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Ascension News

One Church, One Body, One Spirit, Serving all People.
Una Iglesia, Un Cuerpo, Un Espíritu, Siviendo a todo los personas.
Ib Lub Tuamtsev, Ib Lub Cev, Ib Tug Ntsujplig Ua Num Rua Txhaus Tug Tuabneeg.

Unified Pentecost Service

Sunday, June 5, 10:00 am

We will celebrate Pentecost and the Confirmation of three young people at a Unified Worship service on June 5th. There will be a congregational meeting in the dining room after the service to approve the budget and share lots of updates. We look forward to seeing everyone!



Church Picnic – get it on your calendar!

Saturday, July 30th, 10:00 am

Greenfield Park, Area # 3B, 2028 S. 124th Street, West Allis

Activities/games for all ages • Bring a dish to share, if able
• Bring your lawn chair •

Human Resources Activities

An orientation was held for volunteers who gather on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month to assist in distributing food bags to neighborhood families. Sue Kaschak, Interim Leader for the Food Ministry, provided an overview of the resources and organization needed to fulfill this essential ministry to families while I shared the content of Ascension's Volunteer Handbook, and expressed Ascension's appreciation for the work that is done by this dedicated group of Ascension volunteers. Sue has established relationships with community resources for food, and routinely shops for supplementary foods for the weekly distributions. Financial donations to the Food Pantry provide support for these additional purchases. Ascension is now able to help more than 75 families! Thank you, Sue, and your volunteers.

NOTE: June distribution dates will be Thursdays, June 9th and 23rd.

Diane Loppnow, Human Resources Chair

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English: 9:00 am

Spanish: 10:15 am

Hmong: 11:30 am

Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly 2022 Report

Pastor Bill and I, along with Pastor Novelli, José and Jacob Guerrero, and Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins were privileged to attend the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA 2022 Synod Assembly that took place on Friday and Saturday, May 20th and 21st. There was a full day and a half of agenda items. The most significant was the re-election of Bishop Paul Erickson for a second term as our bishop for the next six years. Highpoints of the assembly were:

- An inspirational keynote speech given by Krish O'Mara Vignarajah, President and CEO of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, which has helped over 500,000 migrants and refugees rebuild their lives in America
- Stirring messages by Pastor Marilyn Miller and Pastor Char Guiliani during worship

The business of the Assembly included:

- Approval of the Synod budget
- Adoption of Bylaw and Constitution changes, resolutions and memorials
- Elections to the Discipline Committee and Synod Council
- Roles and responsibilities of the bishop and his staff
- Presentation of the fund-raising campaign "Equipping the Saints" that is being introduced to all Synod congregations this year

Please don't hesitate contacting any one of us from Ascension who attended Synod Assembly for more detailed information.

Jack Loppnow

Ascension Contact information

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Pastor Bill Mains (interim pastor)

Pastor Germán Novelli Machado

Chuck Ellingson (office manager)

Building Team Update

The Building Team continues to monitor progress on the installation of the new roof. The sanctuary roof is now complete and the roofing crews are moving forward with the roof above the south wing. As sections of the roof are completed, our contractor is able to replace and repair the air conditioners on the roof.

A new security system has been scheduled for installation at the end of May. All sides of the building will now be monitored with a surveillance camera system. Another safety measure improves lighting in the parking lot to provide increased illumination.

We are also working to improve streaming capabilities in the sanctuary in order to provide dependable transmission to anyone who joins our Sunday worship services virtually.

Members of the Building Team are José Guerrero, Tom Kaschak, Chuck Kudy, Diane Loppnow, Jack Loppnow, Art Maes, and Ed Riebe.

Get it on the Calendar!

Contact Bonny Lopez in the church office with any church-related meetings, even if held virtually, or in a non-church location. Let's keep each other informed of our sacred work!

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Articles are due by noon on **Friday, June 17th**

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