



ALC Newsletter

April 2024

Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m.
(In Person and also Live Stream!)
followed by Refreshments,
Fellowship, & Education

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We Are SO GRATEFUL for Our Ascension Family!



Dear Ascension Family,

The past few years have certainly brought us a number of challenges. But because you have been faithful and diligent in your leadership, partnership, and support, our congregation is in a strong and healthy place.

As you will read on the next page, we are getting ready to welcome Anthony Wick to our staff as a Lay Pastor, and we are excited to get to know him and his family!

We also want to take some time to celebrate and give thanks for our members and friends. To this end, your Church Council is sponsoring 3 catered meals in late April and early May and we would love to have you join us for one of them! To give people choices and options, the meals are on three different dates over an 8-day period, each with their own unique menu. We even chose our dates in hopes that our "snowbirds" will have migrated back to town.

Please read the information below and then sign up for the meal that works best for you. The sign-up sheet is located at the Better Together table outside the Sanctuary. You can also send an email to office@alcdfd.org. [If an alternate date works for you, please let us know that too.]

We are planning on about 50 people for each meal. The meals will be fully catered by the Eden Meat Market. If you would like to bring along a dessert to pass, you may do so; but that is not necessary. We just want you to know how much we appreciate what you have been doing for Christ and our church family.

We truly hope you can join us!

Your 2023-2024 Church Council

Saturday, April 27
5:30 PM

1) **Dinner Buffet** = Chicken Cordon Bleu, Tender Tips & Gravy, mashed potatoes, grilled vegetables, and tossed salad.

Wednesday, May 1
5:30 PM

2) **Burgers & Brats** = Eden's homemade bratwurst and hamburgers, potato chips, baked beans, and condiments.

Sunday, May 5
Noon

3) **Italian Dinner** = Meat lasagna, veggie lasagna, tossed salad, oriental salad, and bread sticks.

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Pastor Jeff's email = pastorjb@alcdfd.org

Visit our website at www.alcdfd.org

Pastor Anthony's email = pastoranthony@alcdfd.org



7 Things to Remember

I am SO excited that Anthony Wick and his family will become partners in ministry at Ascension! As you get to know Anthony, his wife Jessica (“Jess”) and their children Jaxon, Margot, Violet and Owen, I’m sure you will come to delight in their presence and gifts among us. As we welcome them into our church family, here are 7 things that I believe are important for us to remember:

- 1) Wear a Name Tag:** You and I have 6 new faces and names to learn; Anthony and his family have over 600! Based upon what pastor friends have told me, it will likely take a few years to learn all our names. So let’s be sure we wear a name tag on Sundays and at other times when we gather. Be ready to introduce yourself to them more than once. Say your name when you speak to them. (Hi, I’m _____.) They have a BIG learning curve!
- 2) Your Help is Needed More, Not Less:** Let’s avoid falling into the trap of thinking that with a second pastor here there will be less for the members to do. Quite the contrary! We will need more help and more volunteers than before. Our hope is that Anthony will enable us to do more ministry together—which means more people being involved. Please be ready to step up and help when asked. Better yet, offer your help in specific ministry areas where you feel God has gifted and called you.
- 3) Be Supportive and Encouraging:** Like any new person in any new role, there is a LOT for Anthony to learn as he settles into his pastoral role here. On top of that, this is the first time he will be serving in this capacity. It will be important for us to support and encourage Anthony along the way. He’s not here to prove himself; he’s here to partner with us in the ministry of the Gospel. Relocating here means leaving behind a community where they have lived for several years. There will be all kinds of adjustments for new jobs, new schools, and new friends. So please be ready with your words of encouragement and support. It makes a HUGE difference.
- 4) Be Patient and Understanding:** We have long had a core value here about being willing to experiment and take risks, knowing that mistakes will be made, but also pledging to learn from those mistakes. Just as I have done (and still continue to do!) Anthony will make mistakes as he leans into his new role. He will need our patience and understanding in addition to our support and encouragement. We need to build each other up and accept each other with grace. We need to believe we all have the best intentions for Ascension, even if sometimes it just doesn’t work out the way we intended. Let us be quick to forgive/accept and continue to move forward. Address the things that need to be addressed, forget the little things, and chalk it up to a learning experience!
- 5) Be Open to Change:** This is a great congregation! By God’s grace, we will continue to be. It is good for us to remember that with new staff come new ideas and different possibilities. Anthony will naturally bring changes into our midst. There are things that WILL be different, and that is not bad – just different. We need to be open to them and willing to “try them on” to see if they help us accomplish God’s mission.
- 6) Be More than “Nice”—Be Honest:** In addition to the things mentioned above, Anthony will also need our honest feedback. There’s a big difference between critique and criticism. He needs the former and not the latter. We pastors have feelings like everyone else, and we put a lot of ourselves into our work. But you don’t do us any favors if there are issues or problems and you just try to be “nice” about it and instead resort to “parking lot” conversations and/or gossip. Let’s continue to be mature in how we deal with each other!
- 7) Avoid the Comparison Game:** Anthony is not me and I am not him. While we necessarily share a similar theology and biblical understanding, we are two different people with differing gifts, styles, and personalities. We each have our own strengths and weaknesses. He is not my “clone” and that is by design. I have been with you for over 30 years, while he is just starting out. It will be important to acknowledge and appreciate the differences between us as we team together for ministry. This will be a different experience for me as well. My role will change in the days to come. It’s something new for all of us. Again, let’s accept one another with grace.

