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PASTORS' PERSPECTIVES



Goodbye October, Hello November

Welcome to November! Truly, half of me wanted to get to November 1st as fast as I could. The other half of me was happy to linger in the lengthy days of October that challenged and celebrated so much of who we are as the people of God.

October brought the gift of ministry wing spotlights – honoring Joyful Worship in September. Spiritual Growth, Mission Outreach, and Caring Relationships were recognized and lifted up as moments of learning and celebrating and invitation for you to engage in new ways as you consider your own opportunities to Worship. Grow. Walk. Serve. The marks of discipleship were introduced and/or reminded to us as we imagine our relationship with God moving and changing and being shaped to the glory of God.

October also brought the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. 500 years of honoring the idea of the Word of God as the foundation for our faith in God. 500 years of “justification by grace through faith,” as we continue to be reminded that it is God’s grace, and only God’s grace, that calls us to the promise of life. 500 years of learning how to live in the light of Christ even as the darkness of sin continues to live by God’s gift of free will given to us again and again and again. Even though we do not know the twists and turns of the path ahead, my friends, we do know where the path leads. We trust that God promises to call us home to be with God forever. Brothers and sisters, that may be the most important gift of the Reformation from the day of its birth, to today, and into tomorrow. Thanks be to God!

October also called us to gather for worship at the loss of our son, brother, and friend – Ryan Pichler. I am grateful to this community of faith – this family – who gathered to mourn, tend, give thanks, and surround the Pichler family through one of the most difficult moments any of us can imagine.

Can you see why I have been torn between wanting to welcome November while still lingering in the late days of October? The first Sunday of November brings two important events in the life of Ascension. On Sunday, Nov. 5, we gather to celebrate the festival Sunday of All Saints Day. On this day, we will gather to remember those who have gone before us. We will light candles and read the names of those who have died in the past year. At 12:30 p.m. that same day, we will gather for the annual meeting of Ascension to give thanks for all that God has done through us in the past year. We will elect council members, pass a budget for 2018, and appoint members of the church to attend the regional church gathering in 2018. We hope you will join us...even as the Packers are scheduled to play. #wedowhatwecan

November also invites us to celebrate our partnership with Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee on Nov. 12 at 9:30 a.m. at Cross.

We will celebrate Christ the King Sunday on Nov. 26 and look to the beginning of the season of Advent with a Advent worship service on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. A time to wander into the season that leads us to Christmas and the birth of a baby in a manger. Worship will be full of candlelight and singing and the celebration of communion as we enter into the season of expectation. Please join us on the journey. There is much that God is doing in us, among us, and through us here at Ascension. Come and see!

See you in church,
Rev. Christian Marien

Important Dates

- Sun., Nov. 5**
All Saints Day
- Sun., Nov. 5, 12:30 p.m.**
Annual Meeting, EH
- Sun., Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m.**
Partnership Sunday,
Cross Lutheran
Church
- Sun., Nov. 26**
Christ the King Day
- Wed., Nov. 29, 7 p.m.**
Advent Worship

Pastoral Acts

- Funerals**
Oct. 1, Ryan Pichler

*I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers...so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you...
~ Ephesians 1:15-16, 18*



Reach Out

We live in unpredictable and confusing times. Violence is on the rise and natural disasters are overwhelming. Sometimes, it feels like we do not know who will be in the land of the living from one week to the next. Fortunately, this time of year, as we enter the holiday season, we tend to be a little more thoughtful and a little more generous toward those around us, which is a wonderful sign of the season. However, sometimes, we can focus on our immediate household and not fully connect with relatives and friends who live far away. As we all know, life can be painfully and unpredictably short, so this holiday season, let us make every effort to reach out to loved ones and family members. Most importantly, we should reach out to those with whom we might have a strained relationship. We have no idea what the future holds; therefore, it implores us to be with family as often as possible.

Here's a Thanksgiving story of a father who is challenged by his family's situation and is willing to go to extreme measures.

A man in Tampa calls his daughter Sue in California just before Thanksgiving and announces to her that he is divorcing her mother after 50 years of marriage. The daughter exclaims, “What? You can't do that!”

