

Ascension News

One Church, One Body, One Spirit, Serving all People.
Una Iglesia, Un Cuerpo, Un Espíritu, Siviendo a todo los personas.
Ib Lub Tuamtsev, Ib Lub Cev, Ib Tug Ntsujplig, Ua Num Rua Txhaus Tug Tuabneeg.

A Time of Reformation

Rev. P. Germán Novelli-Angrisano

Some time ago, someone asked me if I ever considered it pertinent and necessary to carry out a new reform in the One and Holy Catholic Church. This person was thinking about emulating what was done by Dr. Martin Luther in the 16th century.

My answer was simple. I began by asking this question: Do you think that the church abandoned or gave in to the ideas raised by the reformer? Lutherans of that time and of this time continue to believe, confess and teach Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Scripture Alone, Christ Alone and Glory Alone to God.

Our confessions remain the same, the ones collected in the Book of Concord, the ecumenical creeds and the catechisms of Luther. So it is not necessary to undertake a new reform or place the 95 theses on the doors of our churches.

The Visible Church of Christ also continues to preach the pure word of God, distinguishing law and gospel, and the sacraments are administered in the manner in which they were instituted by Christ himself.

However, in this dialogue, I was able to understand better what this brother wanted to tell me. So we came to the conclusion that we Christians need to adapt our faith and principles to a time marked by discrimination based on gender, skin color, country of origin, religious views and social status.

Our society is infected by these evils that despise and even hate human beings created by God, whom the Father loves, and for whom Jesus gave his life to redeem them from sin and evil. The planet is also sick from having been impacted by pollution, which has damaged water sources, climate and the earth itself, producing hunger, thirst and senseless wars.

Of course we need to do something. We need to take the prophetic word, and, like Amos and Isaiah did, preach and denounce injustice, oppression and racism. We are called to announce that the gospel is good news of inclusion where there should be no room for discrimination.

Our Ascension Church is committed to these principles, and we must continue to move forward to show ourselves as an open parish committed to all people, offering them the same thing that Jesus gave us, the security of being part of the Kingdom of God and being welcomed by the Holy Spirit, and the blessing that the Father and God of all gives us all through his blessed grace.

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English: 9:00 am

Spanish: 10:15 am

Hmong: 11:30 am

All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2022

We will remember the lives and witness of those who have gone ahead of us with the assurance of the resurrection to eternal life. We thank God for their contributions to the life and mission of Ascension Lutheran Church.

Anna Marie Veum, November 3, 2021

Donna Rae Mudrock, December 3, 2021

Kasi Soua Xiong Vang, December 11, 2021

Blia Her Thao, February 11, 2022

Vang Yer Her, April 22, 2022

Peter Chang, June 11, 2022

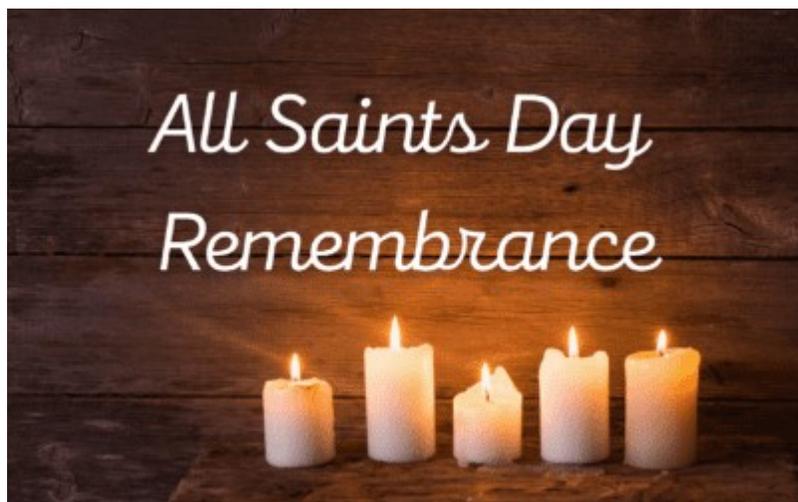
Marilyn J. Schoedel, July 14, 2022

Patricia Joy Kveen, July 24, 2022

Marlene "Pat" Collenburg, August 8, 2022

Phyllis Anne Perich, August 14, 2022

Other loved ones we miss and for whose lives we give thanks to God



Happy Birthday, Joyce!

