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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.

The Congregational Council voted on February 15, 2022 to change the mask status to recommended, but not required; due to the decrease in local Covid numbers.

Our Website



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

Scholarship



Attention all high school students and parents. There is a scholarship grant available for graduating seniors that are members of Ascension Lutheran Church. The scholarship packets, which include the guidelines and application form, are available in the Church Office and on our website. Application deadline is **March 31, 2022**. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at 989-781-2170 or via email at ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net.

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
Music Ministry
Scholarships
Evangelism
Special Capital Improvement Opportunities**

**Youth Programs
Mission Opportunities
Family Outreach
Technology**



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 (chair).

New Members—March 13th

New members will be received into worship on **Sunday, March 13, 2022**. If you have been worshipping with Ascension and are interested in becoming part of our congregation as a member, please complete the visitor card in the pews and talk with Pastor Julie.



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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YouTube: Ascension Lutheran Church

Our Facebook Page

A Message From Pastor Julie

Saying Yes to God

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."—Romans 12:1

I am reading the book, "Seven Basics of Belonging—the Meaning of Church Membership" by Sam Ranier. In it recalls a story of how he once asked his pastor to give him the best definition of worship—to which the pastor responded "Saying yes to God." I haven't forgotten those words, and before each service I have led since I read this chapter I have prayed, "Let us all say yes to God."

Worship is a discipleship practice, and is the primary way in which the body of Christ gathers. First and foremost, Ascension is a worshipping community. This distinguishes us from clubs, fellowship groups, or social service agencies. Worship is the beginning of who we are as church. Worship is not just about what we do and experience in a church service; worship is submitting to God's will. As Paul writes to the Romans, we are called to be a living sacrifice. What makes us worshipers of God is not the songs we sing or even how much theology we can expound on throughout the service. What makes us a worshiper of Christ is that we are willing to give God all of who we are. This is our sacrifice; this is our spiritual worship.

How often do we enter the worship service wondering what we will get out of worship or what are we going to get today? Will the songs be the ones we want to sing? Will the pastor give a good sermon, that makes sense, and isn't too long? Will the worship planners fulfill my preferences on music style and everything else?

But worship isn't about getting something from God. Worship is selfless, and our motivation for worship is to be in the presence of God and God's people. One of the greatest challenges of leading a congregation is trying to make people happy—especially in worship. And much of this lies around the music we sing. Some like the contemporary, some want only songs written before 1650 AD. Some want to sing every verse, others wonder why we don't stop at three (though two would be preferable!). It isn't wrong to have preferences, but when we impose those preferences on everyone else, we lose the power of being with the people of God, all the people of God.

What draws us to worship, and what draws us close to God is Jesus. When we enter worship, do we put God in front of everything else, **everything else**? When we make the effort, the "sacrifice" to come to worship with the community of believers, we are saying yes to God above everything else. God is our priority. Placing anything else or anyone else in front of God will not draw you into God's presence. Saying yes to God is an awareness that together we are with the Spirit of God, we are a community.

The more regularly we attend worship, the more regularly we are in life to say yes to God. It is like exercise, or any other habit we are working toward. The cumulative effect of regular worship makes you strong and healthier. There are medical studies that show that active church members often do better in recovery.

As Lutherans, we often might define our worship as liturgical, meaning the work of the people. Worship is not entertainment, it is the body of Christ together praising God. This means that each of us is to engage in worship and participate. Some of our worship is the same from week to week—try focusing on a specific word or phrase. Maybe pause and listen for a moment. Close your eyes when the readings are being read and hear the Word. If we sing a song you find hard to sing, pay attention to the poetry of the words. When we are praying, engage in the prayer—not just with the congregation response, but really praying for our church, our world, and those in need. Pray for those in leadership that day, or for those around you. Enter into God's presence from the minute you walk into the sanctuary.

Saying yes to God can and will change your life. Paul continues to write in Romans 12:2—"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." Plan to see you in worship.

Pastor Julie

Pastor Julie Bailey

Wednesday's In Lent



During the season of Lent, we will explore our Lord's humanity as we consider Christ's body in which he bore our salvation. You are invited to join us as we gather in worship remembering and celebrating Christ.

