



Ascension Lutheran Church // July 2026

Ascension News

One Church, One Body, One Spirit, Serving all People
Una Iglesia, Un Cuerpo, Un Espíritu, Sirviendo a todas las personas
Ib Lub Tuamtsev, Ib Lub Cev, Ib Tug Ntsujplig, Ua Num Rua Txhaus Tug Tuabneeg

Ascension S.W.A.G. Family Picnic

Ascension's S.W.A.G. (Saved with Amazing Grace) youth and families were all smiles at their recent S.W.A.G. Family Grill Out!



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Sunday Worship Services

English: 9:00 am

Spanish: 10:15 am

Hmong: 11:30 am

10:00 am unified worship
services at least once a month

For specific dates, see the
calendar under
News & Events at
www.ascensionmke.com.

2026 Unified Worship Schedule and Special Events

This schedule may change.

Unified Services (10:00 am)

July 19 – Hot Dogs & Ice Cream Social will follow

August 16

September 20 – God’s Work, Our Hands + Community Partners

October 25 – Reformation Sunday

November 1 – All Saints’ Day/
Día de Los Muertos

December 24 – Christmas Eve worship service, 4:00 pm

January 3, 2027 – Hmong New Year Celebration

11:30 am Worshipping Community

August 30 – 11:30 am Backpack Blessing

September 6 – NO worship service

September 13 – 11:30 am Blessing/Prayer for Hunters & Hunting Season with lunch to follow

December 13 – NO worship service

December 27 – NO worship service



2026 Special Events

Ascension Picnic

Saturday, 8/8/2026

10:00 am

Greenfield Park, Area 3B

Jerry Vang, 414.477.2997

Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday, 10/24/2026

Setup: 12:00 pm

Event: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

PangNha Vang, 414.336.8276

Egg Roll Fundraiser

Sunday, 11/15/2026

Lee Her, 414.477.8941

S.W.A.G. Youth Night:

3rd Saturday of each month,
6:00 pm-9:00 pm

SOC (Southside Organizing Center)

Safetyfest is Tuesday, August 4th

Silver City Fest

Saturday, September 12th

12:00 pm-5:00 pm

Pierce Street

AMIS Chrysanthemum Sale

Saturday, September 19th and

Sunday, September 20th

Doors Open Milwaukee Ascension Lutheran Church

Saturday, September 26th

10:00 am-2:00 pm

How to Contact Pastor Aida

Pastor Aida can be reached in several ways:

- Call or text her (if you don't have her number, ask her!)
- Send an email: pastoraida@ascensionmke.org
- Call the office: 414-645-2933

Voter ID Assistance



VoteRiders Helpline

All our services are free of charge!

We offer **FREE** assistance for:

- **Recovering documents** (eg. a birth certificate or Social Security card) and associated cost
- **Ride costs** to your local ID-issuing office or Social Security office
- **Fees** for Wisconsin ID or driver's license

Join an upcoming monthly VIDA clinic! Clinics are held on the last Thursday of every month. The ID Help clinics are for anyone of voting age.

WHEN: 4:00 pm-6:00 pm CST

WHERE: 1300 S Layton Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53215

www.VoteRiders.org/FreeHelp



Tour St. Joseph's Chapel



The School Sisters of St. Francis invite you to visit our beautiful St. Joseph Chapel. We offer general tours and tours that spotlight the life and legacy of St. Francis and St. Clare through breathtaking stained-glass windows, mosaics, and statuary. Individual and group tours are available. Details and online registration at www.sssf.org or contact Peter Berger, 414-944-6063, pberger@sssf.org.

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St. Joseph Chapel is Romanesque in style and cruciform in design. It is 200 feet long and 90 feet wide at its greatest breadth. The dome rises to a breathtaking 70 feet above the floor of the sanctuary.

Construction began in 1913 and was completed in just three years and seven months. Though it looks like a cathedral, St. Joseph Chapel is called a chapel because it can only be accessed from inside St. Joseph Center. There is no exterior entrance.

During the congregation's 150th anniversary year, St. Joseph Chapel underwent an extensive, multi-million-dollar restoration to ensure the integrity and beauty of this sacred space for generations to come.

Some details of the chapel:

- There are three altars in the main body of the chapel, designed by the E. Hackner Company of La Crosse, Wisconsin, a noted designer, manufacturer, and importer of artistic ecclesiastical furnishings



- Each altar is constructed of pure Italian Carrara marble and is carved and inlaid with multi-colored stones
- The many mosaics in the chapel were created in Innsbruck, Austria



- The chapel contains 115 stained-glass windows which were made in Innsbruck, Austria, especially for this chapel
- The chapel windows comprise the largest collection of Austrian stained glass in the United States



- A smaller Adoration chapel is located behind the sanctuary of the main chapel



Additional information and photos from www.sssf.org



Treasurer's Report

	<u>Through</u> 5.31.26 Goal	5.31.26 Actual	2026 Budget
Endowment	\$ 41,660.00	\$ 41,660.00	\$ 100,000.00
Donations	\$ 79,154.00	\$ 97,161.68	\$ 190,000.00
Building Rental	\$ 80,930.74	\$ 77,742.54	\$ 194,264.86
Misc	\$ 9,435.99	\$ 3,105.89	\$ 22,750.00
Roof Donations	\$ 6,249.00	\$ 17,972.00	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 217,429.73	\$237,642.11	\$ 522,014.86

Administration	\$ 117,965.52	\$ 115,793.90	\$ 283,162.56
Ministry	\$ 14,664.32	\$ 14,771.57	\$ 35,200.00
Building	\$ 63,114.90	\$ 76,049.70	\$ 151,500.00
Utilities	\$ 28,362.13	\$ 43,937.29	\$ 68,080.00
Recon. Discrepancies		\$ (5,050.48)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 224,106.87	\$ 245,501.98	\$ 537,942.56

Difference	\$ (6,677.14)	\$ (7,859.87)	\$ (15,927.70)
Outstanding Debt	\$246,959.27		

We continue to be grateful for God's blessings and for the generosity of our disciples and ministry partners. Through May, Ascension has received \$237,642 in revenue, which is more than \$20,000 ahead of budget. Giving remains strong, and donations toward our roof debt have already exceeded our goal for the year.

Expenses have been a bit higher than expected, particularly for building operations and utilities, resulting in a year-to-date deficit of \$7,860. Even so, our finances remain healthy, and we continue to make progress on our roof loan, which has been reduced to \$246,959. At this point in 2025, we had a balance of \$381,667 remaining.

Thank you for your continued support of Ascension's ministry. Your gifts, prayers, and involvement help us live out our mission and share God's love in our community every day.

If you have any questions on the finances of our church, please feel free to contact me at 414-758-4079 or kudy826@gmail.com

Charlie Kudy, Treasurer

Next Ascension News

August 4th

Articles are due by noon on **Friday, July 24th**.

Please email your group's content to:

Cindy Jackson, lead - cindy_jaxn@yahoo.com

Gail Brodersen-Heins, community - grheins@hotmail.com

Charlie Kudy, Ascension teams/website - kudy826@gmail.com

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Get it on the Calendar!

Contact Bonny or Chuck 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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Regular office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-4:30 pm

If you know someone who would like a printed copy of this newsletter, please contact Jan Fox at 262-782-5680 or Chuck in the church office.

