

The MESSENGER

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- Church office Hours are Monday thru Thursday 9am—2pm.
- The church office will be closed this winter if Swan Valley Schools are closed due to inclement weather.

Our Website



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

President's Message

Hoping that everyone had a Merry CHRISTmas and wishing you a HAPPY, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS and GENEROUS New Year!

I am honored to serve as President of Ascension Lutheran Church for a second term. Thank you for your confidence and support! I want to take a moment to thank our outgoing Council Members, Youth Christian Education Leader and Parish Nurse for the incredible work they put in as well as the commitment they demonstrated during the difficult times that continue to present us. Dawn Earnesty, Mike Clifford, Lynda Goward, Judi Minster, Bob Aldrich, and Sara Gregor, on behalf of all remaining council members AND the Ascension Congregation, THANK YOU! ALC has been blessed by your leadership and dedication and you are amazing stewards of God's Work.

The council would also like to welcome new council members beginning in January, Susan Kelley- Secretary, Kris Friend- Financial Secretary, Celina Gottlieb- Spiritual Health Minister and Tim Grueber- Resource and Finance Minister. We look forward to working with you as we continue to look for ways to strengthen and grow our congregation, ministries and community. Your commitment is appreciated and we are excited for your ideas and leadership.

As we continued to deal with the fluid situations of the Covid era, we had another successful year at ALC. Attendance is gradually rising. Stewardship is rising. Fellowship opportunities are rising. For this, we have our members to thank. The Faith you have demonstrated the past year truly defines Ascension Lutheran Church as the concrete and positive force we have always been through our ministries and for our community.

I'd like to focus on the positives ALC experienced in 2021. We celebrated our 60th Anniversary as a congregation with a well-attended and spirit filled outside BBQ gathering. We celebrated our graduates. Our Ministries continued to shine with our week-end bag and backpack programs. Pavilion drainage and leaking waterline were remedied. Our 2020 PPP Loan was forgiven. We re-shaped our Mortgage and locked in on some great rates. The garden was a success. The Trustees and Yard Birds kept our buildings and property one of Shields true shining spots. We enjoyed a heartfelt celebration of our retiring leaders Sarah and Bob. A successful retreat for our Strategic Planning took place. The HealthCare Ministry created the "Wellness Warriors" Program. Most recently, a wonderful Christmas play put on by our children of Ascension under the direction of Joscelyn Whelton. I am sure I missed something, and if I did, consider it appreciated!

In every way that each of you contribute to the success of ALC, thank you!

As our lives continue to re-shape in these times, our faith and actions will not.

#ascensionstrong

Gus Hendrickson
Council President

STAFF

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Gus Hendrickson, President
 Melissa Albosta, Vice President
 Connie Dutcher, Treasurer
 Susan Kelley, Secretary
 Kris Yackel-Friend, Financial Secretary

MINISTRIES

Glen Mack, Congregational Care
 Tim Grueber, Finance/Resources
 Karen DeLaRosa, Outreach
 Celina Gottlieb, Spiritual Health
 Rita Hendrickson, Parish Nurse

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

 9:00 a.m. Worship on Sun. Jan. 2nd
 (only 1 service)

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 Church

A Message From Pastor Julie

In January, we will continue the season of Christmas until January 6th, where we enter the season of the Epiphany. Epiphany commemorates the arrival of the magi to worship and honor the Christ child. Today, we celebrate the Christ child who is born to us every day and our Epiphany is continuous. This season includes our celebration of the baptism of Jesus and ends with the transfiguration of our Lord. It is a wonderful opportunity to receive new insights about ourselves and this God we serve who came to be God with us.

You may notice the colors of the paraments will be white. Songs will often remind us about the light of Christ, that darkness cannot overcome this light. We will hear scripture accounts of his early ministry including the calling of the disciples and early miracles. Epiphany is the time that Christ is made manifest in our daily lives.

How is Christ present in our life here at Ascension? How is the light of Christ shining through us? As I prepare this article, it is just days after our congregation meeting where we adopted a budget, or better said, a ministry plan that will be a challenge to us. I believe we are up to the challenge. Financial resources have been down, we are still coming out of the pandemic and some people have faithfully chosen not yet to worship with us in person. We have lost some members during this time, and because of these two realities, giving has been down. We attempted to create what is known as a balanced budget, but we believe as God calls us to do ministry in this community, we need to challenge ourselves, and trust that through us, God will provide. There isn't much fluff in the budget, and if we feel God continues to call us to continue ministry, those resources will need to be obtained.

