

# The Messenger

Ascension Lutheran Church

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



Welcome to our newest Ascension members:

- ◆ Richard & Linda Chilton
- ◆ Amy & Marissa Fahrenbruch
- ◆ Thomas & Barbara Mitchell
- ◆ Melissa Pretzer
- ◆ Craig & Bobbi Tilley
- ◆ Michael & Deborah Weadock
- ◆ Ruth Williams



## Celebration of Graduates

We will celebrate our High School and Collegiate graduates during the **10:30 a.m. worship service** on **May 5, 2024**. Please send Pastor Julie (pr\_julie@sbcglobal.net) the following information (or fill out the form on our website):

- Send pictures "through the years," including events like baptism, confirmation, senior pictures, and doing the things you are passionate about.
- Include information about where you are graduating from, what was your major, if appropriate, what is the next step in your journey (work, college, trade school, military; where; and planned major/program).
- What are you planning to do for fun after you graduate?

Please join us this day and let us celebrate together this important benchmark in your life. This information will also be posted in The Messenger

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- *Spring Cleanup 5/11*
- *Online Giving (pg 7)*
- *ELCA Women of Saginaw 5/20*
- *Loons Game 6/9*
- *Youth Nights start 6/16*
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## Message From Pastor Julie

Invitation, Welcome and Belonging

These are themes during our Easter season of worship. In worship our lessons will focus on fellowship, what it means to be in community. We began the season of Easter hearing of those first communities of believers who gathered together and shared everything they had in common, and there was no a needy person among them and their joy was complete. We received several new members who now belong officially to Ascension Lutheran Church and continue to welcome those who wish to worship and participate but still discerning where they fit and how they would like to participate.

This season of Easter builds to where we celebrate one of my favorite days of the Church year, Pentecost. It is the celebration of unity as we celebrate our diversity. This diversity is a gift, as it is the diversity that challenges us to ask questions, seek deeper understanding, and a realization that unity is through the power of Jesus and not because we are the same. Jesus gathers the whole world together, and in the midst of our lives in the Saginaw area, in Michigan, and the United States, it is important for us to remember that the Jesus movement is a world wide endeavor of God.

We are entering into a time of travel, when we will have more people gone from worship because they are up north, at events, even I will be gone a lot. I encourage us to remember one another in prayer, to reach out and invite others to be part of this community of Jesus, and that each of us continue to figure out where we belong in this community and in the body of Christ. Let us invitation and welcome be bold as we share the vision of Jesus with the world.



Thank you to everyone who helped make our first blood drive of 2024 a successful one. With a total of 17 donor attempts, we were able to provide 16 pints - exceeding our goal of 15. Because of your kindness and generosity, many people will receive the gift of a lifetime. To these people, you are heroes.

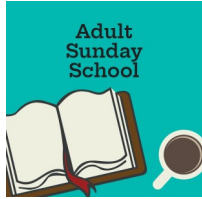
Mark your calendars. Our next blood drive is scheduled for **June 27th from 2:30 PM to 7:00 PM**. Our goal for this drive is also 15 pints. Currently, there are a total of 6 donors who are signed up leaving 17 more appointment slots available. If you would like to donate, please visit

[https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/160020](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/160020)

or call Lisa during regular church business hours to get your name on the list. As always, walk-ins are welcome!

## Sunday Morning Study-The Jesus I Never Knew

Join us **Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.** as we discuss “The Jesus I Never Knew.” This six-session study will challenge or change your perception of who Jesus is. Each week we will see several film depictions of Jesus, his life, and ministry. Some will be funny, some profound, and some might even find them disturbing. We will then have discussion that will help us discover the Jesus you never knew! If you wish you may purchase the book by Philip Yancy, but it isn't required. They are available at any store that sells books.