“Oh, yes I can! We can't stand each other. Irreconcilable differences and all. To be honest, we really hate even seeing each other. We're glad to be done and I don't want to talk about it. Please, do me a favor. Let your sister and brother know since I just don't want to talk about it anymore.”

The daughter frantically calls her sister and brother, both of whom also explode and vow that their parents won't be getting a divorce. Sue calls back her father and tells him, “There's no way you're getting divorced. We're all coming there tomorrow to sort this thing out. Don't do or say anything to mom before we get there.”

The father hangs up the phone, turns to their mother and says, “Okay, it worked! We're finally going to spend Thanksgiving with the whole family and it won't even cost us a dime!”

Sisters and brothers, let this lighthearted story serve as inspiration to us to reach out to family members and loved ones. Let us make a concerted effort to reconnect with family members – especially if you're not on speaking terms. I know it can be severely challenging, but let bygones be bygones and agree to disagree, even if it means you have to say “sorry” first. This doesn't mean that we forget the past. But, rather, invite a more peaceful future. After all, we never know how much time we have left to make amends. So, this holiday season, let's seize every opportunity to repair broken relationships. That way, as we gather at our feasts, we can enjoy God's abundant blessings with hearts that are open and relationships that are restored. Now sisters and brothers, restored does not necessarily mean that the relationship will be perfect or overflowing with hugs and kisses, but the relationship will no longer be broken and will at least be on the path toward healing. What an amazing way to honor God this Thanksgiving - by living into our baptismal call through a spirit of reconciliation!

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good. Your sister in the journey,
Rev. Angela Khabel



Coming to Ascension...

November Seasonal Worship Services

Thanksgiving Worship
 Wednesday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m.
 Advent Worship Service
 Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m.

In December, come hear the timeless message of anticipation and incarnation shared in music and word at these two long-standing Ascension traditions:

Ascension Advent/Christmas Concert Worship

Choirs, Handbells, Praise Band,
 Instrumentalists
 Saturday, Dec. 9, 6 p.m.
 Sunday, Dec. 10, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program

Presented by BLAST students
 Sunday, Dec. 17, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Jubilate Chorale Christmas Concerts

Usher in the season of joy and goodwill with the Jubilate Chorale as they present *A Star in the East* on Saturday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, Oconomowoc; and on Sunday, Dec. 3, 4 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church in Brookfield. Tickets are available from Ascension members Sara VandenHeuvel, Scott Greger, and Vicki Taylor, or by visiting www.jubilatechorale.org.



You are Invited!

Be part of a very special Advent devotional this year, written for and by the Ascension Lutheran Church family and friends praising our Lord for the many ways God has and continues to bless us. We recognize all these blessings as "Gifts from the Lord," so that is what we are calling the Advent devotional.

The Prayer Team is asking you, as a dearly loved child of God, to briefly write and share with others how the Lord has blessed your life. Some of these blessed times have occurred through times of struggle; special events; special people in your life; nature; music and art; and many, many other ways. We celebrate and count our blessings at Thanksgiving, and during the time of Advent, we "ponder anew" what the Almighty can do - and does - as "Gifts from the Lord."

Please email your entries to the church office, tamie@ascensionelca.org. The devotional will be assembled and passed out at the beginning of Advent.

You are also invited to join the Prayer Team in the Prayer Room on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. for an hour of prayer for members and friends of the church, community, nation, and world.

BLAST

Nov. 5*, 12, 19, and 26** 9:45-10:35 a.m.

*Nov. 5 BLAST begins in large group, in East Hall, where we will celebrate baptism birthdays.

**Nov. 26 BLAST will take place in a large group format today - no individual classrooms. We will begin with music rehearsal for the Christmas program and then move into some fun group activities for the remainder of our time together.

Nov. 10 Family Movie Night

Don't miss this monthly FREE, FUN, FAMILY-FRIENDLY event. The featured film for November is *Cars 3*. Popcorn and beverages will be served and participants are invited to bring a snack to share. So put on your pajamas and grab a pillow and blanket and join us. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie begins promptly at 7 p.m.

CRASH Sunday Morning Conversation

On Nov. 5 and 12, high school students are invited into a deeper exploration of God's Word and how their lives are connected to current events in their own communities and throughout the world. We meet from 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Room (doughnuts/bagels, coffee, and juice will be provided).

