

The Messenger

Ascension Lutheran Church

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

Re-MEMBER-ing Sunday—July 30th

Our next Re-MEMBER-ing Sunday will be **July 30th at 9:37 a.m.** All people who worship with Ascension, along with family and friends are invited to join us for this worship service. A potluck meal will be held in the Pavilion following the service. Main dish will be provided—each family is invited to bring a dish to share.

Feel free to bring outdoor games to share in some fellowship following the worship service. We might even get a euchre tournament going!



All-church Potluck



**We will gather as
one congregation**



Continue the fellowship at a Loon's Game—See page 9

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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.

A Message From Pastor Julie



Revelation 3: 14-16: What is our spiritual temperature?

“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin^a of God’s creation: ¹⁵“I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. “

If Jesus took our spiritual temperature, what would he find?

I was reading a blog I read from time to time and this post began: “The American Church is at a crisis moment.” (Sam Ranier) I wasn’t shocked by the statement so much—we know this. Our attendance has not returned to pre-covid numbers, we have more open slots to fill in our worship leadership, we often ask what ever happened to.... It’s not a new phenomenon—event after Jesus ascended into the heaven the disciples just stood there looking up, until two men came and told them to get going. (Acts 1:10-11).

Apathy, the lack of enthusiasm is rampant, not only in our churches but I would say we can see it in many aspects of our daily lives. Because my community is primarily church related, I see it in many facets of the church, at the congregational, synodical, and churchwide levels. It is a why bother, why does it matter kind of approach. And the reasons are varied!

The problem with apathy is that long term the effects are deadly, literally. We can be apathetic about it because we trust that the church will always be there. We don’t need to participate, or give, or even attend—others are doing that for us so when there is a need, the congregation will be there. In our synod alone, I would guess that 20 plus ELCA congregations thought the same thing—and now they are not there!

What can we do? That depends on the reason. For some, we have just gotten out of the habit. Right after the pandemic some people told me they like watching worship in their pajamas. I did too! But worship isn’t a spectator sport—worship is interactive. We sing, pray, move, and reflect together. When we get out of the habit, or place things in our schedule we deem more important for a time, we find it harder to return. It is even more difficult to return after a death, illness, or situation that upset us. It takes intentionality and discipline.

Get involved. Help out with something in worship. Many people are needed to worship together—from readers, prayers, altar guild, acolytes, sound board and video operators. Become part of worship by helping in leadership!

Are you concerned about raising the next generation? Consider a rotation with Children’s Church or helping with the youth. You don’t have to be a parent! The more adults involved in a child’s formation has been seen as valuable.

Find something you are interested in. Is there a ministry that interests you? Try it out. If it isn’t what you thought it was, it isn’t a lifelong commitment. Do you see a need we aren’t doing and you would be interested in doing this? Consider starting a new ministry. We recently saw this as members of our congregation began a grief support group.

The Lord will always be there. This is true! Jesus isn’t going anywhere. But the same can’t be said for congregations. Sorry to say, we too will die. But let us do our best until that day to live to the fullest. To be faithful and present in our community. And I want to invite you to be part of the enthusiasm and joy of living a life in faith with the people of Ascension Lutheran Church.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday morning bible study will begin a new study on July 2nd.

Topic: TBD

Class will meet in the Digging Dunes meeting room **Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

No Class July 30th



Monday Women's Bible Study

Our Mary to Martha Women's Bible Study 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.

We take a break in the summer and will return on **September 11th.**

If you have any questions about the study or the group, contact Joyce Richardson at 989-274-6787 by calling or texting.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our group will resume meeting on **Tuesday, July 25th** via Zoom at **11 a.m.** We have completed reading through the book of Isaiah—and pondered—are there prophets like Isaiah here today?

We will begin reading through the book of Acts.

All are invited to join us!



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

Summer Bible Study Monday Evening—Via Zoom



Connecting Sunday to Monday

You may have heard someone talk about being called into ministry and thought to yourself how nice it must be to know with certainty that you have been called. Many of us don't have that sense of God's calling on our lives. Consequently, we tend to divide life into what we can do to make a living and what we do to make a difference. Problem is, that kind of compartmentalization can leave us feeling a bit dissatisfied and insignificant.

