



# FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Ascension  
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Psalm 100:5

## Ascension Lutheran Church

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### NEWSLETTER 1

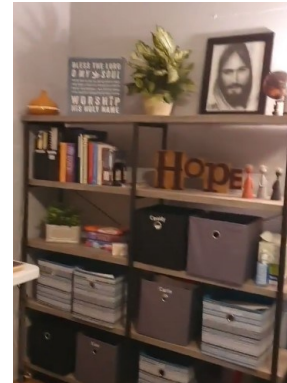
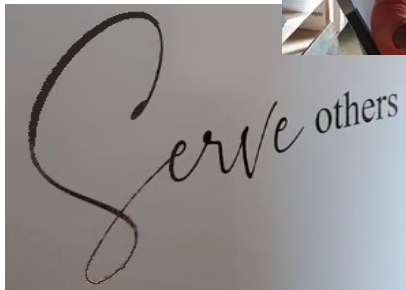
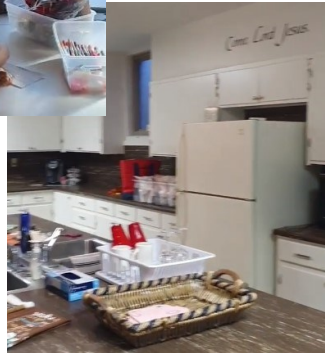
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#### LAUNCH SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS!

Video produced and shared.  
Sermon preached and posted.  
Prayers spoken and uplifted.  
Information presented and mailed.  
Brunch served and delivered.

*Praise God from whom  
all blessings flow!!*



[Click to watch  
the  
Launch Video  
on Facebook.](#)



~ Pray ~  
~ Without Ceasing ~

Dear Lord,

As we begin this next step in our ministry, let our hearts center on your everlasting love. Our mission in this campaign is not to renovate a building; our mission is to further Your kingdom. We pray that You open all our hearts to continually serve You and witness to the world around us, so that all future generations of believers will be united in Your love.

Lord, You are so good, and Your love and faithfulness endure forever. I pray that we always give thanks to You, praising and glorifying Your name throughout this campaign. Let us worship you with gladness. Let us continually rely on Your love and Your will, for generations to come.

In Your name we pray, Amen.

[New prayers are posted each day at](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/AscensionPratt>

# GREETINGS FROM PASTOR

PASTOR DAN CHRISMER | ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH, PRATT, KANSAS

Brothers, Sisters , and Friends of Ascension Lutheran Church,

As many of you know, the ministry of Ascension began in an unconventional way. The Lord has continually paved the way for a new Lutheran church in Pratt from the moment you all started. There have been bumps in the road which I believe were ordained by God to bring this group closer together. Our ministry strives to be welcoming to all people because, in Christ, God has shown His extravagant love for everyone. However, we must also realize that God loves us all too much to leave us the way He found us.

The time has come for us to officially take the next step in our newest season of life together. As God's people in this place we are being invited to move forward, not for our own sake, but "For Generations to Come." That is the theme of our campaign and by the Grace of God, this will continue to be what drives this church forward in the mission of connecting disconnected people to Christ. The theme verse is a wonderful reminder that God's love and faithfulness will bring us through: *For the Lord is good and His love endures forever, His faithfulness continues through all generations* (Psalm 100:5). The Lord is calling you to be a part of this!

In the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas you will hear more about where God is leading this congregation. During that time, we are going to be inspired by the ways God has worked in the lives of His people in the past and how we believe He is working in our midst today.

I pray that each and every one of us will be inspired to be the church who is "For Generations to Come" and that God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit would empower us in the next steps of our life together.

Under the Cross and in His Resurrection,



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***For the LORD is good and  
his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues  
through all generations  
(Psalm 100:5).***

For more information about the *For Generations to Come* campaign and to access the documents, go to the church website at <https://www.prattascension.org/for-generations-to-come>

*Visitation*  
Team

**INSPIRE VISITS:** We want to make sure all of your questions are answered about the campaign. Please expect a call from someone on our campaign team to set up a time to visit in person (with social distancing), over the phone, or by Zoom.

