

NARTHEX

NEWS

for the week of

April 14, 2024



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Lutheran Church of the Ascension

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Organists: Nancy Schaffert
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Sunday Worship
8:30 AM traditional
11 AM contemporary

Christian Education
9:45 AM

*Living by God's Grace,
we share the love of Jesus
with our neighbors
and grow together in faith.*

3rd Sunday of Easter

Easter (Resurrection Day) is the high festival of the church year and begins our emphasis on Christ's victory over death which continues until Pentecost Day 50 days later. During the Easter season we celebrate with abandon because God has defeated our final enemy death. The emphasis on evangelism flows freely from an understanding that we are Christ's witnesses to the world. The Ascension of Our Lord falls during this season and gives us our Lord's final command to "Go and make disciples of all nations."

The Sacrament of the Altar is celebrated here each week. As part of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we profess that all who commune at the Lord's Table believe what the Scriptures teach. Therefore, we encourage all baptized Christians who acknowledge Christ's real presence (His true body and true blood) in, with, and under the bread and wine/grape juice, to join in receiving this gift of forgiveness. May you be strengthened with Christ's living presence, leading you to do God's holy will as you live for His glory.

AT ASCENSION THIS WEEK

April 14, 2024 – April 21, 2024

TODAY (4/14)	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship service
	9:30 AM	Fellowship Time
	9:45 AM	Christian Education Hour
	11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship service
	12:00 PM	Potluck for Dahls
MONDAY (4/15)	4:30 PM	IFC ESL class
	5:30 PM	Meet-N-Eat
	6:00 PM	Burnsville Women of Today
	6:00 PM	IFC ESL class
	7:00 PM	AA Group Meeting
TUESDAY (4/16)	9:00 AM	Burnsville Homeschool Band
	6:30 PM	PPC Meeting
WEDNESDAY (4/17)	9:15 AM	Alanon Meeting
	6:00 PM	Demitasse
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	7:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY (4/18)		
FRIDAY (4/19)	9:00 AM	TOPS
	12:30 PM	Food Packing Event
	5:00 PM	Cornerstone Worship
SATURDAY (4/20)	8:15 AM	Joyful Noise Practice
	10:00 AM	Cornerstone Worship
	11:00 AM	Saturday Food Distribution
	5:30 PM	IFC Arabic class
SUNDAY (4/21)	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship service
	9:45 AM	Christian Education Hour
	11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship service
	12:00 PM	Orelle Anderson Baptism Lunch

Worship Services at Ascension

The 8:30 AM worship service is organ-led Traditional worship.

The 11:00 AM worship service is band-led Contemporary worship.

We also are LIVE on Facebook and YouTube (Ascension Worship)

Scripture readings for today:

Ezekiel 34:25-30; Hebrews 13:20-21; John 20:19-29

4/21: Ezekiel 36:24-29; Romans 10:9-11; Luke 24:13-33

ALTAR FLOWERS Sign Up Sheet

The Altar Guild would love to have people sign up for flowers! If you have any questions, please reach out to Marcia Friedrichs (mlf92256@gmail.com) or Kristy Hesser (khesser@frontiernet.net)

Altar Flower Pricing

Dozen roses: \$16.00

Cut flowers in a vase: \$25.00

Altar Arrangement: \$32.00



How can you financially support God's work at Ascension?

There are three ways you can give your offering, tithe, and gifts of love at Ascension.

1. Offering plate in the Narthex
2. Online from our website
3. Mail in a check
(attention: Financial Secretary)



Narthex News If you would like something included in the upcoming Narthex News, please **email your request** to office@ascensionburnsville.org no later than Wednesday afternoon.

EVENTS HAPPENING AT ASCENSION



YOU'RE INVITED! Please join the Anderson family in celebrating the baptism of Orelle Anderson on April 21st following the 11am service at noon in the large fellowship hall.

D.E.M.I.T.A.S.S.E: Women's group that meets every **Wednesday at 6:00 PM** Please check the church calendar to see which weeks we are not meeting. Come join us throughout the school year!



ABC (Ascension Book Club)



Due to the unexpected winter storm last month, we were unable to meet. We will continue to look forward to the book from last month. In the novel, *The Museum of Ordinary People* by Mike Gayle, Jess has to empty her childhood home to be sold and comes across something she just can't part with. She then discovers a warehouse full of odd, loved items with stories that span generations and continents, and secrets close to home. Join us at 9:30 am, Monday, **April 22nd**, for discussion.

Potluck with Dan and Connie Dahl

The Dahls will be visiting on Sunday April 14th. Please come/stay for a potluck at noon in the large fellowship hall. It will be a fun time of fellowship! No need to RSVP, just show up and bring your favorite potluck food.





Drumming Circle – What is a drumming circle? It’s a group of people who play drums and sit in a circle! Why have a drumming circle at Ascension? There are proven health benefits to participating in a drumming circle, but it’s also just a lot of fun to get together with others and play. We have about a dozen drums available at Ascension, but feel free to bring your own if you would like. We will gather at **2:00 PM on the last Sunday of the Month**. Come check it out. Questions may be addressed to Amy Semenchuk or Pastor Joel.

Cost: **Free!**

C’HAT’TERS Group Join us **April 23rd** where we will have a variety of items (hats, mittens, throws, scarves, etc.) that we’ll make for our goal this year of 2024. We would love to have new faces in the new year, so think and pray about it. It is a great way to spend a morning. Thank you to all the chatting ladies for making this a good year!



