



# ALC Connections

## May 2017

LCMS Ascension Lutheran Church 2780 Haslett Rd. East Lansing MI

### *The Discipleship Chat* My Shepherd

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter is known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The Scripture readings usually focus on some of the Scriptures which describe God or Jesus as our Shepherd, and we Christians as His sheep. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament use the imagery of the Shepherd and sheep.

Now – I’m a suburban/city kid. I know dogs, cats, squirrels, rabbits and skunks. Sheep – not so much. In fact, I didn’t really know that you named them; I thought you numbered them (“Hey, number 5 ...”)

But in our Gospel lesson for Sunday, from John 10:3, Jesus says “The sheep hear his voice, and **he calls his own sheep by name ...**”

Wow. Just think. God looks at you, and **He calls you .. by your name.** And He does it lovingly (usually!) Tenderly.

By His grace and by the sacrifice of Jesus, He has claimed you to be His own dear child/sheep. He knows you by your name, and He calls you by your name. And He speaks your name with divine love in His voice. The grace, forgiveness, love, mercy and compassion of God for His children are all portrayed in the Shepherd/sheep illustration. And it’s a beautiful one.

The Lord is your Shepherd. He loves His sheep.

- Pastor Dave

### **In the Word**

The Thursday afternoon Bible study is halfway through the Lutheran Hour Ministries DVD series on Islam (that the Sun Morn Bible Study studied). Please join us for great study and fellowship. We meet in the classroom, across from the church office on Thursdays at 2 pm.

**Women of Ascension** meeting on Saturday, May 6 at 10am.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP DATE May 6**, rain or shine.

Spring seems to be coming earlier this year so we want to be ready! Drop by anytime between 8:30 AM and noon for fellowship and fun polishing up the church and grounds. Continental breakfast 8:30-9:00; Jet’s Pizza for lunch. Those who enjoy riding the lawn mower during the grassy season will be given a refresher course, Lawn Mower Clinic 101.

[If you cannot make this date, be assured there still will be something you can do at a better time for you. Contact Carolyn Boger after May 6. “Leftovers” will be available!]

**May Council meeting May 21st.**

**Begins May 10– this Wednesday**—Special 4 week Bible Study on Prayer. It’ll run for 4 weeks on Wednesday evenings, beginning May 10th, (10, 17, 24, 31) at 6pm. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board and kiosk.

**The Lange Choral Ensemble** presents "Luminous Night". The program will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing on Sunday, May 7 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at the door. Adults \$10, Students and Seniors \$8.

**Men’s Venue** Tuesday May 9th at MEAT (Old Town) @6pm.

**Women’s Venue** Tuesday, May 16th at Gilbert and Blake.

**Reformation 500 Anniversary Worship:** Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers, greeters, and helpers on October 15, 2017 at the Breslin Center. Volunteers sign up online at [herewestand.michigandistrict.org/500th-anniversary](http://herewestand.michigandistrict.org/500th-anniversary) for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

**Thank you to** all who returned Mite Boxes. We raised over \$325.00 for mission projects.