CRASH "Come to the Well" Fall Retreat

Nov. 17-19, join us for a weekend of spiritual, physical, and mental renewal as we head to Chicago, IL for our annual fall retreat. We will be joined by the youth group from Bethel Lutheran in Madison as we immerse ourselves in the discovery of the power of water in our lives. The cost is \$125/participant. Contact Tony to sign up.

Puppets of Praise Update

While our official start is Jan. 7, we are meeting twice in November for some puppeting fun:

Nov. 5, from 9:45-10:30 a.m., in East Hall
 Nov. 12, from 9:45-10:30 a.m., in West Hall

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Anspach at puppetsofascension@gmail.com.

JOLT

Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 29 6:30-8 p.m.

There is no JOLT on Nov. 22.

CRASH

- 11/5; 9:45-10:35 Sunday A.M. Convo
- 11/5; 6-8 p.m. Youth Group
- 11/12; 9:45-10:35 Sunday A.M. Convo
- 11/17-11/19 Fall Retreat (Chicago)



CARING RELATIONSHIPS



HOPE Ministry: Thank you

HOPE ministry arose out of Ascension's GriefShare group; 8-12 men and women get together a couple of times a month for social events and service work. During Sept., HOPE sponsored a congregation-wide collection for the Women's Center in Waukesha. At the end of the month, members of HOPE delivered three loads of donations to a very grateful Women's Center. Thank you for your donations! Have you suffered loss and would like to get your life back on track? This is the perfect ministry group for you! Please contact Brenda if interested!



Chosen: Fostering Forever Families

Chosen, Inc. in Waukesha is a non-profit, foster and adoption support, Christian ministry that exists to foster forever families by living the Gospel so all children can experience a safe and loving home. What are some of the challenges facing foster and adoptive families? Children often come to families with few, if any, possessions. Foster parents face financial constraints with out-of-pocket expenses (clothing, food, furniture, equipment). Adoptive parents face challenging expenses as well, which often follow costly infertility and/or adoption expenses. Short notice placements mean basic clothing and equipment for the child's specific age or gender may not be readily available. Sibling groups add to the challenge foster and adoptive family face concerning budgets and the need for outside support. Chosen Family Closet is a new community ministry that matches children's items donations (gently used clothing/shoes, school supplies, toys, baby items, equipment, etc.) with local foster and adoptive families and kinship and guardian caregivers. All items are free to families! Chosen Family Closet is open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and by appointment throughout the week.

How you can help? The greatest needs are children's winter coats/jackets and boots (12 month-young adult) and snow suits (NB-nine months). All clothes need to be washed and gently-used, with no noticeable stains/tears/rips.

- Girls: dresses, 18 month-3T tops, Infants size 9 months-3T and size 6 and older
- Boys: pants (especially jeans) sizes 5T-young men's
- PJs: all sizes boys/girls
- Long sleeve onesies: 9 months-18 months.
- Shoes: child sizes 9-regular size 4 (dress shoes and tennis shoes)
- Thinsulate mittens
- Small kids hats

Contact Karen Schlindwein, at 262-853-1078 or via email at Karen@choseninlove.org, to set up a time to drop off items. Thank you for your support!

College Care Packages

Hello from Texas, Ascension!

Although it may seem trivial, in light of everything else going on in the world, to pack care packages for college students, it could honestly be life-changing for any one of these students and it is an incredibly important thing to do. College can be a very difficult time for young people, and as a recent college graduate, I can attest to the fact that getting mail was one of my absolute favorite things. Getting a care package from my church was even better! Filled with goodies and love, it always made me feel incredibly supported and cared for.

