



Spend time with God this summer

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Messenger

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

Worship in the Park—June 22, 2025 at 10am

The ELCA congregations in Saginaw County will worship together on Sunday, June 22nd at Haithco Recreation Center, beginning at 10 a.m. Worship will be followed by a picnic—hotdogs will be provided. Attendees should bring a lawn chair, place setting, beverage (non-alcoholic) and dish to pass. We ask you to sign up to ensure we will have enough hotdogs. We are also purchasing t-shirts for the event that day (not required). If you want one, see page 9 of this newsletter. **There will not be worship at Ascension on June 22nd.**

Offering collected on June 22nd will be donated to the Partnership Center (saginawpartnershipcenter.org). If you would also like to direct your regular giving to Ascension, please consider bringing it to church the week before or after. You may also mail it to the church or donate through VANCO.



WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Join the Saginaw County ELCA churches for **worship TOGETHER** at Haithco Recreation Area!

BRING a camp chair, place setting, dish to pass, and beverage of choice.
(No alcoholic beverages are permitted.)

Hot dogs will be provided.





SUNDAY,
JUNE 22, 2025



AT 10:00 AM



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Message from Pastor Julie

Discernment

As some of you may know, I entered into a recent time of discernment—a time of clarification of how God might be calling and using my gifts for the church. As my name was lifted to be a candidate for bishop in our synod, I determined that to be faithful, I needed to see the process through. First, I discerned that yes, I have some skills that would be used well in the office of the bishop. And second, discernment isn't just about what I discern, but also what the community is discerning. We might experience an internal call, but it is the affirmation of call from the community that helps clarify, what I refer to as an external call. With God's help, I am staying at Ascension, which I said to the assembly was the best gig a pastor could have—and I meant it. In this process, I discerned that God is continuing to call me to this place, for this time, with you—for as long as it works for us.

Upon returning, we had a council meeting. Our council has been working on discerning where the Spirit is calling Ascension Lutheran Church. We use a similar method—what do we think, and then we sort of test it out, what does the community think. We may try something new—and see how it goes. It may mean that some things we have done in the past aren't serving the purpose they once did, and we need to let that go. Change does not mean the way we used to do it was or is wrong, it is just time for something new, to go a new direction. This is all part of discernment.

In a few weeks, I hope to have a place in our congregation to mark our history as a congregation—to be able to track significant occurrences among our congregation with what was going on in the world. We have some of that history in a variety of places and if you would like to help organize that it would be greatly appreciated. Looking back helps us celebrate who and what helped us get to this place. Looking back isn't about returning to the past but using that to see the future, maybe to find a bit of the passion that led to some of the exciting ministries we have shared. It is a good opportunity to celebrate together and commit to moving forward.

The reality is, we are in processes of discernment all the time. Sometimes we get clear answers, sometimes we don't. My experience is that often discernment points us to where we are, to new adventures, and reminds us that the Holy Spirit is still at work in us.

Please join the council in prayer, as we pray for me (Pastor Julie), for our staff, for our council and ministry leaders. Let's be intentional about praying for each other. Let us pray for the Spirit to move our hearts to continue to proclaim Jesus in what we say and do. If you struggle coming up with the words for prayer, I invite you to pray one of my favorites from the Evening Prayer Service:

O God, you have called your servants to venture of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Julie

Please Remember Your Congregation Over the Summer

Many of us are blessed to go north or travel during the summer. Statistics show giving goes down when people aren't in church. Please remember our ministry continues during the summer. Please consider mailing your offering or you can give through our online giving program, [VANCO](#).



Daily Bible Reading

Pastor is leading a Daily Bible Reading on YouTube to get into the habit of reading scripture. This discipline is important for those of us who follow Christ. Click [Here](#) or Scan the QR code.



Sunday & Monday Bible Studies

The Sunday morning and Monday afternoon Bible Studies will not meet in the next few months. Watch for updates in the Messenger for their return.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our **Tuesday** morning Bible study is reading the book of **Jeremiah**. All are welcome to join us at **11am**. 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 •

No class June 3rd

Please Remember Those on Ascension's Care List

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

Pat Joyce—8044 Winchester Ct.
Saginaw, MI 48609

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

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

Arlene Neuenfeldt—11819 Dice Rd.,
Freeland, MI 48623

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

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

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

Dan Wenzel—9065 Bray Rd., Saginaw,
MI 48609

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

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

PRAYING
FOR YOU

Prayers of the Week

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.

