

EVERY
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PAINTED BY AUTUMN
REMINDS US:
*God is always
DOING A
new thing.*

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

What a Summer!



I say that every year. Every spring I think, summer is coming, things will slow down. It has never happened that way. As I sit here at my desk, it is one week until I leave for vacation. I am taking a full two weeks. In doing this right before the fall programming starts, I am getting things done ahead of time. My hope is everything will go smooth when I return and we will jump right back in.

The summer was great. We took youth to camp, had youth nights, welcomed new members, and had a large first communion class. Worship attendance stayed steady, nothing but the dip we experience every summer as people travel. As a synod, we elected a new bishop and will celebrate her installation on September 13th.

As good as summer is and was, I am looking forward to settling back into our community. I want to get back into Bible Studies, worship, outreach, connecting and caring for each other, and being the people of the church God calls us to be.

It won't be long until we start planning for the new year—with budgets, council elections, visioning for the future. I am excited and hope you are too. Where do you see God calling you to serve? Will you join us in praising and serving God together?

Pastor Julie

Out of Office



Pastor Julie will be on vacation from **August 22nd-September 6th**.

We thank the lay leaders, Susan Kelley, Stephanie Becker, Kris Yackel-Friend, and Charleen Boland for leading us in worship on August 24th and 31st. We extend our thanks and gratitude to Rev. John Soyster who lead worship on August 27th and September 3rd.

Bishop Curry will be installed as presiding bishop on October 4, 2025 at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN. The service will be livestreamed.

**We Are Pleased to Announce the Election of
the REV. YEHIEL CURRY
as ELCA Presiding Bishop**



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

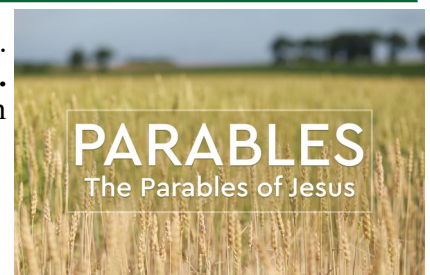
Nov 3rd



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



September Birthdays

2nd	Alex McClure	20th	Emily Hamilton-Gerard
3rd	Brooklyn Becker	21st	Diane Lobsiger-Braden
	Ella Wagner		Noah Ryder
	Jayne York		Samantha Wright
5th	Jennifer Dickie	22nd	Emily Edsall
	Jim Stuart		Donna Malburg
6th	Jenny Nielsen	23rd	Jenny Maier
8th	Hugh Carroll	24th	Brock Vasquez
10th	Marie Leonard	26th	Jessica Hoffmann
13th	Nancy Kozak	27th	Carl Boland
	Julie Meschke		Makenna Dawson
14th	Annie Nielsen		Max Dawson
16th	Kris Friend		Ethan Earnesty
17th	Nathan McClure		Celina Gottlieb
	Landen Nevarez		Angela Saxton
	Nathaniel Ryder		John Schroeder
	Lori Schultz	29th	Grace Girardin
	Timothy Trumble		Linda Lentner
	Brandon Wardlow	30th	Amanda Doerr
18th	Dorothy Becker		Alicia Spear
	Melissa Hostetler		



September Anniversaries

6th	Andrew and Kristin Kazmierski
10th	Angelica and Jordan Dawkins
11th	Heather and Jason Nevarez
18th	Scott and Kim Anderson
	David and Dorothy Becker
20th	Ed and Lisa Espinoza
	Mike and Heidi McGrandy
23rd	Tom and Barb Mitchell
24th	Jonathan and Amanda Doerr
25th	Ashley and Chadd Harrington
26th	Jason and Rebecca Enright
27th	Russ and Melissa Morgan



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.

September 7th
available to sponsor

September 14th
In memory of Susan Lentner, by Marvin Lentner

September 21st
To the Glory of God, by Susan Kelley

September 28th
In memory of Ron Schultz, by Lori Schultz

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

WEEKEND FOOD BAGS HAVE A NEED!

Ascension's weekend food bags program is trying to obtain 3,000 cloth grocery bags. They need to be new, or clean and "like new" condition.

