

The Messenger



Ascension Lutheran Church

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

Budget and Election Meeting— December 15, 2024



Our Congregational Budget and Election Meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 15th at 11:30 a.m.** (following our 10:30 a.m. worship service). We will be voting on a budget for 2025 and electing members to fill council vacancies.

Please prayerfully discern the nomination of members to serve on our Congregation Council. Positions currently available are:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Minister of Outreach
- Minister of Congregational Care
- Voting Members for Synod Assembly (2 adults and 1 youth/young adult)

If you are interested, have questions, or would like to nominate someone please see a member of the nominating committee, including Gus Hendrickson, Kris Yackel-Friend, and Barb Van Marter.

***Voting Members as defined by the Ascension Lutheran Church Constitution: Confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of this congregation.*

Pastor Vacation

Pastor Julie will be out of the office for vacation

October 17th—November 3rd

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

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Message From Pastor Julie

If you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and make a change.
—Michael Jackson

As we enter into November, I anticipate we will have elected new leadership in our federal, state, and local government. The separation of church and state does not mean that faithful people separate themselves from civil engagement or advocacy. God sent Jesus in the world—not just the church. We are called to work within the systems of our government in responsible and faithful ways.

Paul writes in Romans 13 that we are to be good citizens, and all government is under God. Paul reminds us to be responsible in our actions and to respect our leaders.

Respect doesn't mean to agree with them. It means we hold our leaders accountable, but we do so in a way that Jesus would engage. We challenge at the polls, with letting leaders know what we think where the boots are on the ground, and we do what we can to follow in faith in all aspects of life to live in love of God and love of neighbor.



...make the change...

I have concerns about what happens with the election in our country. We are deceiving ourselves if we think a new leader is going to make all the change we see as necessary—Israel's history tells us that new leaders don't always make a difference. We need to be the change we wish to see in the world. That begins not by blaming others, but by looking in the mirror, exploring yourself with prayer and confession, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, make the changes necessary.

As I encouraged last month, we need to use words of respect when talking about others. Supporting bullying behavior, deceit, lies, the defrauding of others—we must stand up for what is faithful. We set an example for the world, and for the generations to follow. We need to continue to be engaged in our community and world. Where we see an opportunity to make a positive impact, use what we have been given—our time, voice, privilege, money, talents... How we choose to live and use all that God has given (stewardship!), will transform our world.

Our Tuesday morning Bible study read from 2 Thessalonians on October 8th. Hear these words from 2 Thessalonians 2:15-17 (translation from The Message): “So, friends, take a firm stand, feet on the ground and head high. Keep a tight grip on what you were taught, whether in personal conversation or by our letter. May Jesus himself and God our Father, who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart in you, invigorate your work, enliven your speech.”

Let's change that “if” to rhetorical if: Since you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and make the change.

Sunday Adult Study



The Sunday Adult class is a study on the gospel of Luke.

The gospel of Luke invites the reader to explore the story of Jesus and his mission as the Messiah, God's chosen one. It is from Luke we hear the primary narrative of Jesus' birth to the stark images of his crucifixion. Luke describes how God has broken into the world by sending Jesus. We will not study all of the gospel of Luke in class, and yet this is a good time to commit yourself to reading the parts we don't study together.

We will begin Year C of our Lectionary cycle (the three year preaching cycle) in December as the new church year begins with Advent. Luke will be the central gospel in this year's lectionary.

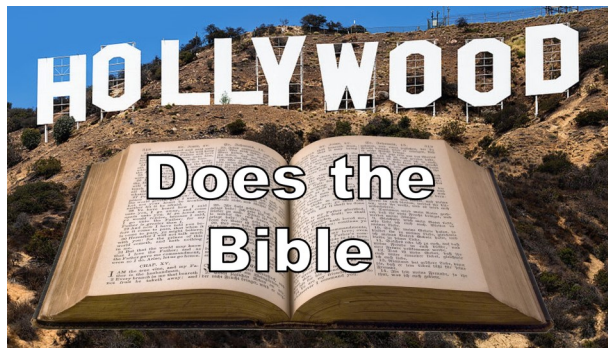
November 3: And Grace Will Lead Me Home (Luke 15:1-32)

November 10: Pastor Soyster teaching

November 17: Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended? (Luke 23:26-49)

November 24: How Did Jesus' Resurrection Change the World? (Luke 24:13-35)

Announcing a limited Bible study series: Hollywood Does the Bible—November 10th



Pastor John Soyster will lead this short series that compares the text of the Bible with the way some films and videos present familiar Scripture stories. Along the way we'll talk about what the Bible does and does not say and the relationship between the *letter* and the *spirit* of the text. All are welcome!!