June 1st

Settlement Lutheran Church, Gowen, MI and Rev. Nan Dehnke
Ascension Families: Don & Lorna Arndt; Katelyn Arndt; Brian, Wendy, Ahren, Rylan, Rhys Awad

June 8th

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Ledge, MI, Rev. Charles Foerster
Ascension Families: Nancy Bacon; Pastor Julie Bailey; Tom & Sue Bailey

June 15th

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MI and Rev. Karsten Voskuil
Ascension Families: Carolyn Ballien; Phil Ballien, Dave & Dot Becker



June 22nd

Faith Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MI and Rev. Kevin Sullivan
Ascension Families: Dave, Stephanie, Brooke, Alex Becker; Edna Bell; Joyce & Kayla Berg

June 29th

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MI and Rev. Kyle Duff
Ascension Families: Bob & Debbie Beyerlein; Nicki, Kyle, Cayleigh Bieszk; Scott, Tanya, Ashley Blehm

Bishop Elect Pastor Julie Schneider-Thomas, North/West Lower Michigan Synod

From May 18-20, 2025, Pastor Julie, Stephanie Becker, Lori Schultz, and Nicki Bieszk attended the Synod Assembly. There are a variety of things that happen at an assembly. We adopted a budget for 2026-2027, we adopted a memorial related to Indian Boarding Schools for the Churchwide Assembly to receive in August, we heard speakers from the other synods of our region, went to workshops, worshiped, and we entered into a discernment process for the election of a bishop. Upon the completion of five votes, our synod calls Pastor Julie Schneider-Thomas to serve as our next bishop of the synod.



The Bishop-elect currently serves two congregations in the Grand Rapids conference; Zion Lutheran in Comstock Park and Hope Lutheran in Rockford. She serves as dean of her conference and has served in a variety of ways during her time as an ordained pastor. She will begin her term as bishop on September 1st, with the installation service scheduled for September 13th. Please pray for Bishop-elect Schneider-Thomas, her husband Pastor Bryan Schneider-Thomas, her daughter Katie, and the congregations she currently serves who need to say good-bye.

We also hold Bishop Craig Satterlee in prayer after serving twelve years as Bishop. We pray for Pastor Chrisy Bright and Pastor Kjersten Sullivan as the assistants to the bishop, as well as the rest of the staff whose calls end with the bishop.

I am hopeful and prayerful with the leadership of Bishop-elect Julie Schneider-Thomas.

June Birthdays

2nd	Brooke Phillion	14th	Liam Fleming
3rd	Joyce Berg		Sarah Wortley
	Jack Fleissner	16th	Matti Wizner
	Ali Krzyzaniak	17th	A.J. Denman
5th	Mike Romosier	20th	Owen Edsall
6th	Savannah Maddox		Landen Wagner
7th	Donna Frollo		Ellie Wizner
	Sherry Stuller	21st	Rob Joslyn
8th	Tom Erskine		Kate Naples
	Alana Fleming		Vicki Wenzel
	Susie Trumble	22nd	Carol Wilson
9th	Michael Gottlieb	23rd	Kelly Phillion
10th	Thomas Stoddard		John Stroebel
11th	Dave Becker, Jr.	25th	David Faerber
	Josh Mack		Jessica McRae
12th	Wanda Dankert		Jackie O'Dell
	Angelica Dawkins	28th	Wendy Awad
	Ellie Dunn		Alec Preston
	Stephanie Dunn		Garrett Preston
	Nathan Earnesty		Sabrina Wagner
13th	Jackson Trepkowski	30th	Deborah Harrington
	Spence Webb		Jeff Whelton
	Sally York		

June Anniversaries

2nd	Jon and Alicia Leffler
6th	Craig and Joan Ford
	Thomas and Rae Stoddard
11th	James and Cheryl Andrus
13th	Tim and Carol Wilson
20th	Eric and Dori Dalton
21st	Anthony and Kate Naples
22nd	Nick & Olivia Espinoza
24th	Marvin & Shanna Burns
25th	Alison and Mike Krzyzaniak
27th	Tom and Sue Bailey
28th	Dick and Linda Chilton



Updating Membership

The congregation council has approved a plan to address to review our current “membership” rolls and to update them as needed. Currently, our records show that we have 536 members, 90 of which are children (baptized, not confirmed).

