

The Acts of Ascension



Through My Window

By: Pastor
Jim Sprengle



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

“⁴ Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others,” (Romans 12:4-5 NIV). Working together can be such an interesting endeavor. At our Latino group retreats or parties, we play a great teamwork game. We use a rubber band with four strings about two feet long attached to it. Four people each grab a string and stretch the rubber band around a plastic party cup. Then, they stack six cups in a pyramid to win. It takes skill, communication, and cooperation to win. It kind of reminds me of our church at Ascension.

God has equipped each of us with specific skills, talents, and abilities. Romans 12 gives some of those gifts, along with 1 Corinthians 12. We all have something to offer in our love for God and neighbor, which God uses to grow His kingdom. Communication is also a big part of teamwork. We use both words and body language to connect with others, serve together, or just get to know them. Sometimes, body language shows if someone is open or not. And, of course, the words we say can either build up or tear down our relationships.

Teamwork also requires cooperation. It can be tough to cooperate with so many different personalities, but Paul talks about this in the Bible. He says we're like one body with lots of parts that work together. We all come from different backgrounds, but with God's help, we can cooperate and achieve amazing things.

I want to invite you to Network Discovery Sessions on Saturday, May 11, 18, 25 (see newsletter announcement on page 6 for details) if you would like to learn more about how God has uniquely gifted you to serve Him. As different parts of the body of Christ, we can use our gifts, communicate with love and honesty, and work together to do God's will in the world.

Working together with you,

Pr Jim

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

“⁴ Pues así como cada uno de nosotros tiene un solo cuerpo con muchos miembros, y no todos estos miembros desempeñan la misma función, ⁵ también nosotros, siendo muchos, formamos un solo cuerpo en Cristo, y cada miembro está unido a todos los demás,” (Romanos 12:4-5 NVI).

Trabajar juntos puede ser una tarea muy interesante. En nuestros retiros o fiestas de grupos latinos, jugamos un gran juego de trabajo en equipo. Usamos una banda elástica con cuatro cuerdas de aproximadamente dos pies de largo unidas a ella. Cuatro personas agarran una cuerda y estiran la banda elástica alrededor de un vaso de plástico para fiestas. Luego, apilan seis tazas en una pirámide para ganar. Se necesita habilidad, comunicación y cooperación para ganar. Me recuerda un poco a nuestra iglesia en Ascensión.

Dios nos ha equipado a cada uno de nosotros con habilidades, talentos y destrezas específicas. Romanos 12 da algunos de esos dones, junto con 1 Corintios 12. Todos tenemos algo que ofrecer en nuestro amor a Dios y al prójimo, que Dios usa para hacer crecer Su reino. La comunicación es una gran parte del trabajo en equipo. Usamos tanto las palabras como el lenguaje corporal para conectarnos con los demás, servir juntos o simplemente conocerlos. A veces, el lenguaje corporal muestra si alguien es abierto o no. Y, por supuesto, las palabras que decimos pueden construir o destruir nuestras relaciones.

Puede ser difícil cooperar con tantas personalidades diferentes, pero Pablo habla de esto en la Biblia. Dice que somos como un cuerpo con muchas partes que trabajan juntas. Todos venimos de diferentes orígenes, pero con la ayuda de Dios, podemos cooperar y lograr cosas asombrosas.

Quiero invitarlo a las Sesiones de Descubrimiento de Redes los sábados 11, 18 y 25 de mayo (consulte el anuncio del boletín para obtener más detalles) si desea obtener más información sobre cómo Dios lo ha dotado de manera única para servirlo. Como diferentes partes del cuerpo de Cristo, podemos usar nuestros dones, comunicarnos con amor y honestidad, y trabajar juntos para hacer la voluntad de Dios en el mundo.

Trabajando junto con usted,

Pr Jim



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WATERCOLOR CLASSES

Exciting news! We are excited to be hosting weekly watercolor painting classes every Wednesday leading up to June 1st. These classes will precede our regular craft day, providing a wonderful opportunity for artistic expression and creativity.

When? Each Wednesday until June 1st from 11:30am to 2:30pm

Where? Ascension Community Room

Whether you're a seasoned painter or just starting out, these classes are open to everyone. Instructors will be on hand to guide and inspire you in exploring the world of watercolors.

To ensure that everyone can participate, we kindly request a minimum donation of \$2. Your contribution will help support our ongoing activities and programs.

Come join us for a delightful journey into the world of watercolor painting! Bring your friends along and let's create beautiful art together.

