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Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Still the words of resurrection hope and promise ring in our ears as we make our way towards the last days of the season of Easter and are about to be overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit's presence in the coming season of Pentecost. If you are having trouble remembering the story, the disciples are together in one place – Jesus has ascended into heaven – and the disciples are at a little bit of a loss even as they have received their direction from Jesus to, “go into all the world and baptize in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” And as the disciples are gathered, the winds of the Spirit begin to blow and tongues of flame rest over each of the disciples and scripture says, “all were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues.” There is so much more to the story, but what is important to me is the end of that verse where Luke talks about speaking in other tongues.

We so often hear those words and immediately begin to imagine other languages. I am led to believe that “other tongues” also references different expressions of who we are as the People of God together. As I write these words, I am reveling in the preaching and worship of colleagues who gather each year for the Festival of Homiletics. An Olympics of preaching if you will – preaching not for title or crown – but for the encouragement and conviction and upbuilding of fellow preachers in the Church. I use Church with a Capital “C” because there are Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Salvation Army, Catholic, Episcopalians, African Methodist Episcopalian, and Baptist preachers all together in one place. And the “other tongues” I am experiencing are preaching and proclaiming God's Word in some incredible ways.

All that being said, I am wholly aware of this life and calling as pastor that always invites me to moments of reflection on who I am as pastor and who we are as the community of Ascension. I am overwhelmed with what the Holy Spirit has been doing around Ascension. The Mission Outreach dinner and fundraiser was really a tremendous outpouring of both God's love and the Spirit's presence. Yes – we raised a lot of money to tend travel costs for delegates from Tanzania and assist with travel costs for delegates heading to El Salvador; BUT we also saw the gifts of fellowship, education, partnership, and multi-generational community. It truly was a sight to behold. More than 140 members of Ascension, family, and friends gathered to help us walk the journey of accompaniment together.

In the midst of such joy, I am also excited and a little bit overwhelmed by the growth and ministry happening with our Spanish Language Worshipping community. Edwin Aparicio, Ascension's Spanish Language Minister, has been providing for and tending a fledging community of native Spanish speakers that is now firmly standing alongside our English speaking worshipping community. I am grateful for the Holy Spirit's work. Five years ago, if you had asked me if Ascension would be sharing in the development of a Spanish language worshipping community within our own walls I would have laughed and said, “probably not!” Except – God knew better. God knows better. And our ideas and hopes and dreams are but one side of the coin when we step into sharing God's mission and ministry in the world.

In less than a year, our Spanish language worship has grown from 12 to 27 in average worship attendance. A Spanish language Bible study is meeting weekly with 7-12 in attendance. Edwin is preparing to begin first communion classes. It is a wonderful expression of the “other tongues” that Pentecost introduces not simply in language but in ministry and action and faithful following of our God.

I am a firm believer that a church expecting to not just survive but actually succeed in sharing the story of God's love and the saving power of Jesus needs to be open to what God is doing in

the world. A church, like Ascension, knows better than most that to give glory to God means to focus on worship – giving our very best to God. We are committed to tending people – young and old and everyone. We are confident and unapologetic in our telling the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We are excited to be about God's work in our church, our neighborhoods, our city, and our world. We know, and I am happy to remind you, that each of us carries a tongue of fire above our heads. We reflect God's light into the world. We are “other tongues” telling the story of death and resurrection through our words, our actions, and our willingness to learn, reflect, and engage with the people we love – the enemies we need to love - and all those we have yet to meet. Thank you for being an “other” tongue of fire. Thank you for being another tongue of fire, added to other tongues of fire at Ascension and around the world that speak and live out words of hope to our world.

Blessed Pentecost to you! You are called to follow in this season of fire and freedom – where God unleashes the Holy Spirit's power on you and all the world to the great glory of God.

See you in church.

Pastor Chris

The Blessings of a Second Sanctuary

Ascension is not alone in starting a worship service in a second language, but we have a unique approach.

