

The Messenger

Ascension Lutheran Church

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

Grants & Scholarships

We are thankful for the generosity of the following organizations supporting the ministries of Ascension Lutheran Church.

The Ascension Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee awarded a scholarship of \$1,700 to Mackenzie Morgan. The committee also authorized grants of \$2,000 to the ELCA Youth Gathering, the Weekend Backpack Food Program, and Sewing Group. \$500 grants were awarded to the Women's Bible Study and College Student Outreach/Care Packages, and \$926 to Youth Worship Programs.

The Bertha H. Wilson Family Trust awarded a grant of \$2,000 to the Weekend Food Bags Program.

St John's ELCA Legacy Foundation awarded scholarships of \$2,000 each to Anni Mackel, Madison Morgan, Mackenzie Morgan, and Joscelyn Whelton. They also approved a grant of \$8,000 to the Weekend Backpack Food Program.

thank you

Celebration of Graduates

We celebrated our High School and Collegiate graduates during the worship services on May 5th and 8th. Take a look at page 13 for where their adventures will take them next. You can also view the video that was played during worship on our YouTube page. It is about the 34 minute mark on the May 5th worship video.



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Message From Pastor Julie

Vision

During this season between Easter and Pentecost, God has been calling us to explore what it means to be the church. After the resurrection of Jesus, the followers gathered in community and shared all they had in common. They broke bread and prayed together. They shared joy with each other and helped provide for the community so there wasn't a needy one among them. They were in fellowship with one another—not just in name, but they participated together in mission. They encouraged one another to walk in the way of Jesus, recognizing they all fell short at times. The priority was to love as Jesus loves, with a commitment, non-judgmental, inviting love. It was a sacrificial kind of love, self-giving. They held each other accountable as members connected to the same vine, branches of the same vine. They were no longer just servants of Jesus but friends, participants in the ministry to love the world, to share Jesus with the world, so that the joy of the Lord would be complete.

As a council and a congregation, what is the vision for Ascension Lutheran Church? Sometimes we get bogged down in details, to what to do's, making it unique for us. What if the vision of the church was exactly what scripture says? The church:

- is a place where all are invited and welcome;
- a community that commits to gather and participate together in mission with Jesus;
- a community that cares and supports each other, so there is not a needy one among us;
- a community that intentionally connects people to Jesus and each other;
- a people that commits to love as Jesus first loves us—sacrificial, committed, without judgment;
- and a community that places Jesus above all else.

I imagine a community where people work together, share what they have (time, talent, treasure). We understand our call to love God and love each other, including the neighbor we do not know. Every single one of us finds a way to lift up the community, to know God and each other better. In addition to gathering for worship, we gather to study, to serve, to pray.

To be faithful, we must continue to progress in our mission, to continue to move forward as God is calling. Some might believe Ascension will always be here to “do” the pastoral acts we desire—baptism, wedding, funerals, or function as a social service agency when the other agencies refuse. We are the church, and that is the people. We are called to “be” church.

What do you imagine that looks like?



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. Consider mailing your offering to the church, or you can give through Vanco, our online giving program. <https://secure.myvanco.com/YN7D/home>

Sunday Morning Study “The Jesus I Never Knew”

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

June 2nd:

Jesus' Death and Resurrection

June 9th:

The Difference Jesus Makes

This class is held in the Digging Dunes Room.

(Classes will resume in September)

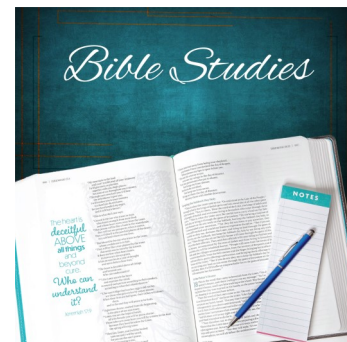


Monday Women's Bible Study

Our Mary to Martha Women's Bible Study is open to women of all ages, and stages of faith, members & non-members, as we seek a closer relationship with our Lord. We know that you'll be blessed by God's Word and fellowship with other women, and we'll be blessed by your presence.

We take a break in the summer and will return in **September**.

