

Grace Notes



This month in our newsletter series on the Divine Service, we examine the Hymn of Praise. This part of the liturgy follows directly after the Kyrie. In the Kyrie, we pray, “Lord, have mercy,” and based on His promises in Holy Scripture (e.g. Mark 5:19), we know that He does. We know that Jesus Christ has answered our prayer for mercy, and so we immediately begin to praise Him for His goodness. After the “Amen” of the Kyrie, we can’t help but break forth into singing the Hymn of Praise. The next time you’re in worship, notice how there is no musical introduction to the Hymn of Praise; we simply begin singing for joy in the Lord!

Traditionally, the Hymn of Praise is the Gloria in Excelsis. As was the case with the Kyrie, this title is simply the Latin for the first words of the song: “Glory in the highest!” These words begin to shift our mood from the somber contemplation of the Kyrie to the joyful celebration of the Hymn of Praise. As we sing, “Glory to God in the highest,” the familiarity of these words rings in our ears. Not only do we know these words from singing them regularly in worship, but we also know these words from the story of Christmas. Remember what the angels sang to the shepherds that first Christmas night: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” (Luke 2:14) Once again, the liturgy puts the very Word of God onto our lips and into our hearts. As we sing the Gloria in Excelsis, we join with all the heavenly host to praise our Father for the gift of His Son Jesus Christ. He is the One who takes away the sin of the world, the One who receives our prayer, the One who sits at God’s right hand, the One who is holy, the One who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever!

Although the Gloria in Excelsis has a longer history, it is not the only option for the Hymn of Praise. More recently, the hymn, “This Is the Feast,” has become a very well-known and loved Hymn of Praise in many Lutheran congregations. You won’t be surprised to learn that the words of this hymn are also drawn directly from God’s Word. In Revelation 5:12, John hears the angels in heaven singing: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” In Revelation 5:13, every creature joins in the praise and sings:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” Not only does this hymn enable us to sing the Word of God, but it also enables us to sing now the words that we will be singing for all eternity in Christ’s nearer presence—amazing!

How do we decide which Hymn of Praise to use on a given Sunday? Because “This Is the Feast” includes numerous “Alleluias” and incorporates language that celebrates Jesus’ victory in His death and resurrection, we especially use it during the season of Easter. Because the Gloria in Excelsis was first sung when Jesus was born, we especially use it during the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany. During the seasons of Advent and Lent, we normally omit the Hymn of Praise—not because we stop praising our Lord during those times, but in keeping with the penitential and preparatory nature of those seasons. Just think how joyous it is to once again sing “Alleluia!” on Easter after omitting it for the forty days of Lent! Finally, during the long season after Pentecost, we normally alternate between the two in order to keep both fresh in our minds.

What joy is ours to praise the one true God in the Hymn of Praise each week! He is our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Comforter, and so we sing our praises to Him with the whole Church on earth and in heaven—not only now, but for all eternity!

In Christ,
Pastor Appel

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:45am Bible Class LWML Sunday 10am Worship/Communion	3 7pm Elders	4 6pm Community Bunco	5 10am GLLC Chapel *MID WEEK SCHEDULE (see below)	6 6pm 	7 Pastor Away- Family Day	8
9 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm Youth Group	10 7pm 	11 9am Pastor Circuit Mtg - Manheim	12 10am GLLC Chapel *MID WEEK SCHEDULE (see below)	13	14 Pastor Away- Family Day	15
16 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion VOTERS MTG After Service/Potluck 3pm Nursing Home Devotions	17 6pm  GLLC Meeting 7pm Evangelism	18	19 10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance *MID WEEK SCHEDULE (see below)	20	21 Pastor Away- Family Day	22
23 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am Brd of Ed 6:30pm Youth Group	24 8am Braille 5pm Piecemakers	25	26 10am GLLC Chapel *MID WEEK SCHEDULE (see below)	27  NOON	28 Pastor Away- Family Day	29
30 8:45am Bible Class  Reformation Sunday 10am Worship/Communion	31				*MID WEEK SCHEDULE 6:00p Mid Week Meal 6:30p Mid Week Bible Class – All ages	

