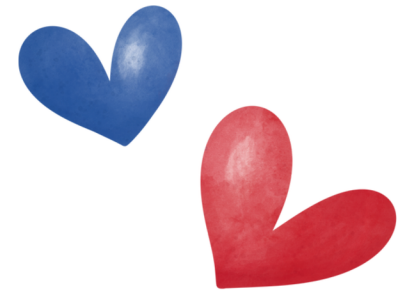


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Due to HIPAA privacy laws, the church is often not informed when a person is hospitalized. Please call the church office when you would like a pastoral visit when you are in the hospital. Do not rely on the hospital to call the church office, even if they have said they will. Please call the church office directly, or have a family member do so.



Blessed to Be a Blessing

We live in a demanding world. Our lives are filled with so many things that require our time. We are tugged and pulled by our families, work, and friends. Our lives are cluttered—the internet, social media, television, and society--all call for attention.

Where do we turn to get a proper perspective? Where do we go to make sense of the world today? The answer is--we turn to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And how do we come to know Jesus? We meet the true Christ only through reading and understanding the Scriptures--and that's where the Bethel Bible Series can help.

The Bethel Bible Series is a unique approach to the study of the Old and New Testaments that immerses the student in the scriptures using the Bible and forty interpretive pictures. It provides a base of biblical knowledge that enables the student to lift from the pages of the Bible the wonderful story of how God has moved through history to bring about His plan of salvation. These lessons are remembered and reinforced through pictorial representation. Instead of the usual "bits-and-pieces" method of Bible study, the Bethel Series is a two-year study that presents an overview for building a strong foundation of biblical understanding.

Are you looking to grow in your faith through an intensive study of the scriptures? Do you want to find out how the entire Bible presents God's plan and purpose for His creation? Is God calling you to dig deeper and challenging you to honestly wrestle with His word? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then the Bethel Bible Series is for you.

In my own life, in the life of my family, and in my ministry, I have seen first-hand the tremendous benefits that come from the Bethel Series. Starting this fall, I will be holding Monday evening classes to introduce the Bethel Series here at Ascension. If you are interested in learning more, please join me for an information session on Monday, September 8 at 6:30pm in the Gathering Room. You can register online (see the last page of the tidings) or sign up on the Main Bulletin Board.

Through the Bethel Bible Series, you will come to know Jesus in a way that deepens your faith and brings blessing to your life. I pray that as you learn more, you will be interested in becoming involved in this unique and special program of Bible study.

God's blessings,

Pastor Robert



COUNCIL

Council approves new background check and screening policy developed and endorsed by the Mutual Ministry Mission Team.

Council approves the hiring of Lighthouse Productions and the Stiegler Company Inc. to replace the current stage spotlights in the sanctuary with new LED upgrades at a total cost not to exceed \$20,000 from the BEMI undesignated funds.

Ascension Lutheran Congregational Council approves having Showcase Kitchens of Green Bay, WI construct red oak cabinets to house the antiphonal organ pipes and speakers on the north wall/alcove of the sanctuary at a cost of \$26,510 for materials, labor, and installation.

JULY WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

July 6 Sunday 1	4 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 Worship: Communion, 9:30 Worship: Communion, Live Streamed,
July 13 Sunday 2	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 Worship 9:30 Worship: Contemporary, Live Streamed, Baptisms
July 20 Sunday 3	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 Communion 9:30 Communion, Live Streamed
July 27 Sunday 4	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 Worship 9:30 Contemporary, Live Streamed



COUNCIL ORGAN UPDATE

After several years, the Antiphonal Organ Project is moving forward. The Council is excited to announce that we have contracted a new vendor, Rodgers Classic Organs, and Showcase Kitchens to install new pipes and cabinetry to complete the project by the end of the year. Join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, July 20 following the 9:30am worship service for a presentation on the organ upgrades that will be happening this Fall.

OPEN POSITION

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR BOOKKEEPER

Mutual Ministry is now accepting applications for our part-time bookkeeper position. People applying for this position should have 3 years of experience performing all bookkeeping responsibilities for an organization. Experience in QuickBooks is essential.

Please share this announcement with anyone you know who may be interested in this role. Applicants do not need to be members of Ascension. A full job description and application form are available in the church office and on our website, ascensiongb.com.

