



# ASCENSIONNEWS

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## 7 Reasons to Come to the Craft Fair

For the 7th year, our church will host a craft fair on the first Saturday in October. Before we held this annual affair, I hadn't shopped such events, but I am a convert! Here are seven reasons why it's fun to come to the Ascension Craft Fair –

1. Stating the obvious – come for the crafts! The people selling the crafts are usually the same people who make the crafts. They create items because they love doing it; this isn't a job, often it's a hobby, a labor of love. They look forward to meeting and talking with you about why they do what they do. Make a connection!
2. Come shop! Crafters rent table space from us and fill it with items for sale; usually handcrafted. It's almost certain you can find something you can use or give as a gift. Bags, baskets, candles, cards, jewelry, wall art, knitted goods, the list goes on. Start (or finish) your Christmas shopping!
3. Come for ideas and a trip down memory lane! Let the creativity on display inspire you and spark your imagination. You may find something you never saw before or bring back memories of your mom or grandma, who created beautiful things back when everyone's grandma did needlework. These talented people enjoy sharing stories about crafted items. Find something to smile about!
4. Come with a friend – inviting someone to spend 30 minutes at a craft fair is an easy way to get someone to come to our church. It's no pressure, a 'non-church' activity. Spend time with someone you want to know better!
5. Come to serve – empty trash and keep the restrooms tidy, sell raffle tickets or cans of soda. There are dozens of things you can do to help, even for a half hour. As it's said, many hands make light work. Be welcoming and helpful!
6. Come bolster congregational outreach. The crafters paid to rent the tables and they expect to sell a good portion of the items they bring. If they see lots of foot traffic and sell their products, they'll be more likely to promote our craft fair and our church as a friendly place to spend the day. They'll come back, bringing their friends, encouraging their fellow crafters to rent space – it's a virtuous cycle. Be neighborly!
7. Come in support of our church's youth ministry. The Craft Fair serves as the primary fundraiser to fund youth and chaperones attending the Youth Gathering. The Gathering makes a lifelong Christian impact – counter-acting the world's "post Christian" message. Spread Christ's love to the next generation!



**Volunteer Opportunity**-The Board of Human Care invites you to volunteer at the Messiah Food Pantry on Saturday, October 18. Setup begins at 9 am and the drive through pantry is open from 10 to noon. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please join us.

**Trunk-or-Treat is coming.** This is our fourth year of hosting Trunk-or-Treat in the Ascension parking lot. Our Leaky Cauldron will be appearing in the Narthex to collect candy donations in the coming weeks. We are also looking for hosts to decorate your car trunk for handy out candy. If interested, please contact Eileen Green.

### **Church Worker Appreciation Sunday – October 26**

Join us after church to honor the following people who serve at Ascension and other area Lutheran churches and schools. We give thanks to God for their work as they heed the Lord's call.

**Pastor Jim Dunn** – our worship pastor, in his third year of leading Ascension's Sunday worship and visiting homebound members.

**Pastor Gary Stolle** – our circuit visitor for many years, Pastor Stolle shepherds all the churches in our circuit, coordinating pastoral help for Sundays. He leads a popular weekday Bible class on Fridays at Ascension.

**Vicar Walt Little** – in his final year of seminary training. Once ordained, he will assist Pastor Stolle by serving as a fill-in pastor on Sundays when needed. He makes calls to our homebound members.

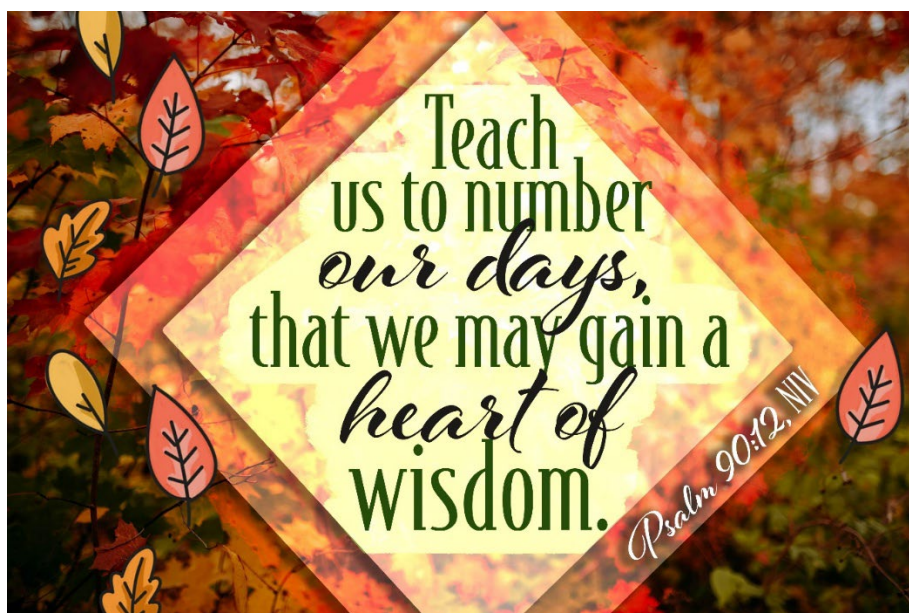
**Eric and Sarah Eckhoff** – this married couple both teach at Martin Luther Academy, a K-8 school providing Lutheran education to families living north of the river.

**Becky Reynolds** - our own church secretary, Becky also supports St. Paul as church secretary.

**Tamy Dotson** – member of our church and full-time church secretary at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Lee's Summit.

Please bring a card to show your appreciation for their service. Stay for coffee and a sweet treat during our fellowship time following the service.

**The Messiah Seniors group**-meets Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am. We begin with a program, followed by a devotion, and then end with a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share and come enjoy the fellowship. A free will offering is collected to offset program costs. The program will be given by Ben Goehring and his wife Ella. They are newly appointed missionaries for the LCMS. They will be deploying to serve in Romania around December.





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Sunday Worship Schedule:  
Bible Study 8:15am,  
Sunday School 8:30am  
Worship Service 9:30am

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**Walkers M-F, 7-10am**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study with Vicar Little 10am	2	3 Bible Study with Pastor Stolle 10am Craft & Vendor Fair setup	4 No Basketball Craft & Vendor Fair 9am-4pm
5 New Dimensions of Praise Fellowship Hall 10am Bd of Elders following worship	6	7	8 Bible Study with Vicar Little 10am	9	10 Bible Study with Pastor Stolle 10am	11 Basketball 10am-12pm
12 New Dimensions of Praise Fellowship Hall 10am Chief watch party 7pm	13	14 Church Council 6:30pm	15 Bible Study with Vicar Little 10am	16	17 Bible Study with Pastor Stolle 10am	18 Basketball 10am-12pm Human Care at Messiah's Food Pantry 9am
19 New Dimensions of Praise Fellowship Hall 10am Chiefs watch party 12pm	20	21	22 Bible Study with Vicar Little 10am	23	24 Bible Study with Pastor Stolle 10am	25 Men's Group 8 am Basketball 10am- 12pm
26 New Dimensions of Praise 10am Church Workers' Appreciation Sunday Mite Box Sunday Board of Human Care following worship	27 Dorcas Circle 6pm	28	29 Bible Study with Vicar Little 10am	30	31 Bible Study with Pastor Stolle 10am Truck or Treat 5- 7pm	

*He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. Psalm 112:7*