

A C T - Ascension Church Today

Spring, 2010

“One Church, One Body, One Spirit,
Serving All People.”

“Una Iglesia, Un Cuerpo, Un Espíritu,
Sirviendo a todos los pueblos.”

“Koom ib Lub Tuamtsev, Koom ib Lub Cev,
Koom ib Tug Ntsujplig, Ua Num Rua Txhuas
Tug Tuabneeg.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Fellow Disciples,

These days the Christian understanding of being born again has taken on a new significance for me. Maybe it is because I have been thinking so much about Pr. Vang's bone marrow transplant or maybe the 5 funerals I had earlier in the month or maybe enjoying these incredible days with my 6 month old grandson or maybe reflecting on my own aging process...probably all of these.

I used to think that being born again was some type of a secret handshake kind of thing that was shared by those who were really Christian. My "charismatic" and "fundamentalist" friends would ask me if I "was born again". Have you been "born again brother?....have you given your heart and soul to Jeeesus?" Well, yes, I have, I would say...most of the time. And then my friends would say, "Well, then let's have some real Christian fellowship!" I was really at a loss for words at that point, I thought we **were** having some kind of fellowship.

Those words, and that approach always just turned me off. It has never really made a lot of sense to me why one would have to go about figuring out when one was "*born again*". Doesn't it happen daily? Doesn't it happen when I get up in the morning? Doesn't it happen when I find love in the eyes of my family, wonder in the eyes of my grandson and hope in the eyes of those who have survived an earthquake? In my heart of hearts, I think so.

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Well, that has changed a bit for me. Pr. Vang, one of our Pastors here at Ascension, was literally born again yesterday. Now, he did not do it in the way Nicodemus was thinking when Nicodemus had that great conversation with Jesus...remember that conversation in the Gospel of John, 3rd chapter about how to see the Kingdom of God? Nicodemus said "How can anyone be born who has already been born and grown up? You can't re-enter your mother's womb and be born again. What are you saying about this being born from above stuff?" (John 3:4&5). Nicodemus learned that being born is more than flesh and blood stuff – Jesus taught him that it is life in the spirit, a life of peace, a life with God stuff.

Pastor Vang has baby blood. His new blood came from the umbilical cord of some baby someplace in this country. This blood was kept in a blood bank just for the purpose of helping someone to be born again. This "cord" blood was a perfect match and we hope and pray that this baby blood will grow in Pr. Vang and give him new life. Instead of dying, Pr. Vang will be born again. This is all so way cool, but it is more than this flesh and blood stuff. This is all about faith and hope. It is about grace and the love of God. It is about trusting people and God with your life. Pr. Vang is teaching me this as he is literally being born again. And, I believe that it happens because of a power "from on high".

We are about to enter the season of Lent. In this yearly journey with Jesus we walk to Jerusalem, to Calvary - - to death. We anticipate and expect to receive the promised gift of resurrection. We believe that in taking this journey with Jesus and dying with Christ we too will be born again in that resurrection, with hope, trust, love and grace. Born again to live and work in the Kingdom of God.

I look forward to the days ahead as we journey together and share the work of the Kingdom. See you in church.

Sincerely, Pastor Jacobs

February 17th - Ash Wednesday
"The Healing Power of Confession"
10:00AM Service
Soup Supper at 5:30
7:00PM Service

You are Invited to Inquirer's Class - Come and bring a friend!

This is a Lenten opportunity to grow in your faith. An inquirers class taught by our pastors and lay leaders. After this class, people who are not members will have an opportunity to join our fellowship of disciples on Palm Sunday March 28th. This class will be taught by Pastor Jonathan Jacobs. We will meet in the Synod Conference room, lower level.

Inquirer's Class Dates, Times, Themes:

- Feb. 21: 11:15– 12:45 - Bible, evolution and creationism ... or did humans come from apes?
- Feb. 28: 11:15 – 12:45 - A Godly Nation or Moral Nation?... or is the United States a Christian Nation?



- March 7: 11:15 – 12:45 - Guest teacher - How Is Ascension related to other Lutherans and other Christians and what difference does it make?
- March 14: 11:15 – 12:45 - God, Sex and Family (a conversation about marriage, sexual orientation, divorce and “shacking up”)
- March 21: 11:15 – 12:45 - The “Cost of Discipleship”....or how do we follow Christ in a secular and market driven world?

Nursery (activities and snacks) will be provided for all children whose parents are in the class.