Grace Lutheran Church

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

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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): M. W. Kasper October 2nd LWML
Jack Page Sunday
Ushers: Galen Bunte Toni Ann Kadlecek
Chad Catron Mary Lou Oliver
Billie Courtemanche
Rose Pietsche

Altar Helen Fleck
Guild: Billie Courtemanche

Organist(s): June Parker
Esther Wolff (Sub)
Kim Appel (Sub)

Readers:
Oct. 2 Katie Stelling
Oct. 9 Nancy Fritsche
Oct. 16 Dana Bunte
Oct. 23 Mark Peres
Oct. 30 Jean Miller

Acolytes:
Oct. 2 Gene Brown & Barrett Watson
Oct. 9 Brenden Kadlecek & David Wolff
Oct. 16 Ramon Wolff & Alex Caldwell
Oct. 23 Sterling Brown & David Wolff
Oct. 30 Thomas Brown & Barrett Watson



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

STILL IN NEED OF SUBTITUTE TEACHERS

Midweek and Confirmation Teachers

Pre-school --K Kristen Smiley
1st - 4th grade
5th - 6th grade Kristin Appel (June Parker-sub)
7th - 8th grade Pastor Appel
Adult Class Ed Randle



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



Anniversaries

- Oct. 15 Tammy & Doug Teague
- Oct. 20 Barbara & Steve Pauley
- Oct. 22 Rose & Ronnie Pietsch
- Oct. 30 Helen & Glen Whitley



Financials as of Aug. 31st, 2016

FVB Checking	-194.12
FNB Memorial Fund	2,347.48
FSB Bazaar Temp Acct	2,410.04
Prosperity Bazaar MMA	5,987.90
FNB – Rental Property	10,866.33
CEF General	9,326.52
CEF Land/Youth	11,734.45
(Liability) Annex Loan	155,879.08
CEF Property Loan	56,807.17

Dedicated Accounts

GLLC Playground equipment	100.00
Door Offerings	382.05
SS Missions	64.00
Thrivent	842.00
Van Repairs	720.00
Ded. Misc	1,500.00

Total Dedicated Funds	3,608.05
FVB Checking Account	-194.12
Funds available for disbursement	-3,802.17

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



- Oct. 1 Helen Whitley
- Oct. 2 Keatyn Becker
Charlotte Metzler
- Oct. 3 Kaylee Claiborne
Alice Percy
- Oct. 4 Frances Pool
Heath Seaton II
- Oct. 5 Jeffery Burns
- Oct. 7 Brenda Anderson
Kristin Appel
Corbin Davis
Kikue Hannusch
Kolten Langer
- Oct. 8 Milly Cheak
Nickolas Claiborne
Sherri McCullough
Abigail Vanegas
- Oct. 9 Juanita Bertsch
Kathy Kasper
Alex Vanegas
- Oct. 11 Linda Read
Marlene Wallace
- Oct. 12 Jimmy Davis
- Oct. 13 Madeline Moore
Andrea Oates
- Oct. 16 Joshua Phillips
- Oct. 19 Gary Smith
Doug Watne
- Oct. 20 George Helmcamp
Davey Kadlecek, Jr
Keegan Langer
Barbara Pauley
- Oct. 21 Don Young
- Oct. 22 Nancy Young
- Oct. 26 Marilyn Randle
- Oct. 31 Melissa Brown
Michael Langer
Zoey Wendland

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



In the Hospital

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



The **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE** has an opportunity to present to our church family. We would like to see if there is enough interest by our congregation to sponsor a "**Trunk or Treat**" on Halloween night at our church. In case you don't know what this entails, let us explain. On Halloween night you would drive your car or truck to the church where

you will be assigned a parking spot. You would park your decorated car or truck with the trunk or truck bed open to a walkway enabling the children to safely walk to each auto to collect treats. We would encourage you to also dress in costume. If it is decided to sponsor this and it is successful, this is a project that can be expanded next year for the children's enjoyment.