The Bookkeeper position is part-time (10-12 hrs. per week) on weekdays with no benefits. Applications will be reviewed as received until the position is filled.

If you are interested in joining the staff of Ascension and would like more information on this position, please contact Jeannine Walker, Business Support Manager, at jeannine@ascensiongb.com or 920-336-3561 ext 4.



RAISE RIGHT & SUMMER HOURS

Summer Raise Right dates:

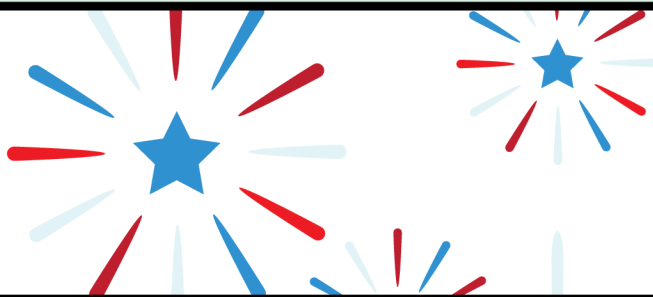
July 7, 21

August 4, 18, 25



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip



Summer Worship

Begins May 25th

8:00 & 9:30 AM

Office Closed on Fridays



MUSIC

Save the date! 8/19 - social hour to follow!

2025 Power of Pipes Concerts

- July 8 **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**
427 St John Street, Green Bay
Jason Pues, organ
- July 15 **Grace Lutheran Church**
321 South Madison Street, Green Bay
Adria Cary, SPC & Denise Zenko, organ
- July 22 **St. Norbert Abbey**
1016 N Broadway, De Pere
Devin Atteln, CAGO, organ
- July 29 **St Anne's Episcopal Church**
347 Libal Street, De Pere
John Kopp, organ
- August 5 **St. Francis Xavier Cathedral**
140 South Monroe Avenue, Green Bay
Colin Welford, organ
- August 12 **First United Methodist Church**
501 Howe Street, Green Bay
Jeffrey Verkuilen, FAGO, organ
- August 19 **Ascension Lutheran Church**
2911 Libal Street, Allouez
Connor Klavekoske, organ
- August 26 **First Presbyterian Church**
200 South Ashland Avenue, Green Bay
Dr. Stephen Ackert, organ & harpsicord

CONCERTS
START AT
6:30 P.M.

SPONSORED BY THE
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SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Gathered in Spirit, Moving in Mission: Synod Assembly.

Pastor Robert, Marilynn Quirk & Shirley Paulson represented Ascension at this year's assembly.

The 2025 Synod Assembly convened on June 7th at Calvary Lutheran Church in Green Bay, Drawing 272 registered participants - 180 lay people (66% of voting members) and 92 rostered ministers (34%) - under the theme "To Serve All People Following the Example of Jesus."

Keynote speakers Venice Williams and Mary Campbell offered powerful insights on building inclusive ministries and accompanying migrants, setting a tone of compassion and justice for the day. Sherrill Knezel captured the day with her graphic illustrations. Significant business included the adoption of the 2026 Synod Budget and Minimum Compensation Guidelines, as well as the passage of three important resolutions on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW), Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools, and Abuse Prevention & Reporting.

The assembly also elected several leaders, including Nancy Schanke as Vice President and Kerry Fehrman as Treasurer, and celebrated the presence and partnership of numerous ministry collaborators.

Worship was a central part of the day, with a sermon from Bishop Ann Edison-Albright proclaiming God's unconditional love. Reflections from Vice President Nancy Schanke and Bishop Anne reaffirmed the synod commitment to inclusion, justice, and mission rooted in relationship.



LIFE, GROWTH & WITNESS

The Daughter of Rome by Angela Hunt. In Nero's Rome, Calandra helps her father, a renowned sculptor, complete the most significant commission of his illustrious career. But then a catastrophic fire nearly destroys the imperial city, leaving Calandra reliant on a group of Christians--unusual individuals unlike any she has encountered before. Intrigued by their worship of the Son of an invisible God, Calandra grapples with her mistrust, only to find herself indebted to these believers as they help her rebuild her shattered world. When Emperor Nero begins constructing his opulent Golden House, the people of Rome grow resentful, suspecting him of starting the fire in order to clear the land for his immense palace. Needing a scapegoat, Nero points at those who follow the Jewish Messiah, forcing Calandra to make an impossible choice between right and wrong, friends and family, love and death.

