



The Messenger

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JULIE

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. —Romans 12:1-2

I believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit—at least at my best moments. What this means—things, and even more importantly, people change. Through the power of forgiveness, grace, and the Holy Spirit lives are made new.

This is true in our life as a congregation. We are always being made new, transforming. We transform as people are brought into our congregation, as people leave, and as God calls us to new missions. It seems like in the years I have been here, new ministries are beginning, and even some ending—or transforming.

We began intentional ministry within our community with the Back to School Fair. This continues, and we have begun to provide emergency weekend bags of food and necessary items until a food pantry is open. We are beginning to provide weekend bags for identified elementary youth in Hemlock, St. Charles and Swan Valley. Some of us are beginning to work with the Mustard Seed Shelter providing a periodic meal, as well as quilts, pillowcases, towels, and help. Soccer Camp is also right around the corner.

It is exciting as well to see the youth of our congregation not only active in ministry here at Ascension, but also beyond. Many are finding their own passions to serve, even at church-wide and community levels. Adults are finding ways in which they can serve.

Transformation and change do not always mean that the way we used to do something was wrong! Sometimes change is necessary. Situations change and may force the way we have always done it to change as well. Unfortunately, change is not always done well. Even when it is, people often get worked up and unhappy. This is especially true when what is being changed is something which we have in the past been connected to highly.

Someone recently said we are not the church we used to be. That is correct, and as it should be—as hard as that is to say and to hear. The writer of 1 John writes: "*Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.*"—1 John 3:2a. As we listen and act on the mission God calls us to, we will be making some changes. Some of these will be easier than others, and some easier for some of us than others.

My prayer as a congregation is that we will be who God creates us to be as a church, as the body of Christ in the world; that as we can, we will be nimble to change, transform and respond as needed to the needs of the world.



WORSHIP AND EDUCATION



CELEBRATING HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

We will be celebrating graduates on Sunday, May 13th during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We invite you to come celebrate with us. If you are a graduate, please let Bob Aldrich know. He needs your name, pictures (graduation ones if you have them, when you were young, maybe at church events), where you're graduating from and plans for the future (if going on to school, have a job, taking a year off for service....whatever those plans are). You can email pictures to trammlou@sbcglobal.net. Deadline to submit pictures and information is Monday, April 30th. Thanks!!!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 3rd, we will celebrate as our 8th graders affirm the promises made for them when they were baptized. During the 10:30 a.m. worship service they will present their Bible verses and take the next step on their faith journey. We hope to see you all there.



OTHER



SEWING GROUP

Ascension's Sewing Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 2nd and Wednesday, May 16th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Bring your sewing machine, and join us for fun and fellowship. We will be working on an easy community service project.

CELEBRATION POTLUCK

Everyone is invited to join us for a Celebration Potluck on Sunday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m. We will be celebrating the end of another year of ABI and recognizing the 8th graders who have completed their study and will affirm their baptism on June 3rd. Guardian Angels for our 8th grade students will also be revealed. Come show your support and celebrate with us. Please sign-up on the Kiosk so we can make preparations.



WOMEN AND JUSTICE—AN ELCA HEARING

Ascension will be hosting a hearing on the ELCA Draft Statement on Women and Justice on Monday, May 14th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Attendees should bring their copy of the statement and be prepared to articulate comments and suggestions about the wording of the document. The task force published the study "Faith, Sexism, Justice: Conversations Toward a Social Statement" in 2016 to invite deliberation and response throughout the ELCA. The adults in Sunday School studied this document, and we sent responses to that study. These responses have been tabulated and reported to the task force. Drawing from this learning and the feedback to the study, the task force has written the draft, and it represents its best thinking to date about these issues. This draft has unanimous support from the task force for discussion by our church, although all task force members may not agree with all aspects of the content.

Hearings are not designed for interactive discussion, but they offer participants about an hour-and-a-half to share their comments on the text as it now stands. A task force representative is present at each hearing to listen to all comments; a synod recorder takes notes. The task force will receive reports from these hearings as part of the process for revising the draft for 2019. For more information visit ELCA.org/womenandjustice.