What if you had a sense of calling about the roles you play every day – parent, child, worker, homemaker, neighbor, community leader, volunteer – a sense that God has uniquely chosen you and given you a mission right where you are in those roles? Then each of your life's roles would be more than work, it would be your call. But it starts with knowing how God has made you, what God is up to in the world, and your part in it.

Connecting Sunday to Monday focuses on how congregations can transform, one member at a time. This transformation isn't measured by growth in numbers but rather by the change that takes place in the lives of people as they begin to understand God's call on their lives – to use their gifts, talents and abilities to serve God's world.

Continuing the 5 week conversation on Monday's from **7 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Connecting Sunday to Monday.

www.zoom.com
Meeting ID: 848 3891 5779
Passcode: 737958

July 17: A Centered Life Retreat- Part 2
July 24: Exploring God's Call in Daily Life-Part 2



Please Remember Those on Ascension's Care List



Leslee Arnst—5935 Shattuck Ave #3,
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Saginaw, MI 48609

Barb Yancer—8936 N. Brookshire
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**Mail a card, plan a visit, or say a
prayer for these members of our
church family**



Prayers of the Week

Our partner prayers are included in
The Messenger each month.

PRAYING
FOR YOU

*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.*

July 2nd

Calvary Lutheran Church, Elk
Rapids, MI and Rev. Zachary
Nelson

Ascension Families: Dick & Ruth
Schomaker; Lynn Schomaker; John &
Carol Schroeder

July 9th

Trinity Lutheran Church,
Frankfort, MI and Rev. Richard
Stieve

Ascension Families: Lori Schultz; Sally
Schultz; Barb Snyder

July 16th

Zion Lutheran Church, Freeland,
MI and Rev. Kevin O'Bryan

Ascension Families: Carole Soule; Revs.
John & Leslie Soyster; Brian & Lisa
Stadler

July 23rd

Edgewood Lutheran Church,
Fruitport, MI and Rev. Len
Dahlgren

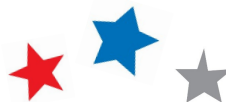
Ascension Families: Casey & Emma
Stadler; Cole & Ashley Stadler; Morgan
Stadler

July 30th

Peace Lutheran Church, Gaylord,
MI and Rev. Megan Crouch

Ascension Families: Nelson & Lynn
Staples; Tom & Rae Stoddard; Joyce
Storm

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. Payment envelopes are available on the Acolyte Room Door,** you can mail a check, or drop off payment when you are at church or during office hours (Monday-Thursdays 9am-2pm). The flower chart is posted on the door of the Acolyte room and many dates are available.



July 2nd

In honor of Makena's birthday, by The Whelton Family

July 9th

In honor of Morgan's birthday, by The Stadler Family

July 16th

In honor of Casey's birthday, by The Stadler Family

July 23rd

In honor of Cole & Ashley's Anniversary, by The Stadler Family

In honor of Briar's Baptism, by The Phillion Family

July 30th

To the Glory of God, by Susan Kelley

Homebound Visitors



We are looking for people who would be willing to visit our members in their home/nursing facilities once a month. This is a way to extend our community to those who are no longer able to worship physically with us. It would include providing home communion. Training is available.

We do have some who are continuing to serve in this ministry. **Thank you.** Much has changed since prior to the pandemic, and so it is time to reboot this team. If you think you would be willing to provide this meaningful ministry, we welcome you. This position does require a background check.



Servers Needed During Worship

It is a privilege to provide worship three times during the week for people to gather as community and praise God. We have some very dedicated people who serve regularly as altar guild members, readers, prayers, ushers, acolytes, song leaders, projection operators, sound operators, and video recording. If you feel the Spirit calling you to serve in one of these ministries, please let us know (we are also gathering data off the Time and Talent Sheets!)

We would welcome some people to serve as sound and projection operators during worship. If you think you would be willing to do this, please let Pastor Julie or the office know. Training can be provided.

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.