Broken Crayons Still Color by Toni Collier and Whitney Bak. This children's book is about a girl named Avery who experiences big emotions and anxieties related to life changes. When Avery's crayons break, she discovers they have personalities and feelings too, helping her learn to manage overwhelming feelings and embrace creativity and joy. The book emphasizes that even with imperfections, like broken crayons, one can still create beautiful things, and that God can use brokenness to create a masterpiece.



LIFE, GROWTH & WITNESS



We welcomed Michael & Ace Tursky into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 8th.

Mike & Ace are the sons of members Jason & Crystal.

Their sponsors are:
Evan & Rebecca Tursky,
Jacob Muhowski & Amanda Witczak.



Congratulations to members Miles & Taylor Ganz (and big sister, Sloane) on the birth of Ford Lee on April 10th.

Congratulations to members Roberto Monter & Bethany Wilson (and big brothers Francesco & Rodrigo) on the birth of Sebastian on April 22nd.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - SUNDAY, JULY 6
OUTSIDE DOOR 1 - LOOK FOR OUR POSTER & VEHICLE!

7:45 - 10:45 AM

Please consider donating to the July Food Pantry collection as the needs continue throughout the summer months.

You are encouraged to bring items beforehand if you will be away...use the designated Pantry drawer in the mailroom Items needed this month include baked beans, soup, meals in a can, side dishes (knorr type), canned fruit, laundry soap, jelly and canned pasta sauce.

2025 NEW Community **Shelter Meals**

Saturday, July 19

Sunday, August 17

Saturday, September 20

Sunday, October 19

Saturday, November 15

Sunday, December 21

**Please mark your
calendars and plan ahead!**



We served 123 patrons Sunday, June 15th at the NEW Shelter. Nancy Hess, Ron & Pat Zager, Diane & Dave Robishaw and Craig & Sherry Schneider prepared the hot meal which was served at 11:30 AM. No cleanup was involved as the patrons of the shelter always have that as one of their chores.

Delicious cookies were baked for us to share by Sherrill Wanek, Michelle & Filomena Haban, Barb Bonovich, Carol Ermo and a friend of Mary Zaborski. We are very grateful for the volunteers. Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for the opportunity to sign up for future meals.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School 2025!!

We look forward to seeing all the children and volunteers who signed up for Vacation Bible School 2025. The dates for this year are Monday, July 28th - Thursday, July 31st from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Our theme this year is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." The children will take part in four days of faith-filled activities, memorable music, snacks and other adventures. We have some great plans for this year! Many thanks to all of the volunteers who are making this event happen.





YOUTH & CONFIRMATION

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

(INCOMING FRESHMAN AND UP)

STAY CONNECTED OVER THE SUMMER

Don't let summer come
between you and
your church family!

Stay connected to your friends
(or make new friends!) at Ascension
by getting involved in our small
group gatherings around
backyard fires or as we get ready
for our Mission Trip.

We meet on Wednesday starting at
6:00 pm on June 4, 18, 25, and July
2, 16 and 23



hang out



Don't let summer come
between you and your
church family!

Stay connected to your friends
(or make new friends!) at Ascension
by getting involved in our small group
gatherings around backyard fires or
play some games in the yard

Join us on...

Monday, June 23, 30 and July 14
(6:00 pm - 8:30 pm)

This is for all incoming 6th, 7th, 8th
graders and friends

JOIN US
FOR
SOME FUN

MIDDLE SCHOOL HANGOUT NIGHTS



YOUTH & CONFIRMATION



A collage for the HS Service Learning Trip. It features three polaroid-style photos: one of students packing boxes, one of a group standing together, and one of students working in a field. A large photo of a smiling girl in a pink shirt and sunglasses is on the right. The background is a blue map of Northwest Arkansas. Text at the bottom left reads: "Please pray for our youth & adult leaders as they head out on the SLT to NW Arkansas July 5-13!"