OTHER



MUSIC MINISTRY GRATITUDE DINNER

Since being hired in August last year, I have had so much support and help to better learn and become acclimated in my new job in music here at Ascension. It has been a busy year with lots of changes! But I would not have succeeded had I not had so much support.

As our choral year closes, my family and I want to invite anyone who has been involved in music at Ascension over this last year to come have dinner with us. We want to cook a yummy meal and enjoy fellowship with ANYONE who has been involved in helping our music be a successful ministry within the church—from youth members who have sung or played instruments to choral members to soloists and instrumentalists to sound support and video screen team. Please come join us so we can thank you for your service to the congregation. The Gratitude Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Salowitz

SPRING CLEANUP

The Annual Church Spring Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 19th at 9:00 a.m. Please consider helping as there are many tasks to be completed. Lunch will be served!! A sign-up sheet is posted on the Kiosk in the Gathering Area. Please contact Ron Fries or Tom Bailey with any questions.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

We are hosting a family open house game/movie night at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20th. Bring a snack/treat to share and your favorite board game and join us for a night of fun. Snacks and games will be in the Fellowship Hall and the movie will be in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!!! Contact Jen Salowitz with any questions.

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Our 2018 Back to School Fair is Thursday, August 9th, but it is time to rev-up our preparations. We have set up the white barrel for donations of new underwear and socks and we are in need of your clean, gently used clothing. All sizes welcome, but we especially need children through teen sizes, boys and girls. We are also in need of large cardboard boxes to sort clothes into. Please drop your clothing donations/boxes off in the Quest Sunday School room. If you have questions regarding the clothing donation, please feel free to contact Kris Friend or Melissa Morgan. Financial gifts are needed as well for the event.



MISSING ANYTHING?

Please check the lost and found area to see if any of the items belong to you. Items not claimed by the end of May will be donated to the church rummage sale.

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for your generous support!!! We raised \$615.75 from our Noisy Offering for Mustard Seed Shelter and \$1002.70 for Saginaw Metro Ministries Food Pantry.



OTHER

ASCENSION SECURITY AND SAFETY TEAM (ASST) UPDATE

Each team member has created their own prioritized security list of what they feel are the top five most important issues. It's a great list of possible security issues that could potentially occur at Ascension.

Examples include (in no specific order): specialized instructions/training for Sunday School teachers, greeters and nursery staff; tactful engagement of a known/unknown/uncooperative/armed/unarmed person inside; domestic dispute; building/property security assessment; background checks; training hospitality managers (aka ushers); security issues at the pavilion; M-46 accident involving hazardous cargo (ie chlorine); bombs/gun threats/suspicious packages; security guidelines for the congregation; designation of a 911 caller (did you know that if several/many people call 911 at once, all of the calls get delayed because of congestion); security procedures in compliance with our insurance; locking all doors.

Because of the very deadly/bad actions of others, before these security issues went from "nimby" (not in my back yard) to reality, the Trustees had been tasked with creating a Safety Plan to address floods, fires, tornadoes, area disasters, etc. for both our congregation and the neighbors we serve. By default, the AST picked up this assignment. However, our Congregation Council has indicated that for now security issues have top priority, that safety is important but secondary to security. As such, our group is now identified as Ascension's Security and Safety Team (ASST).

As always, the team welcomes any and all comments and questions. Thank you for your valued and important input.

In God's service, because God helps those who help themselves.....

Ascension Security and Safety Team



LIBRARY UPDATE

Greetings from the Library Team. We have been moving things around in the Library and have some new additions. A recent donation includes a number of home improvement magazines. There are a number of Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, Handyman, and This Old House. They are located on the shelves above the current magazines baskets. Be sure to look them over and take the ones you wish to read.

The Ascension photo albums have been moved to the bottom shelf beside the sink and on the shelves near Pastor's office door. Enjoy looking through them!