Ascension's Midweek Lenten Services

All Worship services the Wednesdays of Lent are in the Sanctuary at 10:00AM

Themes

- Wednesday, February 24th – “The Law of God vs. the law of humans.” – There is no room for a double standard.
- Wednesday, March 3rd. – “Hmmm...Talking with God?”
- Wednesday, March 17th – “Is Baptism the end or the beginning?”
- Wednesday, March 24th - “Who is Worthy?”

March 28th – Palm Sunday - ONE WORSHIP CELEBRATION AT 10:00 AM

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday – April 1st. “Given for You”

10:00AM Service and 7:00PM Service

Celebration of First Communion at the 7:00PM worship service.

Friday, April 2nd – Good Friday 1:00 PM “The Goodness of This Death” English.
5:00 PM Tenebrae - Spanish

Saturday, April 3rd – Holy Saturday 5:00PM Easter Vigil for city youth.

Easter - April 4

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:28 AM

8:45	Traditional Service
10:00	One Family/One Spirit
11:00	Hmong
12:30	Spanish



Update on Pastor Youa Kao Vang

Pastor Youa Kao Vang was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) in June of 2009. The leukemia was brought under control by 3 rounds of chemotherapy. Pr. Vang has entered Loyola University Hospital, Maywood, Illinois to begin the preparation regimen which includes destruction of his present immune system so that his body will be prepared for a "Cord Blood Transplant". The transplant is the umbilical cord blood which has the correct stem cell typology which will allow Pr. Vang to begin the production of new, disease free blood. Pr. Vang will be in strict isolation for the month of February. At the beginning of March, Pr. Vang will move to an apartment in Maywood so that he can make his daily visit to the clinic. He will live in this apartment for the next 100 days. This will be the period of time that the new blood will be developing and a new immune system will also develop. He expects to return to Milwaukee in June. Pr. Vang now has computer access and will be able to communicate through e mails.

His e mail address is youakaovang@yahoo.com. Cards and letters can be sent to his present address: 1919 S. Wolf Road, Unit 319, Hillside, Illinois 60162. Pr. Vang solicits and appreciates your prayers and kind words of hope as he continues this journey to health and new life.

What is Happening with our "Sacred Places?"

Many of you will remember that during 2009, you read an article in the ACT that four Ascension disciples were participating in a training program that would help us to be better able to address the physical plant maintenance and improvement needs of Ascension. The training is to help us to understand what a valuable Sacred Place that Ascension is for the congregation, the neighborhood, our tenants and our entire community. The goal is to help us tell "our story" not only to you, but to family members, friends of Ascension and many, many others; and, most importantly, to be able to seek help in the form of support and resources both inside and outside of Ascension.

The four disciples taking the training are Greg Joers, Lor Lorjxeng, Pastor Jon Jacobs and Marilyn Lange. We have spent three full Saturdays in 2009 participating in the Sacred Places training along with ten or eleven other Milwaukee and Racine churches. The training is intense and we still have two more sessions to complete – one in late February and another later in the Spring. We have learned a lot, but we still have much to learn in order to carry out the challenge of obtaining the support and financial resources needed to take care of our "sacred place."

In April, the team will be convening a Task Force to help us identify people, organizations, companies and others whom they think can be of help to Ascension. We expect that the Task Force will only meet one or two times to help in this identification process. Whenever possible, the Task Force members will be asked to help introduce us to the person or organization they are suggesting. Each of you can also help in this identification process – you know many people, many of whom would be interested if they knew about us and our needs. In the meantime, the team has been busy calculating the value in dollars and cents of what we do at Ascension, drafting a case statement to help us tell the Ascension story and explain our needs, establishing monetary goals for the project, and in conjunction with the leadership, shaping the scope of the project. Some of the money to be raised will help to defray the cost of projects that have already been done due to necessity and some of the money will be raised to take care of work that still needs to be done. We know that we will not be able to do everything that is needed or wanted, but we expect that we will be able to do a good bit of what is needed. We anticipate that we will be launching an all out effort beginning in late Summer and this Fall. Please watch for further updates in the ACT.