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 Levi's Restaurant** at 5800 Brockway, 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: July 10, 2023



**Join Us For
BREAKFAST**



Grief Support Group



Ascension has a new Grief Support Group. The group meets at the church on **Mondays at 10:30 a.m.**

It is very easy to feel like you're all alone. There is also no timeline on grief. A grief group surrounds you with other people going through the same thing you are. There are many types of grief; death, sickness, and divorce are just a few. All kinds of grief are supported in this group.

No Requirements.

No Pressure.

Relaxed & Informal.

Come and just listen or you may share.

Everyone is Welcome!

No Session

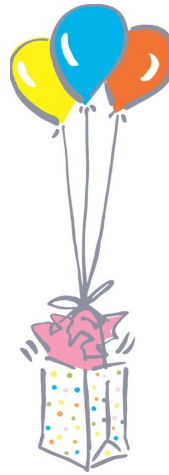
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July Birthdays

2nd Emma Hoffmann
Makena Whelton
Donald Wight
3rd Barb Robishaw
Tammy Webb
4th Leslie Denman
Hugh Dickie
Michael Kolinski
Matthew Trumble
5th Ahren Awad
Emily Dunn
Skylar Haupt
Arlene Neuenfeldt
6th Miles Girardin
7th Amy Inman
8th Dave Dawson
Dan Wenzel
10th Rita Hendrickson
John Soyster
Morgan Stadler
12th Julia Hamilton
13th Lija Preston
Danielle Wenzel

14th Ellen Foley
Jack Herren
15th Sally Schultz
16th Nancy Armstrong
Hannah Wizner
17th Carolyn Ballien
Barb Huston
18th Gabby Dalton
Ron Fries
Angelo Naples
Elliot Naples
20th Aspen Naples
Casey Stadler
21st Barb Van Marter
25th Jonathan Doerr
Molly McGrandy
Charlene Potter
26th Norm Hamilton, Sr.
Dick Schomaker
28th Gus Hendrickson
Anthony Naples
29th Adalynn Hendrick
Ben Salowitz



July Anniversaries

1st Ira and Charlene Potter
Alicia and Ryan Spear
2nd Bob and Mary Ecker
6th Bob & Laura Mancini
7th Luke & Danielle Hendrick
8th Pam & Dietrich Mackel
11th Jim and Wanda Dankert
16th Matthew and Susan Trumble
18th Bob and Gina Dillenbeck
20th Ken and Laura Schian
21st Cole and Ashley Stadler
22nd Tony and Melanie Dancer
23rd Rick and Allison Hamilton
25th Steve and Sheila Elvin
28th Brian and Sue Denman
Darcy and Diane Lobsiger-Braden
29th Jeff and Lisa Whelton
30th Samantha and Jacob Wright
31st Steve and Jennifer Salowitz

Baptism

The following young people received the Sacrament of Baptism on June 25th.

Brooklyn Noelle McKenzie. Brooklyn's sponsors are Melissa and Cody Briggs.

Daxton Dale Briggs. Daxton's sponsors are Samantha Hamilton and Cory Miller.

Devon Donald Briggs. Devon's sponsors are Samantha Hamilton and Cory Miller.

Food Pantry



There is a Truck Unload and Shelf Stocking the first Wednesday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome, the next date is **July 5th at 7:30 a.m.** at 723 Emerson, Saginaw, MI 48607.

The food pantry is also sponsoring several outdoor giveaways this summer and fall. They are in need of approximately 15 volunteers to assist with setup, cleanup and distribution. Arrival at **8am**. No need to sign up, you can just "show up" to be given a task to do.

Upcoming Dates & Locations: **7/29 @ Spaulding Twp Hall (5825 Cole Rd)**
8/15 @ Center of HOPE

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

The Food Pantry is continuing to collect clean plastic & cloth grocery bags & manual can openers.

Volunteering at St. Mary's Thrift Store—Benefits Food Pantry

Dewey Burke is looking for people that are interested in volunteering in the thrift store of St. Mary's. They have asked for his help in collecting volunteers so that they may open more than two days a week. The Center of HOPE Food Pantry would receive 1/2 of the funds collected on each day providing volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Dewey directly at 989-971-4316 or at dewburke@hotmail.com.



