



# ALC Connections February 2015

LCMS Ascension Lutheran Church 2780 Haslett Rd. East Lansing MI

## The Discipleship Chat

### Let Someone Else Do It

Would you believe those were the words of one of the greatest men ever ... Moses? God had spoken to him out of the burning bush, and had shown him some miraculous displays of His power, and then told him to go to Pharaoh, and tell him to let God's people go (a phrase that was conspicuously absent in the recent Exodus movie!) Moses - who 40 years earlier had fled Egypt after being raised in Pharaoh's household, receiving the best education in the world, and living shoulder to shoulder with the future Pharaoh. God had been preparing Moses his entire life for this ... and then Moses says, "**Send someone else.**" (Exodus 4:13) Fast forward to the end of the story, and who wouldn't have wanted to be Moses. God spoke to him face to face. He performed many marvelous miracles. And he "defeated" the powerful Pharaoh and army of Egypt. And he wanted God to send someone else!

It makes us wonder ... what is God calling you to do? Are you saying, 'send someone else?' I mean - why else has He given to you opportunities, talents, abilities - to use just for yourself? What has God really been preparing you for? How has He "armed" you? Just because you may not be able to see yourself doing a particular task or service, doesn't disqualify you. Moses certainly didn't see himself leading God's people, speaking for them and calling down plagues from heaven. Far from it. But the God who had been preparing him for it is the same God who helped him grow into it. The same Moses who couldn't see himself doing this ... well, 40 years later couldn't see himself NOT doing it! He grew into it. That's what God wants to do with us as well. He wants to help us grow into our service with Him. Are you ready to grow? To paraphrase Moses: **let my people grow!!**

- Pastor Dave

### A Closer Walk

Beginning in February! A Closer Walk - a class designed for Church membership, Adult Confirmation, a refresher class for members, and/or general information of what Lutheran Christians believe. Coming in February 2015.



## LENT

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Feb 18. There will be services at 1 pm (Chapel) and 7 pm (Sanctuary) with the optional imposition of ashes, and a Soup Supper starting at 6 pm.

The Parish Activities Com will be hosting the Soup Supper for all 6 Wednesdays and will be posting a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring in their favorite soup.

(Hint: if you are coming to the Soup Supper, try not to arrive at 6:50 or 6:55. The workers are trying to clean up and get to the worship service themselves, and we want to help them.)

## Theological Conference on Life in the Spirit

Sponsored by the Michigan District (LCMS)

Feb 21, Faith Luth Ch, Grand Blanc

Mar 21 Holy Cross Luth Ch, Jenison

Event Description:

Laity, pastors, neighbors, family, and friends are invited to attend the 2015 Theological Conference, "*Life in the Spirit: Watered, Fed, and Armed.*" Three models of life in the Spirit will be presented by expert guest speakers to help you gain a more intimate relationship with God the Holy Spirit and understand how He works in your life.

<http://www.michigandistrict.org/events/theological-conference-life-in-the-spirit-grand-blanc> (cut 'n paste)

We've had Ascension people attend the two previous Conferences sponsored by the Michigan District. In the past, we went to Jenison, near Grand Rapids. Now we have the Grand Blanc option. We are going to focus on the Jenison Conf in March and car-pool, but anyone is welcome to register for and attend the Feb Conf in Grand Blanc.

## Concert

On Sat Feb 14, 2-4 pm at Grace Lutheran, Leslie (where Pastor Mike Martin is now serving), they are hosting a Southern Gospel Concert. All are invited.





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**Men's Venue** February 17th at 6pm at Outback on Marsh Road

**Women's Venue** February 19th at 6pm at Outback on Marsh Road



## Help Wanted!!

Do you like to help people? Are you friendly and outgoing?

Do you have new and exciting ideas?

Then I have the job for you! Join me on the Social Services Committee and help plan ways that we can help others in our community. Contact our Social Services Chair, after church, by phone or email to apply

In 2014 God blessed us with new members and visitors. The soon to begin new member class will add new members. More visitors will provide an opportunity for us to welcome new people into our fellowship. On January 24 the group at Parish Planning showed a new dedication to serve those who worship at Ascension and reach out to the community. In coming months we will update you on some of those efforts and the results. How has God planned to use you? Ephesians 2:8-10.



**Spaghetti Dinner Next Sunday February 8th.** There are sign up sheets on the kiosk, bulletin board and in the kitchen.. Come join us for food and great fellowship! See you there!

The **Church Extension Fund** of the Michigan District has been blessed with another year of healthy growth and has sent our congregation a Rebate check. This shared blessing is just one of the ways CEF partners with the individuals and ministries throughout Michigan to help them carry out the Great Commission. If you have any questions about the ministry of CEF see John H..

**Stephen Ministry:** Ascension has seven members of our congregation currently training to be Stephen Ministers. We encourage and welcome prayers from the congregation to support our Stephen Minister Leader, and our members in training.