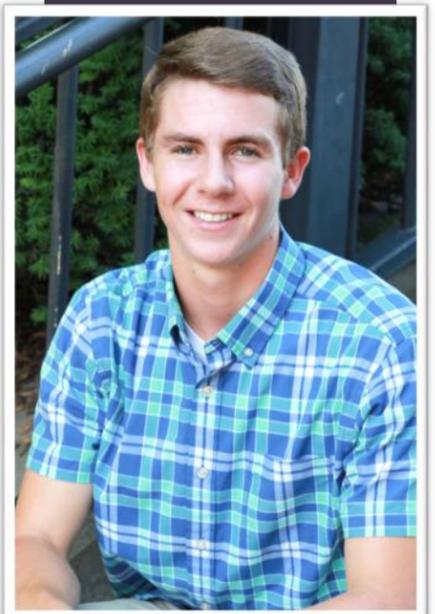
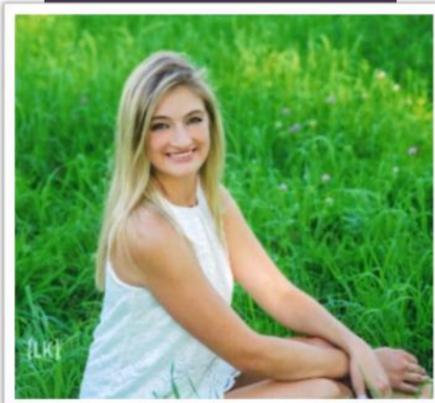
College is also a time when many young people turn away from the church. Growing the church is incredibly important and youth are the future and present of the church. If they feel as if the church has completely forgotten about them while they are going through one of the most transformative experiences of their lives, how likely are they to continue to be a part of the church during their lives beyond college? For this, I would argue that keeping young people engaged and supported is one of the most important things we can do as a church, and an excellent way to do that is to send a small memento to show a student that they are loved.

If you can find some way to help in this effort, be it donating some snacks, a package of fun-colored pens, or some money to help pay for postage, college students across the country will be so grateful, and so will the amazingly caring Tanya Maas and Amy James who are working hard to organize this and would appreciate any help you can give! They will be collecting items such as snacks, school supplies, small games (anything small enough to fit into a shipping box), or monetary donations on **Oct. 29, Nov. 5, and Nov. 12. Then be sure to come out on Nov. 12 from 4-6 p.m.** to help pack these boxes with love and get them sent off to students. **You can sign up your student to receive a care package at ascensionelca.org/events/collegecare.** Thank you!

Aleah Maas

We need these items!

- Homemade cookies (no nuts)
- Fun-sized packages of candy, crackers, or snacks
- Subway, Starbucks, or iTunes gift cards
- Gum/Mints
- Coffee, tea, or hot chocolate packets
- Stain remover or laundry detergent/pods
- Lip balm, toothpaste/toothbrushes, or lotion
- Pens, sharpies, highlighters, or Post-Its
- Razors and shaving cream
- Silly toys like Slinkys, silly putty, playing cards, Rubik's cubes, silly string
- Twinkle or small sets of packaged Christmas lights



CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Special Friends

Special Friends had a busy summer with a picnic, boat ride, and miniature golf. In Oct., we had our annual visit to the MKE Zoo for the Trick-or-Treat Spooktacular. In Nov., we will meet to get into the Christmas spirit by making gifts for families at local shelters. In Dec., we will do our annual service project, ringing bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle.

God designed the church to function like a body, wherein every member is important and needed. That includes people with special needs or challenges. Statistics show that only 5% of churches have an outreach to disabled persons and that 95% of the people who have disabilities are not active in any church. Why not? In many cases, churches are newly coming to awareness of the need for a disability ministry but have no idea how to start or what's involved. May you reach out and include people with special needs with grace and compassion, not scrutiny or pity (*Special Needs & Disability Ministry Resources*).

The poem at the right is from a parent and is great message to all who want to know *real love*.

Marge Schroeder, Ministry Leader

Young at Heart

Young at Heart meets for breakfast at Christina's on Delafield Street on the 2nd Wednesday each month (Nov. 8). We start at 9 a.m. We would love to see you there!

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, we have our potluck luncheon in Ascension's East Hall. We meet from noon-3 p.m. We enjoy an amazing lunch (bring whatever) and play cards or socialize for the remainder of the time. Come when you can and leave when you must.

Young at Heart is for anyone over the age of 55. No need to sign up, just show up. Call Celeste Defenbaugh, 262-370-4522, Beth Hoffmann 262-542-7447, or Arlene Davis 262-542-9119 with questions.