May 5th: The Jesus I Thought I Knew  
 May 12th: The Beatitudes and Sermon on the Mount  
 May 19th: A Revolution of Grace  
 May 26th: Jesus' Miracles  
 June 2nd: Jesus' Death and Resurrection  
 June 9th: The Difference Jesus Makes

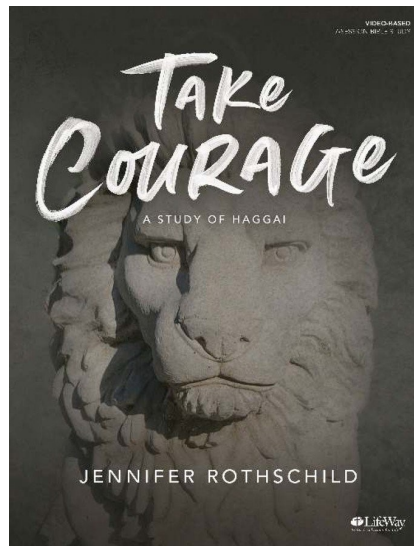


This class is held in the Digging Dunes Room.

## Monday Women's Bible Study

In the *Take Courage* video Bible study, Jennifer Rothschild invites you to study book of Haggai and how God's promises give us courage to trust Him and press on in life. This 7-session video study will encourage you to say confident in God's calling, motivate you to not give up, and trust God created you for a great purpose.

Participant books are **\$10.00, due the first day of class.**



Our Mary to Martha Women's Bible Study will continue to meet in the Digging Dunes room on **Mondays at 6:00 p.m. through May 20th**

Please let Joyce Richardson know if you are participating in the class so we may order enough books. Sign up by calling or texting Joyce at 989-274-6787.

**All women are invited!**



## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

You are invited to join us at **11 a.m. on Tuesday mornings** via Zoom. We are reading Romans. Join us, and as always friends are welcome.

[www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)

**Meeting ID: 871 0929 4561**

**Passcode: 099583**



Enter the code for the zoom meeting or let Pastor Julie know and she can email or Facebook message you the invite.



# 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

Dick Chilton—17935 Roosevelt Rd, Rm #5, Hemlock, MI 48626

Betty Cliff—5935 Shattuck Apt 50, Saginaw, MI 48603

Pat Joyce—8044 Winchester Ct. Saginaw, MI 48609

John Kaul—5155 McCarty Rd Apt #118, Saginaw, MI 48603

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

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

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

Ruth Williams—Brookdale Saginaw, 2485 McCarty Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603

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

## Prayers of the Week

## PRAYING FOR YOU

Our 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.***

### May 5th

Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, MI and Rev. Bruce Thorsen  
*Ascension Families: Michael Gottlieb; Nathan, Katica, Thomas Gottlieb; Lynda Goward*

### May 12th

Hope St. John's Parish, Oscoda, MI and their Supply Pastors.  
*Ascension Families: Sandy Graham; Sara Gregor; Jeannie, Emily Hamilton & Mikey Falkenberg*

### May 19th

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Petoskey, MI and Rev. Sherry McGuffin  
*Ascension Families: Norm & Mary Hamilton, Norm & Theresa Hamilton; Rick & Patty Hamilton*

### May 26th

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plainwell, MI and Rev. Nicole Smith  
*Ascension Families: Rick, Allison, Chase, Julia Hamilton; Samantha Hamilton, Maliyah Johnson, Kevin, Brooklyn McKenzie; Ashley Harrington*



## 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 2024 flower chart is posted on the door of the Acolyte room and dates are available.



- May 5th To the Glory of God, by The Blehm Family
- May 12th available to sponsor
- May 19st To the Glory of God, by Susan Kelley
- May 26th In honor of Ashley's birthday, by The Blehm Family



## Spring Clean Up—May 11th

The **Annual Church Spring Cleanup** will be held on **Saturday, May 11th at 9:00 a.m.** Please consider helping as there are many tasks to be completed both inside and outside, a little bit available for all abilities. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Kiosk in the Gathering Area. Contact Tom Bailey, 989-239-3928 with any questions.

## Library Update



A new section has been added to the library—"Emotional Support"!

This section has materials that cover a variety of emotional support needs. The basic sub-categories are: "Cancer", "Dementia", "Grief", and "Other". "Other" has materials relating to caregiving, divorce, death of a pet, etc.

The sub-categories are color-coded with the key above the section.

"Emotional Support" is located near the bottom of the middle section of the shelves nearest to the office, just above the magazines.

Feel free to borrow any of the materials that may help you.



## Looking for Reliable Resources?

Have you ever needed to find someone to help with a problem (*plumber, electrician, housekeeper, roofer, etc.*) and didn't know how to find someone reliable? The solution may be found in a list of reliable businesses recommended by people you know.

