

The MESSENGER

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

**Office Closed Nov 24th
for Thanksgiving**

NOTE: The church office will
be closed this winter if Swan
Valley Schools are closed due to
inclement weather.

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



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Congregational Budget and Election Meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 11th at 11:30 a.m.** (following our 10:30 a.m. worship service). We will be voting on a budget for 2023 and electing members to fill council vacancies.

Please prayerfully discern the nomination of members to serve on our Congregation Council. Positions currently available are: **Vice President, Treasurer, Minister of Congregational Care, and Minister of Outreach.**

This is your opportunity to step up to this two-year commitment as we follow Jesus' call and lead the congregation forward in boldly making Christ's vision known. If you have questions, please contact a Council Member.

****Voting Members** as defined by the Ascension Lutheran Church Constitution: Confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of this congregation.



Healing Service

Our worship service on **Wednesday, November 2nd at 7 p.m.** will focus on scripture and prayer during a worship focused on healing. There will be an opportunity for the laying on of hands and to participate in Holy Communion.



Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 6th Remember to Turn
your clocks back Saturday Night!

A Message From Pastor Julie—Stewardship

Growing in our Stewardship

First of all, thank you. We are still coming through a difficult time in our world and in our church. With COVID-19, the financial concerns in our world, and uncertainty in life, Ascension saw our way through in faith. At no time did we hold payments or anything else. We were faithful stewards of the financial and human resources we had during that time. We weathered the storm, and we know not all congregations were able to do that. I heard Bishop Satterlee say that 16 congregations have ended their ministry as a congregation since he has been bishop. We have seen this in our own community, not only in the ELCA but in other denominations as well.

We are in a liminal space—the space between what was and what is to come. It is time to look forward to what God is calling us and in faith, what is needed to make that happen. We tend to put a budget or a ministry plan together, which often looks like how much financial offering do we need to maintain what we are doing, then figure out where we can cut back. Some of us look at what is needed for Ascension to survive, to not close like others have needed to.

I believe God is calling us forward, in mission. Yes, we need the financial offerings to pay staff, bills, maintenance. God is calling us beyond that survival, that maintaining. What ministries would we be part of if we had the finances to assist? What ministries would we be part of if money was no object? Instead of seeing money as something that holds us back, let's use the resources we have to make boldly make Christ's vision known.

Making a Financial Commitment

As you consider what your financial offering will be for the coming year, I ask that you consider making a commitment. Many of us are cautious about making such a commitment. This commitment is a spiritual, not a financial decision. Making a commitment is putting God first in your life.

Please note, this commitment is a commitment with grace. There are things that will come up that will affect your ability to meet your commitment—God gives you the grace to adjust your giving based on your situation, up or down!

I invite you to consider growing 1% this year in your giving. A proportionate giving chart is on page 3 of this Messenger. See where you are, and in faith, increase it. Try it for 3 months—you have the grace to change it if it doesn't work out for you at any time. Trust God, and trust yourself enough

Online Giving

Ascension has offered online giving for several years. We have found that with online giving, there is a recurring and consistency of giving, providing the congregation with more financial stability when we see attendance go down due to the time of year or weather. New to our online giving program is the opportunity to use your debit/credit card for your giving. As your pastor, please do not use your credit card to give what you don't have!! However, many of us these days use our cards for the reward points, or for safety reasons. As before, you can also register with the online giving platform using a bank account number.

Making that regular commitment is a habit, a discipline—it is part of being a disciple. Together we can do far greater than we can alone.

Giving isn't just about Money!

Not all giving is financial. We have many in this congregation who give of their time and gifts. Serving in worship is an obvious way to serve and there are a variety of ways to do something. We also have opportunities in education, leadership, outreach, building and grounds maintenance.

In fact—did you know, our grounds keeping is primarily a gift of human time. We use financial resources for gas, weed killer, mower maintenance; but the majority of the care is done by people who mow the lawn—and it is a big lawn! Each week, 2 people split the mowing responsibility, and for the past couple of years, serve about every 5 weeks.

Now imagine what that would cost if we financially paid for someone to do this for us. We owe these men and women a big thank you for their giving!!!

In addition to your financial commitment, is there an area you can commit to serving. Look over the Time and Talent Sheet, and see what ministry you would like to serve.

