



Welcome to Ascension!

502 East Second Street, Pratt, KS

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: 9 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10 a.m.

~ Come As You Are ~

**Worship is now held in the CHURCH BASEMENT
and also streamed ONLINE.**

View Online: <https://www.prattascension.org/worshipvideos>

We thank you for your patience as the renovation begins.
We look forward to the completed project which will enhance
our mission and ministry in this place.

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Schultz

Church Office Hours:

Monday 9:00 am - Noon (afternoon by appointment)

Tuesday 9:00 am - Noon (afternoon by appointment)

Wednesday 9:00 am - Noon (afternoon by appointment)

Thursday 9:00 am - Noon (afternoon by appointment)

Friday - Designated day off

<<<<< CONSTRUCTION NOTE >>>>>

*During heavy construction time frames, Pastor will be working
his office hours from home but remains available.*

Please contact him if you'd like to schedule a time to meet.

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Website: <https://www.prattascension.org/>

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

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ascension_pratt/

Mailing address: PO Box 846, Pratt, KS 67124

September

- Sun. Sept. 4** **Guest Pastor - Rev. Dean Christ**
9 a.m. Education Hour
10 a.m. Worship Service
- Mon. Sept. 5** **Labor Day**
- Tues. Sept. 6** **5:30 p.m. - WinGS**
- Wed. Sept. 7** **FUSION Kick-off! More details to come!**
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- Sun. Sept. 11** **9 a.m.** Visioning Topic with Pastor Matthew
10 a.m. Worship Service
- Wed. Sept. 14** **FUSION**
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- Sun. Sept. 18** **9 a.m.** Visioning Topic with Pastor Matthew
10 a.m. Worship Service
- Wed. Sept. 21** **FUSION**
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- Sun. Sept. 25** **9 a.m.** Visioning Topic with Pastor Matthew
10 a.m. Worship Service
- Wed. Sept. 28** **FUSION**

2021-2023 *For Generations to Come Fulfillment*



WinGS (Women in God's Service)
Tuesday, September 6, 5:30 p.m.

ALL WOMEN INVITED!

Contact Shannon at 620-770-2392
to lead devotions or to bring a snack/refreshment!

ASCENSION
LUTHERAN
CHURCH+

Welcome back to

FUSION!



YOU ARE INVITED TO A FUSION KICK-OFF
EVENT ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

FROM 6-7 P.M. AT

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH,
502 E 2ND ST, PRATT

JOIN US FOR GAMES, FOOD, FUN &
FELLOWSHIP!



THIS EVENT IS FOR OUR FUSION FAMILIES
AND OUR ASCENSION CONGREGATION



FUSION Family Nights

- Connect Families to Christ
- Grow in Faith
- Serve our Lord

**WANTED:
TEACHERS!**

We are beginning to plan Wednesday FUSION classes and Sunday School classes which will begin after Labor Day.

Teachers, music leaders, child care assistants, and more are needed for PreK through High School classes. Contact Pastor at 314-440-2168 or Jodi at 620-546-3157 to volunteer.

THANK YOU!

Beginning
September 11th



Church Childcare

Sundays 9-11 a.m.

ALC Basement Classroom

Staffed by Grace or Kaedan, PCC Student - Education Majors



Discovering
VISION
Your
Picture

Finding God's
Unique Ministry for
Ascension-Pratt

Join ALC as Pastor
Matthew guides us in
this visioning topic
during Education
Hour at 9:00 am for
five Sundays.

September 11
September 18
September 25
October 2
October 9



*All ages are
encouraged
to attend.*



To add a prayer to the list, email ascensionpratt@gmail.com or discuss the request with [Pastor Matthew](#) for that Sunday.

September Birthdays:

Sep. 2 - Jami Walker
Sep. 5 - Carrie Drake
Sep. 5 - Lisa Kolm
Sep. 9 - Warren Schepmann
Sep. 12 - Lauren Kolm
Sep. 12 - Caitlin Laha
Sep. 12 - Kevin Shipe
Sep. 15 - Hayden Schrag
Sep. 21 - Heather Van Slyke
Sep. 22 - Christy Landis

September Anniversaries:

Sep. 12 - Robert & Susan Helmke
Sep. 30 - Rick & Marcia Stahl

September Baptism Birthdays:

Sep. 1 - Larry Honeman
Sep. 5 - Maddie Drake
Sep. 19 - Sarah Simon
Sep. 30 - Carrie Drake

* If any dates are missing or incorrect, please contact Lisa Kolm.



A tremendous THANK YOU to our volunteers that help with the tech side of things for worship services. Pastor Matthew and Brenda Piester collaborate on setting up the slides, Chris Drake assists with operating the technology during worship, and Bill Berger assists with sound. Much gratitude for the work and efforts behind the scenes.

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

ALC IN THE PRATT TRIBUNE.....

Ascension Lutheran reinvents historic space for better worship



Changes happening on the outside of the Ascension Lutheran church will shore up a complete remodel going on inside the Pratt church. Photo by John Huxman

[August 23, 2022](#) in [News](#)

By John Huxman *Freelance reporter* jdhex2007@yahoo.com

Ascension Lutheran Church is in the process of remodeling its sanctuary. After meeting in various places throughout its short existence, the new congregation has settled in the old church building at 502 East 2nd Street. This structure, which once housed Our Savior Lutheran Church, was built in the 1940s over the site of the old municipal swimming pool (the pool that preceded Pratt's current, 91 year-old pool). That old pool became the church basement. When Our Savior closed its doors, the structure remained the property of the denomination, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which rented out the structure for various purposes throughout the years.