As we enter into this new earthly year, and as we enter into the time of the church year that Christ's presence is made manifest, I invite you to let your light so shine before others that they will see your good work and glorify your Father in heaven. Challenge yourself to participate however you can in the ministry we do together. It will take each and every one of us, as church together, to boldly make Christ's vision known.

Installation of Council



The following members were elected to serve a two-year term on Council:

President: Gus Hendrickson
 Secretary: Susan Kelley
 Minister of Spiritual Health: Celina Gottlieb
 Minister of Finance & Resources: Tim Grueber
 Financial Secretary: Kris Yackel-Friend

Installation of Council will take place during Worship services on **Sunday, January 16th** and **Wednesday, January 19th.**

Synod Assembly Voting Members for Ascension are Steve Salowitz and Will Salowitz.



Thank you to Dawn Earnesty, Judi Minster, Mike Clifford, and Lynda Goward for your service.

Thoughts and Prayers

The Prayers and Sympathy of our congregation are extended to the families of:

Beverly Daubert, who passed on December 6th

Eric Lentner, who passed on December 10th

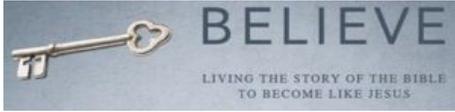


Our YouTube Channel



Bible Studies

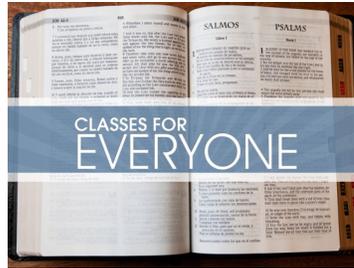
Sunday Mornings—9:15 a.m.



Studying the book “Believe”, Living the story of the Bible to become like Jesus. Adults and youth not in our children’s Sunday School, are welcome. Each week in preparation for class you will be encouraged to read one chapter of the book. We will watch a brief video to prepare us for discussion. See Pastor Julie if you are interested.

Tuesday Mornings—11:00 a.m.

This Bible Study meets via Zoom. 1 Corinthians is currently being studied. All are welcome, even if you cannot attend every week. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom link.



Women’s Bible Study

Spiritual disciplines are essential to a more vibrant spiritual life and knowing God more intimately. Our next Bible Study written by Kelly Minter unpacks the Biblical foundation for these sacred habits along with approachable ways to practice disciplines like prayer, study, worship, rest, simplicity, generosity, celebration, and many more. Instead of being just one more thing on your to-do list, you’ll find that these habits of faith can actually create more margins to your life – providing peace and rest as you walk closer with Jesus.

Kelly is a Bible teacher, author, and singer/songwriter with a desire to serve women of all ages. She also partners with Justice & Mercy International, an organization that cares for the vulnerable and forgotten in the Amazon and Moldova.

Our Mary to Martha Women’s Bible Study is a seven week study that will begin on **Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Digging Dunes room. Please let Joyce Richardson know if you are participating in the class so we may order enough books. Sign up by calling or texting Joyce at 989-274-6787. **All women are welcome!**



- 1st Andrea Kittle
- 2nd Darren Milbrandt
- 3rd Mary Erskine
- 4th Ruth Howell
David Huston
- 5th Taylor Hoffmann
Jean Joslyn
Hunter Turner
Lindsay Walsh
- 7th Courtney Whelton
- 9th Malory Lopez
- 10th Phil Ballien
Mike Clifford
Collene Kolinski
- 12th Isabella Milbrandt
- 13th Melissa Morgan
- 14th Elizabeth Clark
Jim Dankert
Zoey Kohnert-Pretzer
- 15th Marty Debozy
- 16th Laura Schian
David Witker
- 18th Christopher Hoffmann
Connor Webb
- 19th Ben Crump
Logan Dalton
Tim Grueber
Max Witker
- 20th Larissa Crook
Bob Darling
- 22nd Alisha Albrecht
- 23rd Cheryl Andrus
Judy Goschke
Danielle Hendrick
- 24th Gina Dillenbeck
- 26th Alice Doerr
Nichole Whelton
- 27th Lisa Espinoza
- 28th Karen DeLaRosa
Alicia Leffler
- 29th Lillian Edsall
Amaya Favaza
Kathleen Kelly
Pat Owen
- 30th Bob Aldrich
- 31st Dawn Earnesty
Maxwell Faerber
Leonard Howell
Rachel Joslyn
Ruth Schomaker



- 2nd Carl & Charleen Boland

Blood Pressure Screening

Mark your calendar for blood pressure screenings by the Parish Health Committee on the 3rd Sunday of every month. The next one will be held on **Sunday, January 16th.**



Wellness Warriors

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!

