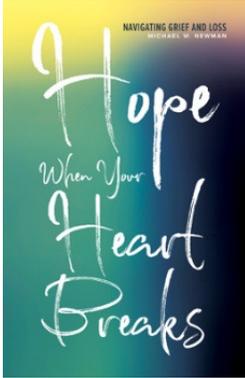


Hintze Library Book of the Month

Each Book of the Month is a new addition to our library and is available for check out.

December's books of the month is:

Hope When Your Heart Breaks: Navigating Grief and Loss
by Michael W. Newman



Whether you have lost a job, a dream, a friendship, or a loved one, you mourn. You might mourn for a few weeks, or your grief may extend for years. Sadness seems to build a permanent residence in your bones, weighing down your soul. You wonder if you'll ever feel whole again.

Then—hope. God plunges into your heartbreak and works abiding and holy transformation in your life. It may take months or years for you to heal, but you can ground your hope for healing in Jesus. **He will always be your hope when your heart breaks.**

Let this book be a place of refuge and a point of reference as you navigate the path of grief. Browse the table of contents and find what speaks to you. As you read, may you discover what you need the most in the midst of grief—hope.

THEY DON'T GO IN YOUR CURBSIDE RECYCLE BIN!

Return Plastic Bags to the Store
Find a location at PlasticFilmRecycling.org



Properly Dispose of Your Household Hazardous Waste
Paints, varnish, lawn products, and pool chemicals are all household hazardous waste. Schedule a drop-off at www.hhwstl.com

Two locations - Including South County



FOUR-PART FOCUS Who are we as a congregation? What are Ascension's priorities? Where do we focus our stewardship of time, talents, and treasure? How do we live out our mission "Loved by Christ, Sharing Christ's Love?" To help

answer these questions, Ascension has adopted a Four-Fold Focus: 1. Outreach through Word of Life 2. Christian Friends of New Americans Partnership 3. Worship and Spiritual Life 4. Multigenerational/Intergenerational Ministry.

THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP (20s & 30s) This session we are looking at the book *Being Lutheran* by A. Trevor Sutton. We meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm in the Concordia Room, which began on September 9th. Join us for food and fellowship as we dive into what it means to be Lutheran (it's really all about Jesus)!

SAVE THE DATE Live Nativity at Ascension on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 5:00 pm-9:00 pm. Donations are needed for the Nativity Animal rental. Please see the poster in the church lobby beginning November 3 and take an animal part to pay for. Please return your animal part with your payment. Thank you.

WANT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE? Ascension's 2+ small group Bible study is open to all couples as we seek to strengthen our marriages as 2 people "plus" God. The group meets on the third Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm in the church lobby for refreshments, fellowship, and Bible study. All couples are welcome!

CHRISTMAS WISHES Lutheran Family & Children's Services is asking for your help again this Christmas Season. The Christmas Tree will be put up in the lobby Tuesday, November 20, with name tags attached for 55 of the 162 children who are being cared for in the foster care and nurturing program at LFCS. Each tag will show the child's name, age and special gift wish. Please take a tag and return your gift in a gift bag, or wrapped, with the tag attached. Also, please write the child's name on the bag or package in case the tag comes off in transporting. These gifts to the children are so appreciated! If you wish you can also attach a little note from you for the case manager to read to the child. PLEASE bring your gift to church by Sunday, December 16, as this will allow time for gifts to be delivered to the case managers before Christmas. For questions, contact Cathy Salini at (314) 786-5476.

THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP is assembling care packages for college students this December, and we need your help! We are looking for donations of items to include in our care packages – candy, granola bars, pens, pencils, tea, granola bars, or anything else! Please drop off donations by December 2, 2018 in the box provided in the church lobby. Thank you!

LIVE NATIVITY REHEARSAL Thank you to all those who signed up to serve as a costumed figure in this year's live nativity! All those who signed up are asked to attend a live nativity rehearsal on Monday, December 10 at 7 pm in the lower-level Fellowship Hall. We will try on costumes, reserve costumes, practice in the stable, and have some fun.