If you have any questions about the studies or the group, contact Joyce Richardson at 989-274-6787 by calling or texting.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

www.zoom.com

Meeting ID: 871 0929 4561

Passcode: 099583



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

(no classes in July)

North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly

The assembly of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod was held May 11th via zoom. We thank Pastor Julie, Lori Schultz, and Gus Hendrickson for serving as our representatives. Please see the post event report on page 8.



STAFF

Julie Bailey, Pastor
 Lisa Whelton, Parish Administrator
 Jeff Whelton, Custodian
 Rita Hendrickson, Parish Nurse

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 (Group Name: Ascension Lutheran Church of Saginaw (ELCA) Group)
YouTube: Ascension Lutheran Church

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday's: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday's: 7:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Church office hours are Monday thru Thursday
 9a.m.-2p.m.
**PLAN AHEAD* Office will be closed July 1st-4th*



- 2nd Brooke Phillion
- 3rd Joyce Berg
Jack Fleissner
Ali Krzyzaniak
- 5th Mike Romosier
- 6th Savannah Maddox
- 7th Donna Frollo
Sherry Stuller
- 8th Tom Erskine
Alana Fleming
Susie Trumble
- 9th Michael Gottlieb
- 10th Thomas Stoddard
- 11th Dave Becker, Jr.
Josh Mack
- 12th Wanda Dankert
Angelica Dawkins
Ellie Dunn
Stephanie Dunn
Nathan Earnesty
Rylie Hoffmann

- 13th Jackson Trepkowski
Spence Webb
Sally York
- 14th Liam Fleming
Sarah Wortley
- 16th Matti Wizner
- 17th A.J. Denman
- 20th Owen Edsall
Landen Wagner
Ellie Wizner
- 21st Rob Joslyn
Kate Naples
Vicki Wenzel
- 22nd Carol Wilson
- 23rd Kelly Phillion
John Stroebel
- 25th David Faerber
Jessica McRae
Jackie O'Dell
- 28th Wendy Awad
Alec Preston
Garrett Preston
Sabrina Wagner
- 30th Deborah Harrington
Jeff Whelton



- 2nd Jon and Alicia Leffler
- 6th Craig and Joan Ford
Thomas and Rae Stoddard
- 11th James and Cheryl Andrus
- 13th Tim and Carol Wilson
- 19th Rick and Nikki Herren
- 20th Eric and Dori Dalton
- 21st Anthony and Kate Naples
- 25th Alison and Mike Krzyzaniak
- 27th Tom and Sue Bailey
- 28th Dick and Linda Chilton



Please Remember Those on Ascension’s Care List

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

Bob Bolger—Edgewood Assisted Living, 4850 Gratiot Rd., Room B12, Saginaw, MI 48638

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

Pat Joyce—8044 Winchester Ct. Saginaw, MI 48609

John Kaul—4322 Mackinaw Rd, Rm 511-2, Saginaw, MI 48603

Peggy Lockhart—6143 Longmeadow Blvd. North, Saginaw, MI 48603

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

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

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

Joyce Storm—181 Evelyn, Saginaw, MI 48609

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

Barry Wiggins—1202 Weiss St, Room 305, Saginaw, MI 48602

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

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



Prayers of the Week

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 2nd

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Portage, MI and Rev. Martha Porter-Reid
Ascension Families: Steve, Lyric, Skylar Haupt; Donna Hayes; Luke, Danielle, Adalynn, Emerson, Lillian Hendrick.

June 9th

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Portage, MI and Rev. Rachel Laughlin
Ascension Families: Gus, Rita, Grey Hendrickson; Rick, Nikki, Jack Herren; Mark & Georgia Hickner.

June 16th

Leer Lutheran Church, Posen, MI and their supply pastors
Ascension Families: Chris, Krystal, Rylie, Taylor Hoffmann; Nick, Jessica, Emma, Jayson Hoffmann; Dwayne, Melissa, Jacob Hostetler.

PRAYING FOR YOU

June 23rd

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Rose City, MI and Rev. David Sprang, Administrator Pastor
Ascension Families: Chelsea, Adam, Benny, Tommy Houthoofd; Chris & Ashley Howe; Leonard & Ruth Howell

June 30th

Ascension Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI and Rev. Julie Bailey
Ascension Families: Cheryl, Lauren, Kristen Huebner; Dave, Barb, Madison Huston; Amy Inman, Greg, Sarah Wortley.