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

(The church is closed for inclement weather when Swan Valley Schools are closed. Check Facebook for updates or contact Kris.)



SPECIAL EVENT

Join the Wellness Warriors on Tuesday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. for an informational session on Intuitive Eating. Learn what is intuitive eating (Mindful eating), steps to follow to eat intuitively, what it looks like move away from dieting with a non-diet approach and the research that backs this mindful eating concept.

Our Facebook Page



Offering Envelopes

2022 giving envelopes can be picked up at the church during Worship on Sundays and Wednesdays or during office hours; Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please contact the office to make other arrangements, if needed.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Members—Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a partner with Thrivent (a fraternal organization that helps with financial management), you likely have what they call Thrivent Choice Dollars you can direct to help the ministry of Ascension and other worthwhile ministries. It doesn't cost you any money, or affect any of your investments. If you don't direct your money, nothing happens to it. Please consider directing your choice dollars. If you need help signing into your account don't hesitate to ask for help. Pastor Julie or your Thrivent representative would be happy to help you. The deadline to direct your Choice dollars is **March 31, 2022**.

Endowment Fund

The Ascension Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee is accepting applications for 2022 to fund projects which may support any of the following activities: **Christian Education, Youth Programs, Music Ministry, Mission Opportunities, Scholarships, Family Outreach, Evangelism, Technology, Special Capital Improvement Opportunities.** Because of the limited amount of money the Endowment Fund Committee makes on its investments each year, the committee reviews each application and awards monies on how the request fits the mission and purpose of the church. The maximum amount that can be funded for any activity is \$1,000. The applications are available on our website and in the Church Office and must be submitted by **March 31, 2022**. If there are any questions, please contact a member of the Endowment Committee: Waylon Earnesty, Melissa Albosta, Dori Dalton, Sara Gregor, or Tracy Aldrich.



AmazonSmile

Do you shop with Amazon? If so, go to 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!

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.

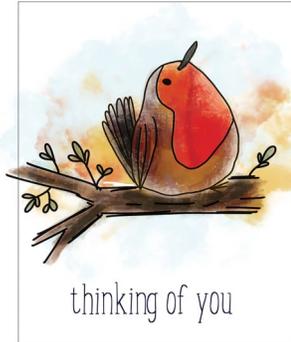
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Return to Camp

I am excited, and I know our young people are excited that we will return to camp. Camp registration is open, however, as anticipated, our week is quickly filling.

If you haven't already registered, you should do it now. You may still be on a waiting list. As you know, because of good stewardship, camp is offered **without cost** by the grace of the camp

When you register your children, please make sure you register them for the correct camp:

Dates: June 26-July 1, 2022
Registration website:
www.elcalivingwater.com

First Timers: Grades 1-3 (An abbreviated camp experience for younger campers wanting to give camp a test drive. This program begins Sunday and ends Wednesday.)

Discoverers: Grades 3-6

Confirmation: Grade 6-8 (if going to start confirmation in the fall, register for this camp)

Bridgebuilders is also offered this week for our High School Youth. This is not a typical camp experience but a ground breaking experience. This camp begins July 25th.

For more information on camp, please check out www.elcalivingwater.com.



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 to select a date. These arrangements are placed in the Sanctuary each week for worship and may be picked up after service on Sunday morning. You can choose a specific date and 2 arrangements are permitted each week. **The cost is \$30.00.** A payment envelope can be mailed to you, you can send a check to the office, drop off payment when you are at church, or during office hours (Monday-Thursdays 9am-2pm).

January 2nd	Given In the Glory of God, by Tom & Sue Bailey
January 9th	Flowers Needed
January 16th	Flowers Needed
January 23rd	Flowers Needed
January 30th	Flowers Needed



Pop Can Fundraiser

We are continuing to collect returnable pop cans and bottles. Our Youth are 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. **(Please do not put them in the garage any longer as the youth cannot access them there)**

Thank you for your support!!

