

The *Ascent*

May 2008

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A Note from Pastor Norm

Forty years ago this month our worship space was dedicated on May 19, 1968.

For some of us, 1968 is a distant memory. For others, 1968 is not a memory at all.

In many ways 1968 was a tumultuous year. The Viet Nam War, including the My Lai Massacre and the Tet Offensive, divided our country. Robert McNamara resigned as Secretary of Defense, General William Westmoreland was replaced as the commanding officer, and President Lyndon Johnson decided not to seek another term. There was rioting in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention. The presidential campaign featured Richard Nixon, Hubert Humphrey, and George Wallace. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy were assassinated. Some members of the National Organization for Women (NOW) were burning their bras, and 50,000 people marched on Washington, D.C. in the Poor People's Campaign.

To escape from the turmoil of everyday events, some of us watched TV (Sesame Street, Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In, and Sixty Minutes all premiered, with Sixty Minutes originally being broadcast on Tuesday evenings). We went to the movies (In the Heat of the Night, Bonnie and Clyde, Cool Hand Luke, and The Graduate filled the big screen; I saw them all--for free--because of my job in a movie theater, while the Motion Picture Association of America introduced a film-rating system). We listened to music ("Up, Up and Away" by the 5th Dimension, "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" by the Beatles, "Mrs. Robinson" by Simon and Garfunkel, "Stand by Your Man" by Tammy Wynette, and "Tiptoe through the Tulips" by Tiny Tim). We followed sports (Peggy Fleming won

Olympic gold in Grenoble, Bob Beamon shattered the world broad jump record by almost 2' at the Summer Games in Mexico City, the Green Bay Packers defeated the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl II, Arthur Ashe became the first African-American to win at Wimbledon, and OJ Simpson won the Heisman Trophy).

Maybe we didn't notice it at the time, but the world was changing. The medical procedure of amniocentesis was developed, as was the first computer mouse, the first waterbed, the first Jacuzzi (invented by Roy Jacuzzi), the first Legoland, and the first Sport Utility Vehicle (Chevy Blazer). The first Big Mac was sold in Pittsburgh for 49¢, and the first 911 service was initiated in Haleyville, Alabama. US currency was taken off the gold standard, the minimum wage was increased to \$1.60, and the cost of mailing a first-class letter was raised from 5¢ to 6¢. Saddam Hussein took charge of internal security in Iraq, and Jackie Kennedy married Aristotle Onassis. Redwood National Park was created in California, and in St. Louis the Gateway Arch was dedicated. Apollo 8 was the first manned spacecraft to orbit the moon, and the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church joined together to form the United Methodist Church. Oh, yes, in 1968 I graduated from high school.

In the midst of all of this turmoil and all of this change, God was at work. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Our faithful God blessed the faithful people of Ascension Lutheran Church with a new church building in 1968. It is that faithfulness of God—not the building itself—that we will celebrate on **May 18**.

On **May 18** we will have **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** at **11:00 A.M.** Bishop Floyd Schoenhals of the

Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod will be our preacher for the day. We will sing some of the same hymns that the Ascenders sang in morning worship on May 19, 1968, and we will use the same Scripture lessons that were read at the Dedication Service that afternoon. During the service we will dedicate the wall-length banner that is being created for the south wall of our sanctuary. Following the service, there will be a **Homing Pigeon Release** outside (40 pigeons, of course), and the **Ringling of our Church Bell** (40 times, I hope). The festivities will conclude with a **Luncheon** in Jordan Hall.

In anticipation of this celebration we have been hard at work to spruce up our worship space. In case you haven't noticed the improvements, by May 18, God willing, we hope to have completed all of the following:

- Chancel curtains cleaned.
- White parament material replaced.
- Communion rail refinished.
- Pews polished.
- Kneelers tightened.
- Sanctuary and narthex lighting enhanced.
- Carpet cleaned.
- Light switches moved out of the breaker box and dimmers added.
- Furnace and AC controls moved out of the furnace room.
- Vestry and side hall repainted.
- Narthex de-cluttered and rearranged.

- Choir room cleaned out.
- Windows washed.
- Front steps power washed.
- Front door refinished.
- Outside window trim refinished.
- Outdoor railings painted.
- Outdoor light bulbs replaced.
- Whatever else may have slipped my mind or my notice.

That is quite a list, and much of it has already been accomplished by faithful volunteers over countless hours on our almost-monthly work days. God bless you all for your faithfulness and dedication!

While they will not be ready by May 18, we also plan to add a new set of green paraments later this year.