Our committee feels that we would need the commitment of AT LEAST 10 autos (more would be great) to make this a viable project for our church. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the church entry to see if there is enough interest to pursue this project. We will need your commitment by October 16 in order to make the final arrangement for this fun time. If there aren't enough signatures, we will not continue with the proposed project.

We hope that you will seriously consider this opportunity to provide our children and those of our community with a safe and fun place to trick and treat.



Grace Lutheran Church would like to thank all who helped and participated in our annual Bazaar on Sunday, Sept. 18th, 2016. It was a wonderful day and everyone enjoyed the good food, fun, and fellowship. It was a tremendous success and we could not have done it without YOU!!! Thank you, God Bless YOU, and we'll see you next year.

Bazaar Committee



The Post Oak Zone LWML Fall Rally is **October 2nd** at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Giddings, call to order at 2:00pm. See invite posted on the LWML bulletin board, along with Bio's of officers to be elected. We will car pool from the Church at 1:30p.

Our next business meeting will be **October 6th**. Hostesses: Katie Stelling and Betty Flora. Bible Study: Kristin Appel

Midweek Meal Sign-Up Fall 2016

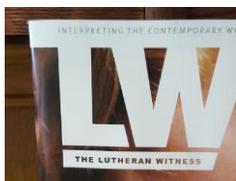
Each week, we provide a light meal for the children and adults in attendance. We're looking for volunteers to help with this task; individuals, families, and groups from the congregation are encouraged to sign up on the sheet outside the office in the narthex. Thank you for supporting Christian education at Grace through this labor of love!

Endowment Fund



Thanks to your generosity the **Educational Endowment Fund** has been established! In order to help the fund to continue to grow, donations are still welcome and encouraged. Any member of Grace

Lutheran is welcome to make a donation no matter how big or how small, everything is appreciated. Again **THANK YOU EVERYONE!!**



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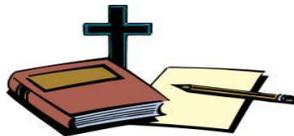
CLASSES
2016 - 2017

The following Wednesdays are the dates for our midweek classes this year. Our regular midweek schedule is to start with a light meal at 6:00 PM, followed by classes for all ages from 6:30-7:30. Dates marked with an asterisk (*) occur during Advent and Lent, when we have midweek worship services at 7 PM. During these two seasons of the Church Year, midweek classes will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 6:15 PM so that parents and children still have the opportunity to eat at the soup suppers we offer before services.

A sign-up sheet for helping with meals will be posted soon. Please plan to participate in our midweek classes this year; it is an excellent opportunity for all of us to grow together in a deeper understanding and appreciation of our Christian faith.

October 5, 2016	November 2, 2016	*December 7, 2016
October 12, 2016	November 9, 2016	*December 14, 2016
October 19, 2016	November 16, 2016	
October 26, 2016	*November 30, 2016	

January 4, 2017	February 1, 2017	*March 1, 2017	*April 5, 2017
January 11, 2017	February 8, 2017	*March 8, 2017	April 19, 2017
January 18, 2017	February 15, 2017	*March 22, 2017	April 26, 2017
January 25, 2017	February 22, 2017	*March 29, 2017	May 3, 2017



Board of Education
Sunday School
Midweek News

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

REMEMBER!!!! The FIRST Sunday of every month is the Sunday School Mission Sunday. This means that the offerings generously given the FIRST Sunday of every month will be given to a charity that is chosen by the Board of Education. Our Mission project this quarter is "Texas A&M Ministries". Please remember to bring your offerings to Sunday School each Sunday. (This does include the Adult Sunday School Class). Any child 3 years old and older is welcome to attend Sunday School every Sunday. We start at 8:45AM. COME JOIN US!!!!

