

# The Messenger

## Ascension Lutheran Church

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

### Installation of Council

The Congregation Council of Ascension will be installed as officers and ministers of our congregation on **Sunday, January 15th** and **Wednesday, January 18th**. Serving the 2023 Calendar Year are:

- ♦ President: Gus Hendrickson
- ♦ Vice President: Tim Grueber
- ♦ Secretary: Susan Kelley
- ♦ Treasurer: Connie Dutcher
- ♦ Financial Secretary: Kris Friend
- ♦ Minister of Spiritual Health: Celina Gottlieb
- ♦ Minister of Outreach: Joyce Berg
- ♦ Minister of Congregational Care: Glen Mack
- ♦ Minister of Resource and Finance: Linda Lentner

Please keep these leaders in your prayers and support them as we move forward in mission to boldly make Christ's vision known.



Thank you to Melissa Albosta for her service as Vice President.



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#### STAFF

Julie Bailey, Pastor  
*vacant*, Musician  
Lisa Whelton, Parish Administrator  
Jeff Whelton, Custodian  
Rita Hendrickson, Parish Nurse

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

#### MINISTRIES

Glen Mack, Congregational Care  
Linda Lentner, Finance/Resources  
Joyce Berg, Outreach  
Celina Gottlieb, Spiritual Health

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#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday's: 7:00 p.m.

#### OFFICE HOURS

Church office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9a.m.-2p.m. The church will be closed if Swan Valley Schools are closed due to inclement weather.

## A Message From Pastor Julie



*Change is a normal part of our lives, but it's uncomfortable for the vast majority of people because it makes them feel like they've lost control.*

—Mary Jo Asmus

Certainly over the past several years, we know very well that change is a normal part of our lives; unwelcome at times, but normal. It certainly causes adjustments on the parts of many.

As a congregation, we are in a constant state of change as leadership changes, both as staff and as leadership. There is a

learning curve that often will bring up some change. No matter how small we might think the change is, it causes some anxiety.

We have been blessed at Ascension for many years with very gifted musicians. I am thankful for those who have served and who help lead our worship in music. I realize that Ascension places a high priority on music.



*Winter*

Since Jennifer's resignation we have posted job descriptions and sent the description to SVSU and online. We have a few weeks where we will have guest musicians but for now, we will be using recorded music.

If you play an instrument of any kind and would be interested in accompanying worship sometime, let us know. We plan far enough ahead to give you time to practice.

In the meantime, God is with us!

## Re-MEMBER-ing Sunday—January 29th



We will meet for one worship service on **Sunday, January 29th at 9:37 a.m.**, as this is the fifth Sunday of the month. Following worship, there will be some time of fellowship and snacks.

What does Re-MEMBER-ing mean? Some have wondered. It sounds like we are remembering people who may not be with us; and that could be part of it. But

mostly it is the intentional re-gathering, re-community-ing, re-assembling together as Ascension Lutheran Church.

**If you would be willing to bring some easy snack food for the fellowship time, please let the office know.**

Some of us do not know people who are part of our church

family because they do not worship at the same time we do. This is an intentional opportunity to get to know people and to see other people who are part of this Ascension family.

On **Wednesday, February 1st**, we will host a Lessons and Carols service for Epiphany at **7 p.m.**



## North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly

The synod assembly will be held in Mount Pleasant **May 7-9, 2023**. Thank you to Jim and Marie Stuart who submitted their names from the floor at our congregational meeting and were elected to serve as voting members at the upcoming assembly.



## Tuesday Morning Bible Study



We meet via Zoom every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon to read and discuss scripture. All are welcome to join us as you are available. We are currently reading through the prophet Isaiah. If you want to catch up before we resume meeting, you can read Isaiah 1-32. We will begin with Isaiah 33 when we gather again on January 3rd. Following is the code entry for the zoom meeting—or let Pastor

Julie know and she can email or Facebook message you the invite.

www.zoom.com  
Meeting ID: 871 0929 4561  
Passcode: 099583

No Class January 31st

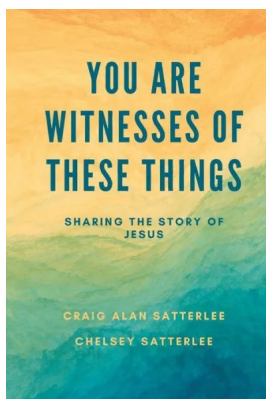


## Women's Bible Study

The Monday night Mary to Martha Women's Bible study will resume in March 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Richardson at 989-274-6787.