We have much to celebrate. What we celebrate is not our accomplishments, but rather God's faithfulness to our community of faith and the blessings of God to enable us to worship in this beautiful building for the last 40 years and, God willing, for many years to come. I hope you will all be present on May 18.

Peace and Blessings!

Pastor Norm

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*Pastoral Care: If you are in need of pastoral care when dealing with health issues, life choices, or other personal challenges, please contact Pastor Norm.*  
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Church Council Minutes April 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order with Keith Khoo presiding. Those present were Pastor Dake, Eileen Imwalle, Barbara James, Sandy Isakson, Kelly Knopp and Ed Dreyer.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report:

- We had the funeral for Lucille Langley on March 22, 2008.
- Doris Kurin has a new address. Mary has it available in the office.

- Pastor was Chaplain of the Day for the Oklahoma House of Representative on March 11.
- Pastor will be serving on the elections committee at the synod assembly. He has been asked to serve as the "Book of Faith Advocate" for the synod.
- We will be receiving Thrivent Matching Funds for the donations made at the 1st annual Ascension Follies.
- Pastor will attend the introduction of volunteer opportunities April 23 at Southern Hills Baptist Church for the Prison Reentry Initiative.
- There is a planning meeting on May 1st for the Community Acts of Service, which is scheduled for November 1, 2008.

- We will have lunch with Mary on the 24th of April for Secretaries Day, place TBD.

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer’s report was reviewed and approved by council. It is available for review and is posted on the bulletin board outside the office. A positive reaction was given towards the church fund changes in the bulletin.

Evangelism:

A revised report was submitted by Cathy Newsome.

Worship & Music:

- We are planning on ringing the bell before the service on the Anniversary and when we release the pigeons afterwards. The committee will hand out door hangers in the neighborhood inviting people to come to the anniversary service. We will use the music from the day of the Church dedication.
- The Ascension Day Service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church at 7:30 on Thursday evening on May 1st. Ascension will provide two volunteers to present the communion elements.

Christian Ed Report:

- The youth are continuing to support Menisha in India. They are still corresponding with her.
- Frankie and Becca Imwalle are going to New Orleans in June for a mission trip.

40th Anniversary:

We will continue with the cleaning and sprucing up of the Church. There was a cleanup day on April 12 and several tasks were completed.

Old Business:

We will look at a process to get ideas on how our new mission statement can help focus and shape our mission and ministry.

New Business:

Property:

- We have had leaks in the roof during these last few storms. An insurance adjuster has been out and we are waiting for his report. We will be looking at replacing the sanctuary roof. We have also been discussing redoing the parking lot. This will be put on the back burner until the roof is addressed.
- We have approved a Key for Jim Harris.

Benevolence:

- 1/8 is paid per quarter and reviewed at the end of the year for the balance.
- We have approved continued use of the facilities for the piano teacher.
- We will be setting out a box to collect items for crafts and projects for the Youth Camp Osdas Edasdi.
- We discussed having cards made to drop into the Helping Hand sacks and for members to hand out to people to invite them to our Church.
- Pastor closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully,

Barbara James

ASCENT NEWS ITEMS;

Please submit any news items by email to norma-dreyer@utulsa.edu or call me at my home phone, 583-3759 by the 21st of each month.

COMING EVENTS: MAY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday School: 9:45				1 Ascension Day Celebration, Christ Epis. Ch. 6 pm	2	3 <i>Rebecca Imwalle</i>
4 Council Mtg. 12:15 Evangelism Comm 12:15 <i>Lillian Cantrell/ Duane Johnson</i>	5	6 <i>Keaton Hubbard</i>	7 <i>Stephanie Faulkner</i> <i>Dorothy Ingalls</i>	8 Worship & Music Mtg., 6:30 pm <i>Shauna Gayler</i>	9 6 F Night, 6-9	10 Habitat house dedication 10:30 AM
11 Mothers' Day	12	13 <i>Natalee Perrin</i>	14 <i>Alex James</i>	15	16	17
18 40th Anniv. Celebration, combined service at 11, followed by lunch	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Ardith Andrist</i>
25 <i>Pam Kroblin</i>	26 Memorial Day Office closed	27 Women's Bible Study 10:00 <i>Donna Glocker</i>	28 <i>Ed Dreyer</i> <i>Doyle Hill</i>	29	30	31
30	31					

Birthday honorees are highlighted in italics on the calendar. If your birthday does not appear, please contact the church office at 743-5741 so we may update our records.