Most churches have their Spanish service separate from when the English-speaking community is in the building. As we began to plan for this new ministry, our Latino members didn't want their children to be kept separated from the rest of the activities on Sunday morning and the adults still wanted to be able to see their friends during the fellowship time between services. The most logical way to achieve this was with simultaneous worship. This has allowed us to continue to create a more diverse congregation at Ascension instead of two separate congregations that share a building. The children of the new members can't wait to join the children's music ministries and BLAST in the fall. Because of sharing time together Sunday mornings, Latino members of all ages have felt comfortable participating in other activities of the church.



By reverting the East Hall into a part-time sanctuary, this has allowed our Latino members to create a worship space that makes them feel completely at home. They spend nights and weekends working on projects as their gifts to the church to beautify the space. Because of this sacred space, Latinos that are in the building for other events have begun to feel a part of this ministry as well. Anell, the church's cleaning person, has told Edwin that she has been moved by the Spanish Sanctuary and now comes early to work in order to have time to pray before she “punches in.” She has such love for this new ministry that she spent \$55 of her earnings on a basket to support Spanish-language ministry at Ascension that we auctioned off at the mission outreach dinner. She is saving money for another raffle basket.

Feel free on a Sunday morning to stop into the Spanish Sanctuary to experience worship in another language or simply to say “Buenos Dias” before or after service.

Pastoral Acts

Baptism

Carson Douglas Argall, May 12
Olivia Catherine Siegrist, May 19

Wedding

Savannah Walczak—Jason Adlam, May 18

Funeral

Walter "Wally" A. Doering, April 28

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

BLAST Teachers Wanted

While our year has just ended, it is time for us to begin thinking about plans for the fall. You are all aware that BLAST runs on volunteers. Tony Acompanado, Director of Faith Formation, guides our planning, helps with curriculum, often does the organization for events such as our day at Green Meadows, acts as a sounding board for different issues and teaches special lessons for Stepping Stones. He needs volunteers to handle the weekly needs of Sunday School and volunteers to teach.

BLAST would not be possible without you, the adult members of our congregation. For the past two years, we have worked with an amazing group of parents and older members, who wanted to share their faith. All of them would tell you they had "FUN!"

If you volunteer to teach we will:

- Provide you with a partner, so you can miss a Sunday
- Provide you with lessons that require about one hour of preparation
- Provide you with a craft or activity to support the lesson
- Provide you with all the supplies you will need
- Provide your students with special activities such as music, offered by Mrs. Taylor, and puppet shows by the Puppets of Praise

Finally, the members of Ascension will provide you with children who want to learn the stories of our faith, ask questions and see how their faith works in the world. They will amaze you!

Please think and pray about joining us, if only to just try it for one year. Contact Vicki Marien, 209-366-3832, or Sue Williams, 209-510-2691, for more information.

Vicki Marien & Susan Williams



Linnea Kinunen & Daisy

For every Sunday a student attended BLAST, their name was placed into a drawing basket. At our year-end celebration, Linnea's name was drawn as the winner of Daisy, our goat mascot.

JOLT Adventure Camp

JOLT students will travel near the Dells for several fun-filled days of kayaking, rock climbing, zip lining, and many other adventures exploring God's beauty in all of creation. Please keep us in your prayers as our group experiences God's creation firsthand, building relationships with each other and Him along the way.



JOLT students, May 2019

CRASH Toweling & Sending

Join us in worship on Sunday, June 2, at 10:45 a.m. as we celebrate graduating seniors, along with family and friends. We will celebrate this milestone and offer a special blessing as the students prepare for the next step in their journey. Congratulations, graduates!

2019 Graduates

Kameron Anderson
Genevieve Anspach
Jordan Ehrlich
Alex Gallo
Brandon Gunderson

Brandon Hoff
Grace James
Sidney Keene
Kaylee Keller
Cassandra Leber

Brooke Lytle
Cassie Pine-Wucker
Sydney Venske



CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Young at Heart (55+) Spring Trip to the Dells

We will meet at Ascension Thursday, June 6, at 7:45 a.m. to board the bus to the Wisconsin Dells. Our trip will take us to the Upper Dells Boat rip. After the boat ride, we will enjoy lunch at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant before returning to Waukesha at around 4 p.m. See you then!

