

# The Messenger

A PUBLICATION OF ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



**Trunk or Treat—October 31st**  
**5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.**

Do you live in a rural area and don't get many trick-or-treaters?  
Do you love to see the little ones all dressed up?  
Do you live where it's too far to walk between houses?  
Are you on a busy road & want a safe trick-or-treating experience?

**Those who want to hand out candy:**

- Bring your candy (individually wrapped) and distribute from the trunk of your car or from a table under the portico. (If inclement weather, we'll be inside)
- If you are creative and want to have a game to play, that would be fun too!
- Enjoy snacks and drinks



**Those who want to trick-or-treat:**

- Bring your little ones—all dressed up—go from car to car and table to table.
- Enjoy snacks and drinks

**Helpers Needed**—We are looking for a few helpers who are willing to set up and pick up some supplies.



Adults can wear costumes too!



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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JULIE:



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. It's hard for me to even say that because it seems so self-focused. I want to say that I have felt appreciated here at Ascension most of the time by members of the congregation, as well as our community around us. Having said that, these past months have been very difficult, for me and for all pastors. At times we have felt the blame and wrath when worship was held virtually, mask mandates, no singing, and so on. At the same time, many of us were with families at funerals of people who died from the effects of COVID. It was definitely one of the most intense times of feeling like I was being pushed and pulled in all directions and no matter what direction I went it would be wrong. I want to thank the people of Ascension and say I appreciate you, and I don't say that enough. The staff here at Ascension has been working hard and the council and leadership groups have navigated in strange waters. I know we would not have gotten through this without our faith in God and our faith in each other. We have worked hard to be the congregation we need to be.

In some social media circles, pastors are sharing they feel unappreciated, and though on good days I know this is not my

experience, there are times when it gets really tough. Since October is Pastor Appreciation Month, I want to share with you some things that would help me feel appreciated for the ministry I share with you.

1. Include me in your prayers.
2. Show up –to worship, Bible Studies, events
3. Practice forgiveness and grace, not just with me but with each other as well.
4. Support the church with financial gifts and your participation and leadership.
5. Call someone you haven't seen in a while.
6. If you have a group you would like to participate in, that we aren't doing, consider starting it.
7. Introduce yourself and have conversation with someone you don't know.
8. Invite others to share in lunch after worship or in events with the congregation you enjoy.
9. Use the gift of speech for praise and thanksgiving.
10. Be the church Jesus calls us to be in the world!

Thanks again for being a faithful, appreciative congregation throughout these many years (60 years in fact!) Praise God for all our blessings and may we share them together to boldly make Christ's vision known.

*Pastor Julie*

Pastor Julie Bailey



## STAFF

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Rita Hendrickson, Parish Nurse

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday's**  
**8:00 a.m. &**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday's**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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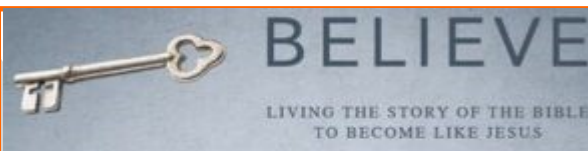


# OCTOBER Birthdays

1st Felicity Potter  
Larry Preston  
2nd Paul Lopez  
4th Sawyer Gottlieb  
5th Abigail Kolb  
Peggy Lockhart  
Sue Wiggins  
6th Tammy Haupt  
Laura Mancini  
7th Joshua Lopez  
8th Shelly Dawson  
10th George Osterloh  
11th Mike Faerber  
12th Jim Hayes  
Lori Latty  
Dietrich Mackel  
Susie Nielsen  
Olivia Wagner  
13th Bonnie Cavendish  
Emma Frollo  
Tom Page  
Debi Pretzer  
Lee Turner  
Jeff Wenzel  
15th Brian Denman  
Norm Hamilton, Jr.  
16th Darcy Lobsiger-Braden  
17th Travis Lopez  
Will Salowitz  
18th Seraphim Darabos  
Mary Ecker  
Hunter Stoddard  
Halie Turner  
20th Sue Bailey  
Ella Bostwick  
Madison Morgan  
21st Tom Bailey  
Dwayne Hostetler  
24th Patricia Joyce  
25th Lucas Dreyfus  
Laraine Paquette  
26th Mackenzie Dalton  
28th Michael Clark  
29th Mitchell Andrus  
Rylan Awad  
30th Traci Collier  
31st Renae Dickie  
Jaina Kittle  
Noel Wagner