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### MAY READINGS:

#### May 4 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

Acts 1:6-14  
 Psalm 68:1-10; 32-35  
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
 John 17:1-11

#### May 18 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sanctuary

1 Kings 8:12-30  
 1 Corinthians 3:9-17  
 Ephesians 2:13-22  
 Matthew 16:13-18

#### May 11 – Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30  
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
 1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21  
 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

#### May 25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 49:8-16a  
 Psalm 131  
 1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
 Matthew 6:24-34

# Serving our Lord, May, 2008

| 11:00 am | Nursery Attendant | Ushers                     | Lectors             | Acolytes         | Communion Assistants              | Lay Assistant      | Greeters                                | Counters                         |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4        | Need volunteers   | Bill Bryant<br>Karol Wagar | Sandy Isakson       |                  | Shirley Bryant<br>Doris Elliott   | Linda<br>Christy   | Ed & Norma<br>Dreyer                    | Merl Lindburg<br>Mary Faulkner   |
| 11       |                   | Ed & Norma<br>Dreyer       | Mary Peterson       |                  | Mary Peterson<br>Sandy Isakson    | Jerry<br>Peterson  | Randi Clark<br>Karol Wagar              | Stan Lewis<br>Bonnie Peters      |
| 18       |                   | Doug &<br>Roberta Napier   | Ellen Harris        | Nathan<br>Napier | Donna Glocker<br>Lynn Jacobsen    | Ron Peters         | Donna<br>Glocker /<br>Barbara<br>Shelby | Denise Khoo                      |
| 25       |                   | Ron & Bonnie<br>Peters     | Katherine<br>Tooley |                  | Lillian Cantrell<br>Linda Christy | Blaine<br>Frierson | Bill & Shirley<br>Bryant                | Gerry Oltrogge<br>Jerry Peterson |
|          |                   |                            |                     |                  |                                   |                    |                                         |                                  |

Alter Guild: Mary Peterson, Helen Allen, Bonnie Peters

| 8:30 a.m. | Communion      | Lectors     |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| 4         | Carol Anwar    | Carol Anwar |
| 11        | Eileen Imwalle | Keith Khoo  |
| 18        | One service--- |             |
| 25        | Pam Nielsen    | Pam Nielsen |
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| <p><i>Please Help!</i></p> <p><b>** Nursery volunteers** are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex. Plan on being in the Nursery at 10:30 AM to receive the children as they arrive.</b></p> | <p><i>Thank you for volunteering at Ascension!</i></p> <p><b>Please mark your calendars for the dates you are assigned to serve.</b></p> <p><b>If you cannot volunteer on your assigned date, please find a substitute and notify the church office (743-5741).</b></p> |
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## Altar Flowers Provided by:

|    |                                                      |
|----|------------------------------------------------------|
| 4  | Mary & Jerry Peterson in honor of a beautiful spring |
| 11 | The Napiers in memory of Elaine Preston              |
| 18 | Linda Christy                                        |
| 25 |                                                      |
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## A Note of Thanks:

To the congregation and Pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church,

Thank you for allowing us to hold our Family to Family class in your church. You provided a clean, quiet, attractive place for us to learn together how to help our family members who struggle with mental illness. We appreciate this genuine service to the community.

Sincerely,

Garnet Baker, NAMI Tulsa



## Saturday, March 29, Work Day

Pam and Ellen work on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration banner.

Harold, Jim, and Barbara sign on as painters of the day.

## 5x5x5:

New 5x5x5 groups will be forming in June. These small groups of 5-10 people meet every couple of weeks for about five months to read scripture, pray, and fellowship. We will again have both daytime and evening opportunities. Ascenders, guests, and newcomers are welcome. Sign-up sheets will be available sometime in May.

# POLICY FOR RECEPTION OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY

Adopted by Church Council on April 13, 2008

Before making gifts of tangible property to Ascension Lutheran Church, potential donors should consult with the Pastor or Church Council about the appropriateness and desirability for such a gift.

The Church Council shall determine whether a proffered gift of tangible property is appropriate and desirable for Ascension Lutheran Church, and shall decide whether to accept or decline the proffered gift of tangible property, or to negotiate terms for the acceptance of the tangible property.

If a gift of tangible property is accepted, ownership of the tangible property shall reside with Ascension Lutheran Church, which shall be responsible for maintenance or disposition of the tangible property. The Church Council, in consultation with the donor(s), shall determine the appropriate and desirable location, installation, and/or utilization of the tangible property which is retained for congregational use. In all instances, the Church Council shall have the ultimate authority in this matter. The Church Council shall see to it that a timely acknowledgement is made to the donor(s).

