

Sunday & Monday Bible Studies Lutheran Trump Cards: Playing our Best Hand in the 21st Century



Beginning **September 7th and 8th**, we will read and study "Lutheran Trump Cards." Each week we will study what a section of theology and discipleship and what it means to be Lutheran.

Sunday class will be in-person between services beginning at **9:15 a.m.**

Monday night will begin at **6:30 p.m.** via Zoom.

If you are new to the Lutheran church or need a refresher, this would be a good class to join.

If you would like to order a book, please let Pastor Julie know—cost is \$11. The book is also available on Kindle and Audible.

September 7/8: There is no way to God (period) and Jesus reveals that God is love

September 14/15: Grace for us includes hope for others

September 21/22: All the baptized have a vocation and The priesthood of all believers

September 28/29: Life is sacramental

October 5/6: Worship is horizontal

October 12/13: Love the Bible without worshipping it

October 19: Perfection is not the point (*****no Monday class*****)

October 26/27: Respond with freedom and gratitude

November 2/3: Faith forms the church

November 9/10: We have an ecumenical heart

November 23/24: We are always watching for change

Click on: [Monday Class Zoom Invite](#)

Or go to:

- www.zoom.com
- **Meeting ID: 869 6959 9117**
- **Passcode: 879998**

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Message from Pastor Julie

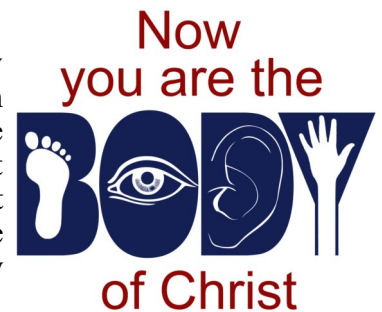
80/20 Rule—It isn't Biblical!

While at camp, I spend a lot of time observing. This week, as the youth were participating in Low Ropes it dawned on me how this correlates with how we often function as church or as an organization.

Low Ropes is a challenge course in which the youth work together to achieve a task and goal. It requires them to work together, communicate, and encourage one another.

While the youth were working on one of the challenges, I realized that the same small group of youth were the ones doing most of the talking and sharing of ideas at each event. Others might try to say something but they weren't as loud or the rest of the group wouldn't listen to their ideas. If they didn't succeed, they often reverted to the way they had done it before, including going in the same order that they had before, meaning some people got to try several times while others spent most of their time watching and encouraging the others.

You may have heard that 20% of the people often do 80% of the work. I saw this at work with our group. The Bible illustrates the Body of Christ much differently than the 80/20 rule. In 1 Corinthians, God paints a clear picture of the body of Christ, the church. The illustration is that we are all part of the body but different parts. Some of us are a toe, a kidney, lung—all gifted with different functions with Christ as the head. Of all the illustrations that Paul could have used, it is the analogy of the body with many parts that demonstrate how we rely and depend on one another.



It is clear that every single person has a part to play, something to contribute, and we are all important. The Bible isn't unrealistic, it is how God created us.

As we move forward in our mission, I encourage us all to figure out how we fit into this body of Christ, and to listen to each other. We all want to be heard.

Pastor Julie

NRSV vs NRSVue—What Bible do we use in worship?

This is not an uncommon question as there are many translations of the Bible. One of the fun things in Bible study is that each of us use our own translations and we can get a deeper sense into what God is saying to us in that scripture text.

Beginning in July, the congregational texts for worship will come from the New Revised Standard Version-Updated Edition (NRSVue). We have been using the NRSV until now. The NRSVue is the official Bible translation of the National Council of Churches that is commonly used by mainline Christians. It is the first revision since the fall of the Berlin Wall and contains about 20,000 edits reflecting new scholarship on the Dead Sea Scrolls as well as stylistic changes to keep up with the evolution of the English language.

