

The Messenger

Ascension Lutheran Church

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

Receiving New Members



In December, we will receive new members into our family of faith with Ascension. If you are interested in becoming a member, please complete the membership form found at ascensionlc.org and return to the office. If you have questions about membership with

Ascension, questions about the ELCA, or anything else, please speak with Pastor Julie.

If you come from an ELCA congregation, please contact them and ask them to transfer you to Ascension. If you belonged to a congregation that is not part of the ELCA, please let them know you are transferring and ask to send any information they have (i.e. baptism date, confirmation date, etc) to the church.

We are the church together!



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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.

Office Closed Oct 2nd

A Message From Pastor Julie



You Have Heard it Said: Faith and Finances

Beginning in October we will start a series on Stewardship. By definition, stewardship is how we utilize all the resources given to us by God. ALL of them. Stewardship is not about only about what we give to the church, our time, talent, and possession. Stewardship is about how we manage our home finances and resources.

Stewardship is not about money—it is about love. Love defines how we use our resources. It is a response to what God has done for us and what God has entrusted to us. Our response is to share and use those gifts faithfully.

Offering is an act of worship. It is one way we express our love and devotion for God in a simple and sincere way. Stewardship is about how we save, spend, give, and earn.

Over the course of the next few weeks, you will be invited to engage in conversation with our “At Home Practices.” It is an opportunity to talk about money, our beliefs, and values. We invite you to have these conversations with your family. If you are single, you may wish to join others in the conversation.

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Also check out the “At Home” Questions on Page 9



Planning Ahead



LOOKING AHEAD



Did you know Christmas Eve lands on a Sunday this year? Because of this, we will NOT have worship in the morning on December 24th, where we would have celebrated the 4th week of Advent. We WILL have **Christmas Eve worship at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

This also means that New Years Eve lands on Sunday—so we are holding ONE service **December 31st at 9:15 a.m.**

Sunday Bible Study-How Lutherans Interpret the Bible

In this seven session video series we will be invited to explore seven important questions about Lutherans and the Bible. Dr. Mark Allen Powell does not prescribe "the Lutheran way" to read the Bible nor does he dismiss the way you may have come to understand the Bible. Instead Powell presents a variety of Lutheran perspectives for interpreting the Bible. Through Powell's rich discussions you will discover answers to questions you have always had about the Bible.

Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in-person at Ascension or Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom (Email Pastor Julie at pr_julie@sbcglobal.net if you would like to join on zoom.)

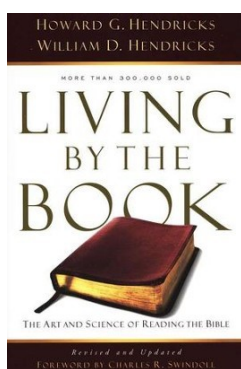


October 1st
October 8th
October 15th
October 22nd

Session 4: Interpreting the Bible in Context
Session 5: Determining Right from Wrong
Session 6: The Many Meanings of the Bible
Session 7: Devotional Bible



Monday Women's Bible Study



Millions have been captivated by this brilliant teacher's highly energetic style, unforgettable illustrations, and laugh-out-loud humor. Now you can join Howard Hendricks as he demonstrates how to understand and apply God's Word for yourself. He walks you step-by-step through his model for Bible study-observation, interpretation, and application. Your experience in Scripture will never be the same.

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.

This study meets on Monday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.—in the Digging Dunes Room

Book is \$10 (cash or check payable to Ascension). A grant has been received that will cover the DVD series and half the cost of the books. 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 continue meeting on Tuesdays via Zoom at 11 a.m. We are now reading through the book of Acts. All are invited to join us! Enter the code 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

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.

