



Ascension Lutheran Church // August 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

From the Pastor's Desk

Summer has been here for a “minute” now, and this year has been a HOT one; grass is looking brown and some flowers are looking sad. Recent storms have done a number on certain parts of Wisconsin, so we keep folks in our prayers. I will be sharing with you if there are any fundraising efforts brewing at our Synod office to help our neighboring Synod.

For the most part vacation means a pause to breathe and recoup. For some, this means it's time to take those family vacations. For some of the youth, it means spending time at pools! Last month we had our SWAG Family Day. A couple of weeks ago our SWAG Youth Group spent a wonderful Saturday at Noah's Ark Waterpark, and they made sure this pastor joined them on most water slides. This month we will be having our first SWAGlympics event!

Summer though, is also a time for some to start looking ahead to the busy months when that “s” word ... school ... is back in session. With the beginning of school comes also the chaotic busyness of other activities, like our second and final year of Confirmation Class, Sunday School and Fall/Winter activities.

As we enjoy this last leg of Wisconsin's very short Summer season, may you be showered with blessings, health, and a very nice cool breeze.

Summer Blessings!

Pastor Aida



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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)

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

Silver City Fest

Saturday, September 12th
12:00 pm-5:00 pm
Pierce Street

AMIS Chrysanthemum Sale

Saturday, September 19th and
Sunday, September 20th

Outreach for Hope

Ride Run Walk

Saturday, September 26th
<https://www.ofhrrw.org/>

Doors Open Milwaukee Ascension Lutheran Church

Saturday, September 26th
10:00 am-2:00 pm

Pride Worship Service (rescheduled) Ascension Lutheran Church

Thursday, October 8th
6:00 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



AMIS News

Our next AMIS meeting is a summer party/meeting on Saturday, August 8th. It will be held at my house. Refreshments after 4:00 pm, followed by a shared meal at 6:00 pm. We will also have a presentation by Pr. Jon and Joan Jacobs on their trip to Palestine.

Reply to me at jcnfx@aol.com or 262-281-1690.

Jan Fox

Building Team Update

This summer, we have completed the refurbishment of our gym floors and kept a watchful eye on our AC systems during the heatwaves to prevent overload. Soon we will begin work with Faith in Place Environmental Justice to replace and rewire over 800 lightbulbs and ballasts in our building. We will be changing from fluorescent bulbs to more eco- and budget-friendly LED bulbs, thanks in part to a \$15,000 grant we were awarded last year, along with a generous donation of \$5,000 from an Ascensino disciple. With the new bulbs, we estimate a savings of up to 30% annually on our electricity bills!

The Ascension Endowment Fund has also agreed to fund a special building project for the installation of heat tape in our gutters. This project is integral for the protection of our building's masonry, as well as protecting our interior from suffering water damage from ice dams. An ice dam is a ridge of ice that forms along the edge of a roof. It prevents melting snow from draining properly. When water backs up behind the ice ridge, it can seep under shingles and into the building. The heat tape, which was installed in some parts of our building's gutter system when the

roof was redone, prevents this and allows the continuous flow of water for proper drainage. This heat tape will be installed in gutters along the south wall of the sanctuary, the central wing walls (Walker's Point Youth and Family Center, La Familia de Arte and Sunday School area) in front and back.

Also, over this summer, we have had a faithful group of volunteers who have worked to complete projects started during our Campus Cleanup in May including finishing the painting of the Lower Commons, the elevator lobby in the basement near Share Our Best Furniture Ministry, and ongoing lawn maintenance. Thank you for your time and efforts!

More building projects and updates to come this fall!

The Ascension Building Team



AMIS 7th Annual Plant Sale



**Ascension Lutheran Church
Saturday & Sunday,
September 19th & 20th**

AMIS (Ascension in Mission) is holding its Annual Mum Plant sale to raise money to help support mission projects, both locally and globally. Beautify your garden or home with a lovely, locally grown chrysanthemum plant and help support mission work.

Beautiful large mum plants will be available for purchase on September 19th & 20th, or you can **pre-order by calling Sue Kaschak at 414-982-7103**. Pick up or purchase plants in the gym that Saturday between 11:00 am & 1:00 pm or on Sunday after the unified worship service.

Plants are \$14 each, 2 for \$25, or 3 for \$40. All proceeds will go to support mission projects.

Diane Loppnow



Treasurer's Report

	Through 6.30.26 Goal	6.30.26 Actual	2026 Budget
Endowment	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 49,999.93	\$ 100,000.00
Donations	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 109,962.33	\$ 190,000.00
Building Rental	\$ 97,132.43	\$ 93,958.38	\$ 194,264.86
Misc	\$ 11,375.00	\$ 3,330.81	\$ 22,750.00
Roof Donations	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 17,972.00	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 261,007.43	\$ 275,223.45	\$ 522,014.86

Administration	\$ 141,581.28	\$ 138,550.74	\$ 283,162.56
Ministry	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 15,298.23	\$ 35,200.00
Building	\$ 75,750.00	\$ 85,558.43	\$ 151,500.00
Utilities	\$ 34,040.00	\$ 47,206.02	\$ 68,080.00
Recon. Discrepancies		\$ (5,050.48)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 268,971.28	\$ 281,562.94	\$ 537,942.56

Difference	\$ (7,963.85)	\$ (6,339.49)	\$ (15,927.70)
Outstanding Debt	\$244,502.82		

Next Ascension News

September 1st

Articles are due by noon on **Friday, August 21st**.

Please email your group's content to:

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

Ar Lee, Hmong ministry - lisab070520@gmail.com

We are well into the "dog days of summer"

Ascensionites, friends and community members! The heat is here, and I truly hope you all are enjoying the nice weather.

Thank you all for your continued support of our ministries here at Ascension, as giving has remained steady into the season. Ascension Endowment support continues, as does our campus income from our ministry partners. As of the end of June, we have paid off about \$20,000 in additional principal on our roof loan, and are aiming to pay off another \$15,000 before January 2027.

Our roof loan does reset September 1st, and will renew at a higher interest rate of around 7% (dependent on market conditions); however, because you, our disciples, our Endowment Fund, and our community have so generously given, Ascension has ambitiously paid down our principal from nearly \$900K+ in 2021 to \$244K in June 2026. That's over \$650K+ paid off in 5 years!

If you are interested in online giving via Vanco, please contact Chuck Ellingson in the office at 414.645.2933 or officemanager@ascensionmke.com.

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

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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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.