The current plastic bags are getting too full & heavy and there are concerns about ripping bags.

If you have any to donate, please place them in the red box in the gathering area

Logos on the bags are ok.

Please Remember Those on Ascension's Care List

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

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.

September 7th

Ascension Lutheran Church, Rev. Julie Bailey, and all the lay leadership.

Ascension Families: Jim & Wanda Dankert; Heather, Robert, Raylee, Sera Darabos; Bob & Peggy Darling

September 14th

North/West Lower Michigan Synod and Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas

Ascension Families: Angelica, Jordan, Elias Dawkins; Dave, Shelly, Jacob, Max, Makenna Dawson; Jennifer & Tom Deaton

September 21st

ELCA congregations in Saginaw County: Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, and Zion

Lutheran Church. We also pray for their pastors, Rev. Christina Schultz, Rev. Kevin O'Bryan, Rev. Diane Sponheim and Rev. Andreas Teich.

Ascension Families: Marty Debozy; AJ, Leslie, Delan, Roland Denman; Brian & Sue Denman; Jennifer, Hugh, Renae Dickie

September 28th

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry.

Ascension Families: Bob & Gina Dillenbeck; Amanda, Jonathan, Alice, Pierce Doerr; Emily, Kip, Amora, Lucas, Max Dreyfus

GriefShare Support Group—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.

GriefShare®

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) School Bags



MAKE A
"JOYFUL
NOISE!"

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!!

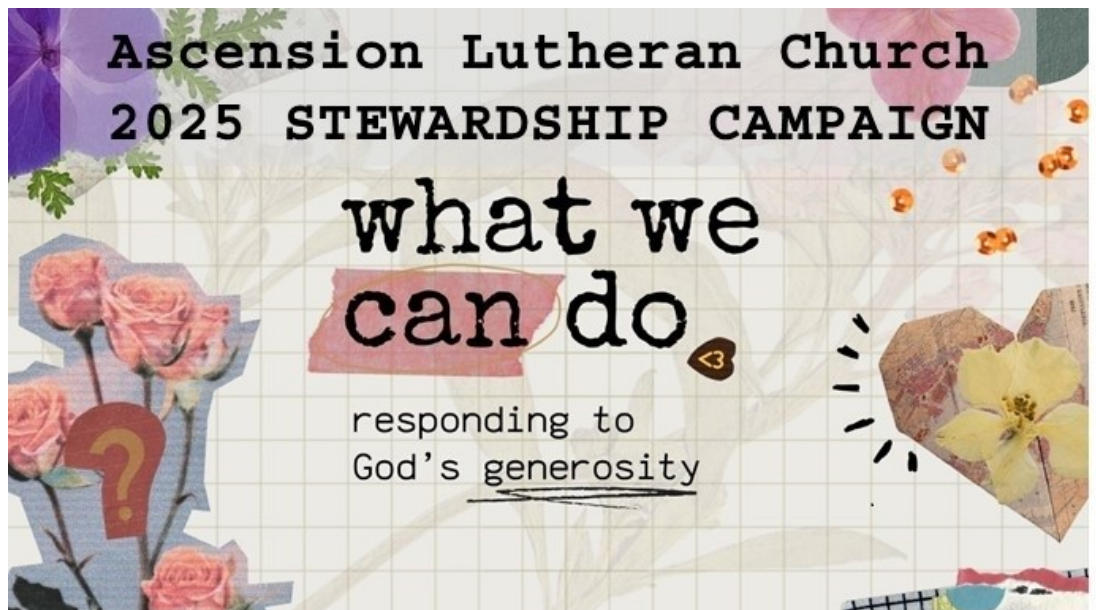
Stewardship Focus for 2025: What Can We Do—Respond to God's Generosity

What is possible for us to do in response to God's lavish generosity? God's gifts come to particular people, in particular places, in particular times. Because we are made in God's image, we, too, uniquely embody God's steadfast abundance, love, and mercy. We are equipped to be generous where we are. Drawn more deeply into the body of Christ, we are reminded of our belovedness, and we can respond with generosity, love, and service on behalf of our neighbors.

