

Installation of Council

The Congregation Council of Ascension will be installed as officers and ministers of our congregation on **Sunday, January 19th and Wednesday, January 22nd**. Serving the 2025 Calendar Year are:

- President: Kris Yackel-Friend
- Vice President: Lori Schultz
- Secretary: Stephanie Becker
- Treasurer: Charleen Boland
- Financial Secretary: Susan Kelley
- Minister of Spiritual Health: Celina Gottlieb
- Minister of Outreach: Joyce Berg
- Minister of Congregational Care: Kristin Kazmierski
- Minister of Resource and Finance: Gus Hendrickson

Please keep these leaders in your prayers and support them as we move forward in mission to boldly make Christ's vision known.

Thank you to Connie Dutcher for service as Treasurer and Glen Mack for service as Minister of Congregational Care.

Congregational Annual Meeting

On **Sunday, February 16th** at 11:30 a.m., we will meet for our annual meeting where the ministries have the opportunity to share what has been accomplished in 2024.

The Annual Report is available at the church beginning **February 2nd**. The report can also be sent to you via

email, please contact the office for that request.

Reports from each Minister and/or Team Leader are due by Monday, January 20th at 9:00 a.m.

All Confirmed Members of Ascension Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend as we review our 2024 year in ministry and attend to any official business.

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Message from Pastor Julie

It is Time to think about Summer Camp—July 6-11, 2025

Located on the shores of Stony Lake in New Era, Michigan, Living Water Ministries is a safe place for all of God's children to experience intentional community centered in Christ where they are formed in their faith, developed as leaders, and equipped as servants of the gospel. This approach to our work has world-changing implications as participants experience the love of Christ in each member of the community and return home to share that same love with others.

We offer a variety of summer programs for students completing grades 1 through 12 and specialty programs including weeks for children in foster care, adults with developmental disabilities, and high school students aspiring to be anti-racist leaders.

Our vision is clear: To create communities centered in Christ to transform lives and the world. Our mission is real: Bringing together all of God's children to experience Christian community, grow in faith, develop leadership skills, and serve others. And we invite you to join us for what may be the best week of your entire summer!
elcalivingwater.com

Ascension youth will attend the week of Sunday, July 6th through Friday, July 11th. We encourage every youth to attend at least once, though many attend year after year, and advance through the opportunities as they age.

Camps offered the Week of July 6-11, 2025

- **Entering Grades 1-3—Explorers:** An abbreviated camp experience for younger campers wanting to give camp a test drive. This program begins Sunday and ends Wednesday.
- **Entering grades 3-6—Discoverers:** A classic camp experience designed for your child to discover the love and grace of Christian community as they also begin to discover who they are as children of God. ***If your child is entering 6th grade and planning to start confirmation this coming year, please register for Challengers.*
- **Middle School (grades 6-8)—Challengers:** Challenge is at the core of this experience as campers grow in understanding their own gifts & abilities through classic camp activities and our low and high ropes challenge courses. ***If your child is entering 6th grade and planning to start confirmation this coming year, please register for Challengers.*
- **High School (grades 9-12)—Adventurers:** Make a difference in the name of Christ by serving others, while enjoying camp classics!

Registration Opens January 7th. Please note, this week fills up quickly so register quickly. Note if you wait to register, you may be waitlisted. You are registered on a first come basis through elcalivingwater.com. Please check out this website for information on All-Pricing for camp. All who want to go can go!

July 13-18, 2025: Bridge Builders (completed 9th grade through 12th) Grow as a leader, develop peer ministry skills, and join the fight against racism as an expression of your faith & our call to love our neighbors! This week of camp is dedicated to our Bridge Builders program in which participants will be a part of experiences unique to this program. This week also includes typical camp activities such as low ropes, high ropes, swimming and skill shops.

It is our hope that raising young leaders in the faith formative community of camp can be a place where real change in the world and church can begin. By exploring systemic racism, we hope to inspire campers to be change agents as they grow into adults of faith and leaders in the church and world. Our intent is to equip participants to see the world with new eyes of faith and to be able to evaluate where they currently or someday might serve as gatekeepers and people-in-charge. Time will be spent equipping campers on how to host or engage courageous conversations for the sake of the Gospel.