HS SERVICE LEARNING TRIP
Northwest Arkansas

Please pray for our youth &
adult leaders as they head out on
the SLT to NW Arkansas July 5-13!



Camp Week (Grades 1st-12th)
@ Pine Lake
July 6-11, 2025



MS Service-Learning Retreat
Greater Green Bay Area
July 20-23, 2025



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

		8:00 AM	9:30 AM
7/6		Team 3: Bruce Bader	Team 3: Pete Daanen
	Communion Asst (Bread)	Pat Zager	Joe Refsguard Mike Gilley Valerie VanderMeuse
	Communion Asst (Wine)	Tammy Brunette Canon Richer	Rebecca Grant Robyn Refsguard Wendy Gilley Ron VanderMeuse
	Communion Asst (Runner)	Deb Kralovetz	Mary Zaborski
	Lector	Scott Thompson	Sherry Schneider
	Counters	Lisa Dörner	
		Cindy Meierbachtol	
	Altar Flowers	Dave & Kris McAninch	
	Pew Crew	Cindy, Betty & Rita	
7/13		Team 4: Mark Becker	Team 4: Joe Refsguard
	Lector	Ron Zager	Bill Schubert
	Counters	Dean Matzke	
		Ron Raboin	
	Altar Flowers	Janene Bartanen	
	Pew Crew	Barb, Val & Ron	
7/20		Team 1: Craig Effertz	Team 1: Jerry Kralovetz
	Communion Asst (Bread)	Tammy Brunette	Deb Kralovetz Sandy Marotz Cindy Meierbachtol
	Communion Asst (Wine)	Amanda Nelson Poppy Nelson	Natalie Helgeson Travis Kralovetz Cathy McDermott Paulette Pocquette
	Communion Asst (Runner)	Andy Schultz	Robyn Refsguard
	Lector	Braelyn Brazeau	Amy Anderson
	Counters	Jane Coller	
		Valerie VanderMeuse	
	Altar Flowers	Ron & Valerie VanderMeuse	
	Pew Crew	The Brekke Family	
7/27		Team 2: Dave Hongisto	Team 2: Dave McAninch
	Lector	Dave Hongisto	Valerie VanderMeuse
	Counters	Micki Geis	
		Amy Gajeski	
	Altar Flowers	OPEN - SPONSOR NEEDED	
	Pew Crew	The Gajeski Family	





July Christ Care Calendar

July 19:

Piette | 7:30 AM | Legion Park

Chris⁺care
Group Ministry

We still need lots of help keeping the lawn mowed! Please sign up using the link [HERE](#) or on the form on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Mike can teach you if you're new!





IN THE COMMUNITY...

July Greetings from the Food Pantry. Welcome to Summer. I guess we can be glad that June is past now.

I was camping the first 2 weeks of June. The weather was really challenging. I was able to go fishing on only 4 days and bicycling only 2 days during that time. It rained and was cold and windy. My wife caught more fish than me when we did go fishing. We were both delighted to return home and finally get warm. This vacation really made me appreciate the opportunity to serve at the pantry. I am really thankful to be back to work. Wouldn't you know that as soon as I returned to work, the warm weather returned also.

The pantry received a grant from Family & Childcare Resources of N.E.W. to purchase food that would be familiar to our Hispanic clients. We had a similar grant in the past and it worked out very well.

The garden at Resurrection is looking terrific this year. We have tomatoes, squash, onions, garlic, cucumbers, lettuce, and other items. Things are growing and we are even harvesting some already.

While the sources of government support are being significantly reduced, other opportunities seem to be coming unexpectedly just when we need them most. We received 9 cases of canned chicken from Woodman's, and purchased 300 pouches of chicken from Feeding America. We received 50 cases of green beans from a pantry that was overstocked. We received about 1000# of beautiful potatoes from Paul's Pantry due to a rejected truckload shipment caused by shifting of the load while in transit. I have purchased 180 dozen pullet eggs at a very good price. Unfortunately the eggs only were available through the end of June.

Items that we need at the pantry include: baked beans, soup, meals in a can, side dish packs (Knorr type items) canned fruit, and laundry soap. As usual, we have a lot of Peanut butter but little Jelly. Jelly is greatly appreciated. Canned pasta sauces are always helpful. Glass jars are a little risky for handling.

