



Ascension Lutheran Church // October 2026

# 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

**Different laborers, at different times,  
for different missions.**

**All God's work, through our hands. All important.**

That's the petition that I shared with our community on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, on our "God's Work, Our Hands / Ministry Partner Sunday".

And that is what our celebration was about on Sunday: all the good work that we, as an Ascension community, through our disciples, alongside our ministry partners, conduct in our ministry, in our 174<sup>th</sup> year. We welcomed all of our community partners on Sunday and had the chance to engage in conversation and learn from them in the Commons afterwards.

Each day, our campus is buzzing with activity and serving our community, providing space for collaboration, fellowship, nourishment, care, advocacy, creativity, cultural expression, service, and faith formation. This buzzing extends beyond the service of our faithful disciples, to our ministry partners, who stand shoulder-to-shoulder with us as we work towards a more perfect and kind world.

And it is because of this buzzing, Ascension, we are a welcoming place, present in our Greater Milwaukee community, and a force for change and good.

However, this buzzing is made possible through the continued stewardship of our campus by our disciples, their time, talents, and treasures, as well as the treasures provided by our ministry partners and the Ascension Endowment Fund.

Be it from the offices, kitchen, gym, dining room and sanctuary at 1212 and 1236 S Layton Blvd, or our partner spaces throughout the five floors at 1300 S Layton each day, Ascension's campus serves our community.

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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).

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## 2026 Unified Worship Schedule and Special Events

This schedule may change.

### Unified Services (10:00 am)

October 18 – NO unified worship service

October 25 – Reformation Sunday, Stewardship, **Congregational Meeting**

November 1 – All Saints' Day/  
Día de los Muertos

November 15 – Pastoral plaque dedication, eggroll sale

December 20 – NO unified worship service

December 24 – Christmas Eve worship service, 4:00 pm

January 3, 2027 – Hmong New Year celebration, 10:00 am

### 11:30 am Worshipping Community

December 13 – NO worship service

December 27 – NO worship service



## 2026 Special Events

### Trunk or Treat

Saturday, 10/24/2026

Setup: 12:00 pm

Event: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

PangNha Vang, 414-336-8276

### Nachurch Day!

#### Nachos at church

Sunday, 11/1/2026

Following the unified service

### Egg Roll Fundraiser

Sunday, 11/15/2026

Time: 12:00 pm,

**First come, first served!**

\$24.00 for a dozen

\$12.00 for half dozen

Lee Her, 414-477-8941

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month,  
6:00 pm-9:00 pm

### Sunday School:

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am

### Confirmation Class:

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 pm

### Bible Study:

Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am  
Susie Hess' home

### Pride Worship Service

Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>,  
6:00 pm

### First Communion Classes

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>  
November 14<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am

## Nadia Bolz-Weber's Red State Revival

Nadia Bolz-Weber's Red State Revival is a multi-city gathering that brings people together around the core of the Christian faith. Rather than getting pulled into the noise of the moment, the evenings center on Jesus and the simple but demanding practices He taught: humility, curiosity, mercy, and hope.

Tickets are flexible (pay-what-you-can), and the emphasis is on showing up in person, sitting with neighbors, and leaving encouraged rather than agitated. The goal is simply to gather, remember Jesus, and practice the quieter virtues of humility, curiosity, mercy, and hope together.

The Milwaukee stop on **Friday, October 30, at Ascension Lutheran Church** is one of the upcoming evenings on the tour.

**Bring a friend. Bring an enemy.**  
**All are welcome.**

Tickets and more information:  
[nadiabolzweber.com/revival](https://nadiabolzweber.com/revival)

## Mission Partner Appreciation Day

**Hephatha Lutheran Church**  
**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00 pm**

We thank God for you!

Please RSVP by leaving a voicemail message at  
414-264-0234.

Please bring as many people as you can, even if you do not RSVP.



## *Different laborers ... continued from page 1*

As we look towards our 175<sup>th</sup> year of ministry and mission, Ascension's leadership has taken the bold step to celebrate and solidify our future in this place through the *ALC 175: Gathered in Faith, Growing in Mission* Campaign.

**GOAL:** *ALC 175: Gathered in Faith, Growing in Mission* has two primary goals to help launch Ascension into the next 175 years: \$1,000,000 for capital projects, and \$750,000 in legacy planning for the Ascension Endowment Fund.

**PROGRESS:** The Ascension Endowment Fund, founded by seven forward thinking disciples in 1953, funded by disciples across all ministries over the decades, and stewarded by faithful Endowment Board members who have boldly stepped forward with an offer to increase their support of Ascension for the next five years to service up to a \$500,000 loan, providing immediate funds for capital projects.