The Sunday School Rally was very successful this year. We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make this event possible. Our youth are a very important key in our congregation and always enjoy seeing them interact together as well as with the adults in our congregation.

We are going to start the process of putting together new risers for the Christmas Play so that we will have enough space for all the participants to be seen by everyone. The risers that we have been using are well over 10 years old and were no longer meeting the needs of the participants. If anyone is interested in assisting with this project please contact **Charlie Johannessen**. Also if anyone is interested in directing the Christmas play this year please contact myself or Pastor.

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,
Barb Johannessen



ALASKA MISSION for CHRIST

sharing CHRIST in the last frontier

SHARING JESUS IN TANACROSS KEITH ASCHENBECK

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A hearty thank you to all the teams who came up to shine the light of Christ in many communities this past summer. In the Upper Tanana Valley, we were blessed to have four different teams visit three different communities. Teams were involve in basketball, VBS, and work projects. All of these resulted in growing the important work of developing relationships and sharing the love of God.

The Cover d'Alene group also installed our cabinets. They graciously extended their stay after a number of difficulties delayed the project. They were able to get everything to a point where I can finish up the whole project.



A group from Mattson, IL did the initial demolition to prepare our house for repairs and to get ready for a new kitchen. They also conducted VBS in Mentana, but unfortunately I don't have any pictures of that. Sorry.



We were able to participate in the Tanacross Culture Camp and learn a great deal about Native Culture and what types of plants we could and could not eat.



A group from Cover d'Alene, ID finishes up the construction of a handicap ramp, porch, and new doors for the Church in Tanacross. They also built a handicap ramp for one of the Native Elders in the village.



Steve and Miller Calhoun from Illinois helped host a week of Open Gym in Tanacross where we had kids from ages 6-19 playing and watching.

We cannot truly express how grateful we are to all these groups who ministered to the people and to our family. Every group that travels to Alaska is vital to the mission and ministry of Alaska Mission for Christ. Please keep them all in your prayers as well as our family, for it is truly God who has made all of this possible.



*Keith Aschenbeck
Missionary to the Tanana River Valley
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The Lutheran Center
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Thank the Lord for...

- ...the ministry of Bill and Roberta Hilgenloef in Sterling and Cooper Landing.
- ...the 400 plus Summer volunteers that shared the love of Jesus in Alaska.
- ...Jesus and his love!

Pray for ...

- ...winter follow-up on all of the work that our summer teams accomplished.
- ...the revived outreach in Seldovia headed up by the pastor at Furry River Lutheran Church and two groups of AMC volunteers.
- ...wisdom for moving forward with a missionary in Southeast Alaska.

www.alaskamissionforchrist.org

FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend



What you do:

1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
3. Fill in the heart "hole" with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend's hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
5. Write "FRIENDS" at the top.
6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.



Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship. What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____
2. Opposite of hate: _____
3. Opposite of yes: _____
4. Three minus two: _____
5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____
6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____
7. Opposite of up: _____
8. Opposite of death: _____
9. Best buds: _____

" _____ has _____
 _____ than _____: to _____
 one's _____ for one's _____."

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV



The Askins in Asia

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Baptized into Your Name, Most Holy

The final stanza of “Baptized into Your Name, Most Holy” includes these words: “Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be! Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.”

As Lutherans in the United States of America, we are learning what it means to “confess my faith sincerely.” It’s often tempting to forget what it means to be a faithful child, and instead focus on what the world desires or wants to hear.

This last month, I had an opportunity to travel to a place in Asia and to see the work of God happen in a wonderful way. I saw baptisms and people eagerly desiring to hear the Word of God. I saw people—as in the picture above—kneeling outside on concrete to receive the forgiveness of sins in confession and absolution.

And yet, I must be careful sharing their news. They are bold in their confession, but if the news were to reach the wrong ears, they could be persecuted for what they confess before the world.

The plea to God for help in keeping the bold confession is real for them. They live every day with the knowledge that zealous men might come to their doorsteps in order to harm them.

