



July 11, 2021 ~ Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Ascension!

**502 East Second Street, Pratt, KS
Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Nick Cordt**

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10 a.m.

~ Come As You Are ~

**Worship will be held IN-PERSON and also streamed ONLINE.
MASKS WELCOME. ALC has masks available.**

**We thank you for your patience as the renovations begin
and remodeling continues.**

**We look forward to the completed project which will enhance
our mission and ministry in this place.**

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CONNECT AND SERVE: UPCOMING EVENTS



Fri. July 9 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor Nick in the ALC Church Office
Sun. July 11 9 a.m. - Adult Bible Class/Book Study: *Mere Christianity*
10 a.m. - Worship Service
View Online: at <https://www.prattascension.org/live>
Mon. July 12 5:30 p.m. - WinGS
Wed. July 14 5:30 p.m. (no meal) - Call Committee
Fri. July 16 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor Nick in the ALC Church Office

2021-2023 For Generations to Come Fulfillment

~ **SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE** ~

July 11, 2021 - Rev. Cliff Winter
July 18, 2021 - Rev. Dean Christ
July 25, 2021 - Rev. Cliff Winter
August 1, 2021 - Pastor Nick Cordt
August 8, 2021 - Pastor Tom Harmon

WELCOME
GUEST PASTOR



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
and COVERED DISH DINNER**

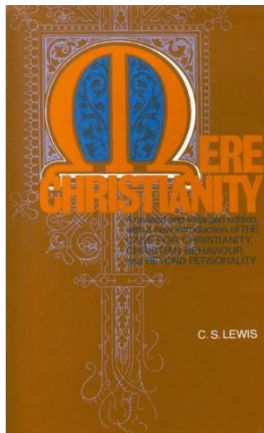
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021
~ Following Worship ~

Watch for details!

GROW: PRAYERS AND STUDY GROUPS



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



~ **Sunday Bible Class / Book Study** ~
Sunday mornings 9 a.m.

The group is studying the book, ***Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.** You are welcome to use your own books OR to click on the link below for a pdf of *Mere Christianity*. Please print the study or bring a device to access it.

MERE CHRISTIANITY by C. S. Lewis

~ **WEDNESDAY BOOK STUDY** ~

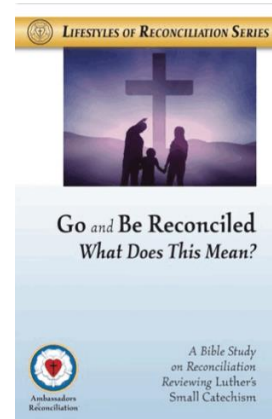
5:45 p.m. - Light supper

6 - 7 p.m. - Book study

July 14 and 21 - No Sessions

Eighteen people have attended the book study led by Pastor Tom Harmon. Thank you for your participation! You are welcome to join the group!

If you plan to participate please contact Brian Schrag so a book can be ordered for you. To learn more about the study, click below. : [Go and Be Reconciled What Does This Mean?](#) [Ambassadors of Reconciliation website](#)

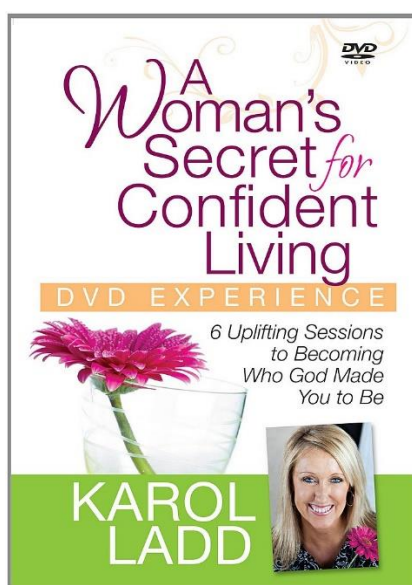
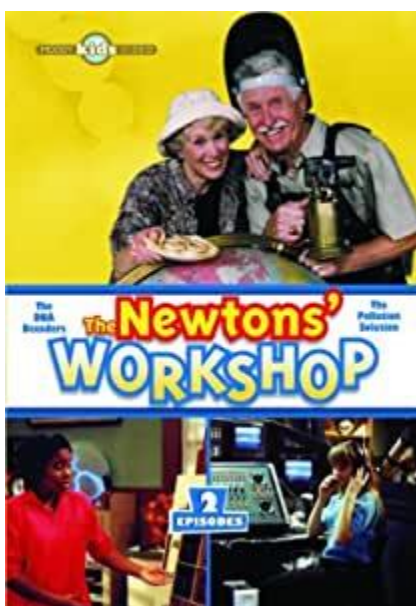