Altar Flowers

Altar arrangements are placed in the Sanctuary each week to help decorate for worship. They can be given “To the Glory of God”, in memory of someone, or in honor of an event, such as birthday or anniversary. The arrangement may be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday morning. You can choose a specific date and 2 arrangements are permitted each week. **The cost is \$30.00. Payment envelopes are available on the Acolyte Room Door,** you can mail a check, or drop off payment when you are at church or during office hours (Monday-Thursdays 9am-2pm). The 2024 flower chart is posted on the door of the Acolyte room and dates are available.

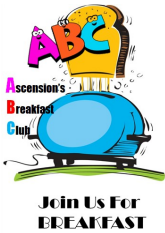


- June 2nd To the Glory of God, by Pastor Julie Bailey
- June 9th To the Glory of God, by Celina Gottlieb
- June 16th To the Glory of God, by Susan Kelley
- June 23rd To the Glory of God, by Tom & Sue Bailey
- June 30th In honor of Makena’s Birthday, The Whelton Family



Spring Clean Up—SUCCESS!

Another successful Spring Clean-up Day! Thank you to all that blessed us with their time and talents. The grounds, building, and pavilion are all spruced up and looking great! Thank you all so much!



Ascension Breakfast Club (ABC) - June 10th

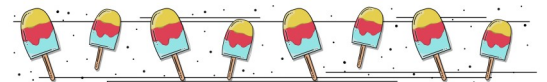
All who are available for breakfast are invited to join others from Ascension for a time of fellowship and food. We meet at **9 a.m. at Sullivan's Restaurant at 5235 Gratiot Rd.**, on the second Monday of each month. Each person is responsible for the cost of their own breakfast. You don't need to prepare anything or clean up. Just show up

Wellness Warriors—Tuesdays 6:15 p.m.



We will continue to meet every **Tuesday at 6:15 p.m.** We are flexible with the exercise based on the abilities of those who attend each week. The goal is to move, and support each other! Questions? Contact Kris Friend (989) 245-6446 or Rita Hendrickson (989) 482-0271.

Looking for Reliable Resources?



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

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

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

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

Spaces to Be



Sometimes we find ourselves at the church building and just need a moment or space away. We have some of those rooms available.

Library: Here is a place where we have books to look at, comfortable seating, and floor chairs that the young people really love. If you take a book off the shelf, and are not planning on taking it home with you to read, please replace the book where you found it.

Nursery: We are not currently staffing the nursery but it is still available. We ask that young children not be left unsupervised. It is expected that the room will be picked up prior to leaving. I still encourage parents to have their children in worship, but if you need to change a diaper or are too distracted yourself, feel free to use the nursery during worship to decrease the stimuli.

Youth Room: The youth room is for those **6th – 12th grade**. It has couches and chairs for the young people to go in and relax, read, and talk. This room is to be kept in some order, so pick up trash and put things away when you are done.

As with everything, please pick up after yourselves (coffee cups, candy wrappers, food crumbs) so that all can enjoy the spaces we have available.

Online Giving through VANCO

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

- **June 3rd, 17th**
- **July 8th, 22nd**
- **Aug 12th**

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



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

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



North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA 2024 Synod Assembly Post-Event Report

The Synod Assembly was held May 11, 2024, virtually, as per constitutional guidelines.

Present from Ascension Lutheran Church was Pastor Julie Bailey, Gus Hendrickson, and Lori Schultz. All three aforementioned attendees were also voting members.

There were few glitches, remarkable considering what a daunting task it is to “herd cats” in the approximately 150 participants in a Zoom call environment. Kudos to those who kept all on track and to Agenda for some 6+ hours!

Mostly “housekeeping” voting sessions, but sprinkled between were some very inspirational congregational videos, which allowed those congregations to show off the programs and projects the Lord has tasked them with. The assembly approved reports, and adopted 2025 Compensation Guidelines for rostered persons in the church. A budget for 2025 was approved.

Persons were elected to serve on synod council and as voting members for the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, where a new presiding bishop will be elected. Our own Pastor Julie Bailey was voted into a position on Synod Council (female clergy rep). Congratulations, Pastor Julie!

You are invited to visit the Synod website to view all aspects of the Assembly, attendance roster and voting results, as well as the North/West Lower Michigan Synod YouTube page: <https://mittensynod.org/events/assembly>.

