



Grace Notes



January 2018

As our newsletter series on the parts of the liturgy continues, this month we look at the Post-Communion Cantic. The primary song that is sung after the reception of the Sacrament is called the Nunc Dimittis. This title reflects the opening words of the song in Latin, which mean, "Now let [your servant] depart." The Nunc Dimittis is a direct quote of Holy Scripture, the song that Simeon sings in Luke 2:29-32: "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." The text we sing in worship most often, from *Lutheran Service Book*, pages 199-200, is the same passage of Scripture; it just uses older English terms, and, as is often the case in the liturgy, ends with a doxology to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The context of Simeon's song in Luke 2 is quite helpful in understanding why we sing the Nunc Dimittis after receiving Holy Communion. When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple forty days after His birth to present Him to the Lord as God's Word required, Simeon was there (Luke 2:22-24). As a righteous and devout member of God's people, Simeon was waiting for the Lord to fulfill His promises, and the Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the promised Savior, the Christ (Luke 2:25-26). On that day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the temple, the Holy Spirit revealed that Jesus was, in fact, the promised Savior. Simeon therefore took Jesus in his arms and praised God with the song that we still sing today as the Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:27-28). In that song, Simeon recognizes with thankfulness that because he is holding Jesus in his arms, God has kept His promise. Now, Simeon can die in peace because his own eyes have seen God's promised salvation for all who believe in Jesus, Gentiles and Israelites alike (Luke 2:29-32).

Having heard again the account of Simeon and his song once more, consider where we sing his words today. In Holy Communion, we have held Jesus in our hands just as surely as Simeon once did. Even more profoundly, we have received Jesus' body and blood into our mouths for the forgiveness of our sins. In the Sacrament of the Altar, we have seen with our own eyes and heard with our own ears and tasted with our own lips God's salvation, Jesus Christ. That's why we join in the Song of Simon at this moment. Because we have eaten Jesus' true body and have drunk His true blood, we too can depart in peace. We can depart in peace, not just in the sense of leaving the church building—we can actually now die in peace, knowing that we have eternal life with Christ, because we have received Him in Holy Communion.

What an amazing promise God makes and keeps by giving us His Holy Sacrament! It is especially fitting for us to ponder this during the time of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. The same God who was made flesh in the Virgin's womb and was born for us in Bethlehem now gives that same flesh and blood to us at His Altar so that we can die in peace, knowing we have eternal life with Him. Thanks be to our Savior, Jesus Christ!

In Christ,
Pastor Appel

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	New Year's Day Officer Closed 		10am GLLC Chapel (see below)	6pm LWML 	Pastor Away- Family Day	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	7pm Elders  Elders Meeting		10am GLLC Chapel 6pm Midweek Bible Classes (see below)		Pastor Away- Family Day	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm Youth Group	Martin Luther King Day 7pm LLL  LLL	9am Pastor Circuit Mtg-Manheim	10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance 6pm Midweek Bible Classes (see below)		Pastor Away- Family Day	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 3pm Nursing Home Devotions	8am Braille 5pm Piecemakers 6pm GLLC Mtg 7pm Evangelism		10am GLLC Chapel 6pm Midweek Bible Classes (see below)	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON 	Pastor Away- Family Day	
28	29	30	31			
8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am Brd of Ed 6:30pm Youth Group			10am GLLC Chapel 6pm Midweek Bible Classes (see below)	*MID WEEK SCHEDULE 6:00p Mid Week Meal 6:30p Mid Week Bible Class – All ages		

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Sunday School 8:45 AM
Midweek Classes 6:00 PM
Worship Service 10:00 AM

Grace Lutheran Learning Center

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Fax Number: 512-237-5990

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We now accept CCMS enrollment

Please feel free to put old or unused toys in our box
located in the Narthex

Pastor Timothy Appel

If you need to contact him, his email address is:
timothyappel@gmail.com and his home phone
number is 512-237-9664, or contact our Office at
512-237-2108. If you are not able to reach either
number and it is an emergency, contact your Elder.
(Elders list on bulletin board by the Office)

CHURCH OFFICE

Normal hours are 9 to 2 Mon. – Fri. If you need any help
from the office i.e., copying documents, record information,
info to be put in the bulletin and/or newsletter, etc., please
feel free to stop by, call, etc. We are there to provide
you with whatever you need from the church office. You may
also leave a note in the Secretary's box in the Narthex, and
we will get back with you as soon as possible. Please let us
know if you have any questions or suggestions.



