

# The Messenger

A PUBLICATION OF ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

MISSION—"As an open and progressive congregation, we boldly make Christ's vision known."



## *The history of our location...*

In the mid 1950's, St. John's Lutheran Church in Saginaw purchased approximately eight acres of land in Thomas Township on the corner of Gratiot and Van Wornor Roads. The plan was to start a mission church west of Saginaw. In 1959 a young pastor, named Jacob Knoedler, was asked to take the challenge and start a mission church. Ascension Lutheran Church had begun in March of 1960. It

was affiliated with the former American Lutheran Church.

The congregation held its first worship service in Grange Hall on December 4, 1960. Grange Hall was located on Lone Road between Geddes and Frost Roads. In January of 1961, worship services were moved to the parsonage basement. The parsonage was located on Van Wornor Road adjacent to the present property. By February 26, 1961, the 140 baptized members of Ascension were formally organized. The original structure was sixty square feet and could seat approximately 130 people in folding chairs. The nave of the church served as a worship area, Sunday School area, and a fellowship hall.

Ground was broken in November 1969 for a new educational and office wing. Much of the work was done by members of the congregation. The new unit consisted of several classrooms, a lounge/kitchen combination and offices for the secretary and Pastor.

In January of 1985, an extensive renovation was started in the educational unit to make better use of the space. The Pastor and secretary's offices, bathrooms and kitchen were all moved. The tile floor and folding chairs in the sanctuary were replaced with carpeting and permanent pews. The altar and organ platform were completely remodeled and a choir area and a cry room were created. Work was completed and the remodeled church was dedicated on May 16, 1985.

In the fall of 1996, the Sunday School unit was remodeled. A large library and study room were created, as well as a large gathering area and a new fellowship hall. This project was dedicated in June of 1998.

The congregation had grown enough by the summer of 1999, that an addition to the parking lot was approved. The lot size doubled the parking capacity.

In the spring of 2001, a large garage to store lawn care equipment and maintenance supplies was built on the west side of the parking lot.

In February 2005, the congregation approved the beginning of a major addition and renovation project. A new sanctuary was built and the old sanctuary was transformed into a choir room, youth room, large nursery, and family restroom. At the same time a pavilion complete with kitchen, restroom, and storage was erected on the south side of the grounds. The entire project was completed by the winter of 2005.



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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JULIE:

### Moving Forward

"Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 3:12-14

Ascension's Mission Statement: As an open and progressive congregation, we boldly make Christ's vision known.

Where do we go from here? That seems to be the question I ask myself, and I get asked from others. For some the answer is to get back to the way it was—get people back in the church, and singing! And I admit, I would like that as well—but is there more to the church, to being the body of Christ in our community that as we move forward, as a "progressive" congregation (meaning one that moves forward in the name of Christ)? Our mission calls us to make Christ's vision known, not only in worship but in who we are and what we do.

A few years ago, our congregation set some lofty expectations and goals. They are:

Spiritual Health—Nurture every relationship with Christ and equip each disciple in his/her Faith Journey.

Congregational Care—Tend to every person of our community of faith with unconditional love and compassion in word and deed.

Finance and Resource Management—Practice first fruits giving of time, talent and treasures to ensure sustainability of our mission.

Outreach—Make a positive impact on the community by sharing the Kingdom of God.

We are doing really well in some of these areas, even in the midst of this pandemic. We continue many of our outreach ministries. Our financial giving has been sustainable as we have increased our tithe to the larger church to 8½% with our goal of reaching 10%. We have had some new people attend Bible studies and short workshops type events.

I have to admit, this last year has been exhausting, and I just want it to end. But I also know that God is not calling us to only return to the way it was, but to strain forward to what lies ahead. This has been the topic I have prayed with God for the last several months. We have not reached our goal, but we press on! I encourage you to engage in prayer as well, for our congregation and for help in discerning how you will be part of Ascension.