In addition to that loan support from our Endowment Board, disciples have stepped forward with \$185,000 in early pledges towards solidifying our campus' ability to serve our neighbors.

With these commitments, we have raised **\$685,000 / \$1,000,000** towards resurfacing our parking lot, restructuring our remaining roof debt, restoring our amphitheater from a flood, rehabilitating Room 2 into an expanded ministry partner space, securing our stained-glass windows, painting our sanctuary, and creating a more sustainable HVAC system.

Ascension has also received notification of significant estate planning gifts towards the Endowment Fund, empowered by our disciples, to empower our work well into the future, totaling **\$325,000 / \$750,000**.

**PRAISE BE TO GOD!** And thank you to our disciples who have already joined in this effort!

**WHAT'S NEXT:** Our next steps will be prayerfully discerning and learning about the work ahead, and the funds still needed, while celebrating Ascension at 175, learning and enjoying our shared cultures, our different cultures, and our community!

On Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, we will ask the Holy Spirit to guide disciples, as we give thanks for the pastors who have shepherded us in the past few decades, to pledge above and beyond their normal stewardship pledges towards *ALC 175: Gathered in Faith, Growing in Mission*.

If you have any questions or want to engage in discernment regarding *ALC 175: Gathered in Faith, Growing in Mission*, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 414.758.4079 or [kudy826@gmail.com](mailto:kudy826@gmail.com).

In Christ,

Charlie Kudy



## God's Work, Our Hands / Ministry Partner Sunday Photos



## Trunk or Treat



## Nachurch Day



## Pride Worship 2026



## Egg Roll Sale!



## Treasurer's Report

|                      | 8.31.26 Goal        | 8.31.26 Actual      | 2026 Budget          |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Endowment            | \$66,000.00         | \$83,339.93         | \$ 100,000.00        |
| Donations            | \$125,400.00        | \$131,133.88        | \$ 190,000.00        |
| Building Rental      | \$128,214.81        | \$131,928.76        | \$ 194,264.86        |
| Misc                 | \$15,015.00         | \$29,098.18         | \$ 22,750.00         |
| Roof Donations       | \$9,900.00          | \$27,701.00         | \$ 15,000.00         |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b> | <b>\$344,529.81</b> | <b>\$403,201.75</b> | <b>\$ 522,014.86</b> |

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|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Administration        | \$186,887.29        | \$184,475.12        | \$ 283,162.56        |
| Ministry              | \$23,232.00         | \$23,688.12         | \$ 35,200.00         |
| Building              | \$99,990.00         | \$112,998.69        | \$ 151,500.00        |
| Utilities             | \$44,932.80         | \$58,697.98         | \$ 68,080.00         |
| Recon. Discrepancies  |                     | \$(5,050.48)        |                      |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$355,042.09</b> | <b>\$374,809.43</b> | <b>\$ 537,942.56</b> |

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|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| Difference              | \$(10,512.28) | \$28,392.32 | \$ (15,927.70) |
|                         |               |             |                |
| <b>Outstanding Debt</b> | \$239,618.68  |             |                |

Hello, Ascension Community!

Fall is here, leaves are falling, and we are returning to “normal programming.” What an exciting God’s Work, Our Hands/Ministry Partner Sunday! Other congregations and denominations refer to that day as rally day, and let me tell ya, I felt electric energy in the Commons afterwards, as we were in community with all our partners, learning and sharing stories.

Budget-wise, our disciples who faithfully give continue to do so; however, there has been the anticipated summer slowdown, and things have gotten slightly tighter, cashflow-wise. Mission partner rents continue to come in, as well as Endowment support, which has helped with our cashflow this summer.

As we approach our congregational meeting and prayerfully discern messages about stewardship and what it means to be Ascension at 175, please consider what time, talents, and treasures the Holy Spirit is calling us to share in 2027.

If you are interested in enrolling in Vanco, our online giving option, please contact Chuck Ellingson in the office at 414-645-2933.

If you have any questions about the finances of our church, please feel free to contact me at 414-758-4079 or [kudy826@gmail.com](mailto:kudy826@gmail.com).

*Charlie Kudy, Treasurer*

### Next Ascension News

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Articles are due by noon on **Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

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.

### Get it on the Calendar!

Contact Bonny or Chuck in the church office with any church-related meetings, even if held virtually or in an off-campus location. Let’s keep each other informed of our sacred work!

Bonny López, [bonnylopez@ascensionmke.com](mailto:bonnylopez@ascensionmke.com)

