

C who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

A *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!*

Opening Hymn
Wise"

LSB 802 | "Immortal, Invisible, God Only



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

Please stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

P When God called out to Moses from the burning bush, Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

C **We, having sinned against God in our thoughts, words, and deeds, cannot come into God's presence as we are, helpless in our fallen sinful condition. Forgive us, almighty Creator.**

P When God promised Moses that he would serve Him on Mount Horeb, Moses asked to know the name of God.

C **And we, who bear the name of God from our Baptism, have failed to reflect His grace, love, and mercy in our daily living. Forgive us, gracious Savior.**

P When God told him to go Pharaoh, Moses could only say, “Who am I that I should go?”

C **We have put our personal desires ahead of God and the people around us. Forgive us, strengthening Spirit.**

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

P God promised Moses that he and the Israelites, freed from slavery in Egypt, would worship on that mountain. Because of Jesus’ sacrifice, we have been freed from our sins. God now graciously invites us to worship Him here in time and hereafter in eternity. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” and then the response, “And also with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3).

Please be seated.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 611 | “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Lord of heaven and earth, in Jesus You came down and freed us to serve You in peace and joy.
- C** **May Your kingdom come to us and Your will be done through us each day until You graciously usher us into Your presence in eternity;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ We Listen to the Lord's Word ✠

Old Testament Reading

Exodus

3:1-15

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob calls Moses from the burning bush and instructs him to return to Pharaoh and demand that he free the Israelites in Egypt.

¹Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. ³So he said, "I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up." ⁴When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!" Moses said, "I am here." ⁵The LORD said, "Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He then said, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, because he was afraid

to look at God. ⁷The LORD said, “I have certainly seen the misery of My people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹Now indeed, the Israelites’ cry for help has come to Me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring My people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹²So He said, “I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain.” ¹³But Moses said to God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is His name?’ what should I say to them?” ¹⁴So God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He also said, “You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.” ¹⁵God also told Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.’”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

Paul writes to encourage the church at Thessalonica in a time of confusion and opposition. Here, the confusion concerned the return of Christ. Paul writes to those who were allowing their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹Now, about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together with Him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken from your composure or disturbed by a spirit, a message, or a letter thought to be from us, which says that the day of the Lord has already come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way, because that day will not come until the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed—the son of destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above everyone who is called God or every object of worship, so that he sits in the temple of God, displaying himself as God. ⁵Do you not remember that, while I was still with you, I kept telling you these things? ⁶And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷In

fact, the mystery of this lawlessness is already at work, but only until the one who is now holding him back moves out of the way. ⁸Then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy when He appears in splendor at His coming. . . . ¹³But we are always obligated to thank God for you, brothers, loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning for salvation by the sanctifying work of the Spirit and faith in the truth. ¹⁴For this reason He also called you through our gospel so that you would obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold on to the teachings that were passed along to you, either by word of mouth or by a letter from us. ¹⁶May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and in His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷encourage your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Please stand in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke

20:27-40

The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

27Some of the Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to Him. 28They asked Him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, his brother should take the wife and raise up children for his brother. 29So there were seven brothers. The first took a wife and died childless. 30The second took her as a wife, 31and so did the third, and in the same way the seven died and left no children. 32Finally the woman died too. 33So in the resurrection, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as a wife.” 34Jesus said to them, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. 35But those who are considered worthy to experience that age and the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36In fact, they cannot die any more, for they are like the angels. They are sons of God, because they are sons of the resurrection. 37Even Moses showed in the account about the burning bush that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord: ‘The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ 38He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to Him.” 39Some of the experts in the law answered, “Teacher, You have spoken well.” 40Then they no longer dared to ask Him anything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

LSB 524 |

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”



1	How	sweet	the	name	of	Je - sus	sounds	In
2	It	makes	the	wound - ed	spir - it	whole	And	
3	Dear	name!	The	rock	on	which I	build,	My
4	O	Je - sus,	shep - herd,	guard - ian,	friend,		My	



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
 way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

Message

Please stand.