# OCTOBER Anniversaries

7th Bob and Dawn Dalton  
8th Jenny and Lisa Maier  
10th Andy and Kris Friend  
Leonard and Ruth Howell  
Tom and Lori Page  
11th Dwayne and Melissa Hostetler  
13th Hayes and Esther Mack  
15th Logan and Samantha Dalton  
19th Joe and Melissa Albosta  
20th John and Barb Robishaw  
22nd Bob and Peggy Darling  
23rd Darren and Kami Milbrandt  
24th Brett and Haley Phillion  
29th Nicholas and Jessica Hoffmann



## Sunday Study at 9:15 a.m.

Have you ever wondered how a marginal Jesus movement over 2000 years ago in another land became a dominant religious movement in the Western world and continues to grow in areas around the world even today? The sociologist, Rodney Stark embarked on a quest to discover just that. What he discovered was that throughout history there was a group of very common, ordinary people who ended up doing uncommon, extraordinary things.

These common, everyday people valued others people looked down upon. When the measles outbreak and small pox wiped out a quarter, up to a third of the population in the Roman Empire, Christ followers not only nursed their own, but also took in those who families cast them out into the streets to die. People flocked to this new community—a community founded on the rare expression of love. Anyone who said “yes” to Jesus’ invitation to life was welcomed.

To put it plainly, these early Christians BELIEVED, with their whole hearts. This faith transformed them from the inside out, and their actions toward their family, neighbors, and even strangers and those different from them flowed from them.

This is what it means to believe. Believe is not a passive word, meant to be kept to ourselves as private. To believe is an action word that changes our lives, the lives of others, and ultimately the world.

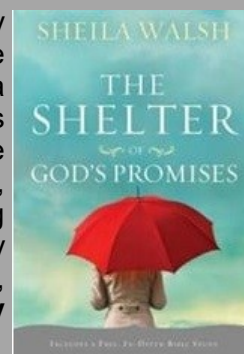
Adults any youth not in our children’s Sunday School, will embark on a 30-week journey to believe. We meet on Sunday mornings between services at 9:15 a.m. Each week in preparation for class you will be encouraged to read one chapter of the book “Believe.” We will watch a brief video to prepare us for discussion.

I have purchased some books for those interested. If you are able and desire, you can donate \$5 to offset the cost.

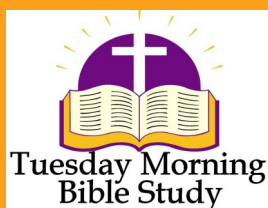
Please let Pastor Julie know if you are interested and she will get you a book.

## MARTHA TO MARY WOMENS’ BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Martha to Mary Monday Women’s Bible Study continues from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Ascension. We are studying, **“The Shelter of God’s Promises”**, by Sheila Walsh. The author searches Scripture for what God has promised us, what those promises mean, and how these promises provide the foundation for daily confidence, joy, hope, and shelter. Sheila is a Bible teacher, bestselling author, and cohost of *Life Today* with James and Betty Robinson. She lives in Dallas, Texas, with her husband, Barry, and son, Christian. **The cost for the 10-week study (started 9/13) is \$8.00 for the participant book.**



Martha to Mary is open to women of all ages, and stages of faith, members and non-members, as we seek a closer relationship with our Lord. We know that you’ll be blessed by God’s Word and fellowship with other women, and we’ll be blessed by your presence. For questions/information, call or text Joyce Richardson at 989-274-6787.