The NRSV has been called the most accurate of English-language translations, based on the availability of ancient manuscripts, textual analysis, and the study of language. Hundreds of ancient manuscripts have been studied and this research informed the translation of the NRSVue. The NRSVue brings greater precision in interpreting Scripture. The goal was to translate the ancient texts as accurately as possible while reflecting the cultural difference through time and conditions. This permitted the Editorial Committee to present the text as literally as possible and as freely as necessary.



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.



Mary to Martha Women's Bible Study—Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

We will begin our Fall Bible Study with the study of “Elijah” by Priscilla Shirer. This is a journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now.

Priscilla Shirer is married, a mother, Christian speaker, evangelist, and for the past twenty years in full time ministry to women. She and her husband Jerry have founded “Going Beyond Ministries”. She is the author of more than a dozen books and bible studies.

Our study will begin on **Monday, September 8, 2025** at Ascension from **1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.** We will meet in the Digging Dunes room. This study will end on Monday, November 3, 2025.

Mary to Martha is a group of women at different stages of our faith journey. You do not need to be a member of Ascension to participate. All women are welcome. We'll be blessed by your presence and have a meaningful time together. **Participant books are \$10.00.** Please call or text Joyce Richardson at 989-274-6787 to secure a book for the study.



Schedule:

Sept 8th

Sept 15th

Sept 22nd—No class, ELCA Women of Saginaw County meeting

Sept 29th

Oct 6th

Oct 13th

Oct 20th

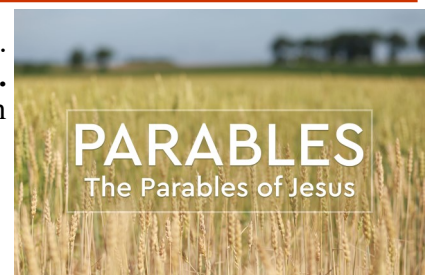
Oct 27th—No class, ELCA Women of Saginaw County meeting

Nov 3rd

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our **Tuesday** morning Bible Study will resume on **Tuesday, September 9th**. We will study The Parables of Jesus. 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**



August Birthdays

1st Brittany Aldrich
Michelle Midcalf
2nd Kristen Huebner
5th Karen Luplow
6th Jennifer Deaton
8th Jeff Crook
Tera Weber
9th Heather Nevarez
10th Kim Anderson
Allison Hamilton
Dorothy Leppert
Linda Luplow
11th Adam Clauss
Mark Hickner
13th Liam Kittle
14th Arlington Enright
17th Pierce Doerr
Samantha Hamilton
Julie Stroebe
18th Hadley Enright
Tim Wilson

19th Meredith Friend
Sandy Graham
21st Marie Stuart
Lisa Whelton
23rd Madison Stoddard
24th Declan Denman
Henry Salowitz
25th Renae Goschke
Michael Randall
Trudy Ryder
26th Bob Dillenbeck
27th Ron Leonard
28th Marilynn Christensen
Topher Collins
Tony Dancer
Rick Hamilton, Sr.
Marissa Toupin
29th Collin Edsall
30th Cathy Wight
31st Mark Girardin

August Anniversaries

2nd Dave and Shelly Dawson
Tom and Jennifer Deaton
Mary and Norm, Jr. Hamilton
8th Ron and Donna Fries
11th Spence and Tammy Webb
12th Wade and Andrea Kittle
15th Rob and Jean Joslyn
Nelson and Lynn Ann Staples
19th Mike Romosier & Connie Dutcher
20th Cary and Chris Trier
22nd Waylon and Dawn Earnesty
23rd Cody and Melissa Briggs
25th TJ and Michelle Midcalf
26th Brian and Wendy Awad
Hugh and Jennifer Dickie
Michael and Marissa Toupin
Jeff and Vicki Wenzel
27th Matt and Jessica McRae
28th Jack and Renae Goschke
Nathan and Katica Gottlieb
29th Jared and Heidi Trepkowski
30th Topher and Amanda Collins



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.