Please Remember Those on Ascension's Care List



Leslee Arnst—5935 Shattuck Ave #3,
Saginaw, MI 48603

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

Esther Mack—285 S. Miller Rd.,
Saginaw, MI 48609

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

Jackie O'Dell—108 Fulton Street, Apt
405, St. Charles, MI 48655

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

Joyce Storm—181 Evelyn, Saginaw, MI
48609

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

Barry Wiggins—1202 Weiss St, Room
305, Saginaw, MI 48602

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



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.*

October 1st

Grace Lutheran Church, Hastings,
MI and Rev. Kenneth Scheck, II



Ascension Families: Cathy Wight;
Donald Wight; Tim & Carol Wilson

October 8th

St. Matthew Lutheran Church,
Herron, MI and Rev. Leslie Nye
Ascension Families: David, Sara, Max
Witker; Matt, Stephanie, Hannah,
Matti, Ellie Wizner; Samantha &
Jacob Wright

October 15th

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hillsdale,
MI and Rev. Kara Shaw
Ascension Families: Barb Yancer; Jayme
York; Kathy York

October 22nd

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
Holland, MI and Rev. Jessica
Rivera-Walker

Ascension Families: Sally York; Amy
Zeitler; Melissa, Joe, Matthew Albosta

October 29th

Peace Lutheran Church, Holland,
MI and Rev. Clay Bates

Ascension Families: Todd & Alisha
Albrecht; Bob, Tracy, Brittany Aldrich;
Scott & Kim Anderson



Altar Flowers

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored flowers in 2023. There are only 2 weeks still available in 2023. Sign up on the Flower Chart on the Acolyte Door for **December 24th and December 31st**. 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 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).



October 1st	In honor of their anniversary, Kris and Andy Friend
October 8th	To the Glory of God, by Susan Kelley
October 15th	Thanks for Ascension, by Pastor Julie Bailey
October 22nd	To the Glory of God, by Tom and Sue Bailey
October 29th	In honor of her anniversary, by Nancy Armstrong
	In celebration of Matthew York's Birthday, by Kathy York



October Birthdays

1st Felicity Potter
Larry Preston
2nd Paul Lopez
4th Sawyer Gottlieb
5th Abigail Kolb
Peggy Lockhart
Sue Wiggins
6th Tammy Haupt
Laura Mancini
7th Joshua Lopez
8th Shelly Dawson
11th Mike Faerber
12th Lori Latty
Dietrich Mackel
Susie Nielsen
Olivia Wagner
13th Bonnie Cavendish
Emma Frollo
Tom Page
Debi Pretzer
Lee Turner
Jeff Wenzel
15th Brian Denman
Norm Hamilton, Jr.
16th Darcy Lobsiger-Braden

17th Travis Lopez
Will Salowitz
18th Seraphim Darabos
Mary Ecker
Hunter Stoddard
Halie Turner
20th Sue Bailey
Ella Bostwick
Benny Houthoofd
Madison Morgan
21st Tom Bailey
Raylee Darabos
Dwayne Hostetler
24th Patricia Joyce
25th Lucas Dreyfus
Laraine Paquette
26th Mackenzie Dalton
28th Michael Clark
29th Mitchell Andrus
Rylan Awad
30th Traci Collier
31st Renae Dickie
Jaina Kittle
Noel Wagner



October Anniversaries

8th Jenny and Lisa Maier
10th Andy and Kris Friend
Leonard and Ruth Howell
Tom and Lori Page
11th Dwayne and Melissa Hostetler
13th Bryan and Sarah Carroll
15th Logan and Samantha Dalton
19th Joe and Melissa Albosta
20th John and Barb Robishaw
22nd Bob and Peggy Darling
24th Brett and Haley Phillion
29th Nicholas and Jessica Hoffmann



*Thank
You!*



Thank you to Grace Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund!

They have granted Ascension \$1,500 for the Weekend Food Bags program and \$300 for a new program that is getting started; Grief Groceries. We thank you for continuing to assist us in our Outreach goals.



Thank you to St. John's Legacy Foundation!

They have granted Ascension \$750 for the Grief Groceries program. We thank you also for assisting us in our Outreach goals.



