



Ascension's ***Happenings***

1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

DECEMBER 2, 2018

If it's happening at Ascension, this is where you need to look to find EVERYTHING you need to know!

Keep this booklet handy each week for useful information about Education Opportunities, Ministries, Fellowship, and everything else that you need!

It's all right here!

ASCENSION'S MISSION STATEMENT:

We as members of Ascension and fellow members in the body of Christ gather around the Word and Sacrament for worship and nurture. Here we receive power to reach out in Christ's name using our resources to seek and make new disciples while continuing to serve our community and our world.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS DONATED:

Scott Niederbrach, in loving memory of his parents.



Altar Flowers



ASCENSION CHRISTMAS FAMILIES!

SOCIAL MINISTRY IS HUMBLLED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE CHRISTMAS FAMILY PROGRAM AS ONE OF OUR MOST REWARDING MISSIONS. This is a program that is set up to offer help to members of our OWN congregation that are struggling to give their families a Christmas. We are in urgent need of donations this year. *If you would like to donate, please note "Christmas Families" on your check and place it in the collection plate! If you have questions, please contact Dana Niederbrach at 303-886-7860. Thank you!*

PARKING DURING LESSONS & CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP!

Please note, this time of year tends to bring in a number of visitors and many who are not able to attend Worship at other times. For this reason, we ask that you drop family off at the door and, as possible, park away from the building. This makes it much easier for those who might have difficulty walking!

VOTERS' MEETING UPDATE!!

The final Voter's Meeting for 2018 was held this past Sunday, November 25. 68 folks were in attendance for the 45-minute meeting. The assembly heard a report from Margo Pasha, the congregational treasurer concerning our current financial positions. We have spent \$19,000 less than our budget allows and we have received \$18,000 more than anticipated. Our cash balance at the end of October was \$472,400. Chandra Cornell, our Preschool Director, provided a report to the congregation. Though this year the numbers of students is lower than normal (only 4 in the older class) and we see a deficit of \$7,000 for the year, we can anticipate more children in the preschool next year. Many of the 2-3 year-olds will form a stronger 4-5 year-old class and currently we have a waiting list for the younger class. We have used some of the budget reserve for the preschool to balance this year's shortfall. The congregation elected new officers and a number of board chairs for the next year. For 2019 Arvin Michel will be President; Dennis Lord, Vice-President; Allen Brookshire, Treasurer; and Tim McClaren will serve as Secretary. Don Loptien will head the Elders; Norm and Connie Fringer, the Columbarium Memorial Garden; Brian and Marion Wilson will co-chair Life Enrichment; and Linda Achziger will lead the Stewardship Committee. The Youth Board and Social Ministry Committee were not filled at the meeting. The Assembly thanked those who have completed their terms (and even beyond their terms!)—Terry Utecht, President; Margo Pasha, Treasurer; Linda Achziger, Secretary; and Craig and Sharon Groeling leading the Youth Board. At our next meeting, January 27, 2019, we will hear a report from our Education Wing Remodeling Committee.

STEWARDSHIP

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR: **November 21 & 25, 2018**

Attendance:

Thanksgiving Worship:			Total:	125
Sunday Worship:	8 a.m.:	151	10:30 a.m. :	124
Sunday School:			Total:	275
			Total:	112

2018 Offerings:

Needed each Week:	\$	12,280
Budgeted amount/Year to Date:	\$	577,160
Weekly Offering:	\$	11,534
Received amount/Year to Date:	\$	582,823



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ASCENSION

SUNDAY SCHOOL: PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following kids achieved perfect attendance for Sunday school for **November**: Lilly Brinkman, Jacob & Zoe Brown, Piper & Ruby Casey, Nevaeh Cooper, Eli, Jake & Matthew Faulk, Josh & Pete Federico, Esther Langness, Grace, Luke & Ruth Redden, Owen Stasny, and Cody Urbach. They'll each receive a gift of their choice. Congratulations!

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES: HOMEWORD

Ascension has 12 small groups that meet in homes or at church on almost every day of the week. These HomeWord Bible Study groups meet at various times, some during the day and some in the evenings. If you would like to attend a small group Bible study, see Mike Zehnder, HomeWord Small Groups Coordinator, 303-794-4636 X102 or email him at musicmikealc@gmail.com.

EXTENDED DAY PRESCHOOL

EXTENDED DAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM—Ascension's Extended Day Preschool is a program for children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years old. Contact our Director, Chandra Cornell, at 303-794-4636 x 106. Classes are on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. during the school year. **We are accepting enrollments for the 2019 Winter & Spring sessions!**

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Adult Bible Class—Join us in the **Fellowship Hall** this morning at **9:15 a.m.** as Pastor Larson continues the study on the Book of Galatians.