August 3rd

In memory of John Cavendish's birthday, by Bonnie Cavendish

August 10th

available to sponsor

August 17th

In memory of Janet Bain and Kay Ballien, by Phil Ballien

August 24th

available to sponsor

August 31st

available to sponsor

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

Ascension's Craft Fair

Ascension will holding a Craft Fair on **Saturday, November 1st.**

More information will be posted soon, but if you or someone you know would like a vendor table, they can email Lisa in the office at ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net to secure a spot!



Please Remember Those on Ascension's Care List

Dick Chilton—Roosevelt House, 17935
Roosevelt Rd, Rm #10, Hemlock, MI
48626

Leonard and Ruth Howell—1410 Hess
Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48601

Pat Joyce—8044 Winchester Ct.
Saginaw, MI 48609

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

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

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

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

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

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.*

August 3rd

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Herron,
MI and Rev. Leslie Nye

*Ascension Families: Bari Clauss; Mike
& Elaine Clifford; Bruce, Traci,
Mackenzie, Erica Collier*

August 10th

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hillsdale, MI
and Rev. Kara Shaw

*Ascension Families: Topher & Amanda
Collins; Peyton Collins; Mary Collison*

August 17th

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

*Ascension Families: Jeff, Brenda,
Larissa, Jacob Crook; Ben & Chris
Crump; Josh Crump*

August 24th

Peace Lutheran Church, Holland, MI
and their supply pastors

*Ascension Families: Allen, Jessica,
Emmett, Alayna Dalton; Dawn
Dalton; Dori, Eric, Gabby Dalton*

August 31st

Bread of Life Lutheran Church,
Hudsonville, MI and Rev. David
Besse

*Ascension Families: Logan,
Samantha, Mackenzie, Madilyn
Dalton; Patrick & Bonnie Dalton;
Tony, Melanie, Darren Dancer*

Grief Support Group—August 18th & September 8th

The Grief Support Group will continue meeting informally on **August 18th 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.

New 13 Week Session beginning September 8th

Ascension's Grief Support Group will begin a new session on **Monday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m.** The program they utilize is called GriefShare.

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. **Participant books are free.**

If you have book from a previous session, you may use that book again for future sessions. We do have several people who have attended the sessions multiple times and have found them beneficial as each time they are in a different stage with their grief.

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.

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.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to our newest Ascension members, received on July 6, 2025:



- ♦ Marvin, Shanna, Sophia, MJ Burns
- ♦ Christopher and Amanda Collins
- ♦ Peyton Collins
- ♦ Heather Nevarez
- ♦ Landen Nevarez—Landen was also baptized this day!
- ♦ Alycen, Marisa, Alexis, Elliot Richardson
- ♦ Jennifer Mayou, Shelby Rodriguez, Ariana Rodriguez, Austin Mayou-Rodriquez



Cayleigh Gigi Bieszk received the Sacrament of Baptism
on July 20, 2025
Cayleigh's sponsors are Jacklyn Moulton and Travis Moulton.
May God bless her with His gift of grace.



First Communion

Congratulations to the following youth who received their first communion:

- ♦ Norman and Kenna Maier on Wednesday, July 16th
- ♦ Amaya Favazza on Sunday, July 20th
- ♦ Angelo and Elliot Naples on Sunday, July 20th
- ♦ Zoie, Chase, and Maddox Baez on Sunday, July 20th
- ♦ Jackson Trepkowski on Sunday, July 20th
- ♦ Shelby Rodriguez on Sunday, July 20th

Fun fact—there were 3 sets of twins, two of which were born the same day!



Lutheran World Relief (LWR) School Bags



You have all responded overwhelmingly to picking up the 100 LWR school bags. Please return filled bags by **Sunday September 7th**. We will also take a noisy offering on **September 21st and 24th** to assist with the shipping costs of the bags and quilts made by our Sewing Group. Thank You!!