Community Pet Blessing: October 8th, 1:00p.m.—2:30p.m.



Ascension will be participating with other ELCA congregations in Saginaw for a Community Pet Blessing on **Sunday, October 8th from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.** at Imerman Memorial Park, Pavilion #2, 3495 Midland Road. All are welcome to come and invite your friends. All animals must be on a leash, in a carrier or held. Join us for a day of celebration our furry friends God has entrusted to us.



Trunk or Treat



October 31st, 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.



Join others at the church for Trunk or Treat. Come in costume, bring candy to distribute, and join our community for some fun and fellowship. Candy must be individually wrapped. Come with creative ways to decorate your table or trunk.

Sewing Group



Ascension's Sewing Group has returned! They meet in the Fellowship Hall from **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on the dates below**. Bring your sewing machine (not required) and join us for fun and fellowship. Contact Sandy Graham with any questions, 989-781-1619.

●October 4th & 18th ●November 1st & 15th ●December 6th

Sewing Group Needs Bed Sheets

The Sewing Group is in need of ALL COTTON sheets. They can use FLAT Queen & King sizes only. They are used for quilt backings. The sheets do not have to be new, however, we ask that they are clean of stains and do not have holes or rips. Some members of the group find them at yard sales and resale stores. All donations are appreciated.

Ascension Breakfast Club (ABC) - October 9th

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!



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 OCTOBER 15th



Thank you to all who participated in our blood drive on September 7th. Together we had 13 people attempt to donate and were able to donate 11 pints of blood for our community.

Our last drive of 2023 will be held on Thursday, **December 7th from 2:30 - 7:00 PM** in the fellowship hall. Please mark this on your calendar and help us make this last drive of the year our most successful. Every unit counts!

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, OCTOBER 15th**

Lutheran World Relief—Noisy Offering

Thank you to everyone for their generosity with the Noisy Offering for Lutheran World Relief. **\$526.04 was received.** You can find what LWR does, how to get involved, and more about them at lwr.org.



Grief Support Group



Ascension has a Grief Support Group. The group meets at the church on **Mondays at 10:30 a.m.** They are using a program called GriefShare. Contact Linda Lentner 989-274-7418 if you have any questions about joining the group and/or when their next program begins

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

A support group to help you move through the grief process

****Watch the Announcements for the upcoming "Surviving the Holidays" Session****

Food Pantry

There is a Truck Unload and Shelf Stocking the first Wednesday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome, the next date is **October 4th at 7:30 a.m.** at 723 Emerson, Saginaw, MI 48607.

Ascension is providing workers for the Center of HOPE Food Pantry on **October 11th and December 13th.** 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.

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





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 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.

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.

All Saints' Carnations

If you would like to purchase a carnation in memory of a loved one (*1 name per carnation*), please put your name and theirs on the sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Place your money in an envelope and leave it in the basket in the office.

The cost is \$3 per memorial

Order deadline is Sunday, October 22nd

(Flowers will only be ordered if paid in advance)



Thanksgiving Gifts—A Little Early—Nov 12th & 15th



As part of your Thanksgiving offering, you are invited to share the fruits of the harvest. Altar Guild is inviting you to assist 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 Sunday, November 12th and Wednesday, November 15th.** Your contributions will be a way you can become a part of preparation for each service and help defray the cost.

Poinsettias—Order Due Date—November 19th

SAVE THE "ORDER" DATE—More information will be in next month's newsletter and the weekly announcements. Poinsettias are used to decorate the Chancel for the Advent and Christmas Season.

Stewardship-At Home Questions

Take a few minutes each week in October to review these questions to focus thoughts and guide prayers that coordinate with our Stewardship Campaign.



WEEK 1: ME & MONEY

1. What is your earliest experience with money that you can remember?
2. Who stands out as a primary money role model for you? What's one key thing you learned from this person?
3. What's one way you've used money recently that you feel good about?
4. How would you describe your present attitude toward money? How has that changed as you have aged?