Potluck Lunch June 19

On Wednesday, June 19, please join our Young at Heart group for a potluck luncheon in the East Hall at noon. After lunch, we will have time for socializing and game playing. If you are over 55 and would enjoy meeting more people, this is the place to be. There is no need to register, just show up. If you have questions, contact Celeste Defenbaugh 262-370-4522, Beth Hoffmann 262-542-7447, or Arlene Davis 262-542-9119.

Outdoor Service & Cook-Out

On June 9th and June 23rd, everyone is welcome to enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, chicken and all the fixings after the 10:45 outdoor service. So invite your friends for lunch and enjoy some good food with friends – we'll see you at the grill! AMEN is providing the grill items. Please bring a dish to pass.

Gratitude



Thank you to the congregation for the **Chosen Baby Drive!** Chosen Executive Director Karen Schindwein is grateful to Ascension for all of the donations and support for foster kids in Waukesha. We donated five large bins of clothing, blankets, socks, bath and safety accessories, pacifiers, bottles, baby wipes, sippy cups, books, and pictures for Chosen. Thank you for your generosity!

Christian Line Dancing was a success! We are so grateful to instructor, Linda Elder for leading the Christian Line Dancing session for five weeks. An amazing 25 people (from teens to older, men and women) participated and enjoyed physical exercise to the tunes of Christian Music!

Thank you to all who ordered flowers and plants from our **Care Ministries Plant Sale** this spring! The funds will support Care Ministries and keep our ministries growing. Thanks to Marcy Schaefer and Erica Probst for all of their hard work to make the plant sale a success!

Care Ministry volunteers: MaryLou Charapata, Arlene Sieffert, & Kathy Wojtkiewicz



Be the Village

You may have noticed the light blue “Be the Village” t-shirts that have been worn the past few weeks. These are members of our new Foster Care/Adoption care ministry that we named: “Be The Village Ministry. Our mission statement for our Be the Village ministry is: *Educate, Support, and Care (children and families in the foster/adoption care system).*

We have hosted speakers on information and statistics about the foster system, and how Ascension can make a difference. This ministry has hosted children’s clothing drives, baby supply drives, and our next drive will be the school supply drive in June/July for foster children in Waukesha.

Ascension was represented by some walkers in the Chosen Walk at the zoo on May 11 and the walk to was help raise awareness and funds to support this amazing community resource in Waukesha.

Our Talk ‘n’ Tie event was between services on May 19. People were able to sit at tables and visit while they tied fleece blankets for teens in the foster system. Our congregation was able to be a part of our village. Thank you!

Be the Village Family Picnic

Add this to your summer calendars! Following the 10:45 church service on July 14, we will have a family picnic in the back parking lot/pavilion area. Our ministry families as well as foster families in our community will be invited! We will host picnic food and have activities and games for the children! Rain or shine. If it is raining the picnic will move into West Hall.

Red Cross Babysitting Classes Now Online

Designed for youth ages 11 and older, this online course will prepare students to be better babysitters. Topics include how to provide care for infants and children; how to stay safe; what to do in an emergency; how to choose age-appropriate activities; and how to recognize and handle a variety of behaviors. Students will also learn the basics of starting a babysitting business. The course consists of six interactive modules featuring video, activities, games and tools babysitters can use to build their knowledge and skills and manage their babysitting business. This course takes about four hours to complete. Students who successfully complete the course will receive a printable certificate. Cost \$40 and this class can be taken at your convenience around summer sport camps and family vacations.



Hope (Healing Our Pain...Eventually)

Hope Ministry is a group from our past and present GriefShare members which include approximately 40 participants.

We are having a **summer picnic on Tuesday, June 18, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** in the shelter at the park next door. We will brainstorm and make some new plans for this ministry for more activities we can enjoy together for the summer months! Rain or shine (in the West Hall in church in case of inclement weather). RSVP to Brenda, brenda@ascensionelca.org or 262-547-8518.