Interest in Restarting Funeral Dinners

In response to interest for Funeral Luncheons to restart, Info-Gathering meetings were held for members of Ascension to give input that could shape the policy for future funeral events, if enough interest is shown.

If you could not attend a meeting, and you would like more information, you may contact Lori Schultz, VP Congregational Council, via Text, Call, or Email, 989-239-3076, lorryn_s@yahoo.com



Funeral Meals

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 Riverside, 8295 Midland Rd. in Freeland on August 11th**. Each person is responsible for the cost of their own breakfast. You don't need to prepare anything or clean up, just show up.



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, August 17th**

Blood Drive

Our next drive of the year is scheduled for **September 4th, 2:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** If you would like to reserve your donation spot now, please sign up at https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11609232 or call the church office.



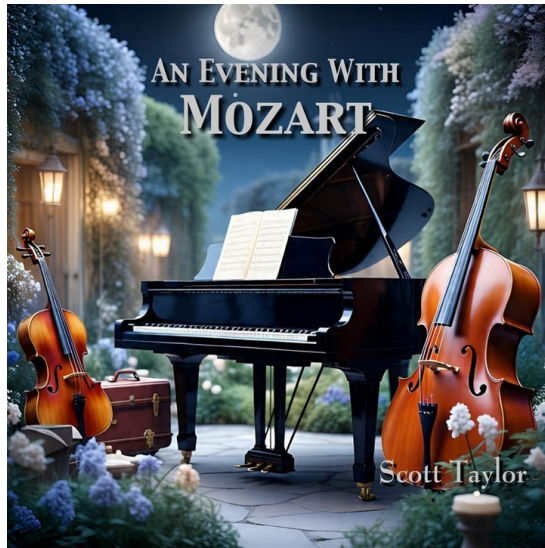
Sewing Group



Do you like to sew or quilt? 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 supplies and machine (not required) and join us for fun and fellowship. Contact Sandy Graham with any questions at 989-781-1619.

September 3rd & 17th • October 1st & 15th • November 5th & 19th • December 3rd & 17th

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.



September 18, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Piano concert featuring the music of
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Featured Artist:

pianist **Scott Taylor**

Guest Artist:

operatic singer **Aziza Poggi**

Location: Ascension Lutheran Church
8695 Gratiot Rd., Saginaw, MI 48609

ELCA Women of Saginaw County

The ELCA Women of Saginaw County will not meet during the summer months. We are collecting **Can Openers and Standard Size Pillow Protectors** for the NEST through the summer. There is a collection box in the gathering area. If you would like to learn more about the NEST program go to: <https://saginawpartnershipcenter.org/the-nest-program>

The leaders for this group are: Gina Dillenbeck, Chair & Betty Nagel-Cribbens as Co-Chair. There is still an open position for a Secretary. Hopefully someone will come forward when we meet up in September.

The Meeting Dates for 2025/2026 are:

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| September 22, 2025 | 1:00 pm | - Ascension |
| October 27, 2025 | 1:00 pm | - Faith |
| November 24, 2025 | 1:00 pm | - Our Saviour |
| NO MEETING IN DECEMBER | | |
| January 26, 2026 | 1:00 pm | - Resurrection |
| February 23, 2026 | 1:00 pm | - Zion |
| March 30, 2026 | 1:00 pm | - Ascension |
| April 27, 2026 | 1:00 pm | - Faith |
| May 18, 2026 | 1:00 pm | - Our Saviour (week early due to Memorial Day) |

Thank you
Gina Dillenbeck

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.

If you would like to help with the September or March meetings, please contact one of the team members listed above.

Out of Office

Pastor Julie has been appointed to serve on federal Jury Duty for two weeks beginning August 6th. Please note that if she needs to attend the court, she will be unavailable as phones are not allowed. There is no certainty as to availability.