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.

## Sunday Morning Adult Book Discussion—January 8th



On Sunday mornings, we will read together the book "You Are Witnesses of These Things" by Bishop Craig and Chelsey Satterlee. If you ordered a book, they should arrive in the by January 1st. If you didn't order a book, you can purchase on Amazon

and there is a Kindle version, if you would prefer. Come join us for a good discussion as we learn and grow more confident in boldly making Christ known in our lives and in our community.

Class will meet in the Digging Dunes meeting room beginning January 8th from 9:15-10:15 a.m.



No Class January 29th

## Congregational Meeting Report of Ministry and Constitutional Revisions



On Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m., we will meet for our annual meeting where the ministries have the opportunity to share what has been accomplished in 2022.

We also hope to have the constitution updates done in time to address those at this meeting. These are the changes that were made to

congregational constitutions at the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August.

\*\*Team Leaders and Ministers—  
Please note your reports are due no later than **January 15, 2023. to the church office.** They can be sent via email to: [ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net) or dropped off in the office.

## Congregational Meeting



# Please Remember Those on Ascension's Care List



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. North, Saginaw, MI 48603

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

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

Joyce Storm—181 Evelyn, Saginaw, MI  
48609

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

Rusty Van Marter—9855 Schomaker  
Rd., Saginaw, MI 48609

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

**Mail a card, plan a visit, or say a  
prayer for these members of our  
church family**

thinking of you

## 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.*

### January 1st

Lebanon Lutheran Church,  
Whitehall, MI and Rev. Douglas  
Ogden

Ascension Families: Norman Sr. &  
Theresa Hamilton; Norman Jr. & Mary  
Hamilton; Rick Sr. & Patty Hamilton

### January 8th

Zion Lutheran Church, Woodland,  
MI and Rev. Rebecca Ebb-Spees

Ascension Families: Samantha  
Hamilton & Maliyah Johnson; Steve,  
Lyric, Skylar, Haupt; Jim & Donna  
Hayes

### January 15th

Christ Lutheran Church,  
Wyoming, MI and Rev. Robert  
Schmidt

Ascension Families: Luke, Danielle,  
Adalynn, Emerson, Lillian Hendrick;  
Gus, Rita, Greyston Hendrickson &  
Breanna Kocsis; Rick, Nikki, Jack  
Herren

### January 22nd

Sudanese Christ Lutheran Church,  
Wyoming, MI and Stated Supply  
Pastor Rev. Julie Winklepeck

Ascension Families: Mark & Georgia  
Hickner; Chris, Krystal, Rylie, Taylor  
Hoffmann; Nick, Jessica, Emma, Jayson  
Hoffmann

### January 29th

Feast of Victory Lutheran Church,  
Acme, MI and Rev. Carolyn Heider

Ascension Families: Adam, Chelsea,  
Tommy, Benny Houthoofd; Chris &  
Ashley Howe; Leonard & Ruth Howell

## Altar Flowers



Altar arrangements are placed in the Sanctuary each week to help decorate for worship. They can be given "To the Glory of God", in memory of someone, or in honor of an event, such as birthday or anniversary. The arrangement 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). The 2023 flower chart is posted on the door of the Acolyte room and many dates are available.



January 1st Given in honor of the new year, by Julie Bailey

January 8th Given in memory of Kay Ballien, by Phil Ballien

January 15th Given in memory of Ron Schultz, by Lori Schultz

January 22nd Available to sponsor

January 29th Available to sponsor





# Financial Secretary Announcement



## Annual Giving Statements

Important announcements from the Financial Secretary

2022 Year End Giving statements will be available for pick up in the Narthex by **January 23, 2023**. If not picked up by February 23, 2023 they will be mailed to you.

To help ensure you are accurately credited for your giving please fill out your envelopes clearly - amount, breakdown, and name.

If you forget your envelope, no problem, we have extras in the Narthex



for you to use, but please remember to put your name on them. We have had some instances lately where people think they know their envelope number and they are close but ... Your name is a good idea to ensure accuracy.

Children's Church. Love, LoVe, LOVE that you are teaching your youth the act of giving at such a young age. Although we support their autonomy, if accuracy is of concern, please "help them" fill out their name, envelope number, and amount - even if on the back of the envelope or in a corner.

