

The MESSENGER

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Church office Hours are
Monday thru Thursday
9am—2pm.

Office will be closed:
May 30th (Memorial Day)
July 4th & 5th (Independence Day)

Our Website



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

Confirmation Sunday

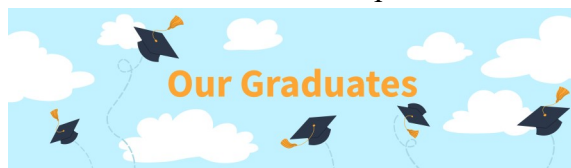
On **Sunday, May 15th**, we will celebrate as Makena Whelton will affirm the promises made for her when she was baptized. During the **10:30 a.m.** worship service she will present her Bible verse and take the next step on her faith journey. We hope to see you all there.

Faith Statement: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. *John 1:14*

Celebration of Graduates

We will celebrate our High School and Collegiate graduates during the **10:30 a.m.** worship service on **May 22, 2022**. If you haven't already, please send Pastor Julie (pr_julie@sbcglobal.net) (ASAP) some pictures "through the years," including events like baptism, confirmation, senior pictures and doing the things you are passionate about. Include information about where you are graduating from, what was your major if appropriate, what is the next step in your journey (work, college, where and planned major). Let us celebrate together this important benchmark in your life.

Also, if possible, please plan to be in attendance at this worship service, wearing your cap and gown.



Madilyn Jade Dalton, daughter of Logan and Samantha Dalton, was baptized on Sunday, April 24th. Madilyn's sponsors are Patrick Dalton and Sharon Kocot.

May God bless Madilyn with His gift of grace.

STAFF

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

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vacant, Outreach
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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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 (Group Name: Ascension Lutheran Church of Saginaw (ELCA) Group)

YouTube: Ascension Lutheran Church

Our Facebook Page

A Message From Pastor Julie

Reaching Outward Beyond Ourselves



"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."—Mark 10:45

The first congregation I was called to as a pastor had read a book called "Death of the Church." They had read this during an interim period as they were discerning the future. Because they had read it, I got a copy and read it too. The tidbit that has stuck with me all these years is that dying congregations are inward focused—they are concerned only about themselves. It's the questions "what's in this for me" or "we need to take care of ourselves first." The definition of sin is to be turned inward.

In the book I am reading, Seven Basics of Belonging, the third basic is that we reach outward beyond ourselves. Congregations are not to be isolated from the outside world, separated from others in society. Jesus reminds us in the gospel of John we are IN the world, but not OF the world. We are set apart as Christians, but still in the world in which we live. As such, we are called to serve.

An enduring church or congregation serves like Jesus. Greatness in God's kingdom comes through serving. We are called to serve as Jesus served; Jesus served by giving His own life. We have to be willing to lay down our lives, to lay it all out there so others can hear and experience this good news. The writer of 1 John 3:16 puts it this way: "We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another." Belonging to a church or congregation means serving through the congregation and church. How do you begin?

Look for opportunities that the congregation is already participating in. Ascension is taking lead on providing food bags to elementary youth in three school districts. You can join this team—consider volunteering to do shopping or filling bags. You can donate items. Maybe you want to deliver them to the schools. We have participated and anticipate we will again in serving at a food pantry. Though we are in the process of changes there, this might be a way you could serve.

Volunteer where there is a need. It may not be a perfect fit, but you could fill in gaps when the church is short of volunteers. Soon we will host a soccer camp for the community—three days. We will need teachers, greeters, food helpers and all kinds of volunteers. This would be a great start for someone who wants to get involved in something.

Take the initiative. Don't wait for someone to ask. Tell us what you would be interested in doing. Maybe it is something the community needs and we could start a ministry. Or it is just a short term need the congregation could get behind.

Invite neighbors and friends to church. I hope you speak positively about your experience and faith, and people will want to be part of that. Invitations should be specific—not "You should come to church with me sometime." Try, I'm going to church on Sunday and would you like to come with me. I can pick you up.

As you know, when people ask where is Ascension?, we often say it is across from the Home Depot on Gratiot. I still long and hope for the day when people ask where is Home Depot, and we say it is across the street from Ascension on Gratiot!

