



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH | NEWSLETTER | MAY 2021

SUNDAYS	9 a.m. <i>SHINE</i> Bible Study — Book Study for middle school, high school, and college young women
SUNDAYS	9 a.m. <i>Mere Christianity</i> – Book Study for adults
SUNDAYS	10 a.m. SUNDAY WORSHIP

View Online: at <https://www.prattascension.org/live>



Tuesday, May 11; 5:15 p.m. Worship Commission meeting with Pastor Nick Cordt
Wednesday, May 12 and 19; 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday worknights to prepare the basement west room for worship when construction begins
Sunday, May 16, 2021 - Covered-Dish Dinner for Pastor Dan and Emma in honor of their service to Ascension Lutheran; Meat and buns provided, bring veggies, salads, or desserts

Sunday, May 23, 2021; 11:15 a.m. Voter's Meeting

Agenda items:

- Vote on Constitution and/or Bylaws changes related to calling a pastor
- Elect the members of the Call Committee (if more than four people volunteer to serve with the Management Team)

Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 6 p.m.

Bible Study/Book Study: "Go and Be Reconciled - What Does This Mean?" and/or "Conflict Resolution vs. Reconciliation--A Bible Study on Reconciliation for Daily Living." This will be led by Pastor Tom Harmon, Risen Savior - Wichita.

Friday, May 28 - Virtual Mission Walk for the LWML Convention in Lexington

ASCENSION LUTHERAN: NEWS FROM PASTOR DAN CHRISMER

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you know, on February 21, 2021, I was called to serve as pastor of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Valley in Bullhead City, AZ. After careful and prayerful consideration, I have been led to accept this call. Thank you, Ascension Lutheran for your commitment to the Mission of God in this place. I pray that your focus will continue to be seeing new people connected to Christ through each of you.

You are the Church. Continue to be the Church. As you follow Jesus, be in prayer for your next shepherd. The Lord Jesus loves His Church, and He will continue to take care of it. The Lord will send you the shepherd you need for the next stage of ministry in Pratt, KS.

I would also like to thank the people of Pratt for welcoming our family into this community. We have made friends here with whom I pray we never lose touch.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Daniel J. Chrismer

If you would like to visit concerning this news, please call me and I would be glad to schedule some time to talk with you. You may reach me by email by clicking the link below, or by phone at 636-328-1642.

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, will be my last service here.

Blessings in Christ! Pastor Dan

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CONNECT AND SERVE: UPCOMING EVENTS

May Birthdays:

May 3 - Ron Piester
May 6 - Alesha Bergner
May 14 - Travis Kolm
May 15 - Elizabeth Britton
May 25 - Jeanie Hoener
May 30 - Lexi Walker

May Anniversaries:

May 18 - Pastor Dan
and Emma Chrismer
May 19 - Gene and Janice
Brehm
May 23 - Brian and Amy
Schrag

2021 graduates:

Megan Kolm - May 15
Emporia State University
Lauren Kolm - May 23
Pratt High School

* If any dates are missing
or incorrect, please
contact Brenda Piester

May Baptism Birthdays:

May 6 - Brian Schrag
May 12 - Ron Piester
May 20 - Alesha Bergner



GRADUATE

*This is the day which the LORD has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalms 118:24

WinGS – LWML
MONDAY, June 7, 5:30 p.m.

at Ascension Lutheran
AND in-person via Zoom

Agenda and the Zoom link will be emailed.

ALL WOMEN WELCOME!



If you know of someone who would like to receive a **PRINTED** copy of this newsletter, please contact Lisa Kolm at 620-770-3479 or Michelle Domsch at 620-770-0933.

GROW: STUDY GROUPS AND PRAYERS

Shine

SPARKLING WITH GOD'S LOVE

GIRLS ONLY BOOK CLUB ~ BIBLE STUDY

(Middle School, High School, College)
Every Sunday, 9 a.m.

ALC Youth Room

Contact Shannon Bergner or Lindsey Bergner for more information.



