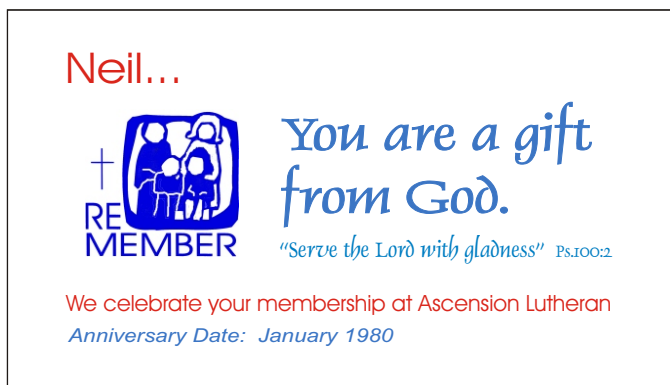
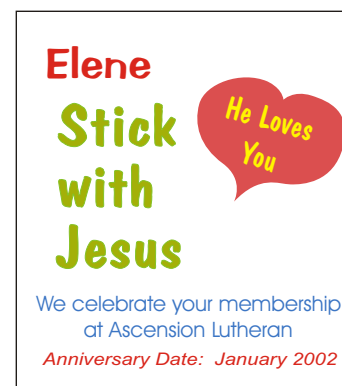


## ReMember program at Ascension

- From our records we made a list of the membership dates of all our members.
- All those who became members in the month of January received a letter from our pastor. Active letters and inactive letters were slightly different, and somewhat followed the letter in the *Giving* magazine.
- Along with the letter, we sent a ribbon with the ReMember logo and the words *Membership Anniversary, Ascension Lutheran Church*. They were asked to wear these ribbons during the month of January at church. Their names were put in the January newsletter so other members could acknowledge and congratulate them. (To make the ribbons we printed the copy and logo on clear labels and put them on 1 1/4" ribbon about 5" long.)
- On the fourth Sunday of the month January members were called to the altar to be recognized and to invite them to renew their commitment to live in the discipleship of Jesus Christ through prayers, presence, gifts and service through the church. (*Recognition dialogue on page 2*)
- They were given a fridge magnet as a remembrance of their anniversary, put in a little coin envelope. (Magnets were designed on computer, and personalized. Then printed on business card stationary and put on business card magnets available at Staples. (We printed on the blue cloud design; 250 cards for \$6.95 and magnets are about \$15 for 50.)
- We've had our first anniversary day last Sunday and the members that were celebrated seemed quite pleased with the attention and the little gifts.
- Those inactive members that didn't respond to this program will be contacted/visited by another group in the congregation and they will distribute the fridge magnets to those members. (We think this is a good way to determine whether the inactive are still interested in remaining members or if they have moved on to another church etc.)



Adult fridge magnet - full size



Children's magnet - half

## RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

(Written by Pastor Kochendorfer, with some taken from the Service of Baptism)

P: Dear Christian friends: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we all are called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the God of all creation in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to recognize today those who celebrate, during the month of January, their anniversary of membership in this community of faith, named Ascension Lutheran Church.

(A representative of the congregation reads the names as they come forward to the front of the sanctuary.)

Representative:

Through Holy Baptism our gracious God set us free from sin and made us members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. Through Word and Sacrament we are nurtured in faith, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

P: We rejoice to recognize your anniversary of joining this community of faith and celebrate with you the recommitment of your prayers, presence, gifts and service in the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- to live among God's faithful people
- to hear God's Word and share in God's supper
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through Word and deed
- to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Anniversary Members:

I do, and I ask God to help me. I pledge to work by your side as members of the body of Christ, in this community of faith named Ascension Lutheran Church, in the ministry of love and service to all the world.

Then sang the hymn refrain from W)V 752, beginning with  
Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord.....