Journey of Hope Cancer Ministry

Ascension's new Journey of Hope Cancer Ministry is ready to launch. Care Ministries has six trained members who have accepted the calling to support and assist people with a cancer diagnosis. Do you know someone who belongs to our church family and would benefit from this ministry? Please contact Brenda Lytle at brenda@ascensionelca.org.

Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood Pressure screenings are available between services once a month. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to volunteer, we could use your help! Contact Brenda Lytle, brenda@ascensionelca.org.

BP Dates

- ◆ Nov. 1 ◆ Mar. 11
- ◆ Dec. 3 ◆ Apr. 15
- ◆ Jan. 14 ◆ May 6
- ◆ Feb. 11

A Special Child
You weren't like other children,
and God was well aware,
you'd need a caring family,
with love enough to share.
And so God sent you to us,
and much to our surprise,
you haven't been a challenge, but a
blessing in disguise.
Your winning smiles and laughter,
the pleasures you impart,
far outweigh your special needs,
and melt the coldest heart.
We're proud we've been chosen
to help you learn and grow.
The joy that you have brought us,
is more than you can know.
A precious gift from heaven,
a treasure from above,
a child who's taught us many
things, but most of all,
"Real Love."

A Taste of the Daniel Plan

If you want to see how fast you can go from being the life of the party to the unwelcome skunk at a picnic, just mention the word fitness among a group of people. With the modern lifestyle Americans lead today, intentional planned activities involving movement are more important than ever. Since people no longer even have to get out of their cars and walk into stores, it is more important than ever to incorporate weekly exercise into your lifestyle.

Many people say they don't have time to exercise. Did you know you can exercise as little as 12-20 minutes a day? This type of exercise is a short duration, high intensity approach through Super-fast and Fast exercise routines. It's a superior workout for anyone despite physical limitations and lack of fitness. This type of fitness allows you to get your workout in and get your life back. (Look up *MAX T3* or *Burst Training on the internet*). Perhaps this is something you would like to consider adding to your healthy lifestyle regimen.

For those embarking on a new fitness regimen, Sean Foy, Daniel Plan Health & Fitness Coach has compiled a list of 10 Do's & Don'ts that we would like to share for your consideration.

DO'S

- Do choose activities you enjoy; the best activities for you are the ones you'll do.
- Do get an exercise buddy or accountability partner to keep you honest.
- Do start off moderately, with a few minutes of exercise, and slowly increase.
- Do drink lots of water before, during and after your workout.
- Do cool down after exercising to relax your muscles and gradually lower your heart rate.

DON'TS

- Don't begin exercising without warming up first to prepare your body and mind.
- Don't try to race someone or get competitive when you are just starting out – you'll risk injury.
- Don't obsess over weight loss; concentrate on getting fit and using energy, and the weight loss will come in time.
- Don't let yourself get bored – add new activities to your routine.
- Don't forget about good nutrition. Eat a variety of foods every day, color your plate with as many different vegetables and fruits, and consider supplements to ensure complete nutrition and attain your optimal health.

Fitness is one of the Five Essentials in addition to Faith, Food, Focus, and Friends we cover during the six week Daniel Plan study. Please consider joining us for the next study starting Sunday, Oct. 29, from 6-8 p.m. in room 107. If you have questions or

This column offers health and nutritional information and is for educational purposes only. It is not a substitute for, nor does it replace, professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment of health conditions. Please consult your physician or other healthcare professional before

GriefShare Meal Opportunities

Are you or your ministry group looking for a volunteer opportunity? Care Ministries is looking for individuals, families, or small groups to provide meals for Ascension's GriefShare program on Nov. 21 and Nov. 28. Please sign up on the Care Ministries bulletin board or use the Sign-up Genius link: tinyurl.com/GriefMealsFall2017. Thanks!

THE DANIEL PLAN

New Session Begins

Oct. 29

6-8 p.m.





Partnership Sunday at Cross

Cross Worship Sunday this year is Nov. 12, at 9:30 a.m. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at Ascension to carpool. Please contact Shirley Wehmeier, pwehmeier@wi.rr.com, if you are interested in going. If you have never participated in a worship service at Cross, you will especially be blessed.