**Tuesday morning Bible Study at 11:00 a.m.**  
We are studying 1 Corinthians via Zoom

**All are welcome and we hope to see you there.**

Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom link



## October Spotlight! – Care Team

*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.*

The Care Team was created to provide temporary care and services for those in the Ascension family who need help when someone is ill, temporarily handicapped, or at the time of death in the family.

There are basically two arms of the Care Team. One arm provides a daily meal for a family that needs a little extra support for a short time. The other arm of the Care Team provides someone to perform simple services for those in need.



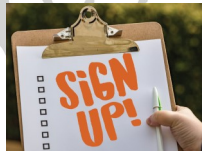
## Care Team



For the meals, basic information about the recipients is provided, such as contact information, number of people involved (often only one or two), food limitations, and delivery information. The volunteer then prepares and delivers the meal at the agreed on time and place. It is often just an extension of the meal the volunteer is making for his/her own family.

The services arm is meant for temporary assistance, not long-term care. This may involve such things as running small errands like picking up a prescription, taking someone to a doctor's appointment, a simple home repair, or any little thing that needs to be done.

We are in need of volunteers to help with any of these services. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times any one person is called on to help. Usually, your help would not be needed more than a few times a year.



If you can help with this ministry, please contact Marty Debozy (989-642-8135) or the church office.

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## LIBRARY UPDATE



### Church Library

The library is still up and operating. There are a few changes and some new additions.

Two new sections have been added to the general interest section. Just before the shutdown, a puzzle collection had been added. It is located on the bottom shelves to the left of the main door. A cookbook section has also been added. It is located on the lower shelves next to the sink. Items from both of these sections

are on a "take one, return one" system. There is no need to formally check any of these out, just like the magazines located beside the puzzles.

Our large print selections have been put together and can be found on the top shelves next to the door to Pastor's office. This includes the large-print Bible that is made up of individual books that are in the red file boxes.

The display rack in the gathering area currently features a selection of children's books from pre-school to young adult. Feel free to check out any that are of interest and then check for more on the right-hand side of the library.

If you have any questions about the library or books available, ask any of the members of the library committee: Tracy Aldridge, Joyce Berg, Kayla Berg, Marty Debozy, Marie Stuart, and Sally York.



# Health Highlights

Make a fist with your hand. Look at your fist – really look at it for a moment. Now, take your first two fingers and place them on your neck over your carotid artery. Feel that? With every beat you are feeling 50ml to 100ml (1/4 -1/2 cup) of blood is ejected by your heart. This organ, slightly larger than your fist, is responsible for continuously cycling blood throughout your entire body.



Our organs and tissues need the oxygen and nutrients found within our blood to survive and function properly. God created this amazing pathway within our bodies made up of veins, capillaries, and arteries to carry this lifeline. This vast system of blood vessels, if laid out, would reach around the earth two and a half times. That is about 60,000 miles of tubing in our bodies we are responsible for. Just think about that for a moment. What a miracle we are!

When the heart contracts, it creates pressure that pushes blood throughout the circulatory system. The force of this pressure against our vessel walls is what we call blood pressure. We have our blood pressure checked at the doctor's office; some monitor theirs at home and we even offer blood pressure checks at church. The normal and abnormal ranges are repeated over and over to us by our health care providers. But is it really understood what these numbers mean and the consequences of not having control over these numbers?