**Final class: November 10th
9:15 a.m.
Digging Dunes Meeting Room**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

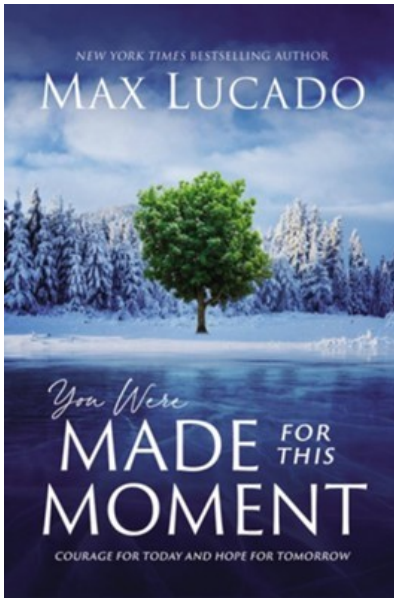
Our Tuesday morning Bible study is reading 1 & 2 Timothy and then are choosing their next book.

All are welcome to join us. Enter the code for the zoom meeting or let Pastor Julie know and she can email or Facebook message you the invite.

No class: November 19th

www.zoom.com
Meeting ID: 871 0929 4561
Passcode: 099583

Monday Women's Bible Study



We will begin a new bible study on **Monday, November 4, 2024**. It is titled “*You Were Made for This Moment*” by Max Lucado. The study was born in a hard season—a pandemic that locked down the world. Church doors closed. Masks hid smiles. And as if this weren’t enough, the ancient sin of racism and hatred seemed to be trying to undo us. Many of us were left wondering if this season would ever pass. To all these things, God has a six letter word of encouragement: E-S-T-H-E-R.

Entering the ministry in 1978, Max Lucado currently is the teaching minister of Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas. He is America’s bestselling inspirational author with more than 150 million products in print.

This study is five sessions and the **participant books are \$10.00**. Please call or text Joyce Richardson at 989-274-6787 to secure a book for the study. Questions can also be directed to Joyce. We will meet in the Digging Dunes room at Ascension.

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.

North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly “Living a Life Worthy of Our Calling”

May
18th-20th
2025

The 2025 Synod Assembly will be held in person at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Mt. Pleasant, MI, **May 18th-20th**. **Each congregation is to send at least two adult voting members to participate, as well as one voting member who is a youth or young adult (confirmed, 14-30 y/o).**

In 2025, our synod will be calling or renewing the call of a bishop. This is a time when as a community of faith, we discern what direction God is calling us as a synod, and what leader is needed in order to living out our life worthy of this calling.

Voting members will be expected to be present at the assembly from Sunday evening through Tuesday at the close of the assembly. The congregation commits to financing this important part of our ministry together.

If you have questions or are interested, see Pastor Julie or a member of the nominating committee.

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Julie Bailey, Pastor
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 Rita Hendrickson, Parish Nurse

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YouTube: Ascension Lutheran Church
 ELCA Saginaw Website: elcasaginawcounty.weebly.com
 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 CLOSED: Nov. 27th & 28th



- 1st Kristin Kazmierski
- 2nd John Robishaw
- 4th Jan Faerber
Samantha Leffler
Micaela Richardson
- 5th Rick Hamilton, Jr.
- 6th Kathy York
- 7th Jason Enright
Matt Weber
Johnny Whelton
- 10th Connie Dutcher
- 11th Lynda Goward
Jayde Wakeman
- 12th Bob Watz
- 13th Brenda Crook
- 15th Bryan Joslyn
Russell Morgan
- 16th Haley Phillion