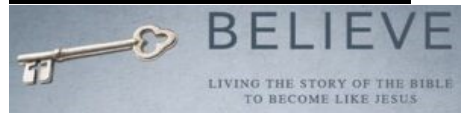


Pastor Julie

Pastor Julie Bailey

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.

Remaining Class Dates
May 1st, 8th, & 22nd
(no class May 15th)

Tuesday Mornings—11:00 a.m.

This Bible Study meets via Zoom. **Hebrews** 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

The Monday evening, women’s bible study is wrapping up on **May 2nd at 6:00 p.m.** They will break for the summer and restart in September. Watch the announcements and Messenger for details.



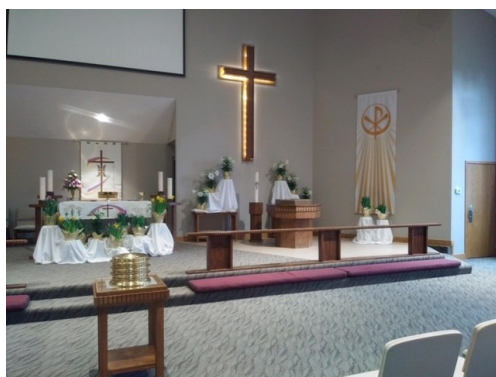
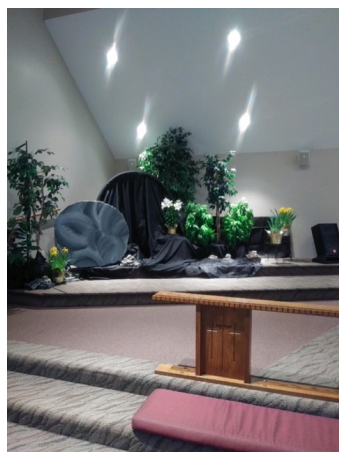
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	Josh Wardlow
2nd	Mikey Falkenberg
	Breanna Kocsis
	Maija Preston
	Lisa Stadler
3rd	Rick Herren
	Lauren Huebner
	Kami Milbrandt
	Amy Zeitler
4th	Nicki Crump
	Marie Myers
5th	Joshua Lopez
7th	Brian Awad
	Emily Dreyfus
8th	Dorothy Mayou
9th	Mary Collison
11th	Lynn Staples
13th	Kathy Fleming
	John Grolle
	Georgia Hickner
16th	Cathy Watz
17th	Craig Ford
	Leslie Soyster
18th	Katelyn Arndt
19th	Jennifer Salowitz
	Beau Turner
21st	Elizabeth Kolb
	John Robishaw
23rd	Mackenzie Morgan
26th	Samantha Dalton
	Victor Mancini
	Carole Soule
27th	Allison Faerber
	Marv Lentner
28th	Ashley Blehm
	Sharon Boyd
	Eric Dunn
29th	Tanya Blehm
	Heather Darabos
	Susan Kelley
	Hayes Mack
	Heidi McGrandy
	Don Mossner
30th	Cheryl Huebner
	Matt Wizner



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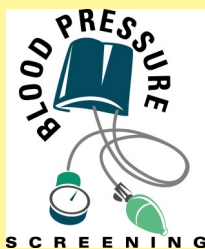
Thank You

Thank you to all those who made our Easter service meaningful. The Altar Guild did a beautiful job in decorating our sanctuary, we are so lucky to have such talented individuals in our church. **Alleluia! Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!**



Blood Pressure Screening

Mark your calendar for blood pressure screenings by the Parish Health Committee on the 3rd Sunday each month. The next one will be held on **Sunday, May 15th.**



Blood Drive

**Thursday,
June 9, 2022
3:00p.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/146551](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/146551)

Call the church office—Lisa will
sign you up



Blood Drives

September 8th
December 8th



Wellness Warriors-Tuesdays 6:15 p.m.

Please join us on Tuesdays to get moving! Shorts season is around the corner. Exercise programs are for Seniors and Beginners. We will support you no matter where you are starting from. Most of our work outs are easily "ramped up or down" to any level.