According to the American Heart Association, nearly half of American adults have high blood pressure. Since the damage done by high blood pressure takes place over time, most individuals are unaware due to the lack of obvious symptoms. However, when the force of blood pushing against the walls of the vessels is consistently too high the damage caused to the circulatory system makes it inefficient and life threatening. Left undetected or uncontrolled, high blood pressure can lead to an endless list of health threats including heart failure, stroke, kidney disease and even vision loss.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 states *"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."*

The number one way to combat hypertension is to be informed. Know your numbers. Have your blood pressure checked regularly and seek medical intervention as needed with your primary care provider. Simple nutritional and activity changes can contribute significantly to improving hypertension. Self-care and stress management also play a meaningful role. The American Heart Association website has a lot of tips and tools available for those interested. I invite you to browse their website. There are even healthy heart recipes available that don't make you feel like you are eating cardboard. We have been given a directive from our Heavenly Father to honor the temple of the Holy Spirit, our bodies - this mass of tissue and fluids He intricately created. I challenge you to take an in depth look at your current lifestyle. Are there areas that can be improved upon? If so, make some goals and make a change. Pick one thing to start with. When that is conquered, pick another...and keep going until you've reached the goal(s) that you have set. WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

## Blood Pressure Categories



BLOOD PRESSURE CATEGORY	SYSTOLIC mm Hg (upper number)		DIASTOLIC mm Hg (lower number)
NORMAL	LESS THAN 120	and	LESS THAN 80
ELEVATED	120-129	and	LESS THAN 80
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION) STAGE 1	130-139	or	80-89
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION) STAGE 2	140 OR HIGHER	or	90 OR HIGHER
HYPERTENSIVE CRISIS (consult your doctor immediately)	HIGHER THAN 180	and/or	HIGHER THAN 120

**Reminder...**  
**blood pressure**  
**checks will be**  
**available on**  
**the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**  
**of every month**

[heart.org/bplevels](http://heart.org/bplevels)

# BISHOP'S NEWSLETTER

North/West Lower  
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"We do not forgive. We do not forget. We will hunt you down. We will make you pay." I had three reactions as I listened to President Biden respond to the killing of 13 of our soldiers in Afghanistan. First, this is how I expect, even desire, an American president to respond to a terrorist attack on our forces. Second, I am dismayed that President Biden's words accurately reflect the way we are responding to each other in many other areas of life, even in church. Third, I am thankful this is not how God responds to our attacks on God, one another, creation, and ourselves.

God forgives us even as God remembers what we are doing and failing to do, just like the father of a prodigal son. God hunts us down not to destroy us but to bring us back, just like a shepherd searching for a lost sheep and a woman searching for a lost coin (Luke 15).

And if there is any price to be paid, Jesus pays it for us on the cross: "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). And in the resurrection, Jesus proclaims that we are reconciled with God and will share in God's own life (Romans 6:5).

Jesus joins us to his death and resurrection in baptism and commissions us to participate in his own ministry of reconciliation: "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18-19).

And this is hard. For us humans, it is frequently a long journey from being hurt, wronged, or attacked to forgiveness. It is often an impossible odyssey to travel from forgiveness to reconciliation. Even knowing the forgiveness that we have received, from God and from others, often the best we can muster is the cessation of against-ness for the one who wronged us, and we move on. Or the intervening years, even decades, and other relationships render reconciliation moot. Sometimes, "all the king's horses and all the king's men [and even our faith in Jesus Christ] cannot put Humpty Dumpty back together again." At our best, we pause to examine ourselves and prayerfully commend the other to God's unending care in Jesus Christ.

Perhaps it is time for such a pause. We are living in a moment when things we say, do, email, and post on Facebook may result in ramifications we will one day regret and in relationships being sent asunder and beyond repair. So, let's pause.

"Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord, keep watch over the door of my lips! Incline not my heart to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with those who work iniquity; and let me not eat of their dainties!" I sang some form of these words from Psalm 141 on Sunday evenings as part of Evening Prayer in seminary. Of late, I find myself singing them again.

Psalm 141 is a psalm of preservation. Perhaps it is time to pause and ponder whether it is more important to make a point, rant, vent our feelings, be right, win a battle, attack another...or preserve a relationship, preserve ourselves, preserve our church, preserve the gospel, preserve our faith, or someone else's. Perhaps this is the best we can do when forgiveness is far away, and reconciliation is beyond our reach. Perhaps the best we can do is pause, examine ourselves, and prayerfully commend the other to God.

