please keep our families and volunteers in your prayers.