Our stewardship focus will **begin September 21, 2025**. As we engage and reflect upon the generosity of God, please explore your heart, dream dreams and see the vision God is making possible with Ascension and this community.



Fill out this card and bring it to worship prior to November 23rd to let Ascension know what your giving plans for 2026 are.



Yes, I want to Support our Ministry!

- Bring this card with you to worship on or before **November 23, 2025**
- Mail it to the church office (8695 Gratiot Rd., Saginaw, MI 48609)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

General Fund Giving Gift Amount: \$ _____

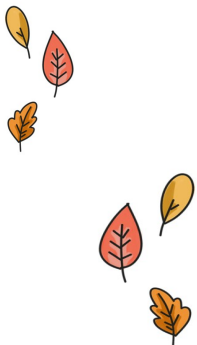
Frequency: ☐ One-Time ☐ Yearly ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly ☐ Other: _____

Building/Mortgage Giving Gift Amount: \$ _____

Frequency: ☐ One-Time ☐ Yearly ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly ☐ Other: _____

Other(ministry): _____ Giving Gift Amount: \$ _____

Frequency: ☐ One-Time ☐ Yearly ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly ☐ Other: _____





ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
8695 GRATIOT, SAGINAW 48609
(ACROSS FROM HOME DEPOT)
989-781-2170

REGISTRATION FORMS
available at
ascensionlc.org
or email
ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net

25+ VENDORS WANTED!!

Ascension Lutheran Church is hosting a fall Craft Fair. Our goal is to provide an experience for the community to support local artists, crafters, and vendors and to find a wide variety of unique gifts and crafts.

All registrants keep 100% of their sales.

Rental Space: \$30, includes one 6-foot table & 2 chairs in an 8x8 space. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for set up. Additional tables and displays provided by vendor can be set up within the space.

Secure your table with check or cash AND the registration form **received no later than October 23, 2025.**

A bake sale provided by the Youth of Ascension will also take place during the event.

LUNCH / FOOD OPTIONS

Ascension is attempting to secure a few food trucks in the parking lot during the event for food purchases. INDOOR seating will be available.

Baked Goods Donations—please sign up on the kiosk, to ensure we have enough items please let us know your baked good & approximate quantity.

Volunteers—Youth Volunteers are needed for the Bake Sale (preparation on 10/30 and at the table on 11/1) Adult Volunteers are need on 10/31 for set up at 5pm and we will try to have 2 shifts on 11/1; 8:30am—12:15pm includes set up and 12:15pm—4pm includes cleanup.

All Sign up sheets are on the kiosk.

Altar Guild is sponsoring the craft fair and proceeds will be used for communion supplies. The Youth will receive the proceeds from the bake sale.

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.



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 September 8th**. 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, September 21st**

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.

UPDATES REGARDING THE
INSTALLATION
OF THE
BISHOP JULIE SCHNEIDER-THOMAS

SEPTEMBER
FRIDAY **12** 7:00PM

2025
HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND DRINKS TO FOLLOW
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
582 LAMOREAUX DR, COMSTOCK PARK, MI 49330

SEPTEMBER
SATURDAY **13** 4:00 PM

2025
INSTALLATION SERVICE
RSVP FOR RECEPTION, VOLUNTEER CHOIR, AND CHILD
CARE AT THE LISTED LINK
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2700 FULTON ST E, GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Installation of Bishop

Please RSVP using the QR code. All are welcome to attend! You are invited to wear something red if desired. Clergy of all denominations are invited to vest. The color of the day is red.



Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas
Installation Attendance



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Monday, September 15th at 12:00 (noon).
Articles may be hand delivered or emailed to:
ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net

ELCA Women of Saginaw County

The ELCA Women of Saginaw County are collecting **Can Openers and Standard Size Pillow Protectors** for the NEST. 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:

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)

Ascension's church contact is Gina Dillenbeck. Feel free to reach out to her with any questions!

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



free to call the office.