Thankfully, God can and does do more. Jesus's reconciling reach is broader, bolder, and stronger. Jesus said, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." May it be so. And soon.

In the meantime, let's take a moment and pause. In addition to prayer and sitting in silence, listening to "old music," music from earlier seasons in my life, fills me with gratitude for friendships from those times and makes preserving relationships much more important. Figure out what works for you. Let's take a moment and pause.

The Rev. Craig Alan Satterlee, Ph.D., Bishop

## FIRST COMMUNION



Do you have a young person who believes they are ready to receive their First Communion, and you agree? The practice at Ascension is that children baptized may begin to commune on a regular basis following their First Communion instruction. This is determined through mutual conversation with the pastor, child and parents. We are planning on First Communion being celebrated on **Sunday, October 3rd** and **Wednesday, October 6th**. Our preparation class was held on September 25th. If you missed it, please contact Pastor Julie with questions or if you believe your child is ready to receive this instruction.





**Living Water Ministries**

Faith Formation, Service, Leadership, and Community

## Living Water Ministries—October 17, 2021

“Living Water Ministries is a safe place for all of God’s children to experience intentional community centered in Christ where they are formed in their faith, developed as leaders, and equipped as servants of the gospel. This approach to our work has world-changing implications as participants experience the love of Christ in each member of the community, and return home to share that same love with others.

The work we do is increasingly powerful in the face of a world that continues to embrace division. We feel particularly called to create communities that are relevant and meaningful to people of all races, genders, identities, orientations, abilities, and socio-economic statuses. As we endeavor to authentically create space for all of God’s children, we find ourselves glimpsing the reign of God “on earth as it is in heaven.” It’s in this pursuit of the reign of God that we see lives and the world transformed. It’s in this pursuit of the reign of God that our mission & vision are made real.”—[www.elcalivingwater.com](http://www.elcalivingwater.com)

On **Sunday, October 17th**, CJ Clark, the director of Living Water Ministries will join us in worship and share God’s Word with us. Living Water Ministries is the organization over ministries that we have participated with for years—Confirmation Camp, Elementary Camp, Senior High Camp, Multi-cultural Youth Leadership Academy, Bridge Builders, Charge and the Great Lakes Gathering.

The ministry of Living Water continues to reach out to those who may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience Christ in this way. There have been camps specifically for the differently abled, foster families, developing youth leadership and bringing awareness to the cultural differences in our world to foster love and grace among all.

We will be **receiving a Noisy Offering** on  
**Sunday October 17th and Wednesday October 20th**  
for this ministry.



A Memorial Service will be held at the church for **John Nelson**, October 23rd at 2:00 p.m.

## 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 104, St. Charles, MI 48655

Bev Daubert - Meridian Acres, 2905  
Meridian Road, Sanford, MI 48657

John Kaul—5935 Shattuck Apt #13,  
Saginaw, MI 48603

Eric Lentner—244 Elwyn Dr. Room 201,  
Chesaning, MI 48616

Peggy Lockhart - 6143 Longmeadow  
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Helen Nothelfer - 302 Fulton Street, St.  
Charles, MI 48655

Rusty VanMarter - 9855 Schomaker Rd.,  
Saginaw, MI 48609

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



## 2021 Altar Flowers

If you would like to purchase flowers, please sign up on the flower chart located on the Acolyte room, 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), or when you are at church.