Cross Meal: Nov. 1

We served a spaghetti dinner at Cross Lutheran Church in October. I wish all of you could see how thankful people are to get a warm meal. The meal consisted of spaghetti, meat sauce, Parmesan cheese, salad, fruit cocktail, rolls and butter, and desserts. Thanks to all of you who work to make this a success (serving, donating, and making desserts). In November, Ascension will serve on Nov. 1.

Cross Lutheran Church also has a food pantry after lunch on Wednesdays. They provide food for 100-200 people each week. Our church donates food for the pantry. Donation bins are in West Hall. Cross also has a medical clinic giving free medical attention to those in need. This is a small church doing great things to help the community. Call Arlene Davis, 262-542-9119, with questions.

Cross's Food Pantry provides food for 100-200 people each week!

It's MAC-VEMBER!!

Remember to donate food items for the Cross Food Pantry and help Ascension build Mt. Macaroni during November. We will be collecting mac and cheese boxes and stacking them to see how high of a mountain we can make.

Cross provides close to 200 people with food each week at their food pantry. Simple, main-dish foods are important because some people have limited cooking facilities. Mac and cheese provides a hot meal that is easy to prepare. When you are shopping over the next weeks, remember to add a box or boxes of mac and cheese, bring it to church, and help us build Mt. Macaroni!



Partnership Recipes

In our covenant with our Tanzanian and Salvadoran partners is a promise to learn about each other's cultures. What's better than experiencing culture through food? Here are the recipes for the food we served during the Mission Outreach Spotlight Sunday.

Mama Kyara's Tanzanian Beef Stew

Mama Kyara runs the Meru Diocese guest house and served this soup to a delegation from the Greater Milwaukee Synod

Serves 4-6

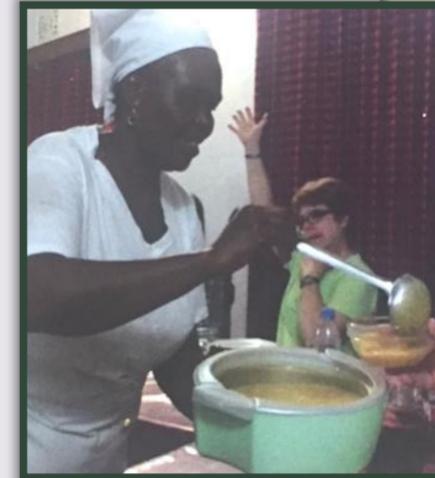
Ingredients:

- Oil (1/2 cup)
- Onion (1 medium, peeled & chopped)
- Stew meat (2 lbs.)
- Potatoes (2-3, cubed)
- Salt (1 T)
- Lemon juice (1/4 cup)
- Carrots (1-2, sliced or chopped)
- Tomatoes (3-4, chopped)
- Water (1 cup)
- Curry powder (1 tsp)

Note: Other vegetables can be added to the stew.

Instructions:

(1) In a deep pan, fry the meat in half the oil. (2) Add the salt, lemon juice, & water. Reduce heat. (3) Heat the remaining oil in another pan. Add the curry powder while stirring. Add the onions, potatoes, & vegetables. Stir over medium heat until onions are clear. (4) Add the curry-onion-potato mix to meat. Simmer until the meat and potatoes are done. (5) The stew may be served in bowls over rice or noodles.



Meru Coffee Project

As you plan your holiday entertaining or Christmas gifts, please consider purchasing one of the coffees available through our Meru Coffee Project. K-cups are also available. Stop at the coffee cart on Sunday mornings to enjoy a cup and then purchase a bag or two for home or for the upcoming holidays. If we don't have what you want in stock, please let us know and it will be available by the following week. Just let the server know what you need.

Salvadoran Guacamole

(Jenny Aparicio's recipe)

- 3 avocados
- 4 hard-boiled eggs
- Dash of salt
- Splash of lime juice

Cut the eggs and avocados into small pieces. Sprinkle with salt. Gently mix together (avoid mashing the eggs and avocados). Cover with a small splash of lime juice to prevent browning. Salvadorans also keep the pit with the guacamole to keep it from browning.

Serve immediately.