St. John's Grants & Scholarships

Upon closing St. John ELCA in downtown Saginaw as a worship center in 11-01-2020, the process began to complete the transformation of the trust into a foundation. They strive to continue the programs that were established by the church and develop and offer support to programs and organizations that further the Gospel of Christ in the Saginaw Area. They are doing this in two ways:

- Scholarships for applicants age 16+, who are a confirmed member/employee of one of the ELCA churches in the Saginaw area and attending K-12, Jr College or University, or payment on their student loan. **DUE BY 7/31/23**
 - Grants for programs such as Christian education, community health and welfare, social welfare, feeding and supporting the needy, supporting and assisting troubled youth, and aiding the poor in the Saginaw Area. **AWARDED QUARTERLY**
- The applications for both are posted on the Kiosk at church and available on our website.

Our Weekend Food Bags outreach program was recently awarded a **\$7,000 Grant** from the St. John ELCA Legacy Foundation of Saginaw. **THANK YOU** to the committee for helping us provide food to elementary youth in the Hemlock, St. Charles and Swan Valley school districts!

Library Team



At the request of the library team, the church council approved a change in the library use policy. The new policy states: *"Materials (books, puzzles, magazines, media, etc.) may be borrowed for a reasonable amount of time and returned or replaced with material of equal use and value. No individual monitoring system needs to be used".*

In other words, materials do not have to be "checked out". Just borrow what you wish and return it when you are finished with it. This makes our library a true "lending library".

The team is also in the process of re-organizing materials. A new section called "Emotional Support" is being added. This will include materials for physical, practical, and emotional support for people and caregivers in times of crisis. The support includes materials for those suffering from cancer, dementia, and personal grief. Some really great materials have been donated. If you have any materials that may help and you wish to donate them, drop them off in the donation box in the library. **Thank you again for all the great support given to the library.**

Contact Information



Do you have a method or someone that can contact extended family or friends in case of an emergency?

Breeze (the church data management system) has a place where it can store contact information. Contact Lisa in the office and she can add it to your account. The information is kept private so that only authorized staff is permitted to view the name, relationship to you, and contact phone numbers. The emergency contact will only be utilized if the church is unable to communicate with you over an unusual amount of time. An example of a phone call might include *"This is Pastor Julie Bailey, I haven't been able to reach Lisa Whelton and she hasn't been at church the last few weeks so wanted to check-in and make sure everything is ok".*

Anyone who lives alone, especial if the rest of the family is out of the area should take advantage of this service.

Welcome Accompanists



We have hired two accompanists to provide live music during our worship services. Don Arndt, a familiar face to many, will accompany the Sunday morning services and Scott Taylor, will accompany services on Wednesdays. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

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.

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 July 16th

Recycling At Church



When you are at church remember to put your cardboard, plastic, rinsed clean glass, rinsed clean cans, and paper in the Recycle Bin near the drinking fountain in the Education Hallway. There are also signs posted above the bin that state which items can be recycled. **Thank you** for your support in this initiative!



Bishop Craig Satterlee's newsletters can be found at:
<https://www.mittensynod.org/resources/publications/>



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, July 16th.

100+ Women Who Care: Courtney Elisabeth (York) Favazza Memorial

In memory of Courtney, 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.

The next meeting will be **July 13th at 5:30 p.m.** in Ascension's Fellowship Hall. Additional information can be found at www.100womencourtellis.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.



Take Me Out to
the Ball Game!!!!

Loons Baseball Game—July 30th @ 1:05pm

We don't have the cost details yet, but watch the announcements in church or on Facebook. The sign up is on the kiosk. You may also contact Nicki Crump at 989-751-8633.

This is a great event for the whole family and we would love to see you there!
We ask that you please **sign up by July 16th** at the latest!