We look forward to seeing your creativity bloom!



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Thursday, May 23
Please submit
articles on time.

PASTOR'S APRIL REPORT

Deaths / Funerals / Memorials –

Gordon Strutz, died 4/27, memorial service, Friday, May 17 at 1:00pm at Ascension.

Marriages –

Barbara Greco & Jim Conway, May 4 ceremony

Transfers, New Members, etc. –

Transfers welcomed in service on April 21, 2024:

Dave Stabenow – transferred from River of Life

Cal Stabenow – transferred from River of Life

Daniel Anderson – transferred from Faithful Savior

Joann Schulz – transferred from River of Life

Chad, Audrey, Caleb, Claire Zeebuyth – transferred from River of Life

Luke, Erin, Alex, Lily Hodges – transferred from Immanuel, Sandy

Barbara Cochran – transferred from River of Life

Jerelyn Carlson – transferred from River of Life

Baptisms –

Sasha Schaefer, baptism scheduled for May 26

Confirmation -

Confirmation Sunday is at the 11am service on Pentecost Day, May 19. Communion will be offered at both services on that day. Two Confirmands will confirm their baptismal grace: Brother and sister, Antonio Brown and Audrina Trevino. We invite you to be there for their special day!

Latino Ministry -

Continuing to see steady numbers at Noche Familiar (7pm Fridays) and Sunday services (5pm Sundays).

Seeking ways to support the youth and family ministry by developing more activities on Fridays

Circuit Visitor / Northwest District News -

Immanuel, Sandy - I'm still covering one Sunday per month.

Christ the Vine, Damascus – Vicar Jesse Brubaker was given a placement for his first call at Christ the Vine. A summer or fall ordination and installation will be announced.

Northwest District President Paul Linnemann Retirement Open House: Date: Saturday, May 25; Time: 1-3 pm; Location: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church -- 13401 SW Benish St., Tigard, OR 97223

Rev. Michael Von Behren Installation Service as new President of the Northwest District: Date: Sunday, May 26; Time: 7 pm, with a dessert reception to follow; Location: St. Michael's Lutheran Church -- 6700 N 29th Ave., Portland, OR

Miscellaneous –

Outreach Board

Bible reading group at Courtyard Fountain has started, and numbers are growing each week. One person has joined us for worship on two occasions after being invited after attending the study.

Stewardship Board

Planning the second step in L.E.A.P. – (for those new to Ascension, Learn about the church and ministries; Explore your personal gifts and talents; Apply these gifts to ministry; Participate in the ministry at Ascension).

The second step is to Explore personal / spiritual gifts through Network Discovery Sessions (May 11, 18, 25)

Dates to remember:

May 9, Thursday – Ascension Day (7pm)

May 12, Sunday – Mother's Day

May 19, Sunday – Pentecost Day

May 26, Sunday – Trinity Sunday

May 27, Monday – Memorial Day

MAY Birthdays

Gary Markwart	May 4	Susan Rotramel	May 17
Donna Strutz	May 4	Rachel Kelley	May 18
Wanda Cassetty	May 5	Gertrud Bublies	May 19
Millie Edwards	May 5	Justino Gamboa Itzab	May 21
Lily Fogarty	May 5	Rosemary Knox	May 21
Herb Hofer	May 5	John Knoke	May 22
Esperanza Gutierrez	May 6	Maxine Markwart	May 24
Samantha Cassetty	May 7	Mike Potter	May 24
Nichole Fogarty	May 7	Gabriel Woods	May 25
Mel Haggard	May 9	Emanuel Aguilar	May 26
Becky Mora	May 9	Eric Kreps	May 29
Karla Deal	May 10	Benjamin Schaefer	May 29
Jean Dillon	May 10	Jakob Schaefer	May 29
Carrie Graham	May 10	Eduar Lavadores	May 30
Jaden Mundo	May 11	Debbie Rekdahl	May 30
Giselle Lavadores	May 12	Roberta Ritchie	May 31
Debbie Walter	May 14		

