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# Church setting the example in sheltering homeless

## Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan January 12, 2016

I want to publicly recognize and thank **Ascension Lutheran Church** for offering a safe and warm refuge to the homeless during this bitter cold weather. The church, located in the 8<sup>th</sup> District at 1236 S. Layton Blvd., is definitely practicing what it preaches and is a perfect example of how an institution can do its part to help vulnerable individuals in the community.

I also want to recognize **Angels Among Us** for their outreach and persistence in urging organizations (including churches) to step up and offer assistance to the homeless in Milwaukee. Sadly, the need is increasing as our homeless population is growing, and the efforts of groups such as Angels Among Us are needed each and every day.

I urge citizens, churches and organizations to open up their hearts (and doors) to help those in need this winter. Government has its role to play, but in my view we don't need more government programs to address certain needs and issues. The private sector and many churches have the space and the resources to help shelter homeless during times of bitter cold temperatures.

Please – if your group, your company or your church can help – offer that help to those who truly need it right now.

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