

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF  
THE ASCENSION**  
7607 Garden Gate Drive  
Citrus Heights, CA 95621

# The Ascension Herald



## Sunday Worship

8:30 A.M.  
&  
10:00 A.M.

**Christian Education  
Children Sunday  
School  
Starts in the service.  
10:00am**

**Adult Sunday School  
9:45 & 11:15**



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**2018**



6  
Family Breakfast



7  
New Member's  
Class  
&  
Book Fair



13  
Octoberfest at  
Christ the King  
5:30



14  
Chili Cook-off

20  
Ascension Adventurers  
Western Railroad Museum



21  
WELCA Bake Sale

\*Pub Theology  
25th- 7pm & 28th - 12pm



24  
Nifty Oldies

\* Please see ads in the newsletter.



## **Weekly Bible Studies!**

**Children Sunday School After Children's sermon at the 10:00 service.**

**Adult Bible Study - Sunday morning, 9:45 & 11:15 C-1**

We will return in September - Bill Moyer lead

**Adult Bible Study - Monday evening 6:15-7:15**

C-1 Janet Smith lead

**Text Talk- Tuesday Morning**

Read and discuss the Gospel for the coming Sunday.

C-1 Pastor Scott lead

**Adult Bible Study - Wednesday evenings 7**

September 5th. 1 and 2 Kings when Linda Lownes lead

**Adult Bible Study- Friday evening 6:15 - 7:15 C-1**

Pat Zampardi lead

### **Tuesday Mourning Bereavement Group**

Have you lost a spouse, family member, or friend? This group of men and women will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10 am at the church, C-2, where we encourage one another through sharing and prayer.



### **Ruth Circle**

WE WILL MEET ON OCT 10TH AT 1:00 PM IN CONFERENCE ROOM 1. OUR LESSON IS "A TIME FOR FAITHFUL REPENTANCE: MATT 22:37-40. ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

### **Ascension Adventurers (30+ Actives)**

October 20 - Western Railroad Museum, 5848 State Hwy 12, Suisun City, 94585  
Largest collection of the Sacramento Northern railway in existence.

Harold Swanson - 916-332-3904

### **Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA)**

WELCA meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the C-1



### **Sunrise Christian Food Ministry**

3rd Wednesday of the month.

### **Manor Care Ministry**

3rd Sunday of the month.

Contact Rich Peterson with any questions.

### **Brookdale Care Ministry**

3rd Thursday of the month.

Contact Rich Peterson with any questions.

## *President's Message*

I have heard many positive comments about Pastor Scott's preaching and his interaction with you, the congregation! Those are good things! Thanks be to God for bringing us together!!!

I want to thank you for your outstanding support at the Congregation Meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and your understanding that our facility is aging and needs some loving care! Two of the three items we brought to your attention have already been resolved.

The two air conditioners over the preschool/ fellowship hall area have been replaced. The flat roof, over that same area, has been recoated. I have a mixed message for you on that subject. The good news is that the contractor found very little evidence of dry rot or leakage. They fixed what little they did find before they applied the new coating. The other side of the coin, isn't bad news just costly news. The contractor offered to apply the same material to the roof of the administration wing for an additional cost of only \$14,500. The added work would raise the total roofing cost from \$45,500 to \$60,000.

This offer was based upon three factors: no significant repairs were necessary on the flat roof which reduced the time and cost required to complete it; the roof of the administration wing was in need of recoating but required no significant repairs; the contractor's team was already here and had the time, before their next scheduled project, to complete this whole task.

Time was of the essence! Your Executive Committee considered the above factors and, recognizing there was not enough time to call another Congregation Meeting before the contractor's original work would be finished, made the decision to authorize the additional cost.

Other things we considered in our decision were: we had already entered into the refinancing process that you authorized; a number of significant contributions have already been made and/or promised; thankfully there has been an increase in Debt Reduction (green envelope) giving.

We can hold off, for a few months, on the window replacement in the preschool area. But, in the last week, a new expense has been added to our ongoing list. Another air conditioning unit has reached the end of its life cycle. Luckily, with autumn here, we can hold off on replacing this, too.