We are in need of additional help with this project. We can use any talent and amount of time that you might be willing to share. If you are interested in becoming a part of this, please contact Marilyn Lange, 525-1425 or email her at mlange8959@aol.com or speak with Pastor Jon. **WE NEED YOU!!**

Submitted by Marilyn Lange, Assistant Sacred Place Team Leader





From Stewardship Team

The Stewardship Team would like to express our sincere thanks to all of our Ascension disciples, family members and friends of Ascension who gave of their time, talent and financial resources this past year. We are especially grateful knowing that for many, their gifts were a sacrifice during the difficult economic times we have been going through and continue to experience. Many of you received a phone call to thank you personally for your help if you were at home on the evening of January 18th but if you did not receive a personal call, please accept our thanks now. One thing about the people of Ascension is that they are generous. Whenever a need arises, it seems the disciples of Ascension answer the call to help. Your generosity in support of everything we do at Ascension from helping to send our young people to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering to donating food and dollars to the Ascension Food Ministry to responding with an extra contribution when you heard how we were struggling to pay the bills late in the year speaks to your generosity and commitment to the ministries and mission of Ascension. Thank you too for all of your benevolent work at Ascension and outside of Ascension from helping out with gifts for the kids at Hephatha, participating in the Crop Walk, serving at funeral luncheons -- to name just a few of those things.

For those of you who have given to our Building Improvement Fund, which helps us to maintain our buildings but also is helping us to reduce our interest-bearing loans from the Endowment Fund – a special note of thanks. We pray that you will continue to make generous contributions to the Building Improvement Fund in 2010 and if you were unable to contribute in 2009 that you will prayerfully consider doing so this year.

You may have noticed that there are no special envelopes in your 2010 envelopes which you receiving in the mail every two months. Special envelopes can be found in the pews or you may put your special offerings in an envelope marked with the ministry you intend it to go to, for example Food Ministry. Or you can add it to your weekly offering using the “Other” line. Be sure to write in after Other what ministry it is intended for.

Remember that the congregation approved the 2010 annual budget, which includes \$260,000 in weekly offerings, this amounts to \$5000 each and every week. Please do what you can to make sure the ministries and programs of Ascension can continue by contributing what you can every time that you can.

If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to talk with anyone on the Stewardship Team, or call one of us, we are listed in the church directory. The Stewardship Team includes Sandy Maes, Jan Fox, Grace Thomsen, Pastor Jon, Pastor Walter, Roger Rustad, and Marilyn Lange.

Proverbs 3:9 “Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase.” Want for nothing with Jesus. “My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” Phillipians 4:19.

Ascension in Mission

Ascension’s mission outreach is 158 years old! Yes, a mission outreach has always been a key component of ministry....we are the church together and God’s mission of sharing, love, acceptance, forgiveness and purpose is our mission. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Bernice Ullstrup who was instrumental in the formation of Ascension in Mission/AMIS.

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In 2009, Ascension in Mission locally continued partnership with Hephatha Lutheran Church on S. Locust Street, though prayers, pulpit exchange and financial support -- \$6,300 in fact. Pastor Mary Martha's letter of appreciation have been posted and printed. Another local ministry mission was Serenity Inns, a transitional ministry for a men's recovery support, housing and counseling program on N. 35th Street. Our \$1,600 donation might have helped them stay open longer.

Globally, we responded to a challenge presented to us by Noelle Yanisch who appealed for microfinance support in developing and critical-need worldwide locations. As a result, we sent monies through Greater Milwaukee Synod and the ELCA as follows:

- \$1,600 for school scholarships in Palestine
- \$1,600 for shrimp farming in El Salvador
- \$ 750 for small farm loans in El Salvador
- \$ 750 to a women's and children fund in Nepal

We also help promote and support the ELCA Hunger Program and ask you to continue to "feed" the can "Change for Change" to help the hungry here and far away.

Now in 2010 we will continue local support for the mission outreach and youth ministries at Hephatha Lutheran Church. Perhaps a mission trip to El Salvador will come to fruition!

We challenge all of you to re-commit your lives, energies, time, talent and treasury to all the ministries that make up Ascension - including mission outreach. Our Haitian brothers and sisters, so devastated by the gigantic earthquake on January 12, need our daily prayers and whatever help we can give. Ascension in Mission will send a check to ELCA Disaster Fund-Haiti. Have your kids or grandkids look up Haiti, El Salvador, Palestine and Nepal on a map and have them say: "God's call to mission sent us there."