Just a reminder that we have a number of books in series published by Guideposts. Most of them are Christian-based mysteries (good stories without a great deal of violence). They are located on the second set of shelves by the door to the furnace room. Check out as many as you wish.

There are also some large print books recently donated. They are located on the shelves with the checkout information by the door to Pastor's office.

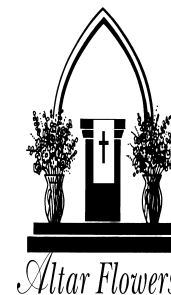
Don't forget the number of books available to help people dealing with cancer. They are located on the sink shelf. Either check them out or take the ones that will help.

Enjoy all of the new additions or re-organized books. If you have any questions, check with any member of the Library Team: Tracy Aldrich, Joyce Berg, Jill Colpean, Marty Debozy, Joyce Storm, or Marie Stuart.

OTHER

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MAY

May 6th	Given in Memory of Jerry's Birthday by Leslee Arnst
May 13th	Given in Celebration of the 2018 Graduates by Cheryl Huebner
May 20th	Given to the Glory of God by Tanya Blehm
May 27th	Given in Celebration of Chelsea and Adam's Anniversary by Tom and Lori Page



The Flower Chart is posted in the Gathering Area on the Usher/Acolyte Room door. The cost is \$25.00. A payment envelope will be mailed to you. These arrangements are placed in the Sanctuary each week for worship and may be picked up after the late service on Sunday morning.

OUTREACH

ASCENSION OUTREACH

We are excited to share an update with the congregation on the outreach programs that we currently have in place:

*48-Hour Food/Essentials bags are continuing to fulfill a need in our community. Forty-five plus bags have been distributed to date. Cards were also distributed to the schools.

*We have received a Thrivent Grant and permission from the Trustees to purchase a freezer for our "Comfort Care Food Program". This will be filled with meals that can quickly and easily be taken to a member during a crisis, such as a death in the family or hospitalization.

*On Friday, April 6th, we delivered the first of many weekend food backpacks to elementary-age students in the Swan Valley, Hemlock and St. Charles school districts. This will be an on-going program throughout the school year and will resume again in the fall. Each bag is coming in at less than \$5.00.

Many of you have asked how you can help. See the lists below for ideas.



Weekend Backpacks for Students (individual sizes):

Cereal cups/boxes	Instant Oatmeal Packets	Applesauce cups
Crackers w/cheese/peanut butter	Ramen Noodle cups	Fruit snacks/Juice boxes
Mac & Cheese cups	Granola bars/Jif To Go cups	Soup/Stew cups
Goldfish crackers/Potato chips	Spaghetti/Ravioli cups	Apples/Oranges

48-Hour Food/Essentials Bags:

Canned Foods:

Vegetables (green beans, corn, etc.)
Soups (chicken noodle, vegetable beef, etc.)
Beans
Fruit (peaches, pears, etc.)
Meat (spam, chicken, tuna)

Paper/Personal Products:

Toilet paper 4-pack
Paper Towels – 1 roll
Deodorant, soap, toothbrush/paste

Packaged Foods:

Ramen Noodles/Mac and Cheese
Granola Bars/Oatmeal
Instant Potatoes/Flavored Rice
Applesauce/Raisins
Peanut Butter/Meat Sticks

Infant Needs:

Infant Formula – Powder
Disposable Diapers – sizes 2-5
Baby Wipes/bath soap

YOUTH

3RD ANNUAL SOCCER CAMP: JULY 23RD—JULY 26TH

Wow, can you believe it has been three years since we began using sports to teach about Jesus? The time just flies by so fast when we have such an awesome story to share and a great way to get the point across.

We will once again be hosting a four-day soccer camp at Ascension. As always, it will take a small army of volunteers to provide a high quality camp experience. We are looking for volunteers from Ascension to fill some very key positions. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts with the kids who come to learn about soccer and Jesus.