P.S. If you have gotten into the unfortunate habit of calling me “Pastor” instead of “Pastor Jeff” please remedy that soon. You now have a “Pastor Anthony” and a “Pastor Jeff” on your Ascension team.

A Brief Visit from a Concert Pianist

On Sunday, April 21, we will have a guest musician with us at Worship for about 5 minutes or so.

Sam Rotman is a concert pianist who will be visiting several area churches that morning to share a little bit of music as well as some of his faith story, and also to promote interest in his afternoon concert.

Sam will play a concert from 3 - 4:30 PM at Community Church. A freewill offering will be taken.



Next In-Vehicle Communion on April 28

If you have not been able to join us in person for Worship recently and you would like to receive Holy Communion in your vehicle, please plan to drive over to the church building on Sunday, April 28. Pastor Jeff will serve for about 20 minutes beginning at 11:05 a.m.



A Big "THANK YOU!" to Rich & Lindsey Hofer for 15 years of Compassion Advocacy!

On page 7, you will read the "final" Compassion article from Rich & Lindsey Hofer. For the past 15 years, they have faithfully served as "champions" for the special ministry to kids all over the world.

When they lived and worked here, they were actively promoting the mission of Compassion. Many of us who sponsor children through Compassion were encouraged to do so by Rich and Lindsey.

Even after their retirement and relocation to AZ, they have continued to write articles for our monthly newsletter and they have cheered us on to keep having a "Compassion Sunday" either in the spring or the fall. This month, they are "retiring" from this role at Ascension.

If they have impacted your life through this ministry, you are encouraged to send them a card or email to let them know! You can write to them at 17200 W Bell Road Lot 1251, Surprise, AZ 85374; rhofer66@gmail.com. (If you have their number, you could even give them a phone call!)

Well Done, Good & Faithful Servants!

Connecting Together: (The Power of a Name Tag)

As we continue to look for ways to better connect with one another, you can help that to happen more by filling out and wearing a name tag whenever you are at Worship. Taking just a moment before the service to fill out a name tag with your **first and last name** can help us get to know one another better. Whenever we ask our visitors and guests about the name tags, they tell us that it really helps to make Ascension a friendly and welcoming place. Pastor Anthony & Jess and their family will certainly appreciate it as well! **Thanks for your consideration!!!**



“We Shall Live in Heaven” Book Study led by Sigrid Holman

During the first 10 years of Soviet occupation (1940-1950), 70% of Estonian Lutheran church pastors were killed, imprisoned, deported to Siberia or escaped to western countries. “We Shall Live in Heaven” is a book written by Pastor Harri Haamer, a Lutheran pastor who spent 8 years in a Soviet slave labor camp in Siberia.

As we find ourselves in a world that is ever more hostile to the Gospel, do you ever wonder what you would do if persecuted for your faith? This book will give you courage and show how the Holy Spirit sustained the author through many long years.

