

E-News for the Week of Sunday, July 10

8th Sunday After Pentecost

Readings

Leviticus 19:18, 33-34

Psalm 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10: 25-37

Worship Participants

Celebrant: Pastor Nancy Wright

Altar Guild: Kris & Mousa Ishaq

Communion Assistant: Bob Furst

Liturgical Assistant: Audrey Stone

Lector: Mousa Ishaq

Organist: Ann Gnagey

Greeters: Beth and Doug Dreibelbis

Ushers: Jim Wilhite, Bonnie and Paul Lombardi

Coffee Hour:

Upcoming Week

Wednesday, 7/6

5:00-6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (rental)

Sunday, 7/10

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Kidz Kamp

11:30 a.m. Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 7/12

6:30 p.m. Financial Stability Team Meeting

Wednesday, 7/13

5:00-6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (rental)

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

Upcoming Birthdays

7/7 Philip Hampson

7/7 Julia Valliere

7/9 Kathe Bruno

7/9 Herb Tilley

7/14 Abigail Fisher

Pastor's Message

Dear Ascension parishioners,

KidzKamp is continuing each Sunday in July—all Ascension parishioners start out in worship together at 10 am, and then the kids get to enjoy “All God’s Critters”

But, let all of us enjoy all God’s critters!

Summer is an especially excellent time to perceive that God loves all “critters”; in fact the Bible teaches that all creation praises God (“Praise the Lord from the earth,...Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!...Praise the Lord!” [Ps. 148: 7, 9, 14]). Further, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is in all things (“in Christ all things have been created...and in him all things hold together” [Col. 1:16-17]). So, knowing of our connection to nature is a part of worship and love of God. Thus, when we move beyond enjoyment and wonder to a reverence and care for all that God has created, we are understanding the truth that all is a gift from God.

I hope that each adult in the congregation will have a KidzKamp this summer. To do this, take time to be with God and nature, savoring the gift of creation and renewing your spirit. Say a simple prayer of gratitude to God and ask that we may find the will and wisdom to preserve creation for future generations.

Finally, this Sunday’s Gospel reading is the Good Samaritan story. It invites us to stories of healing and care of people, our children, and creation—all that God has made.

Blessings, Pr. Nancy

PS The Rev. Kim Hardy, Director, Holy Hikes—Vermont is leading another hike: [Holy Hikes- Vermont](#) (I attended the first hike and enjoyed it very much—there are times for prayer and the Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the woods).

Next Holy Hike – Thursday, July 14 meeting at 6:15 p.m. at Five Tree Hill Country Park, 690 Sunset Hill Rd, Williston, VT. Hikes last about 2 hours. Join us! We hike rain or shine! (other than when there is a weather advisory) All weather speaks words of wisdom. Please bring appropriate gear for the weather, hiking shoes/boots, a water bottle, insect repellent, and if needed, medication for allergies such as bee stings – all ages welcome!

*We encourage carpooling! You can sign up to carpool here: <https://www.groupcarpool.com/t/53cbha>
Please contact Kim if interested: revkimhardy@gmail.com*

Sunday School News

Sunday School and KidzKamp Schedule

Summer Sunday School is KidzKamp, held during church at 10:00 a.m. We began our “All God’s Critters” themed sessions with Insects. We made a terrarium, which we brought into church.

The remaining schedule is:

- **July 10:** Fish (with Kelli and John Magnier)
- **July 17:** Farm and Working Animals (with Kelli Tylanda)
- **July 24:** Pets (with Lydia)
- **July 31:** Woodland Animals (with Bonnie)

HARK! IMPORTANT UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

JUMP NEWS

That time of year has come again - yes, it finally feels like summer has arrived, but also the time for the JUMP bags is fast approaching!

Our July JUMP bags are being collected now! You can bring in the bags anytime from now 'til the end of July. Last year we donated 60 bags of food. This year hygiene items are the most needed so the list has changed. Please note the items on the list and fill'em up!

Bags, lists, and encouragement will be available at church. As always, if you would like a personal shopper, the Dreibelbis Jr. Ushers are on the job! You give us your donation and Lauren, Noah, and I will shop 'til we drop! Thank you so much for your continued support for our neighbors in need. Questions? Contact Beth Dreibelbis, 899-4557 or edreib2@comcast.net.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the list!

The Property Committee Needs Your Help!

The Property Committee has a number of projects ahead of us. Some more urgent than others. Some are beyond the scope of our members and will require professional help. Others are "in-house" jobs doable by the committee or volunteers from the congregation. Check out the list of projects on the "Property Committee" bulletin board in the fellowship hall. We welcome any and all help!

Mowing Sign-ups

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to mow the lawn! We have someone for the week of the 10th, but so far no one has signed up for the rest of July or into August. We've done a great job so far of helping to ease stress on our budget by doing some of our maintenance tasks, like mowing, ourselves. If you can take on a week of lawn mowing (or even team up with a friend), it would be a great help! The sign-up sheet is on the Property Committee bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Richard Butz.

September 11 is "God's work. Our hands." Sunday

Please save the date to help feed the hungry by packaging 12,000 mac and cheese meals for area food shelves. Everything we need for packaging will be provided by our contributing 25 cents per meal, so a total of \$3,000. Please make your check out to Ascension Lutheran Church and write "Outreach Project" on the memo line (or you could turn all your quarters into cash!). Contact Alison Hampson or Richard Butz with ideas and questions. Want to see what it's all about? Watch a video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGANKsERJRg>

Names Tags Are Important

To make it easier for members to find their name tags, there is new storage box on the table right outside the library in alphabetical order. Please find your name tag and wear it each Sunday, and then return it to the box. Lauren Dreibelbis will be maintaining the box.

Hymnals

The Worship and Music committee invites anyone to make a memorial donation to purchase a new hymnal. To accommodate all worshipers, we need to purchase about twenty new hymnals. The cost for each ELW hymnbook is \$22.50. The name of the person in whose memory the book is given will be placed inside the hymnbook. Please inform Pr. Nancy by email if you are interested.

Coffee Hour

The 2016 coffee hour list has been posted. Please sign up!

[Additional News and Opportunities](#)

Volunteers Needed this Saturday!

Volunteers needed on Saturday, July 9th from 8-11:30 am for People Helping People Global's 5th annual Brain Freezer 5k. If you are not busy, it's a crazy fun race to volunteers in! Lots of fun! Please use this link to sign up to volunteer. <http://brainfreezer5k.com/home/volunteer/>

Registration is still open if you think you are up to the challenge (1pint + 5k = fun)!