- 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

Schedule and class and description: *(We will help modify for anyone who needs it)*

May 3rd: Walk Away the Pounds

May 10th: Best of Balance / Stretching / Arm work out

May 17th: Grow Young – arms & legs, balance activities - seated/standing

May 24th: Best of Stronger # 1 + Energize #1 - Cardio / Strength - seated/standing

May 31st: TBD



Plea For Help

We are putting out a plea for help and asking for volunteers to assist in worship at the **Sound Board** and the **Video Board**.



Sound Board Operator

The best worship service isn't any good if no one can hear it! Sound operators arrive a little early before the service begins to perform sound checks and distribute mics. All you need is a helpful heart and a willingness to learn a few basic elements of the soundboard.

Video Screen Operator

Video screen operators are a critical component of worship as we have almost paperless worship services. The operator starts/stops the announcement slides and controls slides for the worship. They are occasionally responsible for turning the lights on/off/down during specific services.

You pick your own schedule for both of these positions and sign up for the services that you wish to volunteer. These are great ministries for anyone age 12-99.

If these opportunities aren't for you, but you are looking for a way to "give back" with your time, we have several groups and activities that are looking for volunteers. Send Lisa an email or give her a call with any questions you may have.

The Ascension of Our Lord

On **May 26, 2022** we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord; forty days after Christ's resurrection. During the Ascension, his disciple's witness Christ as he raises his hands and ascends into heaven. It is from heaven that Christ reigns as king over life and death.

According to the account in Acts, following his Ascension suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

As the people of Ascension, I encourage you to keep your eyes and mind aware of God's work in our community. If we only look to heaven, we will miss the amazing work God does in and through those still on earth.

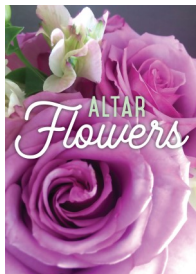
As you celebrate the Ascension, you might consider flying kites, as a reminder of Christ ascending into heaven.



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 the 10:30 a.m. 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).

Remaining Dates Available: June 12th, July 31st, August 28th, September 11th & 18th, October 2nd, 9th, 30th, November 27th, December 25th.



May 1st	Given in honor of their Anniversary, by Tanya & Scott Blehm
May 8th	Given for All Families, by the Stuart Family
May 15th	Given in honor of their 30th Anniversary, by Brian & Lisa Stadler
May 22nd	Given in honor of the Graduates, by Pastor Julie Bailey
May 29th	Given in honor of Ashley's Birthday and Graduation, by Tanya and Scott Blehm

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

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

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

Marie Myers—11145 Morningstar Dr.,
Saginaw, MI 48609

Jackie O'Dell—302 Fulton Street, Room
108, St. Charles, MI 48655

George Osterloh—9345 Geddes Rd.,
Saginaw, MI 48609

Joyce Storm—181 Evelyn, Saginaw, MI
48609

Lee Turner—6371 Birchview Dr.,
Saginaw, MI 48609

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

thinking of you

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.**

Online Giving (VANCO)

Ascension utilizes VANCO for their online giving program. 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



Penny Wars for Living Water Ministries

Ascension designated the month of April to a Penny War and “Hymn Challenge” to help support Living Water Ministries (LWM). LWM is the organization that leads youth events like camp, Bridgebuilders, Charge, and the Great Lakes Gathering. We have missed our participation in these events for the past couple years. With sound financial management and regular donations from donors, LWM is offering camp this year for free, where about 15 people from our congregation will attend this summer, in first timer camp, elementary camp, confirmation camp and Bridgebuilders. The “normal” cost for a week at camp is around \$300.



**Extended
thru May
14th**

We have extended the deadline to donate to **May 14th**. **Thank you** to everyone who contributed to this fun challenge so far. Which Hymn’s will be sung in June; the “Classics”, “Contemporary” or “Youthful”? The final totals will be announced in Worship, on Facebook, and in next Month’s Messenger.

Join us for Worship on June 12th and June 15th to sing the “winning” hymns.

We Praise God With Our Pennies!