Thank you for your continued support. We are able to do what we do because of your support.

Larry Peterson, Pantry manager.

The latest available usage numbers at the pantry:

Resurrection Food Pantry

May

of families: 314

Total people served: 984

New families registered: 3

May was a 5 distribution event month. It is just a calendar issue that happens 4 times per year.

June has started with a very large distribution number but things have returned to more normal activity and we will likely be around 280 families served for the month.



IN THE COMMUNITY...

FREE EVENT – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (but registration is necessary)

**JOIN US to honor all those who are serving
or who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces**



COURAGE COOKOUT & Recognition Ceremony

LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT
from the
Jerry Voelker
Polka Band

Sat., Sept. 13th • 11am-2pm
Prince of Peace Parish, 3425 Willow Road, Green Bay



Proko-Wall
FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY

Presentation begins at 12:30pm.

RSVP by Sept. 5th at: prokowall.com or call 920-468-4111



Strength
at Your Side





THANK YOU



RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Paula Wozniak, our dedicated Bookkeeper, has let us know she will be retiring in August after 7 years of service in the position. We are so grateful and thankful for all Paula has done to improve our budget process and financial reports. Her hard work and accuracy in managing our church finances have been invaluable.

We will be honoring Paula before her retirement in August. Watch the upcoming emails, Tidings, and bulletin announcements for details.

Thank you, Paula!!

thank you

Thank you to my prayerful friends at Ascension. I am healing very well. I appreciate the cards and the calls. It was very uplifting for me to feel the concern and care of my church family. I am on the mend and back at church. Thank you all.

~ Paulette Pocquette

July

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
KEY: HS = High School Mtg = Meeting MS - Middle School		1 9A Quilters 10A Programming Staff Meeting	2 6P HS Hangout	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 HS SERVICE LEARNING TRIP
	6 HS SERVICE LEARNING TRIP PINE LAKE CAMP Food Pantry Collection 8A Worship 9:30 Worship	7 HS SERVICE LEARNING TRIP PINE LAKE CAMP	8 HS SERVICE LEARNING TRIP PINE LAKE CAMP 9A Quilters 10A Staff Mtg	9 HS SERVICE LEARNING TRIP PINE LAKE CAMP Happy Birthday, Jayne!	10 HS SERVICE LEARNING TRIP PINE LAKE CAMP	11 HS SERVICE LEARNING TRIP PINE LAKE CAMP OFFICE CLOSED 9:30A Bulletin Assembly
	12 HS SERVICE LEARNING TRIP Happy 4 th Hire Anniversary, Jason!					
	13 HS SERVICE LEARNING TRIP 8A Worship 9:30 Worship, Baptisms	14 6P MS Hangout	15 9A Quilters 10A Staff Mtg 5:30P Mutual Ministry Mtg	16 6P HS Hangout	17	18 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30A Bulletin Assembly
	19 7:30A Piette CC @ Legion Park					
20 MS SERVICE LEARNING RETREAT 8A Worship 9:30A Worship 10:30A Congregational Meeting	21 MS SERVICE LEARNING RETREAT	22 MS SERVICE LEARNING RETREAT 10A Staff Mtg	23 MS SERVICE LEARNING RETREAT 6P HS Hangout	24	25 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30A Bulletin Assembly	26
27 8A Worship 9:30 Worship	28 VBS	29 VBS 10A Staff Mtg 6:30P Stewardship Mtg	30 VBS	31 VBS		



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Tina Korshavn: Love in a Dish
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Kathy Beaumier: Knitting Lead
Sherry Schneider: Plarn Lead
Mary Zaborski, Sherry Schneider & Rebecca Grant: NEW Community Shelter Meal Leads

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-Person:

Sundays, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Livestreamed:

Sundays at 10:30 AM

(at www.ascensiongb.com/worshipservices)

HOLY COMMUNION

1st & 3rd Sundays

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

2nd & 4th Sundays at 10:30 AM

EDUCATION HOUR - 9:15 AM

Sunday School, Youth Forum, Adult Education

Recorded & Livestreamed worship services are
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Be sure to check our website often.

OFFICE HOURS:

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Monday - Friday