Where else will God's love lead us in 2010? To be continued.....submitted by Mary Lou Thomsen

If you are interested in learning more and joining AMIS, our next meeting is April 23 at Marilyn Lange's home. Ask any AMIS member your question or challenge to mission: Jan and Wayne Fox, Greg Joers, Jack and Diane Loppnow, Marilyn Lange, Pastors Jon and Walter, Kay and Chuck Petrie, Art and Sandy Maes, Grace Fiedler, Richard and Nancy Oshiro, Carla and Pete Schultz, Marge Hendrickson, Mark and Grace Thomsen and Mark and Mary Lou Thomsen. ***To be in mission is our mission!***

Important Information about Luther Manor

Did you know that Ascension is one of the over 70 sponsoring congregations of Luther Manor? Ascension has been both a supporter of Luther Manor and its mission to care for God's "older" children as well as a recipient of Luther Manor's help. Luther Manor helped to sponsor our Ascension Senior Center program for many, many years and for the past two years has been providing a small grant to Ascension to help us develop our senior ministry further.

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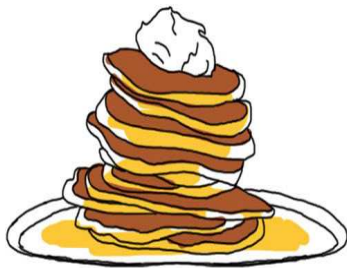


Curious about Luther Manor? Luther Manor is only a mouse click away if you have internet service. By going to Ascension's web site at www.ascension-mke.org you can then click on "Links" on the left-hand side of our home page and it will take you directly to Luther Manor's web site. There you can learn about the many services and programs available at or through Luther Manor as well as information on housing options at Luther Manor, short-term rehabilitation services at Luther Manor, volunteer opportunities and a host of other things. Check it out, you will be glad you did.

Don't have a computer but interested in knowing about Luther Manor, no problem. If you attend Sunday services, you will find a number of informational pieces about Luther Manor in the Commons in a table top literature rack. Help yourself. If you don't find what you are looking for, feel free to contact Luther Manor directly at 464-3880 and they will be happy to answer any questions or get you the information you want.

Luther Manor's Den of Antiquity reaches a major milestone. The Den of Antiquity, a resale shop located on the Luther Manor 92nd Street campus, has been operated by volunteers since 1991. Late in 2009, the Den reached \$400,000 in proceeds. Proceeds go to benefit the Luther Manor Foundation which provides supplemental funding on behalf of residents who outlive their financial resources. The Den is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Stop by if you are in the neighborhood, you are sure to find a bargain. The Den is always looking for new volunteers to help with running this amazing volunteer enterprise.

Shirley Harrell Willson and Marilyn Lange are your representatives on the Luther Manor Auxiliary. Marilyn also serves on the Luther Manor board of directors and chairs the Luther Manor Community and Home-Based Services Committee.



Pancakes
ARE
Delicious

Mark your calendars for this year's annual

Pancake Breakfast

to benefit **Camp Indian Sands**.

The date is Sunday, April 18th.

We will delight you with the usual faire - pancakes and sausage with all the trimmings. Once again there will be a silent auction and raffle, and who knows, maybe something new? Please plan on attending and supporting such a worthy cause! If you would like to donate some new item to our raffle, or would like to help, please contact Chris Swannell at 329-9009. And a big thank you to all of you who helped in the past!



Notes from the Leadership Council meeting, January 26, 2010

Susan Hess, Secretary

Formed ad hoc team to review pastors' compensation. We pay significantly less than pay ranges recommended in ELCA Minimum Compensation Guidelines. Team members: Roger Rustad, Sergio Rentas and ChouDon Vang.

Jan Fox, Communications Coordinator, requested all teams provide "summary of activities" articles for the ACT. Leadership Council liaisons were advised to follow up with their respective teams. Since the ACT is published quarterly, teams should indicate plans for the next 3 months. Related item: Our Youth Ministry Team is working on Urban Youth Ministry with Coalition congregations. The group is planning an Easter vigil, a synod-wide regional event, to be held at Ascension at 5 pm on the Saturday evening between Good Friday and Easter.

The egg roll sale attracted many people, including friends and former members, many of whom came to see Pastor Vang and wish him well. Advertising included widespread flyer distribution, member emails and word-of-mouth to friends. Youa Kao was touched. The Thrivent match was special, too. Hmong's appreciated the support, and everyone appreciated the Hmong effort in making a reported 7,000 egg rolls. 30 Hmong women worked in the kitchen and the men cleaned up. Youth helped with the tables.