MAY Baptisms

Mike Fogarty	May 1	Debbie Noonan	May 12
Mel Haggard	May 1	Ed Hubbard	May 14
Alex Ritchie	May 1	Virginia Jacobs	May 14
Brooklyn Spencer	May 1	Elaine Miller	May 14
Eli Deal	May 2	Karla Deal	May 15
Ellie Graham	May 2	J.E. Knox	May 15
Janice Hart	May 3	Diana Laxton	May 15
Mark Schiely	May 5	Jean Dillon	May 16
Hilary Sylvia	May 5	Karon Keup	May 19
Rebecca Williamson	May 5	Paul Walter	May 19
Karin Richardson	May 8	Hana Laughton	May 20
Bob Freeman	May 12	Christian Mukul	May 27
Christina Freeman	May 12	Jeannette Krogh	May 30
James Freeman	May 12	Rosemary Knox	May 31

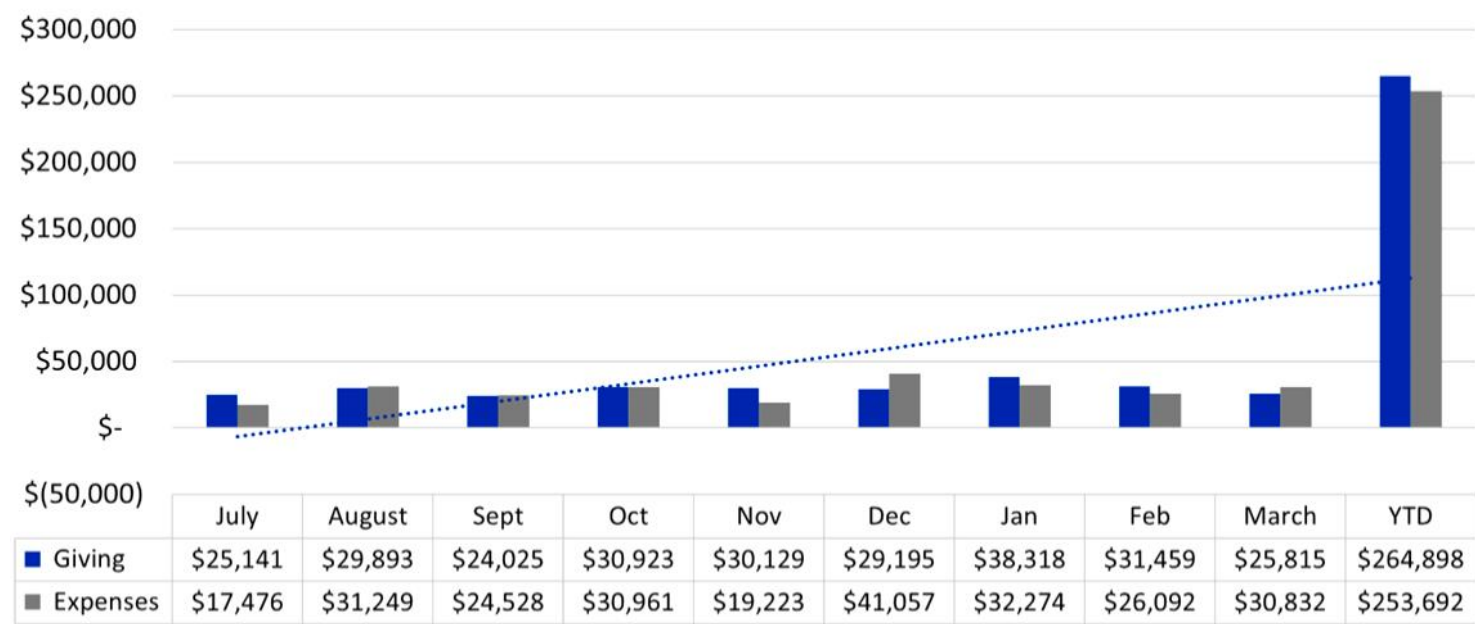
God's blessings and congratulations to all who are celebrating special days in May. Did we miss your special date? Please let the office know so we can get our records corrected for next year!

MAY Anniversaries

Keith and Sue Wentela May 2, 1981

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

Income and expense report July 2023 through April 2024



“Serving prayerfully, with love and joy in Jesus’ name.”



Mites: Based on the widow’s mite, a mite is a coin of small value. A Mite Box is a box used to collect mites for mission support. Do we know the power of a mite when God uses it for His purposes? Do we know the story of the widow’s mite (Mark 12:41-43)? A Mite Box changes into a Might Box for missions when all our prayers and gifts of love are added together! LWML Mite Boxes are available in Ascension’s Narthex. We are very thankful for the donations that we receive from all our church members and friends.