There is a notebook of reliable business recommendations now in the library on the shelf below the book return box.

A few recommendations have already been put in the book. Please feel free to add as many as you have. The recommendation forms are in the pocket on the inside front cover of the notebook. It would be nice to have a number of entries in each category—either your own business or ones you have successfully used. Feel free to add notes or endorse entries already included.

If you have any questions, contact Marty Debozy (989-642-8135) or Lori Schultz (989-239-3076)



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**YouTube:** Ascension Lutheran Church

**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.  
*\*PLAN AHEAD\* Office will be closed July 1st-4th*



- 1st Lyric Haupt  
Josh Wardlow
- 2nd Mikey Falkenberg  
Breanna Kocsis  
Maija Preston  
Lisa Stadler
- 3rd Rick Herren  
Lauren Huebner  
Amy Zeitler
- 4th Nicki Bieszk  
Marie Myers
- 5th Joshua Lopez
- 7th Brian Awad  
Emily Dreyfus
- 8th Dorothy Mayou
- 9th Mary Collison
- 11th Lynn Staples
- 13th Kathy Fleming  
Georgia Hickner
- 16th Cathy Watz

- 17th Craig Ford  
Leslie Soyster
- 18th Katelyn Arndt
- 19th Jennifer Salowitz  
Beau Turner
- 21st Elizabeth Kolb  
John Robishaw
- 23rd Mackenzie Morgan
- 26th Samantha Dalton  
Victor Mancini  
Carole Soule
- 27th Allison Faerber  
Marv Lentner
- 28th Ashley Blehm  
Sharon Boyd  
Eric Dunn
- 29th Tanya Blehm  
Heather Darabos  
Susan Kelley  
Heidi McGrandy  
Don Mossner
- 30th Bryn Carroll  
Cheryl Huebner  
Matt Wizner
- 31st Maverick Toupin



- 1st Scott and Tanya Blehm
- 2nd Patrick and Bonnie Dalton
- 3rd Michael and Lisa Randall
- 5th Robert and Heath Darabos  
Donna and Duane Malburg
- 5th Craig and Bobbi Tilley
- 7th Brent and Natalie Fleissner
- 11th Terry and Jamie Waters
- 16th Brian and Lisa Stadler
- 17th Steve and Kathy McNally
- 25th Bob and Debbie Beyerlein  
Josh and Malory Lopez
- 28th Mark and Georgia Hickner
- 30th Adam and Chelsea Houthoofd



## The ELCA Women of Saginaw County



A new group is forming among the ELCA churches in Saginaw County. The goal is to meet each other and to discuss the benefits of joining a countywide ELCA women's organization. They hope that many of the women in each church will choose to join this group of dedicated ELCA women.



They are hosting a Welcome & Informational Tea  
at **1:00 p.m., Monday, May 20th**  
at Zion-Freeland, 545 S. 7th St., Freeland, MI 48623.

Please sign up on the kiosk at church if you are interested.

## Online Giving through VANCO

It has been a while since we provided information on our direct online giving program.

Ascension utilizes VANCO. Members can use VANCO to give on a regular schedule or for single donations.

VANCO offers a mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement) from the App or Play store.

Whether you login on your computer or through the app (or both), you will have 1 login. You can choose to give to either the General Fund, the Building Fund (Mortgage), to the Youth, to the Weekend Food Bags program, or to a combination of any of these.

To sign up today **via your computer**—go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/YN7D/home> click “Sign Up” (at the top) and follow the online directions.



To sign up **via the Mobile App**—download the app, when prompted add the invite code MRDSGS, Choose Ascension, click “Sign Up” and follow the directions.

If you already have a login, but haven't logged in within 90 days, you may need to reset your password, click on “Log In”, type in your email address, click “Next”, then click on “Forgot password?” - this will take you through the steps to reset your password.

If you have any trouble with logging in or the giving, please contact Lisa at the office for assistance.

Scan the QR code to take you to VANCO's online giving website.



## Grief Support Group—Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Ascension's Grief Support Group completed the recent 13 week GriefShare sessions on April 29th. Watch for a new session to begin in the fall.

Anyone who would like to meet informally during the summer is welcome.