WEEK 2: FAITH & MONEY

1. Does your relationship with God influence the way you use your money? If so, how?
2. What's one way you've heard money talked about in a faith context that you resonated with? Why?
3. What's one way you've heard it talked about that you didn't resonate with? Why?
4. If someone asked you "What does the church say about money?" How would you respond?



Community News/Events

CLASSIC LEGACY BAND OF SAGINAW CONCERT

October 29th at 3:00 p.m.

The Classic Legacy Band will perform at Ascension Lutheran Church, 8695 Gratiot Rd, on **Sunday, October 29th at 3:00 p.m.** The concert is free of charge, donations are welcome. Ascension members, Pastor John Soyster and Joscelyn Whelton are musicians in this band.



2023 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY QUILT SHOW & AUCTION

Our Saviour—Saginaw

Exciting news! This year's show and auction will be held **Friday, October 13th through Sunday, October 15th**. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Our Saviour's office at 989-799-5470 and they will put you in touch with a coordinator.



COAT/OUTER GARMENTS COLLECTION—Resurrection—Saginaw

Coats/outer garments are being collected for a distribution in October 2023. If you are going through your closets or visiting those end-of summer garage sales and find good used coats consider dropping them off at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 2110 Brockway St., Saginaw, MI 48602. They are looking for coats for all ages-children/male/female. They also accept new coats if you run into a sale! Questions or for office hours, call Resurrection at 989-792-7135.



WEEK 3: CHURCH & GENEROSITY

1. Growing up, what do you remember seeing and hearing about giving to others, including the church? Who taught you about charitable giving?
2. What's one way you've heard giving talked about in a faith context that you resonated with? Why?
3. What's one way that you didn't resonate with? Why?
4. If you give to the church ...
 - a. What first prompted you to give to the church?
 - b. What keeps you giving to the church?
 - c. Does it feel like an act of worship for you? Why or why not?
 - d. Does giving to the church feel different from giving to other nonprofits? Why or why not?
5. If you don't give to the church, what keeps you from giving?

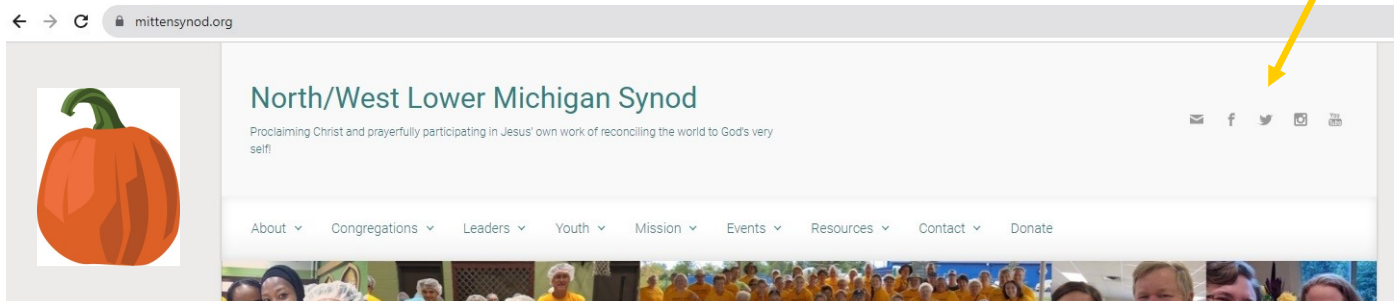
WEEK 4: MOVING FORWARD

1. What values or beliefs guide the way you spend, save, and give your money?
2. What obstacles or beliefs hinder you as you spend, save, and give your money?
3. Might God be leading you to use your money differently? If so, how?

Our Synod Resources



Stay in contact with our synod, North/West Lower Michigan Synod. Go to [mittensynod.org](https://www.mittensynod.org). Sign up to receive the bishop's newsletter monthly and follow their Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube pages.