The last time we intentionally reviewed membership was in 2018. Because of COVID and the hesitation of people returning to public worship, we postponed reviews. Our plan is to address membership annually, as defined in our constitution:



C12.07. The Congregation Council shall provide for an annual review of the membership roster.

Per our constitution:

***C8.02.** Members shall be classified as follows:

- a. **Baptized** members are those persons who have been received by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in this congregation, or, having been previously baptized in the name of the Triune God, have been received by certificate of transfer from other Lutheran congregations or by affirmation of faith.
- b. **Confirmed** members are baptized persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith.
- c. **Voting** members are confirmed members. Such 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 as well as the other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws. They shall not have voted as a seasonal member of another congregation of this church in the previous two calendar months.

If our records show that you have not satisfied the basic standards of voting membership, communed and have a contribution on record in the current or preceding calendar year, you will likely receive a letter from the congregation to clarify your membership. We will be requesting a response of whether you wish to remain a member and plan to participate more actively in the congregation, whether you are worshipping elsewhere or wish to have your membership removed for other reasons. We understand that we may be unaware of health or other issues that may prevent you from attending. If so, we want to be aware of needs and you can make us aware of those needs. And it is possible, our information may not be correct.

Please make note of the following information about membership as well:

***C8.04.** It shall be the privilege and duty of members of this congregation to:

- a. make regular use of the means of grace, both Word and sacraments;
- b. live a Christian life in accordance with the Word of God and the teachings of the Lutheran church; and
- c. support the work of this congregation, the synod, and the churchwide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through contributions of their time, abilities, and financial support as biblical stewards.

***C8.05.** Membership in this congregation shall be terminated by any of the following:

- a. death;
 - b. resignation;
 - c. transfer or release;
 - d. disciplinary action in accordance with Chapter 20 of the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; or
 - e. removal from the roll due to inactivity in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws.
- Such persons who have been removed from the roll of members shall remain persons for whom the Church has a continuing pastoral concern.

Desiring Membership with Ascension

Have you been worshipping with Ascension and desire to intentionally join our ministry together? We are receiving information on people who wish to join Ascension Lutheran Church. To join one needs to be baptized, and we can discuss and arrange that if desired. Forms to complete may be found on our website (www.ascensionlc.org) under forms. We also ask that you complete a Time and Talent form for each family member to help us involve you in our ministry. Together we encourage one another to become the disciples God calls us to be in our world and community.



Voting members are confirmed members who have during the current or preceding calendar year communed in this congregation and made a contribution of record to this congregation. New members join by Affirmation of Faith, which is "Confirmation."

New Members will be received in worship at 8a.m. or 10:30a.m. on July 6th

Celebration of Mortgage Reduction

It is with great joy we announce that the remaining principal on our mortgage is

BELOW \$300,000



As of the end of April, our principal balance is \$295,557. We could not do this without you! Thank you for your offering to the building fund each month that has enabled us to pay down on the principal. Thank you to the diligence of the congregation council to make this a priority.

The last balloon adjustment for our loan is scheduled for 2026. We are hoping to have the mortgage balance at such a rate that it will be paid off now in six years and keeping our payment at a comparable rate as it is now.



Keep up the good work!!!

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 2025 flower chart is posted on the door of the Acolyte room and many dates are available.

June 1st
available to sponsor

June 8th
available to sponsor

June 15th
In memory of Richard Sr.
& Amelia Borm, by Richard
Borm, Jr

June 22nd

To the glory of God by Tom & Sue Bailey

June 29th

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

NOTE: Please bring the plastic cup that the flowers are in, back to church within 2 weeks. Our florist re-uses the cups weekly.

Sewing Group

Ascension's Sewing Group does not meet June—August. Watch the Messenger for the new meeting dates for the fall. Contact Sandy Graham with any questions at 989-781-1619.

The Sewing Group continues to need 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. All donations are appreciated.



Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will continue meeting informally on the **3rd Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m.** There are no requirements to share, no pressure, and everyone is welcome! This is not just a group of people from Ascension, it is open to the community, so feel free to share with anyone you know struggling with grief and may want to talk or just listen. If you have any questions about the Grief Support Group, do not hesitate to contact Linda Lentner at 989-274-7418 or linda.lentner@gmail.com.

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.

ABC Breakfast

Ascension's Breakfast Club—All who are available for breakfast are invited to join others from Ascension for a time of fellowship and food on the second Monday of each month. We will meet at **9 a.m. at Sullivan's at 5235 Gratiot Rd., in Saginaw**. 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: June 9th



Blood Drive



Our next drive of the year is scheduled for **June 26th, 2:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** If you would like to reserve your donation spot now, please sign up using [this link](#). You may also call the church office to reserve a time.

Blood Pressure Screening

Mark your calendar for blood pressure screenings by the Parish Health Committee on the 3rd Sunday each month. The next date is **Sunday, June 15th**



ELCA Women of Saginaw County

The ELCA Women of Saginaw County will not meet during the summer months. Fall dates will be listed in upcoming Messengers. Please make sure to Like or Join both the [ELCA Women of Saginaw County](#) and the [ELCA Saginaw County](#) Facebook pages for updates.

Ascension's Women's Support Group



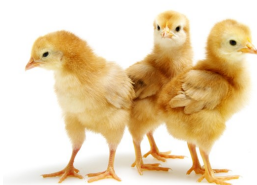
Ascension is participating with the ELCA Women of Saginaw County group. To effectively share information with our congregation and participate in their goals and programs, Ascension has established a women's support group. This group is not the Women's Group of Ascension's past, however a group of women who would like to grow in faith, support one another in endeavors, engage in ministering to those in need, and to promote fellowship within our group, our churches, and our community. The contacts for Ascension's Women's Support Group are Gina Dillenbeck (chair), Wanda Dankert, Edna Bell, and Ginny Whelton. If you need their contact information, feel free to call the office.

Center of HOPE Food Pantry

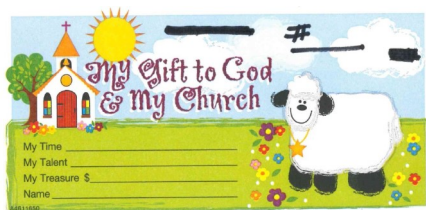
Ascension will serve at the Center of HOPE Food Pantry, 723 Emerson, Saginaw, MI 48607 on the following ****updated**** dates. Arrive at **8:30 a.m.** and 8-10 volunteers are needed. **June 11th • July 23rd • September 10th • November 12th.** The next Truck Unload & Pantry Shelf Stocking is **June 4th at 8:30 a.m.**

Children's Church

On **May 11th**, the Children's Church/Sunday School students primarily chose the ELCA Good Gifts program to give their \$50 offering they've collected all school year. They purchased a flock of chicks, a piglet, and a fruit-tree seedling. To learn more about the ELCA Good Gifts program, please visit goodgifts.elca.org.



Elementary Youth Giving Envelopes



You can continue to use the Youth Giving envelopes during the summer months. Envelopes can be picked up in the Children's Church classroom. Each youth has their own giving number. There is a sign posted just inside the door of the

classroom with all the giving envelopes numbers listed. You may also use any envelope you have at home, as long as their name and number is written on it.

ELCA Saginaw County T-shirts

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to share in proclaiming the loving message of Jesus alongside our siblings in the other ELCA congregations of Saginaw County. We believe when we work together, we can do even greater things.

We have designed T-shirts that are available to purchase. When you wear them, it provides a launching point for a conversation when someone asks you about what that means.

The ELCA congregations in Saginaw County are:

- Ascension Lutheran Church/Saginaw
- Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church/Saginaw
- Our Saviour Lutheran Church/Saginaw
- Resurrection Lutheran Church/Saginaw
- St. Matthew's Lutheran Church/Bridgeport
- Zion Lutheran Church/Freeland

T-shirts must be ordered by **June 1st**.

Cost is **\$20** (for **ALL** sizes)

Crew neck and V-neck are available for adults in sizes XS-4X

Crew neck only for youth sizes XS-XL

Fabric is 50/25/25 poly/combed ring spun combed cotton/rayon (District Brand)

(A sample is at Ascension)



Please complete the order form, the payment is made to Ascension Lutheran Church at the time of ordering.