8th thru 12th Grade Youth Instructions:

1. Sign up on the kiosk to return cans
2. Grab the cans when you are at church that week
3. Return the cans at a local store
4. Put the cash in an envelope marked Youth Pop Cans with your name on it and give to Pastor Julie or leave in the church office*



***Please provide the cash to the church no later than the next week**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity—
January 18-25, 2022

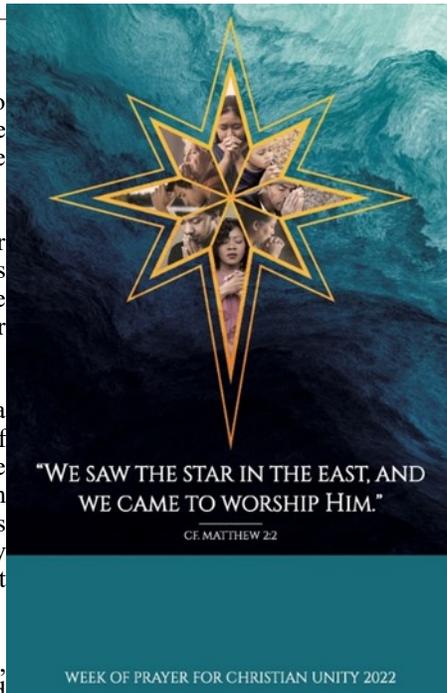
“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may be one.”—John 17:20-21a

Jesus prays this prayer prior to his arrest for not only those disciples he had shared his life with for three year, but also for those who would come to believe because of their witness.

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is a week set aside to pray and be reminded of those things we hold in common, those things that unite us. We spend so much time focusing on our division, and yet Jesus prayer is that we will be united. In reality we are united, not by what we do, but because of what Christ has done.

During this week, I will post reading, reflections and prayers on our website and on Facebook for each of us to focus on this unity we have in Christ.

Let us pray. Almighty God, your people serve you in many ways. We thank you for each other, our siblings in Christ who join in our work and witness. Unite us in mission and praise, that with one voice we may glorify you both in our witness and in our worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Annual Meeting

The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held **Sunday, February 13th at 11:30 a.m.** (after the 10:30 a.m. worship service)

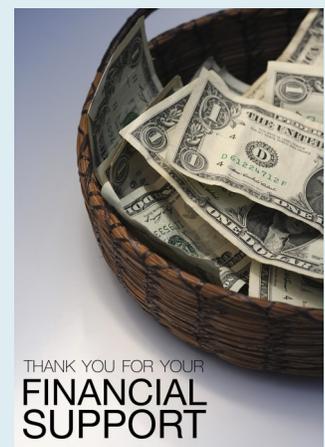
All Confirmed Members of Ascension Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend as we review our 2021 year in ministry and attend to any official business

Ministry Reports are due to the office by **Monday, January 17th at 12:00 p.m.**

They can be sent via email to: ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net or dropped off in the office.

Mission Support

The Congregational Council voted on December 21, 2021 to increase Mission Support giving to 10% effective 1/1/2022. We have finally reached our goal! Thank you to everyone who has worked to reach this target and supported the church in its ministry.



SCRIP Orders-Due January 16th

Several years ago, Ascension entered into the SCRIP fundraising opportunity to assist in earning financial resources we could use when needed. A couple years ago, we were able to use these funds for the purchase of new microphones for worship.

What is SCRIP? SCRIP is a Gift Card fundraising program. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on daily purchases or to give away as gifts for the holidays, birthday, or just to say thank you.

How does it work?



You buy a gift card
You get the full value.



The brand gives back
No extra money comes out of your pocket.



Your organization earns
Impacting what matters most to you.

How often does Ascension place orders? Ascension will place orders generally on the Monday following the third Sunday of the month. All orders must have accompanying payment. Cards are generally delivered to the church later that week or early the next week.

Where are the order forms? Order forms are located on our website under forms or on our kiosk. Orders and checks can be turned into the office.



Children's Church which takes place during the 10:30 a.m. worship service will return **January 9th.**

The **youth, 4 years old through 5th 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. They will then return to worship as an entire congregation during the peace, so that our youth will still receive Communion or a blessing.

If you did not register in the fall, registration forms are available on our website or from the Children's Church Teachers in the classroom.

1st Year Confirmation Students

Confirmation Classes for 1st Year Students are generally the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month at **5:00 p.m.**

January 9th & 23rd
February 13th & 27th
March 6th & 13th
March 27th – No Class – Spring Break
April 10th & 24th
May 1st & 15th



2nd Year Confirmation Students

Confirmation Classes for 2nd Year Students are weekly on Thursdays at **2:30 p.m.**

8th—12th Grade Youth

The next group meeting will be **January 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.** Your homework is to think of items we need to include in our covenant, consider any sites we wish to visit in Minneapolis as we have time.