March 2:
Ash Wednesday
With Imposition of Ashes

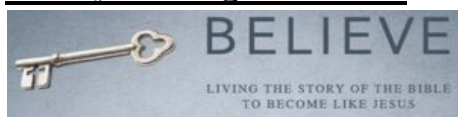


March 9: The Feet of Christ
March 16: The Hands of Christ
March 23: The Mouth of Christ
March 30: The Eyes of Christ
April 6: The Heart of Christ

Bible Studies



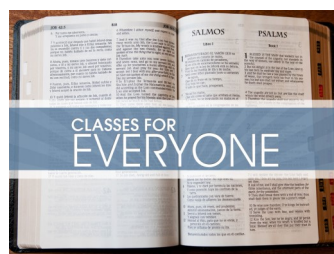
Sunday Mornings—9:15 a.m.



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. *No study on March 20th.*

Tuesday Mornings—11:00 a.m.

This Bible Study meets via Zoom. **Esther** 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, March 14, 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 Edna Bell
Rae Stoddard
Chris Trier
John G. Whelton
2nd Erika Collier
3rd Nikki Herren
Steve Salowitz
7th Debra Beyerlein
Alayna Dalton
Dana McClure
Joyce Richardson
11th Brooks Druelle
12th Ella Frolo
15th Diane Kolinski
16th Bob Mancini
18th Cole Stadler
19th Daxton Briggs
Rebecca Enright
Gregory Wortley
20th Darren Dancer
Jacob Faerber
21st Dave Marceills
Ella Wardlow
22nd Jeff Maeder
23rd Andy Friend
Heidi Mackel
Brett Phillion
24th Jacob Crook
27th Robert Bolger
Lillian Hendrick
Amy Kolb
Mitchell Turner
29th Tracy Aldrich



29th Andrew & Stephanie Dunn



**Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 13, 2022**

Blood Drive



**Thursday,
March 24, 2022
2:00p.m.—7:00 p.m.**

In the Fellowship Hall

Appointments Preferred,
Walk-ins Welcome!

Schedule An Appointment:
(3 options)

Scan the QR Code Below

Go to the website:
[https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/
donor/schedules/
drive_schedule/146550](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/146550)

Call the church office—Lisa will
sign you up



Masks Received

A donation of N95 masks was received by Ascension. There are 5 masks per package. Please take one package of masks per person. The masks are in the gathering area near the front entrance.

Health Highlights



With our quarterly blood drive coming up on **March 24th**, I wanted to take the opportunity to discuss this miraculous creation of our Heavenly Father...BLOOD!

As a dialysis nurse I work with A LOT of blood daily. Individuals instinctively seem quite averse to blood, but it there is no human life. Our blood transports needed oxygen, nutrients and hormones to the tissue and organs within our body. Not only does it provide us with what we need, but it takes away what we don't. Blood removes carbon dioxide and other waste products, delivering them to organs such as our lungs, liver, kidneys, and intestine to get rid of. It helps regulate our body temperature and protects us by clotting and fighting off bacteria, and viruses. The list of things our blood does for us is all-embracing. I can't stop being amazed at how God created us!

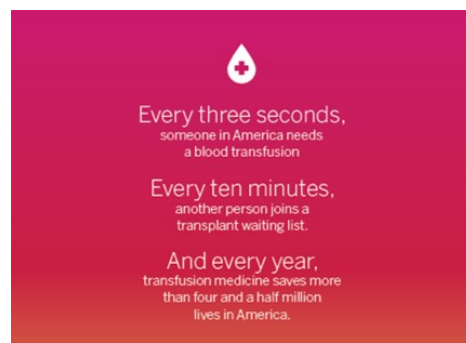
There is no substitute for human blood. I am asking that we as a congregation make this blood drive in March our most successful yet. The gift of blood helps save lives, and the demand for blood and blood products remains great in our community. Donations are essential not only for trauma patients, but for people experiencing a variety of circumstances, including surgeries, transplants, chronic illnesses, blood disorders, preterm birth, and cancer. We all know someone who has needed blood at some point in their life. We all have an opportunity to save a life just by taking an hour out of our day to donate. I encourage you to visit <https://www.versiti.org/faq/blood-donation-faq> for more information regarding donor eligibility and consider the gift you could be giving.