Bishop Satterlee's Newsletter

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

Adult Theological Education-Luther's Small Catechism



The North/West Lower Michigan Synod is excited to announce a new series of theological education courses! For five semesters beginning in Winter 2023, the North/West Lower Michigan Synod will offer six-week Zoom courses led by seminary professors. These courses are open to all adults, both laypeople and rostered ministers, and are free of charge.

Fall 2023 – Luther's Small Catechism for Adults

When Luther wrote that familiar question, "What does this mean?" he meant it! He wanted Christians to understand their faith and to see how God was at work in their lives, in the church, and in the world.

Join the Rev. Dr. Kit Kleinhans, Dean of Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University, for a six-week study of Luther's catechisms. Let's dig deep into what God means *for us*!

Before she was Dean at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Dr. Kleinhans taught religion, including Lutheran Confessions and History of Christianity, at Wartburg College for 25 years. A fifth-generation Lutheran pastor and a brilliant theologian and Luther scholar, Dr. Kleinhans cares about her students, the Church, and what it means to be Lutheran today. She has a pastor's heart and is capable of both the deeply esoteric and the foundationally concrete.

The class will meet on six consecutive Tuesday evenings: **October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28 from 7:00 – 8:15pm ET**. This course is open to all adults, both laypeople and rostered ministers, and is free of charge. Sessions will be recorded and available to registered participants. **Registration is required and will close on October 19, 2023.**

Register at: <https://www.mittensynod.org/events/adult-theological-education/>

Children's Church/Sunday School



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 the 10:30 a.m. worship service 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 ascensionlc.org and return to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Earnesty, Rita Hendrickson or Pastor Julie.

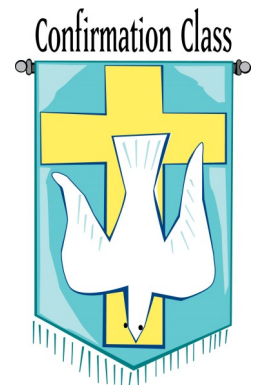
Get Your Palettes Ready!

Youth will be selling Butterbraids in November to raise money for the Youth Gathering and Youth Expenses.

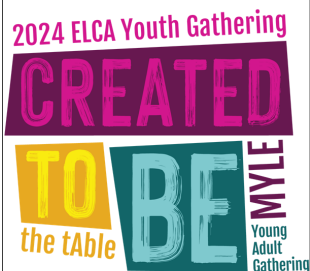
Confirmation Schedule

Confirmation Class Schedule, all classes are at 4:30 p.m.

October 8th—Which Commandments
October 22nd—First Commandment
November 5th—Second Commandment
November 19th—Third Commandment
December 3rd—Service project TBD
December 17th—Fourth Commandment



ELCA Youth Gathering—July 16-20, 2024 Last Day to Register—October 15th



The registration for the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans has opened.

It is now time to finalize which youth will be attending. We are planning on attending with youth from nearby congregations.

Registration cost is \$375, and a \$150 deposit is required at the time of registration.

At best guess: Registration: \$375
 Hotel: \$350 (avg \$175/night with 3 people in room)
 Travel: \$600 (assuming we fly)
 Total without food or activities: \$1,375/person

I would like to aim for \$1,600/person to help cover food costs and activities.

There has been some fundraising toward this event by some, but we have a lot of work ahead of us to raise the money to support this. Ideas and help for this will be expected.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 15, 2023, 1 p.m.—Those planning on attending meet at Zion Lutheran in Freeland, along with parents.

October 15, 2023—Registration due with \$150 deposit

There was a meeting on September 24th at Ascension, if you missed it, please contact Pr. Julie asap.

Junie B. Jones Jr.—The Musical: Sunday, October 1st at 3p.m.



Join your friends from Ascension as we attend Junie B. Jones Jr-The Musical.