Positions Needed and Time Commitment:

****Daily Bible Devotion Leader (Each day 6 - 7pm)***

You will lead a small group of campers of the same age group in a faith based discussion. All of the materials will be provided for you; we just need you to share your faith and time.

****Adult Snack Leader (Each day 6 - 7:30pm/shopping and prep time as needed)***

You will work with camp directors to plan daily snacks and purchase all needed supplies. You will then work with your Snack Team to prepare the daily snacks and deliver them to the Bible Devotions rooms on the pre-arranged times.

****Snack Helper (Each day 6 - 7:30pm)***

As a snack helper you will work with the Snack Leader to prepare, deliver and clean up after the daily snacks.

****Registration Helper (Each day 5 - 6pm)***

You will be working with our Director of Logistics and Public Relations to check in each camper daily and help with the daily running of the camp. On the first day you will help smoothly and quickly get all campers registered and ensure that they have all of their camp supplies.

****Soccer Camp Assistant Coach (Each day 5:30 - 8:30pm)***

You need to have a soccer background for this spot; so if you do, why not share it with the kids? This coach works under the four head coaches and our Director of Soccer on the field to teach the fundamentals of the game and good Christian sportsmanship to all the campers. You will be assigned to an area or a team for the week.

****Sideline Cheer Squad (Any day 6 - 8:30pm)***

Can't play soccer and don't want to commit to coming every day? No problem; come be a part of our cheer squad. Come any day to cheer on our campers, coaches and helpers. Feel free to bring your own pom poms and signs.

Should you have any further questions about any specific position or anything camp related, please feel free to talk to one of the camp directors: Bob Aldrich, Brittany Aldrich or Dave Dawson.

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Monday, May 21st at 12:00 noon.

Articles may be emailed to ascensionmessenger@yahoo.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members in Christ,

Over the last month or so, I have heard feedback that no one knows what is going on at the church or with Council. This was disheartening, as the Council meeting minutes are posted on the Kiosk every month, and I spend a fair amount of my personal time writing this article every month. Cheryl can confirm that I am past deadline often more than not, so I can share the latest Council information. Keep reading for my random updates.



The Trustees' hard work is saving us money. We are saving on our Consumers Energy bill \$152 per month, and over the last eight months we have saved over \$1,200 thanks to the Trustees. This is wonderful, as this allows us to use this money to focus on our mission, outreach, and care programs. I think we can all agree, we would rather place our dollars on helping others versus paying utilities.

Once again, this president, like no other, has had to cancel a service due to inclement weather. Granted who other than those of us who live here in Michigan, would think that of such conditions in April (aka Spring) would warrant such action. Maybe the generation before us was heartier, maybe the current generation is more safety conscious, maybe we are more aware of liability...anyway you slice it, cancelling worship is not taken lightly. We discussed this at the recent Council meeting and have set parameters of cancelling the 8:00 a.m. worship by 6:30 a.m.; also note that we communicate with WNEM TV5 for such messages, as well as use Facebook.

We have a lot to be thankful for. No matter what struggles we are experiencing internally, we are making a difference in the community; we are growing in our financial stewardship; we are focused on the "right" things: children within our church; children in our community; underserved in our community; vs. buying church "bells". Yes, some of our sister churches are still mirrored in the thought that if they buy the brass bell all will be good; when you ponder that, our struggles seem minute in comparison.

We are on the right path. It is different than that of the past. Things don't work the same as they did before; we are more electronic, strategic, and trying to be more forward thinking than we have in the past. For some we have a long way to go; to others we have stepped off the reservation. Whatever camp you sit in, hold tight; we are on the right path, and ahead of our area churches in several categories.

In Christ's Service,
Kris Yackel-Friend

HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS



GIVE BLOOD AT ASCENSION—TUESDAY, MAY 15TH

We will hold a blood drive from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our congregation has always actively supported this drive. Let's make it another successful blood drive for the Michigan Community Blood Centers. Some requirements for blood donation:

- 17 years or older.
- Minimum weight of 110 pounds.
- May give blood only every 56 days (8 weeks).
- If you have been deferred in the past, try again.
- Bring photo identification.