*Pastor Julie*

Pastor Julie Bailey



*August 12, 2021*

*Back To  
School Fair*

## STAFF

Julie Bailey, Pastor  
Bob Aldrich, Education Coordinator  
Jennifer Salowitz, Musician  
Lisa Whelton, Parish Administrator  
Dawn Dalton, Custodian  
Ruth Schomaker, Custodian

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Gus Hendrickson, President  
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Dawn Earnesty, Secretary  
Judi Minster, Financial Secretary

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Glen Mack, Congregational Care  
Mike Clifford, Finance/Resources  
Karen DeLaRosa, Outreach  
Lynda Goward, Spiritual Health  
Rita Hendrickson, Parish Nurse

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday's 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday's 7:00 p.m.

Online Worship continues on  
Facebook at 8:00 a.m. and is  
recorded for participation at  
later times if necessary  
(see page 3)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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(Group Name: Ascension Lutheran Church of Saginaw (ELCA) Group)

YouTube: Ascension Lutheran Church



## WEEKLY ONLINE WORSHIP

Worship will continue to be live on Facebook at 8 a.m. on Sundays for those who are unable or do not feel comfortable returning to in-person worship. Our Group is called “**Ascension Lutheran Church of Saginaw (ELCA) Group**”. Worship will be recorded and posted on our Facebook page following the service. The 10:30 a.m. service will also be recorded (not live) and posted on our Website ([www.ascensionlc.org](http://www.ascensionlc.org)) and our YouTube Channel (named **Ascension Lutheran Church**), this will be available later than the Facebook recording.

**BULLETINS**—If you would like to follow along while participating online with a worship bulletin, they are on our website, in the “**Worship with Ascension**” section.

### Ascension Service—Wednesday, May 12th at 7 p.m.

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.—Luke 24:50-51

The Ascension of Our Lord is celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter. This day celebrates the day Jesus ascended, is taken into heaven, but not without promises and action plans for those who will remain. According to the account from Acts 1, Jesus tells the disciples they must wait here but will receive power from the Holy Spirit. The disciples watch as Jesus ascends, but two men in white robes come and say, “Why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”



At the Ascension, Jesus sort of says, tag, you're it! Jesus promises that we will never be alone, and as the church we are called to continue the mission of Jesus on earth until Jesus returns.

On May 12, the Wednesday before Ascension Day (May 13), our worship will surround the texts we use for Ascension and we will renew our commitment as a people of God, as the body of Christ to the mission of Christ. We're it!

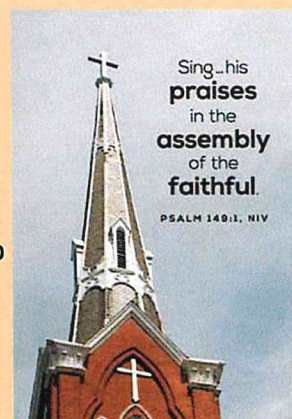
### Synod Assembly—May 15, 2021

The North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly will be held online on May 15th.

Voting members from our congregation will be Pastor Julie Bailey, Jim and Marie Stuart. Please hold them and all in our synod in prayer as we gather together hearing and making decisions for our life together.

The theme for Synod Assembly 2021 will be centered on the verse “Even if you are exiled to the ends of the world, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will bring you back.” (Deuteronomy 30:4).

Additional Information can be found at: <https://www.mittensynod.org/events/assembly/>



### June 6, 2021

We will celebrate our graduates from High School and College on June 6th. Please send Pastor Julie some pictures—recent and of the past, including things like baptism or confirmation type things, but also doing things you love to do. Share where you are graduating from, what was your major if appropriate, and your plans for the next step of the journey (work, college where and planned major). Let us celebrate with you this important benchmark in your life!