Jury Duty: August 6th-20th

Pastor Julie will also be on vacation from
August 22nd-September 5th.

VANCO-Online Giving

Ascension utilizes VANCO for online giving. They offer a mobile app that can be found in the App or Play store. You can also sign up online at <https://secure.myyvanco.com/YN7D/home>

If you have any questions about online giving, please contact Lisa in the office.



News/Events from the Saginaw County ELCA Churches



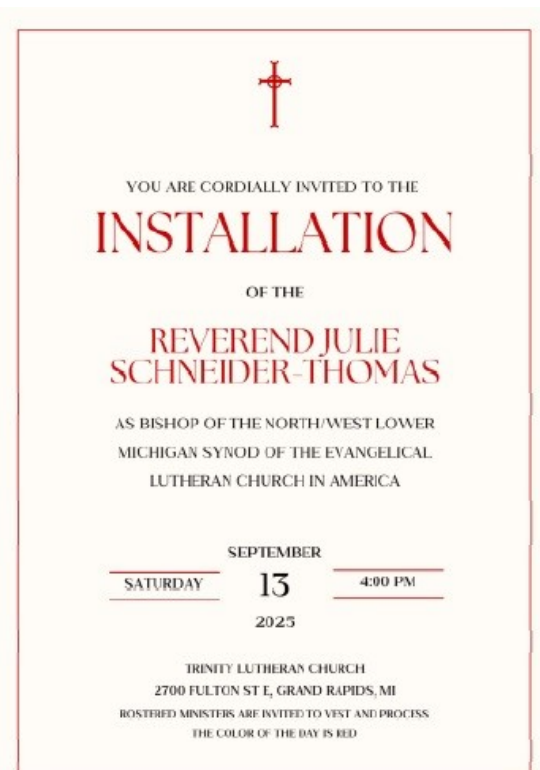
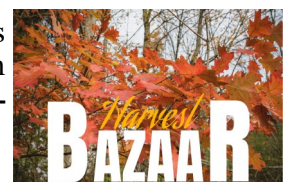
Faith's Funfest will take place on **Saturday, September 6th from 11am-2pm**. The community and ELCA churches and members are all invited! This event will have many fun activities, bring family, grandkids, neighbors and friends. Faith is located at 4432 Mackinaw Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603.

Our Saviour, 2525 Hemmeter Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603 will be hosting the Habitat for Humanity Quilt Show and Auction on **Friday, October 10th 10am-6pm, Saturday, October 11th 10am-6pm, and Sunday October 12th 11am-2pm. SAVE THE DATE!**



Resurrection is collecting coats/outer garments and household linens for distribution **October 24th-25th**. They are collecting new or in good condition used coats for all ages and sizes; kids, men's and women's. New or used towels, sheets and blankets are also being collected. Office hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am-1pm for drop off at 2110 Brockway St., Saginaw, MI 48602.

Zion, 545 7th St., Freeland, MI 48623 is hosting their Harvest Bazaar on **Saturday, November 8th from 9am-3pm**. Add it to your calendars!



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Deadline for the September 2025 issue is: **Monday, August 15th at 12:00 (noon).**
Articles may be hand delivered or emailed to: ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net



The bishop's latest newsletter can be found here:
<https://www.mittensynod.org/resources/publications/>

Center of HOPE Food Pantry

Ascension will serve at the Center of HOPE Food Pantry, 723 Emerson, Saginaw, MI 48607 on **September 10th and November 12th**. Arrive at **8:30 a.m.** and 8-10 volunteers are needed. The next Truck Unload & Pantry Shelf Stocking is **August 6th at 8:30 a.m.**

Beginning in 2026, Ascension will no longer have a scheduled day and an organized group serving at the food pantry. If you want to volunteer, please contact Dewey Burke directly at dewburke@hotmail.com for the 2026 dates.

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](#).

Deadlines for both opportunities are the **1st of February, May, August and November**, considered quarterly as funds remain available, apply early.

