

 **THE MESSENGER** 
Ascension Lutheran Church

“Belong, Believe and Become all that God Promises”

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Who rescued whom?

Sonny is an American Pitbull puppy that my daughter Maria rescued two years ago. He came home for the first time looking very different compared to how he looks today. He had very sad eyes; sometimes he was shaky and afraid. He was shy and most of the time he was sleeping as a baby does.

Because of his vulnerability, we gave him lots of attention and still do. Sometimes we'll fix him up in blankets so he can sleep comfortably. During the night when he makes the slightest noise, we all run to provide what he needs. All our attention is always on Sonny.

Sonny came to change our lives incredibly. First, everything at home revolves around Sonny. He expects treats and applauds every time he does something funny. Sonny recognizes when each of us is almost home. He greets us by wagging his tail and grabbing his favorite blanket to give.

Reflecting on God, how he created everything for us includes animals. He thought of everything that is good for us. He desires to pour out and we can receive love in return. The Bible is telling us that God created animals before He created humans and placed them in perfect serenity that was the earth. Genesis 1:20.

What a great God we have! I believe everything is planned by Him including Sonny coming home to us, God knew already that we have so much love for Him. We usually say “my daughter rescued Sonny” I think that the reality is, Sonny has rescued us. Our lives have changed a lot. The capacity to love him immensely has no measure. He is one of God's creatures and we are grateful to Him for having sent Sonny.

Pastor Emilce Erato





The following need your prayers...

Chuck Albers, Ursula B., Stephanie Baio,
Bill Ciampa, Gray Collingwood, Elsie,
Sylvia Erato, Brian and Dylan Gasperetti,
Hunter George, Andrea Graham,
Kathryn Graven, Virginia Heinsch,
Angela Herber, Joanne Kempel, Cynthia
Listort, Bill and Fran McGowan, Chuck
Miata, Nicki, Schneider family, Moira
Sheldon, Donna Slyman, Robert Smith,
Peter Stevenson, Ginny Strong, Kevin
Sullivan, Miriam Valder, Griselda Vega,
Teri Ventimiglia, Barbara Walsh, and
James Wheeler.



Bob Skarda 5/12
Ginni Hart 5/15
Virginia Strong 5/15
Sebastian A. Zuniga 5/15
Brian Gasperetti 5/20
Declan Graham 5/26
Pastor Emilce Erato 5/26
Gustavo S. Zuniga 5/29



MAY SCHEDULE



Mondays

11-12 p.m. Brew Crew-AA

Tuesdays

11-12 p.m. Brew Crew-AA

Council 10 a.m. 5/21

3:30-5 p.m. Girl Scouts 5/21

6-8:30 p.m. Power Up-Tae Kwon Do

Wednesdays

11-12 p.m. New Life-AA

Road to Recovery 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Thursdays

6-7:30 p.m. Power Up-Tae Kwon Do

Fridays

11-12 p.m. New Life-AA

Saturdays

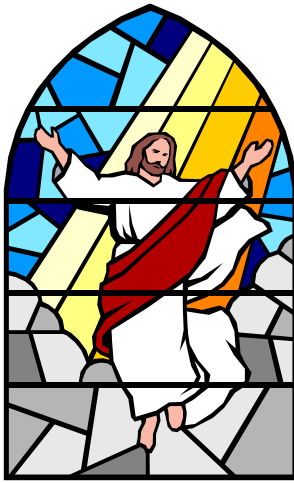
9-11:15 a.m. Road to Recovery-AA

Sundays

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

MAY OUTREACH





Ascension Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Offering donations will go to
Lutheran Family and
Community Services

May Has Decked the World

By Annette Wynne

May has decked the world, that we
May bring the brave on land or sea
Earth's glory on Memorial Day
The lovely meadow gifts of May.

Brave dead, who saved our country, we
Come with flowers; O living brave, on land or sea,
We wave the bright Red, White and Blue
And bring May meadow gifts to you!



PENTECOST



In the spirit of the day we will be
decorating the altar with red
geraniums.

To contribute a plant(s) please fill out the
form and return it in the offering plate or
to the church office along with **payment**
by Sunday, May 12st.
Each plant is \$7.50

Name _____

of plants _____

Envelope# _____

Please dedicate my geranium(s) as
follows:

In memory

of _____

By _____

In honor

of _____

By _____

I am taking my geranium _____

I am leaving my geranium to be planted
at the church _____