- 17th Dylan Gottlieb
- 18th Kayla Berg
Waylon Earnesty
Donna Fries
- 19th John H. Whelton
- 20th Barb Yancer
- 21st Mason Friend
- 23rd Madison Huston
- 24th Julia McRae
- 25th Charlotte Andrus
Richard Borm
Makenzie Collier
Peggy Darling
- 26th Nathan Gottlieb
Emerson Hendrick
- 28th Lindsay Vanthof
Erin Peters
- 29th Bonnie Dalton
Nick Espinoza
Ruth Jakes
Paisley Lopez
- 30th Andrew Dunn



- 1st Mike and Jan Faerber
Chris and Ashley Howe
- 5th Paul and Kelee Lopez
Janet O'Dell and Angela Saxton
- 6th Wayne and Dorothy Mayou
- 8th Bryce and Megan Wakeman
- 12th Bob and Tracy Aldrich
- 19th John G. and Nancy Whelton
- 24th Brad and Kelly Phillion
- 25th Matt and Tera Weber



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

Rita Bolger—Edgewood Assisted Living, 4850 Gratiot Rd. #D7 Saginaw, MI 48638

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

Pat Joyce—8044 Winchester Ct. Saginaw, MI 48609

Peggy Lockhart—6249 Wild Oak Dr., Saginaw, MI 48603

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

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

Barry Wiggins—1202 Weiss St, Room 507, 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.

November 3rd

Christ Lutheran Church, Wyoming, MI and Rev. Robert Schmidt and Christ the King Lutheran Church, Gladwin, MI and the retirement of Rev. David Sprang, Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission.

Ascension Families: Marie Myers; Anthony, Kate, Angelo, Elliot, Scarlett, Aspen Naples; Arlene Neuenfeldt

November 10th

Feast of Victory Lutheran Church, Acme, MI and Rev. Haley Vay Beaman

Ascension Families: Paul & Susie Nielsen; Jackie O’Dell; Janet O’Dell & Angela Saxton.

November 17th

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Allegan, MI and Rev. Christopher

Laughlin

Ascension Families: Tom & Lori Page; Ardath Palmer; Laraine Paquette

November 24th

Spruce Lutheran Church, Spruce, MI and their supply pastor, Rev. Leslie Nye

Ascension Families: Brad & Kelly Phillion; Brett, Haley, Briar Phillion; Brooke Phillion.

PRAYING FOR YOU

Altar Flowers

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored flowers in 2024. There are only 3 weeks still available in 2024. Sign up on the Flower Chart on the Acolyte Door for **December 1st, 8th, and 22nd**. 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 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).



November 3rd
November 10th
November 17th
November 24th

In memory of her mother, Wilma Mitchell, birthday, by Susan Kelley
In memory of Eric, by Linda Lentner
In memory of Rob Blehm, by the Blehm Family
In memory of Kay, by Phil Ballien

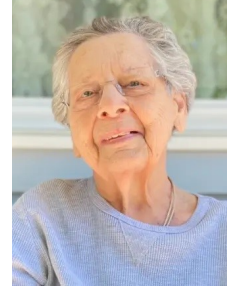
IN LOVING Memory

The Prayers and Sympathy of our congregation along with the hope and promise through the resurrection of Jesus are extended to the families of

Violet "Peggy" Lockhart, who passed on September 29th

Sheila Elvin who passed on October 6th

Rae Joyce Storm who passed on October 9th



Thanksgiving Gifts—November 17th & 20th



As part of your Thanksgiving offering, you are invited to share the fruits of the harvest. Altar Guild is inviting you to assist with both wine donations and monetary donations to help underwrite the cost of wafers and loaves of bread used each week for communion. **Monetary donations and wine (Mogan David Concord) will be received at worship on**

Sunday, November 17th and Wednesday, November 20th. Your contributions will be a way you can become a part of preparation for each service and help defray the cost.

Checks are payable to Ascension Lutheran Church.