*The 10 Stewardship Principles is on page 4.
The Vanco Online Giving QR code is on page 10.*

Pastor Julie

Pastor Julie Bailey

Guide To Proportionate Giving

*For they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means.
2 Corinthians 8:3*

Instructions :

Find your annual or weekly income in one of the first two columns. Then look across the row to determine your giving level in percent. We encourage each household to increase giving 1 percent per year.

Example :

For a household earning \$52,000 per year and contributing about \$30 per week, the contribution is about 3 percent of income. This is a portion of what has been given by God to be managed and then is returned to do ministry. A 1 percent increase (from 3 percent to 4 percent) would be about an additional \$10 per week.

Annual Income	Weekly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	Weekly Giving	6%	8%	10%	12%	15%
\$5,200	\$100	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	
\$7,800	\$150	3.00	4.50	6.00	7.50	9.00	12.00	15.00	18.00	22.50	
\$10,400	\$200	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	16.00	20.00	24.00	30.00	
\$13,000	\$250	5.00	7.50	10.00	12.50	15.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	37.50	
\$15,600	\$300	6.00	9.00	12.00	15.00	18.00	24.00	30.00	36.00	45.00	
\$18,200	\$350	7.00	10.50	14.00	17.50	21.00	28.00	35.00	42.00	52.50	
\$20,800	\$400	8.00	12.00	16.00	20.00	24.00	32.00	40.00	48.00	60.00	
\$23,400	\$450	9.00	13.50	18.00	22.50	27.00	36.00	45.00	54.00	67.50	
\$26,000	\$500	10.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	75.00	
\$31,200	\$600	12.00	18.00	24.00	30.00	36.00	48.00	60.00	72.00	90.00	
\$36,400	\$700	14.00	21.00	28.00	35.00	42.00	56.00	70.00	84.00	105.00	
\$41,600	\$800	16.00	24.00	32.00	40.00	48.00	64.00	80.00	96.00	120.00	
\$46,800	\$900	18.00	27.00	36.00	45.00	54.00	72.00	90.00	108.00	135.00	
\$52,000	\$1,000	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	80.00	100.00	120.00	150.00	
\$57,200	\$1,100	22.00	33.00	44.00	55.00	66.00	88.00	110.00	132.00	165.00	
\$62,400	\$1,200	24.00	36.00	48.00	60.00	72.00	96.00	120.00	144.00	180.00	
\$65,000	\$1,250	25.00	37.50	50.00	62.50	75.00	100.00	125.00	150.00	187.50	
\$67,600	\$1,300	26.00	39.00	52.00	65.00	78.00	104.00	130.00	156.00	195.00	
\$72,800	\$1,400	28.00	42.00	56.00	70.00	84.00	112.00	140.00	168.00	210.00	
\$78,000	\$1,500	30.00	45.00	60.00	75.00	90.00	120.00	150.00	180.00	225.00	
\$91,000	\$1,750	35.00	52.50	70.00	87.50	105.00	140.00	175.00	210.00	262.50	
\$104,000	\$2,000	40.00	60.00	80.00	100.00	120.00	160.00	200.00	240.00	300.00	
\$117,000	\$2,250	45.00	67.50	90.00	112.50	135.00	180.00	225.00	270.00	337.50	
\$130,000	\$2,500	50.00	75.00	100.00	125.00	150.00	200.00	250.00	300.00	375.00	
\$156,000	\$3,000	60.00	90.00	120.00	150.00	180.00	240.00	300.00	360.00	450.00	
\$182,000	\$3,500	70.00	105.00	140.00	175.00	210.00	280.00	350.00	420.00	525.00	
\$208,000	\$4,000	80.00	120.00	160.00	200.00	240.00	320.00	400.00	480.00	600.00	

RaiseRight Orders (formerly SCRIP) Christmas Shopping with RaiseRight



Do you have gift cards to purchase as Christmas Gifts? Here's an example where you purchase 4 popular gifts cards, spend \$100, and the church earns a percentage with no additional cost to you:

You Purchase	The Church Earns
\$25 Barnes & Noble card	(8%) \$ 2.00
\$25 Bath & Body Works card	(12%) \$ 3.00
\$25 Cabela's card	(10%) \$ 2.50
\$25 Old Navy card	(14%) \$ 3.50
	<u>\$11.00</u>

If 10 people buy gift cards for Christmas (similar to this example), the church will earn \$110. How does that relate to our ministry work? That \$110 would purchase enough food to fill 15 of our Weekend School Bags.