Participants are trained by blending peer ministry curriculum with anti-racism curriculum to create leaders equipped to listen, facilitate, and engage others about challenging & meaningful topics. Our Bridge Builders planning team is made up of camp professionals, pastors, educators, social workers, and youth ministry professionals.

Adult Sunday School: January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran Pastor who studied and served in Germany before and during World War II. During the viewing, you will see how Hitler utilized theology to justify the atrocities of WWII in Germany and how the Church addressed

the situations facing them in a very difficult time.

This will not be the Bonhoeffer movie that was/is in the theaters in December. Family members, theologians and others have stated they do not support this

recent film and the depiction of Pastor Bonhoeffer.

Over the first three weeks we will offer the viewing of the film in three parts, spending time to discuss on January 26th.



Mary to Martha Women's Bible Study

We are beginning our 2025 bible study on **Monday, February 3, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Digging Dunes room at Ascension.

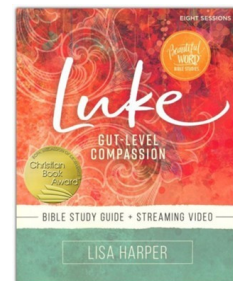
Our study will be Luke by Lisa Harper. The great news woven throughout the Gospel according to Luke is that perfection is not a prerequisite for a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. Luke writes to highlight those seen as outliers and outcasts, those deemed misfits and unfit. Then he reveals to us the outrageous mercy of God.

Lisa Harper has 30+ years of church ministry and leadership. She is also the author of multiple books and bible studies. Lisa lives south of Nashville, Tennessee and is the proud mother of daughter, Missy. This is an eight week study and **participant books are \$10**. This study has a little homework for participants each week.

We have moved our meeting time to 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m. (This time was preferred to our group.) We will not meet on February 24th and March 24th due to the meeting of the ELCA

Saginaw Women's Group. Our Bible Study will end on April 7, 2025.

Please contact Joyce Richardson at 989-274-6787 (call or text) to reserve your participant book by **Monday, January 20, 2025**.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study



Our Tuesday morning Bible study will begin reading Jeremiah on **January 7, 2025**.

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.

www.zoom.com

Meeting ID: 871 0929 4561

Passcode: 099583

January Birthdays

1st	Andrea Kittle	19th	Ben Crump	30th	Bob Aldrich
3rd	Mary Erskine		Logan Dalton	31st	Dawn Earnesty
4th	Ruth Howell	20th	Larissa Crook		Maxwell Faerber
5th	Jean Joslyn		Bob Darling		Leonard Howell
	Hunter Turner	22nd	Alisha Albrecht		Rachel Joslyn
	Lindsay Walsh		Melissa Pretzer		Ruth Schomaker
7th	Courtney Whelton	23rd	Cheryl Andrus		
9th	Malory Lopez		Judy Goschke		
10th	Phil Ballien		Danielle Hendrick		
	Mike Clifford	24th	Gina Dillenbeck		
	Collene Kolinski	25th	Theresa Hamilton		
13th	Melissa Morgan	26th	Alice Doerr		
14th	Elizabeth Clark		Nikki Whelton		
	Jim Dankert	27th	Lisa Espinoza		
	Zoey Kohnert-Pretzer	28th	Karen Hart		
15th	Marty Debozy		Alicia Leffler		
16th	Laura Schian	29th	Lillian Edsall		
17th	Matthew Albosta		Amaya Favazza		
18th	Connor Webb		Kathleen Kelly		

January Anniversaries

2nd	Charleen & Carl Boland
17th	Dave & Stephanie Becker
21st	Casey & Emma Stadler
27th	Nicole and Kyle Bieszk
29th	Hunter & Alexis Turner

Please Remember Those on Ascension's Care List

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

Pat Joyce—8044 Winchester Ct.
Saginaw, MI 48609

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

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

Arlene Neuenfeldt—11819 Dice Rd.,
Freeland, MI 48623

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

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

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

Dan Wenzel—9065 Bray Rd., Saginaw,
MI 48609

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.

