

# The Acts of Ascension



Through  
My  
Window

By: Pastor



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him," (Colossians 3:16-17, ESV).

Who or what has authority over your life? We often ask this question in Confirmation class as we cover the Fourth Commandment, "You shall honor your father and mother." Honoring our parents is about honoring their authority in our lives and submitting to them. Essentially, authority in any capacity is God-given, not earned or taken. The Scriptures tell us that there is an ultimate authority – Jesus Christ. The best reference to this authority comes from Matthew 28:18, as Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me." The Word made flesh (John 1:1; 14), Jesus Christ, is the authority over all. The Bible, as the Word of God, is the authority over all.

God's Word may not always be a priority in our lives, but God wants us to have this gift as a way to overcome the world, the flesh, and satan. Luther's Large Catechism says, "Nothing is so powerfully effective against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts as to occupy one's self with God's Word, to speak about it and meditate upon it, in the way that Psalm 1:2 calls those blessed who 'meditate on God's law day and night.' Without doubt, you will offer up no more powerful incense or savor against the devil than to occupy yourself with God's commandments and words and to speak, sing, or think about them. Indeed, this is the true holy water and sign that drives away the devil and puts him to flight... as St. Paul says in Romans 1:16, it is 'the power of God,' indeed, the power of God that burns the devil's house down and gives us immeasurable strength, comfort, and help."<sup>1</sup>

It's hard to imagine a better way to live in peace than to allow the Word to dwell richly in us. When God's Word takes root in us, it never remains idle. First, it brings us the priceless gifts of forgiveness, peace, and

eternal life in Christ. But then, as Paul writes, it begins to flow outward, as it shapes our conversations, guides our actions, and even moves us with songs of thankfulness. Allowing the Word of Christ to dwell richly in us is about living in His promises... as we teach one another, encourage one another, and serve one another in His name.

Take time out of your day to not only hear the Word but also treasure it daily, as you receive Christ's blessings with open arms, and then letting those blessings show outwardly in grateful lives. And whatever we do, in word or deed, may we do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Blessings,

Pr Jim

<sup>1</sup> Kolb, R., Wengert, T. J., & Arand, C. P. (2000). *The Book of Concord: the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*, (p. 381). Fortress Press.

¡Gracia y paz a vosotros de parte de Dios nuestro Padre y del Señor Jesucristo!

<sup>16</sup> Que habite en ustedes la palabra de Cristo con toda su riqueza: instrúyanse y aconséjense unos a otros con toda sabiduría; canten salmos, himnos y canciones espirituales a Dios, con gratitud de corazón. <sup>17</sup> Y todo lo que hagan, de palabra o de obra, háganlo en el nombre del Señor Jesús, dando gracias a Dios el Padre por medio de él," (Colosenses 3:16-17, NVI).

¿Quién o qué tiene autoridad sobre tu vida? A menudo hacemos esta pregunta en la clase de Confirmación cuando cubrimos el cuarto mandamiento: "Honrarás a tu padre y a tu madre". Honrar a nuestros padres se trata de honrar su autoridad en nuestras vidas y someterse a ellos. Esencialmente, la autoridad en cualquier capacidad es dada por Dios, no ganada ni tomada. Las Escrituras nos dicen que hay una autoridad suprema: Jesucristo. La mejor referencia a esta autoridad proviene de Mateo 28:18, cuando Jesús dice: "Toda autoridad me ha sido dada en el cielo y en la tierra". El Verbo hecho carne (Juan 1:1; 14), Jesucristo, es la autoridad sobre todo. La Biblia, como la Palabra de Dios, es la autoridad sobre todo.

Es posible que la Palabra de Dios no siempre sea una prioridad en nuestras vidas, pero Dios quiere que tengamos este don como una forma de vencer al mundo, la carne y satanás. El Catecismo Mayor de

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*Go and Share Jesus Christ*

### **Our Vision Statement:**

*Take part...*

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# **HUMAN CARE BOARD SPONSORS FOOD DRIVES**

Thank you for your generous support of the Human Care Board's Summer Donation Collections. Your contributions have provided essential assistance to charitable organizations throughout our community.