"The building was used for a number of things, everything from a care pantry for the community for a few years... [to a] washing machine repair [shop]," said Matthew Schultz, the current pastor.

Ascension Lutheran celebrated its fifth year Anniversary on Sunday August 14. In those five years, the congregation has met in the Pratt Fair Grounds Building, the Episcopal Church, and the Barron Theater. When the congregation was ready to have its own permanent location, the denomination provided the current building for its use.

"So they get in this church and its just this old style, long, dark, hot church," Schultz said.

The very traditional set up of the building did not mesh well with the young congregation's more informal style.

"This is a group of people that they want to do things a little bit differently; they want to be a different kind of church," Schultz said. "Yep, we love the building but we're going to have to change it."

Planning and preliminary work for the remodel began two years ago. The project continued even while the church was between pastors. Pastor Schultz, who has only served at Ascension for about six weeks now, was impressed that the congregation kept up its vision and its momentum while without a minister.

"If you want to know what kind of congregation you're dealing with—what kind of people you're dealing with, see what they do when they don't have a pastor. And this is a church that had only been around for three years at that point basically, maybe three and a half, and they still raised the money, kept pushing, kept doing the work. That is not common," he said.

The construction itself has only been going on for two weeks and may continue for the next four to six months. The congregation is worshipping in the basement while the project is underway.

The project will turn the church's worship space ninety degrees so that the congregation will face West rather than North. This means that the space will be wide rather than long. This should allow the minister to be closer to most of the congregation. There will be a family seating area with tables toward what will be the rear of the worship area. The raised area that is currently the chancel will be used by the church's musicians. The project also involves a significant overhaul to the front of the building. The old breezeway has already been covered and will be indoors. The old church offices will become the new church restrooms. The church will get a new foyer added to the front with wheelchair accessibility. What had been the restrooms and a very dark hallway will be a well-lighted entry room for visitors complete with a coffee bar. If the church continues to grow and all goes well there may eventually be a second phase of remodeling that would also involve the basement. The church has around 85 members and usually draws around 45 people on a Sunday. The new worship space should accommodate at least 165 people comfortably.

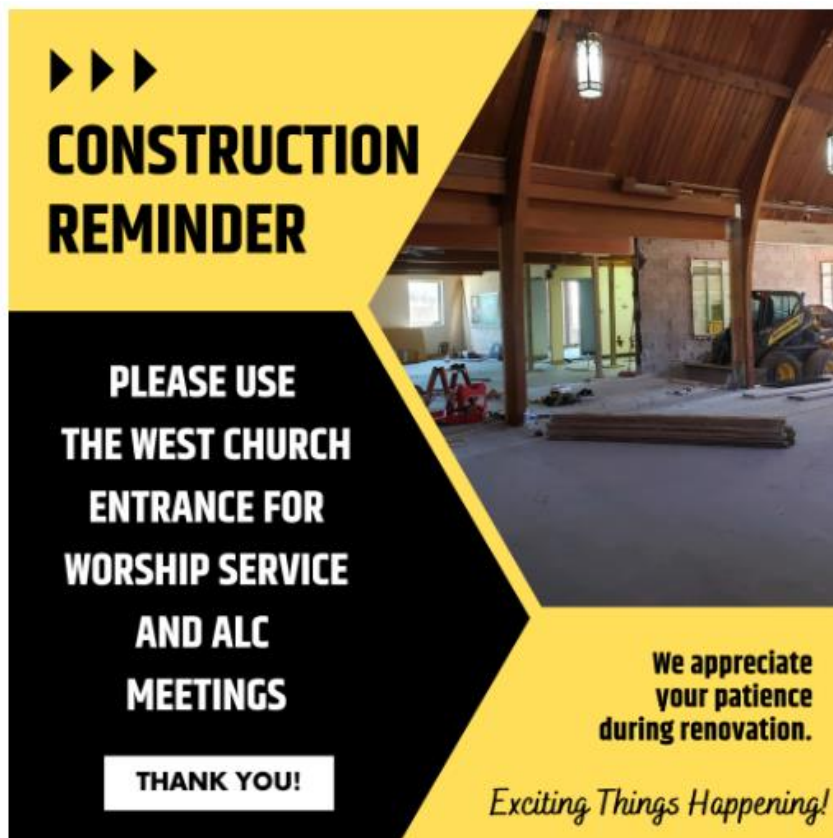
Rev. Matthew Schultz said he is very excited about the project and glad to be working in the Pratt community. He has been involved in ministry for 22 years and has experience with church planting and building projects. He feels that this church has good direction and momentum.

"They're a great, great, great, great, great group of people. I love hanging out with them already," he said.

Schultz also said that they are a fun and compassionate congregation that should be attractive to others in the community seeking a church home. Having ministered in more stand-offish cultures, such as upstate New York, he also appreciates the friendliness of Pratt residents generally, saying that he has yet to meet anyone that he did not want to spend time with.

Rev. Matthew Schultz stands in the midst of a renovation for the Ascension Lutheran Church of Pratt.

Photo by John Huxman

The graphic features a yellow and black geometric design. On the left, a yellow triangle points right, containing three black right-pointing triangles and the text 'CONSTRUCTION REMINDER'. Below this, a black triangle points right, containing the text 'PLEASE USE THE WEST CHURCH ENTRANCE FOR WORSHIP SERVICE AND ALC MEETINGS' and a white box with 'THANK YOU!'. On the right, a yellow triangle points left, containing the text 'We appreciate your patience during renovation.' and the cursive phrase 'Exciting Things Happening!'. The background is a photograph of a church interior under renovation, showing wooden beams, a yellow excavator, and construction materials.

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