



Called and Commanded to Love

In the introduction to 1,2,3 John in the Message: the Bible in Contemporary Language, Eugene Peterson writes: "The two most difficult things to get straight in life are love and God. More often than not, the mess people make of their lives can be traced to failure or stupidity or meanness in one or both of these areas."

In February, many stores will have hearts, there will be heart candy, and many flowers will be bought. This romantic kind of love is wonderful, but it isn't all there is!

One of my favorite books in scripture is 1 John. The writer offers some great nuggets about the love God desires for us and with us. I want to encourage you to read and reread 1 John during this month of February. Take note, underline, journal about what the writer of 1 John tells us about love, what this love entails, how we love in truth and action. To get you started, here is what is written in 1 John 4:7-12:

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. (1 John 4:7-12)

Let us witness to the love and grace of Jesus this February and always, by showing love for one another!

Pastor Julie

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.

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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Special points of interest:

- Women's Bible Study, 1pm, begins Feb 3rd
- Weekend Food Bags needs cloth bags (pg 5)
- Sewing Group needs Queen & King sheets
- Grief Support Group Feb 17th
- St. John's Grants & Scholarship (pg 8)

Message from Pastor Julie

I see a lot of new faces around in the church!

I love to hear this comment. Some are new faces, and we have had some return of faces we haven't seen in a while. It is an exciting time to be church. As a congregation who worships at three services, sometimes the face you see is someone who has been part of our congregation for a while but worships at another time.

For those new faces, I would like to set up a time to receive new members officially into membership with Ascension, if that is desired. Membership with Ascension means you wish to worship and serve God through and with the people of Ascension; it is a place to learn and grow in your faith, and to strive with us to bring the gospel of Jesus to each other, the community and the world. If this is something you are interested in, please let Pastor Julie know. New member forms and Time and Talent sheets are found on our website, or we can provide them. I would love to talk with you about some of the ministries of our congregation to help you determine a place you would like to participate in.

ALSO, there are some faces we have not seen in a long time, who really never returned after we returned to worship following COVID. I realize it is easy to fall out of habit, some of you may have found another congregation to participate in, and some may have some other reason like a health issue that we are not aware of that keep you away.

If there is a health issue, please let me know and I am happy to visit you about that. If you have found another congregation or no longer wish to be a member of Ascension, we would like to know that as well. You can just email or send a letter to the church office.

In the next months, I plan to contact by letter those whom we have not seen or heard from in a long time. Per the constitution of Ascension Lutheran Church, voting members of our congregation shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation in the current or preceding year.

The people of Ascension would love to have you continue your faith journey with us, yet more important to us is that you have found a place where you can live out your faith. Please know that we are here if you need something that we as a church can help with.

Pastor Julie

Cancelling Worship

The church office closing due to inclement weather does not affect worship. If we do cancel worship due to inclement weather, you will see that post on Facebook, maybe get an email, possibly a phone call to the regular attenders who we know don't have social media, AND it will be on the news channels under closings.



The bishop's latest newsletter can be found here:

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

The Parables: Sunday Morning Bible study at 9:15 a.m.

Jesus is considered a master teacher. One reason for this is his masterful use of parables that people could remember. These are stories people could identify with, and even though they were from everyday life, sometimes people did not understand the meaning.

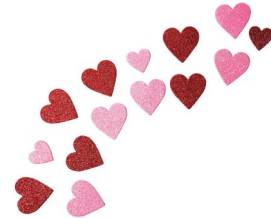
We are beginning a study of parables in the Bible, with the intention of understanding what these parables may have meant then and today.

Feb 5: The Sower and the Soils (*Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:1-15*)

Feb 12: The Wheat and the Weeds (*Matthew 13:24-29; 36-43*)

Feb 19: The Mustard Seed (*Matthew 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-33; Luke 13:18-19*)

Feb 26: Jesus and Beelzebul, the Strong Man, and Good and Bad Trees (*Matthew 12:22-37*)



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.

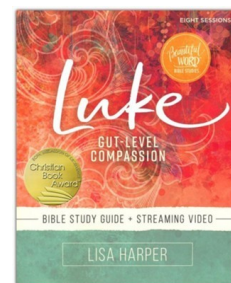
Our study will be Luke by Lisa Harper. The great news woven throughout the Gospel according to Luke is that perfection is not a prerequisite for a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. Luke writes to highlight those seen as outliers and outcasts, those deemed misfits and unfit. Then he reveals to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



Tuesday Morning Bible Study



Our **Tuesday** morning Bible study is reading the book of **Jeremiah**.