### Flowers Needed for the Remainder of the Year:

October 3rd, 17th      November 14th, 28th

October 3rd      *Flowers Needed*

October 10th      In Honor of their 43rd Anniversary by Dawn and Bob Dalton

October 17th      *Flowers Needed*

October 24th      In Memory of her Anniversary by Nancy Armstrong

October 31st      In Memory of Carl Kelley by Susan Kelley



### Food Pantry Schedule

October 6th— 8am—Truck Unload/Stock Shelves

October 14th & December 9th—Food Distribution

If you have any questions about the Saginaw Metro Ministries Food Pantry schedule, needs, or volunteer information, please feel free to contact Sandy Graham at 989-781-1619



### Sunday School/Children's Church during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

With our commitment to assist parents in their baptismal covenant to teach their children, we have moved Sunday School to a "Children's Church" model. The **youth, 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade**, will begin worship with their families, and after the Children's Message, be dismissed with their teachers to experience the Word, or message of worship in a more age appropriate way. We will then return to worship as an entire congregation during the peace, so that our youth will still receive Communion.

Please complete the **Registration Form** below or at [www.ascensionlc.org](http://www.ascensionlc.org) and return to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Earnesty, Rita Hendrickson or Pastor Julie.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL / CHILDREN'S CHURCH REGISTRATION

(complete 1 per student)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2021-2022): \_\_\_\_\_

First time in Sunday School at Ascension (circle 1) **Y** **N** Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE**



# YOUTH Meeting

Sunday  
October 17th  
5:30 p.m.  
Youth Room

8th—12th grade youth

All 8th-12th graders are invited to join us for a light supper and a study on Boundless, as we grow together as a group, and prepare for our time in Minneapolis. All youth this age are welcome, whether you will be attending the gathering or not. For those of you planning or thinking about going, coming together to get the know the group and prepare is vital!



## POP CANS

We are continuing to collect returnable pop cans and bottles. Our Youth will be begin returning the cans for a fundraising activity. Half will go to the Youth returning the cans, half will go to the Youth general fund. You can drop your cans off in the vestibule near the Fellowship Hall, during office hours or when you are at the church. Thank you for your support!!



## WATERMELON CONTEST CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!



There were 149 Watermelons raised for Hidden Harvest. 145 were delivered and 4 went to our winners:

1st—Ethan Earnesty (guess was 150)

Runners up were: Tim Wilson, Donna Malburg and Carole Soule

## Are you interested in burning a few calories? Picking up some healthy habits? Improving your diet?

The Wellness Warriors, a Parish Health ministry, are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. Men and women are welcome and encouraged! Reservations are not required!

Please contact Kris Yackel-Friend at 989-245-6446 for additional details or questions.



## 1st Year Confirmation Students/Parents

If you were unable to attend the introductory meeting for Confirmation on September 26th, please contact Pastor Julie for the information. Confirmation classes will be held the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:00 p.m. at the church, starting October 10th.



Congratulations to the following youth who received their first story bibles in September:

**Roland Denman  
Pierce Doerr  
Collin Edsall  
Jack Fleissner  
Emma Frollo  
Miles Girardin**



Congratulations to **Nathan Gottlieb and Katica Toth** who were married at Ascension on August 28, 2021. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their new life together.

**May God bless Miles and Mark with His gift of grace.**

## Baptism

**Miles Allen Girardin**, son of Grace Prange and Mark Girardin, was baptized on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. His sponsors are Sarah Kohn and Craig Girardin.

**Mark Allen Girardin** was baptized on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.



"Thank you for all the cards, prayers and kind words on the death of my grandmother. You, my church "family" welcomed "Grandma Helen" over the last several years at Euchre tournaments, worship services, Mother's day tea, chili cook-offs, etc...She enjoyed each of those events (especially the Euchre games) giving her and us immense joy. She **loved** all the attention you gave her. I cannot thank you enough for all the support.

~ Kris Yackel-Friend



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—Next Order Due October 17th

What is Scrip? Scrip is a fundraising program that Ascension uses to help with funding of ministry. You are able to order gift cards for a variety of vendors and a percentage of that money is then received by Ascension. Each vendor has a different percentage. It costs you nothing more.

Cards are a great gift item, and some of us use the gifts cards for part of our budgeting when purchasing what we need.

**Try us out!!**



What do you do?