I have been praying that you will follow through, as you are able, to help pay down this additional debt. I hope you will join me in those prayers.

In Christ,

Bill Moyer

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## *Congregational Care Ministry*

Thank you to the congregation for attending Wills and Trust event. For more information from our speaker, Caitlin Ross, please contact her at 916-724-1696.

Sincerely, the Care Team



## Pastor Scott

### *"Peak Season"*

This past Sunday was the first day of autumn. A season of change that marks the beginning of the transition from summer to winter. This transition held additional meaning to us these past nine autumns, because we lived in New England. Autumn was always a time of great beauty and thanksgiving, the humid heat of summer finally began to fade and the fall colors began to appear. Each autumn there was much speculation about when the leaf colors would be at their most majestic, or peak. It was impossible to predict, but people planned their "leaf peeping" trips around the forecast, much like a farmer would rely upon the Farmer's Almanac to time their planting. As a native Californian I appreciated the beauty of fall, and enjoyed the cooler, and less humid, weather, but I dreaded the winter that autumn foretells!

But that is not all that I dreaded! The leaves that turned beautiful shades of red, orange and yellow eventually fell off of the trees and had to be dealt with. Countless are the hours I spent raking and blowing leaves into piles each year. With limited daylight and temperatures falling, it was difficult to find the ideal day and time to rake leaves. When it appeared as though the time was good; a breeze would inevitably pick up, dislodging more leaves from the trees, and disturbing those that had already been raked into a pile! Over the years I developed a real love/hate relation with "peak season" and the beautiful fall foliage that became my chore.

However, while I was raking leaves I did my best to adopt my grandmother's thankful and positive approach. Whenever she tackled a task she always found a way to give God thanks; so when raking the leaves I adopted a posture of thanksgiving. I gave God thanks for the shade that each of the leaves that I was raking had once provided for me, my family, our dog and any of the children from the church and preschool who might have played beneath them. For trees, their leaves and the shade that they provide (in addition to the oxygen that we can't live without) are gifts from God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. So it was appropriate to give thanks to God for them!

Autumn is also the season of the harvest, when the fruits of our labors and the abundance of God's creation conspire to produce much of the food that we eat. Traditionally, harvest festivals and Oktoberfest's were celebrated to acknowledge the bounty of the harvest. The first fruits of the harvest were used to celebrate and give thanks to God for the abundant provision and blessing that God had provided. Over time these celebrations have become a celebration of the conclusion of the work of the harvest; an acknowledgment of the labor of those who have worked the field and gathered the harvest.

Giving God thanks for the abundance of God's creation and the many blessings that we have received is a part of our worship each Sunday. In addition to giving thanks to God in song and prayer, we are invited to give God thanks through the offering of the first fruits of our labors. Collection of the offering is often seen as a necessary "evil" in the life of the church (kind of like raking leaves), but it should be done with a grateful heart as we give God thanks for the abundant harvest that we have each received. Our generous God will continue to provide for us, as we respond to God's leading of the ministries of Lutheran Church of the Ascension and Lutheran Christian Preschool. Let us give with a grateful heart.

Pastor Scott

## *Parish Assistant*

We hope you all check out this newsletter for upcoming event dates, and consider inviting your friends. Trunk or Treat is on Saturday October 27th and that is always a huge hit in the community. What better way to get to know our neighbors than inviting them to a free family event. We had great success with Fun Fest 2018, greeting many new faces, and just enjoying a fun day together.

Of course fun events aren't all we're about. We are looking forward to Advent season, and worshipping with all of you during this special time. Keep watching for special service times, and of course holiday missions in which you can participate.