Weekend Food Bags

The Weekend Food Bags ministry started as it was discovered that children were depending on school meals as their daily food source. It was found that many kids had poor access to food on the weekends and would return to school on Monday hungry. In our West Saginaw County school districts there were no resources to address this issue. Breakfast and lunches were available when school was in session but nothing to combat weekend hunger and nutrition issues. When this program started approximately 4 years ago, the food bags cost approximately \$5 each. As you are aware with your grocery bill, the program has seen an increase in the cost of food, now closer to \$7-\$7.50 per bag. We are currently filling 65 bags per week that are sent to 4 elementary schools. We are also looking for additional assistance.

How you can help:

- (1) Purchase any of the food items (pictures located on the wall near the nursery) and bring them to church.
- (2) Provide a cash donation, checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church, include Weekend Food Bag on the memo line.
- (3) Be a volunteer—we are looking for a volunteer (or 2 that can go together) that can purchase food at Sam’s Club. Volunteer pays for food with a gift card we provide.
- (4) Be a volunteer—we are looking for a volunteer or 2 to drive the bags to the schools (2 in Shields, 1 in Hemlock, 1 in St. Charles)
- (5) Provide plastic grocery bags

SEWING GROUP

Ascension’s Sewing Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesdays, May 4th and 18th** from **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Bring your sewing machine, and join us for fun and fellowship. Contact Sandy Graham with any questions, 989-781-1619.



Synod Assembly—May 14th

The Synod Assembly of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod will be held on Saturday, May 14th online. Voting members from Ascension include Pastor Julie, Steve Salowitz and Will Salowitz. The theme for this year's assembly is "Bread for the Journey." Please keep all voting members in prayer during this day. Pray the Holy Spirit moves within us that God's will and work will be done through us.

Bishop's Newsletter

Bishop Craig Satterlee's newsletters can be found at:

<https://www.mittensynod.org/resources/publications/>



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!

Stranger God-Meeting Jesus in Disguise

I encountered this book recently that speaks to the challenges of what it means to be a Christian. Issues of love, hospitality, and embrace are addressed. The author, Richard Beck says this book is about how we meet Jesus in the other-in our coworkers, in our family, in those we meet by chance.

I plan to lead a book study this summer as we read this book together. I can order books for approximately \$19, and may be able to find some grant money to offset the price. I need to know who would like a book, whether you participate in the study or not.

I am thinking there could be several times for study and conversation if enough interest.—Pr. Julie Bailey



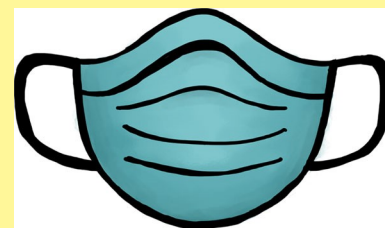
Our thoughts and prayers to the family of Darlene Arch, former longtime member, on the passing of her son Jeffrey on March 11, 2022.

Dinner Together at Berger's—May 16th

This month we will gather at Berger's Family Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. (or whenever you get out of work). Bergrers is located at 6387 Westside Saginaw Road.



Please sign up on the kiosk if you plan to attend. Spend some time in fellowship with our congregation family. All are welcome, including guests!



Masks—A donation of N95 masks was received by Ascension. There are 5 masks per package. The masks are in the gathering area near the front entrance.



ShopWithScrip®
will soon be



SCRIP Orders—Due May 15th

Shop with Scrip - Changing to Raise Right!

In the coming weeks, Scrip, the program we use to help with regular fundraising for our congregational needs will be re-branded to **Raise Right!** More information will be provided. One of the

features will be you can download the "Raise Right" app and use that! We will learn the changes together.

Order forms are on the kiosk and the church's website. Payment to Ascension Lutheran Church, due with the order.

Food Pantry News



From Dewey Burke 4/12/2022:

Good morning,

I would like to pass on amazing news. It is official The Saginaw Metro Ministries Food Pantry will be partnering with Ascension/St Mary's Hospital at 723 Emerson at Center of Hope.

Things are moving fast. I can see the food pantry up and running by no later than mid May. We also have outdoor food giveaways lined up that will take place as drive thru in their parking lot.

Ascension/St Mary's will be building in the coming year an addition that will house our food pantry.

Both our group and St Mary's are excited to begin this new partnership. This place is located right behind the hospital. We will still basically be in our service area.

Watch for more emails, bulletins and newsletter information. Please pray for myself and Chuck Reid as we make this dream a reality.