IT'S SUMMER!

Are you looking for appropriate media for your children?

Are you looking for a new personal study during these hot summer days?

Check out these resources available to you for FREE from Ascension Lutheran Church and rightnow MEDIA. Sign up below!



Follow this link to connect -- IT'S FREE!

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/AscensionLutheranChurchPratt>

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AND ADULTS**



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YOUR FAMILY**

CONNECT AND SERVE: ASCENSION NEWS AND EVENTS

July Birthdays:

July 1 - Charlie Gurr
July 2 - Erika Thimesch
July 7 - Amy Schrag
July 15 - Samantha Landis
July 17 - Donna Queal
July 21 - Maddie Drake
July 21 - Susan Helmke
July 21 - Connie McElyea
July 23 - Richard Huckriede (92nd)
July 25 - Jackie Mundt
July 26 - Luke Laha
July 27 - Cole Blasi
July 27 - A'Lec Landis
July 28 - Roger Sewell
July 29 - Misty Piester

July Anniversaries:

July 11 - Bill and Shanon Bergner

July Baptism Birthdays:

July 3 - Donetta Marston

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



Look for this new sign in the church gathering area!
**Sign up to assist with READINGS DURING WORSHIP
or ALTAR CARE.**

READER - July 11: Ron Piester

READER - July 18:

READER - July 25:

JULY ALTAR: Helmke and Queal

AUGUST ALTAR: Kolm

WORSHIP SETUP: ([Click HERE for Instructions](#))

Contact a member of the Caring Commission if you have questions.



HELP WANTED!

Are you interested in serving at ALC on The Tech Team?
Assistance needed with these tasks:

- Operate ProPresenter during worship
- Make sure the Livestream is working correctly
- Assist with any set-up and take down
- Program the lights, as requested
- Other tech needs as requested

Contact Bill Bergner if you would like to join The Tech Team.
Thank you for your consideration!



BEHIND THE SCENES PROGRESS: Plans continue to be honed and tweaked for HVAC (heating/ventilation/aid conditioning), lighting, audio-visual/technology, plumbing, and electrical needs for the renovations.

Many communications are happening between the Architect, Draftsman, Architectural Engineer, and the Construction Manager.
YES, we look forward to beginning soon!

*Thank
you!*

THANK YOU for your ongoing prayers and financial support for the FOR GENERATIONS TO COME CAMPAIGN!

To learn more about the campaign, packets are available at the church.
Offering envelopes are available at the church or will be mailed to you upon request.

CONNECT AND SERVE: DISTRICT and NATIONAL NEWS and EVENTS

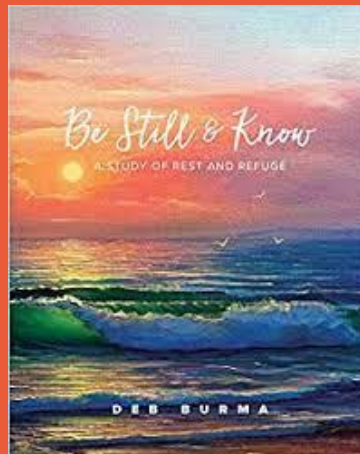
Beginning July 12, 2021
Be Still & Know -
Online Bible Study

[CLICK for Facebook Group](#)

[CLICK for More Info!](#)

[CLICK for Video overview.](#)

Contact Brenda Piester by July 7 to
order a book.