“Join Junie B. on her first day of first grade, where many changes are in store: Junie’s best friend Lucille has found new best friends — and Junie B. makes friends with Herb, the new kid at school. While in Mr. Scary’s class, Junie has trouble reading the blackboard — and she may need glasses. Add in a friendly cafeteria lady,

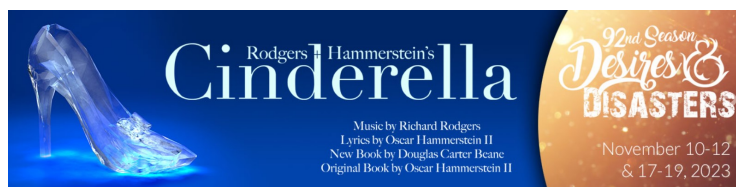
an intense kickball tournament and a “Top-Secret Personal Beeswax Journal,” and first grade has never been more exciting.”

The play features Marissa F. who will be playing “mother”. Marissa is a youth who has been a regular at our youth nights over the past summers.

Tickets are \$10. Performances are at 3:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased online or by calling the box office at 989.893.5555 (M, W, F 10-2; closed Friday during summer; open 1-hour before show). Pastor is seated in Right C1. Show will be held at Bay City Players, 1214 Columbus Ave., Bay City, MI 48708.



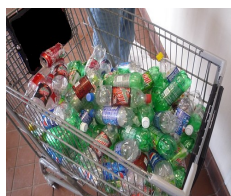
Cinderella—The Musical— Saturday, November 18th at 7:30 p.m.



Join others as we attend Cinderella at Pit & Balcony Theatre in Saginaw. This is a new Broadway adaptation of Rogers and Hammerstein’s musical. You can purchase your ticket online at pitandbalconytheatre.com or through the box office (989-754-6587, 805 N. Hamilton St., Saginaw, MI 48602). There are also youth tickets available. (Pastor is sitting in seat D-110)



Youth Fundraising—Pop Can Returns



Thank you for bringing cans and bottles in to help support Youth Ministry in our congregation.

Individual youth (elementary, middle, and high school) are encouraged to sign up to return cans each week. The next week, youth return the MONEY from that return to the church office or Pastor Julie. One-half of the money returned goes into that youth’s individual account to help pay for camp, retreats, or other events that require a financial fee. The other 50% supports the youth ministry as a whole. We use this money to help offset costs of events and provide events at a lower cost.

Sign up sheet and instructions are located on the kiosk at church.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.



Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

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I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

____ _ ____ _

Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

____ _ ____ _

My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

____ _ ____ _

I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

____ _ ____ _

Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

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I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

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My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

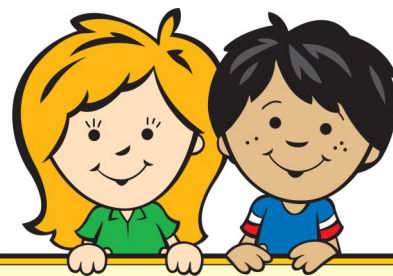
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PROPHETS ARE ____ _

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel; Messengers



Happy Halloween



KIDS PAGE

MISSIONARY-MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.



What you need:

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet



What you do:

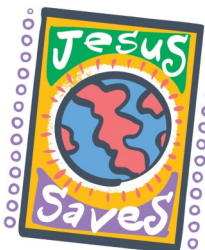
1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.

Pull Out Your Bibles for this Quiz and Go To: John 12:47

Bible Quiz

Not long before Jesus' arrest, he said: "I did not come to ____ the world, but to ____ the world." Fill in the blanks.

- A. judge; save
- B. hate; love
- C. condemn; teach
- D. disrupt; conform to



Answer: A (See John 12:47, NIV.)