If you have any questions about the ministries or events happening here, or have ideas for new ones that are close to your heart, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Blessings,

Susie Van Vliet

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## *Pub Theology*



Pub Theology-Time for food, fellowship, and discussion of topics in today's world. For more information or questions please talk to Katie/ [Katies@luthchurch.org](mailto:Katies@luthchurch.org)

Our Thursday edition Pub Theology will be held Thursday, October 25 at the Boxing Donkey, 300 Lincoln St, Roseville. We will start to gather at 6pm for those who wish to eat and then our discussion will start at 7pm. All ages are welcome

Sunday edition Pub Theology will be held Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Goat House Brewery, 600 Wise Road, Lincoln. The goat house has a wonderful outdoor area and best of all GOATS! There is open space as well for little ones to run around. We will meet at 12:30pm for food followed by discussion. Due to this being an outdoor location if there is rain we will meet at the Roundtable Pizza in Citrus Heights.

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## *Council Corner*

Church Council met on September 11th.

Other than routine business, no new motions were made.



# *Treasurer Report*

## **Balance Sheet for all Accounts through 8/31/2018**

### **ASSETS**

#### **FIXED ASSETS**

Land (estimate)	\$350,000.00
Buildings (insured amount)	\$3,885,000.00
Personal Property (insured amount)	\$583,000.00

**TOTAL FIXED ASSETS:** \$4,818,000.00

#### **BANK ACCOUNTS**

American River Checking	\$38,397.37
American River Money Market (includes dedicated funds)	\$84,976.85
Schwab Money Market	\$372.93

**TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS** \$123,747.15

#### **CASH ON HAND**

Petty Cash	\$200.00
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**TOTAL CASH ON HAND** \$200.00

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$4,941,947.15**

### **LIABILITIES**

Thrivent (Building Mortgage) \$44,816.19

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **\$44,816.19**

**NET ASSETS (Assets minus liabilities)** **\$4,897,130.96**

### **EQUITY**

Fund Balance/Other Equity

Net Equity (unrestricted)	\$4,802,535.95
Dedicated Accounts (temp restricted)	\$94,595.01

**TOTAL EQUITY** **\$4,897,130.96**

**EQUITY AND LIABILITY TOTAL** **\$4,941,947.15**



# *Treasurer's Report*

**As of August 31, 2018**

<b>Checking Account</b> —Actual Balance	\$ 38,397.37
Year to date income from all sources	\$ 431,321.71
Year to date expenses	\$ 399,341.77

These numbers do not reflect any funds going into or going out of dedicated accounts.  
As of August 31st all bills and benevolences are paid.

The total offerings received during the ninth month of the 2018 fiscal year are \$38,705.01. Offerings include regular and restricted (white envelopes), loose plate, Sunday school, Simply Giving and Thrivent Choice Dollars that are designated as regular or restricted. 4.57% of the offerings received were designated as restricted, which means that the donors do not want their offerings included in calculating the congregation's basic benevolence amounts. (10.5% of General Fund offerings are designated for benevolence.)

**Schwab Funds:** Balance as of June 30, 2018 - \$372.93.

**The money market account at American River Bank** as of July 31, 2018 -\$84,976.85.

## **Mortgage:**

The outstanding mortgage balance on the August 7, 2018 statement was \$44,816.19. An additional principal payment of \$1510.00 received in August for debt retirement was made from Line Item 721 Debt Reduction on August 27, 2018. After the September 1<sup>st</sup> payment the new balance is \$40,335.37.

A copy of the August 2018 financial report that includes the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Activities for all General Fund accounts is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Ken Breitwieser  
Treasurer



## **Budget Meeting**

**Congregation Meeting scheduled for  
November 18 at 11:30.**

Budget Information sessions will be held on  
November 11 following each service.



## Property Committee

**Properties Committee Mission Statement:** *Following God's commandment for good stewardship, the Properties Committee oversees the property of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in an efficient, effective and economical manner.*

We are continuing to make progress on many projects and have some projects which will need additional funds to complete as well as your physical labor, all of which is so greatly appreciated.

**Biblical Garden:** The Properties Committee has been working diligently in order to proceed with the Yamasaki architecture plan for the Biblical Garden. The landscaping crew has laid the pavers in the walkway. With the help of volunteers, installation of the border board is completed and rock has been placed around the perimeter of the garden. We will be discussing the appropriate plants based on what is in the bible. Based on funding, the planting is scheduled to begin in late October or early November. We also have to determine what material to use as a ground cover. Our goal is to reduce the maintenance for this area while providing a place for some quiet time. You are welcome to watch our progress as we move forward.