Cancer Care Ministry

Our Cancer Care Ministry helps members of our congregation. If you know of a congregational member or family that could use some assistance walking their cancer journey, please contact Brenda Lytle.



Resources to Become
a Foster Parent
Saint A's Foster Care
Children's Hospital of WI
Foster Care
Waukesha County Health and
Human Services

MISSION OUTREACH

PARTNERSHIP NEWS: El Salvador

We have a team of seven Ascension members headed to El Salvador on July 31. Edwin and Sarah Aparicio, Bryn and Jeff Kirk, Jeremy Polling, Paw Pa Soe, and Peggy Thrasher will be our delegates visiting our sister parishes in San Jorge and Usulután, as well as celebrating Synod-wide events. Please keep them in your prayers. We usually travel to El Salvador on odd years, so our next trip will likely be in 2021.



Edwin Aparicio and Peggy Thrasher, El Salvador, 2018

PARTNERSHIP: Cross, Milwaukee

We will be serving a spaghetti meal at Cross Lutheran Church on Wednesday, June 5. If you would like to volunteer to prepare and serve the meal, be at Ascension by 9:15 a.m. and we will carpool and leave for Cross by 9:30 a.m. We return around 1:30 p.m. If you are willing to provide a dessert, please have it at church by 9:15 a.m. Reports have come back that the chicken dinner served by Marge Schroeder and her group last month went over very well. Thanks for all the hard work putting that together. If you have questions, contact Arlene Davis or Marge Schroeder.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

All Are Welcome! Community Block Party Aug. 10

Save the date! Last summer we hosted our second community block party. It was a great success. We had a crowd of both members and people from the neighborhood. This year's event will be August 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity to invite someone who does not have a church home to come with you to this fun event to get to know Ascension.



Community Block Party 2018

We have a committee that has already done a lot of planning but would love to have more people to help in the planning and to volunteer at the day of the event. We will need help in the following areas: Food planning and serving, publicity and invitations, adult activities, children's activities, set-up and clean-up. The Carlos Adames Band from our first block party is back by popular demand and our entertainment will be the Trinity Irish Dancers. We'll also have the bounce house and big slide.

The door prizes are a big hit with our guests so if you have something you could donate, please contact Steve and Carol Spieker. We need prizes for kids and adults. Watch the e-alerts and bulletin for more needs as the date gets closer. If you would like to help, please let Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com, know as soon as possible. The committee will meet again on Tuesday, June 4, at 6:30 p.m. and we hope to see you there.

Tutoring

The fourth year of Ascension's tutoring program is fast coming to an end. You may wonder about the accomplishments of the students. There are many! For example, teachers in the middle school noted that:

- One of the students has improved his reading and writing.
- Another student has completed all of his sight words.
- A third student now leads classroom discussion and has increased his motivation.

Additionally, adults have vastly improved their writing abilities and reading comprehension. At home, they are reading stories to their children. Students are improving their understanding of the American culture and are able to discuss sensitive issues with their tutor. Verbal communication has improved to the point that students can tell their tutor about what they have done during the past week.

While we are taking a break for the summer, we are eagerly looking forward to fall and renewing our relationships with the students. A big "Thank you!" to all of the tutors and those of you who supported the program this year.



Outreach for Hope Bike Ride Sept. 7

Mark your calendars for the annual Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride on Saturday, Sept. 7, and join the fun as we ride to support Outreach for Hope ministries in low-income neighborhoods in Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha. This year we have THREE bike rides to choose from – Waukesha, Ozaukee and Racine/Kenosha Counties. All ages and experience welcomed. Please consider all three ways to participate: Ride, raise funds, and volunteer. Details and information available at ofhbikeride.com.



FEATURED COMMUNITY PARTNER: Waukesha Food Pantry

This month’s featured community partner is the Food Pantry of Waukesha County.