Meetings: Our group’s informal meetings are generally held on Saturdays in the Community Room, from 10:00am to 12:00pm -- dates will be announced. All ladies in the congregation are welcome. We generally meet here quarterly. We also celebrate “LWML Sunday” at Ascension, along with our Fall Fundraiser (of donated baked goods and craft items in the Narthex between church services) in October of each year.

Our Mt. Hood Zone rotates gatherings are in the Spring and Fall of each year, so we each have an opportunity to present a program and have time to be together. It’s Ascension’s turn to host our Zone’s 2024 Fall Gathering on an upcoming Saturday this October. We will need help and volunteers in hospitality and bringing lunch items that we can share with approximately 25 or more people. (Perhaps someone has a Thrivent Action Team available that we can use to submit a request to help with our expenses?) More information will be forthcoming.

Conventions: Oregon District Conventions are held in the summer of even-numbered years. Planning is well underway for our June 21–22, 2024 convention, to be held at Living Savior LCMS, in Tualatin, Oregon. Registrations are being processed, and we’re accepting your input if you have any preferences for up to 8 of the 17 LWML Oregon District Proposed Mission Grants to be voted on by the delegates who attend convention. Thank you to those who have responded already. If you did not receive an email requesting your choices, please see the information posted on Ascension’s LWML Bulletin Board. LWML (National) Conventions are held in one of the Districts throughout the United States in the summer of odd-numbered years. The 2025 convention is scheduled for: June 26–29, 2025; in Omaha, Nebraska; the Theme is: “Growing in God’s Grace”.

Bulletin Board: LWML information is posted in the hallway at the end of the southeast entrance to our Community Room. We try to update it with current information for Zone and District events and other relevant calendar information. Also displayed are pictures from past events. If you can help us keep it updated, please consider volunteering. **Current posted information now includes:** a) Special Edition of the *Oregon Leaguer/Special Convention Edition 2024*. b) The details of each O.D. proposed Mission Grant are available there, and you may take a summary version of the list to circle your top 8 choices and place it in Mae’s church mailbox #155. To avoid duplicate responses, please only vote one time. The information will be tallied and provided to our Convention Delegate, Carolyn G., for voting purposes during the Convention in Tualatin in June. Mae S. is planning to attend the Convention as an alternate delegate. (We plan to commute both Friday and Saturday as the location is close enough that there won’t be a need to stay in a hotel overnight. If you would like to attend, registration will be open through June 8. Any registrations coming in after that date will be slightly more expensive.

Contacts/Websites: **General information:** Talk to Mae Smith, Virginia Jacobs, or Karon Keup. Someone in the church office can direct you if you don’t have our contact information.

LWML Oregon District Website: LWMLOR.ORG

WML National Website: LWML.ORG

Dear Heavenly Father,

We Thank You for your Guidance and Your Saving Grace given to us through Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross. Help us all to share You and Your love with others in this world, so that they too will be saved. Bless us and our mite offerings and Missionaries throughout the world. May we all be used to bring Christ to the nations and to help those in need. To You be the glory!

NETWORK DISCOVERY SESSIONS ARE COMING!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS



MANY GIFTS ONE SPIRIT

- 3 Saturdays—May 11, 18, and 25-9:00am-12:00pm in the Community room.
- Discovery tools and assessments will teach you to evaluate your spiritual gifts, personality, and passions for ministry

Maybe you have already taken Network! You can take it again.

Contact Pr Jim if you want to attend, as books need to be ordered (\$8.99 plus shipping if you wish to donate the cost.)



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have been having some great lessons throughout the Easter season. The kids have been making some awesome crafts and doing fun activities. To the left you will see the giant puzzle the children put together showing doubting Thomas and declaring "My Lord and my God!"

Thank you for entrusting a portion of your child's education to us here at Ascension's Sunday School Program. I cannot tell you how much joy we all get watching them grow in their faith!

Yours in Christ, Michele Sprengle



The CHOSEN

**The Chosen Season 4
expected to return in June!**
Join the watch party in the community room the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 10:30am.
Discussion will follow each episode!



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

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

Clayton Wright, Osan Air Base, South Korea — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

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

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

Kyle Zeller, Army — Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

PLEASE REMEMBER THEM IN PRAYER

Herb Hoefler, Debbie and Bob Rekdahl, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Carol Hoefler, Cindy Linnemann, Mike Fogarty, Gertrud Bublies, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant's brother, Eileen Hatley, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mike Hatley, *Lorraine Haggard, *Carolyn Barendse. *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 or call: 503-665-8821

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY



Your presence matters, and now is the time to use it to shape the future of our church community! Join us for our upcoming Voter's Assembly on May 26th following the 11:00am worship. A sack lunch will be provided.