- In early June, 95 pounds of protein foods and supplies were donated to SnowCap.
- In early July, Zarephath's pantry received 142 rolls of toilet paper, 17 packages of Ziploc bags, and 9 rolls of paper towels.
- In early August, 98 pounds of baking goods and supplies were again donated to SnowCap.
- Later in August, donations of kid-friendly foods were collected for Food 4 Families.

The staff at each of these organizations have shared their gratitude for these much-needed items. Thank you for your kindness and ongoing support of these worthy efforts!

The Human Care Board



**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLine**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 24**  
**Please submit**  
**articles on time.**

# PASTOR'S SEPTEMBER REPORT

## Deaths / Funerals / Memorials / Illnesses –

- ♦ Deaths
  - o Hubbard, Ed, died 8/8, memorial service was 8/16
  - o Guthrie, Bill, died 8/30, no memorial No service at this time. A private graveside service is planned. Bill's obituary is online at the following link from the Gresham Memorial Chapel website: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/william-guthrie-obituary?id=59328271>

## Marriages –

- ♦ Wyatt Brown & Katherine Houk, Wedding planned for May 22, 2026

## Baptisms –

- ♦ None to report

## Transfers, New Members, etc. –

- ♦ None to report

## Latino Membership –

- ♦ Sunday worship has been low, but some new people are planning to attend soon. We pray for continued growth and outreach to the community.
  - o A visitor asked if his son (an attorney) could present on Latino legal issues and immigration, and we will discuss the possibilities of inviting community members to our church for a workshop.
- ♦ Magdalena asked if I could baptize her two girls in August (Itsayana; Aytana)

## Circuit Visitor Info –

- ♦ Ascension is hosting a Circuit Forum on October 18 at 10:30am to elect pastoral and lay delegates to the LCMS National Convention in Phoenix, AZ, July 18-23, 2026
- ♦ Immanuel, Sandy – Brad and I are still covering 1st Sundays each month
  - o Voted to make a request for a seminarian for a spring 2026 placement
- ♦ Peace, Estacada
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Holy Cross, Portland – Pr John Eggert is retiring on September 30, Pastor Mike Kasting will be the vacancy pastor until the end of the year

- ♦ Trinity, Oregon City – Pr Gary Hagen is the vacancy pastor until they make a call
- ♦ Christ the Vine, Damascus – Nathan Schmidt (former DCE) was ordained and installed to Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots as a director of ministries in the British Columbia region.

## Miscellaneous –

- ♦ Current Bible Studies:
  - o Sunday Adult, Teen; Young Adult; Women's study; Iron Men
- ♦ Property Management
  - o Ongoing construction project being monitored by Laura Potter, as the insurance company is working with the contractor to complete the project
- No timeline, but when they work on certain areas the office will close
  - o Drinking fountain installed

## Stewardship

- o After Council Meeting in July, it was suggested we bring back commitment forms and have a stewardship emphasis in October (12 & 19)

## Dates to Remember:

October 5, Sunday – LWML Sunday

October 26, Sunday – Reformation Day

November 2, Sunday – All Saints' Day (Daylight Savings Time ends)

November 11, Tuesday – Veterans' Day

November 26, Wednesday – Thanksgiving Eve service (7pm)

November 27, Thursday – Thanksgiving Day

November 30, Sunday – First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 10, 17, Wednesdays – Advent Midweek Services (3:30 & 7pm)

December 24, Wednesday – Christmas Eve worship (7pm)

December 25, Thursday – Christmas Day worship (10am)

December 31, Wednesday – New Year's Eve worship (7pm)



# SEPTEMBER

## Birthdays

Scott Fabbri	Sept. 1
Dustin Schaffer	Sept. 9
Kaye Beaulieu	Sept. 9
Peggy Hall	Sept. 11
Kysa Schaefer	Sept. 11
Jonathan Mundo	Sept. 12
Rob Haase	Sept. 14
Karen Zahursky	Sept. 14
Josie Latter	Sept. 16
Whitney Latter	Sept. 16
Chenery Whittier	Sept. 17
Stan Chapulis	Sept. 18
Paul Walter	Sept. 18
Heather Gulde	Sept. 21
Norma Dillon	Sept. 22
Seth Farabee	Sept. 24
Olive Sylvia	Sept. 24
Arielle Reinert	Sept. 25
Lukas Arronson	Sept. 28
Carol Reiniger	Sept. 29