The summer months are times for picnics, parties, cook-outs and all the fun that goes along with those things. There are many people in Waukesha County who don’t have the luxury of planning these special foods but rather they worry if they can feed their family regular daily meals. Many low income children get free lunches during the school year so without school, the summer can be a challenge for families. The Food Pantry is ready to help them with nutritional foods.

The only problem is that while the rest of us are picnicking, partying and cooking-out, we forget the needs of those less fortunate and the shelves of the food pantry are not filled.

Please take some time as you shop to add a few things for the Food Pantry and either take it there directly or bring it to Ascension’s Donation Center in the West Hall. We have members who regularly deliver the donations to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is also looking for volunteers to sort or distribute the food. The Food Pantry of Waukesha County is one of our community partners.



- *Did you know that a third of the people helped at the Food Pantry are children?*
- *Did you know that many of the people who use the Food Pantry work full or part time?*
- *Did you know that many of the people who use the Food Pantry are elderly who can’t afford both their medications and the food they need to stay healthy?*
- *Did you know that you may have friends or neighbors who need the help of the Food Pantry?*

Blessing Box

During June, we will be collecting canned goods for the blessing box. Snacks are always a great donation. Anything that is boxed and healthy is a big hit. If the box is full, please put your donation in the designated bin in the Donation Center in West Hall.

Gratitude—Global Partnerships

Thank you to all who attended the fundraising dinner. Your participation helps us be able to plan successful trips to our partnership congregations and to receive visitors from our partners.

Thank you also to all who donated food or auction items and those who purchased raffle tickets and bid on auction items.

The event not only raised money for the trips, it was a chance to share the story of our partners with more people and to build friendships within the congregation



COUNCIL REPORT

Dear congregational members,

One of the themes for this year is “Strengthening Council Leadership.” As part of this, our Ascension Council and Leadership retreat occurred on May 11th. Saint Marks’s Lutheran Church in Waukesha was gracious in allowing us have our retreat at their church. Doug Bue presented a summary of the ‘Stewardship for All Seasons’ program, which is a ‘best practice’ ELCA program that we are using at Ascension. Scott Tenwinkel, Linda Hanson, and Cynthia Carlson presented a crisis training and exercise to help the Council develop an effective response process with the goal of assuring Ascension Church continuity if we are faced with a crisis. Craig Greenwood and Jeremy Poling reviewed our 2025 Vision and organized small group discussions on how to best further our action plan for this next year. I want to thank all of the people who presented and all of the leadership who attended. The retreat evaluations strongly endorsed doing this again and gave us ideas for how to make it even better.

One of the issues that the Church Council has been trying to clarify over the past couple of years has been whether the houses that Ascension owns along Dopp Street continue to play a role in our vision of Ascension. We have given much thought and prayer to discern God’s will for us regarding whether to keep the houses or sell them. At our May meeting the Council voted to propose selling one of our houses on Dopp Street. Our Church Constitution dictates that this decision is made by the congregation. As a result Ascension will have a Congregational meeting on June 9th at noon. The Council will present this proposal to the congregation, we can then have a discussion, and then vote on whether to proceed with the sale of the house. I would encourage you to pray for His guidance regarding our decision as a congregation. I would also encourage you to attend the Congregational meeting as we discern together what His will is for us in this matter.

May you be encouraged in your faith this Easter season and may God bless you and your family,

Jay O’Grady
Ascension Congregation President



TREASURER’S REPORT

Hello Ascension!

2019 continues to be a year of blessings and continued growth and improvement. It has been wonderful to see the improvements with the church campus and exciting to see what else is slated to be improved still this year. It is largely through the continued efforts of the congregation that we have been able to accomplish these great achievements. Thank You!

Through April, our giving was significantly more than our expenses, although we are currently saving the salary of a second fulltime pastor. Through the month of April, our total income was \$298,226 and our expenses were \$252,337, resulting in a surplus of \$45,889.