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

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

News/Events from the Saginaw County ELCA Churches



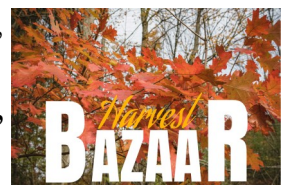
Faith's Funfest will take place on **Saturday, September 6th from 11am-2pm**. The community and ELCA churches and members are all invited! This event will have many fun activities, bring family, grandkids, neighbors and friends. Faith is located at 4432 Mackinaw Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603.

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!





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



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.



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 **September 3rd 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.

Confirmation Classes—Begin September 14th

Confirmation Class



All incoming 6th graders and above are invited to join us for Confirmation. This is a time to learn more about our faith and make it our own. This includes those youth who completed their first year in the spring.

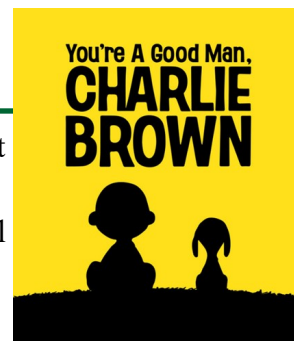
This year, all classes will join into one class and we will learn about the Lord's Prayer and many aspects of discipleship like worship, vocation, stewardship, and what it means to be a member of the church.

Classes will be held after worship on Sunday's along with planned retreats/lock-in's. Our first class will be **September 14, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** The remaining schedule will be distributed at our first meeting, on the kiosk, and at ascensionlc.org.

At the Theater—Sunday, September 28, 2025

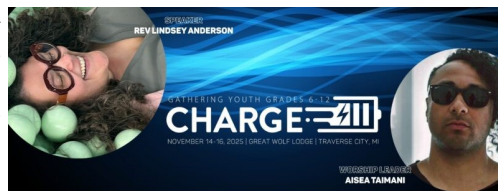
Confirmation, youth, children and families are invited to join others from Ascension at Pit and Balcony Theater for the show "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Cost is \$12 for students, \$20 for adults. Group tickets will be purchased for all payments received by **September 10th**.



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.**



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.

First Communion

We will offer First Communion to all youth who are wanting and ready to receive communion on **Sunday, October 5, 2025** and **Wednesday, October 8, 2025**. Please let Pastor Julie know if you have a youth who wants to receive and we will set up a time for the class.



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?

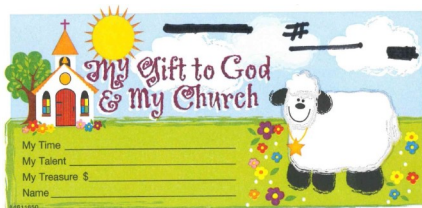
With our commitment to assist parents in their baptismal covenant to teach their children, the "Children's Church" model will continue this year. The **youth, 4 years old through 5th grade**, will begin the 10:30 a.m. worship service with their families, and after the Children's Message, be dismissed 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

We thank you greatly for teaching



your children about giving and using their giving envelopes. Envelopes can be picked up in the Children's Church classroom. Each youth has their own giving number. It is VERY helpful to ensure that their giving is recorded properly to put their **name and their giving #** on


the envelope each week. 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.



?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

Timothy was a young man who became a trusted companion and co-worker of the apostle Paul. Which of the following statements is *not* accurate?

- A. Timothy's mother and grandmother taught him the Scriptures.
- B. Paul considered Timothy his spiritual son.
- C. Timothy was born in Rome and raised as a Roman citizen.
- D. Paul wrote two New Testament letters addressed to Timothy.

