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ASCENSION NEWSLETTER

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*"We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard,
so that we do not drift away." Hebrews 2: 1*

We have begun our study in the book of Hebrews on Wednesdays. After the first chapter lays out for us the supremacy of Christ over all things, angels in particular, we read, **"We must pay more attention, therefore, to what we have heard..."**. It is a beautiful reminder of how God desires that we remain close to Him through the Gospel of His Son Jesus. And... **"How shall we escape (eternal damnation) if we ignore such a great salvation?"** (Heb 2: 3) That is a great question based on the idea that if we think so little of the "greatness" of our salvation in Jesus, that we do not fear the truth of God's Word, Law and Gospel, then what else are we to expect? Nothing but His divine judgment and the appropriate eternal punishment that was originally designed for Satan and the fallen angels.

So, we must pay more careful attention! What kind of things are these? First and foremost, attention to who Jesus is according to God's Word. God in the flesh, who came and dwelt with the disciples full of grace and truth. The One who wrought divine miracles of healing and deliverance from demons. The One who taught as one who is an authority as He journeyed to Jerusalem for the atoning act of giving His body into death for our sin and rising from the dead to give us new life! This **"great salvation"** is not earned, but freely given. As we live in the blessed estate of being God's children, we give witness to God's goodness in all things! Whether it is giving thanks for His earthly provision or the eternal life that come by faith in Jesus alone, we always have something to rejoice about while we find ways to share Jesus with the world around us.

Another of reminder of importance is when the apostle Paul writes, **"Brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant (or uninformed)..."** and he describes the topics that would be beneficial for us to pay attention. Whether it is about spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12-14), Jesus' return (1 Thess. 4: 13ff) or Israel (Rom. 11: 25), we know that God desires you and me, to be in His...

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Ascension Christian School Board

Ascension Christian School opened its doors for business in August 2019 with one student enrolled. By the end of March 2020, the school had to end the 2019-2020 school year due to government mandates caused by COVID-19. We have added more students each year and opened with full enrollment this school year. We have had five directors and multiple teachers over the years, so staff stability is an essential goal for the school board. McKenzie Sullivan, our director, is a human dynamo; if you have not met her, please try to do so. She is very impressed with our congregation's willingness to purchase items and volunteer in the classroom. If you have not yet had the privilege of volunteering at ACS, please call McKenzie at 251-348-7510 and find out what fun you can have with our students.

I do have a couple of questions that I want you to answer. One, what has Ascension Christian School meant to you? Two, how has the school impacted our church? If you can email me, ctellman@gmail.com, with your thoughts on the above two questions, or if you prefer a handwritten note, you can put it in my hanging mailbox; I would very much appreciate it. Your thoughts will help the ACS board plan for the future of our school. I look forward to reading your comments.

The school board and I thank you for your monetary gifts and prayers for our staff and students. We cannot do it without you as Ascension Christian School continues to "share God's love through Christian education!" Cynthia Tellman



MINISTRY
PARTNERS

Ascension Christian School Note:



Exciting Times at Ascension Christian School!

We are thrilled to share the many wonderful things happening at Ascension Christian School this year! The start of the school year has been smooth and successful, thanks to the support of our parents and the dedication of our amazing staff. We've already seen incredible growth in just a short time, with our children actively learning and thriving.

Our extracurricular programs, like the new 'Art Box,' have sparked creativity in our students, allowing them to explore their imaginations. Additionally, we recently held a special grandparents' celebration, which brought families together for a heartwarming day of fellowship and gratitude.

Recently, Ascension Christian proudly participated in the "Go Gold" campaign for childhood cancer awareness. Our students and staff wore gold to show their support for this important cause, raising awareness and standing with families in the childhood cancer community.

We are also planning a vendor fundraiser to help support our preschool, offering more opportunities for growth and enrichment. As always, we are blessed to have such a loving and supportive community at Ascension Christian and look forward to all that the rest of the year will bring.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

McKenzie Sullivan

Officers

John Peterson, President
Richard Tellman, Vice-President
Alex Norton, Treasurer
Ruth Partain, Recording Secretary
Kathy Schulz, Financial Secretary

Directors

Evangelism, Open

Education, Jean Canupp

Stewardship, Open

Fellowship, Marian Bencke

Grounds and Board of Properties,
Greg Nichols

Public Relations, Open

Cynthia Tellman, Parochial
School Board Chair

Youth, Open

Elders

Jim Partridge
Michael Schulz
Randy Kirk

Thank you Ascension,
your giving to the school
in September was \$840.