Passengers for Church Van

Benny Hajdik - 979-540-8437 is driving the Church Van
for Sunday School and Church Services. If you need
transportation, please call by 5:00 pm on Saturday. You
may leave a message if no one answers.

Elder(s): Ed Randle
Galen Bunte
Ushers: Cliff Burns
Vince Kaiser
Trustees: Allan Hancock
Ivan Fritsche

Organist(s):
June Parker
Esther Wolff (Sub)
Kim Appel (Sub)
Jan. Altar Guild:
Helen Fleck
Becky Watson

Readers:
Jan. 7 Debbie Higgins
Jan. 14 Philip Appel
Jan. 21 Rose Caldwell
Jan. 28 Mark Peres

Acolytes:
Jan. 7 Marianna Peres & Thomas Brown
Jan. 14 Baylor Watson & David Wolff
Jan. 21 Alex Caldwell & Adrian Wolff
Jan 28 Juniper Smith & Barrett Watson



Pre-School/	Mary Lou Oliver/
Kindergarten	Wendy Rohde
1 st /2 nd Grades	Charles Johannessen
3 rd /5 th Grades	Gene Brown
6 th /8 th Grades	June Parker
Adult Classes	Pastor Appel

STILL IN NEED OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS



Please contact Barb Johannessen at 512-284-0199 if
you are interested in this position

MIDWEEK AND CONFIRMATION TEACHERS

Pre-school - K	Kim Appel
1st – 3rd grade	Alex & Amanda Vanegas
4th - 6th grade	Kristin Appel (June Parker-sub)
7th - 8th grade	Pastor Appel
Adult Class	Ed Randle



Jan. 9 Andrea & Tommy Oates
Jan. 10 Carol & Kenneth Wood
Jan. 19 Mike & Cynthia Davis
Jan. 20 Sheryl & Jon Pollard



Jan. 3 Makayla Kelt
 Marianna Peres
Jan. 4 Harlye Bonorden
 Sandra Kadlecek
Jan. 5 Johnie Kalina
Jan. 6 Kerry Becker
Jan. 7 Angel Wolff
Jan. 11 Heather Randle
Jan. 12 Toni Ann Kadlecek
Jan. 13 Galen Bunte
Jan. 16 Andrew Hurst
 Morgan Wessels
Jan. 17 Mackie W. Kasper
 Benjamin Appel
Jan. 18 Darlene Becker
 Mackenzie Peres
 Dusty Randle
Jan. 19 Hannah Teague
 Gracie Deapen
Jan. 20 Sheryl Pollard
Jan. 21 Brandon Herschap
Jan. 24 Jocelyn Kadlecek
 Carol Wood
Jan. 25 Colby Zimmerhanzel
Jan. 26 Jase Geigenmiller
Jan. 28 Aiden Haught
Jan. 29 Brantley Pearcy
Jan. 30 Clara Kaiser
Jan. 31 Karla Burns



As of December 28th, 2017

Name	Balance
Prosperity Checking Acct	18,374.36
CEF Property Loan	146,315.00
CEF Annex Loan	42,287.00
Total Dedicated Funds	3,590.00
General Fund Balance	14,784.36



Lutheran Witness Magazine price for 2017 is **\$13.65**



If you are admitted to the hospital, I would like to visit you in order to share God's Word and share a prayer with you in that difficult time. As you are able please let the church office know or ask the hospital to call the church office so that I can best minister to you.
Pastor Appel

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear correctly, please contact the church office so we can correct our files. Thank you.

