

# The Ascent

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February 21, 2006

Dear Members of Ascension,

As required by our constitution, I am calling a special congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, March 5th at 12:00 AM (following the 11:00 AM service). The purpose of this meeting is for the congregation to vote on Ascension's new pastor recommended by our Call Committee.

The Call Committee has been working diligently with the Bishop over the last 9 months to find the right pastor for our congregation. They interviewed 4 pastors for this position before unanimously recommending Pastor Norm Dake from St. Louis and he has accepted the recommendation pending the congregational vote on March 5th. A 2/3 majority vote by our members is required to complete the call. If approved by the congregation, Pastor Dake expects to be able to start his service here at Ascension on Easter Sunday.

Pastor Dake was our visiting pastor during the 5th Sunday Celebration combined service in January. For those of you attending that service you had the opportunity to meet his wife, Pam, as well as his older son and daughter-in-law who live here in Tulsa and his youngest son who is a senior at ORU. For those who have not had a chance to meet him, I encourage you to contact one of the members of our Call Committee to get their impression of his credentials before our vote in March. Ascension's Call Committee consists of the following members:

Linda Christy  
L.T. (Tom Williams)  
Warren Werling

Keith Khoo  
Sandy Isakson  
D.B. Woods

Please make every effort to attend this special Congregational Meeting! You will have an opportunity for informal questions and discussion with members of the Call Committee prior to the vote. Please keep our church in your prayers and keep your trust in God throughout this process.

Jim Harris  
Congregation President

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**Sunday, March 5, 11:00 a.m. – Congregational Meeting**

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## CALL COMMITTEE REPORT:

The telephone interview with Pastor Norman Dake on January 9, 2006 went well. Pastor Dake interviewed in person with the Call Committee on January 28, 2006 and was invited to preach on January 29, 2006. Many of you provided excellent feedback to the Call Committee. The Call Committee also interviewed another candidate in person and had a chance to hear him preach on February 4, 2006 in El Campo, Texas. The Call Committee prayerfully nominated Pastor Dake for the position of Pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church. The first order of the new church council was to approve the nomination and come up with a compensation package for Pastor Dake. Pastor Dake has accepted the call and the compensation package. A congregational vote to accept the nomination of Pastor Dake is scheduled for March 5, 2006.

Pastor Norman Dake is almost 56 years old (March 13). He graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor's in Psychology in 1972. He received his Masters of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in 1976. He also has a Master's in Theology (Pastoral Care) from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN in 1977. Pastor Dake has worked with the Lutheran Ministries Association as a chaplain for the St. Louis County Jail from 1978 to present date. He also was the executive director for the Midway Area Lutheran Coalition from 1976 through 1977.

Pastor Dake and Pam just celebrated their marriage of 2 years on Valentine's day. Pam has her Master's degree in management as well as being a registered nurse. Pam is also recently a new grandmother. They have two sons, Josh and Joel. Josh has a theology degree, is an aspiring writer and is married. Joel will graduate shortly from ORU in media productions. Both Josh and Joel live in Tulsa. They also have two daughters, Kim and Kellie. Kim is a real estate agent and Kellie is married to a Marine. They reside just outside of the St. Louis area. Pastor Dake's father is a retired Lutheran pastor who lives in a retirement community in the Milwaukee area. Pastor Dake also has a sister in Wisconsin and a brother in Maryland.

Pastor Dake possesses many of the qualities that we at Ascension will benefit from including Biblical based preaching and teaching providing opportunities for people to put their faith into action. He has been instrumental in involving people in the ministry of the church as well as having been involved himself in stewardship of different congregations. Pastor Dake's great love is to provide pastoral care to folks in hospitals, jails, nursing homes and different congregations.

The Call Committee and the Church Council will prayerfully submit Pastor Norman Dake as the candidate for Pastor of Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church at the March 5, 2006 congregational meeting.

Keith Khoo  
Chairperson, Call Committee

## COUNCIL MINUTES:

From February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Meeting called to order with Jim Harris presiding. Also in attendance: Keith Khoo, Chris Falkensten, Eileen Imwalle, Barbara James, Sandy Isakson.

Devotion offered by Warren Werling with Minutes from past Council meeting on 1/17 and Congregational Meeting on 1/29 approved as submitted.

### Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bank Account(s) Transfer documents approved and signed by officers, January, 2006 finances presented:

Expenses	Actual = \$10,135	Budget = \$11,281
Income	Actual = \$10,704	Budget = \$ 12,448

- ? Council approved expenditure or monies for replacement computer for office.
- ? Abiding gifts reviewed and funds approved for use to purchase projector bulb used in services.
- ? Funds approved for use to repair HVAC system in classroom wing.

No additional Committee Reports offered at this time.

New Business:

Call Committee presented recommendation for hiring of new pastor and discussion of budget items, salary and benefits for pastor and family members followed. Motion made and vote carried – it was resolved that Jim Harris make offer to Pastor Norm Dake and work with K. Khoo and Bishop as needed. [Has been reported under separate letter that Pastor Dake accepted offer and a Congregational Meeting is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> to provide final approval in accordance with Church Bylaws.] Call Committee was thanked by Council for their tremendous efforts. Pending approval of Pastor Dake joining our Congregation, Call Committee will be discharged from its duties.

Constitution and Bylaws distributed to each attending Council Member for review.

Membership adjustments: Review of membership performed by 5 Church Members with adjustments identified for submission to Synod – previous review performed in 1998. Net effect, Ascension will report reduction of 216 Baptized members and 68 Confirmed members leaving 231 Baptized and 196 Confirmed Members under Ascension Lutheran Church Register. Future reviews will be performed on annual basis.