## Weathering market volatility

Market volatility points to a basic investing truth: You cannot predict market direction with any degree of certainty or consistency. The key to survival is to have a long-term strategy and follow a few time-proven guidelines to help manage your money and emotions.

**Don't panic:** If your investment strategy reflects your long-term financial goals, don't make drastic changes or let market swings steer you off course.

**Keep investing:** Realize that even after markets have dropped, they have rebounded over time. Consider your financial ability to continue investing through periods of low prices. While it does not assure a profit or protect against loss, buying on a regular schedule regardless of price—called dollar cost averaging—may benefit you in the long run.

**Diversify:** It is important to maintain a good mix of stocks, bonds and cash in your portfolio. Various asset classes perform differently, so the upswings

in one may offset the declines in another. While diversification can help spread risk, it does not eliminate it.

**Focus on time, not timing:** When you invest, do it with long-term objectives in mind. History has proven that a successful investment strategy stays focused and stays invested. Avoid the temptation to buy as the market surges and sell as it dips—market analyses show that timing the market rarely, if ever, works and it can cost you dearly.

Consistently staying invested can help you realize possible positive returns over time. Those who miss out on the market's best-performing days may miss out on significant returns (and growth) of their investments.

Consider the 10-year performance of the Standard & Poor's 500<sup>®</sup> Index (an unmanaged index which measures the performance of 500 widely held common stocks of large-cap companies) from Dec. 31, 1997, to Dec. 31, 2007. Those fully invested over the full 10 years would have enjoyed an average annual total return of 5.91 percent. A \$10,000 investment tied to the index would have grown over that period of time to \$17,756.

By contrast, if an investor missed the 10 best days of the market (happened to pull his or her money from the market on its 10-most "up" days), he or she would have experienced an average annual total return over that 10-year period of negative (0.30) percent. That same \$10,000 investment would have shrunk to \$9,702.

Similarly, missing the 20 best days of the market would have resulted in an average annual total return of negative (3.91) percent, and his or her \$10,000 investment would have declined to \$6,715.

Of course, no individual may invest directly in any index, and past performance is no guarantee of future results. Still, the lesson remains clear: Staying invested in the market is the only sure way to never miss the market's best days.

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**ASCENSION FOLLIES!** Fun was had by all at our Follies on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Pictured above are Praise Band members Pam Dake, Jim Harris, Ellen Harris, John West, Ed Engelke and Keith Khoo, magician Nathan Napier, Harold “Elvis” Wicks, Billie Lindburg, Pam Dake and Ellen Harris, Nathan Napier, Ed Engelke, and Kelsey Khoo. The prize for the best act went to Ed and his assistants!



More Follies with DB Woods and Kelsey Khoo

## Church Contributions Made Easy

Save time, simplify your life, and support our church! We're keeping up with the times by offering our members a new way to help our ministry. Our Electronic Giving program is an automated program that will allow you to make contributions without having to lift a pen to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash!

### Here is how it works:

You authorize a specified amount of money to be electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to the parish account. You also specify the frequency of the transfer.

It is fast, safe, and easy! In fact, it is less risky than checks, as it cannot be lost, stolen, or destroyed. The electronic transfer will cost you NOTHING and you save the cost of the check. The church will issue you a donation statement for your tax records, and your bank statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional proof of your contributions. Donations via electronic transfer can be made to our general fund or our building fund.

Of course you can cancel your authorization of transfer at any time by notifying us in writing. But we believe that once you have enjoyed the convenience and savings of this program, you won't want to go back to the "old-fashioned" way of contributing to your church!

## Mandala

Have you ever heard of a mandala? It is an ancient symbol of wholeness and unity. A mandala is a circle filled with colors and artistic designs. We have one over the altar at Ascension - the stained glass circle window. All the colors of life are there held together in one circular embrace. What a powerful message of the mission of the Gospel. The mandala invites all colors to come and worship in the holiest of holies at the table of our Lord.

## THRIVENT BUILDS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – DEDICATION OF TAMMIE COWANS' HOME

The Thrivent Builds 4th home in Tulsa is almost done. On Saturday, March 8th, we had "Walls Up Day", and we will be done in a couple of weeks. A lot of work has been done in a very short time, seems like we get faster with each home.

We want to Thank all the volunteers from the 14 Lutheran congregations in the Tulsa metro area who worked at the new home. I estimate we will have a total of 480 volunteers, who will have worked a total of 2,500 hours at the new home.

We invite everyone to come out **Saturday, May 10th** for the Dedication of the new home at 2641 N. Columbia Ave. The event will start at **10:30 am**. Come out and see this new home that was built for Tammie Cowans and her children.