May God bless you and keep you always in His tender, loving care

Wishing these Friends a Happy Birthday! from your "Grace" family



PIECEMAKERS

We appreciate the donations of fabric and sheets. We meet fourth Monday at the Sunday school building--alley entrance. We meet at 5 don't work more than two hours. Tying knots is only expertise required



GLLC Learning Center

WORK AT GLLC

Grace Lutheran Learning Center is hiring part-time workers for the afternoon shift. Applicants should be available to work between 12:30-6:00 PM, must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and be willing to submit to a background check. If you love working with kids and sharing the love of Jesus, this is the job for you! Please contact our director, **Angel Hurst**, at [512-360-2800](tel:512-360-2800) to receive an application



ALL invited to lunch/game day THURSDAYS at NOON In the Parish Hall

We meet at noon in the Parish hall. We have a lite meal. All our welcome to join us for a spirited game of train. If you don't know how to play--not a problem. We will help. We play for the fellowship and don't play for points



Thanks to all who donate and shop with us. We continue to do very well. If you wish to

make a donation pull around to the rear of the building. There is an area close to the dumpster where donations are received. They are looking at options for the parking lot. Reviewing costs and options

Although I haven't received the next schedule our next rotation will be the week of **January 8 -13th**. The BAE will close December 18 until January 1.

Come and join us as you can. Thank you to our volunteers. I appreciate each of you.

Linda Read



There is a plastic container in the Narthex for collection of **used bulletins & white printed papers** to be recycled at the Smithville Recycling facility. If there are any questions please ask Katie or John Stelling for info



Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

We would like to thank Cheryl Moore for stepping up and directing the Christmas Eve Play again this year. It was a Great production. What a joy it was to watch and listen to our young voices.

REMEMBER!!!! The FIRST Sunday of every month is the Sunday School Mission Sunday. Our Mission for this quarter is University of Texas Campus Ministries. This means that all the offerings generously given, the FIRST Sunday of every month, in Sunday School will be given to this Mission. Please remember to bring your offerings to Sunday School each Sunday. (This does include the Adult Sunday School Class.) We start at 8:45AM. COME JOIN US!!!!

Watch your mail boxes for new challenges from the Board of Education in the near future!! Who knows what the new year will bring!

The Board of Education would like to remind every member of Grace Lutheran Church that we can add to the **Endowment Fund** at any time in any amount. Remember the Fund will be used for the Education of our Youth at Grace Lutheran. It will be used for scholarships to Christian Camps as well as to help off set the tuition, for any qualifying member, to a Lutheran based school this includes higher education levels. This is a **tax-deductible contribution**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board member.

If anyone has any interest in teaching or substitute teaching for any Sunday School Class, please contact myself or any Board of Ed Member.

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,
Barb Johannessen



MIDWEEK

CLASSES
2018

January 10, 2018	February 7, 2018	*March 7, 2018	April 18, 2018
January 17, 2018	*February 14, 2018	*March 21, 2018	April 25, 2018
January 24, 2018	*February 21, 2018	April 4, 2018	May 2, 2018
January 31, 2018	*February 28, 2018	April 11, 2018	



This year's midweek meals are being planned and prepared by one of Grace's new members, Sharon Reinberg. She served her previous congregation in Illinois in a similar manner, and we are overjoyed that God has brought her here to Grace! If you would like to assist in the cost of providing these meals, you can place your gift into the offering plate on Sunday morning and indicate "Midweek Meals" as its designation. Thank you for your generous support of Christian education here at Grace!




NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!



What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!



PUZZLE

A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

THIEROEFQORXEIDFAMNYAON
 SEILSITNCVHRKISDTTBHEWNE
 QWCDREYATMIOCNHFASWCOR
 MEGTHWEOFLDXHASSGZONL
 ETJHEWNEQWIDSHREROE

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_____ ! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

Read Through the Bible in 2018

Grace Lutheran Church, Smithville, TX

“God’s Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever!” Continue your daily Bible reading during 2018. God’s blessings for you in His Word abound! *(Note: On days listed as “OFF,” consider re-reading something from earlier in the week or making up a day that you might have missed.)*

Even though the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation has passed, the importance of daily Scripture reading in our lives has not changed! In order to encourage you to read from God’s Word daily, the reading plan that will guide you through the entire Bible in a year will continue to be published in the newsletter each month during 2018. We pray that being in God’s Word daily will be the blessing to you that our God has promised!