**Exterior Painting of Soffits and Two Walls:** The exterior painting project as well as repairing and painting of the fountain was completed. The rest of the outside walls around the sanctuary is to be painted at the end of October/November.

### **Kitchen Oversight Committee (KOC) Update:**

Wally Rosenberg is in the process of building new cabinets that will replace the mailboxes and cabinets below the mailboxes. We are estimating they will be finished in about three weeks. We will keep you posted.

### **Work day in October:**

Be sure to watch out for the announcement in the bulletin, email and Friday's EBLAST regarding our upcoming church workday. This day is always open to all ages.

### **Facility Projects:**

The roof over the Preschool, Youth Room and offices is now being repaired and will be completed by the time you read this newsletter.

Installation of the windows for the Preschool/Sunday School rooms is scheduled for some time in November.

The installation of two, new AC units in the Preschool/Sunday School area has been completed.

We are focusing on finding the correct-sized tables that will be replacing 10-15 tables for the Fellowship Hall.

We are purchasing six outdoor LED lights for the parking lot which should be installed in October. This will improve the lighting in the parking lot significantly and help reduce the electrical utility bill.

We have decided upon new flooring for Conference Room 1 and the Office Hallway, however we still need the funds (approximately \$4,000) to cover this.

We welcome your input and your help with any project. Please remember that the Properties Committee must review and approve all facility-related projects. The necessary form for this can be obtained from Susie.

**"We can accomplish great things with God's help and our hands."**

Lois Bacchi, Properties Committee Chair



## Great Lesson on Stress

A young lady confidently walked around the room with a raised glass of water while leading a seminar and explaining stress management to her audience. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'Half empty or half full?' She fooled them all. "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. To 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

## *Stewardship Committee*

Who doesn't love Fall? The cooler temperatures, the changing leaves on the trees and the harvest of nature's bounty. Ahhh, Apple Hill! It's amazing the amount of apples and apple products you can find at the farms up the hill. There's apple pie, apple strudel, apple fritters, apple dumplings, apple cider, apple juice, it goes on and on. That's what I would call abundance! I didn't have to ready the field, plant the trees, water the trees, nurture the trees or do the harvest. I just jump in my car, drive 30 minutes and I can have whatever apple product my empty stomach can dream of. I'm not a farmer or a rancher and have no idea the amount of work that goes into supplying the food that I eat. I go to the market and I "shop". We all live in a world where the work has been done for us. Most of us can look at our "middles" and know we have an abundance problem in our lives!!! God provides for us daily and I think most of us take some of that for granted. I thank God every day for my "daily bread", but I've never been too worried about where my next meal is coming from. Living in America we are blessed with excess and society has trained us to think that we need more. Always more! Is it because we are afraid to run out of something that we live our lives in the mode of scarcity? What do I want vs. what do I need. I need Jesus. I want apple pie. I need to love my neighbor. I need to remember that God provides everything I need. It's the "wants" that get us into trouble! Thank God for our blessing of abundance and may we share that blessing with those in need. We are blessed to be a blessing!

## *Youth Ministry News-*

**Off Road** will meet October 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30-1:30pm for fellowship, games, and activities. All those 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to join us and friends are always welcome. Please see Justin for more information.

**Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)** will meet October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> from 4-6pm. We spend time having fun, working through faith topics, as well as games and activities. All are welcome. Please see Katie if you have any questions. [Katies@luthchurch.org](mailto:Katies@luthchurch.org)

**Confirmation**-Our confirmation class will meet October 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30-12:15 in Pastor Scott's office. Please join us at the 10am worship on October 7<sup>th</sup> when we bless those students who will be in the confirmation class this year. Confirmation is open to those 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and if you have a student who is interested in joining please talk to Katie or Pastor Scott.

## *Evangelism*

We have had a busy past few months and I love all the energy surrounding everyone! Thank you for your continued warm presence and interactions. Ascension is full of God's love all around.