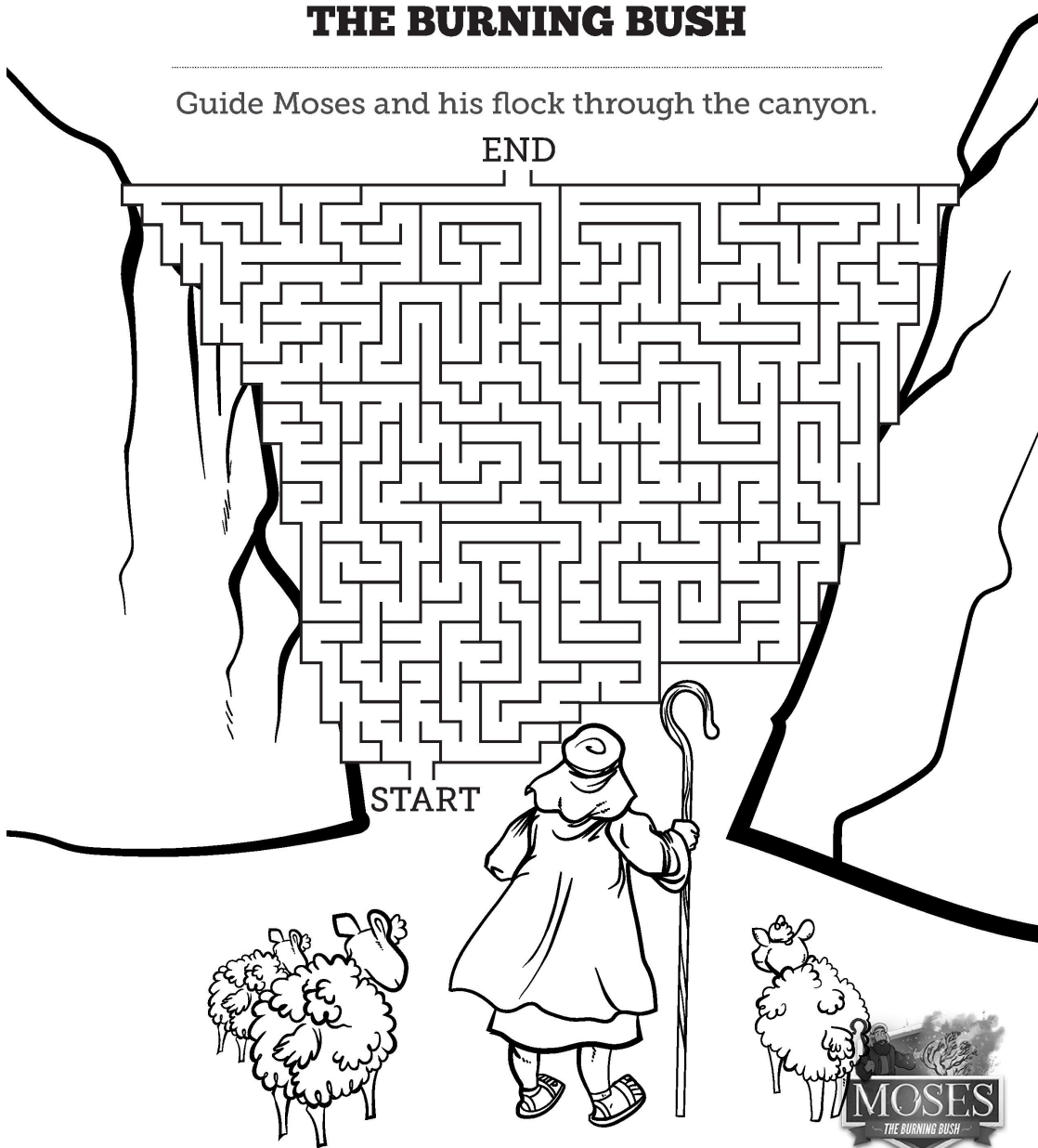


MOSES THE BURNING BUSH

Guide Moses and his flock through the canyon.

END

START



**Pull Out Your
Bibles for this
Quiz and Go To:**

**Acts 16:1-3
2 Timothy 1:5
1 Timothy 1:2**



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Serving in September

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
7	Tom Page	Donna Frollo	7	Susan Kelley	Amy Fahrenbruch
14	Dan Roth	Linda Lentner	14	Tom Page	Lisa Whelton
21	Dick Schomaker	Linda Luplow	21	Ruth Schomaker	Chris Crump
28	Edna Bell	Heidi Trepkowski	28	Lynn Schomaker	Heidi Trepkowski



Sound Board Operators

7	Jeff Whelton	Makena Whelton
14	Kris Friend	Makena Whelton
21	Jeff Whelton	Makena Whelton
28	†	Makena Whelton

Video Screen Operators

7	†	†
14	Kris Friend	†
21	Laura Schian	†
28	†	†

Head Ushers

7	Kelley	Friend/Beyerlein
14	Kelley	Dalton/Whelton
21	Schomaker	Earnesty/Wizner
28	Roth	Dawson/Mossner

Acolyte 10:30 a.m.