Readings for the Month of January

January 1	John 1	Genesis 1-3
January 2	John 2	Genesis 4-5
January 3	John 3	Genesis 6-9
January 4	John 4:1-26	Genesis 10-11
January 5	John 4:27-54	Genesis 12-15
January 6	Proverbs 1:1-19	Psalms 1-5
January 7	OFF	
January 8	John 5:1-30	Genesis 16-18
January 9	John 5:31-47	Genesis 19-21
January 10	John 6:1-40	Genesis 22-23
January 11	John 6:41-71	Genesis 24-25
January 12	John 7:1-31	Genesis 26
January 13	Proverbs 1:20-33	Psalms 6-9
January 14	OFF	
January 15	John 7:32-8:11	Genesis 27-30
January 16	John 8:12-47	Genesis 31
January 17	John 8:48-59	Genesis 32-33
January 18	John 9	Genesis 34-35
January 19	John 10	Genesis 36-38
January 20	Proverbs 2:1-11	Psalms 10-14
January 21	OFF	
January 22	John 11:1-16	Genesis 39-40
January 23	John 11:17-57	Genesis 41-42
January 24	John 12:1-19	Genesis 43-44
January 25	John 12:20-50	Genesis 45-47
January 26	John 13	Genesis 48-50
January 27	Proverbs 2:12-22	Psalms 15-18
January 28	OFF	
January 29	John 14	Isaiah 1-4
January 30	John 15:1-16:4	Isaiah 5-8
January 31	John 16:5-33	Isaiah 9-11

Slate of Officers for 2018 Ballot

<u>2017 officers</u>	<u>yrs to serve</u>	<u>2018 officers</u>	<u>yrs to serve</u>
<u>Elders (9)</u>		<u>Elders (9)</u>	3
Chad Catron		Charlie Johannessen	3
Jim Duty		Davey Kadelecek	
M.W. Kasper	2		
Bert Bunte	2		
Jack Page	1		
Cliff Burns	1		
Ed Randle	1		
Vince Kaiser		Vince Kaiser	3
Galen Bunte		Galen Bunte	3
<u>President (1)</u>		<u>President (1)</u>	
Gene Brown	1	Gene Brown	1
<u>Vice President (1)</u>		<u>Vice President (1)</u>	1
Charlie Johannessen	1	Bernie Satterwhite	
<u>Treasurer (1)</u>		<u>Treasurer (1)</u>	
Tim Wolff	1	Tim Wolff	1
<u>Financial Secretary(1)</u>		<u>Financial Secretary(1)</u>	
Chad Catron	1	Chad Catron	
<u>Secretary (1)</u>		<u>Secretary (1)</u>	
Rose Pietsch	1	Rose Pietsch	1
<u>Board of Evangelism (6)</u>		<u>Board of Evangelism (6)</u>	
Barbara Pauley	2		
Steve Pauley	2		
Carol Wood		Chrissy Becker	3
Wendy Rohde		Wendy Rohde	3
Brenda Anderson	2		
John Anderson	2		
<u>Board of Stewardship (3)</u>		<u>Board of Stewardship (3)</u>	
Margie Hicks	2		
Nancy Fritsche	2		
Marilyn Randle	2		
<u>Board of Education (7)</u>		<u>Board of Education (7)</u>	
Mary Lou Oliver	1		
Melissa Brown	1		
Kathy Kasper	2		
Becky Watson	2		
Barbara Johannessen	2		
Charlie Johannessen	2		
Toni Ann Kadlecek		Toni Ann Kadlecek	3

<u>Learning Center Board (7)</u>		<u>Learning Center Board (7)</u>	
Kayla Herschap	2		
DeeDee (Dana) Bunte		DeeDee Bunte	3
Frances Mynar		Mark Peres	3
Tim Wolff (Resigned)	2	Brenda Page	2
Brenda Page		Margie Peres	3
Cathy Smith	2		
Cheryl Moore	1		
<u>Board of Trustees (7)</u>		<u>Board of Trustees (7)</u>	
Kerry Becker	1		
Allan Hancock	1		
Ivan Fritsche	1		
Ronald Pietsch	1		
Tommy Oates	2		
Allan Hurst	2		
Gary Smith	2		
<u>Sunday School Supt (1)</u>		<u>Sunday School Supt (1)</u>	
Ed Randle	1		
<u>Head Usher (1)</u>		<u>Head Usher (1)</u>	
Elders		Elders	
<u>Bazaar Committee (6)</u>		<u>Bazaar Committee (6)</u>	
Betty Flora (Resigned)	1	Wendy Rohde	1
Nancy Fritsche	1		
Rose Pietsch	1		
Mary Lou Oliver	1		
Marilyn Burns	1		
Chrissy Becker	1		