The Michigan Community Blood Center often calls asking for donations. Explain that you will be giving blood at Ascension. Blood donations can be given only every 56 days. Please wait for our event at Ascension. Questions? Call the Michigan Community Blood Centers at 755-5387 or check their web site at miblood.org or call Sara Gregor, RN, Parish Nurse at 791-7995.

HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

Health Highlights by Marie Stuart, BS, MA

SUGAR: HOW SWEET AND HOW FATTENING IT IS!

In the last year, we have learned that a food fraud may have perpetrated the American public! In the 1960's, the scientific research downplayed the health effects of sugar-laden foods in the American diet and instead called out "saturated fats" in our diets and as ordinary citizens, we "ate it up"!



Today our American diet is packed with huge amounts of sugar and its cousins. We are talking of sugars used as ingredients, not as those naturally occurring such as is found in fruits and milk, for example. According to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, Americans consume about 17 tsp. per day of added sugar, and teens consume about 20 tsp. daily. The American Heart Association recommends less than 9 tsp. for men and 6 tsp. for women and children. Children under 2 should not be given any added sugars.

Sugar has a specific metabolic effect on the body that contributes to weight gain. Most sugars are a combination of fructose and glucose. Too much glucose will raise blood sugar and insulin. Insulin is a very potent fat storage hormone and too much is linked to weight gain and is also a contributor to heart disease.

Now, how can we reduce sugar intake?

- *Swap sugar sweetened sodas for bottled teas, sports drinks, seltzers, water or "no sugar added" fruit juices.
- *Read ingredient labels of products and get to know "buzz words". A list of "added sugars" includes agave syrup, fruit juice concentrate, honey or anything ending in "...ose" such as dextrose or sucrose.
- *Scan for added sugars in bread, pasta sauce, breakfast cereal, frozen dinners, salad dressings, peanut butter, some yogurts, granola, cereal bars and the like.
- *Buy unsweetened cereals like oatmeal and sweeten them with fresh fruit or plain yogurt.
- *Add your own sugar in limited amounts.
- *Use natural sugar like that found in milk or fruit.

HELPFUL HINT...when buying cereal, read the ingredient list and limit your purchases to those products whose sugar content is fourth, fifth or higher on the list.

Armed with this information, become a wise shopper and informed reader of ingredients to help control weight gain and live a healthy and happy lifestyle!

Source: "Sugar, The Gateway To Weight Gain", from Consumer Reports, November, 2017.

"First, let the children eat all they want for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."
Mark 7:27



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mark your calendar for blood pressure screenings by the Parish Health Committee. The next one will be held on Sunday, May 13th after each worship service.

Health Highlights are brought to you by the Parish Health Committee whose members are Sara Gregor, Parish Nurse, Sharon Boyd, Jennifer Deaton, Dr. Steve Haupt, Marie Stuart, Joan Ford, Kris Friend and Traci Collier, DC.

MEMBER NEWS

May Birthdays

1st	Lyric Haupt	17th	Craig Ford
	Josh Wardlow	18th	Katelyn Arndt
2nd	Mikey Falkenberg	19th	Jennifer Salowitz
	Marsha Poltorak		Beau Turner
	Maija Preston	21st	Elizabeth Kolb
	Lisa Stadler		John Robishaw
3rd	Loreen Caverly	23rd	Mackenzie Morgan
	Rick Herren	24th	Betty Meschke
	Lauren Huebner		Nyle Poltorak
	Amy Zeitler		John Richardson
4th	Nicki Crump	26th	Victor Mancini
	Marie Myers	27th	Allison Faerber
7th	Brian Awad		Marv Lentner
	Emily Dreyfus		Kinsley Steffen
8th	Dorothy Mayou	28th	Ashley Blehm
10th	Alexis Caverly		Sharon Boyd
11th	Lynn Staples	29th	Tanya Blehm
	Brynn Steffen		Heather Darabos
13th	Kathy Fleming		Hayes Mack
	John Grolle		Heidi McGrandy
16th	Everett Schultz	30th	Cheryl Huebner
	Cathy Watz		