Paperback copies of the book are available for pick up while supplies last. They can also be purchased on Amazon. A downloadable e-book or PDF version of the book is available for free at <https://tatest.org/haamer-family/book/>.

We will hold two discussion sessions using the book’s study guide. These will be held on Sunday April 14 and Sunday, April 21st from 10:30-11:30. Please join us!

Please call Sigrid Holman at 414-315-9200 with any questions.

Women’s Book Club

Our Women's Book Club is open to any and all women ages 18+. Our May 6 (*note date change!) book is ***History Lost and Found*** by Beth Adams. We will meet at 6:30 PM outside the Sanctuary for some hot chocolate and discussion. **New Members are always welcome!**

Please contact Mary Gohl for more information!

mmgohl@gmail.com

Pastor Siimon Haamer from Estonia to Visit on April 29

On Monday evening, April 29, we will have the privilege of hosting Pastor Siimon Haamer from Estonia, starting at 6:30 PM.

Pastor Siimon will be here to share about the life and ministry of his grandfather, Harri Haamer, who spent nearly 8 years in a Soviet slave labor camp in Siberia.

He will also share about the ministry of Tartu Academy of Theology which his father Eenok founded and also their efforts to restore Christianity to a nation controlled by the Soviets for so many years.

In preparation for Pastor Siimon’s visit, we are holding 2 different events:

Book Discussion: Sigrid Holman will lead this study after Worship on April 14 and 21. See her “We Shall Live in Heaven” article for more details!

Film Watching: There is a 100 minute film called “The Singing Revolution” which tells the story of how the Estonian people won their freedom from Soviet control. We will show this film on Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 PM.

Do plan to join us for one or more of these!

Would You Like to Join Our Ascension Family?

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about joining Ascension, please talk to Pastor Jeff or Pastor Anthony after worship or else give them a call, text or email!





Children & Family Ministries

For Kids from Birth Through 6th Grade and Their Families

Contact us at children@alcfdl.org

THANKS to our SS Kids for singing on Palm Sunday

The next date for singing will be on Sunday, May 12, which is Mother's Day!

Sunday School Offerings!

Hey Kids! Your Sunday School Offerings help to support **Nandutu Base**, our Compassion Child, who lives in Uganda, Africa. Please use one of the little envelopes and drop your offering into the collection box. Thanks!!!

P.S. We are looking for some people to take turns writing letters to Nandutu Base. If you want to help us do that, just let us know!

Youth & Family Ministries

A ministry for students in grades 7-12

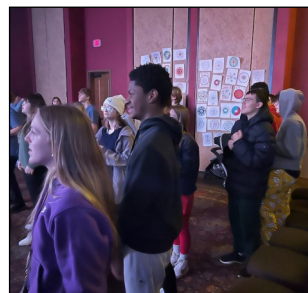
Contact at youth@alcfdl.org



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Quake 2024

Here are more pictures from the Quake Weekend!



Summer Mission Trip

July 27 - August 3

We are about ready to close the door for any additional youth who want to go on the Summer Mission Trip to WV.

Estimated cost is 50% of the \$700 fee, with some possible additional costs for travel, food, and lodging. **If you would like to go, please turn in \$350 by April 21.** (Checks should be made payable to Ascension with "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo. They can be given to a staff member.)

Adults? We may need one more adult to go as a chaperone. If you are interested, please talk to Jim Quackenboss or Pastor Jeff.



Shoes and Socks For Belize It's Time to Sort and Ship



Thanks to everyone who brought shoes and/or socks to send to Belize. We are grateful for your generosity!

On Wednesday, April 3, we will be cleaning and sorting the shoes from 6:30 to 8:15 PM

On Saturday, April 6, we will be preparing the shoes for shipping from 8:00 to 11:00 AM.

Come & Join this Fun Mission Project

Meals for the Homeless (+ Care Cards)

We continue our commitment to serve one meal each month for those staying at the new Warming Shelter. Our final time to serve will be on Saturday, April 20.

If you want to help out in any way, please sign up on the clipboard outside the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Bell or Kristen Quast!