## MAY Birthdays

1st	Lyric Haupt Josh Wardlow
2nd	Mikey Falkenberg Breanna Kocsis Maija Preston Lisa Stadler
3rd	Rick Herren Lauren Huebner Kami Milbrandt Amy Zeitler
4th	Nicki Crump Marie Myers
5th	Joshua Lopez
7th	Brian Awad Emily Dreyfus
8th	Dorothy Mayou
11th	Lynn Staples
13th	Kathy Fleming John Grolle Georgia Hickner
16th	Cathy Watz
17th	Craig Ford
18th	Katelyn Arndt
19th	Jennifer Salowitz Beau Turner
21st	Elizabeth Kolb John Robishaw
23rd	Mackenzie Morgan
26th	Samantha Dalton Victor Mancini Carole Soule
27th	Allison Faerber Marv Lentner
28th	Ashley Blehm Sharon Boyd Eric Dunn
29th	Tanya Blehm Heather Darabos Susan Kelley Hayes Mack Heidi McGrandy
30th	Cheryl Huebner

## MAY Anniversaries

1st	Scott and Tanya Blehm
2nd	Patrick and Bonnie Dalton
3rd	Michael and Lisa Randall
5th	Robert and Heath Darabos
7th	Brent and Natalie Fleissner
11th	Terry and Jamie Waters
16th	Brian and Lisa Stadler
17th	Steve and Kathy McNally
25th	Bob and Debbie Beyerlein Josh and Malory Lopez
28th	Mark and Georgia Hickner

**Youth Sunday School** is meeting via Zoom each week at 9 a.m. for about 30 minutes. We sing songs, create projects, have virtual scavenger hunts, and much much more. It is a lot of fun while teaching God's Word to our Preschool thru 5th grade youth. Please send Bob an email at [trammlou@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trammlou@sbcglobal.net) for the Zoom link.

**The last class for this school year is May 23rd.**

### Adult Sunday School Online—9 a.m.

The Sunday morning Adult class continuing on Zoom. A new 4 week class begins May 2nd. a study of the Apostles Creed. **5/2**-What is a Creed; **5/9**-God, Article One; **5/16**-Jesus, Article Two; **5/23**-Article Three

### Monday Evening Bible Study—7 p.m.

Watch for details for when the next study begins.



### Tuesday Morning Bible Study—11 a.m.

You are invited to join us for our Tuesday morning Bible study that is currently meeting on Zoom. We meet at 11 a.m. and are reading the Gospel of John.

**If you are interested in attending any or all of the Online Bible Studies, please call or send an email to Pastor Julie at [pr\\_julie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pr_julie@sbcglobal.net).**

## Confirmation Begins

Confirmation classes have begun with a very small class. Bob and I chose a new program at the beginning of the year but with everything going on, it just never got started. Well, it is now.

Confirmation is a ministry of our entire congregation, not just for the youth and parents of our youth. This new plan for confirmation is intended to be a means of building relationships that equip students, their families and our congregation to integrate the story of God into daily life.

The plan is that:

- Confirmands will engage a simple, accessible way to read the Bible and apply it to real life, in real time, in conversation with people that matter.
- Confirmands will discover gifts and abilities in themselves and others throughout our congregation, becoming part of a tradition of raising up new leaders for faithful ministry and service.
- Confirmands, family and the congregation will find that confirmation is not about graduation from church, rather a movement into full membership, including leadership. Confirmands will walk into deepened Christian faith and relationships of substance.
- Families and other members will discover a renewed commitment to their own discipleship and answers to many questions that were left untouched by their own confirmation experiences. Everyone is renewed.

At baptism, the congregation makes a commitment to help raise you the baptized in the faith. Confirmation is that intentional time set aside for our congregation to do this. During the anticipated two years of confirmation, the confirmand will connect with members of the congregation for conversations about a variety of things. It may be a time to share how you experienced your confirmation classes, or what means the most to you at Ascension. I pray that all members of our congregation will be willing to have these conversations with the youth as they grow in their faith.

We have begun the class that will plan to be confirmed in the spring of 2022—we have some catch up work to do, but we are willing. If you have a youth who will be entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade or above in the fall, I encourage you to consider this part of your baptismal calling and promise.





