



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

And What Now????

Have you ever asked yourself about what happened after Prince Charming kissed Snow White and carried her to his castle? I mean, did the dwarfs get their act together and start cleaning the house? Hmm...sometimes I just wonder. I wonder the same thing about Reformation Day.

History tells us about the Reformation Movement that exploded after those famous theses were nailed for all scholars to read on that All Hallows' Eve Day in 1517. But what happens with the church after Reformation Sunday is over and we've had our dose of "A Mighty Fortress", preferably performed with our organ...???

Many times I've wondered if the Reformation is still relevant and if it is, how does it impact our lives and our congregations today? Do we really understand what it is that we celebrate on Reformation Day/Sunday?

A heads-up: it's NOT Luther.

We celebrate that we are loved, not because of what we do or can do, but because of who we are. And "who are we?" you might ask? Well, you and I are God's children, claimed, redeemed and sent out into the world, for the sake of that same world. This act of redemption reminds us that we are perfectly imperfect, yet we are given the gift of grace that renews every single day just because we are loved by God.

So, what happens after Reformation Sunday? How do we live into this "reformation"? As a congregation, I believe we live into it as we welcome the challenges of a world that never stops changing and as we welcome reform within our policies and bylaws to reflect Jesus' teachings. We live into the reformation state of mind as we walk with our communities and become the voice for those silenced by systems.

The Reformation is not just one day, but every day of our lives as followers of Jesus, and as we reflect on how Scripture and the Word of God gives shape to our lives. We live out Reformation in every Council and Congregational meeting as we plan, budget, and strategize how to be church within our context understanding that we are called to care for our neighbor, and to be heralds and doers of God's love, peace and justice for ALL.

The Holy Spirit, through the Reformation type of life, challenges us to always ask what needs reforming today. So let the winds of reformation be the constant breeze that moves us, challenges us, but also gives us purpose and direction.

SOLI DEO GLORIA!

Pastor Aida

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Sunday Worship Services

English: 9:00 am

Spanish: 10:15 am

Hmong: 11:30 am

10:00 am unified worship
services at least once a month

For specific dates, see the
calendar under
News & Events at
www.ascensionmke.com.

September 28th Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, September 28th, following a Unified Worship service, new Leadership Council members were brought before the 57 members present. All were unanimously approved for installation to the Leadership Council.

New members:

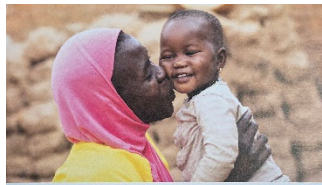
Pam Moore, Michelle Acevedo, Gao McCrary, and Veronica Perez

Returning members:

Cheryl Groth, Charlie Kudy, Susie Hess, José Guerrero, Laura Ruiz, Ar Lee

We all pray for God's continued guidance for the entire Leadership Council and thank everyone for serving in this role.

Submitted by Susie Hess and Cindy Jackson



Pastor Aida and the people of Ascension,

Thank you for choosing to share your love and generosity with our neighbors in Texas through a partnership with Lutheran World Relief. People have received hope through this act of faith. Thank you!

Peace, Pastor Tim Krick



2025 Schedule of Events

Plan now for these exciting events! *The following list of events is subject to change.*

Children & Youth

Trunk or Treat (Children, Youth, Family & Friends)

- Date: Saturday, 10/11
- Setup Time: 12:00 pm
- Event Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Place: Ascension Parking Lot
- Contact: Pang Nha Xiong 414.336.8276

Unified Worship Services

Sunday, 10/19, 10:00 am

Sunday, 11/2, 10:00 am

- All Saints Day / Día de los Muertos

Sunday, 12/21, 10:00 am

Wednesday, 12/24, 4:00 pm

- Christmas Eve Family Service

HMooB/HMong

11:30 Service

Thanksgiving Lunch

- Date: Sunday, 12/7
- Time: After 11:30 service
- Food: Potluck
- Contact: KaBao Yang 920.246.5050

Xyoo Tshab/Hmong New Year Celebration 2026

- Date: Sunday, 1/4/2026
- Time: 10:00 am - Unified Service
- Lunch: After service
- Food: Hmong Ministry
- Contact: Ar Lee 414.405.9202



Ascension Hits (and Exceeds) Flood Relief Fund Goal



Thanks to the generosity of everyone who contributed to the Flood Relief Fund Drive, AMIS was able to send a check for \$2,750 to the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

Our \$2,000 goal was not only met but surpassed by \$750!