If you order the shirt, you are encouraged to wear it on June 22nd when we worship at Haithco Park. Shirt is not required for attendance, attendance is not required to purchase a shirt!

ELCA Saginaw County T-shirt Order Form

Orders Due by June 1st w/ Payment

Checks Payable to Ascension Lutheran Church

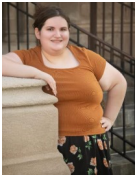
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Celebrating Our Graduates

High School Graduates



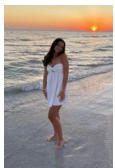
Emily Dunn

*Graduated From: Swan Valley High School and Saginaw Career Complex
Attending: Delta College
Studying: Nursing*



Marissa Fahrenbruch

*Graduated From: Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy and Saginaw Career Complex
Attending: Saginaw Valley State University
Studying: Social Work and Theater*



Julia Hamilton

*Graduated From: Nouvel Catholic Central High School
Attending: University of Michigan-Flint
Studying: Nursing*



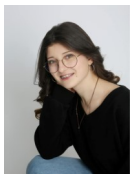
Simin Husenova

*Graduated From: Swan Valley High School
Attending: Saginaw Valley State University
Studying: International Relations*



Elizabeth Kolb

*Graduated From: St. Charles High School and Saginaw Career Complex
Attending: Saginaw Valley State University
Studying: Nursing*



Chloé Vaudin

*Graduated From: Swan Valley High School
Next Step: Return to France to finish 2 years of Secondary School*



Sabrina Wagner

Graduated From: Heritage High School

College Graduates



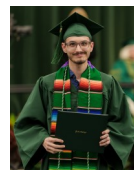
Jacob Crook

*Graduated From: Michigan State University
Major: Civil Engineering
Next Step: Working at SME (Soils and Materials Engineers Inc.)-Bay Region Office*



Makenna Dawson

Graduated From: Michigan Technological University



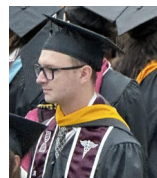
Landen Nevarez

*Graduated From: Delta College
Major: Liberal Arts
Next Step: Join the workforce*



Hannah Webb

Graduated From: Michigan State University



Greg Wortley

Graduated From: Alma College



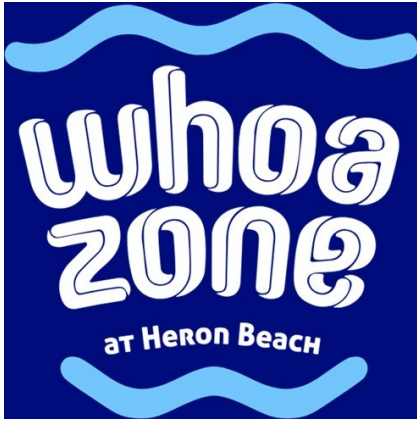
Our Church's Graduates

Michigan's Adventure—Monday, July 21st

We are planning our annual trip to Michigan's Adventure on **Monday, July 21st**. 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. 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 15, 2025**.



WhoaZone—Tuesday, July 29th—12p.m.—5p.m.

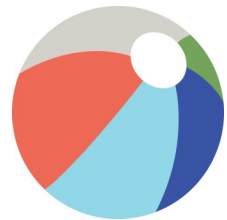


We're organizing a group outing for both youth and adults to enjoy a day filled with thrilling water activities, inflatable obstacle courses, and endless fun. Whether you're looking to challenge yourself on the water park or simply relax and soak up the sun, there's something for everyone. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to bond with friends, family, and church members while making unforgettable memories. Permission Slips and Payments need to be complete by **July 15th** to allow for group ticket purchasing. **Cost is \$20 & covers ticket and fee**. Checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church. Sign up on the Kiosk. Middle & High School Youth can attend with a signed Permission Slip & Waiver, Elementary Youth must have an adult accompany them (Permission Slip & Waiver is still required). Waivers are required for all attendees (Adults too).

Drivers & Chaperones needed. A Michigan State Recreational Passport is necessary to park. Adults (18+) attending will need to have a background check on record with Ascension.