"...Love each other as I have loved you."

John 15:12

MOTIVATING BLOOD DONOR FACTS (provided by Versiti Blood Center)

- ◆ The average adult body contains 10 pints of blood.
- ◆ A newborn baby has about one cup of blood in their body.
- ◆ The blood in our body makes up about 7% of our total body weight.
- ◆ Donating blood burns 650 calories.
- ◆ Just one blood donation can save up to three lives.
- ◆ About 37 out of every 100 Americans are eligible to donate blood – but only 3 to 4 people donate each year.



<https://www.versiti.org/>

By: Rita Hendrickson, Parish Nurse



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, March 20th.**

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.

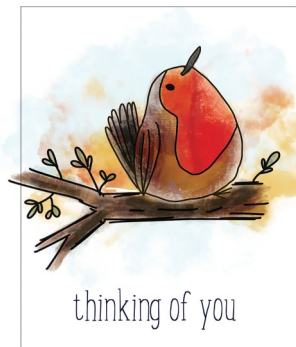
Leslee Arnst - 2815 N. Orr Rd.,
Hemlock, MI 48626

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Saginaw, MI 48603

Peggy Lockhart - 6143 Longmeadow Blvd.
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Jackie O'Dell—302 Fulton Street, Room
108, St. Charles, MI 48655

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



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, or drop off payment when you are at church or during office hours (Monday-Thursdays 9am-2pm).



March 6th	For the Glory of God, by Sara Gregor
March 13th	<i>Flowers Needed</i>
March 20th	In honor Cole Stadler's Birthday, by Brian & Lisa Stadler
March 27th	<i>Flowers Needed</i>



Wellness Warriors

Join the Wellness Warriors on
Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m.

Dress comfortably. Bring your water bottle and hand held weights if you have them.

Bring a friend; this is not limited to Ascension members only. Our goal is to move!

Questions? Contact Kris Friend
989-245-6446 or Rita Hendrickson
989-482-0271

Below is our schedule, class and description. We will help modify for anyone who needs it.

***March 1- Walk away the pounds:** light aerobic followed by arm toning.
Can be adapted to chair.

***March 8 - Shaped by Faith:** chair/standing, arms & legs

***March 15- Grow Young:** chair/standing, arms & legs, balance activities

***March 22- Walk away the pounds:** light aerobic followed by arm toning.
Can be adapted to chair.

***March 29 - Shaped by Faith:** chair/standing, arms & legs

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

Lawn Mowers



The Trustees are in need of 2 individuals who would like to assist with lawn mowing this year. We can pair individuals together or you can join as a 2-person team. Cutting takes place from April—October (weather permitting) and is done weekly. Each team cuts either 5 or 6 times during the season. The church has 2 riding lawnmowers and cutting takes approximately 2 hours. If you are interested in becoming part of the lawn mowing team or have any questions, please contact Tom Bailey, 989-239-3928.



Children's Church takes place weekly during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

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.

No Children's Church on Sunday, March 27th—Spring Break



Online Giving (VANCO)

It has been a while since we provided information on our direct online giving program. Ascension utilizes VANCO. Members can use VANCO to give on a regular schedule or for single donations. VANCO now offers a mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement) from the App or Play store. Whether you login on your computer or through the app (or both), you will have 1 login. You can choose to give to either the General Fund or the Building Fund (Mortgage) or both.

To sign up today via your computer—go to our website (ascensionlc.org), scroll to the bottom, click on “Online Tithing”, then click on “Sign Up” and follow the online directions.

To sign up via the Mobile App—download the app, when prompted add the invite code MRDSGS, Choose Ascension, click “Sign Up” and follow the directions.