*God's blessings to all who are celebrating special days in July and August. Did we miss your special date? Please let the office know so we can get our records corrected for next year!*

# SEPTEMBER

## Baptisms

Karen Arronson	Sept. 1
Taylor Osgood	Sept. 3
Barbara Conway	Sept. 9
Karen Rivera	Sept. 9
Jim Eckart	Sept. 10
Jonathan Mundo	Sept. 14
Chenery Whittier	Sept. 18
Carlyn Staudt	Sept. 19
Avi Ritchie	Sept. 20
Rob Haase	Sept. 21
Grace Fogarty	Sept. 25
Val Schiely	Sept. 25
Norma Dillon	Sept. 26
Kysa Schaefer	Sept. 27

# SEPTEMBER

## Anniversaries

Larry and Janice Hart	Sept. 3, 1961
Wayne and Debbie Noonan	Sept. 7, 1979
Tyler and Keilah Woods	Sept. 17, 2015
Joe and Rosemary Knox	Sept. 23, 1989
Mark and Cynthia Jacobsen	Sept. 23, 1985
Tom and Barbara Patch	Sept. 25, 1971

# HAVE YOU SEEN OUR TABLES OR TABLECLOTHS?

A few of our church tablecloths seem to have gone missing. If you kindly took them home to launder and forgot to bring them back—or if you returned them but placed them somewhere other than the kitchen—please let us know. We'd love to have them back in time for upcoming events.

We are also missing several folding banquet tables. If you happened to borrow them, we'd appreciate it if you could return them to the community room at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for helping us keep track of these shared items and for your continued care of our church!





# UPCOMING LWML CALENDAR ITEMS

## SAVE THE DATES!

**September 6, 2025** — 10:00am to 12:00pm in Ascension's Community Room: **ALC LWML Group Planning Meeting** for upcoming events. All ladies are welcome to join us for this casual get-together.

**October 5, 2025** — **LWML Sunday \*** (& Fundraiser between services) **at Ascension** – Donations and sales of Baked goods and Craft items will be greatly appreciated for this Mites and Missions Fundraiser.

**November 1, 2025** — **Mt. Hood Zone LWML Fall Gathering** at **Christ the Vine Lutheran Church**; 18677 SE Highway 212, Damascus, OR. NOTE: They supported us during our last Fall Gathering here at Ascension, so let's at least do the same for their group.



## Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025

<https://www.lwml.org/lwml-Sunday>

This year's theme begins a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement — As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025 we focus on Proclaiming Christ.

Everything we do as Lutheran Women in Mission begins with Christ's message of repentance and forgiveness. The Ascension text of "GO" (Luke 24:44–53) is the mission emphasis for Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025. On Ascension Day, Jesus gave his followers an assignment "that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations."

### LWML Websites offer many items of interest:

Bible Studies/current and archived, Mission Grant updates, Convention Highlights and pictures from our Omaha, Nebraska (National) Convention Summer of 2025, and much more!!!

**LWML-Oregon District:** [lwmlor.org](http://lwmlor.org)

**LWML-National:** [lwml.org](http://lwml.org)



## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve, Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

Kyle Zeller, Army – Deployed to Poland (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The family of Ed Hubbard, Barbara Lewis, Carlyn Staudt, The family of Bill Guthrie, Joann Schulz's grandson (Brett), Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Heather Gulde, Riki Neagle, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Alma Bangs, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Mike Fogarty, \*Mel and Lorraine Haggard. \*Home Bound.

*If you know of anyone who needs prayer and you have permission to include them in this publication, Please call the church office to let Michele know. 503-665-8821*

If you would like to be a "link" in our prayer chain, or if you have a prayer request, please send an email to: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org) or call: 503-665-8821

## PRAY FOR OUR STAFF AND SERVANTS

Please remember to keep Pastor Jim and Michele, Brad and Jessica, Carrie, Ruberto and Colleen, and their families in your daily prayers. May the Lord strengthen and encourage them in their service, bless their families with peace and joy, and keep them rooted in His Word and love.

We give You thanks for the faithful hands and hearts of all who serve in Your church. Bless the workers in our congregation—the volunteers and leaders—who give their time, energy, and love to care for Your people. Strengthen them in their tasks, refresh them when they are weary, and remind them that their service is pleasing in Your sight. May their work bring glory to Your name and joy to those they serve. Keep them always rooted in Your Word and filled with the hope of Christ, in whose name we pray.