This is your opportunity to make your voice heard, to contribute your ideas, and to play a direct role in the decisions that will guide our church forward. Your presence is not just appreciated; it's absolutely essential.

Let's stand together, united in our commitment to our church's mission and vision. Your support and participation are what make our community strong.

Mark your calendars, spread the word, and let's gather to make a difference on May 26 at 12:15pm in the sanctuary.

WELCOME SASHA SCHAEFER



Kysa, Steven, Jakob and Benjamin are please to announce the birth of the newest member of the family, Sasha, who was born on April 18. Look for the baptism happening on May 26 at the late worship service!

NEW MEMBER WELCOME AND NAME BADGES



Ascension has welcomed many members over the last months and Sunday, April 21 was another service where many people joined into

fellowship here at Ascension. If you haven't had an opportunity to meet all of the new people joining us, make it a point to say hello.

With this desire to join together in community, the church council has decided to make name badges available. The magnetic name badges will help all of us to have an opportunity to learn names and to become familiar with our growing community! Look in the Narthex later in the month for your name badge and if you do not find your name please let Michele in the office know of the oversight.

LUTHERAN WITNESS

The Lutheran Witness offers insightful articles, uplifting stories, and valuable resources to enrich your faith journey. Whether you're seeking inspiration, guidance, or a deeper understanding of Lutheran perspectives, this magazine is a must-have.

To subscribe, simply sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex with all your information. Payment can be made via check, marked "Lutheran Witness," and placed in the offering plate. Subscriptions from the past are no longer valid, you must sign up to continue receiving the magazine.

Embrace this opportunity to delve deeper into your faith through the pages of the Lutheran Witness. Subscribe today and let the journey begin!



May Servant Schedule

MAY	5	12	19	26
	Communion Early	Communion Late	Pentecost — Communion BOTH	Communion Late
ACOLYTES ELDERS	Elder: 8:30 Dave Oswald 11:00 Dan Parshall Acolyte: 8:30 Caleb Zeebuyth 11:00	Elder: 8:30 Randy Bryant (Usher Assist). 11:00 Randy Schroeder Acolyte: 8:30 Alex Hodges 11:00	Elder: 8:30 Bruce Blubaum 11:00 John Hazen Acolyte: 8:30 11:00	Elder: 8:30 Randy Schroeder 11:00 Bob Ritchie Acolyte: 8:30 11:00 Lily Hodges
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GREETERS READERS	Greeters: 8:30 Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado 11:00 Wendy Hazen Reader: 8:30 Randy Schroeder 11:00 J. E. Knox	Greeters: 8:30 Sue Lewis Heather Gulde 11:00 Riki Neagle Carrie Graham Reader: 8:30 Carlyn Staudt 11:00 Julie Williamson	Greeters: 8:30 Norma Dillon Jean Dillon 11:00 Margaret Hubbard Esperanza Gutierrez Reader: 8:30 Peggy Hall 11:00 Johnnie Driessner	Greeters: 8:30 NEEDED 11:00 Cella Kreps Reader: 8:30 Jim Eckart 11:00 Karon Kaup
FLOWERS COUNTERS ALTAR	Altar: Karen Zahursky (and 9th) Flowers: John and Wendy Hazen Counters: Dave and Jan Oswald Sunday School: Carrie and Michele	Altar: Margo Bachhuber Flowers: Karen Zahursky Counters: Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson Sunday School: Hana and Gina	Altar: Virginia Jacobs Flowers: NEEDED Counters: Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson Sunday School: Carrie and Michele	Altar: Debbie Rekdahl Flowers: Sheryl Maier Counters: Bob and Elaine Ritchie Sunday School: Michele and Carrie

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 11:30am-2:30pm Watercolor Class 2:00pm Crafting 7:00pm C-101	2 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Choir	3 6:30pm-8:00pm Noche Familiar (Family Night) 7:00pm Youth Group	4 1:00pm Confirmation
5 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	6 1:00pm Human Care Board Meeting	7 6:00pm Elder Meeting	8 11:30am-2:30pm Watercolor Class 2:00pm Crafting 7:00pm C-101 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Choir	9 7:00pm Ascension Day Worship	10 6:30pm-8:00pm Noche Familiar (Family Night) 7:00pm Youth Group	11 9:00am Network 12:00pm Quinsenera Service
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