If you already have a login, but haven’t logged in within 90 days, you may need to reset your password, click on “Log In”, type in your email address, click “Next”, then click on “Forgot password?”—this will take you through the steps to reset your password.

If you have any trouble with logging in or the giving, please contact Lisa at the office for assistance.

Our YouTube Channel



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**.



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!

SCRIP Orders-Due March

Need some gifts cards for any occasion or just to have on hand. Order through the church using RaiseRight or Shop with Scrip. Order forms on kiosk and on website. Payment to Ascension Lutheran Church, due with the order.



1st Year Confirmation Students

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

March 6th

March 13th—No class

March 27th—No class-Spring Break

April 10th & 24th

May 1st & 15th



Bertha H. Wilson Family Trust Fund

The Saginaw County Evangelical Lutheran Churches in America (ELCA), working in cooperation with the N/W Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA, administer the Bertha H. Wilson Family Trust Fund. It supports ministries of the ELCA congregations in Saginaw County. ***The grant application must be submitted to the Church Council for approval before submission. The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, March 15th and will review the applications. Once approved, applications need to be submitted as soon as possible. Application deadline is Monday, April 4th.*** This is one of the rare opportunities for Ascension to acquire funding for those special projects that are in the minds/plans of the congregation. Let your imagination run wild, and let's apply for a grant(s). Please keep in mind, projects which will benefit the community and serve as a source of outreach have a higher probability of being approved. Forms are available in the Church Office in paper form and also can be emailed.

Grief Support Group

The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, starting at 5:30 pm there will be a small grief support group that will take place at Zion, Freeland, 545 7th St., Freeland, MI 48623. All are welcome. Please contact Zion's office with any questions, 989-695-9626, office@zionfreeland.org.

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**



Church Directory

How Do I Access Up-To-Date Church Directory Information At Home?

Ascension Lutheran Church made the decision several years ago to update their contact management system. What is a contact management system you ask? It is a computer program that allows the church to maintain data on its members and visitors. In the "old days" (as my kids like to say) there were paper records, books, index cards, and file cabinet drawers full of files. Today, that information is kept in a computer program and in the cloud. The benefits are quick and easy access to addresses, phone numbers, birthdates, membership information, giving information, and the ministries each person volunteers for.

What can we do with this information? Well for starters, we can generate bulk mailings, giving statements are an example of this. If we need a sound board operator, everyone who is trained has a "tag" and we simply send one email with a click or two that we need help with sound on a specific date. We began capturing attendance information this last year which provides us an accurate count each week for reports. It is a great time saving management tool that allows for an efficient office.

The main advantage for church members is if you have a computer at home or a smart phone in your hand, you can also have access to directory information. Maybe you want to send a get well card, you can see the correct spelling of a member's name as well as their address. If you want to make a phone call, the phone numbers are at your fingertips and up-to-date. In your own profile, you will also be able to see your membership data and giving information (but not that of others).

Many in the congregation already have a login for the system, however the majority are not using it. To gain access, Lisa will need to send you an invite via email or provide you with the login that is already established. The website you access (from your computer) is ascension1.breezechms.com or you can download the Breeze app from the App Store or Play Store. **Contact Lisa at the office either via phone or email to ask for the invite/login to get started.**

New Cards In Pews

You may have noticed there are 2 new cards in the pews. These are not the attendance cards that were previously used. There is one card for Visitors & Guests to complete and another for Prayer Requests. The Prayer Request card is for members *(the visitor card also has a prayer request section)* to request that someone be added to the Prayer Chain or a Private Prayer for Pastor only. We do need members to add their names if the prayer is to be added to the Prayer Chain.

Food Pantry



Email from Dewey Burke 1/31/2022: It is with a very heavy heart I announce to you the Saginaw Metro Ministries Food Pantry has officially closed as of today. The Food pantry board will continue to meet and come up with another way to provide food to those in need. I ask you not to stop supporting the food pantry because I have booked 6 outdoor food giveaways for this summer.