Anniversaries this Month



1st	Scott and Tanya Blehm
7th	Brent and Natalie Fleissner
16th	Brian and Lisa Stadler
17th	Fred and Arlene Neuenfeldt
25th	Bob and Debra Beyerlein
27th	Russ and Melissa Morgan

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE ON ASCENSION'S CARE LIST

These are members who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis, who need to be remembered by their family at Ascension. Mail a card, plan a visit or say a prayer for these members of our church family.

Ron Schultz - 10400 Swan Creek Rd., Saginaw, MI 48609

Bob Foley - Great Lakes Rehab, 4181 Tittabawassee Rd., Saginaw, MI 48604

Frances Edie - 4850 Gratiot Rd., Apt. D2, Saginaw, MI 48638

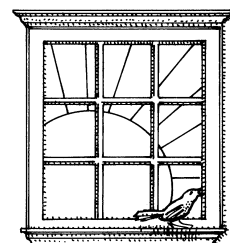
Peggy Lockhart - 6143 Longmeadow Blvd. North, Saginaw, MI 48603

Nancy Holvey - Saginaw Geriatrics Home, 1413 Gratiot, Saginaw, MI 48602

Gene Burchfield - 4354 Mt. Hope Road, Apt. 106, Williamsburg, MI 49690

Helen Nothelfer - 302 Fulton Street, Room 108, St. Charles, MI 48655

Heidi Osterloh - 9345 Geddes Road, Saginaw, MI 48609



MEMBER NEWS



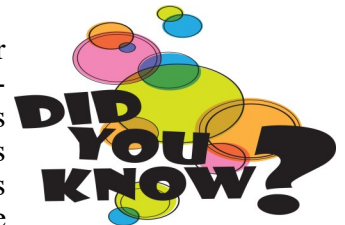
THANK YOU

Prior to and following my March 22nd hip replacement surgery, I've received well wishes, good advice, offers of assistance, and have been the intended beneficiary of many prayers. Others have lent necessary medical equipment for the rehabilitation phase, while others have simply been keeping regular contact to verify things are going well. Like Christ's death and resurrection, though on a much smaller scale, these were gracious (undeserved) actions given out of love rather than duty. As the recipient, these gracious actions are appreciated the most and I thank you for them. I hope to see you soon.

Larry Nuechterlein

MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM

We have received notice that our current membership system that we use to keep our data and the information on giving will not be available after this year. We are beginning to review new systems keeping in mind what we need to be able to do, as well as what it could do to help us in our ministry. These systems are not cheap! This leads to a difficult issue—the membership of our congregation. Many of these programs list price based on membership. We currently list 781 members—which we believe is probably not true. I hate removing anyone who has not requested. We know that 718 people are not worshipping with us even one time a year. This may include children (some of which are still listed with parents but married with children of their own living elsewhere).



If you receive this newsletter, but no longer consider yourself a member of Ascension—maybe you are worshipping elsewhere, please just let us know. If you are a parent of one of these said adult children, please ask your adult children to let us know!

Also, if you don't worship with us because of health or other issues, please let me know. I would be happy to come meet with you. Some people may feel like in the past the church let them down or wondering why I haven't followed up. Let's talk about that with each other.