2017 Bazaar Income and Expense Report

2017 Bazaar			
	Deposited		Profit
Auction	\$ 13,466.50		\$13,466.50
Meal tickets	\$ 8,685.00		\$8,685.00
Raffle sales	\$ 3,732.00		\$3,732.00
Food sold	\$ 859.00		\$859.00
Games	\$ 424.00		\$424.00
Cake wheel	\$ 393.63		\$393.63
Beer	\$ 325.00		\$325.00
Country Store	\$ 283.25		\$283.25
Soft drinks	\$ 248.00		\$248.00
Free will desserts	\$ 102.84		\$102.84
Left over cash from withd.	\$ 77.10		\$77.10
	\$28,596.32		\$28,596.32
	Member deposits		
Raffle prizes	\$1,000.00	Profit	\$28,596.32
Bazaar food	\$4,320.00	Deposits	\$7,008.24
Rent		Total	\$35,604.56
Cole Slaw			
Raffle prizes			
Beer	\$0.00	Profit+deposits	\$35,604.56
Noodles		Bazaar exp paid	\$9,632.40
Beans		Pay out (SS/GLLC)	\$1,865.50
Toys			
NFC	\$450.00	2017 Net Profit	\$24,106.66
Misc. donations	\$1,238.24		
	\$7,008.24	2017 Mission Total	\$24,106.66
	Checks written	Ending balance	\$0.00
Smithville Food Lockers	\$2,352.86		
Ben E. Keith	\$2,905.54		
VFW	\$250.00		
Visa card	\$1,950.00		
CASH BOXES	\$1,910.00		
Church shirts	\$264.00		
GLLC	\$1,037.50		
Youth Games/Drinks	\$188.00		
SS	\$640.00		
Annex loan Princ.	\$16,906.66		
Harvery relief	\$2,400.00		
BAE	\$2,400.00		
FLHS	\$2,400.00		
	\$35,604.56		

The Askins in Asia



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Witness Always

A Woman in the House

In our Chinese lessons, our instructor helps us create mnemonic devices to remember the characters. Most of the time, she suggests pictorial devices to remind us.

We were learning to say “good morning” and “good night,” and both phrases have the character 安. The character has two parts: a top and a bottom. The top part, which looks like a bracket facing downward with a little tick mark above it, represents roof. The second part, everything else below it, is the character for woman.

Our teacher taught us to memorize this by saying, “When there’s a woman in the house, everything is good, at peace, at rest.” So, when we say “晚安” (good evening) or “早安” (good morning), it’s “good” because there’s a woman in the house.

Whether or not this was the original meaning or intent of the characters, I’m not sure. Sometimes our instructor just makes stuff up to help us remember. But it’s certainly been the case for me (Roy).

This last November, Eliza and I celebrated our twelfth anniversary. As all married couples say, the years have flown by faster and faster. In those twelve years, we’ve had six children and one miscarriage. We’ve lived in six

different houses. We have had (at least) six different species of pets. We have owned six different vehicles.

So much has changed and so frequently. And yet, in the midst of it all, I know that when I return home from work, or when I return from a trip, my beautiful wife will welcome me home with open arms.

“When there’s a woman in the house, everything is good, at peace, at rest.”

She spends an incredible amount of time caring for our home, teaching our children, doing events with them, and frequently encouraging me to spend time doing things with them when I’d much rather sit

down and veg with a good book.

It’s a common trope to call your wife your best friend. I won’t do that, however. Not because it’s not true. We spend a significant amount of time talking with each other about a great number of things.

But I won’t call her my best friend because she’s so much greater than that: she’s my wife.

I can’t image anyone else I’d rather say “早安” when I wake up in the morning and “晚安” when I drift off at night. It’s all good and at rest and peace in the house because there’s a woman in the house.