Next year, 2025, will be an in-person assembly format May 18-20 in Mount Pleasant, and will be (according to constitutional guidelines) a Bishop election year (every 6 years) OR a Bishop RE-election year, as both are options.

Faithfully submitted,
Gus Hendrickson and Lori Schultz

Sewing Group

Ascension’s sewing group will break for the summer and return in September

Watch the Messenger for return date details.



Bishop’s Newsletter

At the time of printing, the May newsletter from Bishop Satterlee was not available.



St. John’s Grants & Scholarships



Upon closing St. John ELCA in downtown Saginaw as a worship center in 11-01-2020, the process began to complete the transformation of the trust into a foundation. They strive to continue the programs that were established by the church and develop and offer support to programs and organizations that further the Gospel of Christ in

the Saginaw Area. They are doing this in two ways:

Scholarships for applicants age 16+, who are a confirmed member/employee of one of the ELCA churches in the Saginaw area and attending K-12, Jr College or University, or payment on their student loan.

Grants for programs such as

Christian education, community health and welfare, social welfare, feeding and supporting the needy, supporting and assisting troubled youth, and aiding the poor in the Saginaw Area.

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

Eyeglass Recycling—Partnership with the Shields Lions Club

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

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



Coat/Outer Garments/Household Linens—At Resurrection



Coat/Outer Garments/Household Linens are being collected for a coat/linen distribution in October 2024 by Resurrection Lutheran Church. If you have clean outer garments/linens in your home, please bring to Resurrection, 2110 Brockway St, Saginaw, MI 48602 for distribution in the fall. Questions directed to Resurrection, 989-792-7135.



Conversations in Caregiving—At Our Saviour

If you are, have been, or going to be a caregiver, come join the discussion at 1:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at Our Saviour Lutheran Church (2525 Hemmeter Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603).

ELCA Women of Saginaw County



Five of the Saginaw County ELCA churches, including Ascension, participated in a tea at Zion-Freeland on May 20th for discussion and fellowship. They met to open a dialog in how the women of the ELCA in Saginaw are committed to grow in faith, to support one another in our endeavors, to engage in ministering to those in need of our help, and to promote fellowship in our group, our churches, and our community.

The next meeting will be in September, watch for upcoming dates/times.

Band Concert—June 13th



The Classic Legacy Band of Saginaw is performing their Summer Concert on **Thursday, June 13th at 7:00 p.m.** at First United Methodist Church located at 4790 Gratiot Rd in Saginaw Township. Our own members Pastor John Soyster and Joscelyn Whelton perform in the band with several amazing community musicians. The concert is free of charge, come and enjoy an evening of musical entertainment.

Giving Accuracy



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

RaiseRight Orders

How Does It Work? Buy a gift card from the church and the church earns a percentage of the value. Order forms are on the kiosk and the church’s website. Payment to Ascension Lutheran Church is due with the order.

Orders Due June 16th

Blood Drive



Our next blood drive of 2024 will be held on **Thursday, June 27th from 2:30 - 7:00 PM** in the fellowship hall. Every unit counts! Choose your appointment [online](#) or contact Lisa in the church office.



GIVE Blood

appointment [online](#) or contact Lisa in the church office.
Walk-ins Welcome!

Blood Pressure Screening

Mark your calendar for blood pressure screenings by the Parish Health Committee on the 3rd Sunday each month. The next one will be held on **Sunday, June 16th.**



Food Pantry



There is a Truck Unload and Shelf Stocking the first Wednesday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome, the next date is **June 5th at 8:30 a.m.** at 723 Emerson, Saginaw, MI 48607.

Ascension is providing

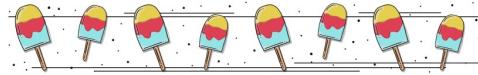
workers for the Center of HOPE Food Pantry on **June 26th.** Volunteers should arrive by **8:30 a.m.** at the pantry at 723 Emerson, Saginaw, MI 48607.

If you have questions about volunteering, Amanda Doerr, is our “in church” contact person. Please give her a call at 989-798-3241.

The Food Pantry continues to collect clean plastic & cloth grocery bags & manual can openers.

