

Equipper

Equipping God's people as we celebrate, teach, and share God's Grace.

May 2019

The Ascension IS a Big Deal Thursday, May 30, 2019



Luther said: *"Ascension is the most overlooked festival of the church year."* Why is that?

Reason #1: It's not on a Sunday. Life is busy, life with kids is crazy-busy, and who goes to church on a Wednesday night? I have so much to do before the week gets over, and so much to prep for the weekend. Plus God will understand, right?

Reason #2: Doesn't really fit our (my) culture, doesn't do anything for me.

Reason #3: Nobody else I know goes (either to my church or anywhere else). Why should I go? Whether or not the reasons are lame or legit for you is a different story. Something to keep in mind though, what would not have happened if Jesus DIDN'T ascend? Why is this festival such a big deal? Without it, we could not be the church God calls and assembles. We are the church precisely because He ascended.

These events could only happen because Jesus ascended:

Turned Loose

God turns two things loose: His Spirit, and because of that, His people. When God pours His Spirit out on believers during Pentecost, impossible things happen. People speak in languages they never knew, but the more amazing part is that people hear about Jesus who normally would not. Once again God does something no one expects that changes everything. Through this He also equips His people with what they need to carry out His commission to "Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I commanded you." The Apostles passed on what they learned. By the Spirit, we also have been turned loose to make, baptize, and teach all nations.

Work Ahead

Jesus is not just sitting and waiting. He prepares a place for His people with Him, and the Father, and the Spirit. He is interceding with the Father on our behalf. He also is caring for and watching over those who have died in faith. From God's Word we know that when we die, our souls are at rest with Jesus, even while separate from our bodies. Even while not face-to-face with us, He continues in His work as the Prince of Peace and the God of all comfort. What peace we have in our Savior who is constant in providing for His people!

"I'll be back"

Stands to reason, Jesus can only come back if He first leaves. What an amazing, joyous reunion that will be! When all nations have the gospel by work of the Spirit through His people, when Jesus finishes preparing our place with Him, when sin and death are finally put to an eternal end, when our bodies are raised imperishable, then Ascension may be rightly overshadowed. Not by our schedules or reason or anguish or hunger or anything else we might use to skip over this Ascension celebration, but rather because we will finally be fully completely with our Lord, the hope of this life.

Until then, let's make a **big deal** about this forgotten festival! Christ is risen! Christ ascended! Christ will come again!

Enjoy this devotion discovered online at Trinity Lutheran Church

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Articles may be submitted
to: pastor@graceoakcreek.org

Deadline for
June/July Equipper: May 17th
graceoakcreek.org.



**Cost of each
Biblestick: \$25**

**Our Goal: 80
Bible Sticks**

**Envelopes and additional
information is on the
table in our church
narthex.**

Call of a Teacher for Grace Lutheran School

Our 1st and 2nd grade teacher, Miss Friesema, will be getting married this summer and moving out of the area. We pray God will richly bless her in all the exciting adventures that lay ahead!

This past month our Voter's extended a call which has been declined. The call committee is in the process of interviewing another potential candidate. We will set another voter's meeting as soon as they have a recommendation to bring before our voters.

Grace Ladies Guild hosts...

Baked Potato Bar Lunch

Sunday, May 5th
Noon at school

LOAD up the family & small FRIES after church and head to school for food and fellowship!

Your \$5 ticket for lunch will include a baked potato with a variety of toppings to choose from (sour cream, chili, broccoli, cheese) and beverage.

Extra Potatoes- \$2

Desserts- .50 cents

(No charge for the silly potato puns.)

Money raised from this event will be used for the various missions and ministries Ladies Guild supports.

Thank you to Thrivent Action Team program for assisting with this event!



Ladies Guild

Last meeting before our summer break!

Tuesday- May 14th 7pm @ school

Distribution of Monies to Missions and Ministries.
Election of President and Secretary.

Easter Flowers

**Thank you to all who have donated Easter Lilies and flowers
to adorn our sanctuary this Easter Season.**

Lilies Given:	In Memory of:	Easter Flowers	In Memory of:
Jeanne Meyer	Barry	Darlene Urbaniak	
Heinz Poellet	Evalee	Leah Krug	
Gloria Kilponen	Jan & Alicia	Pam & Rod Nowak	Joe Nowak & Don Tupper
Diane Pielsnik		Bob Morgan	
Sandy Hamburger		Joanne Morgan	
LeRoy Handle	Bonnie Handle	Suzie Mirenda	
Suzie & Tony Mirenda		Lance Kopperud	
Stan Gumm		Gene Sheehan	
Mark & Jennifer Olen	Susan Olson	Mike Stecker	
Justin & Jennifer Mendez		Bark & Mike Huber	
Pam & Rod Nowak		Cathy & Rick Weeks	
Pastor & Susan Dummer		Stan Gumm	Sylvia
Brandon Dachel		Ron Savarino	
Nicole Tindall		Heinz Poellet	Evalee Poellet
Pat Lemmer		Amy Pankow	
Lowell Johnson		Helen Reinecke	
		Pat Lemmer	

Grace Lutheran School

Theatre Department

Presents

Treasure Island

Fri. May 3 6:30 pm

Sat. May 4 4:00 pm

Tickets:

Adult - \$5.00

Child (4 and up) - \$3.00

Children 3 and under FREE

Students of Grace and ECC- \$2.00



JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN

1 THESS 5:16-18

REJOICE / PRAY / GIVE THANKS

The 67th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) will convene in Tampa, Fla., on Saturday, July 20. That same day, the Synod will host a convention servant event from 10 a.m. until noon at the Tampa Convention Center.