P.S. Please take a moment to write a personal greeting in one of the care cards that will be given out to the shelter guests. If you aren't sure what to write, you can see some samples on the colored sheets in the plastic sleeves!

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Mobile Pack

Ascension is once again working alongside several area congregations to participate in this year's FMSC Mobile Pack. Our hope is to pack 132,000 meals for people in need.

We once again encourage our members and friends to be part of the FMSC Mobile Pack at the FdL Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 6. Sign up opportunities open up in March. Check out give.fmsc.org/fdl to learn more!

For more information, please talk to Natalie Wilburn.



Next Noisy Offering is April 28

Our fourth "noisy offering" of 2024 will happen on Sunday, April 28. Our kids will come around with metal bowls to collect any loose change that you are willing to give to them. (Cash is also accepted!)

The money given in our "Noisy Offerings" gets divided equally between Bible Camp Scholarships for our kids and Digging Water Wells in developing countries.

Start setting aside your coins for this fun way to give. Thanks in advance for your help and generosity!!!



Noisy Offering



“Hola! Good morning! Hello dear friends, Ashley is happy to greet you. Bonjour. I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...” These are some of the words our sponsored children have used in the last few months to greet us in their letters. I am sure that, if you sponsor a child, you can certainly add to this list.

We are writing these words as a way of greeting and appreciation for continued support over the 15 years that we have been writing the Compassion Corner for the Ascension newsletter. It has been our privilege to share our thoughts with you. This will be the last Compassion Corner we write. It has become too difficult for us to continue this mission. We are asking you each to prayerfully consider continuing to support the Compassion International ministry. Perhaps God is tugging at your heart to take over this column. If you have any interest at all, please contact Pastor Jeff or the church office.

We encourage you to continue to write to your child and continue to pray for them to have a spirit of joy and hope in every aspect of their lives. Encourage them to have perseverance in continuing education and healthy, God-honoring relationships with friends.

In closing “thank you, Grazie, Gracias, Shukraan, Khaawp-khun, and thanks” are other words you may have seen in your

letters from your sponsored children. We echo these sentiments. For the children,

Lindsey and Rich Hofer
Child Advocates, Compassion International

Local NALC Women’s Gathering

On Saturday, April 27, St. John’s Lutheran Church in Nekimi will be hosting a gathering for all women who belong to NALC congregations in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (WIUM).

Registration will begin at 9AM and the gathering will begin at 10 AM will conclude at 3 PM. The \$20 per person cost, which covers refreshments and lunch, will be collected at registration. The guest speaker will be Marcella Nelson, who is the WIUM representative for the NALC Women.

Please RSVP by April 15 to reserve your place. Call Karen Bisser at 920-268-3019 or send an email to nekimi_stjohns@live.com. A “Stuff the Truck” Disaster Relief mission project will take place at this gathering, with a special focus of collecting gift cards from Home Depot, Lowe’s, and Wal-Mart.

A purple sign-up sheet has been placed at the Better Together Table outside the Sanctuary.

Any Address Changes???

Addresses can change at any time. Please notify the Church Office of changes for mailing addresses, email addresses, and cell phone numbers.

(P.S. If you no longer have a land line, let us know that as well!)



150 Ways to Show Kids You Care



What are some things we all can do to increase the chance that our children and youth grow into their potential? Some years ago, a study was conducted to address this question. Among their many findings was a list of 150 ways that adults can show love, care, and support to our children and youth.

We thought it would be good to list some of these each month as an encouragement for us to model these insights and practices in our ministry together as well as in our personal lives:

- 91) Chaperone a school event.
- 92) Tell them stories in which they are the hero.
- 93) Believe in them.
- 94) Nurture them with good food, good words, and good fun.
- 95) Be flexible.
- 96) Delight in their uniqueness.
- 97) Let them make mistakes.
- 98) Notice when they grow.
- 99) Wave and honk when you drive by them.
- 100) Give them immediate feedback.

Care Opportunity

Our member **Debbie Lunda**, who is a disabled quadriplegic, is once again looking for a couple of dependable, compassionate workers (paid or volunteer) to help provide part-time care for her. A CNA or nursing background is preferred, but she can train a caring person who is willing to help her.