Orders Due November 20th

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

10 Stewardship Principles

1 Respond gratefully

to what God has first given us. All that we do is a response to God's grace. Everything we are, have, and use comes from God. Best of all, God gives the gift of Jesus Christ and the community of believers. It all begins with God. Our confession of faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is not of our doing. Grateful stewards put God first.

"...but they gave themselves first to the Lord."
2 Corinthians 8:5

2 Obey responsibly

to glorify God as a faithful proclamation of God's word. We acknowledge our faith and show our faith in the gospel for the glory of God and for the building up of the body of Christ. This takes courage. It involves our life-long obedience, including the ways we treat our families, others, and ourselves.

"...you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ."
2 Corinthians 9:13

3 Sacrifice proportionately

as Christ sacrificed for us. For our sake, Jesus gave up everything to make us rich through the cross and the resurrection. We are called to sacrifice so others may share in God's word and blessings.

"...gave according to their means, and even beyond their means."
2 Corinthians 8:3

4 Give willingly

as moved by the Holy Spirit. We have been prepared to give of ourselves. We give our time, talents, and resources freely.

"For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave..."
2 Corinthians 8:3

Our role as God's stewards is one of many dimensions - grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ.

"...you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

5 Share abundantly

as we have received. The purpose of these gifts is for the good of the community of God. We give to build up the body of Christ. We use and share our gifts for the benefit of all.

"...and God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."
2 Corinthians 9:8

6 Give proportionately

is our way of giving in relation to our abundance. We are to give according to our "means," not according to an income or a budget.

"If the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have."
2 Corinthians 8:12

7 Commit intentionally

means making a statement about your intent and following through. As members in the body of Christ, we are asked to make a commitment of our time, talents, and resources as a faithful response to God and as a statement of support for God's work.

"...arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised."
2 Corinthians 9:5

8 Contribute regularly

means practicing our stewardship on a daily basis. By doing so this becomes a lifestyle. Paul instructs us:

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn."
1 Corinthians 16:2

9 Live genuinely

means putting your faith into action. This is the tangible demonstration of what is sincerely on our hearts and where our treasure is, not simply a verbal expression. The Macedonians set an example that Paul called to the attention of the Corinthians.

"I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others."
2 Corinthians 8:8

10 Accept a challenge

means recognizing the dynamic nature of our faith. As our faith grows so will our blessings, and our responsibilities. Paul writes,

"...the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."
2 Corinthians 9:6



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Household/Personal Care Items For Christmas Packages



GIVING TREE

We are participating with Swan Valley High School to collect household and personal care products for Christmas packages for families in need.

Items needed are shampoo, conditioner, soap, laundry soap, dish soap, dryer sheets, fabric softener, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, lotion, body wash, shaving cream, razors, feminine products, deodorant, etc.

Items may be placed in the Gathering Area beginning **Sunday, November 27th**. All items should be delivered to the church no later than **Sunday, December 11th**. Thank you for your support!!

Preparing For The Advent and Christmas Seasons

Please join the Altar Guild for decorating for the Advent season on **Saturday, November 26th at 9:00 a.m.** This includes putting up the tree and the other decorations. Come help with a joy-filled spirit. Everyone is welcome to help prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth. A light lunch will be served. Sign up sheet on the kiosk in the gathering area. Hope to see you there!

Save-the-Date: the decoration "take-down" is January 7th



STAFF

Julie Bailey, Pastor
Jennifer Salowitz, Musician
Lisa Whelton, Parish Administrator
Jeff Whelton, Custodian

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Susan Kelley, Secretary
Kris Yackel-Friend, Financial Secretary

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Glen Mack, Congregational Care
Tim Grueber, Finance/Resources
Joyce Berg, 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.

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

YouTube: Ascension Lutheran Church

Online Giving: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YN7D/home>

Family Christmas Worship

What is it? This is an opportunity for all members of the Ascension family to come together and take part in the worship of the birth of our Savior. We may have parts from singing and narration, to behind-the-scenes work. If you are interested, or even just curious, please contact Joscelyn Whelton. The Family Christmas Worship will take place on **Sunday, December 18th at the 10:30 a.m.** worship service.

Our Preschool and Elementary Youth will be participating: Practices will be during Children's Church on **November 20th, December 4th and 11th.**



More Details will follow—watch the weekly announcements

Receiving New Members

*Join Our
Family
of Faith*



We will be receiving new members the week of **November 13th.** If you are interested in becoming a member of Ascension Lutheran Church, please let Pastor Julie know.