## MUSIC 101

Have you ever wanted to learn or revisit the basics of music, how to read and understand it? Maybe you've wanted to learn how to sing with the choir or praise team, play the handbells, or learn the piano, organ, or some other instrument?

If you would like to be a part of any of these opportunities, please see or contact Brad Hall (503) 201-2129 for more information.



# 2025 FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

LESSON	LESSON TITLE / TEXT
1	A Mighty Wonder—Creation Genesis 1:1–2:3
2	The Fall and a Promise—Fall into Sin Genesis 3
3	A New Beginning—Noah Genesis 6:11–22; 7:1–24; 8:13–22
4	A Call to Action—Abraham Genesis 12:1–9
5	A Promising Dream—Jacob Genesis 28:10–22
6	Hope in Hardship—Joseph Genesis 37: 45:1–10; 50:20
7	Fiery Directions—Moses Exodus 2:23–3:22
8	The Egypt Exit—Exodus Exodus 14
9	A Loving Law—Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1–21
10	The Land at Last—Joshua Joshua 2:1–4:12
11	A Judge Leads—Gideon Judges 7:1–23
12	A Prophet Serves—Samuel 1 Samuel 3
13	A King Forever—David 1 Samuel 16:1–13; 2 Samuel 5:1–5; 7:4–17
14	The King's Table—Nehemiah 2 Samuel 6:4; 9:1–12

**ELEMENTARY LEADER GUIDE**  
Unit 1: God Creates a World and a Kingdom

**Sunday School Curriculum**

We're excited to welcome back our 1st–6th grade students as Sunday School begins again on Sunday, September 7! After a summer break, it will be wonderful to gather together, dive into God's Word, and grow in faith as a community of young learners.

This year we're especially thankful for the new volunteers who have stepped forward to help. Their energy and dedication will make Sunday School a fun, engaging, and meaningful experience for our kids. Each week will be filled with opportunities to learn Bible stories, share prayer requests, and build relationships.

We will gather each week at the top of the stairs leading to the lower level. We have a new room all our own—the former

Preschool room—which is larger and brighter! We're also introducing new curriculum specifically designed for this age group. Each regularly attending child will have their own book to use throughout the year, making the experience more personal and engaging.

We can't wait to see our students back in class and look forward to a wonderful year ahead! New families and visiting children are always welcome—come learn, grow, and join in the joy of Sunday School with us!

## Through My Window (Continuación de la página 1)

Lutero dice: “Nada es tan poderosamente efectivo contra el diablo, el mundo, la carne y todos los malos pensamientos como ocuparse de la Palabra de Dios, hablar de ella y meditar en ella, de la manera en que el Salmo 1:2 llama bienaventurados a los que ‘meditan en la ley de Dios día y noche’. Sin duda, no ofrecerás incienso ni sabor más poderoso contra el diablo que ocuparte de los mandamientos y las palabras de Dios y hablarlos, cantarlos o pensar en ellos. De hecho, esta es la verdadera agua bendita y la señal que aleja al diablo y lo pone en fuga... como dice San Pablo en Romanos 1:16, es ‘el poder de Dios’, de hecho, el poder de Dios que quema la casa del diablo y nos da fuerza, consuelo y ayuda inconmensurables”.<sup>1</sup>

Es difícil imaginar una mejor manera de vivir en paz que permitir que la Palabra habite ricamente en nosotros. Cuando la Palabra de Dios echa raíces en nosotros, nunca permanece ociosa. Primero, nos trae los regalos invaluable del perdón, la paz y la vida eterna en Cristo. Pero luego, como escribe Pablo, comienza

a fluir hacia afuera, a medida que da forma a nuestras conversaciones, guía nuestras acciones e incluso nos conmueve con canciones de agradecimiento. Permitir que la Palabra de Cristo habite ricamente en nosotros se trata de vivir en Sus promesas... al enseñarnos unos a otros, animarnos unos a otros y servirnos unos a otros en Su nombre.

Tómese un tiempo de su día no solo para escuchar la Palabra, sino también para atesorarla diariamente, mientras recibe las bendiciones de Cristo con los brazos abiertos, y luego deja que esas bendiciones se muestren externamente en vidas agradecidas. Y todo lo que hagamos, de palabra o de hecho, hagámoslo todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús, dando gracias a Dios Padre por medio de Él.

