

The Messenger



Ascension Lutheran Church

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

Special Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting



July 7, 2024
9:30 a.m.

Agenda: Approval
for funding of new
Sound System

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, July 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.** Please plan to attend.

Motion: The Congregation Council moves that Ascension Lutheran Church purchase a new sound system for the sanctuary at a cost of up to \$16,878.63, through the services of Simoni Systems Inc.

*Per constitution 12.05.c: The Congregation Council may enter into contracts of up to \$5,000 for items not included in the budget.

Estimate of \$16,878.63 valid until 7/11/24.

Motion: The Congregation Council moves that fundraising efforts in the congregation begin to raise at least 50% of the funding needed.

September 22, 2024—Save The Date

The ELCA congregations of Saginaw County will be hosting an event that will include worship and a meal on **Sunday, September 22, 2024**. All members and friends of each congregation are invited. More details to come soon, so mark it on your calendar. This will replace worship at Ascension this day.

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Special points of interest:

- Office Closed July 1st-4th
- Pastor Out (see back pg)
- ABC Breakfast 7/8
- Youth Night 7/28
- Online Giving (pg 7)
- 1st Communion Class (pg 3)
- ELCA Saginaw Event 9/22

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Message From Pastor Julie

Every Few Years

Every few years, there is a summer like the one we experience with Ascension. July is busy. I don't say this to toot our own horns, but to address the reality—there is quite a bit of ministry happening in a month where vacations and holidays might lead us away from church.

During the week of July 7th, sixteen of us will be headed to Stony Lake Camp in New Era, MI to engage in a week of camp. The theme this year is Linked by Love. Many of our young people have good memories of camp, of getting to know people, of having something click in their faith.

We will get home on a Friday and the next Monday, five from Ascension will join a larger group from this area and begin our travels to New Orleans for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. The theme—Created to Be. We have been preparing ourselves in the past few months not only for the logistics of traveling, but also for the theme. We have explored Created to be Brave, Created to be Authentic, Created to be Free, Created to be Disruptive, and Created to be Disciples. We are excited about Mass Gatherings every evening in the Smoothie King Arena where youth from all over the country and some from around the world will gather to sing, hear prominent speakers, be challenged to live out our faith. We will participate at the convention center with about 70 ministries from the ELCA and beyond to learn, grow, and experience. We will join in worship with Region Six synods (the synods of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky). We will share in a service project or a New Orleans experience to learn about that community and what ministries and challenges people face.

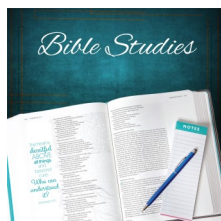
It is a full month, and none of this would be possible if we didn't do this together as a congregation. Thank you for your support of the ministry we have with youth, growing and raising disciples. I look forward to those who attend camp and the Gathering to share their experience, their thoughts, and their hopes and visions for our church, community and world going forward.



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>

Adult Education in July



Both the Sunday morning study and the Tuesday morning study will take a break in July. More information on what will follow to come.



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.



Thank You Pastors!!

Thank you to Pastor Andreas Teich who will lead us in worship on July 10th and Pastor John Soyster who will lead us in worship on July 17th, 21st, and 28th.

First Communion

Remember, there is not an age that a child must be to take first communion at Ascension. We commune when the child, parent, and pastor feel they are ready. This is a meal that brings us together, and how it all works is a mystery. It isn't just about understanding all the details, but a reminder that they are part of this great community bound by Jesus. It is also a meal that strengthens us as we continue to grow in our faith. If you have questions or you feel your child is ready please contact Pastor Julie.



We will plan on our youth people receiving their First Communion on **Sunday, October 6th or Wednesday, October 9th**.

In preparation for this day, I will be holding a First Communion class on **Saturday, September 21st from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon**. Please mark these dates on your calendar.





