



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.

From the Desk of President Cheryl

To all members and guests of Ascension,

This past week we received a memo from the Synod announcing that they strongly recommend that churches statewide temporarily return to remote operations as COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations soar due to the highly-transmissible Omicron virus in Wisconsin. They recommend that churches not gather in person for the next 4-6 weeks,

After a conversation with Pastor Mains, and several Ascension church leaders, we have made the decision to remain open. Our current Covid protocols of mask wearing in every area of the church, social distancing in the Sanctuary and pews, and limiting our gathering and close conversations will be monitored to ensure the protocols are followed. Everyone who is attending any service must sign in before entering the Sanctuary.

We will expect everyone to be very cautious and follow the guidelines. If you are sick, feel sick, please stay home. We will continue to livestream our services so you can worship with us from home.

We have many things happening at Ascension in the months ahead. Pastor Mains will be here to help us and guide us as we move forward, our Capital Campaign will begin very soon, and our roof repairs will resume in early Spring.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

Blessings,

Cheryl



²⁶What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.

1 Corinthians 14

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In-Person Worship for all language groups

All language groups are now able
to worship in the sanctuary.

English: 9:00 am

Spanish: 10:15 am

Hmong: 11:30 am

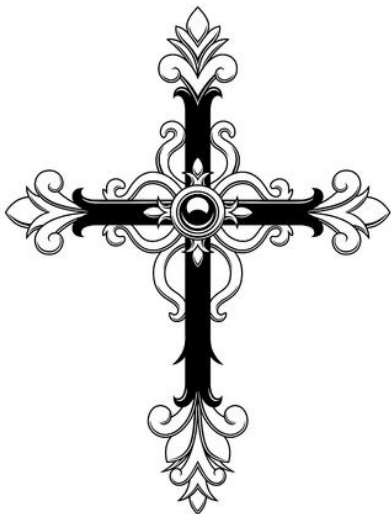
Welcome 2022

Greetings from the Ascension Communication team. Here we are at the start of 2022. While 2021 has been another very unusual year, we also have many things to be grateful for. We have been able to return to services in our Sanctuary. We are thankful to Pastors Gail Brodersen-Heins and Germán Novelli for leading a beautiful Christmas Eve service.

Our newsletter may be short this issue due to the demands on everyone's time at this time of year but our wishes for all of you are HUGE. May God bless you with good health and much happiness in 2022.

Do you have news to share with others? Please forward your news items to Cindy Jackson, (cindy_jaxn@yahoo.com) by the date found on the last page of this newsletter for inclusion in the next issue.

Our newsletter depends on you!



Thank You Ascension for your Intentions/Pledges for 2022!

To date we have received 60 intent cards. For every four intentions/pledges we receive beyond our current 60 a generous family will donate an additional one-time gift of \$250 up to a total of \$5,000. It is not too late. You can email your confidential intention/pledge for 2022 to us at officemanager@ascensionmke.com. We give thanks for our generous givers and invite you to join us as we continue to build a culture of generosity at Ascension.

In Christ,
Grace Thomsen, Stewardship
Chairperson

AMIS NEWS

The AMIS disciples met Friday, December 17. Several caroling disciples were invited to attend because I couldn't hold two events. After a shared meal, Marge read an Advent devotion. Then we discussed finances. AMIS has \$4,178.66 in the bank. We decided to gift \$2,000 to ELCA Disaster Relief because of the devastation caused by the tornadoes. We also gifted \$2,000 to the Kasi Vang family. Kasi was a beloved mother of 7 children who died much too young. The family needs support and prayers. Diane then led us in a Christmas Bible reading and hymns. It was a joy to be singing again.

We would love to have you join us.

**WE ARE BLESSED
TO BE A BLESSING**

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New Year – New Opportunities!

Since 1852, Ascension has been a reflection of God's light to our community. Together we celebrate the sacraments in three languages and host countless organizations that impact the community. We are one Church, one Body, one Spirit, growing together in Christ by proclaiming the Good News and serving all people.