Poinsettias—Order Due Date—November 24th

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the Chancel for the Advent and Christmas season, please see the sign up on the Kiosk in the Gathering Area. **Cost is \$10 per plant** and must be paid before the plant is ordered. Please leave your payment envelope in the basket in the Church Office. Checks are payable to Ascension Lutheran Church.

Order Deadline is Sunday, November 24th.



Bishop's Newsletter

The bishop's latest newsletter can be found here:

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



Pet Blessing—Saturday, October 5, 2024



Blessings to all those pets who were able to attend the Pet Blessing and also to those that were present in either spirit or not able to attend.



Attention College Students

Please update the church with your current college address, so that we may keep in touch with you. This includes your physical address, as well as any update in an email or online contact. Thank you!



Phone Number Changes

Have you cancelled your landline in the last few years? Did you update the church with your current phone numbers? The church database has many landline numbers and we suspect some of them have gone to cell phone service only. You can call or email updates to the church office at 989-781-2170 or ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

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)

Grief Support Group—3rd Monday at 10:30 a.m.

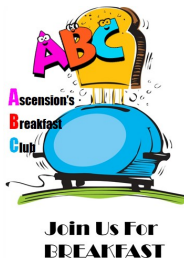
The Grief Support Group will continue meeting informally on the 3rd Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. There are no requirements to share, no pressure, and everyone is welcome! This is not just a group of people from Ascension, it is open to the community, so feel free to share with anyone you know struggling with grief and may want to talk or just listen. 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.

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.



Ascension Breakfast Club (ABC)—November 11th



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 Sullivan's at 5235 Gratiot Rd., in Saginaw.** Each person is responsible for the cost of their own breakfast. You don't need to prepare anything or clean up, just show up.

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.



November 6th & 20th • December 4th & 18th

Homebound Outreach

Are you available and willing to visit someone in our congregation who is no longer able to attend? If you might be willing to share some time with one of our homebound members, please see Pastor Julie.



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, November 17th.**

Blood Drive

Our final drive of the year is scheduled for **December 19th, 2:30pm—7:00 p.m.** If you haven't signed up, and are interested, please sign up [online](#) or contact the church office for available donation times.

Ascension Lutheran Church 2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Yes, I want to Support our Ministry!

- Bring this card with you to worship on or before November 24, 2024
- 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: _____

Household/Personal Care Items For Christmas



GIVING TREE

Once again, we are participating with Swan Valley High School to collect household and personal care products for Christmas packages for families in need. Items needed are shampoo, conditioner, soap, laundry soap, dish soap, dryer sheets, fabric softener, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, lotion, body wash, shaving cream, razors, feminine products, deodorant, etc. You may also prefer to give items like a gift card for gas or food. Items may be placed in the Gathering Area beginning **Sunday, November 10th**. All items should be delivered to the church **no later than Sunday, December 8th**. Thank you for your support!!

Getting Ready for Christmas Shopping?

It's about that time! — RaiseRight Orders 11/17 & 12/8

Consider using RaiseRight gift cards for your shopping this year. RaiseRight is a fundraising program that Ascension participates with. All you do is purchase the gifts cards through Ascension (order form on the Kiosk) and we will order the cards for you—at no extra cost. You can use these cards to give as gifts or use them to purchase whatever it is you wish to buy. November orders must be received by **Sunday, November 17th** and December orders by **December 8th**.

For instance—if you order a \$50 gift card from one of the stores you pay \$50, and the church receives \$1.25—at 2.5% interest. Some have much higher return. That may not seem like much, but every little bit helps. If you have questions see Pastor Julie or Lisa in the office.

Library Update

Have you noticed the new book rack in the library? It is our new “Fiction Center.” It is to hold fiction paperbacks that will be used like puzzles. Simply take a book, read it, return it, and/or add to the collection.

If you wish to donate a book, simply place it on the rack for many to enjoy. Just remember that this is a church library and the books should have appropriate content (not excessively graphic).



Enjoy a good Read!



Thank you to Waylon Earnesty who assembled the new book rack!

**fall
EVENT SALES**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2024
10am – 3pm**

CRAFT FAIR
25+ vendors!
Support local talent and families to find a wide variety of unique gifts and crafts.