Informal sessions will be at **10:30am** at the church on the following Mondays:

- **May 6th, 13th, 20th**
- **June 3rd, 17th**
- **July 8th, 22nd**
- **Aug 12th**

There is no timeline on grief. A grief group surrounds you with other people going through the same thing you are.

No Requirements  
No Pressure  
Relaxed & Informal  
Come and just listen  
or you may share  
**Everyone is Welcome!**

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Linda Lentner at 989-274-7418 or [linda.lentner@gmail.com](mailto:linda.lentner@gmail.com).



## Ascension Breakfast Club (ABC) - May 13th

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 at 5235 Gratiot Rd**, 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—Tuesdays 6:15 p.m.



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

## Sewing Group

Ascension's Sewing Group meets 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 at 989-781-1619.



The Sewing Group is in need of ALL COTTON sheets. They can use FLAT Queen and 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.

**May 1st and 15th**



## Join Ascension Lutheran Church for an Afternoon at the Loons

**Sunday, June 9th @ 1:05 p.m.**

Tickets are \$12.50 each.

Against the Cedar Rapids  
Kernels.

“Peanuts Day”—Players hit the field in special Charlie Brown-inspired jerseys.

Kids Eat Free & Run the Bases—Each child 12 years old and under eat free!



After the game, all kids are invited to run the bases.

See the Kiosk at church for the form, tickets are pre-ordered.

Money is due by **May 22nd**

Cash or Checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church.

*(If you want to pay via Vanco, please let the church office know)*

## 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.

**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.

The applications for both are posted on the Kiosk at church and available on our website. The committee meets quarterly.

## Eyeglass Recycling—Partnership with the Shields Lions Club

Since 1925, Lions International has been a champion in helping combat vision impairment and blindness.

Ascension now has a box where you can donate your older prescription eye glasses to help those who could benefit. This is one way to express your love and care for the other in need. The box is located in the gathering area, near the library. Thank you in advance for your donations.



## Coat/Outer Garments/Household Linens—At Resurrection



Coat/Outer Garments/Household Linens are being collected for a coat/linen distribution in October 2024 by Resurrection Lutheran Church. If you have clean outer garments/linens in your home, please bring to Resurrection, 2110 Brockway St, Saginaw, MI 48602 for distribution in the fall. When shopping, as you are able, purchase winter children's coats at the end of the season bargain racks. Questions directed to Resurrection, 989-792-7135.

## Conversations in Caregiving—At Our Saviour

Join the discussion at **1:00 pm, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month** at Our Saviour Lutheran Church (2525 Hemmeter Rd. Saginaw, MI. 48603).

At some point in your life you can expect that you will be a caregiver, maybe you already have been. Maybe you have been cared for.

It is inevitable when we interact with other living things that one of us has more responsibility than the other. If you have a seeing eye dog, both you and the dog have responsibilities. When you have children you can expect to have a lot of responsibility at first, less as they grow up and leave home. Sometimes a child has a disability that prevents them from becoming independent. Or you might have a sister, mom or spouse who needs more care from you than you anticipated.

If someone breaks a leg, you are happy to step up to the extra work, knowing the burden will be time limited as the leg mends. A life altering situation can happen abruptly like a stroke or sneak in over time like a chronic illness or dementia.

Then the question becomes, well, a lot of things. Can I take care of this on my own? How do I feel about doing this? Can I take care of myself as well?

Until truly this generation, there have been prohibitions about talking about these issues with others. Maybe we are betraying the person we are caring for by speaking about the stressors. Am I complaining about caring for someone dear to me? How rude. Will this last forever, what if it doesn't?

Conversations in Caregiving will not tell you who to hire, point out shortcomings or recommend resources. Oh, recommending something may happen but isn't the point of meeting. The point is listening and being heard. Maybe we will learn how to do this with grace, maybe we will learn something about ourselves.

We invite you to join the Conversations in Caregiving to enjoy the support and understanding of members.

## Living Lutheran Magazine—Now Digital Only

The Living Lutheran magazine is still available for free in digital format at the following link:

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/subscribe/>

You will be able to get the links to stories based on



your preferences delivered to your inbox weekly, biweekly, or monthly. HAPPY READING!



