

E-News for the Week of Sunday, November 15

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:1-14 [15-18] 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

Worship Participants

Celebrant: Pr. Nancy Wright

Altar Guild: Lucy Beck

Communion Assistant: Julie Valliere

Organist: Ann Gnagey

Lector: Richard Butz

Liturgical Assistant: TBA

Ushers: Sharon Sturm and Richard Butz

Greeters: Karen and Peter Grant

Coffee Hour: Schroeter Family

Upcoming Week

Wednesday, 11/11

6:15 p.m. Choir

7:00 p.m. Social Action Meeting

7:15 p.m. Bells

Friday, 11/13

1:00-3:00 p.m. Music Psychology Workshop

Sunday, 11/14

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

4:00-8:00 p.m. St. Timothy (rental)

Monday, 11/16

3:00-6:00 p.m. Music Lessons

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday, 11/17

2:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry

Wednesday, 11/18

6:15 p.m. Choir

7:15 p.m. Contemporary

Click [HERE](#) for a long-range calendar.

Upcoming Birthdays

11/12 David Burke

11/15 Cheryl Heppner

11/16 Elias Carter

11/20 Eranthie Yeshwant

11/27 Charlie Cutting **(90 years!!!)**

Pastor's Message

Pastor phoned this morning to share that she is having a wonderful time at the Symposium on Religion and Climate Change. If you do not recall, you can read her message in last week's E-News issue [HERE](#). She looks forward to sharing all that she is learning with us upon her return. In the meantime, she's asked that I relay a couple of important messages, specifically about the upcoming Congregational Meeting on **December 6**. I've also mentioned this in my message in the latest Church Mouse issue linked below. Soon you will receive email with the completed Long Range Planning document as well as the updated Constitution. We'll be voting on both of these things at the December 6th meeting, and it is extremely important that as many people as possible can attend (we need a quorum, which is 30 voting members at minimum). Also, be sure to check out the latest Church Mouse issue below. There are quite a few pictures for you all to enjoy, and much more! Blessings, Kelli

HARK! IMPORTANT UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

Church Mouse!

Here is the latest Church Mouse issue for your enjoyment!

Church Mouse Fall 2015

Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for something special for Advent as well!

Congregational Meeting

Please hold **Sunday, December 6**, for a congregational meeting immediately following worship. We will consider and vote on the Constitution and the Long-Range Plan, 2016-2018.

New Website Feature

At the request of a few parishioners in very recent history, past e-news archive files will now be posted on the website in case you would like to go back and look at things. The first date you'll see available

is last week, 11/8/2015, and issues will be available going forward—posted as I remove the prior week and post the new one! You'll find this on the main web site, www.alcvt.org, (no logging in required) under News > Weekly E-News > Archives. If you have any questions, contact Kelli Tylenda.

Advent Wreath Making

Advent Wreaths have long been a tradition in the Lutheran church. On **Sunday, November 22**, intergenerational Advent Wreath making will begin at 9am. The Sunday School invites families to join in a light breakfast, after which parents/grandparents and children in family groups will create Advent Wreaths, as we begin the season of Advent. Materials for the children will be provided by Sunday School. Adults who wish to make Advent Wreaths with natural greens will need to provide their own wire wreath frame (available at Michaels or AC Moore craft stores). So we have adequate supplies and greens please contact the following people: Sunday School- Lydia Wisloski (lwisloski@aol.com or text/call 238-5206). Adults who wish to make a natural wreath, or to help Jo create the church Advent Wreath, please contact Jo White (jowhite@gmavt.net or 482-3018). Sets of 4 Advent candles will be available to purchase at cost for \$5.00.

Quilt top kits available

If you would like to help make mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief but cannot join us on the first and/or third Thursday or the month at church, you can assemble quilt tops at home. There are kits that consist of cut fabric squares (11" x 11") along with directions. Let Karen Martin know if you are interested.

Next Quilter's Group Meeting is **Thursday, November 19**.

New Piano

We now have an upright piano in the Fellowship Hall. It was donated to us by a family in Montpelier thanks to the efforts of Damon Ferrante. Damon is a gifted musician and composer, and has begun teaching piano and guitar lessons at Ascension on Monday afternoon. He also has some exciting ideas for musical offerings in the early afternoon, Monday and/or Tuesday. They would be free and open to the community. At this point, he's just waiting for responses and feedback to set a date and time to begin.

The Classical Music Listening and Discussion Group

You are invited to our exciting weekly tour of the great works of Classical music. Part conversational and part educational, this lively listening and discussion group, led by music professor and composer Damon Ferrante, provides us all with opportunities to explore the wonderful music of these great composers and to socialize along the way. Each week we will have fun learning about the music of Beethoven, Mozart, Ravel, and Verdi! Our group is free and open to anyone who enjoys (or is curious about) Classical music.