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 ELCA Saginaw Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/elcasaginawcounty

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.
Office will be closed July 1st-4th



2nd Emma Hoffmann
 Olivia Trepkowski
 Makena Whelton
 Donald Wight
 3rd Barb Robishaw
 Michael Weadock
 Tammy Webb
 4th Leslie Denman
 Hugh Dickie
 Michael Kolinski
 Matthew Trumble
 5th Ahren Awad
 Emily Dunn
 Skylar Haupt
 Arlene Neuenfeldt
 6th Miles Girardin
 7th Amy Inman
 8th Dave Dawson
 Andrew Kazmierski
 Dan Wenzel
 10th Rita Hendrickson
 John Soyster
 Morgan Stadler

12th Julia Hamilton
 13th Lija Preston
 Danielle Wenzel
 14th Ellen Foley
 Jack Herren
 15th Sally Schultz
 16th Nancy Armstrong
 Hannah Wizner
 17th Carolyn Ballien
 Richard Chilton
 Barb Huston
 18th Gabby Dalton
 Ron Fries
 Angelo Naples
 Elliot Naples
 20th Aspen Naples
 Casey Stadler
 21st Barb Van Marter
 25th Jonathan Doerr
 Molly McGrandy
 Charlene Potter
 26th Norm Hamilton, Sr.
 Dick Schomaker
 28th Gus Hendrickson
 Anthony Naples
 Craig Tilley
 29th Adalynn Hendrick
 Ben Salowitz



1st Ira and Charlene Potter
 Alicia and Ryan Spear
 2nd Bob and Mary Ecker
 6th Bob & Laura Mancini
 7th Grace & Mark Girardin
 Luke & Danielle Hendrick
 8th Pam & Dietrich Mackel
 11th Jim and Wanda Dankert
 16th Matthew and Susan Trumble
 18th Bob and Gina Dillenbeck
 20th Ken and Laura Schian
 21st Cole and Ashley Stadler
 22nd Tony and Melanie Dancer
 Gus & Rita Hendrickson
 23rd Rick and Allison Hamilton
 25th Steve and Sheila Elvin
 28th Brian and Sue Denman
 Darcy and Diane Lobsiger-Braden
 29th Jeff and Lisa Whelton
 30th Samantha and Jacob Wright
 31st Steve and Jennifer Salowitz

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

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

Dan Wenzel—9065 Bray Rd., 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.

July 7th

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

July 14th

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI and Rev. Andres Teich, Supply Pastor
Ascension Families: Ruth Jakes; Rob, Jean, Bryan, Rachel Joslyn; Pat Joyce

July 21st

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI Rev. Andreas Teich, Supply Pastor
Ascension Families: Andy, Kristin, Parker Kazmierski; Ray & Diane Kelley; Susan Kelley

July 28th

Faith Lutheran Church, Sidney, MI and Decon Deno Sorrels
Ascension Families: Kathleen Kelly; Andrea, Wade, Jaina, Colton, Liam, Ryann Kittle; Dave & Sue Knowlton.

PRAYING FOR YOU



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.



July 7th
July 14th
July 21st
July 28th

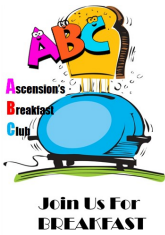
To the Glory of God, by Lori Schultz
To the Glory of God, by Kathy McNally
To the Glory of God, by Dick & Ruth Schomaker
In Honor of Gus’s Birthday, by Rita Hendrickson



Church Office Closed



Lisa is taking a few days off. The church office will be closed the week of July 1st. She will return to the office on **Monday, July 8th.**



Ascension Breakfast Club (ABC) - July 8th

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 Family Restaurant at 8295 Midland Rd., in Freeland** in July. 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

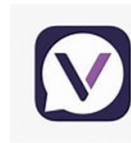
It has been a while since we provided information on our direct online giving program.

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:

- **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.

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

The bishop’s newsletter for June can be found here:

<https://www.mittensynod.org/resources/publications/>

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, we filled the box once already & they’ve emptied it.





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.

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, July 21st.**



Food Pantry

There is a Truck Unload and Shelf Stocking the first Wednesday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome, the next date is **July 3rd at 8:30 a.m.** at 723 Emerson, Saginaw, MI 48607.

Ascension is providing

workers for the Center of HOPE Food Pantry on **September 25th.** 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.



ELCA Women of Saginaw County

The women of the ELCA in Saginaw are committed to grow in faith, to support one another in their endeavors, to engage in ministering to those in need of help, and to promote fellowship in the group, the churches, and the community. The next meeting will be in **September**, watch for upcoming dates/times.