All are welcome to join us at **11am**. 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

No Class on February 18th

February Birthdays

1st	Parker Kazmierski Esther Mack Josh Whelton	14th	Olivia Bostwick
2nd	Sheila Dambro Brad Phillion Emma Stadler	16th	Jacob DeLaRosa Thomas Gottlieb
4th	Nelson Staples Alexis Turner	18th	Devon Briggs Anni Mackel
5th	Jeannie Hamilton Maliyah Johnson	20th	Aaron Gottlieb Harrison Salowitz
6th	Mike Krzyzaniak	21st	Rhys Carroll
8th	Michael Toupin	22nd	Zachary Maddox Scarlett Naples
10th	Todd Albrecht Pat Marceills David Maeder	24th	Roland Denman Ezra Lopez
11th	Holly Bostwick	25th	Max Dreyfus Paul Nielsen
12th	Chuck Latty	26th	Dori Dalton
13th	Patrick Dalton Carol Schroeder	27th	Natalie Fleissner Ken Schian Layne Wakeman
		28th	Chase Hamilton

February Anniversaries

5th	Bruce & Traci Collier
9th	Aaron & Kristy Gottlieb
12th	Revs. John & Leslie Soyster
14th	Mike & Elaine Clifford Amy & Russell Kolb
15th	Ronald & Marie Leonard
18th	John & Julie Stroebel
19th	John & Ginny Whelton
23rd	Don & Lorna Arndt
24th	Dick & Ruth Schomaker
25th	Todd & Alisha Albrecht Jim & Marie Stuart



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.

February 2nd

Zion Lutheran Church, Cadillac, MI and Rev. Scott Torkko
Ascension Families: John & Julie Stroebel; Jim & Marie Stuart; Craig & Bobbi Tilley

February 9th

Peace Lutheran Church, Charlotte, MI and Rev. Neil Brady
Ascension Families: Michael, Marissa, Maverick Toupin; Jared, Heidi, Olivia, Eliza, Jack Trepkowski; Sharon Trepton

February 16th

St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cheboygan, MI and Rev. David Hueter
Ascension Families: Chris & Cary Trier; Matthew, Susie, Ariel, Timothy Trumble; Hunter & Alexis Turner

February 23rd

Zion Lutheran Church, Comstock Park, MI and Rev. Julie Schneider-Thomas
Ascension Families: Beau Turner; Lee Turner; Melissa & Halie Turner

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.

February 2nd

In memory of William Gregor by Sara Gregor and family

February 9th

available to sponsor

February 16th

In honor of their anniversary, John & Ginny Whelton

February 23th

available to sponsor

NOTE: Please bring the plastic cup that the flowers are in, back to church within 2 weeks. Our florist re-uses the cups weekly.

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.



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 noted. 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.

The Sewing Group is in need of ALL COTTON sheets. They can

use FLAT Queen and King sizes only. They are used for quilt backings. The sheets do not have to be new, however, we ask that they are clean of stains and do not have holes or rips. All donations are appreciated.

February 5th & 19th

March 5th & 19th

April 2nd & 16th

May 7th & 21st

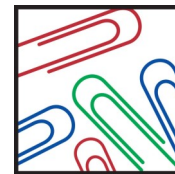


Office Door Closed During Office Hours

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



Saving Energy & The Front Door

As most of you are likely aware, for security purposes, we keep the front door of the church locked, with those entering with a key or pressing the Ring doorbell. Many times, the outside door is propped open when a ministry team is entering for a meeting or event. During the cold (*and very cold*) months, our heat is escaping at a rapid rate, not only cooling the inside, but also increasing our energy bill as the furnace(s) runs extra.

Going forward, if you are meeting in the church, we ask that you do one of two things.

1. Unlock the front door so that your team members can enter, but the heat stays in. (*If you need instruction on how to unlock/lock the door please ask*)
2. Have a team member wait by the inside door letting each one in individually, until all team members have arrived.