Many blessings,
Michael Hamm

Our Story: Part Two (1948 to 1966)

In the last segment of our story we learned a little about the city Ascension has called home for the last 70 years. Now, we should figure out how our church home came to be in this beautiful city of Waukesha. If you remember, our first church (we have had three in the last 70 years) was at what is now 803 Madison Street on the corner with Fairview. Our home there, sadly to say, is no longer standing but instead a small park graces the area. What once stood there, however, was a beautiful “chapel”-style church not much bigger than a modern-day three-car garage.

This small church was built from scratch, pretty much, as a do-it-yourself project by our first Pastor, Rev. Lee Egloff. He personally built much of the concrete block building himself, with a \$20,000 loan from the Mission Fund of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Most of the construction occurred during the fall of 1948 through the summer of 1949. Although built of concrete block, the inside has been described as being warm and friendly with a hard wood floor and oak trim throughout. Its foot print measured 24’ by 40’.

We have to assume Pastor Egloff came to Waukesha with a strong vision of the future and with the will of God at hand, as he began constructing his church before he even had a congregation to serve or a name for our future home. Sources such as the Waukesha Freeman and our own previous historical compilations pick the date of the first service at this new church as occurring between April 1949 and November of that same year. Further research is needed to confirm. We do know for sure that by November of 1949 Ascension Lutheran was conceived with a membership of 24. In April of 1950 our founders applied for membership to the Missouri Synod English District. We also purchased property on the corner of Moreland Boulevard and Hawthorne Drive, as already the vision was that this small chapel would not be able to comfortably-support a rapidly-expanding congregation. We offered two services on Sunday mornings, 8 and 11 a.m. The 8 a.m. service was specifically focused for the children of the congregation while the 11 a.m. was directed more for adults. Our first baptism occurred shortly following the first service, in the new church, for baby Marsha Ullsperger (now Marsha James).

In a ten-year span to 1959, this 24 member congregation had grown to 215 with 115 children in Sunday School. Somewhere in these 10 years, church services changed to almost what we have today, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., with Sunday School between. In that same year, 33 newborns were also added to the swelling numbers of the church. With a strong plan for the future and a growing congregation, Pastor Egloff moved on to accept the challenges of a new congregation by accepting a call to St. Johns Lutheran Church in Oxford, Wisconsin in July of 1962. Theodore Heusar took over the reigns of pastor of Ascension. However, soon after arriving, he became ill and died of cancer in December 1964. During this careworn time, we had several interim pastors with Walter Gauger being the longest serving until the fall of 1965.



Ascension's first church



Architect's sketch of Ascension's new church at 1415 Dopp St.

Our Story, continued

Even with the struggles of a suffering pastor and the uncertainty of who would fill the pastoral shoes, our forebearers kept the vision of a strong congregation in sight. In August of 1964, 7.5 acres of land was purchased on Dopp St. with the thought that this land could house not only a church but a fellowship hall along with plenty of parking and the ability to expand further when that time came. The land previously purchased on Moreland was deemed not suitable to fulfill these potential plans and was sold to support the new purchase.

In August 1965 Pastor Henry C. Ebeling accepted the call to Ascension. With no room to expand nor even the ability to park a car nearby for Sunday morning service, ground was broken at the new site on Dopp St., on July 31, 1966. Construction crews began building the new church and fellowship hall in August of that same year. What took \$20,000 to build in 1949, took \$125,000 to build in 1966, albeit on a much larger scale to accommodate a much larger congregation and expanding community.

As you can see, we have been a church community in fluid motion since our beginnings. We have never been a congregation to just sit on our heels and accept what we are in that place and time. We have always thought of the future, not only of our current members but on future members and the community we occupy, as well. With God as a guide we move forward, remembering our past but not living in our past.

Our next journey in looking back will take us from the ground breaking of our second church to the wonders of expansion into the spaces we now occupy.