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

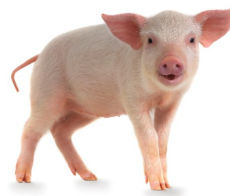




Children's Church

On **May 19th**, the Children's Church/Sunday School students primarily chose the ELCA Good Gifts program to give their \$147.03 offering they've collected all school year. They purchased a rooster, a goat & flock of chicks, a piglet, and school fees and uniform for a girl. To learn more about the ELCA Good Gifts program, please visit goodgifts.elca.org. The balance of their offering was donated to Ascension's Weekend Food Bag Program.

Although Children's Church has ended until September, they can continue to give each time they are in church. They can put their offering in the plate that is passed and if they put their name and # on the envelope, it will be included in the next program year's total. If you need their number, ask Lisa in the office or check the sheet next to the door in the Sunday School classroom.



School fees and uniform for a girl



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.



Camp Is Around The Corner!

Our congregation is attending Stony Lake Camp on July 7th – 12th. Adults attending will be Pastor Julie, Stephanie Becker, and Tony Dancer.

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 her know, so she has the correct number of drivers needed. Background checks and motor vehicle reports are required for drivers and will be done by the church at no cost to the driver.



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024



Ahren Awad

*Graduated From: Freeland High School
Attending: Michigan State University
Studying: Neuroscience & Physiology*



Kayla Berg

*Graduated From: Saginaw ISD Transitions Center School
Next Step: Continue in the work force*



Mackenzie Morgan

*Graduated From: Swan Valley High School
Attending: Delta College
Studying: Physical Therapy*



Mackenzie Collier

*Graduated From: Grand Valley State University
Degree: Human Resource Management & Economics
Next Step: Traveling in Europe :& Grad School*



Noah Ryder

*Graduated From: Heritage High School
Attending: Delta College
Studying: Mathematics*



Jacob Faerber

*Graduated From: Michigan State University
Degree: Economics
Next Step: Entering the Insurance Business*



Update on the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



First, we thank you for the generous participation in the fundraising for our youth to attend. We exceeded expectations. The recent Envelope Fundraiser raised \$1,308, THANK YOU!

Our youth will be flying to New Orleans on July 15th and returning July 22nd. Together we will worship, praise, learn, fellowship, and serve, alongside nearly 20,000 other participants.

Ascension participants are part of a group that includes youth and adults from Gladwin, Petoskey, East Tawas, and Freeland.

We have been meeting to prepare ourselves to get the most benefit of our experience. Our next gathering meeting will be **June 2nd, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.**

Middle & High School Youth Nights

Youth Nights for our Middle and High School youth will resume **June 16th**. We will meet on Sunday's at the pavilion from **6p.m. — 9p.m.** Join other youth (6th-12th grade) to play games, chat, eat s'mores, do crafts, or anything else we decide to do. Bring friends!



Ascension requires 2 adults be present at youth events, please contact Pastor Julie if you can be a parent volunteer on any of the nights below.

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

June 16th, 23rd, 30th

July 28th

August 4th, 11th



Michigan's Adventure—June 27, 2024



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

Kids—Don't forget to wish your dad "Happy Father's Day" on June 16th



FOLLOWING OUR FATHER'S WILL

Jesus always did his Father's will. What does our heavenly Father desire of us?

Directions: Using the coordinates, circle the corresponding words. Then add those to the blanks below to complete John 6:40, NIV.

Coordinates

T3, R1, F6, E2, T1, H5, A6, R4, F5, T5, H3, F2, A4, E6

	F	A	T	H	E	R
1	Father	them	the	believe	that	who
2	have	will	if	heart	to	live
3	perish	whoever	everyone	shall	shall	give
4	God	eternal	send	into	Him	believes
5	in	come	him	Son	rest	with
6	looks	and	forever	Where	life	hope

"For my Father's will is that _____

_____ and I will raise them up at the last day." *John 6:40, NIV*

Answer: everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life



Serve protein-packed waffles for a family breakfast on FATHER'S DAY or any special occasion.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Waffle maker
- Blender
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 6 eggs
- Cooking spray
- Diced strawberries
- Powdered sugar



What you do:

1. With adult help, preheat the waffle maker.
2. In the blender, add oats and cottage cheese. Crack eggs in a separate bowl, then add to the blender. Pulse to combine the mixture. Then blend on medium speed for 10 seconds.
3. Coat the waffle maker with cooking spray. Spoon about 1/3 cup batter onto the iron and close.
4. Carefully remove the waffle when it's golden brown. Repeat with remaining batter.
5. Top with strawberries and powdered sugar. Makes about 6 waffles.



