



## Ascension Lutheran Church

# ANNOUNCER

Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

What an absolutely glorious greeting! I'm reminded of the early Christians who, when meeting on the road, would each draw half of the fish symbol on the ground with their toe to confess their shared belief. An embrace in joy followed, for they had met another brother or sister in Christ. In the same way we echo the greeting above to each other, knowing that we share peace with God and one another in the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are truly blessed to know God's love for us, and we are truly blessed in coming together with one voice to confess Christ as risen indeed! Alleluia!

We celebrate Easter for seven weeks, meeting at God's house (cf. Heb 10:25) on the very day that Jesus was resurrected. And that day of resurrection holds significance as the eighth day (cf. Jn 20:26), for in six days God created the world, resting on the seventh. And on the eighth day (the Sunday after Sunday, or the Sunday after the first day of creation) Jesus was resurrected and recreates all things new, spiritually and bodily. It is this eighth day on which we worship, and it is in worship that God creates us anew through the forgiveness of sins and certain hope of the resurrection! The eighth day is a little Easter as each Sunday embraces His resurrection and recreation according to the truth and power of His Word.

So it comes as no surprise that John, when writing the book of Revelation (note that it's *not* the book of "Revelations," but "Revelation," meaning it's a *single* vision), records the vision coming to him on "the Lord's Day" (Rev 1:10) and ending with Jesus saying, "Behold, I am making all things new" (Rev 21:5)! Jesus doesn't say He has "*made* all things new," but that He is "*making* all things new," and He makes all things new in worship. This making new happens for us each Sunday—each eighth day, each Lord's Day—when Christ forgives our sins and restores us to God unto eternity with Him! God's newness that we receive is equally

incredible and indescribable, and when we are resurrected we will know His newness perfectly, while even now we receive this newness.

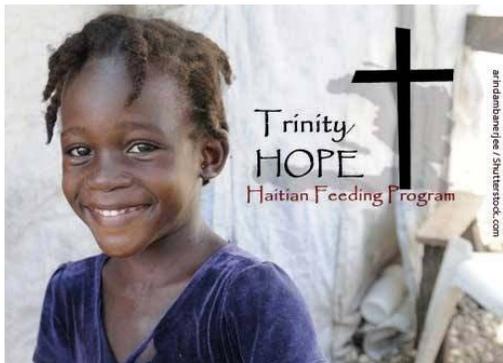
The end of the Easter season also shares in this eighth day, for Pentecost is one day after seven weeks of seven days! On the fiftieth day after Easter ( $7 \times 7 + 1$ ) we celebrate Pentecost and move into the second-half of the church year, in which we shift from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus to the life He lives with us now. Of course, every season centers on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, but the cycle of festivals recounting His birth (Christmas), appearances (Epiphany), journey to the cross (Lent), death (Good Friday), and resurrection (Easter) has ended. So from Pentecost to the end of the church year we speak about Jesus' continuing life in the church in worship... His recreation on the eighth day!

Regarding worship and how God gives us His gifts, I want to let you know that we'll be using Matins for non-communion Sundays in the near future. A number of people have mentioned their love for Matins, and liturgically it's best used on days when the Lord's Supper is not received. There are some beautiful pieces in Matins that we should be familiar with, especially the Venite and the various canticles (e.g. the Te Deum, the Benedictus, etc.). My hope is that we may broaden our language in worship while receiving the same forgiveness that God promises through His Word. May the Lord be with you in all His resurrected glory this Easter season and beyond!

In Christ,  
*Pastor Greg*



"No, I want manna ... the kind they make in heaven."



## News from Trinity/HOPE

This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep congregations informed about our activities. Trinity/HOPE, a not-for-profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is daily shared. It is blessed to have numerous supporters in this church.

### Ends of the Earth

*By Jay Brinkmeyer*

“He (Jesus) said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:7-8

The attached photo is of the Lutheran school at Bas du Scaut which is located in a rural area in the Artibonite District and yes, there is a Trinity/HOPE feeding program here. The above verses are not just a call for our time, talents and treasures here in the U.S. but also for the children sitting that rural Lutheran school in Haiti. For the members of Our Redeemer Lutheran church in Bloomington, IL this school is their ‘ends of the earth’ mission where their prayers and treasures are being directed as they have been sponsoring this school for many years. For the children within that wood structure the adults and children looking in between the cracks in the boards are their ‘Jerusalem’. These children will take the Gospel message to those within their own neighborhoods who have not yet heard or have but still are clinging to the lies of the vodou priest. Please prayerfully consider being a sponsor to one of our school feeding programs.



