



# Ascension

## **Ascension Strong Baby Sabbath Informational Luncheon** *Wrapping Families in Support from Pregnancy Through Early Parenting*

September 24, 2019

Dear Pastor,

Each year, 100 Milwaukee infants die before their first birthdays -- and black infants are three times more likely to die than white infants. Infant mortality is a complex problem that takes a communitywide effort to address.

We ask you to join this work by participating in Milwaukee's annual collaboration of city leaders, health officials, and the faith community. The Strong Baby Sabbath is set for Sunday, October 13, 2019. We will again focus on the two most preventable causes of infant death in Milwaukee: premature births and unsafe sleeping environments.

In preparation for this important Sunday, we invite you to the Ascension Strong Baby Sabbath Informational Luncheon on October 9. Clergy and health experts will share messages to support women and their families and promote healthy births. Additional materials will be provided to help you participate.

**Ascension Strong Baby Sabbath Informational Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 2019**  
**Networking Reception: 11 - 11:30 a.m.**  
**Lunch and Program: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospital-St. Joseph Campus, 5000 W. Chambers St.**

**Speakers:** Mayor Tom Barrett; City Health Commissioner Jeanette Kowalik, Ph.D., MPH, MCHES; Bernie Sherry, Ascension Health Senior Vice President and Ascension Wisconsin Ministry Market Executive; and Karen Watson, M.D., FACOG, Ascension Medical Group

**Emcee:** Joan M. Prince, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor-Global Inclusion and Engagement, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

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