Schedule for the day:

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| • Arrive at Ascension | 11:45 a.m. (Leaving promptly at 12p.m.) |
| • Arrive @ WhoaZone | 1p.m. |
| • Setup and Beach-time | 1p.m. – 2p.m. |
| • WitBit Aqua Park | 2p.m. – 3p.m. |
| • Picnic & Beach-time | 3pm – 4p.m. |
| • Arrive at Ascension | 5p.m. |



WhoaZone at Heron Beach, located in Holly, MI, offers a full day of family fun. Featuring an action-packed floating obstacle course, watercraft & shaded seating rentals, SnackZone concessions, and beach store. They offer a full day of active entertainment for the whole family.

- WitBit Aqua Park offers a floating obstacle course of high-energy fun for swimmers age 7+ **and** at least 45" tall.
- The WitBit KidsZone is designed for guests ages 4-7 and under 45".

Bring sunscreen, swimsuit, towel, hat, dry clothes to wear home, bag for wet suit/towel, snacks & drinks for beach-time fun! Bottled water in cooler provided.

Camp is Around the Corner

Our congregation is attending Stony Lake Camp on July 6th – 11th. Adults attending will be Pastor Julie, Stephanie Becker, and Tony Dancer. Kathy York will be joining us for part of the week.



Attending camp this year are:

Full week: • 3 adults • 3 elementary youth • 10 confirmation youth • 1 High School youth

Partial week: • 1 adult • 1 discoverer

One high school youth is registered for Bridgebuilders camp July 13-18, 2025

Please let Pastor Julie know if you would be available to drive a group to or from camp and how many youths you can take with you. Also, if you plan to drop your children off or pick them up as not part of our group, let me know so I have the number of drivers to determine correct. Background checks are required for drivers.

First Communion—July 20th & 23rd

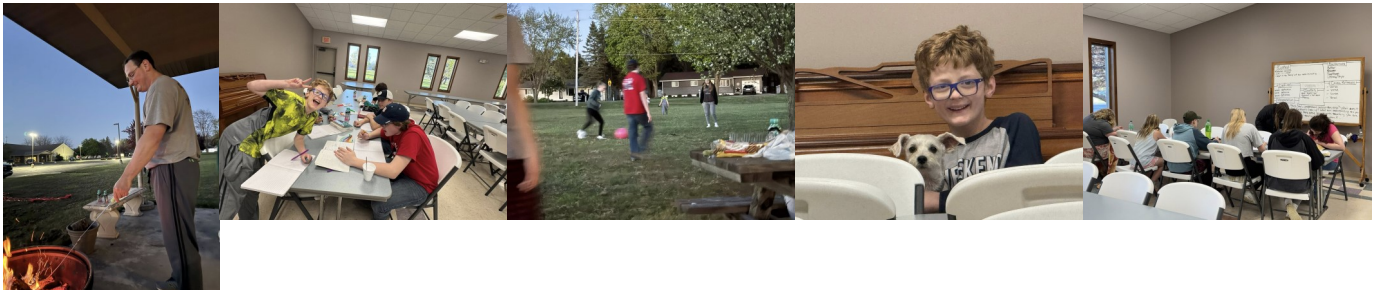
We will be celebrating First Communion on **Sunday, July 20th** at both the **8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** worship services and on **Wednesday, July 23rd** at **7 p.m.** First Communion class will be held **Monday, July 14th** at **6 p.m.** for those youth who wish to receive their First Communion and a parent/guardian.

At Ascension, First Communion is offered when the child, parent, and pastor believe the child is ready. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Julie.



Youth Lock-in

Great fun was had by all youth and adults that attended the Lock-in on May 9th and 10th. Kickball, volleyball, gaga ball, campfire & s'mores, Karaoke, late night avocado smash games, hide and seek, a lesson in verse mapping, dinner, snacks, breakfast and a “little” rest-time/sleep was had by all. A great time of fellowship among our young people and adults.



Middle & High School Youth Nights

Youth Nights for our Middle and High School youth will resume **June 15th**. 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.



Puzzle!