God's Servant
Dewey Burke, Director of the new no named food pantry yet.

From Dewey Burke 4/19/2022:

The new food pantry will tentatively open on **May 25th**. That is a Wednesday. The move from Thursday to Wednesday is mainly to work with other Food Pantry's in Saginaw to ensure the full week is covered with places for folks to receive food in an emergency.

With things quickly coming together with the new food pantry I am once again asking you to start saving clean regular size plastic shopping bags.

I will send another email mid May with instructions on where they can be dropped off at and times.

We also collect regular size cloth bags for folks walking or biking.

Dewey Burke
Co Director SMMFP



Email from Dewey Burke 4/20/22:

I know it's been a long time since many of you heard from me. I wanted to get some updated news out.

If you have not heard the food pantry was ask to move out of the St John Church Building after the building was sold to another church. We could not come to a agreement on utilities cost.

With disappointment we put our items in storage. Not one week had past before God laid a new project in my lap.

I will cut to the chase as they say!

Ascension St. Mary's asked the Saginaw Metro Ministries Food Pantry to partner with them and bring our food pantry there. After many emails, phone calls, the news is this.

The former food pantry is now the new Center of Hope Food Pantry located at 723 Emerson, Saginaw, MI 48607 only five blocks from where we were. Our first outdoor food giveaway will happen May 18th at 9am and the first food pantry will open to the public on May 25th with sign in at 8am and food giveaway starting at 9am.

Food Pantries will be the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month with sign in at 8am and food giveaway starting at 9am.

Truck unloads and shelves stocking on the first Wednesday morning at 7am.

Please continue to keep the food pantry in your prayers and join me in thanking God for such a great blessing. I now know we are doing just what God would have us to do. For what has happened in the last month no one will ever have me believe God's hand has not been on my shoulder guiding me in the direction he wants us to go.

Dewey Burke, Co Director Center of Hope Food Pantry.

2 Open Houses

Center of HOPE Food Pantry

May 17, 2022 1:00 p.m.

Center of HOPE, 723 Emerson St., Saginaw, MI 48607



This open house is for the ELCA Lutheran Church Pastors and Congregation Members to view the new pantry and to see where the donations are going.

Center of HOPE and MSU Extension

May 20, 2022 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Center of HOPE, 723 Emerson St., Saginaw, MI 48607 (*open to the public*)

Come Meet Our Staff and Find Out What We Are Doing! Also Includes: Food Pantry Tour, Snacks & Coffee, Program Information, Food Demo, Mindfulness

Participants: Ascension Complete, Ascension St. Mary's, MSU Extension, ELCA Lutheran Churches

Ascension's Food Pantry Dates

The food pantry operates on Wednesdays, beginning May 25th. The following are the dates that Ascension is providing workers. Volunteers should arrive by **8:45 a.m.** at the Center of HOPE Food Pantry, 723 Emerson, Saginaw, MI 48607.

June 8th
August 10th
October 12th
December 14th
February 8th (2023)
April 12th (2023)

If you have questions about volunteering, Amanda Doerr, is our "in church" contact person. Please give her a call at 989-798-3241

Rise Up Soccer Camp

Our 5th Annual Rise Up Soccer Camp will be held Tuesday, **July 26th - Thursday, July 28th**. Camp will run from **6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Kids from Kindergarten to 6th grades are eligible to participate. We will work on skills and drills, scrimmage, and enjoy a healthy snack while we learn about God and His plan for us. So get off the bench and go tell it on the mountain!! Invite everyone you know to Ascension's Soccer Camp. Youth can register at: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW81775>

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dawn Earnesty at wilcoxd4@msu.edu.

SIGN UP NOW!

SOCCER CAMP

UPWARD SPORTS

MILLIONS OF KIDS. THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITIES. COUNTLESS CHANGED LIVES. FIND OUT WHY.

Ascension Lutheran Church

Date: Tuesday, July 26th - Thursday, July 28th
Time: 6:00-8:00pm (5:45 Arrival Recommended)
Location: 8695 Gratiot Rd, Saginaw, MI 48609

Registration online at: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW81775>

Questions? Please email Dawn Earnesty at wilcoxd4@msu.edu

On Sunday, May 8th Children's Church will be having their last class for 2021/2022.