Pastor Walter recently gave a sermon in which he asked any member with a cell phone to call a friend during the sermon time, and say, "We are here in church and want you to know God loves you" or "God is calling you." We must engage people to keep them active in church, and be more inviting to visitors, making them feel welcome.

At its annual luncheon on February 4, the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee will award Ascension with the Rev. Herbert Huebschmann Urban Ministry Award, given for outstanding contribution to the community. Ascension was cited for our multi-cultural ministry, work on immigration issues, and other service to urban community efforts.

Do we need a new Ascension pictorial directory? Investigate the cost to us. Referred to the Evangelism Team.

February 6 is the Spanish Candlelight celebration, a bilingual service with music, prayers and food. This closes the Christmas season for those of Latino heritage, being the end of Epiphany. It celebrates the time Jesus was presented at temple. The event is shared with Our Saviors members, and this year is being held at Ascension.

Logan Vang is working with the 2010 Census, which is hiring people to canvas the Milwaukee area. Ascension will offer space for training of workers. For anyone interested in temporary canvassing employment, the Census will be hiring until March.

Suggestions from meeting discussions:

- Have more outreach events like the egg roll fundraiser and the Taste of Ascension. Both were well-attended and well received. Invite all language groups in the congregation to share in the planning and kitchen duties. We can learn how to make new foods from the other cultures, and share fellowship at the same time. Advance publicity is key, and we need language-specific flyers for members of the congregation to distribute to friends. Announce events in the ACT, the Sunday bulletin and in the local media's public service announcements, especially on Christian radio. Contact the Office with details, so Gloria can get the information in print, and the office will forward details to ChouDon Vang, who has volunteered to contact the media with such announcements.
- Create a PowerPoint presentation announcing what's happening for the week. Run the show between all services. This item will be referred to the AV Team.
- Consider fundraising events such as Bingo at Ascension, a neighborhood raffle or auction, or a festival. Offer tours of Ascension and have special offerings to show what happens here, as we did at "Taste of Ascension".

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- Advertise the annual Thanksgiving dinner as a meal for entire congregation to share. Offer international cuisine.
- For special events to bring in visitors, get information from them so we can follow up.
- Investigate a dial-in Internet service which allows others to listen to our services.
- Add a "prayer request" list to the Ascension website. Requests for prayer would be added to the Sunday prayer list during the service.
- Coordinate Outreach Team efforts across all languages. Hold a planning meeting of the 3 teams to share ideas.

Congregational Meeting Highlights

Present: 51 members of the congregation

Agenda: 2010 Budget - Election of Endowment Fund directors

President Roger Rustad called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm, as attendance neared that sufficient for a quorum. Pastor Jon's opening devotion was a passage from Isaiah, foreseeing Christ's birth as a branch from the stem of Jesse, with the spirit of the Lord resting upon Him... the spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord. These words of hope are used at baptism, confirmation and Christmas. Jon mentioned destruction of ash trees by the Emerald Ash Borer. He likened the Bible passage to hope for the future of that beautiful tree. Once ash trees are gone, the Ash Borer will die out. Environmentalists taking ash seeds now hope for future re-establishment of the species, as Jesus rekindled our hope for a world of peace and love.

President Rustad verified the presence of a quorum, and then proceeded to budget deliberations. He presented the budget handed out at the door, and emphasized that it was balanced and realistic. The handout shows a total of \$662,349, a difference of \$40,535 from the 2009 budget. (Secretary's note: The 2009 budget total was actually \$699,084, a difference of \$42,235 from 2010.) Pastor Jon made several comments:

The budget is conservatively balanced.

Youa Kao is very ill and we do not expect his return to work until at least November 1, 2010. The budget allows for pastors' salaries at a level of 2 1/3 positions until that time. The pastors' Pension Fund / Disability Insurance is paying 2/3 of Youa Kao's salary, so we need not include that in our budget. As of November 1, salaries for 3 full-time pastors are restored. The budget reflects this savings. Jon noted that part of our congregation is severely hurting because of Youa Kao's absence, and therefore the "Income" budget also includes a line item for "EOCM", which is Evangelical Outreach & Church Ministry of the ELCA. We asked the ELCA for financial support to provide a Hmong pastor to train leadership for worship. The EOCM has provided \$5,000 to help us. The training is shown as "EOCM" under "Expense".

Roger gave some notes on the budget:

Income

- "Offering" income is reduced from what was budgeted in 2009, bringing it closer to our actual for 2009.
- "Endowment Support" is the same as in the 2009 budget.





