

 THE MESSENGER
Ascension Lutheran Church

“Belong, Believe and Become all that God Promises”

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Miracles are often witnessed every day by paying attention to the world around us. This happens in the church at Ascension Lutheran where AA groups meet almost every day.

Alcoholics Anonymous groups are where miracles happen within these meetings from the moment they begin to share their life in sobriety. These are miracles because they arrived at the AA group on time and stayed sober. Secondly, they are miracles because they survived many years of alcoholism. It is fascinating to hear each story of each person gathered there, men and women of all ages, different nationalities, economic status and education- all sharing about their lives and the struggles of dealing with such a terrible disease. Some of them talk about being hospitalized for months in the state of a coma. There are tears of gratitude and appreciation for life.

In the large room in the Parish Hall where they gather, different groups each day, all their women and men become miracles when they share their lives. They struggle day after day to avoid falling into the temptation of drinking again. The miracle happens when everyone is together and shares similar feelings and experiences as well as fears of death. This episode reminded in John 20: 19-23 when Jesus' disciples were locked in a room for fear of being killed just as Jesus was crucified on the cross.

The disciples didn't know that Jesus would arrive there in that moment of anguish and announce to them about the great miracle that He had risen from the dead. The same thing happens when each of these AA groups meet sharing their daily struggles to stay sober. This a true miracle because I believe that God walks with them and gives them the strength to stay strong. Each one saving their own.

Pastor Emilce Erato



Judy Schmidt 10/4
Gustavo Zuniga 10/24

October Schedule

Mondays

11-12 p.m. Brew a New Life-AA
10/6 Council Meeting 10 a.m.
10/6 & 10/27 Girl Scouts 4-6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

11-12 p.m. Brew a New Life-AA

Wednesdays

11-12 p.m. Brew a New Life-AA
Road to Recovery 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Fridays

11-12 p.m. Brew a New Life-AA

Saturdays

9-1 p.m. SDA Church-Sanctuary
1-4p.m in Parish Hall
9-11:15 a.m. Road to Recovery-AA

Sundays

10:00 a.m. Worship service



Memorial Fund

A gift has been given in memory of Bolivar Vindas by Virginia Strong.



The following need your prayers...

Chuck Albers, Stephanie Baio, Tom Barrett, Tina Bugalia, Marilyn Bunger, Terry Catalioti, Bill Ciampa, Corey Ciampa, Lynn Colban, Gray Collingwood, Marilyn Dreyfus, Richard Fritz, Brian and Dylan Gasperetti, Hunter George, Kathryn Graven, Joanne Kempel, Ken Kempel, Cynthia Listort, Jane Macchia, Bill McGowan, Chuck Miata, Nicki, Penny Petersen, John Pisarri, Helmut Prill, Jim Quigley, Joseph Randazzo, Schneider family, Dawn Sekeres, Moira Sheldon, Carl Strievski, Court Stevenson, Peter Stevenson, Kevin Sullivan, Sanzio Vagnini, Miriam Valder, Russ Van Tine, and Deanna Ventura.

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Lutheran Social Services of New York



The New Life Center-Long Island-A hunger prevention site of Lutheran Social Services of New York-is already at work to provide bountiful Thanksgiving meals to needy families in our community. You can help by contributing items from the list below. The Center also accepts gift cards from Lidl, Shoprite and Stop & Shop. All donations should be in by October 17th. A bin for donations is in the narthex.

Food Items:

Juice, Cookies, canned fruits and vegetables, cake mixes, gravy, sweet potatoes, yams, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, pasta, rice, sauce, jello, pudding, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix and syrup.



Sunday, November 16th following worship.

Please put this date on your calendar now.

Ascension needs all members to be in attendance. Your church depends on you to be present as current happenings and the future of Ascension are discussed.

OCTOBER OUTREACH



Food is essential to life every single day, all over the world—and it is more important than ever in a crisis. Not only is a thoughtful, freshly prepared meal one less thing someone has to worry about in the wake of a disaster, it is a reminder that you are not alone, someone is thinking about you, and someone cares. Food has the power to be the nourishment and hope we need to pick ourselves back up in the darkest times.

In 2010, Chef José Andrés, ready to use his culinary knowledge and talent to help, headed to Haiti following a devastating earthquake. Cooking alongside displaced families in a camp, he was guided on the proper way to cook black beans the way Haitians like to eat them: mashed and sieved into a creamy sauce. It wasn't just about feeding people in need—it was about listening, learning, and cooking side by side with the people impacted by the crisis. This is the real meaning of comfort food, and it's the core value that José, along with his wife Patricia, used at the center of founding World Central Kitchen.

World Central Kitchen teams across the world remain deeply committed to serving delicious, chef-prepared meals to people with the dignity they deserve. As the climate-crisis worsens and disasters become not only larger, but more frequent, we'll continue to be there—and we hope you'll join us. As José likes to say, "everyone is a part of World Central Kitchen, they may just not know it yet!".



Chef Jose Andres

Congratulations!

Trevor and Marissa Gasperetti
September 13, 2025



The Gasperetti Family

November 2nd

ALL SAINTS
DAY



Who are the “saints” for whom we give thanks? Scripturally speaking, the “saints” are the body of Christ, Christians, the church. All Christians are considered saints. All Christians are saints—and at the same time are called to be saints. **First Corinthians 1:2** states it clearly: *To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy...* The words “sanctified” and “holy” come from the same Greek root as the word that is commonly translated “saints.” Christians are saints by virtue of their connection with Jesus Christ. Christians are called to be saints, to increasingly allow their daily life to more closely match their position in Christ.