✠ We Respond to the Lord's Grace ✠

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

A *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

Offering

A SPECIAL NOTE: The mission and ministries of Ascension are supported by the love, generosity and sacrificial giving of our members and friends. If you are a GUEST today, please do not feel obligated to make a contribution, but know that any financial gift which you make will be used to help share Christ's love and salvation. Our offerings are an important part of our

worship. Also, take a moment to fill out a blue Friendship Card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

Choral Anthem | 8:00

“We Rejoice in All Your Ways”

Vicki Bedford

A Tribute to Our Veterans

Video | “Two Freedoms”

Prayer of the Church

P Eternal Lord, You sent Moses to Pharaoh, giving him Your name and promising to go with him. Now You send us out into the world with Your name upon us from our Baptism and Your gracious presence going with us. Use us and work through us to accomplish Your gracious will. Confident that You accompany us,

C **we praise Your name.**

P Heavenly Father, You saw the afflictions of Your people in Egypt. Look on all who are oppressed by harsh governments, denied their human rights by corrupt courts, or cast aside by uncaring cultures. Visit, relieve, strengthen, and free them to worship You in peace and joy. Knowing Your answers are better than our prayers,

C **we praise Your name.**

P Lord Jesus, hear the prayers of all those displaced from their homes or seeking asylum in foreign lands, and protect all who work for order within societies and peace across borders. Assured that You can bring good out of every circumstance,

C **we praise Your name.**

P Holy Spirit, You knew the sufferings of the Israelites in Moses’ day. Listen to all who are struggling with illnesses of body, mind, or spirit, (especially . . .), and guide those who seek You to meet their various needs. Anticipating the contentment and health that await them in Your gracious plans,

C **we praise Your name.**

P Lord of the nations, Pharaoh did not know You in Moses’ day, and today whole nations have not heard our Savior’s name. Open doors of opportunity for lay and clergy leaders so that the Gospel may be proclaimed. Trusting that growth will come to the Church by Your will,

C **we praise Your name.**

P (Other petitions may be offered.) Eternal Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Together we

now pray the prayer that Your Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ has taught us how to pray:

- A** *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Please stand.

✠ We Depart with the Lord's Blessing

✠

Benediction

- P** The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the great I AM—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Parting Hymn

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The lyrics are: "O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is Your name in all the". The second staff has a first ending bracket and a second ending bracket. The lyrics are: "earth. O earth. O Lord, we praise Your name. O". The third staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: "Lord, we mag-ni-fy Your name: Prince of Peace, Might-y". The fourth staff has a first ending bracket, a "D.S." (Da Capo) instruction, and a second ending bracket labeled "Final ending". The lyrics are: "God, O Lord God Al-might - y. O y."

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Sending

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

✠ We Exit to Witness ✠

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This Week at Ascension



Notes – November 10

Flowers

The flowers in the altar area are given by B.J. Schwab in memory of her husband Jim.
Thank you!

Preschool

Ascension Lutheran Church Preschool offers a Christian-based curriculum for ages 2 to Pre-Kindergarten. Visit alconnect.faith for more information or contact the preschool at (915) 833-4849.

Membership

Those interested in membership at Ascension can go through the New Member Class online at our website: www.ALConnect.faith. Click on “Media” then the “New Member Class” link and follow the prompts. Please contact the office once you have completed the course.

Veteran's Recognition



All Veterans and Active Duty Military: Please stand and be recognized as we play your military branch song during the service. Please come to the front of the Sanctuary for a picture after each service!

LWML Quilt



Quilt drawing countdown ... three weeks from today some lucky person will take home the beautiful king size quilt on display on the LWML peg board in the fellowship hall. This lovely quilt was donated by Kay McLeod to Ascension's Lutheran Women's Group (LWML) to raise funds to support the mission work of the Lutheran Women's

Missionary League. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any LWML member.

Olive Wood Carvings from the Holy Land



Today we have a special opportunity to view products and creations in wood created by the hands of Christian artisans in and around the Holy Land region. The Rishmawi Family has been designated as the representative for these wonderful Christian artisans and has been authorized to show their olive wood carvings.

The tradition of olive wood carvings in the Holy Land has been handed down from father to son since the 12th century. Due to the difficulties the last few years in the Middle East, tourism has been dramatically reduced and these folks have suffered greatly. This is causing the Christian community to immigrate to different countries leaving the Christian population at 2% today from 25% fifteen years ago. We invite you to visit their display tables and view some of the finest handcrafts available from the Holy Land. This family

strives to bring these fine carvings to our church.

