

What I will DO

As part of Ascension's mission statement, we identify six core ministries which form the framework of our common life together:

WORSHIP ~ is the focus on what brings us together as a community of faith through attending services, serving as an acolyte or chalice bearer, singing in the choir, helping to bake the communion bread, joining the Altar Guild, or volunteering as an usher.

FELLOWSHIP ~ is our community coming together through food, fun & friendship by greeting newcomers and visiting with our friends during Sunday coffee hour, attending the weekly dinner group, providing meals for church members who are homebound, or helping to plan church social events.

PRESENCE ~ is how we reflect the presence of God through our building & grounds and by sharing events such as the Blessing of the Animals with the community at large. Together we maintain the Memorial Garden, write articles for the church newsletter (*The Spire*), welcome newcomers, and help at Saturday work parties.

OUTREACH ~ offers relief to the poor, the sick, and the powerless by our giving to organizations such as Episcopal Relief and Development and the United Thank Offering, taking Thanksgiving Dinner to homeless women, working at the local bad weather shelter, and financing the digging of a well in Africa.

PASTORAL CARE ~ is our clergy and trained lay members providing support to those going through difficult times by writing letters, volunteering for the phone tree, the Funeral Committee, or Stephen Ministry, and by making clergy and Lay Eucharistic visits to shut-ins and those in the hospital.

FORMATION ~ is life-long learning in the Christian faith. Programs designed for all ages range from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to Junior and Senior Youth Groups, adult small groups, Cursillo, and Daughters of the King.



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Our vision is that the Church of the Ascension serves Christ today for those who will come to know Christ tomorrow.

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Navigating your Stewardship Card



We each come to the Church of the Ascension for a variety of reasons ~ not least of all because God has blessed us with this community of faith.

Essentially we can only spend three things in life ~ money, energy, and time. All are necessary for the Church to fulfill Christ's mission in the world.

The Very Rev. Canon Michael A. Bamberger

What do the different boxes on the stewardship card mean?

Stewardship at Ascension is not all about the treasures one can give but about a combination of time, talent & treasures ~ all of which are necessary to continue the programs & services offered here.

The stewardship card is designed with this combination in mind and is separated into four categories: GIVE, SHARE, DEMONSTRATE & DO. If after reviewing this brochure you have any questions, please contact the church office at (626) 355-1133 and ask to have one of the Stewardship Committee members call you.

Thank you for all the gifts you give in celebration of your life with Christ!

What I will GIVE

Giving to the Parish Treasury. The parish budget is based upon the pledges of our parishioners. An annual budget is created from these contributions. For our parish to provide for the needs of the entire congregation, it is vital that all of us pledge whatever amount we can.

Please pray and give what you can, when you can. No amount is too small when you give from the heart.

What I will SHARE

It is important to share the Good News when we are away from the church and to help support the growth of the parish family.

- Do you know a co-worker looking for a church?
- Do you have a family member or neighbor who asks you about where you attend Sunday worship?

We encourage you to bring someone to church in the next year and to share with them all the things Ascension has to offer.

What I will DEMONSTRATE

Many times the things that are part of our daily routine are things we do to demonstrate the Light of Christ to the world and to reflect our faith.

- Do you volunteer in your community?
- Do you say grace at meal time?
- Have you decided to start an exercise program?
- Do you coach a youth athletic team?
- Do you pray?
- Do you deliver meals to those who are homebound?
- Do you offer forgiveness?
- Do you mow your neighbor's lawn?