## MAY Spotlight! - Worship Volunteers

*Each month we spotlight a ministry in the church to educate the membership and to hopefully inspire members and youth to find an interest they can participate in.*

Volunteers in worship are vital to providing a smooth-running and enjoyable worship service. Serving in one of these ministries can enrich your faith and connect you with other members.

### Sound Board Operator

Sound operators arrive a little early before the service begins to perform sound checks and distribute mics. All you need is a helpful heart and a willingness to learn a few basic elements of the soundboard. The best worship service isn't any good if no one can hear it! You pick your own schedule and sign up for the services that you wish to volunteer. This is a great ministry for our middle and high school age youth, adults, and most serve once a month.

### Video Screen Operator

Video screen operators are a critical component of worship as we have almost paperless worship services. The operator starts/stops the announcement slides and controls slides for the worship. They are occasionally responsible for turning the lights on/off/down during specific services. You pick your own schedule and sign up for the services that you wish to volunteer. This is a great ministry for our middle and high school age youth, adults, and most serve once a month.

### Readers

Readers read two lessons during the service. The lessons are provided ahead of time so they can be reviewed to be familiar with. You can specify a specific service you would like to read at. Schedules are generally done quarterly and depending on the service, you may only read once per quarter.

### Prayers of the Church

The prayers of the church are read during the service. The prayers are provided ahead of time so they can be reviewed to be familiar with. The prayer reader is encouraged, but not required, to customize the prayers to include current and local prayers as needed. You can specify a specific service you would like to read at. Schedules are generally done quarterly and depending on the service, you read approximately once a month.

### Ushers

Usher teams welcome individuals, couples, and teens to serve in this ministry. Typically an usher group is responsible for one Sunday a month. Usher duties include counting attendance, passing the offering plate, ushering people forward for communion, and serving communion. This important ministry is always looking for people and if you enjoy helping people, this is a great team to join!

### Acolyte

Acolytes are generally elementary age and can participate once a parent feels they are responsible to carry the flame into and out of the service. They also assist with offering, communion, baptisms, and extinguish the candles. A specific service can be selected and participation ranges from monthly to bi-monthly depending on the number of Acolytes. One or two acolytes are needed at each service. This is one of the first ministries that our youth participate in and is essential in engaging them in volunteering in the future.

### Video Recording

Our 10:30 a.m. worship service is recorded via a video camera in the sanctuary. This recording is then saved and posted on our YouTube channel and linked to our website and Facebook. The camera operator will move the camera between the screen and the Pastor throughout the service. We currently have a primary and backup person in this position and could use a couple more so a schedule could be established.

### Altar Guild

The Altar Guild group is a vital part of worship that is behind the scenes. Please see our spotlight in the March Messenger for additional details of this ministry.

### Projection Entry

Melissa Albosta is the person responsible for entering the content into the projection software. She enters the lessons and the lyrics of hymns, chooses backgrounds, and adds pictures. This is a critical component that allows the video operator to seamlessly move from slide to slide.

### Cantor

Tracy Aldrich is our cantor leading us in song weekly. Especially during this time where we cannot sing, this ministry is essential for us to hear the word through song. She puts in countless hours practicing and singing annually.

### Ministry Contacts

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Sunday Usher Leader	Andy Friend	989-798-6059	andyfriend323@gmail.com
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Video Board Operator	Bob Aldrich	989-860-4356	trammlou@sbcglobal.net



# Health Highlights

## Mindfulness: Be Well: Stay Well

You know all this, right? But COVID has changed our lives in so many ways! Here are some reminders that even with all of these changes, we need to take care of ourselves. Some suggestions:

Keep a positive outlook! Most of us are so very blessed! We have plenty of food (maybe too much), we can afford the mortgage or rent and not need to worry about being homeless, we can pay our utilities, we can afford transportation, we have family and friends. Be thankful!