### **Fun Fest**

Our Sunday school kick off celebration was a success! Wild Things was a big hit as always. Both children and Adults had so much fun learning about all the beautiful animals and about their rescue and rehabilitation story. This and the following festivities-lunch, bounce houses, water slides, games, cotton candy, and popcorn-were enjoyed by many including a handful of new faces!

### **New Member Class**

We are so excited to start New Members Class starting September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1130 a.m. on each of these three Sundays. Please welcome and get to know them whether they've been around awhile or are a completely unfamiliar face.

### **Welcome Center**

Now that the Fun Fest is over, our focus will shift to our next big project. We have started to brainstorm ideas for a new Welcome Center. This will be a place where new faces can go to find out more about who we are and what we do. We are very excited to get this going so stay tuned. Also, we welcome any ideas or input!

### **Old Faces & New**

Please continue to invite back old friends and tell them we miss them. We would love to share with them all the excitement, energy, happenings, and love that is surrounding Ascension. There are so many people who need God in their lives, please watch out for folks anywhere, anytime and invite them to our loving church.

### **Thank you!**

Blessings,

Michele and Jamila

## *Treasurer Comments - October 2018*

You will recall that at our 9/2/2018 special congregational meeting, we approved a mortgage refi, along with a new loan of \$120K to pay off the mortgage and complete some much needed building repairs. The major project is the resealing of the roof over the kitchen/preschool/fellowship hall building. After inspection by the roof contractor, it was discovered that the roof over the office building is in at least as bad a condition as the other roof. An estimate to reseal that roof was provided to us (\$15K). It seemed a smart decision to add this project on while the roofer was here. It is currently being done as I write this.

Ideally, we would have liked to have added that additional amount onto our new requested loan, but the amount is more than the council has authorization to approve without congregational approval (1% of current approved budget). We are seeking your help with your green debt reduction envelopes to assist with this extra project.

How about some good news!! As I may have mentioned in the past, we normally have about 10-12 members who use their green debt reduction envelope consistently each month. Since we have talked several times recently on the great benefit of also contributing to the debt pay down, already this month we have received debt reduction contributions from 22 members! Thank you so much for listening to us. This is the way to get these much needed projects completed and pay down our loan.

It is also that time to get next year's budget put together. Our most significant change from the past year is the calling and installation of our Pr Scott. Along with a full time pastor, comes the additional expenses of supporting that pastor. Let your weekly offerings reflect how we have been blessed to complete this long process. We know the Lord is truly watching out for us and guiding us in our missions!

Many Blessings to all of us!

### ASCENSION CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

WE ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW SEASON OF AUTUMN. WITH THE CHANGING OF THE SEASON, BRINGS THE CHANGING OF THE WEATHER AND ACTIVITIES IN THE CLASSROOMS. THE TEACHERS ARE BRING FALL COLORS, LEAVES, PUMPKINS, PINECONE, ACORN, AND OTHER FALL CREATIONS INTO THE CLASSROOMS.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING TRUNK R TREAT ON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>.  
ALL ARE WELCOMED TO ATTEND.  
WE WILL BE HAVING OUR OWN HALLOWEEN GATHERING ON  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING OUR QUARTERS FOR THE MUSTARD SEED SCHOOL. THE CHILDREN WANTED TO CONTINUE GIVING TO THE HOMELESS CHILDREN.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING FIRE FIGHTER MONTH WITH A FIRE FIGHTER VISITING OUR SCHOOL THIS MONTH. WE PRACTICE OUR FIRE DRILL EVERY MONTH SO WE WILL BE SAFE IF THERE EVER IS A FIRE WE KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS OUR PRESCHOOL  
WITH PRAYS, FINANCIAL AND VOLUNTEERING.  
IT IS PEOPLE LIKE YOU THAT KEEP ASCENSION PRESCHOOL  
THRIVING AND SUCCESSFUL.

