

 **THE MESSENGER** 
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“Belong, Believe and Become all that God Promises”

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Why do we need God? Deep down, inside of the human soul, we would have to all admit that our life is a search. A search for something to satisfy the hunger of our heart. We look to attain material things and never enough to satisfy us, and we wonder- what is next?

What is missing is a relationship with God. He is the one who gives us real purpose for everything in life. We think we know best how to live our lives, and even if we choose God, many times we try to have a relationship with God on our terms.

As believers, we believe that God is very important for life. We are created in God's image, and we are never complete without God. We believe that God works all things including people's lives, according to His purpose. He is the one who gives us strength to live a pure life because of His love and that is always there to fall back on.

We need God because without Him, we will never be satisfied. Our heavenly Father wants us to find happiness and joy. He created a plan for us to grow, live by faith, and return to life. His plan gives meaning and context to our life.

Pastor Emilce Erato



Prayer List

The following need your prayers...

Chuck Albers, Stephanie Baio, Tina Bugalia, Bill Ciampa, Gray Collingwood, Jimmy E., Elsie, Brian and Dylan Gasperetti, Hunter George, Kathryn Graven, Virginia Heinsch, Angela Herber, Joe, Michael Kelly, Joanne Kempel, Kate Lang, Cynthia Listort, Bill and Fran McGowan, Chuck Miata, Nicki, John Pisarri, Regina Sala, Schneider family, Moira Sheldon, Donna Slyman, Robert Smith, Court Stevenson, Peter Stevenson, Kevin Sullivan, Miriam Valder, Teri Ventimiglia, Deanna Ventura, and James Wheeler.



Grace Kratz 9/3
Eleanor Gensh 9/5
Jean Smith 9/9
Eleanor Wagner 9/14
Rory Schoenfeld 9/16
Joanne Vagnini 9/20
Teagan Graham 9/23



Sandy and Bob Skarda 9/3
Eleanor and Guenter Betz 9/24

September Schedule

Mondays

11-12 p.m. Brew Crew-AA

Tuesdays

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6:45-8:30 p.m. Power Up-Tae Kwon Do

Wednesdays

11-12 p.m. New Life-AA

7-9 p.m. Sunshine Yoga

Road to Recovery 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Thursdays

6:45-8:30 p.m. Power Up-Tae Kwon Do

Fridays

11-12 p.m. New Life-AA

Saturdays

9-1 p.m. SDA Church-Sanctuary

9-11:15 a.m. Road to Recovery-AA

1-3 p.m. SDA Church

Sundays

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



*"To all at Ascension,
Difficult to believe that summer is over
and Labor Day completes that
unofficially. Anyway, use the enclosed for use
as needed as we progress toward the next
season and the holidays.
May all members be safe and well in this
economy and lifestyle we have at present.
May the Good Lord bless us all!
Sincerely,
Marilynn Munro"*



*Come One, Come All to
Our Fall Luncheon!*



*Sunday, September 22,
2024*

*11:45 a.m. following
worship in*

the Parish Hall.

*Hope to see you all as we
gather together to
welcome in the autumn
season.*

*RSVP to Lois Altvater or
Carole Brosnan
by September 18.*

September Outreach



The Siller family started the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation to honor the memory of their brother, Stephen, a then New York City firefighter of the FDNY who lost his life on September 11, 2001 after strapping on his gear and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers.

In 2013, the Stephen Sillers Tunnel to Towers Foundation created a mobile exhibit as a tribute to all those whose lives were sacrificed on September 11, 2001. The 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile exhibit is a tool to educate America's youth about the historic events of that day. Welcomed around the country from communities in Phoenix, Arizona to Tampa, Florida, the 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit-a high-tech, 53 foot tractor-trailer, which unfolds into a 1,000 square foot exhibit, serves as a poignant reminder of that tragic day.

The memorial provides interactive education; including artifacts such as steel beams from the towers, documentary videos, recordings of first responder radio transmissions and live tours by FDNY firefighters. Entrance into the exhibit is always free.

Autumn Yoga Classes
Location:
Ascension Lutheran Church
 145 Franklin Avenue
 (Side door, Upper Level)

Dates and Class times:
Wednesdays
 7PM to 7:30 PM 7:45PM to 8:45 PM
 Restorative Yoga Hatha Yoga
 September 11, 18 and 25
 October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
 November 6, 13 and 20

Register by Email:
 YogaismySunshine@gmail.com

Cost:
 \$20 per class

Sunshine Yoga

**Christmas Gift Giving Program
 LSS New LIFE Center**



Ascension will be taking part in the Christmas Gift Program by collecting new hats, gloves and socks for children and adults. In addition, we will be collecting pajamas and underwear for boys and girls size 8-14. Collection boxes will be in the narthex.

Eleanor Betz will be putting in for a Thrivent Action Team grant to assist with our endeavors.

All contributions should be in by December 1st. We will deliver our donations on Monday, December 2nd.

*Mark your Calendar for
 2 events happening in
 our neighborhood.*



9/21
 Franklin Square Museum on
 Naples Avenue
 10-4

9/28
 Street Fair on Franklin Avenue
 10-5

“GOD OF AUTUMN, AS WE EMBRACE THE AUTUMN CHILL AND MISTY MORNINGS SHROUDED IN FOG, WE ASK YOU TO FILL OUR HEARTS WITH JOY. HELP US TO NAVIGATE THIS TRANSITION INTO SHORTER, COOLER DAYS WITH JOYFUL AND THANKFUL HEARTS. MAY JOY RADIATE FROM US IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE BRILLIANT COLORS OF THE LEAVES RADIATE FROM THE TREES. AMEN.”

PRAY FOR EVERYTHING