You can call or email or indicate your desire on a visitor card. Pastor Julie will then meet with you to answer any questions you may have.

All Saints' Sunday

If you ordered carnations for All Saints' Sunday, **November 6th**, you may take them home after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.



Prayer Chain

A prayer chain is a list of people who agree to pray for others during a troubled time. Our prayer chain is led by Barb Van Marter. If you would be interested in being a part of the prayer chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact Barb directly at 989-781-7803.



**Join Us For
BREAKFAST**

Ascension Breakfast Club (ABC)

Second Monday of the Month beginning **November 14, 2022**

All who are available for breakfast are invited to join others from Ascension for a time of fellowship and food. We will plan to meet at **9 a.m. at Sullivan's Restaurant** on Gratiot, on the second Monday of each month. Each person is responsible for the cost of their own breakfast. You don't need to prepare anything or clean up. Just show up!

Sunday Morning Bible Study



“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, and those who live in it.” Psalm 24:1

During the month of November, we will review the ELCA draft Social Message on the Earth’s Climate Crisis. Upon completion, we will have the responsibility and opportunity to respond to the ELCA task force with our input and response.

The Social Message Draft can be found online at:

<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Climate-Care>

Found at the same link, you may also want to review the Social Statement adopted in 1993, *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope and Justice*.

Sunday’s Class meets 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Digging Dunes room.



2nd	John Robishaw
4th	Jan Faerber
	Samantha Leffler
	Micaela Richardson
5th	Rick Hamilton, Jr.
6th	Kathy York
7th	Jason Enright
	Johnny Whelton
10th	Connie Dutcher
11th	Jayde Wakeman
12th	Bob Watz
15th	Bryan Joslyn
	Russell Morgan
16th	Haley Phillion
17th	Dylan Gottlieb
18th	Kayla Berg
	Waylon Earnesty
	Donna Fries
19th	John H. Whelton
20th	Barb Yancer
21st	Mason Friend
	Carol Hall
22nd	Joyce Storm
23rd	Madison Huston
24th	Julia McRae
25th	Richard Borm
	Makenzie Collier
	Peggy Darling
26th	Nathan Gottlieb
	Emerson Hendrick
28th	Lindsay McNally
	Erin Peters
29th	Bonnie Dalton
	Nick Espinoza
	Ruth Jakes
30th	Andrew Dunn

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

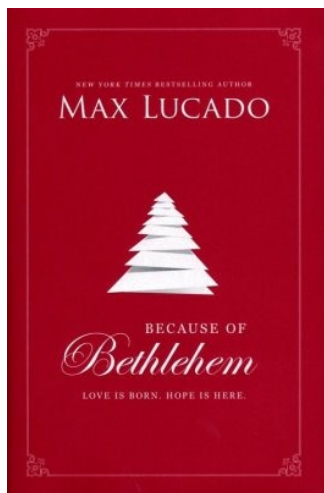
This Bible Study meets via Zoom on **Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.**

We are reading through the book of Isaiah All are welcome, even if you cannot attend every week. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom link.



Mary To Martha Womens' Bible Study

Our next Bible Study will begin on **Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:00-7:30 p.m.** at Ascension in the Digging Dunes room. We will study Max Lucado’s “*Because of Bethlehem: Love Is Born, Hope Is Here*”. Bestselling Author and Pastor Max Lucado will guide us through the Advent season to its source at an unassuming stable in Bethlehem. No one expected the Messiah to come the way he did. Yet the way he came was every bit as important as the coming itself. The manger is the message.



This is a four-week class and participant books are **\$8.00 payable at the first class**. We encourage all women to attend as we strive to learn more about our Lord in our faith journey. Please sign up at the kiosk in the Gathering area or call/text Joyce Richardson at 989-274-6787 so we may have a book for you. All women are welcome!

Mary to Martha is open to women of all ages, and stages of faith, members & non-members, as we seek a closer relationship with our Lord. We know that you’ll be blessed by God’s Word and fellowship with other women, and we’ll be blessed by your presence.



1st	Mike and Jan Faerber
	Chris and Ashley Howe
6th	Wayne and Dorothy Mayou
8th	Bryce and Megan Wakeman
12th	Bob and Tracy Aldrich
19th	John G. and Nancy Whelton
24th	Brad and Kelly Phillion



Ascension's Sewing Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the **Wednesdays** noted below 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.

