



Ascension News

One Church, One Body, One Spirit, Serving all People
Una Iglesia, Un Cuerpo, Un Espíritu, Sirviendo a todas las personas
Ib Lub Tuamtsev, Ib Lub Cev, Ib Tug Ntsujplig, Ua Num Rua Txhaus Tug Tuabneeg

Global Creches

I hope you enjoy the images of creches from around the world that I have scattered throughout this newsletter. May this holiday season be filled with joy!

Cindy Jackson



Peru



Ireland

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**There will be no
January newsletter.**

Worship Services

English: 9:00 am

Spanish: 10:15 am

Hmong: 11:30 am

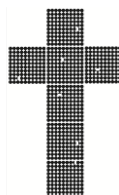
**Unified Worship
Sunday, December 15th
There will be a shared meal
(aka a potluck) after
worship!**

**Christmas Eve Worship:
Tuesday, December 24th,
4:00 pm**

10:00 am unified worship
services at least once a month
For specific dates, see the
calendar under
News & Events at
www.ascensionmke.com

BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY

a stewardship program for our congregation



Ua Tsaug, Thank You, Gracias

We celebrated Giving Sunday with a beautiful, unified service on November 17th, 2024. Ka Bao and I are thankful for your continued support and generosity for God's work here at Ascension. We received Commitment Cards for 2025 from 27 individuals and families during the worship service. Your commitment for 2025 is important for us as we make plans and prepare budgets for the future. If you were unable to attend church on Giving Sunday, we encourage you to please mail your Commitment Card to the church or drop it in the offering basket any Sunday during December.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" is the theme of this year's Stewardship work. God's mercy comes to us in countless ways. Our Lord Jesus is chief among these. It is through the love and forgiveness that is ours in our Lord Jesus that we can boldly claim to be God's own people – not because of what we have done, but because of what God has done for us through his only Son.

The Bible teaches us that everything belongs to God. To be a steward is to be entrusted to care for some of what God owns in this world. That steward is you, entrusted to care for all that God has placed in your hands.

We hope you will use the Advent candles distributed in church on Giving Sunday as you prepare to

celebrate Jesus' birth this Christmas! May God continue to bless our work at Ascension into 2025 and beyond!



Grace Thomsen and Ka Bao Yang,
Stewardship Co-Chairs



Hawaii

Suburban Singers to Present Holiday Concert at Ascension

On **Sunday, December 22nd at 2:30 pm**, the Suburban Singers of the West Allis/West Milw. Rec Dept. will present "The Many Sounds of Christmas" in Ascension's sanctuary. The program features music from different parts of the world, from 16th century Europe to Nigeria, to the Black American spiritual tradition, in addition to jazz and American nostalgia. The sounds are further enhanced by various percussion instruments.

Treat your ears! It promises to be a delightful afternoon. The concert is approximately 1-1/4 hrs. long.

Ascension member Greg Joers sings with the chorus.

**Purchase tickets at the door—
\$10 CASH ONLY.**

*Submitted by
Gail Brodersen-Heins*



Israel



IN AS MUCH Sunday

“IN AS MUCH Sunday” will be on Sunday, December 15th, when we will have a unified worship service. As has been the tradition at Ascension, we will be collecting gifts for the children of Hephatha Lutheran Church. Pastor Mary Martha has always been extremely appreciative of any gifts that we, as Ascension disciples, give to the children of their congregation and neighborhood. This year, they are hosting a get-together for about 100 children that attend Hopkins Lloyd Community School, which many of Hephatha’s children attend. They are putting gift bags together for the children, and Pastor Mary Martha thought it would be a wonderful thing if we could donate quality fun socks that are Christmas-themed, with characters or anything else that children will find fun to wear!

If you have already done your shopping, any toys or clothing that you would like to donate will be graciously appreciated!