Scott Strong, member of Ascension Lutheran - Wichita, will be biking across Iowa July 16-23, 2021, in support of LeadaChild.

You are invited to sponsor Scott as he raises funds for the LeadaChild organization.

[Click HERE to watch a video to learn more.](#)

Donations may be given [ONLINE](#) or
MAILED to LeadaChild, 13505 South Murlen, Ste 105 #331,
Olathe, KS 66062-1600.

Note Bike4aChild / Scott Strong on the memo line. *THANK YOU!*



On July 17th the LWML Kansas District will host the annual Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL) meeting at Holy Cross in Wichita.

A representative from WinGS and Brenda Piester will attend. Members are encouraged to bring items for the ingathering which is designated to the **Orphan Grain Train**.

Supplies for Hygiene Kits and School Kits will be collected through July 11th. Your support is appreciated! Please place your donations in the baskets labeled for OGT in the gathering. Thank you!

Items for Hygiene Kits: washcloths, bath towels, bath size bar soaps, toothbrushes, combs, deodorant, shampoo, Bible verse or tract.

Items for School Kits: spiral notebook or lined paper, pencils, pens, package of construction paper, crayons, rulers, glue sticks, blunt scissors, washable markers, protractor, Children's Bible.

GROW: HYMNS, BIBLE READINGS, AND MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE



WORSHIP HYMN

for Sunday, July 11:

Click the hymn name to learn the story behind it.

[From All That Dwell Below the Skies](#)
by Isaac Watts

There is a prize given to the first person to respond--indicating you have read this in the newsletter.

[CLICK HERE](#) to receive the book, *God Gave the Increase--Encouraging stories of God at work through LWML mites.*

Sarah Simon was last week's winner and received a set of "The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD" notecards.

Congratulations, Sarah, and thank you!



TRAGEDY OR TRIUMPH?

Considering the Death of John the Baptizer

MARK 6:14-29

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (July 11, 2021)

Amos 7:7–15

Ephesians 1:3–14

Mark 6:14–29

The Lord Jesus Brings His People through Death into Life by the Preaching of Repentance

Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him *“from following the flock”* and said to him, *“Go, prophesy to my people Israel”* (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would *“die by the sword,”* and Israel would *“go into exile away from his land”* (Amos 7:10–11). For this word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod *“sent and seized John and bound him in prison,”* even though he knew that John *“was a righteous and holy man”* (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod *“sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head”* (Mark 6:27). Yet in Christ, St. John the Baptist *“has been raised from the dead”* (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself *“before the foundation of the world,”* and even now by faith, *“the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”* has blessed us in Christ *“with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places”* (Eph. 1:3–4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also *“were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit”* for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).

GROW: ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH - CALLING A PASTOR

The LCMS Kansas District President Justin Panzer and the Circuit Visitor Pastor Tom Harmon outlined 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.

- Pastor Tom Harmon, Circuit Visitor, will assist Ascension through the entire call process.
- The Management Team, plus four other volunteers, will serve as the Call Committee.
- The Call Committee and anyone else who wants to participate, will complete a Bible Study/Book Study: "Go and Be Reconciled - What Does This Mean?" 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 plus four more members.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR THE CALL PROCESS:

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

NO Call Committee meeting on July 21

The Call Committee meeting on July 14 will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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

Management Team:

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

Elected Call Committee Members:

Lindsey Bergner ~ Lisa Kolm ~ Jackie Mundt ~ Donna Queal

Please contact any of these Committee Members if you have questions.

A MONTHLY Newsletter will be mailed to those who wish to receive ALC news in that format. Please contact Janice Brehm or Lisa Kolm to have a July newsletter sent to you or someone else.

This monthly newsletter is also on the church website under the **Our Work** tab at www.prattascension.org/monthly-newsletter



If you have items to add to the newsletter, please contact [Brenda Piester](#). Thanks!



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