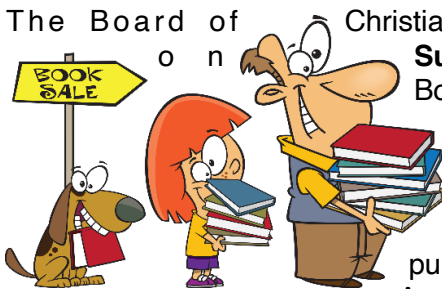
Congregational Meeting



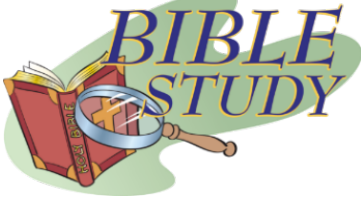
Ascension Lutheran Church Members: The congregational meeting will be held next **Sunday, November 17 at 12:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. The agenda includes approval of minutes of the last meeting, approval of 2020 Slate of Officers and Board Members and approval of 2020 Budget.

Christmas Book Sale

The Board of Christian Education will hold their annual Christmas Book Sale **Sunday, November 17, and Sunday, November 24.** Books for children, youth and adults will be available for purchase. Please peruse your Christmas Gift List and stop by the display in the Narthex to select that perfect gift for friends and family. You may even find a book that you might enjoy. Books may be purchased with cash or by check drawn payable to Ascension Lutheran Church placing the words "Book Sale" on the memo line. We look forward to seeing you at the sale!

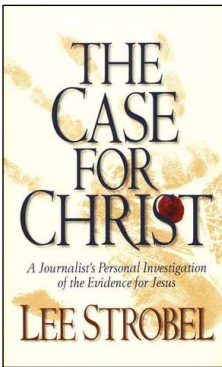


Adult Bible Class



Pastor Bestian will continue the study on the Book of Acts in chapter 19 during Family Bible Hour @ 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All members & friends of Ascension are encouraged to attend.

Youth Ministry



Archeology has become a form of science to prove or disprove history. Join us as we study “The Case for Christ”—archeological findings, new and old, in regard to the Gospels and their accounts of who Jesus is. All youth are encouraged to come downstairs to the Youth Room Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

Children’s Sunday School



Sunday School students studied the story of “David and Jonathan” today. Just as David’s and Jonathan’s brotherly love for each other reflected the love of God within their hearts, so, too, our love for others is the reflection of God’s love given to us through Christ. Parents could ask, “*How did David and Jonathan demonstrate their love and care for each other? How does God demonstrate His love and care for us?*”

Interim Sunday School Head Coordinator: Kim Bestian
Preschool – Kindergarten: Nethia Kelly
Grades 1-3: Linda Canada
Grades 4-6: Rachel Witty

Children’s Sunday School meets in the Children’s Christian Education Wing of the building.

Altar Care

Altar Care



There are openings to serve on the Altar Care (Guild) Committee!

January 2020 (10:30 am service)
February 2020 (8:00 am service)
July 2020 (10:30 am service)
August 2020 (10:30 am service)

Being a part of this committee is very rewarding. We ensure that the Altar is prepared for all services so that our Lord is glorified by a proper Altar setting. In signing up for Altar Care, you will be given instructions both personally and given a handout. This is a great opportunity for couples to serve together.

To answer Jesus's call to serve Him preparing His Altar, please contact the church office or Mary Rosenbaum at (915) 219-7156 or (920) 904-6279.

Stewardship Corner



Thanksgiving is a time that causes nearly everyone, including unbelievers, to count their blessings. While all of us are grateful for food, clothing, shelter, and good health along with family and loyal friends, only those who have faith in the Son of God can be truly thankful for the greatest blessing of all—the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift” (2 Corinthians 9: 15)!

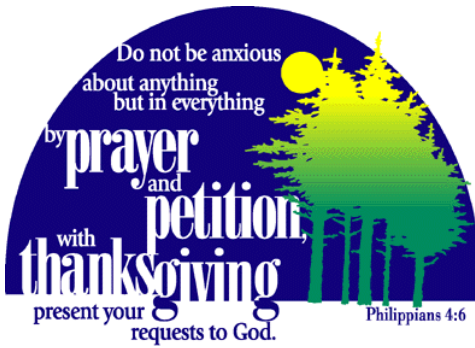
Newly Tinted Glass



A new tint film was recently applied to the interior of the entry doors, entry windows and the large windows of the narthex. This new tint film is solar silver with a U.V. block and heat and glare reduction. In order to keep our warranty and to prevent any damage to the new tint, no items will be allowed to be attached or taped to the windows or doors. Also, the only cleaning product that can be used on the tinted glass is water and/or an ammonia free solution. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Kent Switzer
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Prayer Ministry



If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, please call Olga Sullivan at 581-1450 or e-mail Jan Schlak at oveja6925@aol.com.