BAKE SALE
Enjoy a selection of cookies, bars, breads and snacks available for purchase.

NO CLOTHES RUMMAGE
A NO CLOTHES Rummage sale will take place during the event. Enjoy this INDOOR option with clean and gently used items.

LUNCH AVAILABLE
A light lunch will be available for purchase, includes a drink.

DIRECT QUESTIONS ON CRAFT FAIR TO:
LISA 989-529-4400

DIRECT QUESTIONS ON BAKE SALE & RUMMAGE TO:
LORI 989-239-3076 OR SUSAN 989-239-4783

Ascension Lutheran Church
8695 Gratiot, Saginaw 48609
(across from Home Depot)
989-781-2170

Capital Improvement Fundraisers

Craft Fair, Bake Sale, No Clothes Rummage Sale, & Luncheon

What do we need? - Shoppers & Volunteers!!

We are holding a craft fair, bake sale, rummage sale and offering a for-purchase lunch. Come and spend some cash to help our Capital Improvement Fund. The fund was created to assist in paying for capital items such as video projector, furnace, parking lot, flooring, musical equipment, etc.).

Volunteer Workers—We have 2 shifts; 9am—12:30pm includes set up and 12:30pm—4pm includes cleanup. We would like 2 volunteers at each shift to be at each the cashier, the bake sale table, and the rummage tables. Sign up on the kiosk if you can volunteer to help.

Christmas Worship Schedule



**Christmas Eve worship on Tuesday December 24th
at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**
No Worship on Wednesday December 25th
Lessons and Carols Service 12/29 at 9:30 a.m. (one service only)
No Worship on Wednesday, Jan 1st

Online Giving through VANCO

Ascension utilizes VANCO. Members can use VANCO to give on a regular schedule or for single donations. If you have any questions or trouble with logging in, please contact Lisa at the office for assistance.

VANCO's website: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YN7D/home>



Food Pantry

There is a Truck Unload and Shelf Stocking the first Wednesday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome, the next date is **November 6th at 8:30 a.m.** at 723 Emerson, Saginaw, MI 48607.

Ascension is providing

workers for the Center of HOPE Food Pantry on **December 11th**. 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 Saginaw County

ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED to join the ELCA Saginaw County group. They will meet on **Monday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m.** at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 2110 Brockway, Saginaw, MI 48602. Come join us to be connected and a part of leading the ELCA churches of Saginaw County.



Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Table

ELCA Women of Saginaw County

The ELCA Women of Saginaw County are welcome and invited to gather monthly on the 4th Monday at 1pm between September and May for about an hour meeting and some stay for fellowship afterward. Hosting locations will rotate. Next Meeting, **Monday November 25th, 1:00 pm** at Zion Lutheran Church, 545 7th St., Freeland, MI 48623. Please make sure to Like or Join both the [ELCA Women of Saginaw County](#) and the [ELCA Saginaw County](#) Facebook pages for updates.

Children's Church/Sunday School

As we begin this new year of Children's Church, we are going to focus on learning Bible Stories.



- November 3rd: Jonah
- November 10th: Daniel and the Lions
- November 17th: Jesus is born
- November 24th: Christmas story continued

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. We will then return to worship as an entire congregation during the peace, so that our youth will still receive Communion/Prayers. If you are interested in teaching, please note that there is a rotating schedule, so this does provide the opportunity to worship most Sundays with the congregation in the Sanctuary.

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.

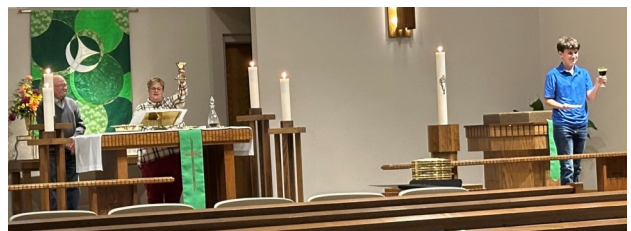
Children's Christmas Program—The Joy of Christmas

December 22nd at the 10:30 worship service

Our young people will share the story of Christmas on Sunday, December 22nd. All elementary youth are invited to participate. Thumbdrives of music are available, as well as the script with the words to the songs. These will be distributed in Children's Church. Practice will be held between services (~9:15 a.m.) on **December 1st, 8th, and 15th, 2024, as well as during Children's Church** on those days.