January 5th

Trinity Lutheran Church, Battle Creek, MI and Rev. Kjersten Sullivan
Ascension Families: John & Carol Schroeder; Lori Schultz; Sally Schultz

January 12th

Messiah Lutheran Church, Bay City, MI and Rev. Timothy Jahn
Ascension Families: Barb Snyder; Carole Soule; Rev. John & Rev. Leslie Soyster

January 19th

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Big Rapids, MI and their supply pastors
Ascension Families: Alicia & Ryan Spear; Brian, Lisa, Morgan Stadler; Casey & Emma Stadler

January 26th

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, MI and Rev. Diane Sponheim
Ascension Families: Cole & Ashley Stadler; Nelson & Lynn Ann Staples; Tom, Rae, Hunter; Madison Stoddard

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 2025 flower chart is posted on the door of the Acolyte room and many dates are available.

January 5th
available to sponsor

January 12th
available to sponsor

January 19th
available to sponsor

January 26th
available to sponsor

WEEKEND FOOD BAGS HAVE A NEED!

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

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

If you have any to donate, please place them in the red box in the gathering area. Logos on the bags are ok.



Let Your Light So Shine—the Season of Epiphany



You may notice that there is a long time between Christmas and Easter this year. This is what is known in the church as the

season of Epiphany. This season lasts from January 6th until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The season varies from four to nine weeks in length. This year, it is a long time.

As we journey through this season in worship, Epiphany

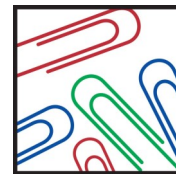
begins with the revelation of Jesus to the wisemen and we will continue to reveal how God is present in our lives today. A good question to ask this season—how does the light of Christ shine in your life today?

Office Door Closed During Office Hours

The church Office **IS CLOSED** if Swan Valley Schools are Closed due to inclement weather



Please note that during the colder months of the year, the office door may be closed when Lisa is in the office. Please feel free to enter the office, knocking is not necessary. The door is closed simply to retain warmth, **so Come On In!!**



Office Open



Winter Adult Education Opportunity

Join The Rev. Dr. Amy Lindeman Allen, Indiana Christian Church Associate Professor of New Testament at Christian Theological Seminary (Disciples of Christ) in Indianapolis, Indiana, for a six-week course titled, “Jesus and the Little Children”! Based on Dr. Allen’s book, *The Gifts They Bring: How Children in the Gospels Can Shape Inclusive Ministry* (WJK, 2023), sessions will include presentations on the following topics:

1. The Gift of Participation: Little Children as Proprietors of the Realm of God

2. The Gift of Proclamation: The Bethlehem Shepherds
3. The Gift of Advocacy: James and John, Fisherfolk
4. The Gift of Listening: Mary at the Feet of Jesus
5. The Gift of Sharing: The Child with the Fish and Loaves
6. The Gift of Partnership: A Son and His Mother at Nain

The class will meet on six consecutive Tuesday evenings: **January 14th, 21st, 28th; February 4th, 11th, 18th, 2025**

from **7:00–8:15pm via Zoom**. This course is open to all adults, both laypeople, and rostered ministers, and is free of charge. Registration is required and will close on January 6, 2025. Sessions will be recorded and available to those registered for one week. [Register Now!](#)

If the link doesn’t work go to <https://www.mittensynod.org/events/adult-theological-education/> scroll down to the class, and click Register Now!

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).

Members attending from Ascension are **Lori Schultz, Stephanie Becker, and Nicki Bieszk. Pastor Julie will attend as a Rostered Minister.**

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.

Household/Personal Care Items For Christmas



Thank you for all the donations of household and personal care items.

They were delivered on December 12th in a “very full” SUV to Swan Valley High School for distribution.



