



# 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

## From Pastor Aida's Desk

### *Happy Easter—He is risen indeed, Alleluia!*

I thank God for Easter, for the holy day, and for the whole seven-week holy season of Easter. It is such a blessing to get to celebrate our faith and hope in Jesus, the risen Lord who gives us the good news of new life. Soon we will be seeing that new life all around us as spring shoots forth. Spring reminds us of God the creator, who created all out of nothing, who gives new life even after death.

We can see new life in our ministries together, as we see our parking lot getting busy from Monday through Thursday, thanks to all our community partners. We can see new life through S.W.A.G. (Saved With Amazing Grace) as we work and plan for this coming summer! We can see new life through the outreach ministries we partner with (especially with our new partners) Lutheran Social Services and Walker's Point Youth & Family Center.

We can see new life in our staff who are working so hard, as is our council and our lay leadership. We have even more property improvement projects underway. We are looking forward to our Spring Cleaning event where we will be joined by our community partners.

We can see new life in our Children's Ministry and their plans for this year. They have a great leadership team and staff. The kids are active, having fun, learning and growing. God bless them. They are a gift and an inspiration to us!

My prayer for you this Easter season is that God bless you with a constant sense of God working in your life, giving you new life, raising you up everyday with signs of God's grace, love, and hope all around you!

Happy Easter,  
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](http://www.ascensionmke.com).

## 2026 Unified Worship Schedule and Special Events

This schedule may change.

### Unified Services (10:00 am)

April 5-Easter Sunday

**April 19-Ascension Involvement Fair, after the worship service Pastor Tita Valeriano, ELCA program director for Asian and Pacific Island Ministries, plans to worship with us!**

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

October 18

November 1-All Saints' Day

November 15

**December 20-?**

December 24-Family Christmas Eve worship service, 4:00 pm

January 3, 2027-Hmong New Year Celebration

### 11:30 am Worshipping Community

**May 24-NO worship service**

June 14-11:30 am Outdoor Service-front patio with lunch to follow

August 30-11:30 am Backpack Blessing

**September 6-NO worship service**

September 13-11:30 am Blessing/Prayer for Hunters & Hunting Season with lunch to follow

**December 13-NO worship service**

**December 27-NO worship service**

### 2026 Special Events

**Easter Egg Hunt CANCELLED**

Saturday, 4/11/2026

**Easter crafts will be done by the kids during Sunday school time on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Campus Cleanup**

Saturday, 5/9/2026

José Guerrero

**S.W.A.G. Family Grill Out**

Saturday, 6/20/2026

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Kou Thao, 414.378.2733

**Ascension Picnic**

Saturday, 8/1 or 8/8/2026

11:00 am

Park is TBD

Jerry Vang, 414.477.2997

**Egg Roll Fundraiser**

Saturday, 9/26/2026

Sunday, 9/27/2026

Lee Her, 414.477.8941

**Trunk-or-Treat**

Saturday, 10/24/2026

Setup: 12:00 pm

Event: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

PangNha Vang, 414.336.8276

**S.W.A.G. Youth Night:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month,

6:00 pm-9:00 pm



## Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Worship with other churches in the Milwaukee area.

**\* St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**\* 6:30 pm**

(2812 W. Wisconsin Ave.)

## Good Friday

Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Ascension Lutheran Church**

**Unified Worship**

**\* 7:00 pm**

## Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Ascension Lutheran Church**

**Unified Worship**

**\* 10:00 am**



## Mural Painting Fun



## Walker's Point Youth and Family Center & Pathfinders Team Up at Ascension!

We had the pleasure of hosting our first collaborative meeting for youth shelters in Milwaukee!

Our team welcomed Pathfinders Milwaukee to our office for an afternoon of snacks, conversation, and meaningful relationship building. This gathering marks the start of our ongoing quarterly meetings, where we'll continue strengthening our partnership and sharing ideas on how we can better support one another, while serving youth in our community.

We truly value the incredible work Pathfinders does and are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate.

When organizations come together, our impact grows—and that means better support for the young people who need it most.

Youth workers are the best!



## Connect with Us!

The Communications Team has placed new welcome cards in the pews. Feel free to fill one out to communicate with Pastor Aida, the office, or leadership, and encourage visitors to fill out a card, too.

You can also scan the QR code on the card (shown here) with your phone's camera or QR reader to connect with Ascension and submit a request.

*Cindy Jackson*



*Kali Daughtery, Executive Director,  
Walker's Point Youth and Family  
Center*



## Treasurer's Report

	<u>Through</u> <u>2.28.26 Goal</u>	<u>2.28.26 Actual</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>
Endowment	\$16,660.00	\$16,666.67	\$100,000.00
Donations	\$31,654.00	\$57,462.99	\$190,000.00
Building Rental	\$32,364.53	\$34,183.30	\$194,264.86
Misc	\$3,773.49	\$(48.74)	\$22,750.00
Roof Donations	\$2,499.00	\$6,486.00	\$15,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$86,951.02	\$114,750.22	\$522,014.86

Administration	\$47,174.88	\$48,558.42	\$283,162.56
Ministry	\$5,864.32	\$6,844.07	\$35,200.00
Building	\$25,239.90	\$39,842.53	\$151,500.00
Utilities	\$11,342.13	\$19,260.14	\$68,080.00
Addtl Roof Prinp. Pmt	\$-	\$-	\$-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$89,621.23	\$114,505.16	\$537,942.56

Difference	\$(2,670.22)	\$245.06	\$(15,927.70)
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Happy Easter and spring, Ascensionites and friends! Spring is a busy time for our congregation: annual budget meeting, Easter celebrations, the S.W.A.G. Lock-in and all the continued activities of our community partners!

Financially, the first two months of 2026 have seen increased revenues and increased expenses. With winter comes higher utilities bills that plateau throughout the year. The Building Team is working with Focus On Energy and Faith in Place to initiate the total replacement of some of our light bulbs to LED, which have projected savings of 20% on our electric bill for years to come.

Thank you to our disciples and friends for your faithful ministry investments, and for your investments of time and talents! Because of you, we are able to carry out God's work in 53215 and beyond our campus!

*Charlie Kudy, Treasurer*

### Get it on the Calendar!

Contact Bonny 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!

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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.

### Next Ascension News

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Articles are due by noon on **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Please email your group's content to:

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