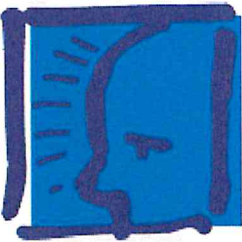
### First: Focus on what you CAN control

- Stick to healthy habits—eating well, moderate exercise and adequate rest
- Find and do things that make you happy (Yes, you can—even with COVID restrictions.)
- Find ways to keep your mind and body active
- When watching news or engaged in social media, keep an open mind. What is fact? What is truth? Limit your exposure, if needed
- Connect regularly with important people in your life. Call, e-mail or visit (if OK)
- Keep a clean and healthy home

### Second: Let go of what you CAN'T control

- Don't dwell on negative outlooks and opinions of others. Those are their issues, not yours
- You can't change: other people's reactions to current events
- You can't change: actions others take which you believe to be good or bad

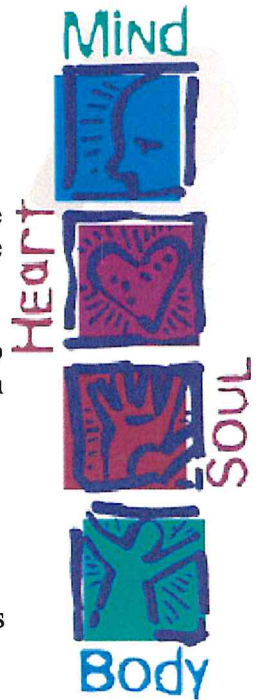
# Mind



If you were asked "What is your purpose in life?" how would you answer? Jesus commands us to "Love the Lord your God and love your neighbor". You do that through your purpose--your family, church, career/job, your neighborhood and world.

The opposite of Christian love is not just hate but indifference. Paul writes in Romans 12:9-13: "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves...Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need..." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.

Source: [www.MiBluesPerspectives.com](http://www.MiBluesPerspectives.com)  
By Sara Gregor, RN



## Please Remember Those on Ascension's Care List

Mail a card, plan a visit, or say a prayer for these members of our church family.

Leslee Arnst - 2815 N. Orr Rd.,  
Hemlock, MI 48626

Delila Colpean - 302 Fulton Street,  
Room 103, St. Charles, MI 48655

Jack Colpean - 302 Fulton Street,  
St. Charles, MI 48655

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Marv Yancer - 8936 N. Brookshire Drive,  
Saginaw, MI 48609





## Staff Transitions—Celebration and Recognition May 23rd

In March, Sara Gregor, RN announced her retirement from serving as our parish nurse. Sara has faithfully served many years aiding our congregation in total body health, leading our Parish Health Team in so many ways. Upon her retirement, the council appointed Rita Hendrickson, RN to serve in this position. Please welcome Rita to this position.



Bob Aldrich, our Director of Education has submitted his resignation effective May 23rd. Bob has served in a variety of teaching capacities including Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth events and adult classes. He was our first coordinator of our Soccer Camp program. Bob has decided that at this time in his life, he wants to focus on some other things, including his teaching and mentoring at Bridgeport High School. Council is in discernment as to what way we will go to meet these educational needs.

On May 23rd, following the 10:30 a.m. service, we will offer an outdoor time of fellowship to give thanks to Sara and Bob for their service to our congregation. Neither are leaving the congregation, but will serve in other ways. Let's give thanks for Sara and Bob who have graciously shared their gifts for the betterment of our congregation and mission.

*We will be collecting money as a financial thank you for their years of service. If you would like to donate, please bring or mail to the church office.*

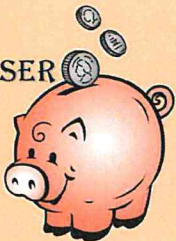


The **Annual Church Spring Cleanup** will be held on **Saturday, May 15th** at 9:00 a.m. Please consider helping as there are many tasks to be completed. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Kiosk in the Gathering Area. Please contact Ron Fries or Tom Bailey with any questions.



Do you shop with Amazon? If so, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and register Ascension Lutheran Church in Saginaw as your charity to support. When you order through this site, all orders eligible will benefit Ascension at 0.05% of what you paid. You don't pay anymore!!! It may not seem like much, but for the number of us that do use Amazon, it can really add up!