All ladies of Ascension are invited to attend the May LWML Meeting:

Date: Sat., May 13

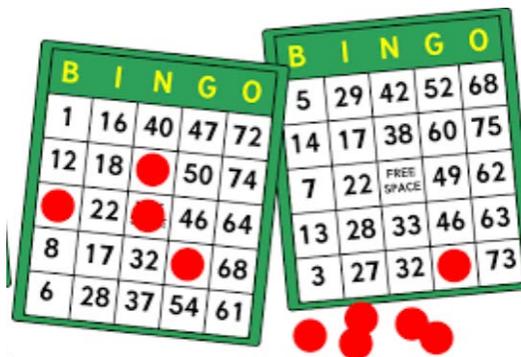
Time: 10-2



Golfers – Save the Date! Plan to participate in the Lutheran Services in Tennessee Golf Fore Hope event on Monday, October 9 at Hiway at Arrington. For sponsorship and pre-registration info, contact Nick at [NDHAFNER@gmail.com](mailto:NDHAFNER@gmail.com).

## Fellowship activity

# BINGO



**Friday, May 19, 2017**

**Fellowship starting at 6:30 p.m. with**

**Games to begin at 7:00 p.m.**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

Bring your favorite snacks and drinks  
and see who wins!

# Serving Ascension in May

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
<b>Lector</b>	Liz Brown	Mark LaLumondier	Rick Speitel	Robert Conner
<b>Greeters</b>	Mark & Trisha LaLumondier	Phil Weinert	Tim Hanusa	Dennis & Linda Fritz
<b>Acolyte</b>	Randy Summers	Caleb Oehlkers		
<b>Elder</b>	Dennis Fritz	Dennis Fritz	Dennis Fritz	Dennis Fritz
<b>Ushers</b>	Phil Weinert & Robert Conner	Phil Weinert & Robert Conner	Phil Weinert & Robert Conner	Phil Weinert & Robert Conner
<b>Cantor</b>	Tim Hanusa	Tim Hanusa	Tim Hanusa	Tim Hanusa
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Grace Lehmann & Linda Fritz & Brittany Summers	Grace Lehmann & Linda Fritz	Grace Lehmann & Linda Fritz	Grace Lehmann & Linda Fritz

*If you're unable to serve, please find a replacement.*



May 7: Linda Fritz  
 May 14: Susan Hanley  
 May 21: Jane Chitren  
 May 28: Ora Mae Golter

## The Organist

May 7: Minae Hayashi  
 May 14: Cindy Dougherty  
 May 21: Minae Hayashi  
 May 28: Cindy Dougherty



# Birthdays

May 11: Diane Kelly  
May 14: Toby Conner  
May 15: Matthew Surrect  
May 18: Sandy Bradley  
May 18: John Wright  
May 19: Connie Anderson  
May 19: Ben Conner  
May 21: Joshua Hancock  
May 23: Danny Johnson  
May 25: Kaylee Surrect  
May 27: Derek Kendall  
May 29: Angel Foster



# ANNIVERSARIES

May 13: Robert & Amy Conner



# Baptismal Birthdays

May 1: Linda Fritz  
May 10: Susan Hanley  
May 10:Carolyn Willis  
May 11: Sara Blittle  
May 11: Chris Fritz  
May 11: Caleb Oehlkers  
May 13: Sara Hancock  
May 18: Zach Lalumondier  
May 20: Ora Mae Golter  
May 22: Kiari Houston  
May 23: Trisha Lalumondier  
May 24: Cora Houston  
May 25: Jennifer Meyers



*If a celebration is incorrect or missing, please call (615-868-2346) or email (office@ascensionmadison.com) the church office so our records can be updated. Thanks!*

# Church Calendar

May						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 Confirmation	<b>4</b> 10:30 Bible study  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 Sunday School  10:30 Worship w/ Lord's Supper	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:30 Bible study  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  10:00 LWML
<b>14</b> 9:00 Sunday School  10:30 Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:30 Bible study  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>19</b> 6:30 Fellowship Bingo	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00 Confirmation breakfast  10:30 Confirmation Sunday w/ Lord's Supper	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:30 Bible study  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00 Sunday School  10:30 Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8:30 Retired Romeo Breakfast	<b>31</b>			



The mission of Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church is to connect people to the one true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—so that they may come to know and believe they are saved for eternal life by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

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**Sunday School & Bible Study at 9:00am**  
**Coffee Half-hour at 10:00am**  
**Worship at 10:30am**

*Please email newsletter submissions to [office@ascensionmadison.com](mailto:office@ascensionmadison.com) one week before the 1st of the month.*

*Please email all weekly bulletin announcements for the upcoming Sunday to [office@ascensionmadison.com](mailto:office@ascensionmadison.com) by Wednesday.*