## Bishop's Newsletter

Bishop Satterlee has returned from sabbatical, please find his monthly newsletter titled "Mālama ka 'aina" here:

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



## 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 May 19th**

## Giving Accuracy



To help ensure you are accurately credited for your giving **please fill out your envelopes clearly with the amount, breakdown, and name.** If you forget your envelope, no problem, we have extras near the sanctuary entrance for you to use, but please remember to put your name on them. We have had some instances where people think they know their envelope number and they are close but not correct. Your name is a good idea to ensure accuracy.

## Blood Pressure Screening

Mark your calendar for blood pressure screenings by the Parish Health Committee on the 3rd Sunday each month. The next one will be held on **Sunday, May 19th.**



## Food Pantry

There is a Truck Unload and Shelf Stocking the first Wednesday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome, the next date is **May 1st at 8:30 a.m.** at 723 Emerson, Saginaw, MI 48607.

Ascension is providing workers for the Center of HOPE Food Pantry on **June 26th.** 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.**

If you would like to donate to the Food Pantry to purchase food through the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, donations can be sent directly to: FBEM, 2300 Lapeer Rd, Flint, MI 48503. Checks must include in the memo line: Center of Hope Food Pantry/Saginaw P-981.



## Attention ELCA Gathering Youth

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

**CREATED**

**TO BE MYLE**  
the tAble Young Adult Gathering

We will meet **on Sunday, May 5th at 5:45 p.m.** to continue our prep work for our Gathering experience, focusing on Created to Be “Free”.

### Confirmation Schedule

**May 5th—4:30 p.m.**

Last Class until the Fall!

Third Article: Holy Spirit

## Middle & High School Youth Nights

Youth Nights for our Middle and High School youth will resume **June 16th**. We will meet on Sunday's at the pavilion from **6p.m. — 9p.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 if you can be a parent volunteer on any of the nights below.

Because of the schedule of activities this summer, Youth Nights will be held:

**June 16th, 23rd, 30th**

**July 28th**

**August 4th, 11th**



## Michigan's Adventure—June 27, 2024

**Michigan's Adventure**

We are planning our annual trip to Michigan's Adventure on **Thursday, June 27th**. We will **meet at the church at 7:45 a.m.** with a planned departure at 8 a.m. This event is open to all members of the congregation. Elementary aged children must have an adult accompany them. Permission slips are necessary for all Middle and High School Youth attending. **Cost is \$70**. Checks should be made payable to Ascension Lutheran Church. *(If you'd like to pay through Vanco, please contact Lisa in the church office)* **Friends are welcome**. Bring sunscreen, swimsuit, towel, and snacks for the bus. The park is “cashless” so you will need a credit/debit card or prepaid card for purchases including food in the park. There are kiosks to convert cash into the prepaid card if necessary. Sign up on the Kiosk in the gathering area and grab a permission slip. They are also on our website. **Payment must be received by June 9, 2024.**



# Kids—Don't forget to wish your mom "Happy Mothers Day" on May 12th

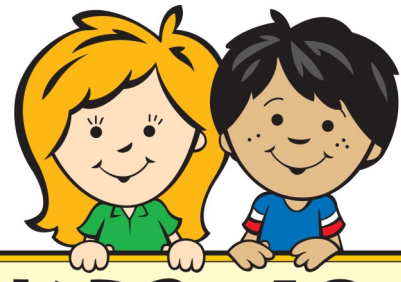
# Puzzle!

Fill in the horizontal rows using the clues. Then, using the number codes, complete the squares below to read three Beatitudes from Luke 6:20-21, NIV.

Grassy area behind a house	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Blooms that have petals	9 10 11 12 13 14 15
Spring precipitation	16 17 18 19
Puffy and white in the sky	20 21 22 23 24 25
Soil	26 27 28 29
Lawn	30 31 32 33 34
Must be weeded and tended	35 36 37 38 39 40
Tiptoe through these	41 42 43 44 45 46
Baby sheep	47 48 49 50 51
We need food and this	52 53 54 55 56
God made this from nothing	57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64
A sign of God's promise	65 66 67 68 69 70 71
These, in April, bring May flowers	72 73 74 75 76 77 78

1	10	13	15	25	39	38	2	7	13	5	22	23	12	73	11			
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52	44	10	47		10	2	23	35	73									

Answers: backyard, flowers, rain, clouds, dirt, grass, garden, tulips, lambs, water, creation, rainbow, showers. "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."