THANK YOU, Ascensionites.

Marilyn Lange

AMIS (Ascension in Mission) 6th Annual Mum Plant Fundraiser

On September 20th and 21st, AMIS held its 6th Annual Mum Plant Sale to raise funds to support various mission projects. The mum plants were beautiful as always and will brighten many gardens and homes in the weeks ahead.

A sincere *thank you to everyone who purchased plants and to Thrivent Financial for their support of this fundraising effort with a Thrivent Action Grant of \$250 to help with the cost of the mum plants.*

Marilyn Lange

Live Your Faith, Pursue Your Passions, Prepare for Your Future

At Carthage College, you don't have to choose between faith, community, and your future — you can embrace them all. If you're a high school junior or senior, visit Carthage this fall and discover the place that could become your home. All visitors will receive a \$1,000 visit grant as part of their financial aid award. And as a member of an ELCA church, you will receive a \$1,000 Lutheran Grant. 100% of students receive scholarships and grants, money you do not pay back!

Carthage is Wisconsin's only ELCA-related college, offering strong programs in the fine arts, athletics (D3), and academics (over 75 majors and programs), including health, engineering, and many more fields.

Ready to apply? The \$35 application fee is waived with the fee waiver code: ELCA

www.carthage.edu/apply

I'd love to welcome you to campus and meet you during your visit!

*Pastor Adam Miller-
Stubbendick*

*Carthage College Campus
Pastor*



Hi fellow Ascensionites!

As we look at the finances, please remember we have an ebb and flow on revenue throughout the year. Revenues pick up around Easter and Christmas time, and our expenses usually pick up in Summer when revenues ebb. Our cash position remains stable and is always being reviewed by myself and the accountants.

We are also finalizing plans to have two new building partners move in for 2026, as well as completing our lease update with current partners. All of which will assist with revenues as we plan for 2026.

Charlie Kudy, treasurer



Treasurer's Report

	Through 8/31/25 Goal	8/31/25 Actual	2025 Budget
Endowment	\$66,660.00	\$66,666.64	\$100,000.00
Donations	\$136,653.00	\$133,073.31	\$205,000.00
Building Rental	\$91,781.83	\$90,717.49	\$137,686.52
Misc	\$20,497.95	\$6,993.37	\$31,250.00
Roof Donations	\$9,999.00	\$18,001.00	\$15,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$325,591.78	\$315,451.81	\$488,936.52

Administration	\$188,294.50	\$180,312.07	\$282,470.00
Ministry	\$20,931.24	\$16,396.12	\$31,400.00
Building	\$97,823.55	\$103,293.98	\$146,750.00
Utilities	\$41,029.23	\$53,808.77	\$61,550.00
Addtl Roof Prinp. Pmt	\$-	\$-	\$-
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$348,078.52	\$353,810.94	\$522,170.00

Difference	\$(22,486.74)	\$(38,359.13)	\$(33,233.48)
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Charlie Kudy, treasurer

Next Ascension News

November 4th

Articles are due by noon on **Friday, October 17th**.

Please email your group's content to:

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Regular office hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

If you know someone who would like a printed copy of this newsletter, please contact Jan Fox at 262-782-5680 or Chuck in the church office.

Recent Event Photos



Outreach For Hope Event with Santa Fe, September 27th @ Washington Park.



Leadership Workshop for Synod's Hispanic Ministries

Get it on the Calendar!

Contact Bonny López or Chuck 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!

Bonny López, bonnylopez@ascensionmke.com