Participants in the event, titled “Joy:fully Serving,” will prepare 275 baskets for sharing with mothers and children in need. The baskets will be distributed by:

Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries in Sanford, Fla., which operates a maternity home and transitional living for pregnant women and their children; and

Amigos en Cristo in Immokalee, Fla., which provides social services to its largely migrant and immigrant community, many of whom are in crisis and need assistance to build a solid foundation for a better future.

Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries and Amigos en Cristo are LCMS Recognized Service Organizations.

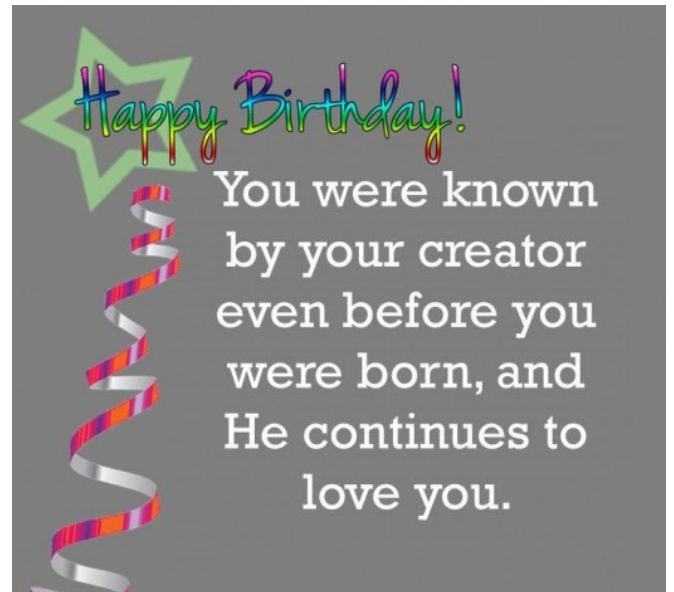
Baskets will include:

- **baby-care** items such as diaper cream, thermometers, towels and mittens;
- **mom-care** items such as nail polish, lotion, manicure sets and umbrellas;
- **household** items such as kitchen towels, crib sheets, and cooking supplies; and
- **spiritual care** items such as Bibles, catechisms, devotionals and children’s books.

The event is open to the first 100 registrants. A free box lunch with sandwich, chips, cookie, fruit and either soda or water will be provided by Thrivent Financial.

May Birthdays

Flower, Vayda	5/1
Hengst, Alyson	5/1
Huber, Barbara	5/1
King, Matthew	5/1
Stewart, Carol	5/2
Vitek, Paige	5/3
Elliott, Jennifer	5/4
Eggert, Alyssa	5/5
Lemmer, Betty	5/6
Haines, Taylor	5/7
Moeller, Orion	5/7
Perez, Amanda	5/8
Pieper, James	5/9
Ratliff, Caleb	5/9
Gulizia, Archer	5/10
Jackson, Elizabeth	5/10
Jaeger, Joanne	5/10
Pethke, Darlene	5/10
Flower, Kayla	5/11
Patzer, Emily	5/11
Schmidt, Aaron	5/12
Yeh, Franklin	5/13
Miliacca, Mark	5/15
Mirenda, Suzanne	5/15
Smith, Lisa	5/15
Hengst, Lisa	5/18
Puetz, Karen	5/18
Voss, Travis	5/18
Umaske, Alexandria	5/20
Meyer, Lauren	5/23
Ploetz, Betty	5/23
Vangalis, Kristopher	5/23
Dummer, Rev Dean A	5/24
King, Myles	5/24



Radio Worship Services

"The Lutheran Hour" can be heard every Sunday Morning at 6:00 AM on WGN 720 AM, Chicago or at 6:30 AM on WTMJ 620 AM or at 11:00 am WRRD 540 AM, Milwaukee.

"The Lutheran Hour," which began in 1930, is the world's oldest continually broadcast Gospel radio program. This weekly half-hour program, now heard on more than 1,200 radio stations, pro-claims the message of Jesus Christ to a world-wide audience.

"Woman To Woman" is a nationally syndicated weekly half-hour radio talk show that nurtures and provides encouragement for women throughout North America. It can be heard on Saturday at 7:00 PM on WGLB 1560 AM, Milwaukee or on Sunday at 11:30 AM at WRRD 540 AM, Milwaukee.

Stimulating conversation between host Phyllis Wallace and her interesting guests explores issues which impact women. **"Woman To Woman"** promotes the spiritual growth of its listeners while providing practical lifestyle information. It equips women to live and share the truth of God's Word in their many relationships: friends, spouses, parents and children.

Lutheran TV — "On Main Street"

(WTMJ, Channel 4 Sunday 4:30 AM)

On Main Street is a pre-recorded half-hour weekly television program which shares practical spiritual teaching on today's issues from a Christ-centered, Biblical perspective.

Each On Main Street episode explores a different life problem. Program host, Dr. Dale A. Meyer, is joined by a featured expert guest and select panel members for a candid discussion of the program's topic.

Prayer Hot Line



In order to request prayers by members of Grace, please contact one of the following people. Your request will be made known to all members of our Prayer Line. Prayer requests for worship service should be directed to the church office or Pastor Dummer.

10 AM-3 PM
Carol Thurber — 762-9615

3 PM-9 PM
Chet & Pauline Parker — 764-5574

Internet Prayerline
Pauline Parker
paulinemom@aol.com

INFORMATION LINKS

Click on any of these Hyperlinks.
You'll be taken to the appropriate spot on our website!

2017 Altar Flower Sign-up

January Church /Birthday Calendar

Tip.... Just above the Month and Year you will find a Selection Box.
Click and choose "Church" for our monthly calendar or
"Birthday-church members" to see who is celebrating this month!

ECC Newsletter

School Newsletter

Go On-Line to Request a Prayer