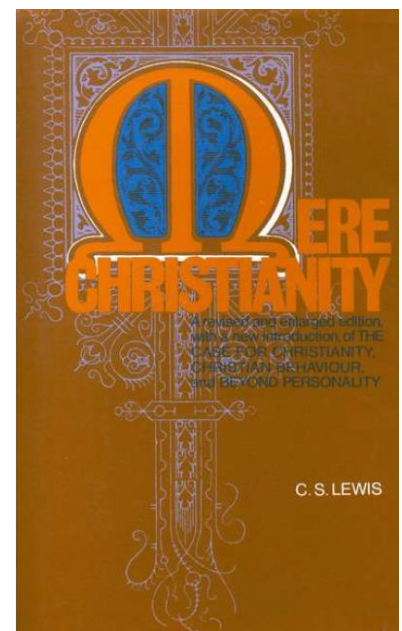
To add a prayer to the list, email ascensionpratt@gmail.com or discuss the request with Pastor Dan.

To view the prayer list which is updated weekly, go to the Newsletter link which is emailed and listed on the ALC Facebook page. Thank you!

~ Adult Bible Class / Book Study ~ ***Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis** Sunday mornings 9 a.m. (Began April 18)

The group decided to read this book together. Members may also choose to read the selections prior to the Sunday morning sessions.

You are welcome to use and bring your own books, OR contact Pastor Dan to get a copy of *Mere Christianity* for you. Please print the study or bring a device where you can access it.



CALLING A PASTOR:

On Monday, April 19, 2021, the Management Team had a very productive and informative meeting with LCMS Kansas District President Justin Panzer and the Circuit Visitor Pastor Tom Harmon to review the steps for Ascension to prepare to call a pastor.

- Rev. Nick Cordt, Assistant Pastor of Risen Savior - Wichita, will serve as the vacancy pastor, including preaching (or scheduling another pastor to preach), teaching, and visitations.
- Pastor Tom Harmon, Circuit Visitor, will assist Ascension through the entire call process.
- The Management Team, in addition to up to four other volunteers, will serve as the Call Committee.
- The Call Committee, in addition to anyone else who wants to participate, will complete a Bible Study/Book Study: "Go and Be Reconciled - What Does This Mean?" and/or "Conflict Resolution vs. Reconciliation--A Bible Study on Reconciliation for Daily Living." This will be led by Pastor Tom Harmon, Risen Savior - Wichita.
- When completed, the process to begin to call a pastor will begin.

The **Call Committee** to prepare Ascension Lutheran to issue a Divine Call to a new pastor will consist of the Management Team and up to four more volunteers.

All **Call Committee members** are asked to commit to AT LEAST two hours each Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. beginning May 26 through the end of August. Other meetings may be held as needed.

To volunteer, contact Brian Schrag at 620-388-1710.

If more than four people volunteer to serve on the **Call Committee**, a meeting of the Voter's Assembly will be held after worship on May 23 to elect the additional members to the **Call Committee**.

Sincerely,

Brian Schrag, President ~ Ron Piester, Vice President ~ Michelle Domsch, Secretary
Kent Domsch, Treasurer ~ Kevin Shipe, Deacon ~ Janice Brehm, Finance Comm.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR THE CALL PROCESS:

Sunday, May 23 -- After worship: *If needed*, a meeting of the Voter's Assembly to elect no more than four additional members to the **Call Committee**

Beginning May 26 - weekly, until completed

Wednesdays, 6 p.m. - Bible Study/Book Study begins for the **Call Committee** plus anyone else in the congregation who wishes to participate.

Wednesdays, 7 p.m. - **Call Committee** meets with Pastor Harmon

Mid-August - The earliest possible date to formally call a Pastor

**Pastor
Nick Cordt**



**Pastor
Tom
Harmon**



Go and Be Reconciled: What Does This Mean?

Go and Be Reconciled: What Does This Mean? is similar to Conflict Resolution vs. Reconciliation in that it answers "What does this mean?" through two parts: "Be Reconciled to God" and "Be Reconciled to Others." It further reflects on the biblical teaching for reconciliation while reviewing the six chief parts of Christian doctrine from Luther's Small Catechism. Each bible study includes one copy of Proclaiming God's Forgiveness.