Non-traditional giving - once a year, lump sum, automatic deposit (non-VANCO). VANCO deposits allow you to clearly state your intent. We understand and support your decision to contribute the way that is easiest for you, but please clearly make your intentions known prior to the deposit for accurate break out of your giving.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Financial Secretary.  
—Kris Yackel-Friend

## Endowment Team



## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you to Melissa Albosta and Waylon Earnesty who have served their 3 year terms on the Ascension Endowment Team. Joyce Berg and Tony Dancer will begin a 3 year term appointment, joining team members Tracy Aldrich, Dori Dalton and Sara Gregor. Please watch for information regarding college scholarships for seniors, as well as grant requests for ministries. Please note that the maximum awarded to any ministry is \$1,000.

**Thrivent Members—Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars before March 31st.**

If you are a partner with Thrivent (a fraternal organization that helps with financial management), you may 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.



## 2023 Giving Envelopes



As we prepare for the new year, please be sure to pick up your envelopes for 2023. Due to staff shortages, we have been informed that there is a delay in mailing our envelopes so they will be delivered to the church later than as usual. We will let you know when they are ready to be picked up.



## 100+ Women Who Care

In memory of Courtney Elisabeth (York) Favazza, her mother, Kathy York, has begun a Memorial to provide donations to Saginaw, Hemlock, St. Charles, Merrill and Freeland charities or non-profits.

Any woman is welcome to join other women in making a difference in our community. Each member will commit to \$100/meeting. The group will meet quarterly to determine what charity/program/non-profit will receive the donations that quarter. Ascension is providing a location for the meetings. Ascension will not be handling any of the donations. The charity/program/non-profit that receives a donation must agree not to use the names of members for future solicitations or give information to the public. (*Ascension's Weekend Food Bag Program is an example of a program that could be considered*).

The next meeting will be **January 12th at 5:30 p.m.** in Ascension's Fellowship Hall. Additional information can be found at [www.100womenourtellis.com](http://www.100womenourtellis.com)

Ascension has a congregational goal of participating with at least six other organizations in our community. We welcome the 100+ Women Who Care with open hearts and hospitality.

## Ascension Breakfast Club (ABC)

All who are available for breakfast are invited to join others from Ascension for a time of fellowship and food. We 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!

Next Date: **January 9, 2023**



**Join Us For  
BREAKFAST**

## 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.



## Sewing Group

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.



**January 4th & 18th  
February 1st & 15th**

## 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, January 15th.**



## Recycling At Church



In December, we introduced recycling at Ascension! If you recall, we have a member who has volunteered to take the recycling home weekly. We have begun recycling cardboard, plastic, glass, cans, and paper. It has been very successful so far and we appreciate all of those who are

reducing waste and thinking about our carbon footprint. We cannot accept recycling from your home, however, if you are at church and you have any of these waste products, place them in the bin near the drinking fountain in the Education Hallway. There are also signs posted above the bin that state which items can be recycled.

Please note, we do ask that if you put glass or cans in the bin that they are rinsed clean.

**Thank you** for your support in this initiative and we will continue to update its progress!

Communities for recycling, "16 Fun Recycling Facts for Kids", <https://recyclingpartnership.org/communitiesforrecycling/16-fun-recycling-facts-for-kids>, February 19, 2021.



## Amazon Smile



Do you shop with Amazon? If so, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and register Ascension Lutheran Church in Saginaw as your charity to support. When you order through this site, all orders eligible will benefit Ascension at 0.05% of what you paid. You don't pay anymore!!! It may not seem like much, but for the number of us that do use Amazon, it can really add up! 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](https://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.

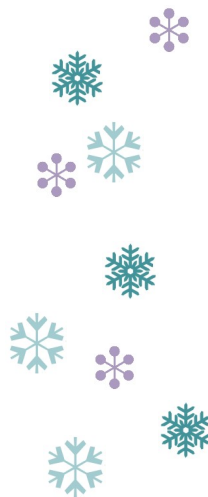
If needed, select a new charitable organization to support.

## RaiseRight Orders

**How Does It Work?** Buy a gift card from the church and the church earns a percentage of the value.

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

**Orders Due January 15th**



## Bishop's Newsletter

Bishop Craig Satterlee's newsletters can be found at:

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



## 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.



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Deadline for the February 2023 issue is:

**Monday, January 16th at 12:00 (noon).**

Articles may be emailed to:

[ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net)

## Food Pantry

The Center of Hope Food Pantry operates on Wednesdays. Ascension is providing workers on the **February 8th & April 12th**. Volunteers should arrive by **8:30 a.m.** at the pantry at 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

They are collecting clean plastic & cloth grocery bags & manual can openers.