- “Rental” income is based on the lease contracts for our tenants, and includes increased rental from HAPA, the Hmong American Peace Academy, because they leased additional space when basement classrooms became available after sprinkler installation last Summer.

“Camp Hope grants” shows an amount of \$14,000. This includes grants and fund raising. Camp Hope has historically received a \$7,000 annual grant from the Siebert Foundation, so the figure also assumes a grant from Siebert. If that grant is not forthcoming (we won’t know until later in 2010), Camp Hope programming may need to be cut back.

Expense

- “Payroll” and “Ins. & Pens.” are reduced by the amount of Youa Kao’s disability insurance payments.
- Salaries have not increased for any staff. If finances are looking good mid-year, we could revisit that.

“Utilities” were reduced based on actual spent in 2009. The 2009 budget was \$86,325 for gas & electric. The gas bills, through November, totaled \$28,000 (gas budget was \$53,000). The 2010 budget is \$80,000 for both, with some allowance for the increased HAPA usage and potential rate increases.

- “ELCA Budget Support” was reduced to \$37,700. We did commit to tithe our benevolence to the ELCA, but we anticipate less income, so 10% would be a reduction from 2009.
- The budget for guest preachers was increased to allow for the lack of a third pastor.

Tom Tamms disagreed with reducing the amount for utilities. Part of the payback of a loan from Endowment for the “Energy Project” was based on keeping utilities at a level amount. Greg Joers said the amounts were factored into the Energy Project loan, and Roger added that the 2010 budget includes once again repaying the Endowment Fund loans, which payments had been suspended since last Summer because of our budget deficit from reduced offerings.

Laura Ruiz noted a spelling error on the “Expense” page. “Erving & Sending” should be “Serving & Sending”.

Gary Lindsay said projected income is obviously having hard times, and giving may be down. He asked what our shortage is for 2009. Roger replied that we expect income to be about \$250,000 by the end of 2009. We reduced the budget for offerings by 10%, but the \$260,000 amount budgeted still offers somewhat of a challenge to increase our giving.

Bob Remiker asked where the repayment of Endowment Fund loans is shown in the budget, and Roger said it is not itemized. Greg Joers said Synod Office Rental, totalling \$32,820, is also not shown. (Secretary’s note: The Endowment Fund loan repayments total \$68,749, the amount shown in “Debt Payment”.)

Gary Lindsay moved acceptance of the budget. Jack Loppnow seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Roger directed attention to the next handout, listing members of the Endowment Fund Board of Directors, five of whom are to be reaffirmed/reelected to terms on the board.



Lulu Negron has been appointed to fill the vacancy of Rudy Hoppe's seat. The congregation is to affirm/elect Lulu and Bob Remiker to a term from March, 2010 to March, 2013. The congregation is to affirm/elect Joan Semrad-Hutchinson, Mark Thomsen and Marilyn Lange to a term from March, 2010 to March, 2012.

Laura Ruiz moved adoption of the slate of candidates. Mary Lou Thomsen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Tom Tamms noted that Lulu's actual name is Maria Negron, but she said she prefers to be called Lulu.

Mark Thomsen moved adjournment of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm with a prayer from Pastor Walter.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hess

Secretary

Ministry Staff

Reverend Jonathan F. Jacobs, Reverend Walter Baires, Reverend Youa Kao Vang

Office Manager/Admin. Asst.	Gloria Jiménez
Business Office	Heidi Barrett, Greg Joers
Outreach Worker	Bonny Lopez
Food Ministry	Linda Estes
Senior Ministry	Pastor Elizabeth Baires
Choir Director	Cynthia Bettine
Bell Choir Director	Roxanne Carloni
Choir Director Emeritus	Ray Dietrich
Organist	Leonhard Rose
Sound and Technical Support	Diane Loppnow, Jeff Strothenke
Maintenance	Carlos Ruiz, Mike Witters

Latino Band

Margie Garcia, José Guerrero, Magdiel Pérez,
Cándido Rosas, Laura Ruíz, Luis Torres

Office Volunteers:

Sharon Drake, Grace Fiedler, Jan Fox, Sharon Kroll, Lorraine Mysliwski,
Phyllis Wescott, Daniel Villanueva



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Statement of Mission

Ascension Lutheran Church is a community of disciples of Christ who proclaim and witness God's love. We seek to include and to invite all to participate in our ministry to anticipate God's kingdom of justice.

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February, 2010