Feed My Starving Children



Turn hunger into HOPE with your own two hands. With God’s help and your support, FMSC strives to eliminate starvation in children throughout the world. Packing meals is an easy job and very rewarding. Open to those age 5 and up. If you prefer, you can sit at a table

and put labels on the food bags. Next opportunity to feed God's children: Next packing event: **Saturday, May 18th 5:00-6:30 pm**



SE SUBURBAN LWML ZONE SPRING RALLY

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

**TIME: REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30 AM
PROGRAM BEGINS AT 9:00 AM**

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

COST: \$10.00

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
1801 EAST CLIFF ROAD, BURNSVILLE**

Theme: "Asylum Seekers in MN:
What Neighbors Need to Know"

Scripture Verse: Matthew 25:40

Presenter: Bethany Ringdal, Ministry Leader
IAFR Jonathan House

Gifts from the Heart: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Napkins, Kleenex,
Printer Paper, 4 gal. or 13 gl. Trash Bags, sm. Compost Bags

Cinco de Mayo Neighborhood Party

Come have a fun afternoon and get to know our neighbors! Set up help appreciated at 1:30pm.

Questions: *Kristy Hesser or Sue Drexler*



JUST FOR KIDS



The Great Jungle Journey – Summer Kids' Camp

June 9th through June 13th

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Cost: **FREE!**

Registration is available through the QR Code above or by going to Ascension's website at www.ascensionburnsville.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND HELP NEEDED

Meet-N-Eat WANTS YOU to volunteer for our next community meal **TOMORROW, Monday, April 15th**. There are plenty of openings for you to volunteer in big or small ways. Please consider answering the call to Share the Love of Christ with our neighbors through our community meal.



Free Community Meal

Together we can accomplish much! If you have any questions about volunteering for the Meet-N-Eat meal please call the church office (952-890-3412) or send an e-mail to meet-n-eat@ascensionburnsville.org. Thanks in advance for your help.

MediaShout7 – Do you appreciate the worship service liturgy and hymns and songs being projected on the big screen each week during worship at Ascension? The software we use to create these presentations is called MediaShout7, and **WE NEED HELP** creating those presentations. Pastor Joel is looking for 2 or 3 willing volunteers who could assist him in this endeavor. Please contact Pastor if you are interested or would simply like more information about this volunteer opportunity. All training will be provided.



Skyline Park Clean-up

Please consider helping out with the Skyline Park Clean-up on the upcoming days listed below. Ascension has adopted this city park and is responsible for keeping it looking clean throughout the non-winter months. Choose one or more of these Fridays at 9 AM



April 26

May 17

June 14

If you have questions please contact Steve Packwood. Hope to see you at the park!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 9th thru June 13th this year. We need many volunteers to support this mission outreach event as we connect to the children in our community. Please contact Jeff Ragborg if you would like to volunteer. There are many behind the scenes tasks that need assistance as well as those with interaction with the children. Please consider supporting this exciting event as we take a Jungle Journey through the Scriptures and learn about Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation: the 7 C's of God's Word.



If you are unable to volunteer for this event please share the following information with anyone you know who has kids age 3 through 5th grade.

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CHRISTIAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS – Education Travel and Culture is seeking Christian families to become hosts to Christian teens who are going to be coming to America through a student exchange program. The available students are from Italy, France, Germany, Spain, and South Korea. Please act quickly if you are interested since the students need to have a host family secured soon in order to come to America this next school year. Please contact Pastor Joel if you are interested.



Learn Another Culture HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT



Our students are between 14 and 18 years old and are on a J-1 VISA. They fully participate and integrate into their school, host family, and community in a semester or a year long program.

The host family needs to provide:

- 3 meals a day
- A place to sleep
- Transportation
- Love
- Support

All students:

- Have good English skills
- Bring their own money & insurance
- Are eager to learn American culture & meet U.S. families

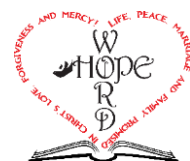
LUTHERAN LIFE

Life Quote

“So, what can we do? We must keep doing what we have always done. We must continue to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We must be sure our own church members, families, friends, and co-workers understand the value that God places on all human life.” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help.
word-of-hope.org; 888.217.8679.



Life Thought:

Easter III – With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as “Author of life” (Acts

3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty

“Is it lawful to pay taxes?” The question of the Pharisees to Jesus is appropriate now, as the tax deadline is this week. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty uses the answer of Jesus, “Give to Caesar that which is Caesar’s and to God that which is God’s,” as a foundation of the LCRL. You can learn more at <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/>



THOSE ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES THIS MORNING

April 14 – Traditional Service

LECTOR: Marcia Friedrichs
AV TECHS and VIDEO: James Speral and Dan Friedrichs
WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Herb Gysler
USHER: Lyle Schaible
ORGAN: Nancy Schaffert

April 14 – Contemporary Service

LECTOR: Dave Semenchuk
AV TECHS and VIDEO: Dave Hesser and Dan Friedrichs
WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Herb Gysler
USHER: Rich Olson
PIANO: Pastor Joel
GUITAR / BASS: n/a / Dave Semenchuk
DRUMS: Nick Anderson

THOSE ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

April 21 – Traditional Service

LECTOR: Nathan Breuer
AV TECHS and VIDEO: James Speral, Dan Friedrichs
WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Jan Werner
USHER: Brian Moynihan
ORGAN: Stephanie Malone

April 21 – Contemporary Service

LECTOR: Jessica Anderson
AV TECHS and VIDEO: Kristy Hesser and Dan Friedrichs
WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Dave Hesser
USHER: Monica Lane
PIANO: Cindy Lonquist
GUITAR / BASS: Pastor Joel / n/a
DRUMS: Nick Anderson