**November 2nd and 16th
December 7th**

Wellness Warriors

We will continue to meet every **Tuesday at 6:15 p.m.** We are flexible with the exercise based on the abilities of those who attend each week. The goal is to move, and support each other! Come check us out!

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

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, November 20th.**

Altar Flowers

These Altar 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. **The cost is \$30.00, if you are unsure if you've paid for your flowers in 2022, please contact Ruth Schomaker.** Payments can be mailed to the office, dropped off when you are at church, or during office hours (Monday-Thursdays 9am-2pm).

THANK YOU! to all those who have purchased flowers in 2022 and helped offset the cost the church incurs.



November 6th	Given in memory of her mother, Wilma Mitchell, by Susan Kelley
November 13th	Given in memory of Rob Blehm, by the Blehm Family
November 20th	Given in memory of Jane Jakes, by Ruth Jakes
November 27th	Given in memory of Kay Ballien, by Phil Ballien

Thanksgiving Gifts



As part of your Thanksgiving offering, you are invited to share the fruits of the harvest. Several years ago, you answered the call to help fill our sacristy with wine, that donation has almost been depleted. This year the Altar Guild is inviting you to help with both wine donations and monetary donations to help underwrite the cost of wafers and loaves of bread used each week for communion. *Monetary donations and wine (Mogan David Concord) will be received at worship on Wednesday, November 16th and Sunday, November 20th.* Your contributions will be a way you can become a part of preparation for each service and help defray the cost.



Order Your Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the Chancel for the Advent and Christmas season, please see the sign up on the Kiosk in the Gathering Area. **Cost is \$10 per plant** and must be paid before the plant is ordered. Please leave your payment envelope in the basket in the Church Office. Checks are payable to Ascension Lutheran Church. **Order Deadline is Sunday, November 20th.**



Poinsettia Orders

Bishop's Newsletter

Bishop Craig Satterlee's newsletters can be found at:

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





Dear Charity Administrator,

This email is to notify you that **Ascension Lutheran Church** [REDACTED] has been issued a **\$35.46** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2022.

The donation was deposited to your organization's bank account between August 31 - September 6, 2022.

Thank you,
Your AmazonSmile Team

Prayers of the Week

Our prayer partner prayers are included in The Messenger each month.

As Jesus calls us to be one even as he and the Father are one, please remember these congregations, leaders and families in your prayers.

November 6th

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI

Ascension Families: Lisa and Ed Espinoza; Nick Espinoza; David, Jacob, Max, Allison Faerber

November 13th

Saron Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, MI and Rev. Joan Oleson

Ascension Families: Mike and Jan Faerber, Mikey Falkenberg; Brent, Natalie, Jack Fleissner

November 20th

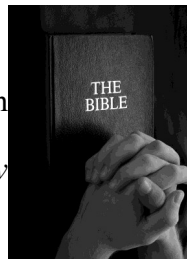
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Suttons Bay, MI and Rev. Jonathan Reid

Ascension Families: Ellen Foley; Craig and Joan Ford; Andy, Kris, Mason, Meredith Friend

November 27th

St. John's Lutheran Church, Three Rivers, MI and Rev. James Smith

Ascension Families: Ron and Donna Fries; Donna, John, Ella, Emma Frollo; Mark, Sean, Miles Girardin and Grace Prange



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

Bob Bolger—Edgewood Assisted Living,
4850 Gratiot Rd., Room B12, Saginaw, MI
48638

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

Peggy Lockhart—6143 Longmeadow Blvd.
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Saginaw, MI 48609

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108, St. Charles, MI 48655

Joyce Storm—181 Evelyn, Saginaw, MI
48609

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

Rusty & Barb VanMarter—9855
Schomaker Rd., Saginaw, MI 48609

Barb Yancer—8936 N. Brookshire Drive,
Saginaw, MI 48609

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! **Year-to-date Ascension has received \$101!** We would love to see this increase, 10 more people spending \$200/year on Amazon, earns us another \$100.

Instructions:

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you're prompted to select a charitable organization from our list of eligible organizations.

If you are unsure what organization is listed, you can check or change your selection at any time.