## Save the Date: Saturday, November 3 HART Spaghetti Feed

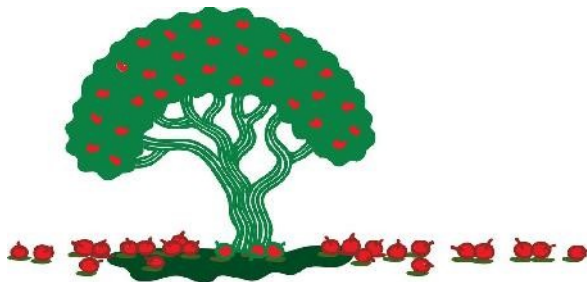
The Citrus Heights Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART) will hold its annual Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser on Saturday, November 3 at the Citrus Heights Community Center. HART is one of Ascension's benevolence recipients and was selected as 2017 California Nonprofit of the Year. This event will raise funds for the Winter Shelters, Veterans Stand Down, Homeless Outreach Navigator and the Student Connect event. A dozen Ascension members attended last year, and we hope to double that amount this year with the new larger venue. Watch for future articles as details become available.

**Social Ministry Committee**

### Ascension Assists the Sacramento Food Bank

An exciting service project was held for youth and adults on Saturday, September 8 at the Sacramento Food Bank in North Sacramento. 35 volunteers assembled boxes of shelf-stable foods and bagged fresh produce that will be distributed throughout Sacramento County. Volunteers wore Ascension's yellow God's work, Our hands T-shirts, and the Food Bank will mount our shirt on their volunteer organization wall to recognize our support. Thank you to all our volunteers who not only helped a very worthy cause but had a great time. We'll do this again in a few months.

**Social Ministry Committee**



*Thank  
You*

I would like to thank Kathleen Lopez,  
Eva Breitwieser, Arlene Kozub,  
Pat Zampardi and Yvonne Kramer for being at  
my desk while I was on vacation. I greatly  
appreciate you giving of your time to watch over  
my desk.  
Thank you, Helena

## *The Nifty Oldies*

The Nifty Oldies group meets monthly to share some Christian Fellowship and to learn a bit of new information about things that are typically of interest to Seniors in congregations. We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 3:00 and while we are predominately a senior group we welcome all ages. This is a great way to maintain connections with others in the congregation and an excellent opportunity to include friends in a midweek outing. Don't forget to put our upcoming events on your calendar!

### Wednesday, October 24

Speaker: Terry Sandhoff

Organization: 4 Paws to Freedom

This organization has a very worthwhile mission to train service animals for veterans with PTSD

### Wednesday, November 28

Speaker: Dottie Peterson

Program: We will have a light post thanksgiving lunch and Dottie will share her expertise about Bells

### Wednesday, December 26

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

### Wednesday, January 23

Speaker: Lieutenant Steve Pavlakis

Organization: Roseville Chapter Salvation Army

Pastor Pavlakis will share information with us about the many missions of the Salvation Army,

### **Just a thought!**

1. Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
  2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
  3. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
  4. Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
  5. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
  6. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
  7. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
  8. Never buy a car you can't push.
  9. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time,  
because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
  10. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
  11. The second mouse gets the cheese.
  12. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
  13. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
  14. Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
  15. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull.  
Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
  16. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
  17. Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.
- AND MOST IMPORTANTLY
18. Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!

***I would like to add, if you do have stress and difficulties in your life,  
there is some-one who is willing to help you bear your load,  
if you will only ask Him.***

# 2018 Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Betty Bentzen    | 28 Michele Burdan    |
| 4 Deborah Jones    | Alaina Galyean       |
| 5 Diana Karlson    | 30 Ken Riswold       |
| Autumn Pollock     | 31 Julie Engelsgaard |
| 6 Michael Roberts  | Olivia Germand       |
| 7 Betty Alvord     |                      |
| 8 Craig Brewick    |                      |
| 9 Josh Beckett     |                      |
| Carol Milloway     |                      |
| 10 Shayari Davis   |                      |
| Jennifer Germond   |                      |
| Chuck Hillestad    |                      |
| 14 Irv Lownes      |                      |
| 15 Rachel Messina  |                      |
| 17 Vicki Sears     |                      |
| Harold Swanson     |                      |
| 21 Suzanne Engelke |                      |
| 22 Brian Davis     |                      |
| 23 Paul Casimaro   |                      |
| 24 Natalie Galyean |                      |