In the past she has trained females from 17-70! If you are looking for an opportunity to serve, please call Debbie at 920-907-1444 to learn more about the responsibilities and details.

2024 Labor Day Getaway

August 30 - September 2, 2024 will be Ascension's 22nd "Labor Day Getaway" at Silver Birch Ranch. You are invited to hang out with some people from your church family over Labor Day Weekend!

Grab one of the bright orange brochures from the rack outside the Youth & Children's Office and get your deposit in before the April 24 deadline.



1st Quarter Offering Statements

With the first quarter of 2024 now behind us, Quarterly Offering statements will be placed in member mailboxes after the first week or so of the month. Please be sure to pick yours up! If you like, it can be a great tool to compare your actual giving with your intentions. And DO let us know if you find any discrepancies!

Thanks so much for your faithful and ongoing financial support. By God's grace, we can accomplish much good together in Jesus' name!



Annual Reports Due April 30

The Church Council requests that all staff and ministry leaders turn in their Annual Reports no later than April 30. Reports can be emailed to John Gohl at administrator@alcfdl.org. Thanks!

Our Annual Meeting is tentatively set for Sunday, June 2 at 10:30 a.m. but watch for specific details to come later!



Have You Returned Your Estimate of Giving Offering Card?

If the answer is "Yes," then thank you for doing so! If you have not yet done so, please try to do that April 7 or shortly thereafter.

This year, as we add a second pastor to our staff, it is especially important for the Church Council to have an accurate estimate of what people plan to give to our General Fund as well as our Building Fund.

Extra copies of the Offering Cards are available outside the Sanctuary and the Church Office. They can be dropped off in the designated boxes. (A sample of the cards is shown below!)

Thanks for your prayerful consideration of God's leading!

Be strong and courageous... for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9 (NRSV)

The Church Council invites all households to prayerfully complete both sides of this offering card and return it to Ascension as soon as possible. Your giving estimate will help us develop our Financial Ministry Plan ("budget") for the coming fiscal year. We encourage you to present your completed card as an offering at worship. You can also mail it in or use the secure drop box located in the office entryway.

The information you share on this card is confidential. This card is not a contract or a pledge; rather, it is your best estimate of your intended financial support of our ministry. Should your circumstances change, you are free to revise your giving as needed. (If this happens, please contact the office!)

If you wish to start giving your offerings electronically, please speak with a staff member to discuss the various options.

We encourage you to pray for God's guidance as you complete and return this card. Thank you!

Any questions? Please contact the church office!

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NRSV)

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14 (NRSV)

Please complete this offering card and return it to Ascension soon. Thank You!

General Fund Offerings:
By the grace of God, I/we plan to give \$ _____ per _____ (week/month/year) for a total offering of \$ _____ to the General Fund during the next fiscal year. (July 1 – June 30)

Building Fund Gifts:
I/We also plan to give to give \$ _____ per _____ (week/month/year) for a total offering of \$ _____ to the Building Fund during the same period.

We typically give away 10% of our Building Fund (BF) Offerings in benevolence. However, some people want to "opt out" and have all their BF gifts remain in the Building Fund. If the latter describes your wishes, please initial here: _____

For the Record

First Communion Celebration:

03/24/24

Aliyah Kottke
Tucker Saeger

New Members

03/24/24

Mark & Amanda Bertram
Brielle, Tucker, Aspen, Maizey

Jess Miller
Sam

Brian & Holly Rabe
Charlotte

Mistie Smith
Paisley

Shari Smith

A Giving Option for Seniors 73+ to Consider

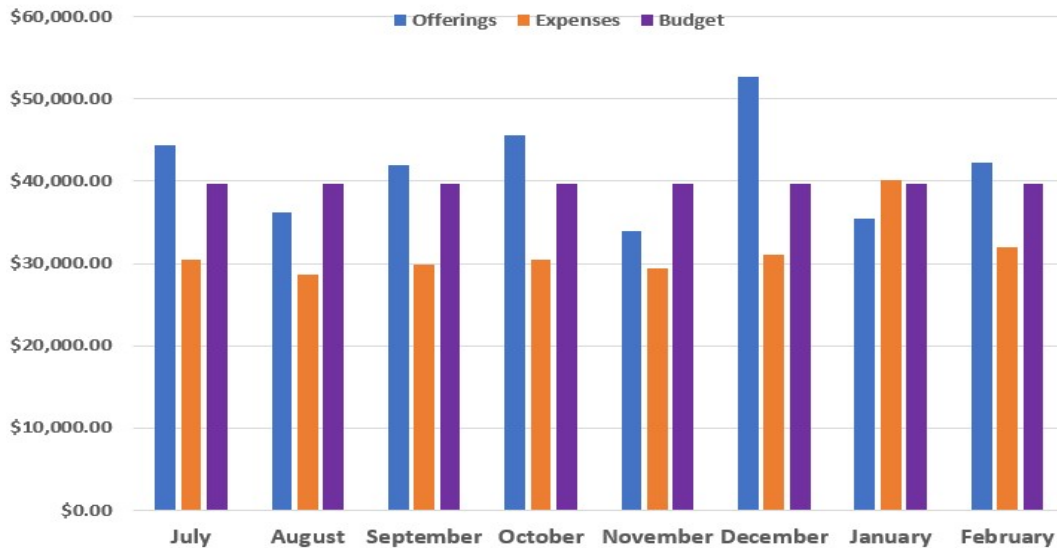
If you are at least 73 AND if you have to take any "required minimum distributions" (RMDs) from your retirement accounts, you might want to consult your financial advisor to see if there are any tax advantages for you to give your offerings via your RMDs as opposed to your income or savings.

It is quite likely that giving in this way may enable you to save on your taxes and/or be more generous with your assets than you thought possible.

General Fund Report — February 2024

	This Month	Year-to-Date
Beginning Balance	\$55,750.92	\$31,443.67
Sources of Funds (incl. transfers)	\$60,196.18	\$529,141.29
Uses of Funds (incl. transfers)	\$49,200.14	\$443,838.00
Ending Balance	\$55,750.92	\$55,750.92
Addl GF Dollars + Accrued Payroll	\$50,681.25	
Balance Sheet Balance	\$117,428.21	

General Fund Comparisons



On Being A Steward

“The habit of giving only enhances the desire to give.”

**Walt Whitman (1819-1892)
American Poet and Essayist**

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NRSV)

Building Fund Report

	This Month	YTD
Beginning Balance	\$112,455.23	\$122,576.97
Net Offerings	\$5,824.83	\$53,249.75
Interest Earned	\$38.28	\$202.26
Monthly Mortgage	(\$8,200.00)	(\$65,600.00)
Other Payments	-	(310.64)
Ending Balance	\$110,118.34	\$110,118.34
Loan Balance =	\$676,579.40	@ 3.875%



Pat Hansen	01
Chuck Jenkins	01
Tim Williams	01
Nancy Becker	02
Ginnette Newman	03
Jeanne Hintz	04
Charlie Quast	05
Aspen Schneider	05
Betty Basarich	06
Jacob Moder	06
Melody Merkel	07
Emma McAuly	07
Lindsey Hofer	08
Mary Mueller	08
Lauren Benson	08
Parker Muellenbach	08
Anne Zuleger	09
Lucy Potratz	09
Lexie Griepentrog	10
Mary Gohl	11
Sue Polster	12
Karyn Weber	12
Max Ketelhut	12
Max Lubben	13
Terry Baumhardt	14
Terri Small	14
Landon Davis	14
Matthew Fredrickson	14
Mark Davis	15
Kayne Alvaro	15
Cindy Blakely	17
Al Achterberg	17
Jaxson Keys	19
Ed Pahl	20
Sue Backhaus	20
Mark Flucke	20
Odin Bergen	20
Angie Swain	21
Sean Rohloff	21
Max Schubart	21

Gail Schwantes	23
Joey Gutzmann	23
Haley Roberts	23
Kim Laws	24
Sam Nielsen	24
Charlotte Gumieny	25
Polly May	27
Morgan Tollard	27
Noah Holzman	27
Josie Volbright	28
Crosby Rohloff	28
Joe Lackas	29
Graham Duehring	29
Cora Shell	29



Eric & Sara Freund	05
Jon & Rachel Hughes	10
Kim & Greg Laws	17
Cindy & Peter Holzman	21
Dustin & Tina Duehring	21
Chad & Kierstin Kranig	25
Megan & Tony Compton	26
Trace & Cindy Blakely	27
Toby & Corrin Burnell	28

Are We Missing Anyone's Birthday or Anniversary???