As you know, our ministry and our facilities have been challenged by significant water intrusion. These leaks have threatened our whole building. To prevent further costly damage, and to be ready for all that God calls us to next, our congregation's leadership, took critical steps to address the roofs needs before this winter's snow.

This year our congregation will launch the *More Than a Roof* campaign to fund these needed renovations. Throughout January and February, we will share not only the details of what has been done, but also our plans for future ministry.

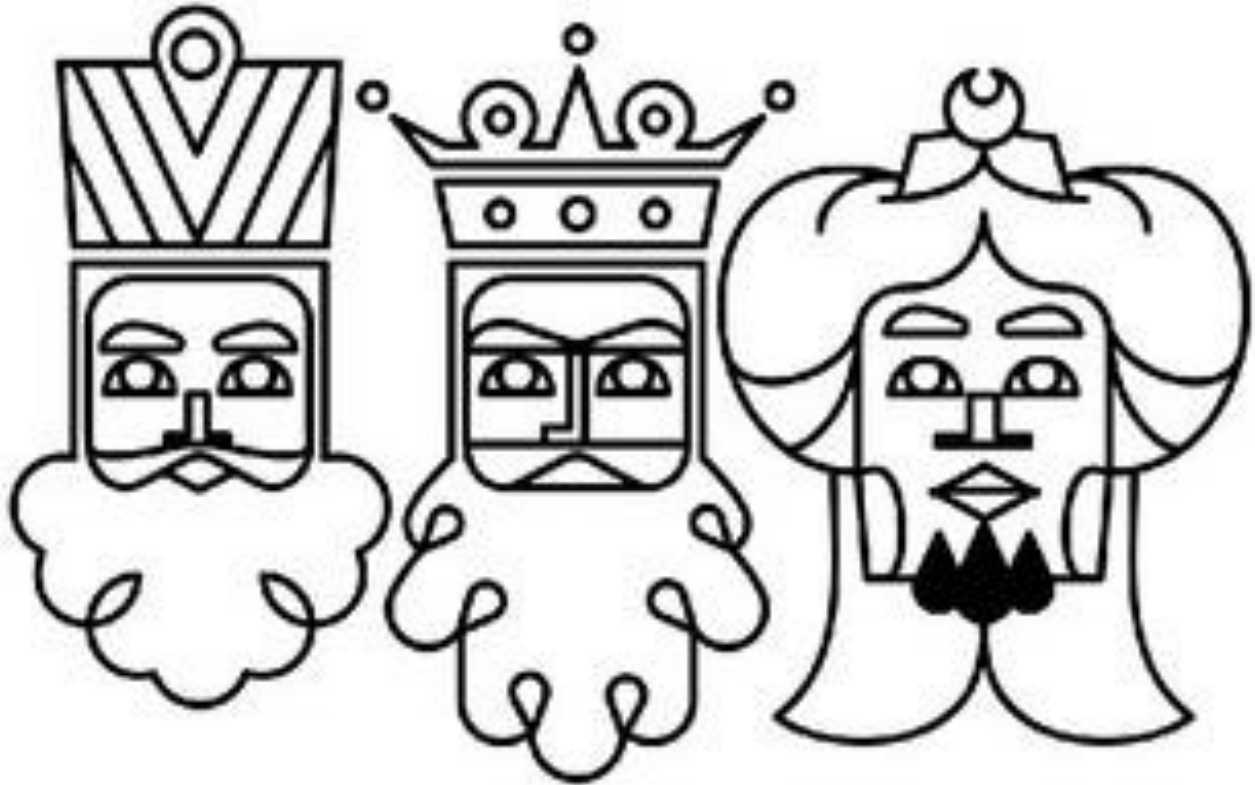
To lead this effort, our council has appointed Lee Her as campaign chair, as well as Cindy Jackson, Jack & Diane Loppnow, Laura Ruiz, and Sue Kaschak as campaign steering committee members.

Please watch for more details coming soon!



Just for Fun

Three Kings Coloring Page



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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Articles are due by Noon on **Friday, February 18th**

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