STERM Camp—Volunteers Needed

We are currently searching for volunteers for Ascension's STER Camp this summer. (STERM is Science, Technology, Engineering, Religion, Math) If you have any talents you can share with us, please feel free to sign up on the kiosk or contact Nicki Crump at 989-751-8633 or nickicrump779@gmail.com. We are looking for anything! It could be bracelet making, cooking, robotics, a science project or anything in between!



Camp Dates are July 25th, August 1st, August 8th, 3:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

STERM Camp—Student Registration

If you have a student that would like to participate in the STER Camp, you can pick up a registration form on the kiosk at church or contact Nicki Crump (see contact info above)! STER Camp is a great way for your students to learn something new while having a ton of fun!



Youth Nights



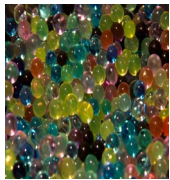
This summer our youth nights will be held on Sunday's from 6 p.m.— 9 p.m. Join other youth (6th-12th grade) to play games, chat, eat s'mores, do crafts or anything else we decide to do. Bring friends. Ascension requires 2 adults be present at youth events, please contact Pastor Julie or Nicki Crump if you can be a parent volunteer.

NO YOUTH NIGHT ON JULY 9TH



(Rain sent them inside to play 'get to know you' Jenga 6/25/23)

GellyBall Event—August 13th



We are planning a youth gathering on **August 13th at 3 pm** to play GellyBall! GellyBall is like paintball but uses GellyBall Blasters that shoot a soft gel-like ball, much like an Orbeez. The soft GellyBalls bounce off kids or simply disintegrate, leaving no stain, mess, or sting. This is available for all youth ages 5 and up! Please sign up at the kiosk or contact Nicki Crump by July 16th to reserve your spot. There are only 24 spots available and it is \$25 per person.

Confirmation Classes begin in September



All youth, 6th grade and above who are interested and ready to begin confirmation classes will begin in September. Please let Pastor Julie know if your youth will be participating. The last couple years, the class met every other Sunday at 5 p.m. We can continue that time or move it if that would be helpful. I know some have another commitment on Sunday's so if moving to 4:30 p.m. would help, we can do that.

Confirmation is a church program that delves deeper into the faith in which we baptize. At the completion of the two-year program, the youth are invited to Affirm their Faith. Once the youth has been confirmed, they are a voting member of the congregation, with all the rights and responsibilities of other voting members in the congregation.

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 Michigan's Adventure, 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 **no later than the next week.**



Pull Out Your Bibles for this Quiz and Go To:
Deuteronomy 34:5,7



?? Bible Quiz ??

In what land and at what age did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

B J K Q X Z

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E W X B H E Q N I T K I S I Z N Y O U

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DO NOT _ _ _ _ _

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PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV

Sprinkle and split

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



What you need:

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

What you do:

1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
4. Read Psalm 103:8-12.
How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.



Serving in July

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
2	Charleen Boland	Lisa Whelton	2	Susan Kelley	Lisa Espinoza
9	Marty Debozy	Chris Crump	9	Lynn Schomaker	Tim Grueber
16	Tom Erskine	Dawn Dalton	16	Ruth Schomaker	Dawn Dalton
23	Joan Ford	Shelly Dawson	23	Charleen Boland	Chris Crump
30	9:37am—One Service—Kris Friend		30	9:37am—One Service—Lisa Whelton	

Sound Board Operators

2	Kris Friend	Makena Whelton
9	Kris Friend	Makena Whelton
16	†	Makena Whelton
23	†	Makena Whelton
30	9:37am—One Service—Makena Whelton	

Video Screen Operators

2	Kris Friend	†
9	Kris Friend	Tim Grueber
16	†	†
23	†	Tim Grueber
30	9:37am—One Service—Tim Grueber	

Head Ushers

2	Roth	Earnesty/Wizner
9	Wilson	Dawson/Hendrickson
16	Kelley	Friend/Beyerlein
23	Schomaker	Dalton/Whelton
30	9:37am—One Service—Roth/Earnesty/Wizner	

Acolyte 10:30 a.m.

