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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

Dear Church Family,

This month, we gather with hearts full of gratitude as we celebrate a remarkable milestone: our 174th anniversary. For nearly a century and three-quarters, this congregation has stood as a beacon of God's grace, a sanctuary for the weary, and a community dedicated to serving our neighbors.

When our founders first gathered 174 years ago, the world looked vastly different. Yet, the core of who we are has never changed. We remain a people rooted in the Gospel, nourished by Word and Sacrament, and called to embody Christ's love in an ever-changing world. We look back on generations of faithful ministry—baptisms, weddings, funerals, community meals, and Sunday mornings filled with song—and we give thanks for the cloud of witnesses who paved the way for us.

But an anniversary is not just a time to look backward; it is a launchpad for the future. As a congregation, we know that God is still doing a new thing among us. Our 174-year history is not a museum to be preserved, but a living foundation upon which we continue to build.

As we step into our 175th year and beyond, let us look forward with holy curiosity and hope. Where is the Holy Spirit leading us next? Who are the neighbors God is calling us to accompany today?

May God continue to bless our shared ministry as we walk together in faith, hope, and love.

In Christ,
Pr. 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.

2026 Unified Worship Schedule and Special Events

This schedule may change.

Unified Services (10:00 am)

November 15 – Pastoral plaque dedication, egg roll 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 Worshiping Community

December 13 – NO worship service

December 27 – NO worship service

2026 Special Events
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

Mission Partner Appreciation Day

Hephatha Lutheran Church
Saturday, November 7th
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.

S.W.A.G. Youth Night:
3rd Saturday of each month,
6:00 pm-9:00 pm
Pastor Aida

Sunday School:
Sunday, 11:30 am
Ar Lee

Bible Study:
Tuesday, November 12th
11:30 am
Jan Fox

Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber Event at Ascensión





Congratulations, Will!

On Sunday, October 11th, Will Pezewski confirmed the promise of his baptism. We pray that God continues to bless you!



Egg Roll Sale!



Pride Worship Photos











Trunk or Treat Photos













Treasurer's Report

	9.30.26 Goal	9.30.26 Actual	2026 Budget
Endowment	$ 75,000.00	$ 83,339.93	$ 100,000.00
Donations	$ 142,500.00	$ 149,203.64	$ 190,000.00
Building Rental	$ 145,698.64	$ 147,803.30	$ 194,264.86
Misc	$ 417,062.50	$ 29,098.18	$ 22,750.00
Roof Donations	$ 11,250.00	$ 30,944.00	$ 15,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 391,511.14	$ 440,389.05	$ 522,014.86
Administration	$ 212,371.92	$ 204,956.44	$ 283,162.56
Ministry	$ 26,400.00	$ 26,910.19	$ 35,200.00
Building	$ 113,625.00	$ 124,198.79	$ 151,500.00
Utilities	$ 51,060.00	$ 63,332.89	$ 68,080.00
Recon. Discrepancies		$ (5,050.48)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 403,456.92	$414,347.83	$ 537,942.56
Difference	$ (11,945.78)	$ 26,041.22	$ (15,927.70)
Outstanding Debt	$239,618.68		

Hello Ascension Community!

Budget-wise, our disciples who faithfully give continue to do so; however, there has been the anticipated slowdown from summer 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 and into the fall. Regular giving has ticked up slightly as fall has returned.

At our congregational meeting on October 25th, with a quorum of eligible members present, our community approved a proposal from the Building Team and ALC 175 team to apply to refinance our roof debt, and plan for several other projects to invest in improvements in our shared campus.

Our capital goal for these projects, referred to as *ALC 175: Gathered in Faith, Growing in Mission*, is $1M in additional support from January 2027 to December 2031. If you are still making regular donations to our roof, thank you. I hope you discern to continue that support as funds will be directed to retiring remaining roof debt and other capital projects. Visit https://tinyurl.com/ALCMKE175 for more information!

If you are age 70½ or older and have an IRA, you may be able to make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** directly from your IRA to Ascension Lutheran Church. A QCD can be a meaningful way to support Ascension while potentially providing tax benefits, including helping satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Please contact me if you would like to learn more or need any assistance.

If you are interested in enrolling in Vanco, our onli 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.

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 an off-campus location. Let's keep each other informed of our sacred work!

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Next Ascension News

December 3rd

Articles are due by noon on **Friday, November 20th**.

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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.