I feel I owe you a reason as to why this has happen. And to keep everyone looking ahead this has a lot to do with a changing world and the way we do things since Covid interrupted our life. Nothing will ever be the same in America again and we have to either change with the others or give up and I feel God still calling me to do his work feeding the hungry. Please keep a eye out in your newsletters and bulletins for future opportunities to serve. I promise you we will get past this bump in the road and rise again as Christ rose from the grave we will rise up in a new and better, but safer way of doing service to our Lord. Please feel free to contact me or Chuck Reed with any question, Donation or ideas. We are here to serve you.

Next week a moving company will be moving all food pantry equipment to Zion Lutheran in Saginaw for storage until needed.

Let me take a moment and brag a bit. Today we sent three trucks full of loose food to Sherwood Elementary on Shattuck for there February food drive. The remainder of the food will go to hidden Harvest to be split up and given to other food pantries in Saginaw. I made a commitment today to help out and partner with New Believers Church on Hess just two block from where the food pantry started out of at St James Lutheran on the south end. And had a conversation with Pastor Adkins with the Gideon Church about using his parking lot across from the church for outdoor food giveaways. I see movement already working with new partners and continue partners. Please keep this down time in your prayers.

Fyi, Everything at the food bank will stay the same. P-981 is our pantry and needs to be on all donations charity.

Charge Event Date Change

Living Water Ministries has postponed our Charge event, moving it from March 18-20, 2022 to November 4-6, 2022. It is our hope this postponement will buy necessary time for current COVID realities to lessen so that we can gather together all of God's children this fall for a phenomenal weekend of faith formation, service, leadership, and community. We have 7 Youth signed up to attend, registration will reopen and additional students can attend.

2022 Youth Gathering Cancelled

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has announced that the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering has been canceled due to the ongoing pandemic, the recent COVID-19 surge and public health considerations. The Gathering pre-events — the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble, the ELCA gathering for youth with disabilities — have also been canceled.

An announcement today from the ELCA Youth Gathering states: "We know there are thousands of young people who will not get to experience the Gathering, and our hearts break for them. This was not an easy decision, and we ask for your prayers and your grace. We understand the impact this decision will have on our youth, volunteers and planning teams, and we hope to return to Minneapolis for a future Gathering."

The announcement emphasized the ELCA's commitment "to supporting the young people of our church and to seeing that the ministry of the Gathering, MYLE and the tAble continue for years to come."

The 2024 Gathering will take place July 16-20, 2024, with the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble taking place July 13-16, 2024. The location will be announced this summer.

Our Youth at Ascension are in discussion about a possible alternative event. Details will follow, once a decision has been made.

ONLINE PRESENCE



Members and guests who are interested in following us online, remember we have various online platforms. **Our YouTube channel** has our weekly worship posted on Mondays for participation during the week. **Our Facebook page** has current posts that occur between our Messenger, which includes weekly announcements, prayers needed or given, and events. **Our Website** includes upcoming events, worship links and bulletins, forms, online giving links, the Messenger and more. The information to access each of these platforms is on page 2 of this Messenger and you can also access them by scanning the QR codes on pages 1, 2, or 6.

Food Pantry *continued*

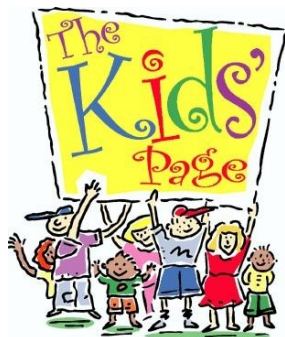
HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you would like to help the SMM Food Pantry financially, you may directly mail donations to: The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, 2300 Lapeer Rd. Flint, MI 48503

Please make sure to reference that the money you donate is to be used for: The Saginaw Metro Ministries Food Pantry #P-981. This IS a tax-deductible charity.

Summer food giveaways: May 18th, June 2nd, June 17th, Sept 8th, other dates pending. Watch the announcement for additional details.





?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above



Pull Out Your Bibles and Go To:



Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, Luke 7:36-39, John 12:1-8
For This Quiz



Washed clean

Make customized jelly soaps to banish dirt and grime.