October Worship Themes

October 6 – It's Not Good
October 13 – The Good a Christian Seeks To Do
October 20 – A Life of Sabbath Rest
October 27 – Restored Now – Restored Forever

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... Word so that He can speak to us all that is good, right and true. We are to be encouraged by it, strengthened by it, warned and even chastised by it. We are to gain wisdom from above so that we know how to deal with the worldliness of unbelief we are surrounded by. This includes everyday decision that affect every life in this world, not just our own! Look to Jesus and learn from Him how more blessed it is to give than to receive. Learn from Jesus how He, though God in the flesh, humbled Himself and **did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant... became obedient to death, even death on the cross!** Have this attitude in you, we are admonished! (Phil. 2: 5ff)

It is in our Baptism by which our sins, having been forgiven, we are made new and given the Holy Spirit, that through the Word and the Supper we find the assurance of our salvation and the Lord of life by our side! Let us then keep in step with the Spirit that all we say or do bring glory and honor to our Lord Savior Jesus Christ!

In Christ service to you and for the advancement of His Kingdom always,

Pastor Ralph

ACS Fundraising News

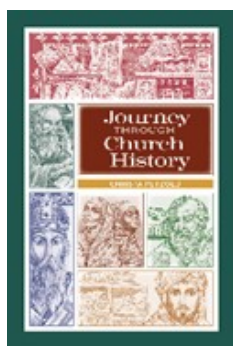
Wow! Autumn is here! And your preschool is looking forward to the ASCENSION AUTUMN MARKET, which is one of two fundraising events we will sponsor this Fall. This will be a family-friendly day full of vendors, food trucks, and fun, with activities for kids, arts, crafts, music, and more! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 16 th , and join us for an outdoor event from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. And as always, we will need your support to make this day a reality-your prayers for a safe and enjoyable day, your hands and feet to make this day run smoothly, and your word-of-mouth to share this event with neighbors and friends. Flyers are available in the narthex. Sign-up sheets for workers will be available soon. Call for price on rental space. A charge of \$125.00 for food truck. If you are interested in a rental, contact 251.767.6466.

Our second event is the 3 rd ANNUAL COOKIE SALE. All those yummy homemade cookies to enjoy and share with family and friends during the holiday season!! Bakers, please drop your cookies beginning Sunday, November 17 th through Friday, November 22 nd . Please put your name and cookie name on your container and add a copy of your recipe to share with others. Sales begin Friday, November 22 nd , at 11:00 am and continues through Sunday morning. Prices are the same: \$10.00 for the first dozen, \$10.00 for the second dozen, but only \$5.00 for the third dozen! So come pick out just what you want and support our growing school.

If you have any fundraising ideas, wish to join our school board or fundraising committee, or join a support team for teachers and staff, please let any of the following persons know about your thoughts or interest: Pastor Ralph, Jim Dube, Mike Schulz, Cynthia Tellman, Debbie Ellis, Sally Norton, Beth Navarro, Diane Havard, Jean Hershberger, or Lynn Nichols. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!! And as always, thank you for your prayers and support of this vital ministry in our community. Blessings to all! Lynn Nichols 251.597.4577 or gkslnichols@gmail.com

THE WORD AND THE WORLD-- Fight or Flight

In the past few months, have you said to yourself or someone else; "I never thought I would see this in my lifetime."? I would guess that you saw or heard something that shocked you. The events that are happening on a regular basis in our society are very shocking. Some of these events were known in the past but they were considered rare or deviant in nature. What are we to think about the current world situation? As always, there is the Christian or the non-Christian response. Scripture tells us that in the last days right will be wrong and wrong will be right in the minds of those who reject God's influence in their lives. So, Christian, now, in your lifetime, the battle has come to your doorstep. Will you flee or fight the good fight? We only have those two choices. If we flee, the battle will overwhelm us. We are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies but spiritual enemies of God. If we fight, God is our strength and He has provided us with everything necessary to be victorious. Christian soldier, Satan is a defeated foe; we need to take that message to the world. Yours in Christ, Gary Kinne



We introduced a new book from CPH last month called, "Journey Through Church History". The snippet from the book for this month is about Jesus' brother James. If you recall from the Gospels, there was a time when Jesus' family, (mother, brothers and sisters) came looking for Him because they felt He was spending so much time in ministry that He needed to take some time off for His family. In other words, they were not really engaged with the daily business of God's holy work and they felt that Jesus spending too much time apart from them. ***"Even his own brothers did not believe in him."*** (John 7:5) Jesus was told that His family was asking for Him. But Jesus replied, ***"My mother and brothers are those who hear God's Word and put it into practice."*** We know that after Jesus died, rose and ascended into heaven, James, His brother, not only believed, but as the Gospel spread,

James became the head of the church in Jerusalem. James was martyred some thirty years after Jesus rose from the dead. Such is the testimony we find of many early church believers that they did not shrink back when faced with even the worse threats, but continued to confess even unto death. May we be strengthened in our witness even if it would cost us our life.



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| Brandon Peterson | October 4 |
| Monica Olivier | October 8 |
| Lydia Peterson | October 9 |
| Deanna Brown | October 14 |
| Pat Zortman | October 14 |
| Clark Hall | October 16 |
| Jennifer Tellman | October 16 |
| Cheryl Pitts | October 17 |
| Sonja Kirk | October 18 |
| Burton Peterson | October 18 |
| Nathan Tews | October 27 |

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| Mel & Vangie Willie | October 24 |
| Oscar & Jan Timmons | October 30 |



Bethel Lutheran Church has sent an invitation to their "Exceeding Grave of a Great Harvest" celebration on Sunday October 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm. They are celebrating 73 years! Flyer is on the bulletin board in the hall way.