For those of you who would like to help us reach 100 pairs of FUN socks, I’ve done some online research. Kohl’s, Target, Walmart and Amazon have packs of 2-6 pairs of socks that are in-stock or can be ordered online. Amazon has the best selection, but feel free to shop wherever it is easiest for you. The following are the size categories that I came across: infant/toddler 0M-5T, children ages 6-11 years old, and ages 12-13. The greatest area of need is for the children ages 6-11.

Gifts should be UNWRAPPED and will be delivered on Monday, December 16th. Our family has been doing this for more than 20 years, and every year, Chuck and I are filled with so much joy when we deliver the gifts to Hephatha! If you have any questions, please feel free to text or call me at 414.235.4645, or reach out to me if you see me at church.

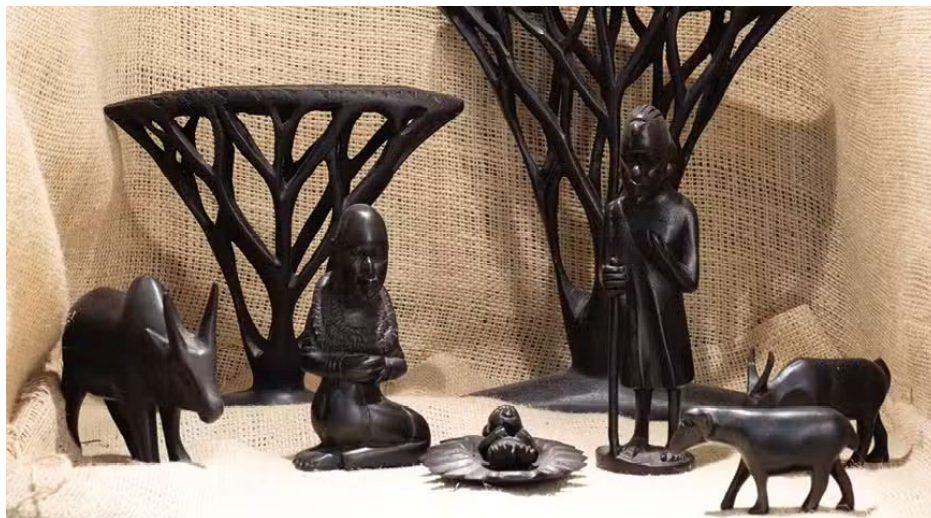
Thank you!
Christy Kudy



Peru



Tanzania



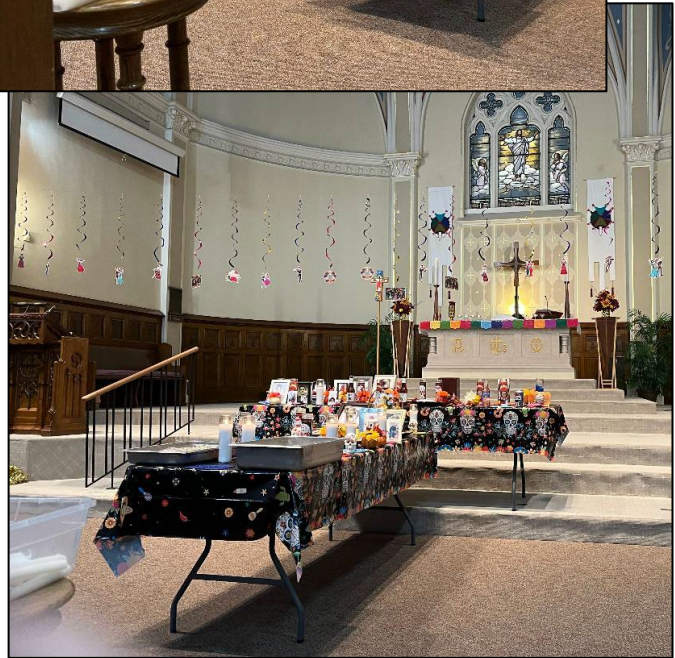
Africa



Ukraine



Día de los Muertos Celebration



Get it on the Calendar!

Contact Bonny López 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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Next Ascension News

February 3rd

Articles are due by noon on **Friday, January 24th**.

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