First Communion



Congratulations to Alexandra Becker and Brant Wakeman who received their first communion on October 9, 2025.

College Care Packages—November 3, 2024

On **November 3rd**, at **6:15 p.m.**, all Middle and High School Youth are invited to gather for fun and fellowship, as well as assemble College Care Packages for our young people in college. These will be mailed to our college students to show our love, care and support of them through the holidays and preparing for finals.

Youth and congregational members are invited to provide items to be placed in the care packages. Items may include individually wrapped food for snacks, inspirational cards, self-care and personal care items or anything small you think college students need and would appreciate. We anticipate approximately 25 college packages will be assembled.

A simple meal will be provided at our gathering.



CHARGE—Middle & High School Youth Event

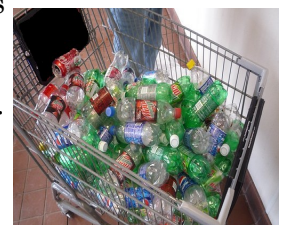


Youth Fundraising—Pop Can Returns

Thank you for bringing cans and bottles in to help support Youth Ministry in our congregation.

Individual youth (elementary, middle, and high school) are encouraged to sign up to return cans each week. The next week, youth return the MONEY from that return to the church office or Pastor Julie. One-half of the money returned goes into that youth's individual account to help pay for camp, retreats, or other events that require a financial fee. The other 50% supports the youth ministry as a whole. We use this money to help offset costs of events and provide events at a lower cost.

Sign up sheet and instructions are located on the kiosk at church. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



