



“Belong, Believe and Become all that God Promises”

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This is one of the stories that I love to hear often.

The beautiful ornaments that decorate the Christmas tree in the sanctuary at Ascension, were donated by very talented women of this congregation.

They called it “Our Chismon Tree” which is derived from two words “Christ” and “Monogram”. They are Monograms or symbols of Christ proclaiming His name, His life and saving acts. These symbols tell us the story of God’s plan of salvation through faith in Christ. We might all be restored in our Father of faith of the Christian Church.

These symbols are a combination of two colors, white and gold. The color white represents the liturgical color for Christmas and the purification of our Lord and His perfection. It is an invitation from God to His people and the nation to repent and be cleansed from their sins (Isaiah 1:18). The gold color as a symbol of majesty and glory of God and the Son of God, describes the construction of the Ark of

the Covenant, stating that it must be overlaid with pure gold both inside and out (Exodus 25:11)

It's great to know the Santuario, or House of Prayer, is deeply connected with our ancestors. Sisters and brothers who, with deep faith somehow connected their wisdom to deepen their faith. Today we connect with those symbols as well. As we approach Christmas, we are full of gratitude for celebrating the birth of Jesus in our hearts. Let us also be grateful for the work our ancestors did.

As Christmas nears, we are grateful to honor Jesus's birth in our hearts.

Let us also be thankful for the hard work our ancestors did. Today let us appreciate the symbols that connect us with them and with our God. Meanwhile, we continue admiring our Christmas tree with its decorative symbols, which have deep spiritual meaning. Our Chrismon tree.

Pastor Emilce Erato



Mondays
11-12 p.m. Brew a New Life-AA
12/8 Council Meeting 10 a.m.
12/8 Girl Scouts 4-6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays
11-12 p.m. Brew a New Life-AA

Wednesdays
11-12 p.m. Brew a New Life-AA
Road to Recovery 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Fridays
11-12 p.m. Brew a New Life-AA
12/5 1 p.m. Christmas Tree set-up

Saturdays
9-1 p.m. SDA Church-Sanctuary
1-4 p.m. in Parish Hall
9-11:15 a.m. Road to Recovery-AA

Sundays
10:00 a.m. Worship service
12/7 11 a.m. Remembrance Tree
12/7 4 p.m. Christmas Concert



ADVENT CONCERT

December 7, 2025

4:00 PM

**Ascension Lutheran Church
145 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Square, NY 11010**

Tickets are \$15. They can be purchased in advance after worship or in the church office during office hours. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Please invite your family and friends as we celebrate the season together.

The following need your prayers...
Chuck Albers, Stephanie Baio, Tom Barrett, Teri Biancardi, Tina Bugalia, Terry Catalioti, Bill Ciampa, Corey Ciampa, Gray Collingwood, Marilyn Dreyfus, Richard Fritz, Brian and Dylan Gasperetti, Hunter George, Kathryn Graven, Joanne Kempel, Ken Kempel, Cynthia Listort, Jane Macchia, Bill McGowan, Chuck Miata, Nicki, Penny Petersen, Jim Quigley, Joseph Randazzo, David Sacks, Schneider family, Dawn Sekeres, Moira Sheldon, Donna Sobey, Carl Strievski, Court Stevenson, Peter Stevenson, Kevin Sullivan, Sanzio Vagnini, Miriam Valder, Russ Van Tine, and Deanna Ventura.

***Musical performances by
Abraham Correa,
Joseph Graziose,
Patricia Chen Jones,
Dara Lemite and
Olivia Lu-Correa.***

Decorating the Sanctuary December 5th

1PM



Many hands make light
work and the fellowship
can't be beat. Pizza lunch
to start. Please join us!



Congregational Christmas Card

The Church Council of Ascension
Lutheran Church invites all members
and friends to participate in the annual
Congregational Christmas Card.

For a donation, your name will be
included in the Congregational
Christmas Card that will be mailed to all
member families.

Please complete the form below and
return it with your donation
to the church office or put it in the
offering plate by **December 7th**.

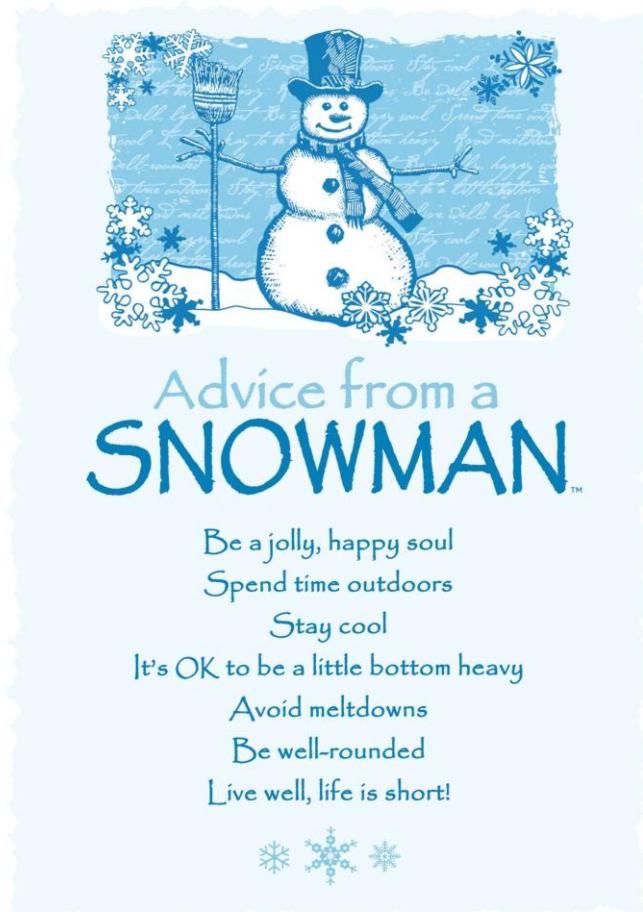
Your Name

Donation \$ _____ Envelope# _____

Name as you would like it to appear on
the card
(examples: The Smith Family, Bill &
Mary Smith, Jane Smith etc.)



12/1- Lois Altvater
12/1- Barbara Roach
12/3 Lucille Fritz



DECEMBER OUTREACH



We believe that the global water crisis can be solved and we take a comprehensive approach to combating the crisis with water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) solutions. We design customized solutions for each community we serve and we partner with the recipients throughout the process. A successful project results in more time for work and education, improved health, and increased productivity for the community