***We're happy to meet in whatever way you choose!***

# WHAT'S AHEAD

FOR GENERATIONS TO COME CAMPAIGN EVENTS AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

<b>Sunday, Nov. 15</b>	<b>FOR GENERATIONS TO COME</b> Informational Forum after worship If not present in person, please join us by ZOOM at 11 a.m. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88945607556?pwd=YzNHZlJwU0dKdEs3aWVveGdLZ3FRUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88945607556?pwd=YzNHZlJwU0dKdEs3aWVveGdLZ3FRUT09</a> Meeting ID: 889 4560 7556      Passcode: 629943
<b>Monday, Nov. 17</b>	Inspire Visits begin
<b>Sunday, Nov. 22</b>	Guest preacher: Rev. Aaron Hanneman, Director of Evangelism & Outreach, Ascension-Wichita Inspire Presentation 1: Jackie Mundt
<b>Sunday, Nov. 29</b>	Inspire Presentation 2: Alesha Bergner
<b>Sunday, Dec. 6</b>	Inspire Presentation 3: Pastor Dan and Emma Chrismer
<b>Sat. Dec 12—Sun. 13</b>	Pray-a-thon — Contact Lindsey Bergner at <a href="mailto:lindseybergner@gmail.com">lindseybergner@gmail.com</a> to sign up
<b>Sunday, Dec. 13</b>	Inspire Presentation 4: Ron Piester; <b>COMMITMENT SUNDAY</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 13</b>	"Celebrate Generations" Prime Rib Dinner; 6:30 p.m.; ALC Sanctuary; please RSVP
<b>Sunday, Dec. 20</b>	<b>COMMITMENT DEDICATION and FIRST GIFTS</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 20</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Service, 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, Dec. 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.</b>

## Pray-a-thon

**Saturday, December 12, 9 p.m. through Sunday, December 13, 9 a.m.**

We are having a "Pray-a-thon" all night on Saturday, December 12 starting at 9 p.m. through 9 a.m., leading right into worship for Commitment Sunday! We would love for families and/or individuals to sign up for one hour during the evening, night, or morning. Everyone is welcome to come to the church to pray. We will be here all night, so the church will be open!

In the church, we will have four prayer stations set up in the Sunday School areas, in the gathering area, and in the sanctuary for everyone to pray over our present and future ministry. If you are unable to join us at the church, you can sign up for an hour and just pray from home! If that's the case, we would love it if you sent us a picture of a written prayer, a picture of you or your family praying, or a video of your prayers.

We can't wait for you to join us all in prayer as we seek God's will in our ministry—  
**FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!**

**Here are the time slots:**

**Saturday, 12/12:** 9 -10 pm, 10 -11 pm, 11pm -12 am  
**Sunday, 12/13:** 12 -1 am, 1 - 2 am, 2 - 3 am, 3 - 4 am,  
4 - 5 am, 5 - 6 am, 6 - 7 am, 7 - 8 am, 8 - 9 am.



Lindsey Bergner,  
Prayer Director  
Prayer Team:  
Maddie Drake  
Emma Chrismer

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## LAUNCH TEAM AND LCEF SUPPORT STAFF

### Rev. Billy Brath | Vice President of Ministry Support at [Lutheran Church Extension Fund](#)

Rev. Billy Brath finds joy working with churches, organizations, and leaders developing ministries that effectively reach the world today.

He has an undergrad in secular religious studies, worked as an entertainer and dancer in Orlando, received his M.Div. from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, served as pastor and urban Missionary at Trinity Downtown Orlando, planted the campus congregation at the University of Central Florida, and has worked with district and national church organizations. He has extensive training and experience in customer service and communication strategy and is a certified Creative Problem Solving (CPS) facilitator.



As a devoted Orlandonian, Billy continues to be Pastor to his neighbors and sees it as his primary call. He lives with a mean cat, enjoys meeting people wherever he goes, avoids answering questions about his dancing days, and still gets that magical feeling when he's wandering Walt Disney World. He currently works to advance the ministries of the church through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF).



### Jeffrey Maltz | Kansas District Vice President at LCEF

Jeff Maltz represents LCEF in the Kansas and Oklahoma districts since October 2013. LCEF, incorporated in 1978, is a continuation of the Synod's service to the entire LCMS. Congregations, ministries, and schools gain funds for building, upgrading or remodeling facilities, and rostered church workers secured reasonable housing and consolidation loans. LCEF partners with more than 50,000 investors to make the funds available for these loans. Together, these partnerships have resulted in a total asset portfolio of \$1.8 billion. God has truly blessed the ministry of Church Extension and its supporters!



### ASCENSION LAUNCH TEAM

Campaign Coordinator:

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[Lindsey Bergner](#)

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