1. Order forms are on kiosk or can be found on website at [www.ascensionlc.org](https://www.ascensionlc.org) under forms
2. Use the order form to order the gift cards you wish to purchase (by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month)
3. Include with your order form a check to ALC.
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## Bible Quiz

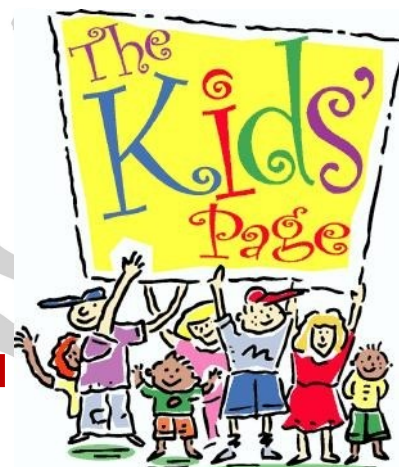
Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah



**Pull Out Your Bibles and Go To:**

**2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10**  
For This Quiz



## PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



### What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

### What you do:

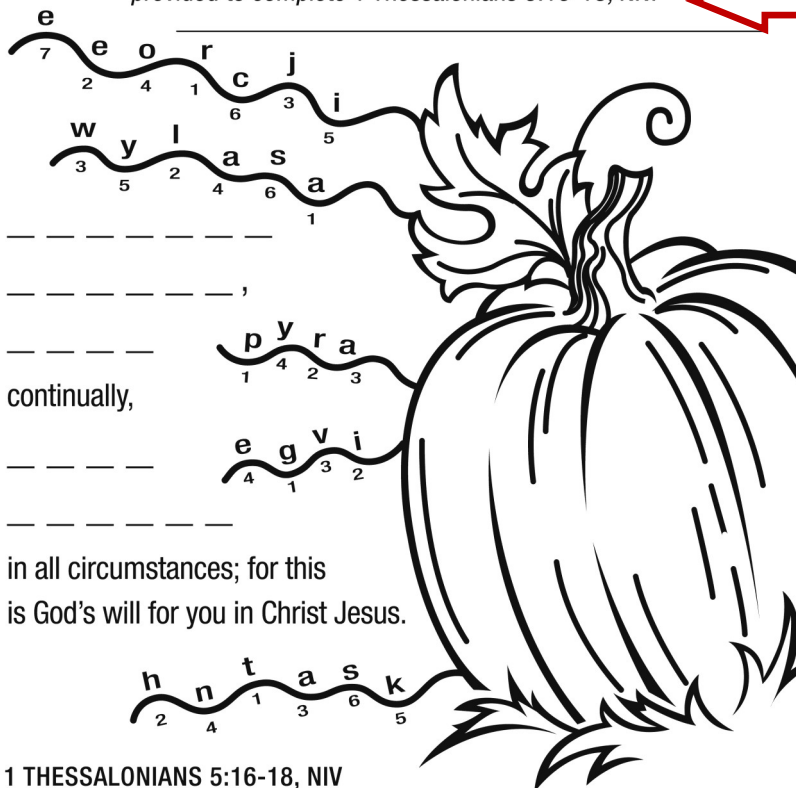
1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.

## PUZZLE

# GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

**Directions:** Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

Happy Halloween



# Serving in October

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

3 Marty Debozy / Barb Van Marter  
10 Tom Erskine / Linda Lentner  
17 Joan Ford / John Whelton  
24 Kris Friend / Lisa Whelton  
31 Patty Hamilton / Joscelyn Whelton

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

3 Will Salowitz / Makena Whelton  
10 Will Salowitz / Bob Aldrich  
17 Will Salowitz / Bob Aldrich  
24 Will Salowitz / Will Salowitz  
31 Will Salowitz / Will Salowitz

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

3 Wilson / Huston-Dawson  
10 Kelley / Friend-Beyerlein  
17 Wilson / Dalton-Whelton  
24 Roth / Hendrickson-Earnesty  
31 Schomaker / Huston-Dawson