Continue to collect cans/bottles and contemplate anything else we need to consider. We will continue to work on fundraising!



Children's Christmas Program

Thank you to the families who participated and all those who helped produce a successful Children's Christmas Program on December 19th.



Bishop's Newsletter

December 2021

If you follow my Take One videos, perhaps you've gleaned that I am disappointed in the imagery of Advent. Jeremiah promises "a righteous Branch to spring up for David" (33:15). With all that is happening in my life and the lives of the pastors I speak with every day, with all that is happening in our church, and especially in our society and the world, I want more than a branch. I want an 80-foot-tall tree of righteousness; I want a forest of 80-foot-tall trees of righteousness. A branch is disappointing.

I am energized by Malachi's image of a messenger of the Lord who "is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap" (3:2). We can all name someone who needs a purifying scrub! Yet, how often we feel like the one God is content to sear and to scour. Everyone else, it seems, gets a bubble bath. And I don't think I'm the only one who really needs the fulfillment of Zephaniah's promise of "a warrior who gives a victory," a warrior who takes away judgments against us, turns away our enemies, removes disaster, and deals with all our oppressors (3:17-19). But this is not what I experience. All around we see defeat, judgment, enemies gaining the upper hand, disaster looming large, and oppressors growing stronger.

And on Christmas, when John declares, "The light shines in the darkness," I want to hear, "and the darkness is banished." I want a flood light, or at least a bat signal. But we don't get that. We get, "and the darkness did not overcome it" (1:5). John's image of "darkness" remains thick and bleak and pervasive, save for a tiny bit of light. Even the image itself reveals how foreboding things are.

Rather than an 80-foot-tall tree, a warrior, or a flood light, we get "a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (Luke 2:12). This vulnerable baby will live a vulnerable life that leads to a cross. There Jesus will deal with our oppressors and turn away our enemies by embracing them. Malachi's refiner's fire and fullers' soap turns out to be Zephaniah's promise that the LORD our God rejoices over us with gladness, renews us in love, exults over us with loud singing (3:17). The victory is not that God instantly takes all that threatens and burdens us away. The victory is that the LORD our God is in our midst, with us in everything we face. And this is true not just for us but for everyone; this is true for the cosmos, for all of creation.

Perhaps the reason we are so invested in making especially this Christmas celebration so big and so spectacular and so "normal" is that, faced with all we are faced with, the Christmas message seems small and powerless and disappointing. Desperate for a tree, a warrior, and a flood light, we are underwhelmed by a baby, a manger, and a cross. So, we prop up the Christmas message with our celebration and take it upon ourselves to do everything we can not to further disappoint anyone.

Well, let us be clear. First, taking it upon ourselves to save Christmas is a recipe for disaster. So maybe we need to take a deep breath. More important, even when the imagery of Advent and Christmas are justifiably disappointing, even when the message of Advent and Christmas feels small and powerless, especially when the darkness is thick and bleak and pervasive, biblical hope, Christian hope, our hope is the conviction that God will provide a future.

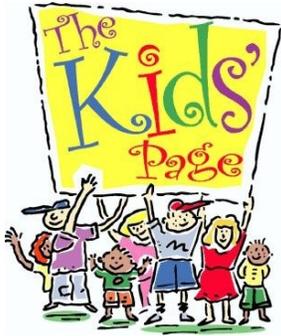
God will provide a future. Trusting in this conviction, we can express our disappointment, name our loss, acknowledge our fear, exercise our grief, and give voice to our resignation and despair without abandoning our hope.

God will provide a future. As I express my disappointment, sadness, resignation, fear, and despair, I hang on to hope by carrying around and clinging to a quotation a friend sent me in the days before Advent began: "Advent is a whisper, rather than a shout. Not a blazing fire, but a candle in the darkness."

"Advent is a whisper, rather than a shout. Not a blazing fire, but a candle in the darkness." This quote is right. Especially this season, shouting strikes me as forced, even inauthentic. And blazing light can hide reality. The big, spectacular, "normal" celebration we strive for may turn out to be the greatest disappointment of all.