Note: Applications first have to be provided to the Ascension's office, where Council and/or Pastor need to sign. Ascension will then forward all documents to the committee for review.

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.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Class



Confirmation is a time when young people explore their own faith, the faith in which they were baptized. It is a time for questions and digging deeper into the teaching of our church. This is an opportunity the congregation offers as our commitment to teach the faith to God's children. After a two-year exploration, which includes classes and other activities, the young person will affirm their baptism, hearing again the promises that God makes and committing to their own baptismal responsibilities.

Classes generally begin in the 6th grade, but if older young people wish to join, they are welcome.

Please let Pastor Julie know if you are planning on having your youth join us for confirmation, so that we can get information to you as soon as we have it. It is a commitment on both the part of the youth and parents and congregation.

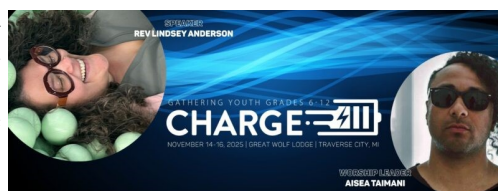
Summer Camp at Stony Lake

We prayed & sent off a large group of youth and adults to camp on Sunday, July 6th. A week full of growth, laughter, and a deeper connection to Christ's love was had by all.



Charge—November 14th-16th—Middle & High School Youth

Once again we will be attending CHARGE, a youth event offered for Middle and High School Youth at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. The registration fee for weekend event will be **\$195**, which includes the cost of the event and for the hotel room. Scholarship money may be available. Food costs will be covered by the church youth fund. Youth may participate in fundraising activities, including returning pop cans where ½ of the money will be deposited into the youth account to be used for events like this, and the other ½ will help cover scholarships and other costs of events beyond the registration fee. Registration forms are available on the kiosk and at ascensionlc.org. Registrations fill up quickly so please don't delay! **Please pay the deposit of \$100 by September 15th, with balance due by October 5th.**



Middle & High School Youth Nights

Youth Nights for our Middle and High School youth will continue through August 10th. We 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.

Bring something to Tie Dye on August 10th!!



Children's Church/Sunday School—Begins September 7th



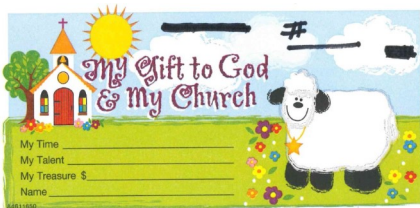
As we begin this new year of Children's Church, we are going to focus again on learning Bible Stories. We are looking for parents and other adults who are willing to lead and facilitate these lessons. All are prepared for you, and require minimal preparation. Many of us learned a lot about the Bible stories when we were in Sunday School. It's a great opportunity to learn and to share God's story with the next generations. Please contact Dawn Earnesty (989) 506-2962 or wilcoxd4@msu.edu if you are able to teach or have questions. There is a rotating schedule, so this does provide the opportunity to worship most Sundays with the congregation in the Sanctuary.

What is Children's Church?

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. The youth & teachers will then return to worship as an entire congregation during the peace

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 or Pastor Julie.

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.



NOAH PT.1



Discover the hidden words.



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Word Bank

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FAMILY

NEIGHBORS

PROMISES

JOURNEY

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STORM

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Serving in August

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 |
|---------|--------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------|---------------|
| 3 | Marty Debozy | Lisa Whelton | 3 | Tom Page | Lisa Espinoza |
| 10 | Susan Kelley | Chris Crump | 10 | Susan Kelley | Lisa Whelton |
| 17 | Joan Ford | Dawn Dalton | 17 | Ruth Schomaker | Dawn Dalton |
| 24 | Kris Friend | Amy Fahrenbruch | 24 | Lynn Schomaker | Chris Crump |
| 31 | Tom Erskine | Marissa Fahrenbruch | 31 | Charleen Boland | Lisa Espinoza |