Coat/Outer Garments/Household Linens—At Resurrection

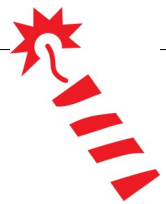


Coat/Outer Garments/Household Linens are being collected for a coat/linen distribution in October 2024 by Resurrection Lutheran Church. If you have clean outer garments/linens in your home, please bring to Resurrection, 2110 Brockway St, Saginaw, MI 48602 for distribution in the fall. Questions directed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

The 100+ WoMen Who Care: Courtney Elisabeth (York) Favazza Memorial



The 100+ WoMen Who Care: Courtney Elisabeth (York) Favazza Memorial welcomes you to our next meeting, July 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church. Our organization is an opportunity for you to nominate and support local non-profit organizations to receive financial support. We have tweaked our name from 100+ Women to 100+ WoMen as we now welcome men to participate This a great way to support our community and honor the life of my daughter Courtney. Please join us as a guest or a new member. —Kathy York

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 at Stony Lake

Thirteen youth and three adults, including Pastor Julie, will attend summer camp at Stony Lake July 7th—12th. Their theme this year is “Linked by Love”. We pray for safe travels and strengthened faith.



Middle & High School Youth Nights

Youth Nights for our **Middle and High School youth** will continue in **July** and **August**. 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!



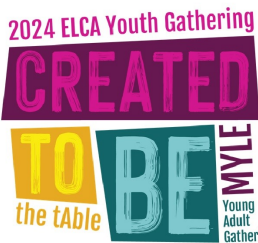
Ascension requires 2 adults be present at youth events, please contact Pastor Julie if you can be a parent volunteer on any of the nights below.

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

July 28th
August 4th, 11th



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



Pastor Julie, Gabby Dalton, Marissa Fahrenbruch, Ella Frolo, and Makena Whelton will be flying to New Orleans on July 15th and returning July 22nd. Ascension participants are part of a group that includes youth and adults from Gladwin, Petoskey, East Tawas, and Freeland. Let's pray for their safe travels along with the 20,000 others attending this event.



A Great Time Was Had at the Loon's Game on June 9th!



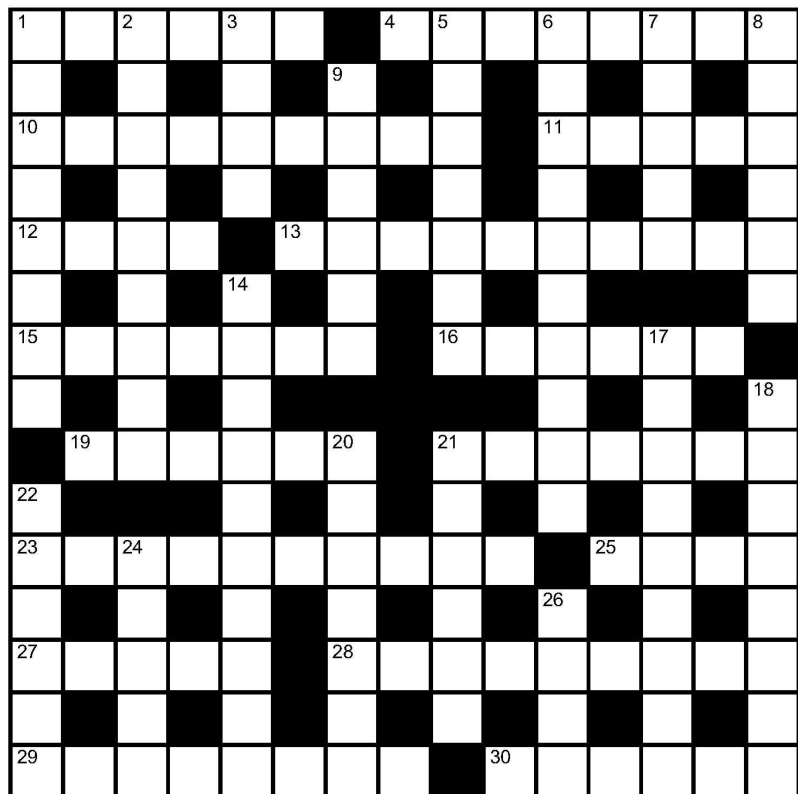
BIBLE CROSSWORD I

Across

- 1 An ancient weight (6)
- 4 Seemed (8)
- 10 New Testament book (9)
- 11 Unit of length (5)
- 12 '...it is a ____ thing the king requireth' (Dan 2:11) (4)
- 13 Contemplation (10)
- 15 Abigail supplied David with one hundred clusters of these (7)
- 16 A son of King David (6)
- 19 Concurred (6)
- 21 Light sources (7)
- 23 Propitiations (10)
- 25 A false god (4)
- 27 Gather (5)
- 28 Abimelech was hit by this (9)
- 29 Instructors (8)
- 30 Hastily (6)