So, let's do something else. Trusting that God is providing a future, let's express our disappointment, name our loss, acknowledge our fear, exercise our grief, and give voice to our resignation and despair. God-With-Us, grant us a whisper of promise and a flicker of hope and the grace to express our disappointment in the confidence that You are providing a future. In the Name of Jesus. Amen

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



Bible Quiz

After Sarah died, Abraham remarried. What was his second wife's name?

A. Miriam
B. Keturah
C. Bathsheba
D. Tamar

Pull Out Your Bibles and Go To:

Revelation 21:2
For This Quiz

Puzzle!

Answer each statement (based on Matthew's gospel) True or False by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write each circled letter on the appropriately numbered line below to discover why Jesus died.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Jesus healed Peter's wife <i>(Matthew 8:14).</i>	E	(N)
2. Jesus fed the 5,000 with two loaves and five fish <i>(14:17).</i>	R	A
3. At Jesus' Transfiguration, Peter saw Jonah and Elijah <i>(17:3).</i>	M	S
4. The rich, young ruler decided not to follow Jesus <i>(19:22).</i>	T	C
5. Jesus said the temple had become a "den of robbers" <i>(21:13).</i>	I	G
6. Famines and earthquakes are signs of the end of the age <i>(24:7).</i>	V	D
7. Jesus tells a story of the six wise and six foolish maidens <i>(25:1-13).</i>	F	A
8. Judas betrayed Jesus with a secret handshake <i>(26:48).</i>	P	L
9. The Roman governor Polonius interrogated Jesus <i>(27:11-14).</i>	W	O

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Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.



What you need:

- 1 cup pearly barley
- ½ cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

What you do:

1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.

Serving in January

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

- 2 **9am Service Only**—Joscelyn Whelton
- 9 Marty Debozy / Lisa Whelton
- 16 Charleen Boland / Dawn Dalton
- 23 Tom Erskine / Shelly Dawson
- 30 Joan Ford / Karen DeLaRosa

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

- 2 **9am Service Only**—Makena Whelton
- 9 *Volunteer Needed / Volunteer Needed*
- 16 *Volunteer Needed / Makena Whelton*
- 23 *Volunteer Needed / Volunteer Needed*
- 30 *Volunteer Needed / Volunteer Needed*

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

- 2 **9am Service Only**—*Team Needed*
- 9 Schomaker / Dalton-Whelton
- 16 Roth / Hendrickson-Earnesty
- 23 Wilson / Dawson
- 30 Kelley / Friend-Beyerlein

Altar Guild

- 2
- 9 Schedule not available
- 16 at time of printing.
- 23
- 30

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

- 2 **9am Service Only**—Susan Kelley
- 9 Charleen Boland / Karen DeLaRosa
- 16 Ruth Schomaker / Dawn Dalton
- 23 Lynn Schomaker / Lisa Espinoza
- 30 Susan Kelley / Shelly Dawson

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

- 2 **9am Service Only**—Gus Hendrickson
- 9 Charleen Boland / Tim Grueber
- 16 *Volunteer Needed / Gus Hendrickson*
- 23 *Volunteer Needed / Tim Grueber*
- 30 *Volunteer Needed / Tim Grueber*

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

- 2 **9am Service Only**—Greyston Hendrickson
- 9 none / Gabby Dalton
- 16 none / Ethan Earnesty
- 23 none / Ella Frolo
- 30 none / Greyston Hendrickson

Children's Church

- 2 *No Children's Church—returns 1/9/22*
- 9 Dawn Earnesty / Stephanie Wizner
- 16 Rita Hendrickson
- 23 Joscelyn Whelton / Louise Roby
- 30 Steve Salowitz / Ben Salowitz

WEDNESDAYS

Head Ushers	Readers	Sound Board/Video Screen	Prayers
5 Mike Clifford	5 Mike Clifford	5 none /Glen Mack	5 Mike Clifford
12 Glen Mack	12 Connie Dutcher	12 none /Connie Dutcher	12 Connie Dutcher
19 Glen Mack	19 Joyce Richardson	19 none /Connie Dutcher	19 Donna Mahlburg
26 Mike Clifford	26 Mike Clifford	26 none /Glen Mack	26 Mike Clifford

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>Happy New Year!</i>
2 9am-Worship/Communion 	3 12pm-Staff Meeting	4 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	5 9am-Sewing Group-FH 11am-Weekend School Bags 7pm-Worship/Communion 	6 2:30pm-Confirmation2	7 <i>Office Closed</i>	8
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