If you choose to unlock the door, please lock it again when you leave. You can designate a team member for this job or pull on the door handle each time you leave the building to make sure it is locked. (*you may also lock it as soon as all team members arrive & you enter your meeting*)

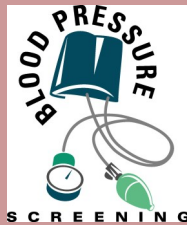
We want to be good stewards with the offerings we receive and I'm sure everyone would agree that we would like to use our offerings to "boldly make Christ's vision known" rather than hand it over to the energy company.

Thank you!

Grief Support Group Blood Pressure Screening 2025 Giving Envelopes

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.

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, February 16th**



Offering Envelopes



Please contact the office to make arrangements to pick up 2025 giving envelopes.



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. We do need 10 members to have a group, at the time of print of this article, we have 3.**

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.

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.



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 March 2025 issue is: **Monday, February 16th at 12:00 (noon).** Articles may be emailed to: ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net

Food Pantry

Center of HOPE Food Pantry
723 Emerson, Saginaw, MI 48607

Ascension serves: **February 12th, arrive by 8:30am.** 8-10 volunteers needed.

Truck Unload & Pantry Shelf Stocking: **February 5th at 8:30am.**

Donations: FBEM, 2300 Lapeer Rd, Flint, MI 48503. Checks must include in the memo line: Center of Hope Food Pantry/Saginaw P-981.



Ascension Breakfast Club (ABC) February 10th



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.

ELCA Women of Saginaw County

The February meeting of the ELCA Women of Saginaw County will be at Faith Lutheran Church, 4432 Mackinaw Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603, on **Monday, February 24th at 1:00 pm**. This group will be forming a nominating committee for the fall of 2025/2026. Gina Dillenbeck has volunteered to represent Ascension. If there is anyone at Ascension that is interested in one of the 3 leadership positions – President, Vice President or Secretary, for this Women’s Group, please contact Gina at 989-928-6829.

The group voted at their January meeting to collect can openers, spatulas, colanders and bath towels (new or gently used) for the NEST. There will be a collection box in the gathering area. If you would like to learn more about the NEST program <[click here](#)>.

Please make sure to Like or Join both the [ELCA Women of Saginaw County](#) and the [ELCA Saginaw County](#) Facebook pages for updates.

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. If you need their contact information, feel free to call the office.

ELCA Saginaw County

ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED to join the ELCA Saginaw County group. They will meet on **Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 2525 Hemmeter, Saginaw, MI 48603. Come join us to be connected and a part of leading the ELCA churches of Saginaw County.



St. John’s Grants & Scholarships

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

Scholarships for applicants age 16+,

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

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

The applications for both are posted on the Kiosk at church and available on our [website](#).

Deadlines for both opportunities are the 1st of February, May, August and November, considered quarterly as funds remain available, apply early.

Note: Applications first have to be provided to the Ascension’s office, where Council and/or Pastor need to sign. Ascension will then forward all documents to the committee for review.

Ragman—A Drama

The Ragman is a story written by Walter Wangerin Jr. It is a story of how Jesus enters into our lives at the most vulnerable of moments of life. It is the story of love, redemption, and healing.

On April 13th, the Middle and High School Youth will share

this story with our congregation as the Word of God is shared through this drama. All Middle and High School Youth are welcome to participate, I am hoping we can share this at both services on Sunday.



Youth—Please see Pastor Julie if you are interested in sharing this story of hope.



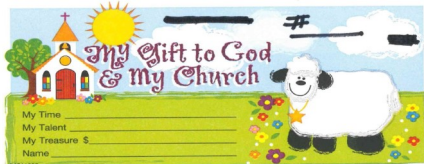
Youth Fundraiser—THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who attended the “Make and Take” craft fundraiser. The Youth earned just over \$300. There were 13 youth who volunteered their time to setup, run stations, and cleanup.



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 (Fri & Sat)

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

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

Confirmation Classes

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

- Feb 2nd & 16th
- Mar 2nd & 16th
- Apr 6th
- Apr 27th Confirmation



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.



Children's Church/Sunday School

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 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.



Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the boxes. Then write those letters on the correct numbered lines below to complete 1 John 4:16 (NIV).