Bible Quiz

King Ahab, assisted by his conniving wife Jezebel, appropriated for himself something belonging to a man named Naboth. What did he take?

- A. Naboth's oxen
- B. Naboth's farm
- C. Naboth's vineyard
- D. Naboth's house



Pull Out Your Bibles for this Quiz and Go To: 1 Kings 21:1-16

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
2	Tom Erskine	Lisa Whelton	2	Lynn Schomaker	Lisa Whelton
9	Dick Schomaker	Chris Crump	9	Ruth Schomaker	Chris Crump
16	Joan Ford	Dawn Dalton	16	Susan Kelley	Dawn Dalton
23	Kris Friend	Donna Frollo	23	Charleen Boland	Lisa Whelton
30	Susan Kelley	Linda Lentner	30	Tom Page	Lisa Espinoza
Sound Board Operators			Video Screen Operators		
2	†	Makena Whelton	2	Susan Kelley	Marissa Fahrenbruch
9	Kris Friend	Makena Whelton	9	Kris Friend	Marissa Fahrenbruch
16	†	Makena Whelton	16	†	Marissa Fahrenbruch
23	Kris Friend	Makena Whelton	23	Kris Friend	Marissa Fahrenbruch
30	†	Makena Whelton	30	Charleen Boland	Marissa Fahrenbruch
Head Ushers			Acolyte 10:30 a.m.		
2	Roth	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	2	<i>Volunteers welcome, no assignments for the summer!</i>	
9	Schomaker	Dawson/Mossner	9		
16	Kelley	Friend/Beyerlein	16		
23	Schomaker	Dalton/Whelton	23		
30	Roth	Earnesty/Wizner	30		
Altar Guild			Children's Church		
2	Carol Wilson	Crump/Wilson	2	<i>Summer Break! Join us for the Children's Message at 10:30 a.m. and pick up a children's bulletin as you</i>	
9	Carol Wilson	Roth/Tilley	9		
16	Carol Wilson	Dalton/Aldrich	16		
23	Carol Wilson	Howe/Blehm	23		
30	Carol Wilson	Hendrickson/Ecker	30		



June Librarian: Joyce Berg

WEDNESDAYS 7pm

	Head Usher	Readers	Sound Board	Video Screen	Prayers
5	John Schroeder	John Schroeder	Mike Romosier	Connie Dutcher	Connie Dutcher
12	Mike Clifford	Mike Clifford	†	Glen Mack	Mike Clifford
19	Glen Mack	Connie Dutcher	†	Kelly Phillion	Celina Gottlieb
26	John Schroeder	Kristin Kazmierski	Mike Romosier	Connie Dutcher	Donna Malburg

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

If you plan to meet for one of our **Ministries in the church**, please let the church office know.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion 11:30am-Youth Gathering Mtg 1pm-FH Rental	3 10:30am-Grief Group 6:30pm-ELCA Saginaw Mtg (Our Saviour)	4 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	5 8:30am-Food Pantry Truck Unload 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	6 6:30pm-Trustee Mtg	7 Office Closed	8
9 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion 1:05pm-Loons Game	10 9am-ABC Breakfast @ Sullivan's	11 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	12 12pm-Council Reports Due 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	13	14 Office Closed FLAG DAY	15 Pavilion Rental
16 BP Screening RaiseRight Due 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion 6-9pm-Youth Night (Pavilion) 	17 10:30am-Grief Group 12pm-Messenger Deadline	18 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg	19 8:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion 	20 	21 Office Closed	22
23 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion Pavilion Rental 6-9pm-Youth Night (Pavilion)	24	25 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	26 8:30am-Serve @ Food Pantry 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion Messenger Mailed	27 2:30pm-7pm Blood Drive (FH) 7:45am-11pm-MI Adventure Trip	28 Office Closed	29
30 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion 6-9pm-Youth Night (Pavilion)	The church office will be closed the week of July 1st.					

Prayer Chain requests should be called to Barb Van Marter at 989-781-7803

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Pastor Absences

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

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

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

July 26th—28th—wedding out of town

October 17th—November 3rd—vacation



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