November Thankfulness

— by Eliza

When I contact a dear friend to complain, she reminds and encourages me to think about what I'm thankful for daily. And not just that, but to make it a habit to ask my children to share their Thankful Fors around the dinner table. Since we just celebrated our thankfulness with an American Thanksgiving, I'd like to share some of our family Thankful Fors.

Mom: I'm thankful that my children know they are baptized children of God. And they will loudly sing that as they meander the streets of Hong Kong. Mothering has its frustrations, tears, and headaches, but it is also full of smiles, hugs, and forgiveness. And when my children forgive others, sing hymns from memory, or draw connections between bible stories and their school lessons or life lessons, I am reminded that I have so much to be thankful for. And, it's all thanks to Jesus.

Eva Maria: I'm thankful for the opportunities we have to experience other things. One thing I like is a Chinese type of eating style called Dim Sum. It is where you order small amounts of different foods and sample them. I like custard buns, which are buns with hot, liquid custard.

Mathias: I am thankful for books to read and burrito bowls. A burrito bowl is a burrito in a bowl that we make at home. And when we go back to the United States of America, we eat it at a restaurant.

Ronan: I am thankful for my family and my friends.

Ezekiel: I'm thankful for going to the pool and playing a water gun fight.

Annie: I'm thankful for going to the park with friends.

Cornelia: Reader, listen and you'll hear the sweet little squeaks of a toddling, smiling infant.

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

To support the LCMS through the work of Rev. Roy S. Askins, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or LCMS. Include "Askins-Hong Kong" in the memo line. Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website at www.lcms.org/givenow/askins. To give a gift over the phone, please call 1-888-930-4438.

Contact us at roy.askins@lcmsintl.org.

For Your Prayers

In your prayers, please keep these things in mind:

- For Pr. Askins as he takes on the care of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hong Kong
- For the Askins in Asia support network, that it would continue to strengthen
- In thankfulness for all the gifts of God with which he has blessed us, both spiritual and material
- In thankfulness for all of our supporters and their encouragements

Thank You

To all of you who are supporting us in so many and various ways, thank you.

For your prayers, thank you. For your financial support, thank you. For your notes and thoughts, thank you.

—The Askins

A Page of Pictures

Enjoy these pictures from the last month. For more, visit our website: askinsinasia.com.



Another successful book club



One of our neighbors, and her dog, Ollie!



Above: Weaving the Unwanted. Discarded clothes are turned into blankets for the homeless.



Above: Mathias makes random friends on the MTR. Below: Eva Maria helps Ezekiel learn his alphabet and numbers.





Pray for

REV. ROY AND ELIZA ASKINS
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
SERVING IN THE ASIA REGION



Piano, Texas. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in pastoral ministry from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Before serving in Asia, Roy served as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Livingston, Texas (2010-2014). In his free time, he enjoys reading, hiking and camping.

Eliza was born in Watertown, Wis., where her home congregation is Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon. Before heading overseas, Eliza taught at Emmanuel St. Michael Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, Ind. (2006-2007) and Grace Lutheran Church and School, Menomonee Falls, Wis. (2007-2008). In her free time, she enjoys reading, camping and walking. Roy and Eliza enjoy spending time with their six beautiful children - Eva Maria, Mathias, Ronan, Ezekiel, Anastasia and Cornelia.

Pray for the Askins as they serve in Asia and Hong Kong and as they transition to a new country. Pray for Roy that as he serves, he remains faithful to God's Word in difficult times. Pray for the LCMS personnel serving in the Asia region. Pray the hearts of people here in the United States are moved to pray for and to financially support the Askins so they can "go with" this family on their journey of faith. Let us give thanks that the Askins family is serving in this part of the world.

- **BIRTHDAYS:** Roy - July 19, Eliza - June 30, Eva Maria - March 1, Mathias - Oct. 11, Ronan - Jan. 8, Ezekiel - Nov. 11, Anastasia - Oct. 22, Cornelia - Oct. 10
- **ANNIVERSARY:** Nov. 25
- **HOME DISTRICT:** Texas

- Pray daily for Roy and Eliza - and how you can support and tell others about their ministry. Visit lcms.org/askins
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