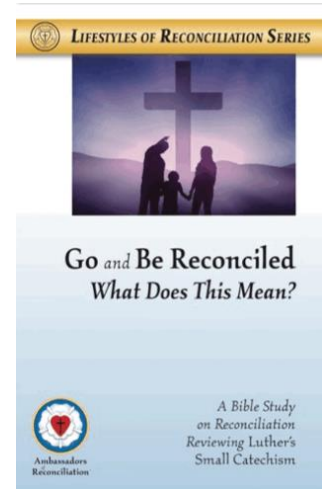
Great for group Bible study and coaching people through conflict!

Approximately 130 pages (90 pages of main teaching material with 50 pages of answers in Leaders Notes). Each lesson features Bible study content, a major case study for discussion, and application questions for personal reflection.

This study has been developed for three different applications: • As a Bible study for small and large groups; • As an independent study for individuals; • As an aid for coaching people struggling with specific conflicts, preparing them for reconciling with others on their own or through mediation

As Bible study groups and leaders, take whatever time you desire. Allow for discussion time since much learning takes place while people are sharing their thoughts on particular topics.

The study is designed in a catechism format: Questions are presented for discussion, with multiple Bible passages providing insights from God's Word. The Leader's Notes in the back of this book are an integral part of the study, providing thoughts on how particular passages apply to each question.



Ascension Lutheran Church

502 East Second Street, Pratt, KS

Pastor Dan Chrismer

WORSHIP: 10 a.m.

~ Come As You Are ~

**We thank you for your patience and understanding as the renovations begin and remodeling continues.
We look forward to the completed project which will enhance our mission and ministry in this place.**

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday: 8 - 11 a.m. Tuesday: Out of Office Wednesday: 8 - 11 a.m. Coffee & Conversation at N'Cahoots
Thursday: 8 - 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday: After lunch by appointment Friday: Designated day off

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GIFTS FROM THE HEART

WinGS members INVITE YOU to donate any of these items--
Gifts from the Heart--which will be personally delivered to the LWML
Convention in Lexington in June.
Donations may be left in the laundry baskets in the church gathering area.
June 20 is the last Sunday to donate. THANKS!

ASSURANCE FOR LIFE MINISTRY:

Bed and Bath Items:

Baby Toiletries—shampoo, soap, lotion, etc.
Baby Bath Towels, Baby Wash Cloths, Burp Cloths
Crib Sheets, Laundry Baskets (small or collapsible),

Diapers and Clothes:

Disposable Diapers—size 3, Wipes
Clothing (New) — Sizes NB-12 months (onesies, sleepers, outfits, gowns, coats, etc.) Diaper bags

Books and Toys:

Baby Toys--Rattles, Teething Rings, etc.
Small "First" Christian Books—board books, vinyl books,
Arch books*

* ARCH BOOKS:

Concordia Publishing House is offering a special on **Arch books** which will be delivered directly to Lexington.
The deadline to place an order is May 23, 2021. Use the promo code "GFTH" at checkout to receive the
discounted prices. Visit [https:// books.cph.org/lwml-gifts-from-the-heart](https://books.cph.org/lwml-gifts-from-the-heart) and click "Order Online" to go
directly to the registry and select the books.

MOST MINISTRIES:

Used prescription eyeglasses to be used on eyeglass ministry trips to
developing nations around the world

SEMINARY FOOD BANK SUPPORT:

Gift cards to Walmart or Target in \$10, \$20, or \$25 denominations are
recommended.

2021 Convention



PHOTO FINISH MISSION WALK

Virtual Mission Walk to support the
2021-2023 LWML Mission Grants.

Friday, May 28, 5 p.m.

Meet at the church

ALL WOMEN INVITED for a fun mission walk!

More details will follow!

Donations may be given to Lindsey Bergner, Shannon Bergner, Janice Brehm, or Brenda Piester
who will deliver them to the Mission Pledge Walk at the convention.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

Ascension Lutheran is very blessed to have been able to purchase the stained glass windows from the former St. John's Lutheran Church in Moundridge. Those have been removed from that building and are in storage here in Pratt.

***Construction will begin this spring!
Many more details to come!***

Stained Glass windows to be installed at Ascension Lutheran Church