Joyce Henkel celebrated her 98th birthday in September.

Our world is blessed to have such a beautiful and tender soul such as you in it, Joyce. May God continue to bless you our dear friend!



Ascension's Community Thanksgiving Meal

Ascension's Community Thanksgiving Meal is planned for Tuesday, November 22. We are looking for cash donations to offset the cost of food this year. We also welcome volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up after the event. Please contact Cheryl Groth or Cindy Sykes for gifts and more information.

We Are Invited!

We have received an invitation from Pastor Mary Martha to join Hephatha Lutheran Church for Mission Partner Appreciation Day on Saturday, November 5th. As a mission partner providing support for Hephatha Church for many years, Ascension will be honored at this event. This appreciation event will include a 3:00 pm worship in the sanctuary (in person or Zoom) followed by a meal (eat at Hephatha or take home).

Zoom attendance will be accessed at www.hephatha100.com where there will be a 'one click' page that includes the meeting id member 601 087 7814 passcode: 12345. Hephatha is located at 1720 W. Locust Avenue, Milwaukee.

Youth Room

We are excited to announce that the upper lounge will be cleared out for the youth. The room will be cleaned on Saturday, November 5th beginning at 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Please stay tuned for updates on the youth room and donations needed.

Contact Jerry Vang at jerryvang@ascensionmke.com for any questions.

Ascension's "In As Much" Sunday

December 11, 2022, 9:00 am

Ascension disciples are encouraged to purchase and donate unwrapped children's toys for "In As Much" Sunday donations to Hephatha Lutheran Church.

Christy Kudy heard from Pr. Mary Martha at Hephatha and she requests that the gifts be toys for **newborns to 4-year olds, all unwrapped.**



5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly Workshop

Hello all,
I would like to invite you to join our workshop on November 10th at 6:00 pm on tips to Retire Fearlessly. We will meet in the Ascension sanctuary and will have complimentary snacks. Please RSVP by either emailing me at Jerry.vang@thrivent.com or calling me at 414-477-2997. No products will be sold.

The logo for Thrivent, featuring the word "thrivent" in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font. The letter "t" is stylized with a red heart shape integrated into its top bar.

Jerry Vang
(414) 477-2997

Action Teams Announcement

Attention All Thrivent Members,

As we are approaching the end of the year, I just want to friendly remind all members that you are entitled to two Action Teams per year up to \$250.00 for each project. If you have not used all your Action Teams yet, I highly encourage you to use them before the year ends. It is a great way to give back to the community. If you have any questions about Action Teams or what to use it on, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you,
Jerry Vang

Thrivent Virtual Concert

Please join us on Thursday, December 2nd, 2022 for a Thrivent Sponsored virtual concert showing for KING & COUNTRY and MATTHEW WEST. It will be shown in the Church sanctuary at 6:00 pm. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Open to all ages and all are welcome. No products will be sold. Please RSVP by emailing Jerry Vang at Jerry.vang@thrivent.com or by calling 414-477-2997.

Get it on the Calendar!

Contact Bonny Lopez in the church office with any church-related meetings, even if held virtually, or in a non-church location. Let's keep each other informed of our sacred work!

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Ascension Contact information

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Pastor Bill Mains (interim English pastor)

Pastor Germán Novelli-Angrisano (Latino pastor)

Chuck Ellingson (office manager)

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Articles are due by noon on **Friday, November 18th**.

Please email your group's content to:

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Charlie Kudy, Ascension teams - kudy826@gmail.com

Ar Lee, Hmong ministry - lisab070520@gmail.com

If you know someone who would like a printed copy of this newsletter, contact Jan Fox at 262-782-5680.