The Following Board chairs are open and available for nominations.

Church Council Secretary Position

The board of Elders has three positions open.

Chairperson, Board of Stewardship

Chairperson, Board of Youth

Chairperson, Parochial School

Chairperson, Board of Evangelism

Chairperson, Public Relations

If any member would be interested in any of these board chair positions, contact Pastor Hough or Richard Tellman.

Pastor Hough Email prchr44@gmail.com

Richard Tellman Email rtellman@gmail.com

Thank you for your consideration,

V. P. Richard Tellman

Choir practice resumes on October 13th in preparation for the Advent/Christmas season.

Anyone wishing to join the choir please see Vincentine so a folder of music can be reserved for you.

More Than Just Sunday !

1. **Sunday Adult Bible** will focus on the sermon message as we utilize a this format of devotional learning. We meet in the sanctuary. Children meet in their respective rooms in the south hallway! The Sunday School teachers stand at the ready to love, teach and instruct the younger folks! Contact Jean Canupp for more info!



2. **The Wednesday Morning Bible Study-** We are studying Hebrews. Please come and be a part of the fellowship and learning. Invite a friend and fill your spirit! 9-10:30am .



3. **Men's Breakfast** – October 12 – 7:30am. Come join us as we, in prayer, seek to be strengthened in our faith and in service to our Lord's ministry and kingdom. Thanks!

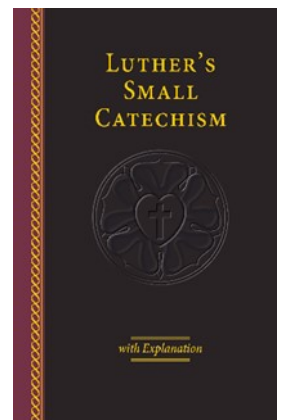
4. Stewardship Corner – ***“Stewardship is the joyous activity of the Christian in service to the Kingdom of God.”***



Stewardship & More!

“I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart! Down in my heart! Down in my heart. I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. Down in my heart to stay! And I’m so happy!...” We sing this happy song and others in our Wednesday chapel with our preschoolers, and they love to sing and clap along. What a wonderful way to begin a day and then see how God is working in our life. As I observe the wonderful work of our school staff, I see life-building progress every day. Through the combined efforts and gifts of all God’s people at Ascension, there are tangible results: Children are memorizing A,B,C’s, 1,2,3’s, Bible stories and songs, and all sorts of wonderful things that God has for them and will serve them well as they grow in His grace! That goes for us as well. The Christian life is a life of continual growth of love, joy, peace and the other gifts of the Spirit. Because of the Spirit’s work, it is also growth in the giving of our time, treasure and talents. When the joy of Jesus is running high in our lives, there seems to be no end to the good we can accomplish together. This is because God is not done with any of us. He continues to pour His love into our hearts so His “full life” (John 10: 10) can come forth as fruits that build life into the life of others. Our greatest investment is time, time spent in service for the upbuilding of others. That is stewardship and why we are here and continue to be until Jesus returns. Let’s rejoice and be glad for what we get to do... let us do it together for our Lord’s glory and the sake of His kingdom!

5. **Catechism Corner--As** we open our Luther’s “Small Catechism”, we read these words, “as the head of the family should teach them in a simple way his household”. This month we look at our 2nd commandment and its explanation. “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.” While we are accustomed to thinking that it is only curse words we are to be concerned about, the understanding we have from Scripture and our Sainted Dr. Luther runs much deeper. Besides not cursing or swearing, we are forbidden by Scripture from using satanic arts (horoscopes, astrology, seances, or any other spiritually dark means). We are told in Deuteronomy 29: 29 and elsewhere specifically: ***“The secret things belong to the Lord, but the things revealed belong to us and our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law (word).”*** My friend in Christ, there is no need to go beyond the Word of God for it is sufficient for all our needs and desires. The world we live in is a world where the devil’s deception runs rampant and whose influence grows daily. By God’s grace alone, we are called to trust in His saving work for our life and salvation. By doing so we will not give in to ***lying or deceiving by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.”***



Upcoming Events



Trunk or Treat/Harvest Party will be October 26th from 3 - 6 pm. We are partnering with Jubilee Pet Hospital! There will be a pet adoption from Daphne Animal Shelter and Jilly's Food Truck, Southern K9 Training, Eastern Shore Inflatables, Boy Scouts and Daphne Fire Department. We will have our vehicles set up for trunk treats and provide ice cream and or popcorn. We truly hope you will be part of the activities. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. See you there!

New Time: 3:00 pm to 6:00 PM

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We are a congregation committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ reflected in our ministries of worship, learning, care and outreach to our community.