The bishop’s latest newsletter can be found here:

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

Ascension's Women's Support Group

Ascension is participating with the ELCA Women of Saginaw County group. To effectively share information with our congregation and participate in their goals and programs, Ascension has established a women's support group. This group is not the Women's Group of Ascension's past, however a group of women who would like to grow in faith, support one another in endeavors, engage in



ministering to those in need, and to promote fellowship within our group, our churches, and our community. The contacts for

Ascension's Women's Support Group are Gina Dillenbeck (chair), Wanda Dankert, Edna Bell, and Ginny Whelton. Ascension is hosting the ELCA Women of Saginaw County meeting on **January 27th at 1:00 p.m.** If you are interested in assisting with decorations, snacks, or just coming to see what this is all about, please contact one of the women noted above. You may call the office for contact information, if you

Grief Support Group

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.

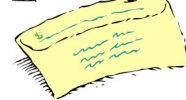
Blood Pressure Screening

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, January 19th.**



2025 Giving Envelopes

Offering Envelopes



2025 giving envelopes can be picked in the Gathering Area. They can also be picked up at the church during office hours; Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please contact the office to make other arrangements, if needed.

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) January 13th



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.

Do You Have an Idea for an Article??

Many members are not aware that any member can submit an article for the newsletter. If you are part of a ministry within the church, feel free anytime to submit something for us to include. Updates are great!!

You can also come across articles that may be helpful to our members.

In the past there have been health articles, financial articles, educational information. You can also submit thank you's; examples of these are after an illness or death, when additional

attention was provided. Articles can be submitted on paper or sent via email to ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net. If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask Lisa.



The MESSENGER is published monthly by Ascension Lutheran Church. Deadline for the February 2025 issue is: **Monday, January 20th at 12:00 (noon)**. Articles may be emailed to: ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net

Living Lutheran In Print—THE NEXT STEP

In 2025, the Living Lutheran will again appear as a print magazine, published quarterly. This frequency will allow people to reconnect in a way that makes them feel part of the ELCA while keeping costs efficient and effective to produce the magazine.

The cost for a subscription signing up through Ascension (*group discount*) is **\$17**.

If you are interested in receiving the print copy, please let Lisa in the office know. She will add you to the list. You can provide your \$17 payment by writing

“Living Lutheran” under the word “OTHER” on your giving envelope or dropping off payment to the church office anytime. All checks should be payable to Ascension Lutheran Church.

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 to your right. 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.

January 15th
February 5th & 19th
March 5th & 19th
April 2nd & 16th
May 7th & 21st



ELCA Saginaw County

ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED to join the ELCA Saginaw County group. They will meet on **Monday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m.** at Faith Lutheran Church, 4432 Mackinaw Rd, Saginaw, MI 48603. 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 (*except December*) for about an hour meeting and for fellowship afterward. Hosting locations will rotate.

Next Meeting, **Monday, January 27th, 1:00 pm** at Ascension Lutheran Church, 8695 Gratiot Rd., Saginaw, MI 48609. Saginaw Community Food Club and Kitchen representative, Tina Swanton, will present details of their programing. You can also find out more at their website saginawfoodclub.org.

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—Resumes January 5th

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

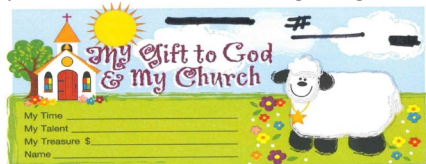
note that there is a rotating schedule, so this does provide the opportunity to worship most Sundays with the congregation in the Sanctuary.

If you did not register in September, please complete the **Registration Form** on the kiosk for each student that will attend. The form is also found online at ascensionlc.org. Return the form to the church office.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Earnesty or Pastor Julie.

Elementary Youth Giving Envelopes

We thank you greatly for teaching your children about giving and



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

the envelope each week. There is a sign posted just inside the door of the classroom with all the giving envelopes numbers listed. You may also use any envelope you have at home, as long as their name and number is written on it.

Peer Ministry-Leadership Training—February 7-8, 2025 (Friday and Saturday)

Join other high school youth from the North/West Lower Michigan Synod and the Southeast Michigan Synod to learn about Peer Ministry.