SCRIP  
FUNDRAISER



### SCRIP ORDERS—Due the 3rd Sunday of the Month

If you are planning on purchasing any gift cards, please consider purchasing them through our SCRIP program. Each time you order, a percentage of what you purchase is deposited into an account at Ascension and it doesn't cost you any more than face value. Order forms are available on our website or by calling the church office. A form can be emailed to you. Orders for this month must be submitted by **Sunday, May 16th**. Please contact Pastor Julie with questions.

Our Website



Our YouTube



Our Facebook





## 2021 Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers for 2021 are still needed. If you would like to purchase flowers, please call the office or send an email to [ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net) to select a date. You can choose a specific date and 2 arrangements are permitted each week. These arrangements are placed in the Sanctuary each week for worship and may be picked up after service on Sunday morning. The cost is \$30.00. A payment envelope can be mailed to you, you can send a check to the office, or drop off payment during office hours (Monday-Thursdays 9am-2pm).

May 2nd	Flowers Needed
May 9th	Flowers Needed
May 16th	Flowers Needed
May 23rd	Flowers Needed
May 30th	Flowers Needed



*Thanks,  
Everyone!*

Jim & myself want to Thank all the members who donated meals to us while we were quarantined with Covid -19 in January. Everything was delicious & we ate it all. Special thanks for Pastor Julie who recognized our needs & Marty Debozy for organizing the deliveries. We also thank those who called on us & prayed with us. Your Christian service to others was a Blessing to us, as we were Blessed with goodness & love of others!  
Again, many thanks for service & time.

God's Blessings,  
Marie & Jim Stuart

### Food Pantry Schedule

June 10th  
August 12th  
October 14th  
December 9th

If you have any questions about the food pantry schedule, needs or volunteer information, please feel free to contact Sandy Graham at 989-781-1619



## 60th Anniversary 1961-2021

*Enjoy these pictures from our history and our story*







Groundbreaking 19\_\_?

Outdoor  
Worship  
2006 or  
2007?



Youth  
19\_\_?

Mom's Night Out 2010



7/2007



ABI 2012



Ascension Angels 1980s



1980





Kirchentag  
10/1981



Choir  
20\_\_?



7/29/2001



Palm Sunday 20\_\_?



Youth  
Early  
2000s?

Acorn Lodge 11/1983



Youth 2005





Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

#### What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



#### What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!

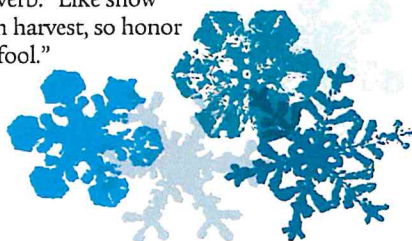
Pull Out Your Bibles and Go To  
**Proverbs 26:1**  
For This Bible Quiz



## ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

Complete this proverb: "Like snow in \_\_\_\_\_ or rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool."

- A. springtime
- B. summer
- C. seedtime
- D. autumn



Wish Your Mom  
A Happy Mother's  
Day on May 9th



# Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode  
Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.

#### CLUES:

Y = T, D = I

Y K T P Y D X Y J Z

V Q K R F D Y J O V V

C Q T K J Z O K Y, O X R

R Q X Q Y K Z V C Q X

C Q T K Q F X D X P D L J Y.





# Serving in May

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

2 Tom Erskine/Linda Luplow  
9 Kris Friend/Joscelyn Whelton  
16 Patty Hamilton/Lisa Whelton  
23 Dick Schomaker/Dawn Dalton  
30 Charleen Boland/Barb VanMarter

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

2 Dan Roth/Makena Whelton  
9 Tom Bailey/Makena Whelton  
16 Madison Morgan/**Volunteer Needed**  
23 Madison Morgan/Makena Whelton  
30 **Volunteers Needed**

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

2 Schomaker/Dalton-Whelton  
9 Roth/Hendrickson-Earnesty  
16 Wilson /Huston-Dawson  
23 Kelley/Friend-Beyerlein  
30 Schomaker/Dalton-Whelton