If you notice a missing birthday or anniversary, PLEASE contact the Church Office so we can update our records. Thank you!



Church Council Notes

Your Church Council (Council) met on March 18th. Highlights of our meeting included:

- Approving the recommendation for an outside audit of Ascension's financials, to be conducted later this year by a Fond du Lac CPA firm experienced in working with churches.

Fully supporting and accepting the Call Committee's recommendation to hire Anthony Wick as a Lay Pastor until he can be called and ordained. Wade Blain, Chair of the Call Committee (CC), joined the Church Council meeting to further discuss their recommendation based in part on the outcome of Anthony's recent interview session with the NALC Candidacy Committee.

- Based on the CC's hire recommendation, the Council's Succession Planning Committee made their corresponding recommendations regarding employment terms and supporting administrative and onboarding processes for Anthony. The Council approved the recommended employment offer terms and a start date of April 8, 2024. The Council also approved the activation of the Council-appointed Personnel Oversight Committee (POC) to oversee the process of hiring and onboarding Anthony Wick. This new POC will also be the oversight body of all staff including the 2 pastors.
 - Reviewing and approving 2 recent space use requests:
 - The use of church space on certain Friday mornings, beginning this fall, by Heritage Home Educators, a Fond du Lac area Christ-centered home school group.
 - The use of church space for a trial period during office hours by Healing Hope Counseling, a private, faith-based counseling service provided by Heidi Burns, LCSW.

The minutes from this March 18th Church Council meeting will be approved at our next meeting on April 22nd, and then made available to all. We encourage you to review Church Council meeting minutes. And as always, we welcome your feedback and questions.

Please do pray that God will continue to guide your Council and all of us together in ministry. And may we all look forward to Pastor Anthony joining us for a continued blessed 2024 year of growth with God working in our lives at Ascension!

God bless and take care,

Mark Kapler
Council President

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All Council Members = churchcouncil@alcfdl.org

It's Annual Rummage Sale Time!

We will once again be looking for donations of new or gently used items for our annual rummage sale.

You may begin bringing your donations to the Zone on Sunday, May 12. **(Please NO electronics!)**

The dates of the rummage sale will be Wednesday May 22 from 8-5, Friday May 24 from 8-5, and Saturday May 25 from 8-12.

We will be looking for help setting it up, running it, and packing it up. Proceeds will go towards the St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter, Old Glory Honor Flight, and Operation Christmas Child.

Please contact Melody Matty at 920-252-5070 if you have any questions



RUMMAGE SALE

Church Funnies

Kids sometimes have unexpected perspectives...

Q: What do most people do on a date?

A: "On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go out for a second date." — Martin, age 10

A: "Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough." — Lynette, age 8



Lawn Mowing Team Forming

Do you have a few hours each month that you can donate to Ascension to help with lawn mowing? You need to be at least 16 to operate our equipment and training will be provided.

A sign-up sheet has been placed on the CARE 2 board outside the Sanctuary.



Lawn Mowing Team

If you have any questions, contact Gary Voigt at 920-579-8243 or Dave DeWitt at 920-922-3463.

Sign Up for Altar Flowers



If you would like to supply flowers for the altar area on any given Sunday, please sign up on the clipboard outside the Sanctuary. You can let us know if the flowers are given in memory or honor of anyone. Thanks!



With our recommendation to the Church Council to hire Anthony Wick as a Lay Pastor and the Council's decision to do so, our committee's work is now put on temporary hold until the time comes when Anthony is approved for ordination by the NALC. At that time, we will resume meeting in order to carry out some specific tasks that are needed before holding a Congregational Meeting to vote on extending a call to Anthony to ordained ministry. Please continue to keep all this in your prayers!

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