Making Music and Socializing

Do you play an instrument or sing? Have you ever wanted to learn? You are in luck! We would like to invite you to our group. Led by music professor Damon Ferrante, each week we will get together to play music and socialize. Whether you like jazz, Broadway tunes, bluegrass, or Rock and Roll, everyone is welcome. Even if you don't play an instrument, we will help you learn and get you started. Our group is free and open to all music enthusiasts.

If you are interested in taking advantage of these great opportunities, please contact the office (church.office@alcvt.org) and we will relay your interest to Damon.

The Holiday Giving Tree is coming!

We will be sponsoring families through Howard Center again this year. I hope to have the tree up by **November 22nd**. Gifts should be returned to church unwrapped by December 13. We will also have a cookie bake sale on December 13th with donations going to the giving tree families. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Couillard at checouillard@yahoo.com or 999-5512.

Women's Holiday Event

What: Cookie Baking and Holiday Movie Night

When: Friday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Leah Burke's House (see directory)

We will enjoy baking cookies and watching one or two holiday favorites. Cookies will be donated to the cookie sale for giving tree families. Questions? Contact Cheryl Couillard at checouillard@yahoo.com or 999-5512. Please join us!

Sunday School Bible Verses

Please keep an eye out in the bulletin for a tear-out sheet to fill in your favorite Bible verse! Our Sunday School is looking to gather as many as possible to read and share, then the kids would like to connect the verse with the person who chose it!

Adult Class

All are welcome to join the 9 am adult class, regularly on even for one Sunday. The class is led by Pr. Nancy and the whole group. The class will study the Beatitudes (Matt. 5:1-11) through October. In November the class will study Pope Francis I's Encyclical on Climate Change and Inequality: On Care for Our Common Home.

COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOU!!!

Thank you for the great response to the new Coffee Hour sign-up sheet. If you were unable to sign up for a week or two, please check out the list hanging on the bulletin board in the fellowship room. There are several empty dates to be filled in yet. Coffee Hour is fun for members but also a very important time for us to greet visitors and new members. We often joke about coffee, food and Lutherans going together as a natural....and they do....so please sign up for Coffee Hour and let's continue this wonderful tradition. Also, the Coffee Can (to defray costs) is on the table to help pay for the coffee. Thanks.

See Beth Dreibelbis with questions.

Additional News and Volunteer Opportunities

*******URGENT FAMILY IN NEED*******

Karen Grant has received a message from Jenni Davis at the Burlington Housing Authority regarding a family in need. This family is from Florida and the dad was in Burlington on a trip when he had a massive stroke. The family has had to relocate up here to care for him in the hospital and they left everything they own in Florida. The Burlington Housing Authority has been able to house them here when the dad gets out of the hospital next week, but they have been staying with friends. They have no furniture, bedding, pillows, kitchen utensils, pots/pans, etc. for the house. The kids, a 12 year old girl and 13 year old boy, also desperately need winter coats, boots, hats, etc. The girl wears a women's

medium or 7/8 pants and size 8 shoes/boots. The boy wears a men's medium or 32 waist pants and size 11 shoes/boots.

Karen will be in church on Sunday and can pick up anything people have to donate. If anyone has any questions, please let her know (contact information is in the directory). Thank you!!!

Music and the Mind: Let's build a harmony together!

Please join us for an exciting music psychology workshop! On **November 13, 1:00 p.m.**, Champlain College Psychology Seniors and Professor Dr. Barbara Colombo will facilitate an interactive workshop open to the community. No music experience required. The event will be held here at Ascension. Please RSVP by contacting Professor Dr. Barbara Colombo at bcolombo@champlain.edu

Interfaith Prayer Vigil

A Moral Call: People of Faith Confronting the Tragedy of Gun Violence" is the theme of the interfaith prayer and remembrance vigil being held at the Unitarian Universalist Society in Burlington on **Sunday, December 13, 3 p.m.** Not only will Ascension members be participating as ushers but musicians—two flutists and a cellist—from Good Shepherd Lutheran in Jericho will provide prelude and postlude music. Please mark your calendar now to attend. For more information, please contact Marcia Gustafson at marciagus@earthlink.net, or call 864-5908.

Tai Chi at Ascension!

Tai Chi for All Generations

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. with Elizabeth Wirls

Classes are ongoing and everyone is welcome to come as you are, whenever you wish. All generations are welcome! Please note that we have decided to offer these classes on a "pay as you can" basis. That way everyone who is interested will be able to join us! For more information, see the attached brochure and feel free to contact Elizabeth in the church office, 862-8866

[CLICK HERE](#) for full brochure.

Mindful Breath Tai Chi

Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. – Noon with Janet Makaris

Yang Style, for more information please visit her website:

<http://mindfulbreathtaichi.com/about.html>