A FATHER'S INSTRUCTION

Although babies don't come with instructions,
God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

"... 2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2

6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3

5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1

4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3

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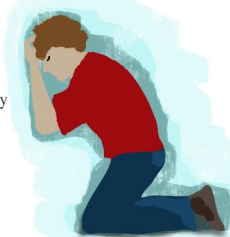
Ephesians 6:4, NIV

Answers: "... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4, NIV

Bible Quiz

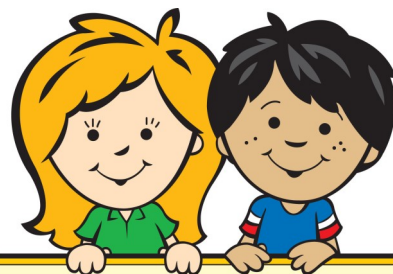
Who said to the prophet Nathan,
"I have sinned against the LORD?"

- A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
- B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother's birthright
- C. Rahab, a prostitute
- D. David, considered Israel's greatest king



**Pull Out Your
Bibles for this
Quiz and Go To:
2 Samuel 12:13**

Happy Father's Day!



KIDS PAGE

IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express
love for your dad or another
special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same side) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



Serving in June

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	Joan Ford	Linda Luplow	1	Lynn Schomaker	Amy Fahrenbruch
8	Tom Erskine	Linda Lentner	8	Susan Kelley	Lisa Whelton
15	Susan Kelley	Lori Schultz	15	Charleen Boland	Dawn Dalton
22	<i>No Readers Needed</i>		22	<i>No Prayer Readers Needed</i>	
29	Tom Page	Heidi Trepkowski	29	Tom Page	Heidi Trepkowski

Sound Board Operators

1	†	Makena Whelton
8	Kris Friend	Makena Whelton
15	†	Makena Whelton
22	<i>Sound Board Operators Not Needed</i>	
29	†	



Video Screen Operators

1	Susan Kelley	†
8	Kris Friend	†
15	†	Ginny Whelton
22	<i>Video Board Operators Not Needed</i>	
29	†	†

Head Ushers

1	Roth	Earnesty/Wizner
8	Kelley	Dawson/Mossner
15	Kelley	Friend/Beyerlein
22	<i>No Ushers Needed</i>	
29	Roth	Earnesty/Wizner

Acolyte 10:30 a.m.

1	<i>Volunteers welcome, no</i>	
8	<i>assignments May-August!</i>	
15		
22		
29		

Altar Guild

1	Susan Kelley
8	ALL
15	Kris Friend
22	† (<i>Weds only</i>)
29	†

Lawn Mowers

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

Children's Church

1	<i>Summer Break!-Join us for the Children's</i>	
8	<i>Message at 10:30 a.m. and pick up a</i>	
15	<i>children's bulletin as you enter the sanctuary.</i>	
22		
29		

June Librarian: Marty Debozy



WEDNESDAYS 7pm

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

Ascension Lutheran Church - June 2025






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Church Office hours: Mondays—Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



If you are having a meeting in the church, please let the church office know.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>T-shirt Orders Due</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion	2 6:30pm-ELCA Saginaw (Faith)	3 11am-Funeral at church 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	4 8:30am-Food Pantry Truck Unload 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	5 6:30pm-Trustee Mtg	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7
8 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion 	9 9am-ABC Breakfast @ Sullivan's	10 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	11 8:30am-Serve @ Food Pantry 12pm-Council Reports Due 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	12	13 <i>Office Closed</i>	14 Pavilion Rental 
15 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> <i>BP Screening</i> <i>Raise Right Due</i> <i>MI Adventure \$\$ Due</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion 6pm-Youth Night 	16 10:30am-Grief Group 12pm-Messenger Deadline	17 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg	18 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	19	20 <i>Office Closed</i> 	21
22 10am-Worship/Communion/ Picnic @ Haithco Park 6pm-Youth Night	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Office Closed</i> 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	25 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	26 <i>Office Closed</i> 2:30-7pm-Blood Drive (FH)	27 <i>Office Closed</i>	28
29 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion 6pm-Youth Night	30 Messenger Mailed	Office Closed June 23-26, Lisa & Jeff on vacation				

Prayer Chain requests should be called to Barb Van Marter at 989-525-4603

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday's: 7:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Church office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9a.m.-2p.m.
(The office will be closed June 20-29th for Jeff & Lisa's vacation)