Mission Outreach Spotlight

MO would like to thank our community partners for participating in our Spotlight Sunday. We hope that this proved to be a chance for agencies to spread the word about their services and that Ascension members will consider volunteering at the community partners' agencies. Individuals or small groups are welcome to volunteer.

Thrivent Action Teams

If you are a Thrivent member and have not used your two chances to set up an action team for a \$250 grant for a project, please consider applying for a Mission Outreach activity. We have several projects that could use the extra support. Contact Shirley Wehmeier if you would like more information.

Tutoring Update

Students and tutors participated in a fun learning experience on Saturday, Oct. 8. Shelly Jacobson, a Waukesha County Technical College instructor; her daughter, Valarie; and Stephanie Hansen, Program Manager for Great Waukesha Literacy presented the students with ten cardboard boxes. Each one contained a different object. The students held the boxes, shook them, and smelled them to try to guess what was inside. After each student handled all of the boxes, they made guesses as to what was inside each box. They were surprised to find one contained canned tomato soup, another pasta, and another a hairbrush. Then, they made suggestions as to what adjectives could be used for each object. It was an activity that allowed them to apply their new English skills for nouns and descriptive words.

New students have been joining us each week and we continue to encourage new tutors to join us as well. Students need help with everyday conversation, obtaining U.S. citizenship, and learning the English language through reading, writing, and listening/speaking. Contact Barbara Nordberg at bnordberg@wi.rr.com for more information.



The 19th Annual Hope Thanksgiving Dinner and Auction

Hope Center's annual fundraiser is Nov. 16 with cocktails and silent auction at 5 p.m. Dinner and live auction begin at 7 p.m. The event is at Country Springs Hotel, Pewaukee. This gala dinner event includes raffles, games, and a time to share in fellowship. The cost is \$85/person. If you can't attend the event, please consider donating a basket for the silent auction. Small groups can work together to plan and provide a themed basket; it can be fun to put together and will bring support for the Hope Center. Contact Shirley Wehmeier for more information or to donate, pwehmeier@wi.rr.com.

Hebron House

Lights, Camera, Auction! Join others for the 2017 gala to support Hebron House on Nov. 3, at 6 p.m., at the Legend of Brandybrook, in Wales. The evening includes, an open bar and hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet dinner with wine, fun raffles, and both silent and live auctions.

Hebron House provides safe housing and housing resources for those who are homeless or are in inappropriate living situations. Contact Shirley Wehmeier for more information.

Treasurer's Report: October 2017

In September, we struggled to meet our income and spending targets. General giving for the month continued to fall short of projected amounts, showing an overall reduction of \$4,900. The YTD giving shortfall of \$11,400 represents a 2% shortfall in percentage terms.

YTD expenses are under budget by \$2,200, so overall spending is well within budget totals for the year.

The monthly income shortfall combined with the previous month's shortfall contributed to a YTD income/expense deficit of \$9,200, which represents 1.7% of the YTD Budget.

Darwin Moore, Treasurer

September 2017 YTD		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$526,500	\$515,200
Expenses	\$537,600	\$535,400
Inc.-Exp.	(\$11,100)	(\$20,200)

Thank You from Hebron House

Thank you for supporting families and individuals in crisis. Your generous gift of \$113.64 provides safe and stable shelter, food, and supportive care to homeless individuals who have nowhere else to turn. With your help, Hebron House provides emergency housing for men, women, and children every night of the year. Guests entering any one of our three facilities receive a warm meal, clean bed, shower, and laundry facilities and the opportunity to take control of their future. Your donation makes it possible, and we are all truly grateful.

On behalf of our staff and all those who received these services, you have our sincerest appreciation, respect, and gratitude.

Kris Androsky, Executive Director

Annual Meeting

Please plan on attending Ascension's annual meeting on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 12 p.m. in East Hall.