Howard Seigfreid

### Comments from Ascension Synod Assembly Delegates

It was my privilege to serve as a delegate from Ascension to our synod assembly. The theme was "God's Work, Our Hands". All areas of the church (youth, family, mission, etc.) were addressed, as well as spiritual renewal. God's work requires our hands to get it done. God does not work alone. A main point was to identify leaders in our church and have them train others. Making a "sent church" instead of a "settled church" was also stressed by one of the main speakers, Dr. Ruben Duran.

Bishop Floyd's Bible study on Jonah was one of the highlights for me. He is a gifted Bible teacher. He asked if we could see our church and ourselves in Jonah.

Other highlights were the performances by The Bell Choir and The Youth Choir from Oaks Indian Mission and Eben Ezer Lutheran Church in Oaks, Oklahoma and "Revive", the Praise band from Peace Lutheran in Edmond, OK.

It was inspiring to see the dedication of our church leaders to our Lord and the church and its work. They are lay people as well as pastors. All are truly filled with the Spirit.

In Christ, Sandy Isakson

I totally share the thoughts and observations made by Sandy. I would like, however, to expand on one of the Assembly themes noted by Sandy – becoming a "sent church" rather than a "settled church."

I think it is important to remember that implicit in Ascension's new Mission Statement is Lutheran theologian Martin Marty's recent observation that "The 'mission' of the church is 'to be sent out to *be* and *become* God's presence in the worlds with which its people come in contact." (**Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers**, Augsburg Books, 2007). At a minimum a healthy church, therefore, is dynamic but not frantic, concerned and not complacent.

Peace, Ed Dreyer



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## Floyd M. Schoenhals

Office of the Bishop

Date: April 29, 2008

To: Pastors and Congregations of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod

From: Floyd M. Schoenhals, Bishop

In *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* there are several options of “sending statements” for the Dismissal at the end of the Holy Communion liturgy:

*Go in Peace! Share the Good News!*

*Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!*

*Go in Peace! Christ is with you!*

***Go in Peace! Remember the Poor!***

I remember Jim Wallis of *Sojourner* magazine saying, “If you cut out all the Bible passages that deal with issues of poverty and hunger, you will end up with a ‘holey’ Bible.” ***Remember the Poor!*** is a biblical mandate - not just liturgical lingo.

What will the 13,550 baptized members of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod do with the up to \$8,000,000 of money we will collectively receive from the United States government beginning in May through the “economic stimulus plan”? **Voting members at our recent Synod Assembly adopted a resolution that “strongly encourages all ELCA members in this synod to at least tithe the money they receive from the 2008 ‘economic stimulus plan’ to ministries among persons living in poverty”.**

There are many ministries which serve with persons living in poverty. Everyone may choose their own, but here are a few suggestions:

- ❖ ELCA World Hunger Appeal: <http://www.elca.org/hunger/howtogive/>
- ❖ Lutheran Disaster Response: <http://www.elca.org/disaster/giving/>
- ❖ Lutheran World Relief: <http://www.lwr.org/giving/index.asp>
- ❖ Children & Youth Ministry, EbenEzer Lutheran Church, PO Box 157, Oaks, OK 74359
- ❖ Oaks Indian Mission, PO Box 130, Oaks, OK 74359
- ❖ Kids First Ministry, Grace Lutheran Church, 5500 South Western, Oklahoma City, OK 73109
- ❖ Special Needs Retirement Fund, ELCA Foundation, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-4179: [https://www.elcabop.org/Home/PlanFuture/SNRF/Make\\_donation.aspx](https://www.elcabop.org/Home/PlanFuture/SNRF/Make_donation.aspx) (This fund benefits retired pastors and/or widows/widowers, whose retirement income is below the poverty level.)
- ❖ ELCA Good Gifts Program: <https://www.elca.org/scriptlib/DS/giving/default.asp> (This website offers many options for giving for ministries among persons living in poverty, including some that are already listed here.)
- ❖ Bread for the Word or Bread for the World Institute: [https://secure.ga4.org/01/Give\\_a\\_Gift/](https://secure.ga4.org/01/Give_a_Gift/)

If you are interested in learning more about the maximum tax benefits you may receive from the tax rebate, you may check out this website: <http://www.sharpenet.com/gt/> and download the May 2008 issue of *Give & Take*.

We are “blessed to be a blessing!” This is a special opportunity to be a blessing to persons living in poverty!

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**Our Mission Statement:**

**Responding to God's love,**

**We faithfully**

**Welcome**

**Worship**

**Grow**

**Witness**

**Serve**

***Glowing and Growing  
in the Light of the Lord***