



ASCENSION

LUTHERAN CHURCH
15870 46th Ave N, Plymouth, MN

Weekly News February 4, 2018

This week at Ascension

Monday, February 5th		Worship with Holy Communion	7:00 pm
Wednesday, February 7th		Sisters Sharing Choir Practice & Small Group	9:30 am 7:00 pm
Sunday, February 11th		Worship Sunday School & Catechism Class Teen Bible Class Ascension Day at Wise Penny	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45 am 10:00 am



Lenten Worship: Our Wednesday Lenten worship begins on February 14th. The theme *Jesus is our great High Priest* will guide us through the season. Please join us as we marvel at how God took on a human nature to serve us as our great High Priest. Based on feedback from the congregation the board of worship has decided to return to a 7:00 worship time.

Lenten Meal: This year we will again offer only one Lenten meal. It will be on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Dinner will be served from 5:45-6:45 pm. Please join us for this wonderful fellowship opportunity.



Ashes on Ash Wednesday: Many Christian churches use ashes to make the sign of the cross on the foreheads or hands of worshippers. This practice has a long and rich history, going back to the earliest days of Christianity. We also recall that Old Testament believers like Job humbly cried out, "I repent in dust and ashes." Placing ashes on the forehead or hand is a powerful outward sign of inner repentance. Ascension plans to offer this meaningful rite to all who worship on Ash Wednesday. During the service those who would like to participate will be invited to come forward. The pastors will then use ashes from our Palm Sunday branches to make the sign of the cross. Worshippers of all ages are welcome to participate.



Church Cleaning Schedule: We are so thankful for all of the hands that work together to keep Ascension clean and welcoming!

February 9th: Craig & Stephanie O'Halloran, Todd & Heather Penning

February 16th: Bill & Penny Petersen, Tim & Gail Peterson

Sunday School

Today's Sunday School Lessons:



- PreK & K: The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35)
- Grades 1-5: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)
- Grades 6-8: God wants me to be content in Christ (The 9th and 10th Commandments)

Sunday School Students of the Week: Check out the monitor in the fellowship hall to get to know what makes our Sunday School kids so special! Our featured students this week are **Hugh Putland** and **Kayla Vogel**.



Sunday School Singing: The preschool through grade 5 classes of Sunday School will sing in church for the 8:30 a.m. service on **March 4th**. They will be singing *All Day, All Night* and have been working hard on their song during Sunday School music time and are looking forward to sharing it with the congregation.

The children are asked to meet in room 103 at 8:15 a.m. that morning to warm up. They will sit with their parents during the beginning of the service and will come up to the altar just prior to the children's devotion to sing. After they sing they will be excused to return to their seats.

In Christ, Amanda Cahow, Sunday School Music Director



Wise Penny Thrift Shoppe Now Hiring Part-time Cashiers:

The Wise Penny Thrift Shoppe in Buffalo has an immediate opening for paid part-time cashiers, approximately 10-25 hours per week. Duties include cashiering, customer service, pricing, and merchandising. For more information, please contact Brittany McFadden, Wise Penny store manager, at [\(763\) 682-4178](tel:7636824178) or wisepennythrift@outlook.com. The Wise Penny is operated by the West Lutheran High School association churches; 100% of its net proceeds are given to West Lutheran, Christian Life Ministries, and the WELS Lutheran Institutional Ministerial Association of the Twin Cities.

Wise Penny Thrift Shoppe Seeking Bids for Window Replacement:

The Wise Penny Thrift Shoppe in Buffalo is seeking bids to replace two windows on the first floor of the store. Work to be completed in Spring 2018. For more information, please contact Brittany McFadden, Wise Penny store manager, at [\(763\) 682-4178](tel:7636824178) or wisepennythrift@outlook.com



Tuition Assistance Opportunity: Out of love for our Lord, we are to pray for, encourage, and support those who preach and teach the “good news” of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They may be serving close to home or far away, but all are working for the expansion of His kingdom. These messengers from God are entrusted with His words which have eternal significance.

We are also to help identify, encourage and train those who want to preach and teach the “good news”. This is an opportunity for all of us to participate in spreading the Word. We can start by encouraging children and young adults to consider being messengers of the gospel and praying for more workers. Providing financial assistance and praying for the students and the schools that train them are other ways that we can show our support.

Currently, Ascension has one member who is preparing for full time service in the ministry. Ben Melott is a senior at Martin Luther College preparing for the teaching ministry.

This morning we will be collecting a special offering to help Ben with his tuition costs. If you would like to participate in this financial show of support, please use the “other” box on your offering envelope and indicate “Tuition Assistance Fund”. May God bless Ben and our support for him, to His glory!



Dear members of Ascension,

It has been a blessing to serve as the music coordinator at Ascension. There are so many talented musicians in our congregations who are willing to use their skills in God’s service! I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you.

Since Pastor Janisch will be retiring at the end of May, I will be resigning my position as Ascension’s music coordinator at that time. I pray that God would continue to bless the music ministry at Ascension.

In Christ, Bethel Janisch



St. Croix Youth Dodgeball Tournament: All youth grades 6 - 12 and their friends are invited to join us for an afternoon of dodgeball at St. Croix Academy in St. Paul on Sunday February 18th from 1-3:30. We'll have pizza and pop here at Ascension before heading to the tournament around noon. See Pastor Roloff for more info.

Staff Christmas Gift Thanks

Dear members of Ascension, what a blessing you are to us! Throughout the year, and especially at Christmas, you share words of encouragement, cards and gifts. We are amazed at your generosity. Thank you for remembering us! We pray that God blesses you throughout the year with his peace and love.

Pastor Bruce and Bethel Janisch

Thank you for all the Christmas cards, gifts, family updates, and words of encouragement that we received this holiday season. We are truly humbled by this outpouring of your generosity and love! We are blessed to share our lives and ministry with you!

Pastor Brian and Christy Roloff

I would like to thank you for your continued support of my ministry here at Ascension. Your words of encouragement and your generous Christmas gift are greatly appreciated. I look forward to another year of serving our Lord and Savior through the Preschool ministry here at Ascension.

Tammy Melott

Dear Members of Ascension, Thank you for the opportunity to serve the younger members of our congregation and community. Thank you also for the generous gift at Christmas. Please pray for me as I continue to serve you.

Tabitha Mays

It is a blessing for me to be a part of the preschool ministry here at Ascension. Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Amy Rau

Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gift and opportunities that this congregation and the preschool have given me in the last year. It's been a blessing to work with the children God brought to us. It is a privilege to work at Ascension, serving the Lord.

Emily Buskirk

I'm thankful each day for my job working with and for all of you here at Ascension. It's a blessing to work in such a friendly, positive, faith-filled atmosphere. Thank you all for the generous Christmas gift. It is greatly appreciated!

Ann Wiechmann