To change (or view) your charitable organization:

- Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
- From your desktop, go to **Your Account** and select the option to **Change your Charity**. Or, from your mobile browser, select **Change your Charity** from the options at the bottom of the page.
- If needed, select a new charitable organization to support.

Center of HOPE Food Pantry

The food pantry operates on Wednesdays. The following are the dates that Ascension is providing workers. Volunteers should arrive by **8:30 a.m.** at the Center of HOPE Food Pantry, 723 Emerson, Saginaw, MI 48607.

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

December 14th
February 8th (2023) • April 12th (2023)

Baptismal Banner Volunteer

We are looking for a Youth Volunteer who would be interested in earning volunteer hours making baptismal banners. This is an option to volunteer “at church” without actually being present “in church”, which with school activities can sometimes pose a challenge. We are looking for someone who can step in now. Ideal age is 13-18. Contact Lisa at the office either by phone or email (ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested and additional information will be provided.



**Volunteer
Needed**



First Communion

Blessings to the following youth who received their
First Communion on October 2, 2022

Hugh Carroll
Nathan Earnesty
Hannah Wizner
Mattison Wizner

Welcome to the Lord's Table



Union Court Queen

Congratulations to Jackie O'Dell who was the 2022 Union Court Queen and participated in the St. Charles homecoming parade on October 14th



Blood Drive

**Thursday,
December 8, 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 (to the right)
- Go to the website: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/146553
- Call the church office—Lisa will sign you up





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

With our commitment to assist parents in their baptismal covenant to teach their children, the "Children's Church" model will continue this year. 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. We will then return to worship as an entire congregation during the peace, so that our youth will still receive Communion/Prayers.

Please complete the **Registration Form** on the kiosk or at www.ascensionlc.org and return to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Earnesty, Rita Hendrickson or Pastor Julie.

Children's Church Offering

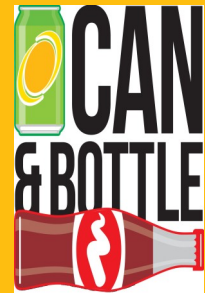
The Children's Church/Sunday School will continue to take an offering. The kids will have their own giving envelopes that will look different from the adult giving envelopes. Kids can take a few home with them or bring their offering to put in the envelope when they come to class. They will put their name and offering number on the envelope (the teachers can help with this) and they will even get their own giving statement.



This money will be deposited into a savings account and the children will choose what outreach to give the money toward later in the spring--possibly through ELCA Good Gifts (check them out at goodgifts.elca.org).

If you have any questions, please feel free to follow up with Dawn Earnesty, Rita Hendrickson or Pastor Julie.

ALL Youth 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. This is a great way for Youth of all ages to begin earning for future trips and events as they grow.

Thank you for your support!!

Elementary—High School 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**

Second Year Confirmation Class

The Second Year Confirmation classes are held on Sunday's from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. The focus this year will be on the Lord's Prayer and Holy Conversations.



Schedule

Lord's Prayer

- November 13—Petition 5
- December 4—Petition 6
- December 18—Petition 7



Vanco Online Giving



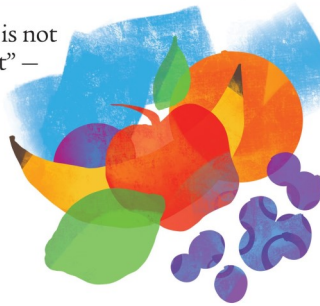


Bible Quiz



Which of the following is not called a "fruit of the Spirit" — but probably could be?

- A. love
- B. faithfulness
- C. self-control
- D. gratitude
- E. gentleness



Pull Out Your Bibles and Go To:

Galatians 5:22-23
For This Quiz



Puzzle!

Although the Bible doesn't mention turkey feasts, the gospels do describe a miracle dinner that made thousands of hungry people thankful (see Matthew 14:13-21). Fill in the words to complete a poem about that meal.

Hint: Each pair of line endings should rhyme.

Word Box

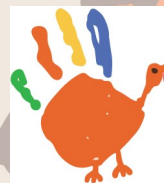
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began	late	ran	ton
bunch	lunch	rest	true
done	men	spaces	you

Jesus was tired and went to find _____.
So away from the crowd he started his _____.
It came to an end before it _____.
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they _____.
His boat pulled ashore, and he looked at their _____.
Five thousand men, plus families, filled all open _____.
And so Jesus spoke, and he taught until _____.
The disciples told him it was time they all _____.
Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____.
And feeding this crowd is now up to _____."
Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____.
What would they do? They'd need a whole _____.
But then a young boy came and offered his _____.
Five loaves and two fish to feed this big _____?
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____ ...
it fed all the women, the children and _____.