They will be making a delicious snack to celebrate the year!



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.

Our program year is wrapping up, our upcoming lessons are:
May 1st, 8th

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 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**

Confirmation Students

Confirmation classes for 1st year students are at **5:00 p.m. on May 1st & 15th**. We will break for the summer and begin the 2nd year classes in the fall.

Fellowship Hall / Pavilion Rentals

Were you aware that our Fellowship Hall and Pavilion are available for rental. Renters need to be members of Ascension and be present for the event. Popular rentals are bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, Christmas parties, family reunions and more.

Our Fellowship Hall and Pavilion include full kitchens and bathroom facilities. The hall includes 2 stoves/ovens, 2 refrigerators/freezers, microwave, large sinks, serving window, and is stocked with silverware, utensils, bowls, hot pads, pans, and lots of prep area.



The Pavilion is also well stocked and includes a full kitchen with refrigerator/

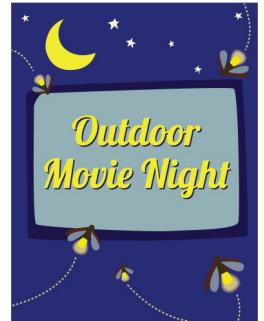
freezer, microwave, stove/oven, sink, serving window, and plenty of prep area.

To rent either facility, please contact the church office. The cost for up to 5 hours of use is a \$75 donation and \$125 for over 5 hours. A refundable security deposit of \$100 must be received. Requests for rental should be made at least one month prior to the event for ease in scheduling. Requests are first come first served and can begin the first business day of the calendar year.



Movie Night at Roberts Park

Join friends from Ascension and our community for a night at the movies at Roberts Park, 455 S. Miller Rd. on **Friday, June 10th** at dusk. American Underdog, the story of Kurt Warner, will be the movie we enjoy under the stars. The movie is free; concessions will be available for purchase. Bring your chair, blanket, and your friends.



Drivers Needed—June 26th & July 1st

Youth from Ascension will be traveling to Stony Lake Camp on Sunday, June 26th following 10:30 a.m. worship and most will return on July 1st.

We are in need of drivers to and from camp. If you are available, please let Pastor Julie know to make sure the needed background checks are completed.

Drivers who are available to pick up a group of children on July 1st will need to be at the camp by 3 p.m. (or you may come around 2 if you would like to be part of the final worship service.)



The **Annual Church Spring Cleanup** will be held on **Saturday, May 14th** at 9:00 a.m. Please consider helping as there are many tasks to be completed.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the Kiosk in the Gathering Area.

Please contact Tom Bailey, 989-239-3928 with any questions.



Online Presence

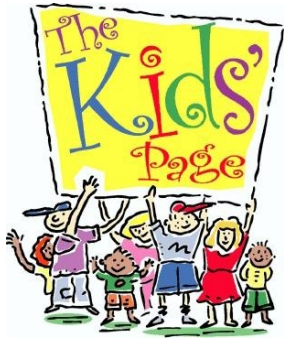
Members and guests who are interested in following us online, remember we have various online platforms.

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.



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

A. Joshua
B. Levi
C. Caleb
D. Aaron

Pull Out Your Bibles and Go To:

Exodus 32:1-6
For This Quiz

Mother's Day is May 10th—Do something nice for your mom!



A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

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the L_RD _ou_ God i_ givi_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Egg-cellent bouquet

Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.

Serving in May

Readers	8am	10:30am
1	Dick Schomaker	Linda Lentner
8	Marty Debozy	Joscelyn Whelton
15	Edna Bell	Steve Haupt
22	Charleen Boland	John Whelton
29	Tom Erskine	Linda Luplow



Sound Board Operators

1	Makena Whelton
8	Makena Whelton
15	
22	Makena Whelton
29	

Head Ushers

1	Schomaker	Dalton/Whelton
8	Roth	Hendrickson/Earnesty
15	Wilson	Dawson
22	Kelley	Friend/Beyerlein
29	Schomaker	Dalton/Whelton