## KIDS PAGE



### a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop a vase to help arrange flowers and hold stems in place. This personalized frog will become a favorite!

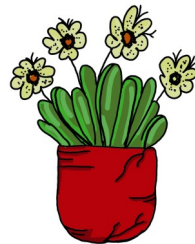
**What you need:**

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes



**What you do:**

1. Roll out a portion of clay to about 1/2-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.



### Bible Quiz

What two rivers that we still know today are named in the Creation account in Genesis 2?

- A. Nile
- B. Yangtze
- C. Jordan
- D. Tigris
- E. Ganges
- F. Euphrates



**Pull Out Your Bibles for this Quiz and Go To: Genesis 2:10-14**

Answer: D & F (See Genesis 2:10-14)





## Serving in May

*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
5	Dan Roth	Heidi Trepkowski	5	Ruth Schomaker	Heidi Trepkowski
12	Dick Schomaker	Olivia Trepkowski	12	Susan Kelley	Lisa Whelton
19	Edna Bell	Barb Van Marter	19	Charleen Boland	Chris Crump
26	Charleen Boland	John Whelton	26	Tom Page	Dawn Dalton



### Sound Board Operators

5	Kris Friend	Makena Whelton
12	†	Makena Whelton
19	Kris Friend	†
26	†	†

### Video Screen Operators

5	Kris Friend	Marissa Fahrenbruch
12	Susan Kelley	Ginny Whelton
19	Kris Friend	Gus Hendrickson
26	Susan Kelley	†

### Head Ushers

5	Roth	Dawson/ <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
12	Wilson	Dawson/Mossner
19	Kelley	Friend/Beyerlein
26	Schomaker	Dalton/Whelton

### Acolyte 10:30 a.m.

5	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
12	Eliza Trepkowski
19	Brooklyn Becker
26	<i>Volunteer needed</i>

### Altar Guild

5	Susan Kelley
12	Susan Kelley
19	Susan Kelley
26	Susan Kelley

### Lawn Mowers

Dalton/Aldrich
Howe/Blehm
Hendrickson/Ecker
Becker/Becker

### Children's Church

5	Bob Aldrich
12	Tom Page
19	All Teachers—End of Year Celebration
26	<i>Summer Break Begins!</i>

**May Librarian:** Sally York



## WEDNESDAYS 7pm

	Head Usher	Readers	Sound Board	Video Screen	Prayers
1	Mike Clifford	Mike Clifford	†	Glen Mack	Mike Clifford
8	Glen Mack	Connie Dutcher	†	Kelly Phillion	Connie Dutcher
15	John Schroeder	Kristin Kazmierski	Mike Romosier	Connie Dutcher	Celina Gottlieb
22	Glen Mack	Glen Mack	†	Kelly Phillion	Donna Malburg
29	Mike Clifford	John Schroeder	†	Glen Mack	Mike Clifford

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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
			<p><i>1</i> 8:30am-Food Pantry Truck Unload 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion</p>	<p><i>2</i> 6:30pm-Trustee Mtg</p>	<p><i>3</i> <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>
<p><i>5 Celebrate Grads</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/Children's Church 4:30pm-Confirmation 5:45pm-Gathering Mtg</p>	<p><i>6</i> 10:30am-Grief Group 6:00pm-Women's Bible St</p>	<p><i>7</i> 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors</p>	<p><i>8</i> 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion</p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i> <b>Office Closed</b> 3pm-FH Rental</p>	<p><i>11</i> 9am-12pm-Spring Cleanup 9am-5pm-Synod Assembly</p>
<p><i>12</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/Children's Church</p>	<p><i>13</i> 9am-ABC Breakfast @ Sullivan's 10:30am-Grief Group 6:00pm-Women's Bible St St. John Board Mtg</p>	<p><i>14</i> 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors</p>	<p><i>15</i> 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 12pm-Council Reports Due 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion</p>	<p><i>16</i></p>	<p><i>17</i> <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p><i>18</i> 9am-FH Rental</p>
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## Pastor Absences

Pastor Julie will be out of the office for the following:

July 7th—12th—with Youth at Stony Lake Camp

July 15th—22nd—with Youth at Gathering, in New Orleans

July 26th—28th—wedding out of town

October 17th—November 3rd—vacation



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