- It's about friends helping friends!
- Not just for the church, but every day of your life, everywhere and any time.
- It's not a job to do, it's an attitude.

You will learn skills not only by listening, but using these skills in experiential learning—you will practice. It is fun! And you

become a better friend, better equipped to be that friend when someone is in need.

Where: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lansing, MI

When: Friday, February 7th at 7 p.m. to Saturday, February 8th at 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 (to cover meal costs)

Bring: Bedding/sleeping bag, toiletries, open mind, Bible, pen, pencil, notebook

Sponsored with the cooperation of Ascension Lutheran

Church/Saginaw, Bethlehem Lutheran Church/Lansing, Messiah Lutheran Church/Bay City, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church/Ida, and Marmelund Evangelical Lutheran Church/Kent City.

Please complete a registration form (on kiosk and ascensionlc.org) and email to Pastor Julie Bailey at pr_julie@sbcglobal.net

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.

- Jan 5th & 20th
- Feb 2nd & 16th
- Mar 2nd & 16th
- Apr 6th



Kenna Jean Maier and Norman Dale Hamilton Maier received the Sacrament of Baptism on December 4, 2024.

Kenna and Norman's sponsors are Michelle Trevillian and Toni Wedge.

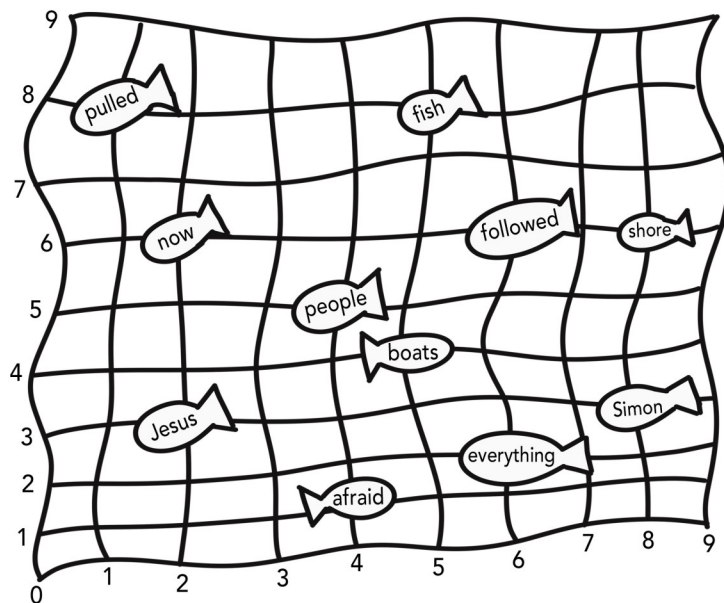
May God bless them with His gift of grace.

PUZZLE

FISHING DIRECTIONS

When fishermen obeyed Jesus and let down their nets, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink! Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees. What happened next?

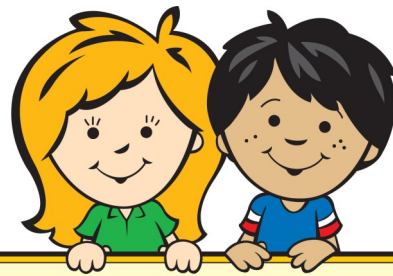
Directions: Use the coordinate clues to locate the correct words and complete Luke 5:10-11 (NIV) below. The first number in each clue pair goes across, and the second number goes up.



Then Jesus said to , "Don't be ; from
 (2,3) (8,3) (4,1) (2,6)
 on you will for ." So they their
 (5,8) (4,5) (1,8)
 up on , left and him.
 (5,4) (8,6) (6,2) (6,6)

Luke 5:10-11, NIV

Answers: Jesus, Simon, afraid, followed, everything, shore, boats, pulled, people, fish, now, afraid, Simon, Simon, afraid, followed



KIDS PAGE

A HUGE CATCH

Make a catch of fish to show what happens when Jesus calls his first disciples.