Installation of Church Council scheduled for 2/26 at both services.

Supply Pastor Schedule reviewed and accepted; Pastors available through April for services.  
Various items for posting to Congregation reviewed by Council and will appear in church bulletin or postings in future.

Respectfully Submitted by Chris Falkensten, Council Secretary.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Sunday Bulletin deadline :** If you have information that you would like included in the bulletin, please make every effort to submit it to the office by **Wednesday**. We cannot guaranty that information received after Thursday will be included in that week’s bulletin. If you have questions, contact Mary Faulkner, 743-5741.

**Volunteers Needed:** Ascension is in need of Lay Assistants for the 11:00 service. We are now down to four! We need four more volunteers to ensure that each individual only has to serve once every 2 months. Please give this prayerful consideration as a way to serve God and your church. Training is provided.

Also, the 8:30 service is in need of Lectors. We are also down to 4 people, possibly 3. If you can read, please consider volunteering as a Lector. Please contact the Church Office at 743-5741 if you can help us out.

**HABITAT REMINDER:**

At 9:30 am March 4 is the Kick-off event for the Tulsa Habitat - Luther House. It is located at 2629 E. 26th Pl. No.. Nicole Vann has been selected to be the owner of this home. At the present time, lunches will be furnished by the Women's Bible Study group on Mar. 22, the Anwar family on Apr. 8 and the Confirmation Class on May 20. The work schedule is posted in the Narthex, PLEASE take a moment to fill out a volunteer sheet and/or a donation sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Bill or Shirley Bryant at 366-2963.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY:**

We will meet on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, in the Adult Sunday School room at 10:00 a.m. The lesson will be from the Lutheran Woman magazine. All Ascension women are invited to attend!

**TRINITY MINISTRIES EVENT:**

Thursday, March 16: Tour of Asbury Methodist Church. Meet at Asbury (6767 S. Mingo) at 10:00 a.m. Afterward, we will have lunch at The Golden Corral (71 & Mingo). Cost is \$6.19 for lunch. Reservations by March 9<sup>th</sup> (794-5042) or Warren or Billie.

Thursday, April 6: Bus tour to Oklahoma City Western Heritage Museum, Capitol Building, Bombing Memorial and drive through of Bricktown and downtown from 7:30 a.m. until approximately 5:00 p.m. Bus leaves from and returns to Ascension. Total cost is \$42, which includes transportation, lunch, admission fees, driver and tour escort.

Monday, April 24: Musical presentation by Wartburg Wind Ensemble (approximately 60 students). Program starts at 7:30 p.m. at Fellowship Lutheran. Freewill offering to offset meal and general travel expenses.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

There will be NO altar flowers during Lent. On the Sundays from March 5<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>, we will not have flowers on the altar in recognition of Lent.

**COMING EVENTS:**

March	1	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday service, Sanctuary
	4	9:30 a.m.	Habitat Luther House ground breaking
	<b>5</b>	<b>12:00 NOON</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting to vote on new pastor's call; in the Sanctuary</b>
	8,15,22,29	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Supper/Worship service, Jordan Hall
	12	12:15	Council meeting
	16	10:00 a.m.	Trinity Ministries tour of Asbury Methodist Church
	<b>19</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>ONE SERVICE</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>ONE SERVICE</b>
	28	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible study; Adult Sunday School Room
April			
	5	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Supper/Worship service, Jordan Hall
	14	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday service
	16		Easter Sunday. Services at regular times.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- 3/4 Bobby Winslow
- 3/4 Angela Riether
- 3/24 Elaine Baker
- 3/26 James Doty
- 3/28 Bill Bryant

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# Serving Our Lord, March 2006:

## 8:30 SERVICE:

### **Communion Assistants:**

5 Tom D. Williams  
12 Christy Williams  
19 ONE SERVICE  
26 ONE SERVICE

### **Greeters:**

5 Janice Engelke  
12 Cathy Newsome  
19 ONE SERVICE  
26 ONE SERVICE

### **Lectors:**

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12 Alyssa Anwar  
19 ONE SERVICE  
26 ONE SERVICE

## 11:00 Service

### **Acolytes:**

5 Alex James  
12 Frankie & Becca Imwalle  
19 Preston Napier  
26 Katie Bruce

### **Altar Guild:**

Elaine Baker, Dorothy Burgess, Betty Jacobsen

### **Communion Assistants:**

5 Linda Christy, Sandy Isakson  
12 Ron & Bonnie Peters  
19 Donna Glocker, Doyle Hill  
26 Bill & Shirley Bryant

### **Counter Schedule :**

Week One Bonnie Peters, Mary Faulkner  
Week Two Stan Lewis  
Week Three Doyle Hill, Linda Christy  
Week Four Gerry Oltrogge, Jerry Peterson

### **Greeters:**

5 Bill & Dorothy Burgess  
12 Sandy Isakson, Katherine Tooley  
19 Merl & Billie Lindburg  
26 Bill & Shirley Bryant

### **Lay Assistants:**

5 Pam Funk  
12 Warren Werling  
19 Jerry Peterson  
26 Sandy Isakson

### **Lectors:**

5 Lisa McArdle  
12 Lillian Cantrell  
19 Ronda Falkensten  
26 Barbara James

### **Ushers:**

5 Don Robertson, Gerry Oltrogge  
12 Stan Lewis, Eileen Imwalle  
19 Doug & Roberta Napier  
26 Ron & Bonnie Peters

*Thank you for volunteering at Ascension! Please mark your calendars for the dates you are assigned to serve.*

*If you cannot volunteer on your assigned date, please find a substitute and contact the Church Office (743-5741) with the change.*