A place to live
1 2 3 4 5

Opposite of dark
6 7 8 9 10

Companion
11 12 13 14 15 16

Hand greeting
17 18 19 20

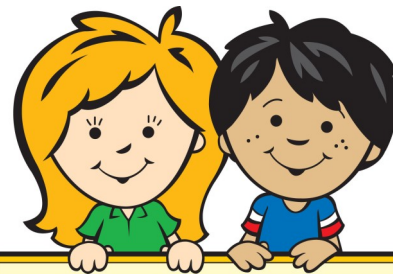
Male adult
21 22 23



8 2 16 13 4 6 2 19 5
17 9 2 5 19 5 12 6 7 19 5 4
13 15 6 2 19 20 6 7 19 14 4
13 15 8 2 16 18 15 16
8 2 16 13 23 10 1 14 21

1 John 4:16, NIV

Answers: house; light; friend, wave, man; God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16, NIV



KIDS PAGE



What you need:

- Colored felt
- Scrap paper
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- String
- Essential oils (rose, lavender, etc.)



What you do:

1. Draw a flower shape on paper and cut it out.
2. Place the flower template on felt and draw around it with the marker.
3. Cut out the felt flower. Then cut a small slit or hole through it.
4. Cut 8 inches of string. Thread it through the felt flower and tie to form a loop for hanging.
5. To the felt, add 3 to 5 drops of essential oil. This air freshener will last about 2 weeks.
6. Revive the scent, as needed, by adding a few drops of essential oil.




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Bible Quiz

The short Old Testament book of Lamentations is a set of communal laments (sorrowful songs) about the destruction in 587 B.C. of which city, by which people?

A. Babylon; the Assyrians
B. Jerusalem; the Babylonians
C. Rome; the Greeks
D. Caesarea Philippi; the Romans



Answer: B (See Bible commentaries.)

Pull Out Your Bibles for this Quiz and Go To: Lamentations

Serving in February

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

Readers	8am	10:30am	Prayers	8am	10:30am
2	Edna Bell	Dawn Dalton	2	Susan Kelley	Dawn Dalton
9	Dan Roth	Chris Crump	9	Lynn Schomaker	Lisa Whelton
16	Dick Schomaker	Amy Fahrenbruch	16	Ruth Schomaker	Chris Crump
23	Kris Friend	Donna Frollo	23	Charleen Boland	Heidi Trepkowski



Sound Board Operators

2	†	†
9	Jeff Whelton	Makena Whelton
16	†	†
23	Kris Friend	Makena Whelton

Video Screen Operators

2	Kris Friend	Ginny Whelton
9	Susan Kelley	Marissa Fahrenbruch
16	†	Ginny Whelton
23	Charleen Boland	Marissa Fahrenbruch

Head Ushers

2	Schomaker	Dalton/Whelton
9	Roth	Earnesty/Wizner
16	Kelley	Dawson/Mossner
23	Kelley	Friend/Beyerlein

Acolyte 10:30 a.m.

2	Hugh Carroll
9	Nathan Earnesty
16	Brooklyn Becker
23	Eliza Trepkowski

Altar Guild

2	Ruth Schomaker
9	Ruth Schomaker
16	Susan Kelley
23	Susan Kelley

Children's Church

2	Tony Dancer
9	Amanda Doerr
16	David & Stephanie Becker
23	Louise Roby



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

WEDNESDAYS 7pm

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

Ascension Lutheran Church - February 2025




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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
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2 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 4:30pm-Confirmation 	3 1pm-Women's Bible St 6:30pm-ELCA Saginaw (Our Saviour)	4 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6pm-Kitchen Rental 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	5 8:30am-Food Pantry Truck Unload 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	6 6:30pm-Trustee Mtg	7 Office Closed Pastor Julie & Youth at Peer Ministry-E. Lansing	8 1pm-Kitchen Rental
9 NOISY OFFERING 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church	10 9am-ABC Breakfast @ Sullivan's 1pm-Women's Bible St	11 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	12 NOISY OFFERING 8:30am-Serve @ Food Pantry 11am-Weekend Food Bags 12pm-Council Reports Due 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	13	14 Office Closed 	15
16 BP Screening <i>RaiseRight Due</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church 4:30pm-Confirmation	17 10:30am-Grief Group 12pm-Messenger Deadline 1pm-Women's Bible St 	18 9am-Pastor at BAC mtg 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg	19 9am-Sewing Group 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion	20	21 Office Closed	22 1pm-Kitchen Rental
23 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Children's Church	24 1pm-ELCA Women of Saginaw (@Faith)	25 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	26 11am-Weekend Food Bags 6:30pm-Scouts 7pm-Worship/Communion Messenger Mailed	27	28 Office Closed	

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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