## January Birthdays



1st	Andrea Kittle		Zoey Kohnert-Pretzer	26th	Alice Doerr
3rd	Mary Erskine	15th	Marty Debozy		Nichole Whelton
4th	Ruth Howell	16th	Laura Schian	27th	Lisa Espinoza
	David Huston	18th	Christopher Hoffmann	28th	Karen DeLaRosa
5th	Taylor Hoffmann		Connor Webb		Alicia Leffler
	Jean Joslyn	19th	Ben Crump	29th	Lillian Edsall
	Hunter Turner		Logan Dalton		Amaya Favaza
	Lindsay Walsh		Tim Grueber		Kathleen Kelly
7th	Courtney Whelton	20th	Larissa Crook		Pat Owen
9th	Malory Lopez		Bob Darling	30th	Bob Aldrich
10th	Phil Ballien	22nd	Alisha Albrecht	31st	Dawn Earnesty
	Mike Clifford	23rd	Cheryl Andrus		Maxwell Faerber
	Collene Kolinski		Judy Goschke		Leonard Howell
13th	Melissa Morgan		Danielle Hendrick		Rachel Joslyn
14th	Elizabeth Clark	24th	Gina Dillenbeck		Ruth Schomaker
	Jim Dankert	25th	Theresa Hamilton		

## January Anniversaries

- 2nd Charleen & Carl Boland  
29th Hunter & Alexis Turner



Congratulations to Jamie Mallak and James VanOchten who were married at Ascension on December 17, 2022

## 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  
Holy Conversations

January 8—Doxology & Amen  
January 22—Sacrament



## 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](mailto:ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net)) if you are interested and additional information will be provided.



**Volunteer  
Needed**





# Children's Christmas Program



On December 18th, elementary youth from our congregation shared the message of Christmas Hope with those in worship at 10:30 a.m. Thank you to Joscelyn Whelton who prepared and directed our program. She has taken this role, as well as a Children's Church leader for a few years. We will miss her when she leaves to attend college in the fall. Thank you to youth, parents, and all who helped make this a great way to prepare for Christmas.



# Pop Can Fundraiser



The youth of all ages continue to collect bottles and cans as a fundraising event. Cans and bottles are dropped off at the vestibule near the fellowship hall. Youth sign up for a week at a time to return the cans, and return the money to the church.



Half of what is returned goes into their own

personal account to be used for youth events. The other half goes into the Youth Savings account to be used for overhead and help pay for events as well.

The money raised can be used to help subsidize camp fees, youth events like Charge, or the ELCA Gathering in 2024. It is never too early to start saving for these events.

## Youth Instructions:

1. Sign up on the kiosk to return cans for an open week
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.

# Youth Accomplishments



We want to show our appreciation for your youth of all ages. Has your youth excelled at their sport, did they make the Honor or Merit roll, did they get "in the news" for an event they participated in such as an art show, robotics, or a play, did they run a 5k or raise money for a family in need?

Please send the church office your child's accomplishments. We'd like to post them on our bulletin board.



# Welcome Pack 3363



Beginning in January, Scout Pack 3363 will be chartered by Ascension Lutheran Church. They have been meeting in our fellowship hall on Wednesday evenings since school started. Gus Hendrickson will be serving as this year's liaison to the pack. We look forward to strengthening our partnership in the community with the young men and women who participate in scouting. Please welcome them!



## Summer Camp—2023



  
**Welcome to All Pricing**  
Come as you are. Pay what you will.  
Summer 2023

**Full Price | Half Price | No Price**

Camp returns this summer at Stony Lake Camp in New Era, Michigan. We plan to attend as a group the week of **July 9th**. Camps available are:

**Explorers:** This camp is for youth grades 1-3. This camp gives the young campers a “test-drive” to the camp experience. They return home on Wednesday.

**Discoverers:** This camp is for youth grades 3-5. This camp is designed primarily for elementary youth.

**Challengers:** This camp is for confirmation students and Middle School students. It provides an opportunity to bond as a group as well as experience the camp.

**Servant Hearts:** This camp is for grades 8-12 and is for High School Students.

Camp is offering a three tiered payment of full price, half price, and free. Families are welcome and encouraged to pay at what level they are able to pay for.

**Confirmation Youth**—the congregation commits to paying ½ of your payment for one year of camp. Please check out [elcalivingwater.com](http://elcalivingwater.com) for more information.

Registration begins **January 15th** and is open until the camp week is full! Parents must register their children, so please do so ASAP!