What you need:

- 1 package unflavored gelatin
- ¾ cup very warm water
- 1 tsp salt
- ¾ cup gel body wash
- Food coloring
- Rubbing alcohol in spray bottle
- Silicone baking molds

What you do:

1. In a bowl, stir gelatin and warm water until dissolved.
2. Add salt, body wash and a few drops of food coloring. Stir.
3. Spray molds with rubbing alcohol (to prevent bubbles). Place molds on a tray.
4. Pour mixture into the molds. Refrigerate until set, about two hours.
5. Pop soap out of molds and store in an airtight container.



Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked) using letters found in the words



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



See! The winter is _ _ _ _ ; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

"Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it _ _ _ _ , it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you." (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the _ _ _ _ , which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

We all, like sheep, have gone _ _ _ _ _ , each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the _ _ _ _ _ and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19, ESV)



Serving in March

Readers	8am	10:30am
6	Edna Bell	Barb Van Marter
13	Marty Debozy	John Whelton
20	Charleen Boland	Lisa Whelton
27	Tom Erskine	Joscelyn Whelton

Prayers	8am	10:30am
6	Charleen Boland	Chris Crump
13	Ruth Schomaker	Karen DeLaRosa
20	Lynn Schomaker	Shelly Dawson
27	Susan Kelley	Tim Grueber

Sound Board Operators

6	Will Salowitz	Makena Whelton
13	Madison Morgan	Makena Whelton
20	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Will Salowitz
27	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Will Salowitz

Video Screen Operators

6	Charleen Boland	Tim Grueber
13	Mackenzie Morgan	Harris Salowitz
20	Kris Friend	Tim Grueber
27	Charleen Boland	Tim Grueber

Head Ushers

6	Schomaker	Dalton/Whelton
13	Roth	Hendrickson/Earnesty
20	Wilson	Dawson
27	Kelley	Friend/Beyerlein

Acolyte

6	Gabby Dalton
13	Greyston Hendrickson
20	Ethan Earnesty
27	Ella Frollo



Altar Guild

2 (<i>Ash Wed</i>)	Ruth Schomaker
6	Carol Wilson
13	Kris Friend
20	Susan Kelley
27	Carol Wilson

February Librarians

Joyce & Kayla Berg



Children's Church

6	Steve Salowitz & Ben Salowitz
13	Madison Morgan & Mackenzie Morgan
20	Dawn Earnesty & Stephanie Wizner
27	<i>Spring Break</i>

WEDNESDAYS

	Head Usher	Readers	Sound Board	Video Screen	Prayers
2	Glen Mack	Connie Dutcher	Henry Salowitz	Connie Dutcher	Connie Dutcher
9	Mike Clifford	Mike Clifford	Henry Salowitz	Glen Mack	Mike Clifford
16	Glen Mack	Connie Dutcher	Henry Salowitz	Kelly Phillion	Connie Dutcher
23	Glen Mack	Joyce Richardson	Henry Salowitz	Connie Dutcher	Donna Malburg
30	Mike Clifford	Mike Clifford	Henry Salowitz	Glen Mack	Mike Clifford

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 		1 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	2 Ash Wednesday 9am-Sewing Group-FH 11am-Weekend School Bags 7pm-Worship/Communion	3	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5 
6 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 5pm-Confirmation-1st yr	7 12pm-Staff Meeting	8 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Library Committee	9 11am-Weekend School Bags 12pm-Council Reports Due 7pm-Worship/Communion 	10	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12 
13 Daylight Saving Time New Member Sunday 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church	14 12pm-Staff Meeting	15 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg	16 9am-Sewing Group-FH 11am-Weekend School Bags 7pm-Worship/Communion	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Pastor Julie Vacation 3/18-3/20</i>	19
20 First Day of Spring Scrip Orders Due BP Screening 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church <i>Pastor Julie Vacation</i>	21 12pm-Staff Meeting 12pm-Messenger Articles Due	22 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	23 11am-Weekend School Bags 7pm-Worship/Communion 	24 2pm-7pm Blood Drive-FH	25 <i>Office Closed</i> 7pm Building Use (Wedding)	26 12pm Building Use (Wedding)
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