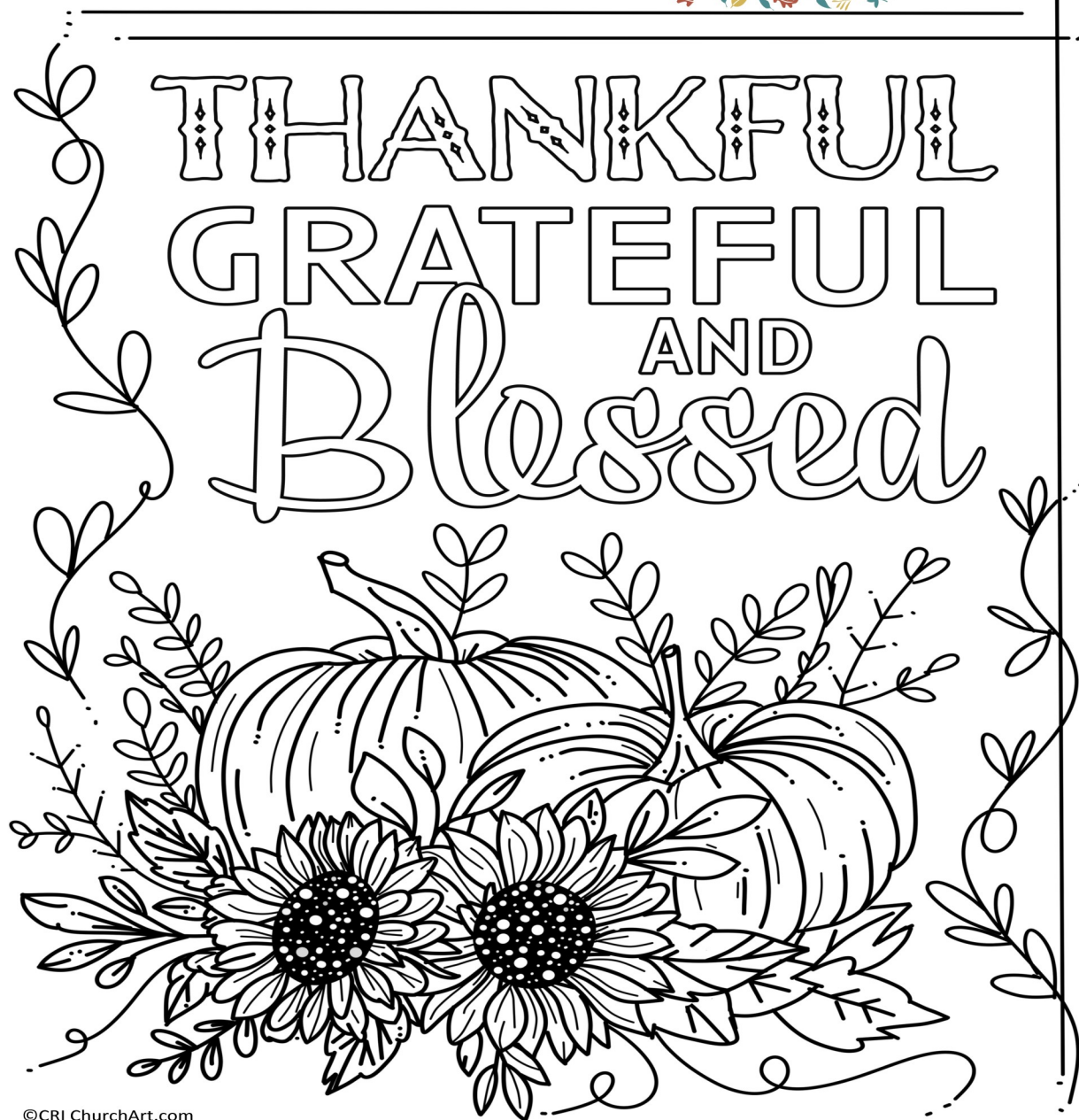
Confirmation Classes



Class Schedule—all classes are 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

	<u>Year 1 Lesson</u>	<u>Year 2 Lesson</u>
11/3	Third Commandment	Lord's Prayer—Petition 4
11/17	Fourth Commandment	Lord's Prayer—Petition 5 & 6
12/8	Fifth Commandment	Doxology and Amen

Coloring Fun! - For All Ages





BECAUSE OF WHO GOD IS

Thanks to who God is, we can talk to him in prayer.

Directions: Unscramble the descriptions of God, using the Bible references as clues. Then write the circled letters below to complete Psalm 109:26, NIV

Psalm 145:8	SGAICURO	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Job 36:5	HGIYMT	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Psalm 90:2	LTAVREENISG	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2 Peter 3:9	INETTPA	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
1 Thessalonians 5:24	FUFHIATL	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Isaiah 40:25	OYHL	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Help me, Lord my ___od;
 save ___e ___ccording ___o
 your un___ailing l___ve.

Psalm 109:26, NIV

Answers: gracious, mighty, everlasting, patient, faithful, holy; Help me, Lord my God; save me according to your unflinching love. Psalm 109:26, NIV

Pull Out Your Bibles for this Quiz and Go To: Acts 8:26-40

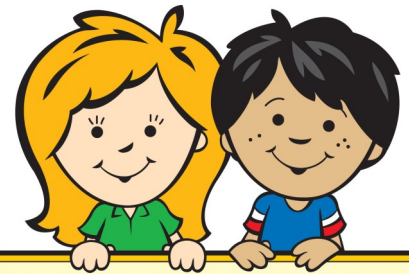
Bible Quiz

Shortly after the birth of the church at Pentecost, which apostle(s) taught an Ethiopian official about Jesus and then baptized him?

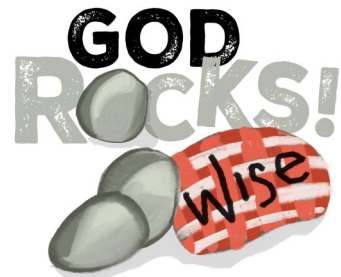
- A. Philip
- B. Peter and Andrew
- C. James
- D. Paul and Silas



Answer: A (See Acts 8:26-40)



KIDS PAGE



Make decorative stones as reminders of God's many great attributes.