7	Nathan Earnesty
14	Hugh Carroll
21	Ethan Earnesty
28	Eliza Trepkowski

Altar Guild

7	Sue Bailey	Hendrickson/Ecker
14	Susan Kelley	Becker/Becker
21	Sue Bailey	Crump/Wilson
28	Susan Kelley	Dan Roth

Lawn Mowers

Children's Church

7	Dawn Earnesty/Ethan Earnesty
14	Tony Dancer/Darren Dancer
21	†
28	Amy Fahrenbruch

September Librarian: Marty Debozy



WEDNESDAYS 7pm

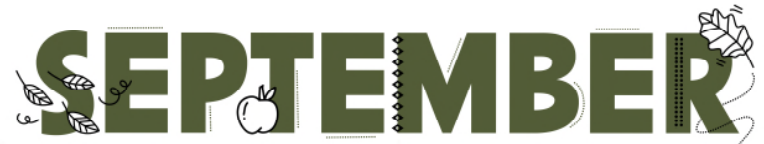
	Head Usher	Readers	Sound Board	Video Screen	Prayers
3	John Schroeder	Connie Dutcher	Mike Romosier	Connie Dutcher	Connie Dutcher
10	Mike Clifford	Kristin Kazmierski	†	Glen Mack	Mike Clifford
17	Glen Mack	Glen Mack	†	Kelly Phillion	Donna Malburg
24	John Schroeder	Melissa Pretzer	†	Celina Gottlieb	Celina Gottlieb

Ascension Lutheran Church - September 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
 <p>Pastor Julie Vacation 8/22-9/6</p>	<p>1 Office Closed</p> 	<p>2 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 8:30am-Video Equip Install</p>	<p>3 8:30am-FoodPantry Truck Unload 8:30am-Video Equip. Install 9am-Sewing Group 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion</p>	<p>4 2:30-7pm-Blood Drive (FH) 6:30pm-Trustee Mtg</p>	<p>5 Office Closed</p> 	<p>6 11am-FunFest(@Faith)</p>
<p>7 LWR School Bags Due 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church</p> 	<p>8 9am-ABC Breakfast @ Riverside (Freeland) 1pm-Women's Bible St 6:30pm-Bible Study-Zoom 6:30pm-GriefShare Grief Support</p>	<p>9 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 5:30pm-FH Rental 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors</p> 	<p>10 8:30am-Serve @ Food Pantry 11am-Weekend Food Bags 12pm-Council Reports Due 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion</p>	<p>11</p> 	<p>12 Office Closed 7pm-Prayer service for Bishop Installation (Zion-Comstock Park)</p>	<p>13 4pm-Bishop Installation (Trinity Grand Rapids)</p>
<p>14 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 12pm-Confirmation Class</p>	<p>15 12pm-Messenger Deadline 1pm-Women's Bible St 6:30pm-Bible Study-Zoom 6:30pm-GriefShare Grief Support</p>	<p>16 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg</p>	<p>17 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion</p>	<p>18 7pm-Piano Concert</p>	<p>19 Office Closed</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Noisy Offering <i>BP Screening</i> <i>RaiseRight Due</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church <i>Stewardship Campaign Begins</i></p>	<p>22 1pm-ELCA Women of Saginaw (@Ascension) 6:30pm-Bible Study-Zoom 6:30pm-GriefShare Grief Support</p> 	<p>23 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors</p> 	<p>24 Noisy Offering 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion Messenger Mailed</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Office Closed Pr @ Synod Council Retreat 9/26-9/27 (Stony Lake)</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 3pm-Pit and Balcony outing</p>	<p>29 1pm-Women's Bible St 6:30pm-Bible Study-Zoom 6:30pm-GriefShare Grief Support</p>	<p>30 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors</p>				

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