Down

- 1 Skilled animal workers (8)
- 2 Inspiring (9)
- 3 Compass point (4)
- 5 Intense emotion (7)



by Philologus

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- 6 The words of Jeremiah said not to listen to these (10)
- 7 Jewish leader (5)
- 8 'He is proud, knowing nothing, but _____ about questions and strifes of words...' (1 Tim 6:4) (6)
- 9 Bread makers (6)
- 14 In this year of King Nebuchadrezzar's reign, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem (10)
- 17 Ancient city of Og, King of Bashan (9)
- 18 Stringed instrument (8)
- 20 Joseph, perhaps? (7)
- 21 Tiny amount (6)
- 22 Jesus did this with authority (6)
- 24 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 26 Province of the Roman Empire (4)



Puzzle!

THE WATER OF LIFE

A cold drink helps us beat the summer heat. Complete this puzzle for a reminder of what Jesus offers to quench our thirst.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

" $\frac{6+6}{7-2}$ $\frac{9+11}{23-3}$ $\frac{12-4}{8-3}$ $\frac{9+6}{18-4}$ $\frac{1+4}{18+5}$ $\frac{10-2}{10+5}$

$\frac{13-4}{12+7}$ $\frac{18+2}{1+7}$ $\frac{10-1}{20-2}$ $\frac{17+2}{8+12}$ $\frac{22+3}{1+2}$ $\frac{11+4}{15-2}$ $\frac{2+3}{2+3}$

$\frac{0+1}{7+7}$ $\frac{9-5}{5+7}$ $\frac{8-3}{7+13}$ $\frac{5+15}{11-3}$ $\frac{4+1}{12+3}$ $\frac{5+9}{16-11}$

$\frac{12+11}{10-2}$ $\frac{6+9}{10+13}$ $\frac{2+7}{12+7}$ $\frac{11-3}{1+4}$ $\frac{24-5}{11+9}$ $\frac{4-3}{6+5}$ $\frac{11-6}{11-6}$

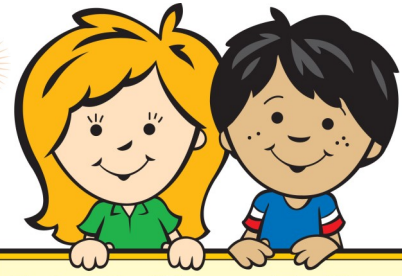
$\frac{4+16}{5+3}$ $\frac{14-9}{9-3}$ $\frac{9+9}{2+3}$ $\frac{9-4}{15-8}$ $\frac{5+4}{7-1}$ $\frac{18+2}{18+2}$

$\frac{9+6}{10-4}$ $\frac{27-7}{4+4}$ $\frac{8-3}{18+5}$ $\frac{8-7}{6+14}$ $\frac{4+1}{13+5}$

" $\frac{6+9}{14-8}$ $\frac{7+5}{18-9}$ $\frac{2+4}{2+3}$

Revelation 22:17, NIV

Answer: "Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17, NIV



KIDS PAGE



Why do stars appear to twinkle? Try this experiment to find out!

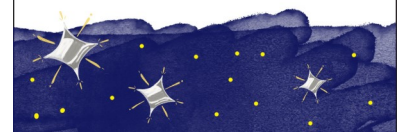
What you need:

- Aluminum foil
- Large glass bowl
- Water
- Flashlight



What you do:

1. Crumple the foil into a ball. Carefully unfold it and lay it flat on the ground.
2. Fill the bowl with water and place it on the foil.
3. Turn off the lights and make the room as dark as possible. Shine the flashlight about 1 foot from the water's undisturbed surface. Light will reflect onto the foil.
4. Then tap your finger on the water's surface. As the water moves, what happens to the light on the foil?
5. This flickering simulates scintillation, which happens when starlight enters Earth's atmosphere. As light passes through layers of gas and water, it refracts and appears to twinkle.