Pastor Julie

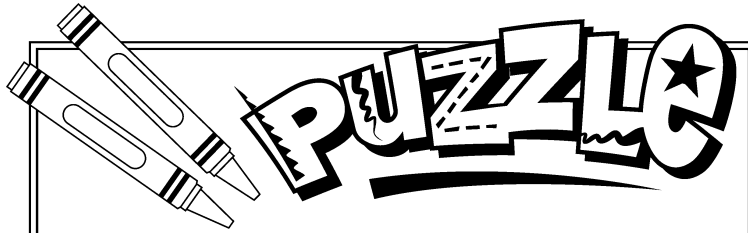
STEWARDSHIP

COMMITTING TO MISSION—2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Stewardship is about how we live our life with the resources God has given us, primarily truth, time, talent and treasure. As we enter into a campaign of stewardship, you have received a mailing that includes a Commitment Card we ask you to return. We ask that you prayerfully consider your commitment to the mission and ministry of Ascension Lutheran Church. This is part of our practice as disciples to commit, and grow in our commitment as we mature as disciples. We ask you to return the designated card no matter how much you are able to commit this year.




Please note, we have provided a separation line. Your commitment card will be sent to our Financial Secretary, who is the only one who will see your commitment. He will then cut along the separation line and return to the stewardship team the bottom portion so we are aware you returned your card and also to plan ahead for the future.



WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M*	N*	O*
E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

“ _____ your _____
 _____ and your _____,
 _____ the _____ your _____ has
 _____.”
 _____ 5:16, NIV

Answer: “Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you.” Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, “Mom, you’re the light of my life!” Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar’s neck.

SERVING IN MAY

Head Ushers--8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

- 6 Edna Bell/Dawn Dalton & Jeff Whelton
- 13 David Witker/Tom Page & Jim Stuart
- 20 Tim Wilson/Dave Dawson & Dave Huston
- 27 Marv Lentner/Andy Friend & Bob Beyerlein

Acolytes--8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

- 6 Mackenzie Morgan/Lyric & Diedre Haupt
- 13 No Acolyte/Noah Ryder
- 20 Emily Hamilton/S. Maddox & G. Dalton
- 27 No Acolyte/Brooke Richardson

Prayers of the Church--8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

- 6 Ruth Schomaker/Lisa Espinoza
- 13 Charleen Boland/*Volunteer Needed*
- 20 David Witker/Tom Page
- 27 Lynn Schomaker/Shelly Dawson

Readers--8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

- 6 Larry Nuechterlein/Linda Lentner
- 13 Joan Ford/Steve Haupt
- 20 Patty Hamilton/Linda Luplow
- 27 Dick Schomaker/Ben Salotwitz

Video Screen Operators--8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

- 6 Melissa Czubaj/Gus Hendrickson
- 13 Melissa Czubaj/Bob Aldrich
- 20 Larry Nuechterlein/Joe Smith
- 27 Larry Nuechterlein/Bob Aldrich

Sound Board Operators--8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

- 6 Ashley Blehm/Josh Crump
- 13 Dan Roth/Rusty Van Marter
- 20 Marty Debozy/Britt Aldrich
- 27 Marty Debozy/Rusty Van Marter

Friendly Callers

- 6 David Witker
- 13 Sue Bailey
- 20 Bonnie Cavendish
- 27 David Witker

Hospital Callers

- 6 Roger Koppenhofer
- 13 Bettie Lyle
- 20 Sandy Graham
- 27 Rick Hamilton



WEDNESDAYS

Head Ushers

- 2 Bill Gottlieb
- 9 Mike Clifford
- 16 Glen Mack
- 23 Bill Gottlieb
- 30 Mike Clifford

Readers

- 2 John Schroeder
- 9 Mike Clifford
- 16 Joyce Richardson
- 23 Larry Nuechterlein
- 30 John Schroeder

Sound Board/Video Screen

- 2 J. Schroeder/Connie Dutcher
- 9 R. Van Marter/Glen Mack
- 16 J. Schroeder/Connie Dutcher
- 23 R. Van Marter/Glen Mack
- 30 J. Schroeder/Connie Dutcher

Prayers

- 2 John Grolle
- 9 Mike Clifford
- 16 Connie Dutcher
- 23 John Grolle
- 30 Mike Clifford

*Thank you to everyone who participates in these important ministries.
If you are unable to serve on your assigned day,
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