

# Ascension Lutheran Church

## News and Updates

May 2026

### Resignation of Lisa Whelton— Parish Administrator

It is with regret, and well wishes that the council of Ascension Lutheran Church has received the resignation of Lisa Whelton. Lisa has been a vital partner in our ministry together managing many of the administrative tasks.

Council is currently assessing our needs for the future. At this time, Eric Dunn continues to work in the office. Our regular office hours will continue Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. However, because Eric also works another job, there may be times we close the office because the two jobs conflict.

Thank you in advance for patience, understanding and grace during this transition.

### Acts 2:42

<sup>42</sup> The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.



Welcome to Ascension!

We welcome Mitchell and Ellie Kenny to Ascension. Their son, Calvin was baptized on April 26<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

### Congratulations to our Confirmands

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, seven young people celebrated the Affirmation of Baptism.

Welcome and Congratulations to:

M.J. Burns	Sawyer Gottlieb
Sophia Burns	Ariana Rodriguez
Darren Dancer	Hannah Wizner
Ethan Earnesty	



## Spring Clean Up

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – noon



All welcome! Come help and get to know each other.

## Praying with and for Ascension

The early disciples prayed together, and as church, we are called to pray together as well, to share our joys and burdens.

We hear these prayers during worship, during the prayers of the people. We pray for the church, the world, and all who have need.

We also have a group that prays as they are requested. The Prayer Chain is a group of people who have asked to pray for specific people and needs. The chain is led by Barb Van Marter, who receives the request. She then calls someone who calls someone else, until the whole chain is aware and praying. We ask that if you put someone on the prayer chain that they know you are doing so. It is a group of prayer, not of passing on information. If you wish to be a part of this prayer chain, please contact Barb.

You may also add to the prayer cross in the back of the church if you want to simply offer a prayer to God.

## Sharing the Peace

Why do we share the peace in worship?

Jesus told his disciples when they were locked away in fear after his crucifixion “Peace be with you.” We share that same peace with one another, as a sign that we are community together. It is a sign of reconciliation and love for each other.

When we share the peace in worship, share as you feel comfortable. We are encouraging this aspect of worship so go to the other side of the aisle, walk up to someone you don’t know.

If you don’t feel well, if you need to stay free from germs, or if you would prefer not to shake hands, just say peace or make the peace sign.

No matter what—Peace be with you.

## Fellowship

Ascension offers several opportunities to gather together and meet other friends and members of Ascension.

Some include:

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month—Ascension Breakfast Club (ABC) at Riverside Restaurant at 9 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday’s-Sewing group at 9 a.m.

May 3<sup>rd</sup>- Saginaw Legacy Band at 3 p.m. with optional dinner at Coco Loco following.

Tuesday’s at 11 a.m. -Bible Study on Zoom

Sunday’s at 9:15 a.m.-Adult Study

Youth Nights will be coming up—beginning Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

More fellowship events to be planned.

Join for coffee before and after Sunday worship services.



## Mark your Calendars

Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>-2:30 til 7 p.m. Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall

Sunday's beginning June 14<sup>th</sup>- 6 p.m. Youth Nights

Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>- Youth at camp until July 10<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>—possible Michigan Adventure (waiting for some finalizations)

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>- Worship at 10 a.m. with ELCA Saginaw at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Bridgeport (no worship at Ascension on this Sunday)

### Working Toward Burning our Mortgage

We are getting closer and closer to burning our mortgage. Thanks to you we have contributed extra payments to the principal. Our final refinance is coming up September 1<sup>st</sup>. At this point we don't know what interest will be, but with your help we will be financing less. Keep track of our progress with the graph on the kiosk.



It wasn't the four services that was getting to Pastor Bean; it was the four coffee hours!

### Important Contact Information

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