## Altar Guild

2 Ruth Schomaker  
9 Kris Friend  
16 Sue Bailey  
23 Kris Friend  
30 Ruth Schomaker

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

2 Charleen Boland/Karen DeLaRosa  
9 Lynn Schomaker/Shelly Dawson  
16 Ruth Schomaker/Lisa Espinoza  
23 Charleen Boland/Karen DeLaRosa  
30 Lynn Schomaker/Shelly Dawson

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

2 Melissa Albosta/Gus Hendrickson  
9 Kris Friend/Bob Aldrich  
16 Mackenzie Morgan/**Volunteer Needed**  
23 Mackenzie Morgan/Bob Aldrich  
30 **Volunteers Needed**

## Acolyte—8:00 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.

2 **Volunteer Needed**/Greyston Hendrickson  
9 **Volunteer Needed**/Greyston Hendrickson  
16 **Volunteers Needed**  
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## Lawn Mowers/Weeds & Edging

2 Chris Howe & Scott Blehm/Marv Lentner  
9 Dan Roth & Jeff Whelton/Marv Lentner  
16 Roger Koppenhofer & Ron Fries/Marv Lentner  
23 Ben Crump & Tim Wilson/Marv Lentner  
30 Waylon Earnesty & Gus Hendrickson/Marv Lentner

## WEDNESDAYS

### Head Ushers

5 Glen Mack  
12 Mike Clifford  
19 Glen Mack  
26 Mike Clifford  
6/2 Glen Mack

### Readers

5 Joyce Richardson  
12 Mike Clifford  
19 Larry Nuechterlein  
26 John Schroeder  
6/2 Joyce Richardson

### Sound Board/Video Screen

5 None /Connie Dutcher  
12 None /Glen Mack  
19 None /Connie Dutcher  
26 None /Glen Mack  
6/2 None /Connie Dutcher

### Prayers

5 Connie Dutcher  
12 Mike Clifford  
19 Donna Malburg  
26 Connie Dutcher  
6/2 Donna Malburg

**Don't Miss The  
DEADLINE!**

*Thank you to everyone who participates in these important ministries. If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please let the Church Office know who will be filling in for you.*

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If you plan to meet for one of our Ministries in the church, please let the church office know.

# May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>2</b> 8am-Worship/Communion 9am-Children's Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study via Zoom 10:30am-Worship/Communion</p>	<p><b>3</b> 12pm-Staff Meeting 3pm-Youth Covenant Boxes</p>	<p><b>4</b> 11am-Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p><b>5</b> <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> 7pm-Worship/Communion</p>	<p><b>6</b> 4pm-Confirmation via Zoom</p>	<p><b>7</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9am-Children's Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study via Zoom 10:30am-Worship/Communion</p>	<p><b>10</b> 12pm-Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b> 11am-Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p><b>12</b> 12pm-Council Reports Due 7pm-Worship/Communion</p>	<p><b>13</b> <i>Ascension Day</i> 4pm-Confirmation via Zoom</p> 	<p><b>14</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>15</b> 9am-Spring Cleanup Synod Assem via Zoom</p> 
<p><b>16</b> <i>Script Orders Due</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9am-Children's Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study via Zoom 10:30am-Worship/Communion</p>	<p><b>17</b> 12pm-Staff Meeting 12pm-Messenger Deadline</p>	<p><b>18</b> 11am-Bible Study via Zoom 6:30pm-Council Mtg-FH</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7pm-Worship/Communion</p>	<p><b>20</b> 4pm-Confirmation via Zoom</p>	<p><b>21</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> 8am-Worship/Communion 9am-Children's Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study via Zoom 10:30am-Worship/Communion 11:30am-Celebration/Recognition-Bob/Sara</p>	<p><b>24</b> 12pm-Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>25</b> 11am-Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7pm-Worship/Communion Messenger Mailed</p>	<p><b>27</b> 4pm-Confirmation via Zoom</p>	<p><b>28</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
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