November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
KEY EH East Hall HR Hearth Rm. N Narthex NR Nursery PL Parking Lot PR Prayer Rm. S Sanctuary WH West Hall YR Youth Rm.			1 8am Private PR 9:30am Cross Meal, Offsite 12:30pm Women's Grp PR 5:30pm Yth Ringers S 6pm JOLT Dinner WH 6:15pm Handbells S 6:30pm JOLT EH 7pm Ballantyne Grp 107 7pm AA Wisdom WH, HR 7:30pm Choir S	2 10am Al-Anon WH 5pm Angel Choir 5:30pm Joyful Sounds	3	4 9am Tutoring 106, 107, HR, PR, WH 9am Choir S 1pm Handbells S
5 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Ends 8:30am Worship 9:30am Puppets WH 9:45am BLAST EH 9:45am CRASH Convo YR 10:45am Worship 12pm Annual Meeting EH 6pm AA Beginner WH 6pm CRASH EH, YR 6pm The Daniel Plan 107 7pm AA closed WH	6 9:45am Al-Anon WH 5:30pm Prayer Grp PR 6:30pm AMEN 107	7 6:30am AMEN 107 9:30am TGIT 107 9:30am Women's Bible Study HR 5:30pm GriefShr Meal WH 6pm GriefShr YR	8 8am Private PR 9am YAH Breakfast, Offsite 11:45am Men's Grp 106 5:30pm Yth Ringers S 6pm JOLT Dinner WH 6:15pm Handbells S 6:30pm JOLT EH 7pm AA Wisdom WH, HR 7pm Ballantyne Sm Grp 107 7:30pm Choir S	9 10am Al-Anon WH 10am TGBG PR 5pm Angel Choir 5:30pm Joyful Sounds	10 6:30pm Movie Night EH	11 9am Tutoring 106, 107, HR, PR, WH 9am Knit Fest EH
12 Newsletter Deadline Partnership Sunday @ Cross 8:30am Worship 9:30am Puppets WH 9:45am BLAST 9:45am CRASH Convo YR 10:45am Worship 4pm College Care Packing WH 6pm The Daniel Plan 107 6pm AA Beginner WH 7pm AA closed WH	13 9:45am Al-Anon WH 1pm Living Letters 106 6:30pm AMEN 107	14 6:30am AMEN 107 9:30am Women's Bible Study HR 5:30pm GriefShare Meal WH 6pm GriefShare YR 7pm Holloway Grp 107	15 8am Private PR 12pm YAH Potluck EH, WH 12:30pm Women's Nurture Grp PR 5:30pm Yth Ringers S 6pm JOLT Dinner WH 6:15pm Handbells S 6:30pm JOLT EH 7pm AA Wisdom WH, HR 7pm Ballantyne Sm Grp 107 7:30pm Choir S	16 10am Al-Anon WH 5pm Angel Choir 5:30pm Joyful Sounds	17	18 9am Tutoring 106, 107, HR, PR, WH
19 Crash Fall Retreat 8:30 Worship 9:45am BLAST EH 9:45am BP Screening HR 10:45am Worship 12pm Praise Band S 4pm Special Frnds, Puppets WH 6pm The Daniel Plan 106 6pm AA Beginner WH 7pm AA closed WH	20 9:45am Al-Anon WH 5:30pm Prayer Grp PR 6:30pm AMEN 107	21 6:30am AMEN 107 9:30am TGIT 107 9:30am Women's Bible Study HR 5:30pm GriefShr Meal WH 6pm GriefShr YR 7pm Council 107 7:30pm Choir S	22 8am Private PR 7pm Thanksgiving Worship S 7pm AA Wisdom WH, HR	23	24	25 9am Tutoring 106, 107, HR, PR, WH
26 Advent I 8:30 Worship 9:45am BLAST 10:45am Worship 6pm The Daniel Plan 107 6pm AA Beginner WH 7pm AA closed WH	27 9:45am Al-Anon WH 12pm Knit Wits EH 6:30pm AMEN 107	28 6:30am AMEN 107 9:30am Women's Bible Study HR 5:30pm GriefShare Meal WH 6pm GriefShare YR 7pm Holloway Grp 107 7:30pm Choir S	29 8am Private PR 5:30pm Yth Ringers S 6pm JOLT Dinner WH 6:15pm Handbells S 6:30pm JOLT EH 7pm Advent Worship S 7pm Ballantyne Sm Grp 107 7pm AA Wisdom WH, HR	30 10am Al-Anon WH 5pm Angel Choir 5:30pm Joyful Sounds		

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