What you need:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Darning needle
- Fishing twine
- Scissors
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Glue



What you do:

1. From the egg carton, cut out the 12 cups. From the lid, cut out two fish tails.
2. On a protected surface, turn the cups upside down. Paint the outside of each cup and both sides of the tails. Let dry.
3. Thread the needle with an arm's length of twine. Tie a knot at the end.
4. Thread the needle through the end of the tail. Tie another knot an inch from the tail.
5. Thread the needle through one upside-down cup. Pull the twine through until the cup rests on the knot.
6. Continue tying knots an inch above each cup and threading on another cup until you've strung six cups. Tie a knot above the last cup and leave a long string to hang the fish. (You can make two fish with each egg carton.)
7. Add googly eyes or buttons to the last cup to make a face.

Bible Quiz

When 12-year-old Jesus stayed at the Jerusalem temple as Joseph and Mary started traveling home, after how many days did his parents find him?

- A. 1 day
- B. 2 days
- C. 3 days
- D. 7 days



Pull Out Your Bibles for this Quiz and Go To:
Luke 2:46

Serving in January

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
5	Tom Erskine	Olivia Trepkowski	5	Tom Page	Chris Crump
12	Joan Ford	Marissa Fahrenbruch	12	Lynn Schomaker	Heidi Trepkowski
19	Tom Page	John Whelton	19	Ruth Schomaker	Amy Fahrenbruch
26	Susan Kelley	Lisa Whelton	26	Susan Kelley	Lisa Espinoza

Sound Board Operators

5	†	Makena Whelton
12	Jeff Whelton	†
19	†	†
26	Jeff Whelton	†

Video Screen Operators

5	†	†
12	†	†
19	†	†
26	†	†

Head Ushers

5	Schomaker	Dalton/Whelton
12	Roth	Earnesty/Wizner
19	Wilson	Dawson/Mossner
26	Kelley	Friend/Beyerlein

Acolyte 10:30 a.m.

5	Ethan Earnesty
12	Alex Becker
19	Hannah Wizner
26	Greyston Hendrickson

Altar Guild

5	<i>Schedule not available</i>
12	<i>at time of printing</i>
19	
26	

Children's Church

5	Dawn Earnesty/Stephanie Wizner
12	David & Stephanie Becker
19	Louise Roby
26	Dawn Earnesty/Stephanie Wizner

January Librarian: *Schedule not available at time of printing*

WEDNESDAYS 7pm

	Head Usher	Readers	Sound Board	Video Screen	Prayers
1	<i>No Worship</i>	<i>No Worship</i>	<i>No Worship</i>	<i>No Worship</i>	<i>No Worship</i>
8	Mike Clifford	Mike Clifford	†	Kelly Phillion	Mike Clifford
15	John Schroeder	Connie Dutcher	Mike Romosier	Connie Dutcher	Connie Dutcher
22	Glen Mack	Kristin Kazmierski	Mike Romosier	Connie Dutcher	Donna Malburg
29	Mike Clifford	Glen Mack	†	Celina Gottlieb	Celina Gottlieb

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If you are having a meeting in the church, please let the church office know.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>NO WORSHIP</i>	2 FH Rental 6:30pm-Trustee Mtg	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4
5 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 4:30pm-Confirmation	6 	7 <i>Camp Registration</i> <i>Opens</i> 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	8 8:30am-Food Pantry Truck Unload 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	9	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11 9am-Decoration Take Down
12 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church	13 9am-ABC Breakfast @ Sulli- van's 6:30pm-ELCA Saginaw (@ Faith)	14 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	15 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 12pm-Council Reports Due 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	16	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18
19 <i>BP Screening</i> <i>RaiseRight Due</i> <i>Council Installation</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 4:30pm-Confirmation	20 9am-Annual Mtg Reports Due 10:30am-Grief Group 12pm-Messenger Deadline 	21 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg	22 <i>Council Installation</i> 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	23	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25
26 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church	27 1pm-ELCA Women of Sagi- naw @ Ascension	28 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	29 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion Messenger Mailed	30	31 <i>Office Closed</i>	

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

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Wednesday's: 7:00 p.m.

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