Serving in October



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	Susan Kelley	Linda Lentner	1	Lynn Schomaker	Lisa Whelton
8	Marty Debozy	Linda Luplow	8	Ruth Schomaker	Chris Crump
15	Dan Roth	Tom Page	15	Susan Kelley	Lisa Espinoza
22	Edna Bell	John Whelton	22	Ruth Schomaker	Dawn Dalton
29	Charleen Boland	Lisa Whelton	29	Lynn Schomaker	Lisa Whelton



Sound Board Operators

1	Kris Friend	Makena Whelton
8	†	Makena Whelton
15	Kris Friend	Makena Whelton
22	†	Makena Whelton
29	†	Makena Whelton

Video Screen Operators

1	Kris Friend	Ginny Whelton
8	Susan Kelley	†
15	Kris Friend	†
22	†	†
29	†	†

Head Ushers

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

Acolyte 10:30 a.m.

1	Greyston Hendrickson/Eliza Trepkowski
8	Ethan Earnesty
15	Olivia Trepkowski
22	†
29	Nathan Earnesty

Altar Guild

1	Sue Bailey
8	Sue Bailey
15	Susan Kelley
22	Kris Friend
29	†

Lawn Mowers

Crump/Wilson
Roth/Whelton
Whelton/Whelton

Children's Church

1	1st Communion—No Class
8	Amanda Doerr/Louise Roby
15	Tom Page
22	Tom Page
29	Bryan Carroll

October Librarian—Tracy Aldrich



WEDNESDAYS 7pm



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

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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 1st Communion  8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS 10:30am-Worship/Communion 12pm-FH Rental 3pm-Musical (fellowship event) 6:30pm-Bible Study-Zoom	2 Office Closed 10:30am-Grief Group 6:00pm-Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-ELCA Saginaw County Visionary Board Mtg	3 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 	4 Lisa in by 11am 7am-Food Pantry Truck Unload 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	5	6 Office Closed	7 
8 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS 10:30am-Worship/Comm/Ch Ch 1pm-Pet Blessing(Imerman Park) 4:30pm-Confirmation 6:30pm-Bible Study-Zoom	9 9am-Ascension Breakfast Club @ Levi's 10:30am-Grief Group 6:00pm-Women's Bible Study 	10 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	11 8am-Serve @ Food Pantry 11am-Weekend Food Bags 12pm-Council Reports Due 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion 	12 Lisa in by 9:30am 5:30pm-100+ Women Who Care (FH)	13 Office Closed Quilt Show @ Our Saviour—13th-15th	14
15 Raise Right Due BP Screening 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS 10:30am-Worship/Comm/Ch Ch/Baptism 1pm-Youth Gath Mtg (Zion Freeland) 6:30pm-Bible Study-Zoom	16 10:30am-Grief Group 12pm-Messenger Deadline 6:00pm-Women's Bible Study 	17 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg	18 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	19 5pm-FH usage	20 Office Closed	21
22 All Saints' Orders Due 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS 10:30am-Worship/Comm/Ch Ch 12pm-FH Rental 4:30pm-Confirmation 6:30pm-Bible Study-Zoom	23 10:30am-Grief Group 6:00pm-Women's Bible Study	24 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	25 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion Messenger Mailed	26 	27 Office Closed	28
29 Reformation Sunday 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Comm/Ch Ch 3pm-Classic Legacy Band Concert (here 12p-5p) 	30 10:30am-Grief Group 6:00pm-Women's Bible Study	31  11am-Bible Study-Zoom 5:30pm-Trunk or Treat 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 				

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

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Congregational Budget and Election Meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 10th at 11:30 a.m.** (following our 10:30 a.m. worship service). We will be voting on a budget for 2024 and electing members to fill council vacancies.

Please prayerfully discern the nomination of members to serve on our Congregation Council. Positions currently available are: **President, Vice President(1yr Term), Secretary, Financial Secretary, Minister of Finance & Resources, and Minister of Spiritual Health.**

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.

**Respect the
Deadline!**



“Please bless these chops, these peas and these potatoes, both actual and couch.”

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