

 **THE MESSENGER**   
Ascension Lutheran Church

**“Belong, Believe and Become all that God Promises”**

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**Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Jesus. 1Thessalonians 5:17-18**

This passage means maintaining a constant, conscious connection with God throughout daily life. Not just through verbal prayer, but cultivating a thankful, trusting attitude regardless of whether situations are good or bad.

I remember my grandfather as a man of strong faith and prayer. But it wasn’t always so. My aunt told us that when my grandfather died, my father told the family that from that day on, they would pray every day together before eating. The first day of my father’s prayer he wasn’t very eloquent, but he continued practicing daily prayer even when his health was no longer the best. When my father died, the whole family decided to continue the habit of daily prayer before eating.

The Bible has a lot to say about prayer. In Matthew 6:9-13, Jesus gave a pattern for praise prayer to His followers, teaching them to approach God with sincere praise for who he is. As we bring our request to God, we trust Him to provide our daily bread. As we confess our sins, we ask Him for forgiveness and for help to avoid temptation. Prayer is vital for our spiritual growth, and it gives us the opportunity to be in continual conversation with Him every day. As we approach God with humble hearts that yearn to talk with Him, may He help us know and love Him better.

**Lord, we thank you for the blessing of prayer and for accepting it, for every time we call upon you. Thank you to our ancestors who taught us faith in you. Thank you because today, more than ever, we need to pray for the whole world that so desperately needs it. Amen.**

Pastor Emilce Erato

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Mondays

11-12 p.m. Brew a New Life-AA  
3/9 Council Meeting 10 a.m.  
3/9 & 3/23 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

DaySpring Christian Fellowship Church  
Prayer Meeting 7-8 p.m.

## Fridays

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

## Saturdays

9-1 p.m. SDA Church-Sanctuary  
1-3 p.m in Parish Hall  
9-11:15 a.m. Road to Recovery-AA

## Sundays

10:00 a.m. Worship service  
DaySpring Christian Fellowship Church  
11:30-1:00 p.m.

## March Birthdays

Jim Brosnan 3/17  
Trevor Gasperetti 3/31

## MARCH OUTREACH



***For those of you who are unable to attend church, please remember to send in your tithes and offerings. Ascension needs your support.***



## REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

### ***The following need your prayers...***

Chuck Albers, Stephanie Baio, Tom Barrett, Teri Biancardi, Tina Bugalia, Terry Cataliotti, Bill Ciampa, Corey Ciampa, Gray Collingwood, Marilyn Dreyfus, Richard Fritz, Brian and Dylan Gasperetti, Hunter George, Kathryn Graven, Joanne Kempel, Ken Kempel, Cynthia Listort, Jane Macchia, Bill McGowan, Robbie Meekins, Chuck Miata, Nicki, Penny Petersen, Jim Quigley, Joseph Randazzo, David Sacks, Schneider family, Dawn Sekeres, Moira Sheldon, Sandy Skarda, Carl Strievski, Court Stevenson, Peter Stevenson, Kevin Sullivan, Sanzio Vagnini, Miriam Valder, Russ Van Tine, Deanna Ventura and Harriet Wheeler.

## Visual Arts at Ascension this Lent



During the season of Lent you will notice that we have added some visuals in the sanctuary. Through the display of these visual arts we want to increase our capacity to bring our whole selves to God in worship and inspire effective service of God in the world.

The objects in the sanctuary depict various images of the wilderness, the desert, a dry landscape. We are on a Lenten spiritual journey, akin to the Israelite trek from oppressive slavery to the freedom of the Promised Land. Their journey took them through challenges, dry and barren places. It was a time of cleansing. May these visuals remind us of our journey through Lent.



## Easter Flowers 2026

\$15 for tulips

\$22 for lilies

Order by March 27

Lily \_\_\_\_\_

Tulip \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

# of plants \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

*Please dedicate my plants in the  
bulletin as follows (Please print).*

In memory of

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by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of

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by \_\_\_\_\_



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2 @ 11:00 a.m.



April 3 @ 11:00 a.m.



All-age celebration at 11am with  
singing, sharing and Bible teaching.

April 5 @ 10:00 a.m.