Bible Quiz

In the final poem of Psalms, what musical instrument is mentioned as a means to praise the Lord?

- A. brass
- B. percussion
- C. strings
- D. woodwinds
- E. all of the above



Answer: E (See Psalm 150:3-5)

Pull Out Your Bibles for this Quiz and Go To: Psalm 150:3-5



Serving in July

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	Linda Luplow	7	Lynn Schomaker	Chris Crump
14	Dan Roth	Lisa Whelton	14	Ruth Schomaker	Dawn Dalton
21	Dick Schomaker	Lori Schultz	21	Susan Kelley	Amy Fahrenbruch
28	Edna Bell	Heidi Trepkowski	28	Charleen Boland	Heidi Trepkowski

Sound Board Operators

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

Video Screen Operators

7	Susan Kelley	Marissa Fahrenbruch
14	Kris Friend	Ginny Whelton
21	Charleen Boland	Lisa Whelton
28	Kris Friend	Marissa Fahrenbruch

Head Ushers

7	Wilson	Dawson/Mossner
14	Kelley	Friend/Beyerlein
21	Schomaker	Dalton/Whelton
28	Roth	Friend/volunteer

Acolyte 10:30 a.m.

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Volunteers welcome, no assignments for the summer!

Altar Guild

7	Carol Wilson
14	Sue Bailey
21	Sue Bailey
28	Sue Bailey

Lawn Mowers

Becker/Becker
Crump/Wilson
Roth/Tilley
Dalton/Aldrich

Children's Church

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*Summer Break!
Join us for the Children's
Message at 10:30 a.m. and pick
up a children's bulletin as you
enter the sanctuary.*

July Librarian: Joyce Berg



WEDNESDAYS 7pm

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

Ascension Lutheran Church - July 2024





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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
	1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	3 <i>Office Closed</i> 8:30am-Food Pantry Truck Unload 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	4 <i>Office Closed</i> 	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6 
7 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Special Congregational Meeting 10:30am-Worship/Communion Pastor Julie and Youth at	8 9am-ABC Breakfast @ Riverside (Freeland) 10:30am-Grief Group 6:30pm-ELCA Saginaw (@Resurrection) Stony Lake Camp 7/7-12	9 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	10 12pm-Council Reports Due 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	11 5:30pm-100+ WoMen Who Care (FH)	12 <i>Office Closed</i>	13 Pavilion Rental
14 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion	15 12pm-Messenger Deadline Pastor Julie and High School Youth at Youth Gathering—New Orleans 7/15-7/22	16 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg	17 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	18 4-8pm-FH Use	19 <i>Office Closed</i>	20
21 <i>BP Screening</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion	22 10:30am-Grief Group	23 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	24 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	25	26 <i>Office Closed</i> Pastor Julie presiding at an out of town wedding, 7/26—7/28	27
28 8am-Worship/Communion 10:30am-Worship/Communion 6-9pm-Youth Night (Pavilion)	29	30 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	31 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion Messenger Mailed			

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:

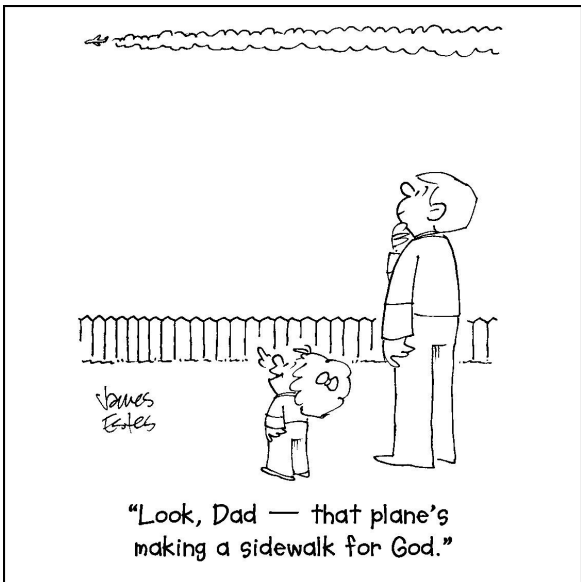
July 7th—12th—with Youth at Stony Lake Camp

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

July 26th—28th—presiding at out of town wedding

October 17th—November 3rd—vacation

Please call the church office (*or voicemail after hours*) for emergency contact numbers.



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