Please call the church office @ 833-1009 to include a prayer request for the bulletin.

Grieving: We pray for the families of **Jim Schwab** and **Pauline Sudnahufski** (Dana Schwitters' great aunt) as they mourn their deaths.

Celebrating: Prayers of thanksgiving to **Morris & Ruth Hibbs** (charter members of Ascension Lutheran Church) as they celebrated their 76th wedding anniversary on November 9!

Missions: Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute & Upbring

Immediate Concerns: **Harry Clark** (liver transplant needed), **Bill Gebler** (hospitalized), **John Switzer** (cancer), **Maria Oswald** (Inge Wozniak's mother), **Christina Maldonado** (Wozniak's daughter), **Scarlett Orwig** (leukemia—teammate of Madison Schwitters), **Sandra Larrison** (heart issues—pastor's sister), **Jesus Gomez** (Alicia Gomez's father), **Pastor Daniel Salinas** (heart attack), **Candy Gebler** (successful rehab), **Sue Anderson**, **Christine Dechert** (takotsubo cardiomyopathy—niece of Mary Rosenbaum), **Martha Neal**, **Harry Clark**, **Judie Pinal** (successful cancer treatments), **Rosie Aguirre** (friend of John Witty - cancer treatment), **Aaron Levenhagen** (Linda Canada's nephew—correct diagnosis), **Mona Chandler** (Alzheimer's—Harry Clark's sister), **Suzette Barber** (knee injury), **Cindy McGuire** (motorcycle accident), **Jerad Knight**, **Olga Sullivan** (Parkinson's), **Judy Freubenburg** (Ordella Uhde's sister-in-law), **James Goldsmith**, **June McClanahan** (Pastor's aunt—pancreatic cancer), **Brent Behrens** (continued healing after stroke), **Natalie Knight**, **Gloria Garcia** (friend of Weyers—heart attack), **Tony Evans** (ALS diagnosis), **Erin Naylor Leach** (friend of Hite family—successful rehab), **Herb Harper** (effective treatment), **Lorie Nadelborg** (inoperable brain tumor).

Ongoing Prayers: Bob Gallagher, Ron Spott, Annabelle Leupp, Todd Maki, Jerry Aguilera, Helen Allen, Rick Barber, Eric Bell, Juan Chacon, Peter Chisholm, Ron Cleavenger, Micah Cohen, Josephine DeMartelaere, Julie DeRusha, Humberto Garcia, Angelika Grossnick, Tina Guerrero, Wayne Kendrick, William Peevey, Lenae

Rasmussen, Cheryl Rasette, Eloisa Regalado, Gideon Rhodes, Alicia Rich, Paul Robinson, Julio Rodriguez, Gabriella Rubio, Garry Simmons, Bill Strickland, Louise Strickland, Anthony Sullivan, Tony Sullivan, Fred Svarney, Jim Swegarden, Jim VanEtten, Greg Vaughan, Grace Wells, Jim Werner, Marge Jordan

Deployed Troops: We thank the Lord for the safe return of Christopher Dahl. Please pray for all deployed troops and their families as they serve our country around the world.

This Week at Ascension

SUNDAY | 10 | VETERAN'S DAY SUNDAY

- 8:00 am Worship
- 9:00 am **Board of Christian Service**
- 9:15 am Family Bible Hour
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:45 am Confirmation
- 11:45 am Liturgical Dance Practice

MONDAY | 11 | VETERAN'S DAY

Church Office Closed
Preschool Closed

TUESDAY | 12

- 10:00 am Woman-to-Woman Bible Study
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY | 13

- 8:45 am Preschool Chapel
- 10:00 am Weight Watchers
- 11:15 am Sit & Sew
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY | 14

- 9:45 am Women's Bible Study (Schlak home)

SATURDAY | 16

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (church)
- 9:00 am **Board of Christian Education**
- 10:00 am **Board of Children's Ministry**