Bendiciones,

Pr Jim





# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1 Labor Day</b> 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b> 1:00pm Human Care Board Meeting 6:00pm Elder Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00am LWML Group Planning Meeting
<b>7</b> 8:30am Worship w/Comm. 9:45am Education Hour 11:00am Worship 12:15pm <b>NO</b> Bell Practice 5:00pm Spanish Worship 6:00pm Online Worship Posted	<b>8</b> 1:00pm Stewardship Board Meeting 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>9</b> 2:00pm Women's Bible Study: Bless These Lips Lesson 1 6:00pm Council Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Education Hour 11:00am Worship w/ Comm. 12:15pm Bell Practice 5:00pm Spanish Worship w/ Comm. 6:00pm Online Worship Posted	<b>15</b> 1:00pm Altar Guild Meeting 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 5:30pm Youth and Family Night	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:30am Worship w/Comm. 9:45am Education Hour 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Bell Practice 5:00pm Spanish Worship 6:00pm Online Worship Posted	<b>22</b> 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00am Iron Men Devotion
<b>28</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Education Hour 11:00am Worship w/ Comm. 12:15pm Bell Practice 5:00pm Spanish Worship w/ Comm. 6:00pm Online Worship Posted	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

# SEPTEMBER SERVANTS

Sept.	7	Early Communion	14	Late Communion	21	Early Communion	28	Late Communion
ACOLYTES ELDER'S	Elder: 8:30 Randy Schroeder 11:00 John Hazen  Acolyte: 8:30 NEEDED 11:00 NEEDED	Elder: 8:30 Dave Oswald 11:00 Herb Hoefer  Acolyte: 8:30 NEEDED 11:00 NEEDED	Elder: 8:30 Randy Bryant 11:00 Bob Ritchie  Acolyte: 8:30 NEEDED 11:00 NEEDED	Elder: 8:30 Bruce Blubaum 11:00 Wyatt Brown  Acolyte: 8:30 NEEDED 11:00 NEEDED				
	8:30—Communion Rich Bartell Stan Chapulis  11:00 Paul Walter Don Brown	8:30 Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart  11:00—Communion Matthias McInaney John Aden	8:30 —Communion Duke Sheppard Bryant Sheppard  11:00 Marcus Young Bob and James Freeman	8:30 Rich Bartell Mike Adams  11:00—Communion Matthias McInaney John Aden				
USHERS	AV: 8:30 Laura Potter 11:00 Caleb Zeebuyth (Michele Train)  PowerPoint: 8:30 Jenny Schuldheisz 11:00 Alex Hodges	AV: 8:30 Teresa Osgood 11:00 Wyatt Brown  PowerPoint: 8:30 Tom Osgood 11:00 Katherine Houk	AV: 8:30 Stan Chapulis 11:00 J. E. Knox  PowerPoint: 8:30 Debbie Rekdahl 11:00 Rosemary Knox	AV: 8:30 Stan Chapulis 11:00 Laura Potter  PowerPoint: 8:30 Wanda Cassetty 11:00 Alex Hodges				
	Greeters: 8:30 Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado Heather Gulde  Reader: 8:30 Karon Keup 11:00 J.E Knox	Greeters: 8:30 Millie Edwards 11:00 Riki Neagle  Reader: 8:30 Sue Rotramel 11:00 Mark Wheeler	Greeters: 8:30 Sheryl Maier 11:00 Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard  Reader: 8:30 Joann Schulz 11:00 Carlyn Staudt	Greeters: 8:30 Nancy Thomas 11:00 Sue Lewis  Reader: 8:30 Jim Eckart 11:00 Peggy Hall				
READERS GREETERS	Altar: Margo Bachhuber  Flowers: Mario Aguilar  Counters: Sandy Kirchner and Cindy Reinert	Altar: Barb Cochran  Flowers: Schaefer Family (In memory of Carolyn Conrath)  Counters: Dave and Jan Oswald	Altar: Karen Zahursky  Flowers: Klara Schmidt  Counters: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	Altar: Jan Oswald  Flowers: Wanda Cassetty (In memory of mom and step mom)  Counters: Stan Chapulis and Lottie Guericke				
	COUNTERS FLOWERS ALTAR							