The founding pastor of the church body himself suffered persecution. When he converted to Christianity, his parents disowned him. And then they tricked him into coming home and held him captive in their family home for three days without food.

Thankfully, his mother came to his defense, and they released him.

While we certainly have much to offer in the way of theological education, the LCMS can also learn from churches such as these how to suffer for what we believe.

Let us learn to sing together with them this song: “Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!”



Crowds

— By Eliza

We were warned that Hong Kong would be crowded. My husband crunched numbers and found that we were moving from 600 square feet of space per person to about 10 square feet space.

In reality though, I have not felt cramped or crowded.

Yes we've been bumped, but we've always had breathing room. None of us has had our faces squished to the side of the MTR or bus. Recently though, we have experienced some of the more crowded sights of Hong Kong.

The Dragon Boat races were crowded as people stood in the aisles of the double-decker buses running nonstop back and forth to the location. The beach was shoulder to shoulder spectators and competitors. The Science Museum on a public holiday was elbow to elbow with lines at every exhibit or station. The chatter of the visitors was so much that the audio at the exhibits could not be heard. The mass of people attempting to reach the top of Victoria Peak by the tram snaked around the building. The trams themselves had standing room only. The lines to board the dedicated bus to Ocean Park and then the lines for tickets or attractions looked like they went on for great distances.

These crowds were apparent, but the efficiency of the culture overcame the crowds. These places have such efficient practices for moving people through that the waits were never too long.

And still we've experienced another type of crowd. That crowd comes equipped with cameras. Some are inconspicuous, others are blatant about their desire. It may start as one or two sneakily snapping a photo of the large fair haired family. Then one or two boldly step forward and ask for a photograph. Eventually we are encircled, children are being scooped up, children are being passed from onlooker to onlooker for a photo op.

And what can you do? Smile, children just smile and allow these people this simple joy. Eventually you will return to your flat with only the crowd of your siblings.

☸ *Soli Deo Gloria* ☸



For Your Prayers

In your prayers, please keep these things in mind:

- For missionaries still building support networks
- For Eliza and the baby as the due date nears
- For Pt. Askins as he travels throughout the region
- For the whole family as we prepare to receive a new child soon
- For the Naumanns and the Ritzmanns, fellow missionaries in Asia who recently had babies

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 66661
St. Louis, MO 63166-6661

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/giveonline/askins. To give a gift over the phone, please call 1-888-920-6228.

Contact us at roy.askins@smstl.org.

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 our last network support trip. For more, visit our website: askinsinasia.com.



Annie is a goon.



It's not a dress, it's a shirt.



One of the baptisms I had the privilege to witness.



Listening to Mrs. (Dr.) Jastram read.



Pray for

REV. ROY AND ELIZA ASKINS
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
SERVING THE LORD IN HONG KONG



Rev. Roy and Eliza Askins serve the Lord as career missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Hong Kong. Roy is the director of communications for the Asia Pacific and the Southern Asia and Oceania regions. He works with other LCMS personnel serving in these regions to communicate the Gospel through social and other media outlets. He helps to share the story of what God is doing through LCMS personnel, partner church bodies and all believers, using print media, video, social media and the internet. These resources are used to enlighten the church worldwide and encourage LCMS congregations and members to pray for and consider supporting those serving in these regions and around the world.

Roy is a native Texan and his home congregation is Faith Lutheran Church, Plano, 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 Hong Kong, 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 have five beautiful children – Eva Maria, Mathias, Ronan, Ezekiel and Anastasia – who join them on the mission field.

Pray for the Askins as they serve in Hong Kong and 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 these regions. 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.

• **BIRTHDAYS:** Roy – July 19, Eliza – June 30, Eva Maria – March 1, Mathias – Oct. 11, Ronan – Jan. 8, Ezekiel – Nov. 11, Anastasia – Oct. 22

• **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
- Learn about LCMS international work at lcms.org/international
- Support and adopt an international worker. Call 888-930-4438.

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Rev. Roy and Eliza Askins

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