Contact Pastor Julie with any questions.

## 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



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High School ELCA Youth Gathering  
**July 16-20, 2024**  
New Orleans  
CREATED TO BE



We have been created to be ourselves. Created by the Holy One. Since the last time the ELCA came together for an ELCA Youth Gathering, our young people have experienced several major life events. Still today, we are experiencing an ongoing public health crisis mixed with an economic and political crisis. However, we can rest assured that we are created to be in relationship with one another.

Youth that will be entering high school in the fall of 2024 are welcome to join us for this trip. We need to start fundraising (get to those pop cans to start) and think of other ways we can begin to raise the money needed to attend. Check out [elca.org/gathering](http://elca.org/gathering) for updates and information.

Check out the YouTube video: [Created to Be | 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering](#)



## Ordering the days

God spoke and created all that exists. He separated and ordered his creation. What did God say about all he made?

*Directions: Write the correct day of creation next to each clue. Then fill in the circled letters in order below to complete Genesis 1:31, NIV.*

**FIRST SECOND THIRD FOURTH FIFTH SIXTH**

God made wild animals and livestock.

God said, "Let there be light."

God gathered the waters under the sky into one place.

God made a vault to separate the waters and called it "sky."

God created plants and trees.

God separated the light from the darkness.

God made the water teem with living creatures.

God made the sun and moon.

God made birds fly above the earth.

God made stars.

God created mankind in his own image.

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God \_aw all tha\_ he \_ad ma\_e, an\_ \_t was ve\_y g\_od.

GENESIS 1:31, NIV

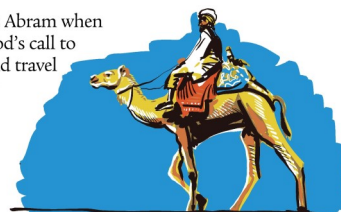


## Pull Out Your Bibles and Go To: Genesis 12:4

### Bible Quiz

How old was Abram when he followed God's call to leave Haran and travel to a new land?

- A. 25
- B. 50
- C. 75
- D. 100



## TASTY CREATIONS

Make this yummy treat to remember what happened on each day of Creation.

### What you need:

- 6 large pretzel rods
- Candy melts (white, chocolate and blue)
- Green sprinkles
- White or star-shaped sprinkles
- Fish crackers
- Animal crackers
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. With help, melt the three colors of candy melts in separate dishes. Microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring until soft.
2. Decorate one pretzel for each day of Creation:
  - Dip half in white and half in chocolate to show light and darkness.
  - Dip half in white and half in blue to show separation of the atmosphere.
  - Dip half in chocolate, add green sprinkles and dip half in blue to show land, plants and water.
  - Dip in chocolate and add white or star sprinkles to show the stars.
  - Dip in blue and add fish crackers to show sea life.
  - Dip in chocolate and add animal crackers to show land animals.
3. Share the Creation story — and the snack — with a friend!

Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year





## Serving in January

*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.* † indicates a volunteer is needed

Readers	8am	10:30am	Prayers	8am	10:30am
1	No Worship	Joscelyn Whelton	1	No Worship	Chris Crump
8	Marty Debozy	Dawn Dalton	8	Charleen Boland	Dawn Dalton
15	Kris Friend	Shelly Dawson	15	Susan Kelley	Lisa Whelton
22	Edna Bell	Linda Lentner	22	Lynn Schomaker	Lisa Espinoza
29	9:37 a.m. One Service—Charleen Boland		29	9:37 a.m. One Service—Ruth Schomaker	

### Sound Board Operators

1	No Worship	Makena Whelton
8	†	Makena Whelton
15	†	Makena Whelton
22	†	Makena Whelton
29	9:37 a.m. One Service—Makena Whelton	

### Video Screen Operators

1	No Worship	Tim Grueber
8	†	†
15	†	†
22	†	Jeff Whelton
29	9:37 a.m. One Service—Tim Grueber	

### Head Ushers

1	No Worship	Friend/Beyerlein
8	Schomaker	Dalton/Whelton
15	Roth	Earnesty/Wizner
22	Wilson	Dawson/Hendrickson
29	Kelley	Friend/Beyerlein

### Acolyte 10:30 a.m.

1	†
8	Gabby Dalton
15	Ethan Earnesty
22	Greyston Hendrickson
29	Harrison Salowitz