2	Hannah Wizner
9	Greyston Hendrickson
16	†
23	†
30	9:37am—One Service—Ethan Earnesty

Altar Guild

2	Kris Friend
9	Kris Friend
16	†
23	†
30	†

Lawn Mowers

Roth/Whelton
Whelton/Whelton
Dalton/Aldrich
Howe/Blehm
Hendrickson/Ecker

Children's Church

2 *Summer Break—Classes*
 9 *Return in September*

July Librarians—Joyce & Kayla Berg



WEDNESDAYS 7pm

	Head Usher	Readers	Sound Board	Video Screen	Prayers
5	Mike Clifford	Joyce Richardson	†	Glen Mack	Celina Gottlieb
12	John Schroeder	Glen Mack	†	Connie Dutcher	Donna Malburg
19	Glen Mack	John Schroeder	†	Kelly Phillion	Connie Dutcher
26	Mike Clifford	Connie Dutcher	†	Glen Mack	Mike Clifford

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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
2 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS 10:30am-Worship/Communion 6pm-9pm-Youth Night	3	4 <i>Office Closed</i> 	5 7:30am-Food Pantry Truck Unload 7pm-Worship/Communion	6	7 <i>Office Closed</i>	8
9 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS 10:30am-Worship/Communion Pastor at Camp with Youth 7/9—7/14	10 9am-Ascension Breakfast Club @ Levi's 10:30am-Grief Group	11 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	12 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship	13 5:30pm-100+ Women Who Care (FH)	14 <i>Office Closed</i>	15
16 <i>Raise Right Due BP Screening</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS 10:30am-Worship/Communion 6pm-9pm-Youth Night	17 10:30am-Grief Group 11am-Funeral 12pm-Messenger Deadline 7pm-Summer Bible Study-Zoom	18 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg	19 7pm-Worship/Communion	20	21 <i>Office Closed</i>	22 Pavilion Rental
23 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS 10:30am-Worship/Communion /Baptism 6pm-9pm-Youth Night	24 10:30am-Grief Group 7pm-Summer Bible Study-Zoom	25 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 3:30pm-STERM Camp 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	26 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion Messenger Mailed	27	28 <i>Office Closed</i>	29 10a-Kitchen Rental
30 <i>Re-MEMBER-ing</i> 9:37am-Worship/Communion/ Potluck Following Worship 1:05pm-Loon's Game 6pm-9pm-Youth Night	31 10:30am-Grief Group					

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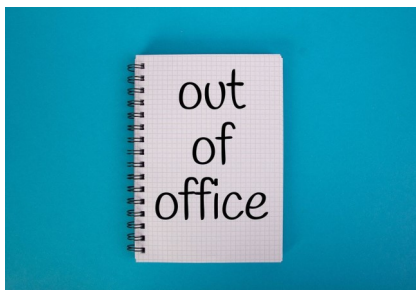
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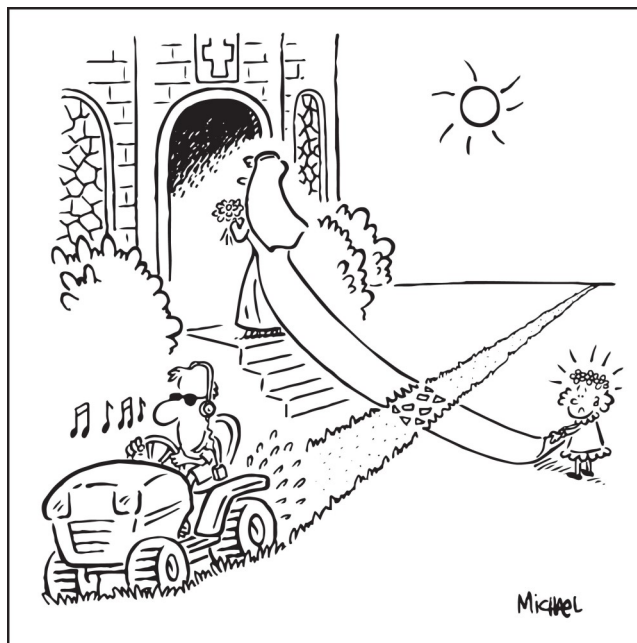
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