What you need:

- Flat, smooth stones
- Printed, decorative napkins
- Paintbrush
- Clear-drying craft glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

What you do:

1. Unfold the napkin, carefully separating the printed side from the solid side.
2. Brush a thin layer of glue atop a stone. Lay the napkin (printed side up) on the glue and press down. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
3. Turn the stone over and paint more glue on the back. Wrap the napkin edges around the stone, trimming as needed. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
4. On the stone, write an attribute of God (loving, wise, powerful, merciful, etc.).
5. Repeat with more stones. Use them as gifts, paperweights, table decorations, etc.



Serving in November

Thank you to everyone who participates in these important ministries. If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please let the Church Office know who will be filling in for you. † indicates a volunteer is needed

Readers	8am	10:30am	Prayers	8am	10:30am
3	Kris Friend	John Whelton	3	Tom Page	Lisa Espinoza
10	Susan Kelley	Lisa Whelton	10	Lynn Schomaker	Amy Fahrenbruch
17	Tom Page	Chris Crump	17	Ruth Schomaker	Chris Crump
24	Dan Roth	Dawn Dalton	24	Susan Kelley	Dawn Dalton

Sound Board Operators

3	Jeff Whelton	Makena Whelton
10	†	Lisa Whelton
17	†	Makena Whelton
24	†	Makena Whelton

Video Screen Operators

3	Charleen Boland	Marissa Fahrenbruch
10	Susan Kelley	Ginny Whelton
17	Kris Friend	Marissa Fahrenbruch
24	Charleen Boland	Marissa Fahrenbruch



Head Ushers

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

Acolyte 10:30 a.m.

3	Greyston Hendrickson
10	Nathan Earnesty
17	Matti Wizner
24	Hugh Carroll

Altar Guild

3	Susan Kelley
10	Kris Friend
17	Kris Friend
24	Ruth Schomaker/Pat Marceills

Children's Church

3	Dawn Earnesty
10	Louise Roby
17	David & Stephanie Becker
24	Bryan Carroll

November Librarian: Carole Soule



WEDNESDAYS 7pm

	Head Usher	Readers	Sound Board	Video Screen	Prayers
6	Glen Mack	Connie Dutcher	†	Kelly Phillion	Donna Malburg
13	John Schroeder	Kristin Kazmierski	†	Glen Mack	Glen Mack
20	Mike Clifford	Glen Mack	†	Celina Gottlieb	Connie Dutcher
27	<i>No Worship Today</i>				

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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
Bring in Personal Care Items November 17th—December 8th (see page 11) 				Oct 31 9am-5pm Bake Sale Item Drop Off	1 Office Closed 4pm-8pm Event Sales Set Up 4pm-7pm Bake Sale Item Drop Off	2 10am-Event Sales
3 Daylight Saving Ends Celebrate All Saints' 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 4:30pm-Confirmation 6:15pm-Youth Night	4 6pm-Women's Bible St	5 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	6 Celebrate All Saints' 8:30am-Food Pantry Truck Unload 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 12pm-Council Reports Due 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	7 6:30pm-Trustee Mtg	8 Office Closed Pr & Youth @ Charge 11/8-11/10 →	9
10 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church →	11  9am-ABC Breakfast @ Sullivan's 6pm-Women's Bible St 6pm-St. John's Board Mtg	12 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg	13 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	14	15 Office Closed	16 
17 BP Screening RaiseRight Due Thanksgiving Gifts 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 4:30pm-Confirmation	18 10:30am-Grief Group 12pm-Messenger Dead-line 6pm-Women's Bible St 6:30pm-ELCA Saginaw (@ Resurrection)	19 Pr. @ Bay Area Conf Mtg (Bay City) 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	20 Thanksgiving Gifts 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	21	22 Office Closed	23
24 Poinsettia Orders Due Christ the King 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church	25 1pm-ELCA Women of Saginaw @ Zion Freeland 6pm-Women's Bible St	26 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors Messenger Mailed	27 Office Closed 6:30pm-Scouts NO WORSHIP	28 Office Closed 	29 Office Closed	30

Prayer Chain requests should be called to Barb Van Marter at 989-525-4603 ****NEW NUMBER****

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