Sound Board Operators

| | | |
|----|--------------|----------------|
| 3 | Kris Friend | Makena Whelton |
| 10 | Jeff Whelton | Makena Whelton |
| 17 | † | Makena Whelton |
| 24 | Jeff Whelton | † |
| 31 | Kris Friend | Makena Whelton |

Video Screen Operators

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| 3 | Kris Friend | † |
| 10 | Tom Page | † |
| 17 | Laura Schian | † |
| 24 | Susan Kelley | † |
| 31 | Charleen Boland | † |

Head Ushers

| | | |
|----|-----------|------------------|
| 3 | Wilson | Dawson/Mossner |
| 10 | Kelley | Friend/Beyerlein |
| 17 | Schomaker | Dalton/Whelton |
| 24 | Roth | Earnesty/Wizner |
| 31 | Wilson | Dawson Mossner |

Acolyte 10:30 a.m.

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| 3 | <i>Volunteers welcome, no</i> |
| 10 | <i>assignments May-August!</i> |
| 17 | |
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| 31 | |

Altar Guild

| | | |
|----|--------------|----------------|
| 3 | Kris Friend | Becker/Becker |
| 10 | Kris Friend | Crump/Wilson |
| 17 | Sue Bailey | Dan Roth |
| 24 | Susan Kelley | Dalton/Aldrich |
| 31 | Susan Kelley | Howe/Blehm |

Lawn Mowers

Children's Church

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| 3 | <i>Summer Break!-Join us for the Children's</i> |
| 10 | <i>Message at 10:30 a.m. and pick up a</i> |
| 17 | <i>children's bulletin as you enter the sanctuary.</i> |
| 24 | |
| 31 | |

August Librarian: Marty Debozy

WEDNESDAYS 7pm

| | Head Usher | Readers | Sound Board | Video Screen | Prayers |
|----|----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 6 | Glen Mack | Melissa Pretzer | Mike Romosier | Connie Dutcher | Connie Dutcher |
| 13 | John Schroeder | Joyce Richardson | † | Kelly Phillion | Donna Malburg |
| 20 | Glen Mack | John Schroeder | † | Celina Gottlieb | Celina Gottlieb |
| 27 | Mike Clifford | Mike Clifford | † | Glen Mack | Mike Clifford |

Ascension Lutheran Church - August 2025





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

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| Start savings your coins for the Noisy Offering on September 21st and 24th  | | | | | 1 Office Closed | 2 |
| 3 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion 6pm-Youth Night | 4 6:30pm-ELCA Saginaw (Ascension) | 5 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors | 6 8:30am-Food Pantry Truck Unload 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion Pastor Julie Jury Duty 8/6- 8/20 | 7 6:30pm-Trustee Mtg  | 8 Office Closed | 9 |
| 10 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion 6pm-Youth Night | 11 9am-ABC Breakfast @ Riverside Freeland 6:30pm-St. John's Mtg (Our Saviour) Pastor Julie Jury Duty 8/6- 8/20 | 12 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors | 13 12pm-Council Reports Due 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion | 14 6:30pm-Grace Endowment Mtg (Ascension) | 15 Office Closed | 16 |
| 17 BP Screening RaiseRight Due 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion | 18 10:30am-Grief Group 12pm-Messenger Deadline Pastor Julie Jury Duty 8/6- 8/20 | 19 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg | 20 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion | 21 | 22 Office Closed Pastor Julie Vacation 8/22- 9/6 | 23 |
| 24 8am-Worship 10:30am-Worship Pastor Julie Vacation 8/22- 9/6 | 25  | 26 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors | 27 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion Messenger Mailed | 28 | 29 Office Closed | 30 |
| 31 8am-Worship 10:30am-Worship Pastor Julie Vacation 8/22- 9/6 | | | | | |  August |

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.

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