### Altar Guild

1	No schedule provided
8	
15	
22	
29	

### Children's Church

1	No Class
8	Dawn Earnesty / Stephanie Wizner
15	Dawn Earnesty / Stephanie Wizner
22	Rita Hendrickson / Tony Dancer
29	Joscelyn Whelton / Louise Roby

**January Librarian**—No schedule provided

### WEDNESDAYS 7pm

	Head Usher	Readers	Sound Board	Video Screen	Prayers
4	Mike Clifford	Mike Clifford	†	Glen Mack	Celina Gottlieb
11	Glen Mack	Connie Dutcher	†	Connie Dutcher	Donna Malburg
18	Glen Mack	Glen Mack	†	Connie Dutcher	Connie Dutcher
25	Mike Clifford	Joyce Richardson	†	Glen Mack	Mike Clifford



# Ascension Lutheran Church - January 2023

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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
<b>1 New Year's Day</b> 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	<b>4</b> 7:30am-Food Pantry Truck Unload 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-FH Rental 7pm-Worship/Communion	<b>5</b> 6:30pmTrustee Mtg	<b>6 Epiphany</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 	<b>7</b> 9am-Decorations Take Down
<b>8</b> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Book Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 5pm-Confirmation-2nd yr	<b>9</b> 9am-Ascension Breakfast Club @ Sullivan's	<b>10</b> 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Kitchen Rental	<b>11</b> 11am-Weekend Food Bags 12pm-Council Reports Due 6:30pm-FH Rental 7pm-Worship/Communion	<b>12</b> 5:30pm-FH Rental	<b>13</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>14</b> FH Rental
<b>15 Council Installation</b> <b>RaiseRight Due</b> <b>BP Screening</b> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Book Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church	<b>16 Martin Luther King Jr Day</b> <b>9am-Ministry Reports Due</b> 12pm-Messenger Articles Due 	<b>17</b> 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 4:30pm-Kitchen Rental 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg	<b>18 Council Installation</b> 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-FH Rental 7pm-Worship/Communion	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>21</b>
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<b>29 Re-MEMBER-ing</b> 9:37am-Worship/Communion Children's Church 10:37am-Fellowship	<b>30</b> <b>Pr. Julie Out of Office</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Pr. Julie Out of Office</b> 11am-NO BIBLE STUDY 4:30pm-Kitchen Rental 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors				

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

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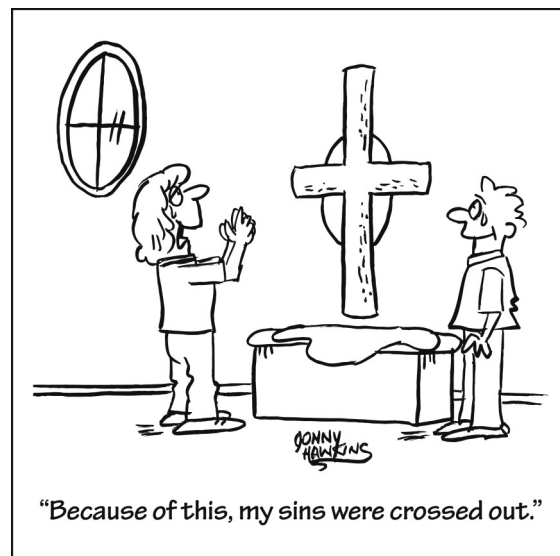
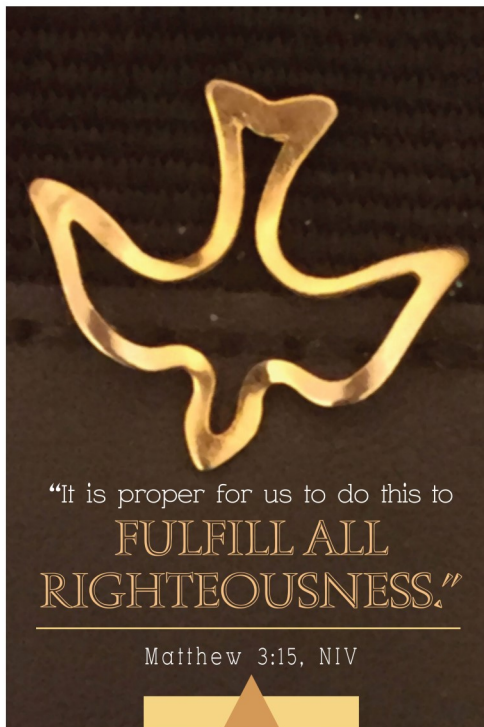
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