



ALC Connections June 2017

LCMS Ascension Lutheran Church 2780 Haslett Rd. East Lansing MI

The Discipleship Chat

Light My Fire

Pentecost usually ushers in the summer season. At the original New Testament Pentecost, God used fire as a unique object lesson.

In the Old Testament, God appeared as fire. In Exodus 3, God appeared to Moses in the burning bush, which was aflame, but did not burn up, or consume. When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, and out of slavery, God went before them, by day as a huge cloud, and by night as a pillar of fire. God was the fire.

Then in Pentecost, the fire separated, and appeared over each disciple. It's a picture of how the Holy Spirit came to God's church on Pentecost. The Holy Spirit had always been present among God's people, working signs, wonders, and faith in people. But at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is given in a new, powerful way. Jesus spoke about it in John 3, "that which is born of the flesh is flesh, but that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit." The Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us. He gives us the power, the ability to believe in God, in Jesus as our Savior. He turns us from mere flesh to spirit, with the ability to believe, and to live a life as a disciple of Jesus. The fire is within us. That's how God wants us. That's how God wants His church ... Ablaze!

Pastor Dave



Congratulations to our 2017 High School Graduates
Lian Li – East Lansing High School
Connor James Wilson – Bath High School



VBS Needs Your Help: Yard signs advertising VBS will be available on Sunday. Please consider helping with this advertising effort. Since they will only be up a week, put your signs out promptly. You can take them down after VBS begins.

Do you look back fondly on your days attending VBS? Did you always wish that you could attend? Now is your chance! Please sign up for the Adult Class on the kiosk. There will be a light meal at 6:00pm on June 26-29. Following that there will be music, a class on Psalm 23, and more music. Don't miss this fun week of fellowship and outreach.

If you can help with VBS in any way please let Kenda Bultman or Mary Scherer know. There are many opportunities that will allow you to attend as well as help.

One is decorating the fellowship hall. Decorating will take place on Saturday, June 24, at 10:00am. Many hands will get the work done quickly.

Men's Venue Tuesday, June 20th, El Azteca, East Lansing

Women's Venue 6pm @ The Brookshire Inn in Williamston.

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 for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

We welcome to the Ascension family Connie Hampton, Kelly Treiber, Aaron Treiber, Hannah Warren and Andrew MacAfee who are joining us at Ascension.

Noisy Offering (for Cuba) brought in over \$1,100, for the ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Congregation in Havana and Pastor Carlos Rojas.



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The 500th Anniversary **of the Reformation** will be here before you know it. In order to insure that congregations can sit together and that seating is used effectively we are asking that you register by September 5. You can either go on-line at <https://herewestand.michigandistrict.org/500th-anniversary> or sign up on the kiosk and I can get you tickets. Tickets are free and any one can sit with our congregation, i.e. friends and family. If you have any questions please contact Kenda Bultman by phone or text at 505-412-3406 or email at nbultman@msn.com.

PROPERTIES UPDATE

Thanks to those who were able to participate in the annual Spring Clean-Up. It was held earlier than usual this year, May 6, because of the warm weather we were experiencing, causing the vegetation to grow unseasonably early.

The various areas with fresh landscaping seem to be doing well—the grasses by the east entrance, the plantings around the sign, the new plants by the southwest entrance and the grasses along the church wall on the south. Your assistance in keeping these plants green and weed-free is appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk for **gardening**. Pick a spot to tend. You may bring your favorite gardening tools. Have fun and bring a picnic while working!

There are still spots available for **lawn mowing**. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk. Dates listed are for the week of that Sunday; in other words, if you sign up for June 18, mow the lawn any time between June 18-24. If you have not had a training session in lawn mowing by Paul Halbig this season, please call or text him at 517-775-9412. It doesn't take long and can be done after church, for example. Paul lives nearby and is willing to meet during the week as well.

As Ascension does not have a full-time custodian, everything each one of us does to keep the church looking clean and well cared for is appreciated. If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please text me at 517-896-5617 or email cc.boger@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Carolyn Boger
Properties Chair





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Sign up to claim your “Garden” spot around the church to care for.

Next Sunday, we’re having a hymn sing service. Look up your favorite hymns, and have the hymn numbers ready for next week. They hymns can be from either the regular hymnal (LSB=Lutheran Service Book), or the blue supplement (WOV= With One Voice).

The Epistle Readings for the summer are all take from the book of Romans. Since we are looking forward to the 500th anniversary of The Reformation, and since Romans was key to Martin Luther’s understanding of The Gospel, our sermons throughout the summer will be based on The Epistle readings from Romans.

Portals of Prayer for July-September are available for you to take home.

We are looking for host families for the Ahrensburg Youth Symphony Orchestra from Germany, in August. Please contact the office or Alix if you are able to host some of these students.