Answer: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men



Happy Thanksgiving!



Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.

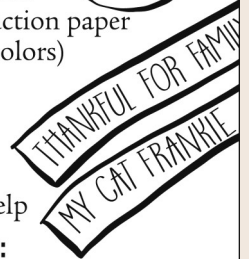


What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.



Serving in November

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.

Readers	8am	10:30am
6	Susan Kelley	Dawn Dalton
13	Dick Schomaker	Linda Lentner
20	Edna Bell	Shelly Dawson
27	Charleen Boland	Linda Luplow

Sound Board Operators

6	Kris Friend	†
13	†	Makena Whelton
20	Kris Friend	Makena Whelton
27	Madison Morgan	Makena Whelton

Head Ushers

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

Altar Guild

6	Sue Bailey
13	Donna Fries
20	Susan Kelley
27	Kris Friend



November Librarian—Marty Debozy

Prayers	8am	10:30am
6	Susan Kelley	Dawn Dalton
13	Charleen Boland	Tim Grueber
20	Ruth Schomaker	Lisa Whelton
27	Lynn Schomaker	Lisa Espinoza

Video Screen Operators

6	Kris Friend	Tim Grueber
13	Charleen Boland	Tim Grueber
20	†	Tim Grueber
27	Mackenzie Morgan	Jeff Whelton

Acolyte 10:30 a.m.

6	Hannah Wizner
13	Gabby Dalton
20	Hannah Wizner
27	Greyston Hendrickson



Children's Church

6	Madison Morgan / Mackenzie Morgan
13	Dave & Shelly Dawson
20	Christmas Program Practice
27	<i>No Class-Thanksgiving</i>

WEDNESDAYS 7pm

	Head Usher	Readers	Sound Board	Video Screen	Prayers
2	Glen Mack	Connie Dutcher	†	Kelly Phillion	Not Needed
9	Mike Clifford	Mike Clifford	†	Connie Dutcher	Mike Clifford
16	John Schroeder	John Schroeder	†	Glen Mack	Donna Malburg
23	<i>No Worship Service</i>				
30	Glen Mack	Connie Dutcher	†	Kelly Phillion	Connie Dutcher

† indicates a volunteer is needed

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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 All Saints' Day 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Kitchen Rental  ALL SAINTS' DAY	2 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-FH Rental 7pm-Worship-Healing Service/Communion	3 7pm-Trustee Mtg	4 Office Closed Youth at Charge Nov 4-6	5  Fall Back
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints' Sunday 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/Children's Church	7 6pm-M2M Bible Study	8 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Kitchen Rental	9 11am-Weekend Food Bags 12pm-Council Reports Due 6:30pm-FH Rental 7pm-Worship/Communion	10	11 Veterans Day Office Closed  Veterans Day: Thank You for Your Service!	12
13 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/New Members/Communion/Children's Church 5pm-Confirmation2	14 9am-Ascension Breakfast Club @ Sullivan's 6pm-M2M Bible Study	15 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg 6:30pm-Kitchen Rental	16 Thanksgiving Offering 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-FH Rental 7pm-Worship/New Members/Communion	17	18 Office Closed	19
20 Christ the King Sunday RaiseRight Due, BP Screening Thanksgiving Offering Poinsettia Orders Due 8am-Worship/Communion/ 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/Children Church	21 12pm-Messenger Articles Due 6pm-M2M Bible Study	22 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	23 9am-Cong Mtg Agenda/Budget/Ballot due to Office 6:30pm-FH Rental 7pm-NO WORSHIP	24 Thanksgiving Office Closed  LET US GIVE THANKS	25 Office Closed	26 9am-Decorate Church 9am-Library Mtg
National Bible Week Nov 20-26 						
27 1st Sunday of Advent 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion 	28 6pm-M2M Bible Study	29 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	30 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-FH Rental 7pm-Worship/Communion Messenger Mailed			

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

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WHEN PEOPLE HATE YOU ...
BECAUSE OF THE
SON OF MAN.
Rejoice in that day ...
BECAUSE
GREAT IS YOUR
REWARD IN
HEAVEN.”

LUKE 6:22-23, NIV