Altar Guild

1	Sue Bailey	C. Howe-S. Blehm
8	Susan Kelley	D. Roth-Je. Whelton
15	Donna Fries	Jo. Whelton-G. Whelton
22	<i>Need Volunteer</i>	B. Crump-G. Mack
29	Kris Friend	Earnesty-Hendrickson/Lentner

May Librarian: Sally York

Prayers	8am	10:30am
1	Lynn Schomaker	Chris Crump
8	Ruth Schomaker	Tim Grueber
15	Charleen Boland	Dawn Dalton
22	Susan Kelley	Lisa Espinoza
29	Pr. Julie Bailey	Shelly Dawson

Video Screen Operators

1	Kris Friend	Tim Grueber
8	Kris Friend	Tim Grueber
15	Melissa Albosta	Tim Grueber
22	Melissa Albosta	Tim Grueber
29		

Acolyte

1	Ella Frollo
8	Ethan Earnesty
15	Hannah Wizner
22	Harrison Salowitz
29	Gabby Dalton

Children's Church

1	Madison Morgan / Mackenzie Morgan
8	Dawn Earnesty / Stephanie Wizner

***Summer Break
No Children's Church
until September***

WEDNESDAYS 7pm

	Head Usher	Readers	Sound Board	Video Screen	Prayers
4	Glen Mack	Joyce Richardson	Henry Salowitz	Connie Dutcher	Connie Dutcher
11	Mike Clifford	John Schroeder	Henry Salowitz	Glen Mack	Mike Clifford
18	Glen Mack	Mike Clifford	Henry Salowitz	Connie Dutcher	Connie Dutcher
25	Mike Clifford	Connie Dutcher	Henry Salowitz	Kelly Phillion	Donna Malburg

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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Church Office hours:

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
1 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 5pm-Confirmation 1st yr	2 12pm-Staff Meeting 6:00pm-Women's Bible Study	3 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	4 9am-Sewing Group-FH 11am-Weekend School Bags 7pm-Worship/Communion	5 National Day of Prayer	6 Office Closed	7
8 Mother's Day 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/ Communion/Children's Church	9 12pm-Staff Meeting	10 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Library Committee	11 11am-Weekend School Bags 12pm-Council Reports Due 7pm-Worship/Communion	12	13 Office Closed	14 9am Virtual Synod Assembly 9am-Spring Cleanup Penny War Ends
15 Scrip Orders Due BP Screening 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Confirmation 12pm-FH Rental 5pm-Confirmation 1st yr	16 12pm-Staff Meeting 12pm-Messenger Articles Due 5:30pm-Gathering at Berger's	17 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 1pm-Food Pantry Open House 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg	18 9am-Sewing Group-FH 11am-Weekend School Bags 7pm-Worship/Communion	19	20 1pm-Food Pantry Open House Office Closed	21
22 Graduation Sunday 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/	23 12pm-Staff Meeting	24 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	25 11am-Weekend School Bags Messenger Mailed 7pm-Worship/Communion	26 Ascension of the Lord	27 Office Closed	28
29 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion	30 Memorial Day <i>Office Closed</i>	31 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors				

Prayer Chain requests should be called to Barb Van Marter at 989-781-7803

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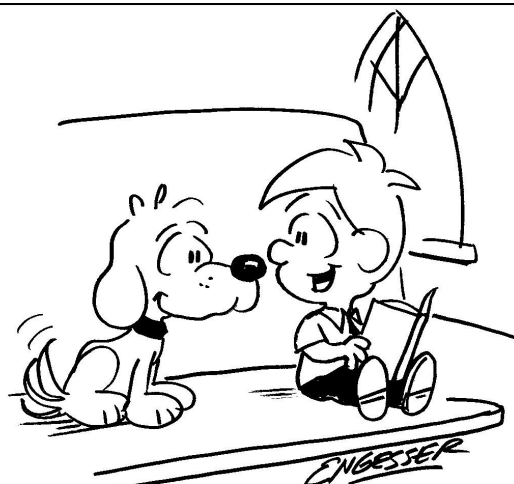
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And they
worshiped him
and

returned
to Jerusalem
with great
joy, and were
continually
in the temple
blessing God.

Luke 24:52-53, ESV



"Glad you could make it. This congregation
is very ecumenical."

HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY

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