The answers to last month's quiz — 1. Who was the President of the United States back in 1949? (Harry S. Truman) 2. How many Presidents have there been since Ascension came to be? (13) 3. Who was our State Governor? (Oscar Rennebohm) 4. How many church buildings has Ascension been in from 1949 to today? (3) Bonus question for those looking for an A+, how many Pastors have we had in the last 70 years? (7)

Remember this is not a history of a building or things and objects, it is the history of people, of you, of us. If any of you have memories of our time as a congregation in our first church and the ground breaking of our second church we would love to hear from you. You can send an email to stenwinkel@legacybakehouse.com, leave a written note at the church office or find myself, Roger Norberg or Linda Hansen and tell us. We would love to compile your memories of Ascension and be able to share with all.

Scott Tenwinkel

Council board member, Ascension's 70th anniversary team

Meet the Council — Bryn Kirk

I started attending Ascension Lutheran Church in 1986 while a student at Carroll. At that time, I was engaged to Jeffrey Kirk and since he was already attending, he introduced me to Ascension. I grew up in the United Methodist church (my dad was my pastor!) so the Lutheran “way” was a bit different from what I was used to. No worries though, Ascension was (and still is) the community of faith and grace that I needed in a Church. There's a lot to love about this place. There's abundant energy, and people are very friendly and of all different ages just to keep things interesting and vibrant. The pastors, past and present, have touched my heart in so many ways. I've grown more spiritually mature, worked on many projects that changed my life and I've made lasting friendships.

Time passes and here I am, 30+ years later. Looking back, I see our family growing up here, celebrating milestones and making memories. Looking forward, I see a Church with a vision, mission and purpose that changes as necessary yet remains steadfast in its core objective of welcoming every person into the family of Christ.



Breaking ground on Dopp St., July 31, 1966



ADMINISTRATION

We Are Grateful

A special thank you to Amy James for the past six years of ministry as the Joyful Worship wing leader. Amy's involvement was both in front of the spotlight as she led worship through playing her flute and participating in the handbell choir (which she promises to keep doing) and behind the scenes as she helped staff and members navigate new ideas, new arrangements in the sanctuary, and new ways of encouraging members of the community to worship in new ways to the glory of God.



We are also humbled to give thanks for the leadership of Danielle Rintala as the Spiritual Growth wing leader. During her time as wing leader, Danielle provided a voice of promise and protection for the youngest of our members in making sure the needs of our children were heard and helped the Spiritual Growth wing navigate classroom space challenges as more ministries desire to gather on Sunday mornings in-between services.



Please take a moment to thank them both for their time, talent and insight which has been invaluable in the growth of our ministries. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you in new directions in your faith journey.

Kelly Hoeg

Director of Ministries

Meet the Council — Christine Holloway

I joined Ascension in 1978 as a recent high school graduate and entering UW-Whitewater as a college freshman. Ascension has been my "home" for over 40 years. My husband, Barry and I were married here, our two children, Barry Jr. and Kelly were both baptized and confirmed at Ascension, and were very active in youth ministry, both receiving and serving! I have served in many different ministries over the years because my faith is what grounds me.



My relationship with God and the people of Ascension are what sustains me. As a young mom struggling to raise two kids, especially as they became teenagers, I relied heavily on the moms and dads at Ascension leading youth ministry. Moms and dads that my kids would listen to when they wouldn't listen to me or to Barry. And now I rely on God and many of those same relationships as I learn to help and support my aging parents.

I continue to serve where God calls me, currently as an at-large member on Council. For me Ascension will always be the place I worship, grow, walk and serve in faith.

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June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat												
2 9a Worship S 10:45a Worship S <i>(Senior Toweling)</i> 10:45a Span. Wor. EH 6p AA begin. WH 7p AA closed WH	3 9:45a Al-Anon WH 2p <i>Prayer Group</i> 6:30p AMEN 106	4 6:30a AMEN 106 9:30a Women's Bible HR 9:30a TGIT PR 6p Spanish Ministry PR 6:30p Community Outreach CR	5 9:30a <i>Cross meal</i> 10a Staff Calendar Meeting 7p AA WH HR	6 10a Al-Anon CR 10a TGBG PR 11:30a <i>Knit Wits</i> 12:30p Women's Group PR	7	8												
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