## Altar Guild

3 Kris Friend  
10 Sue Bailey  
17 Susan Kelley  
24 Sue Bailey  
31 Sue Bailey

## Children's Church

3 Joscelyn W / Louise R  
10 Steve S / Ben S  
17 Madison M / Mackenzie M  
24 Dawn E / Stephanie W  
31 Rita H

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

3 Susan Kelley / Lisa Espinoza  
10 Charleen Boland / Shelly Dawson  
17 Lynn Schomaker / Karen DeLaRosa  
24 Charleen Boland / Lisa Whelton  
31 Tim Grueber / Dawn Dalton

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

3 Kris Friend / Will Salowitz  
10 Henry Salowitz / Tim Grueber  
17 Melissa Albosta / Gus Hendrickson  
24 Charleen Boland / Tim Grueber  
31 Melissa Albosta / *Volunteer Needed*

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

3 **Volunteer Needed** / Ethan Earnesty  
10 **Volunteer Needed** / Gabby Dalton  
17 **Volunteer Needed** / Greyston Hendrickson  
24 **Volunteer Needed** / Ella Frolo  
31 **Volunteer Needed** / Ethan Earnesty

## Lawn Mowers/Weeds & Edging

3 Roger Koppenhofer / Ron Fries  
10 Ben Crump & Tim Wilson

**\*\*Thank you to all the mowers for keeping the church property looking great!\*\***

## WEDNESDAYS

### Head Ushers

6 Glen Mack  
13 Mike Clifford  
20 Glen Mack  
27 Glen Mack

### Readers

6 John Schroeder  
13 Mike Clifford  
20 Joyce Richardson  
27 John Schroeder

### Sound Board/Video Screen

6 Henry Salowitz/Connie Dutcher  
13 Henry Salowitz/Glen Mack  
20 Henry Salowitz/Connie Dutcher  
27 Henry Salowitz/Connie Dutcher

### Prayers

6 Connie Dutcher  
13 Mike Clifford  
20 Donna Malburg  
27 Connie Dutcher

*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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*Mondays—Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1 Office Closed</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church/1st Comm.	<i>4</i> 12pm-Staff Meeting 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study	<i>5</i> 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	<i>6</i> 8am-SMMFP Truck Unload 9am-Sewing Group-FH 11am-Weekend School Bags 7pm-Worship/Communion/ Baptism/1st Communion	<i>7</i> 9am-Carpet Cleaning 2:30pm-Confirmation2	<i>8 Office Closed</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 5pm-Confirmation1	<i>11 Columbus Day</i> 12pm-Staff Meeting 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study	<i>12</i> 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	<i>13</i> 11am-Weekend School Bags 12pm-Council Reports Due 7pm-Worship/Communion	<i>14</i> SMMFP Food Dist. 2:30pm-Confirmation2	<i>15 Office Closed</i>	<i>16 National Boss's Day</i> FH Rental
<i>17 Scrip Orders Due</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church/Noisy Offering/BP Screening 5:30pm-Youth Mtg-Youth Rm	<i>18</i> 12pm-Staff Meeting 12pm-Messenger Articles Due 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study	<i>19</i> 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg	<i>20</i> 9am-Sewing Group-FH 11am-Weekend School Bags 7pm-Worship/Communion	<i>21</i> 2:30pm-Confirmation2	<i>22 Office Closed</i>	<i>23</i> 2pm-Nelson Memorial
<i>24</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 5pm-Confirmation1	<i>25</i> 12pm-Staff Meeting 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study	<i>26</i> 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	<i>27</i> 11am-Weekend School Bags 7pm-Worship/Communion Messenger Mailed	<i>28</i> 2:30pm-Confirmation2	<i>29 Office Closed</i>	<i>30</i> Pr. @ Bishop's Retreat
<i>31 Halloween</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 5:30pm-Trunk or Treat		<h1>Happy Halloween</h1>				

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1 Chronicles 16:34. ESV