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|----------------------------|
| 1 Betty & Bob Alvord       |
| 2 Bernice & Phil Guemmer   |
| 3 Cece & Roger Linder      |
| 4 Gloria & Chuck Hillestad |
| 27 Justine & Bill Moyer    |

## Church Council

<b>President</b>	<b>Bill Moyer</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Doris Preston</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Brenda Aarons</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Ken Breitwieser</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>JoAnn Little</b>
<b>Evangelism</b>	<b>Michele Burdan</b>
	<b>&amp; Jamila Zaucha</b>
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*Happy Birthday and*

*Happy Anniversary to all!*

If we have omitted anyone, please accept our apologies and call the church office so we can correct our records.

## Attendance Totals

September	
2	211
9	225
16	183
23	174
30	192



## *Life and Growth*

There continues to be a new energy and enthusiasm in the congregation since we have welcomed Pastor Scott and his family. As your Life and Growth Committee we have been honored to help facilitate some of the recent events that have allowed us to get to know our new pastor and even one another better over the past several weeks.

Since our last newsletter, we hosted the annual Ice Cream Social with a tremendous turn out of approximately 100 people in attendance. Most were from our congregation but there were also some new faces in the crowd. We had a visit from our local fire department during the afternoon and the children were able to “tour” their fire truck.

In August we held an all church picnic. Due to the unhealthy air conditions from the many massive wild fires in California, we made a decision to move the picnic from the planned location at Madera Park to the Fellowship Hall at church. And all things considered, I think we had a great afternoon and lunch while listening to awesome oldies music by the talented team of Bob Shoff and Antonio Martinez performing as the Blues Brothers.

Harold Swanson successfully “sold out” all of the tickets for the late August River Cats Baseball game. The outings that Harold has organized for the Ascension Adventurers are a wonderful way to socialize and fellowship with other members of the congregation. If you missed out on the Baseball game this year, be sure not to miss it next year.

**We still have quite a list of activities planned for the remainder of the year. Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor to any of these events.**

**Here is a recap of some of our upcoming planned events.**

### **Ascension Adventurers**

On October 20<sup>th</sup> there is an outing planned to the Western Railway Museum in Suisun, CA. The Western Railway Museum has the largest collection of Sacramento Northern Railway equipment in existence, and the museum also operates a line of the former Sacramento Northern as a heritage railway with scheduled excursions for visitors. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those wishing to participate and you can contact Harold Swanson if you have any questions.

### **Chili Cook Off**

We haven’t planned one for quite a while so it’s time to get your recipes out and prepare for the chili cook off planned for Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be prizes for best chili and best cornbread!

### **Friends and Family Potluck**

The next Friends and Family potluck is currently planned for November 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts as we get closer to the event. The potlucks are open to all. Our hope for this event is to provide another way for us to gather together as a church and to open our doors to others, so we encourage you to **invite friends and family** to our next gathering!

### **Santa Visit and Special Holiday Foods Buffet on December 16, 2018**

As we have in past Christmas Seasons we expect a visit from Santa Claus and will have our special Holiday Coffee Hour Buffet. This is always a great event to invite family and friends.

### **Coffee Hour**

Cherie and I want to thank each and every one of you who join with us to make our Sunday coffee hour a reality. But it wouldn’t be a Life and Growth Newsletter if I didn’t say; **we still need more support on an ongoing basis.** The McCormicks will be away on an extended road trip during part of October, so anyone who would like to volunteer to assist on an upcoming Sunday especially during that period will be very much appreciated! There are sign-up sheets on the counter or the bulletin board in the kitchen and if you have any questions, please contact either of us and we will be happy to fill you in on what is involved.

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Jesus Christ, Teaching them to ob-  
serve all Christ has commanded,  
and equipping them for loving ser-  
vice.

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9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
9:00 am - 3:00pm Fridays

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