Young Adult Bible Class—Join us in the **Music Room** as we continue our study on the Book of Daniel.

Children's Sunday School— Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. Grades 4 and below meet in the Community Room downstairs for their opening. Other grades go to their respective classrooms.

Youth—Grades 9–12 have a weekly Bible study. Please join us in the youth room at 9:15 a.m.

CLASSES THROUGH THE WEEK

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Tuesdays, 9:30–11 a.m. Our current study is on the book "Love Story". Contact Mavis Slifka with questions.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY—The NEW Wednesday 10 a.m. Bible Study led by Pastor Ginkel is titled, "A Time to Laugh...or Cry." This is a 20 lesson overview of the Old Testament. *Discover God's love in the midst of tears.* Please join us in The Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

DECEMBER 5, 2018

Advent by Candlelight—NO Confirmation tonight!

ADULT STUDY FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT!

No Adult Bible Study tonight!

KOINONIA—Thursdays (1st and 3rd) at 1:30 p.m. Meets in the afternoon at various homes. Our study is *The Day That Changed Forever* by *Tim Roehl*. Please join us! For more information, call Joyce Dowdy at 303-794-7614.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

"On Thursday, December 6 and Friday, December 7, the LuHi Music Department invites you to 'Behold, Your Lord Comes to You - A LuHi Christmas,' an evening filled with Christmas music from the Men's Choir, Bel Canto, Wind Ensemble, and Jubilate Choir. The evening will feature performances from these groups but will also provide opportunities for you to sing along on favorite Christmas hymns including a candlelight version of 'Silent Night'. The evening also shares the Christmas story through scripture readings and meditations. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at Parker Bible Church and is free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!"

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND GIVE



BLOOD DRIVE: DECEMBER 30

Social Ministry will once again be sponsoring a Blood Drive at Ascension on Sunday, December 30. The Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board! Remember, it only takes about 30 minutes to save a life!

INTEGRATED FAMILY COMMUNITY SERVICES—FORMERLY INTER-FAITH

TODAY IS FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY (FOR IFCS)! —Please place your non-perishable food items in the blue bin in the Church Office at any time! (They pick-up once a month!) **If you have questions, please contact the Church Office.**

SUPPORT OUR MILITARY

OUR NEXT MILITARY MAILING COLLECTION SUNDAY WILL BE JANUARY 20! Please place your donations in the white cabinet near the lower level entrance. Because of your generosity, we have been able to send **over 810** packages to service men and women as of **October 18!**

LOVE INC. CORNER: TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 303-794-LOVE (5683)

LOVE INC Orientations: Our local mission partner, Love INC offers a 1-hour Orientation at their office every 2 weeks. (The 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. & the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.) This is a great chance to get information on how to partner through volunteering. [The next orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12 at 1 p.m.](#) Email kris@loveinclittleton.org to sign up.

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE TOWARDS LIFE-CHANGING COMPASSION? - Our local resale shop, Renewed Treasure is in need of the following donations: Toys for Christmas (store does NOT sell stuffed animals during flu season); Infant, Children and Teen clothing; a “Smart” TV to run an ongoing slideshow behind their register. Please contact Love INC directly if you have one available. info@loveinclittleton.org.

SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER NETWORK

Our next week to shelter will be December 16-22! If you are currently not involved in the ministry please think about giving it a try. Families (with young kids) are welcome to come volunteer, many of our partner churches have full families who participate in evening hosting. We are always in need of Evening Hosts, Overnight Hosts and this year I am in need of 2 Team Leads (Monday & Saturday). If you have any interest or questions please let me, Bri Fort, know (call me at 623-680-9510, email me at bribly@gmail.com, or catch me after the late service). **Please see the Bulletin Board for information on Severe Shelter Network Weeks.**

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES

Each year in Colorado, thousands of kids are unable to live with their biological parents because of abuse or neglect. We need families who can provide temporary care until children reunify with their parent as well as families willing to adopt children and teens in foster care if they can't return to their families. An informal Q & A session for foster care will be held on December 12 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the LFS Denver Metro office (363 S. Harlan Street, Suite 105, Denver, 80226). Please register with Anne at anne.hamilton@lfsrm.org or 303-217-5869. One-on-one meetings can also be arranged to work around your busy schedule.

Are you interested in reducing isolation and enriching the life of an older adult with limited to no social support? Join our Friendly Visitor Program and LFS will carefully match you with a participant in our Guardianship or Care Management programs. Visits may include conversation, card playing, crafting, or helping with practical tasks. For more information or to apply please contact Katie Scherr at katie.scherr@lfsrm.org.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS!

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

YOU are a Member of the Foundation if YOU are a Member of Ascension Lutheran Church!

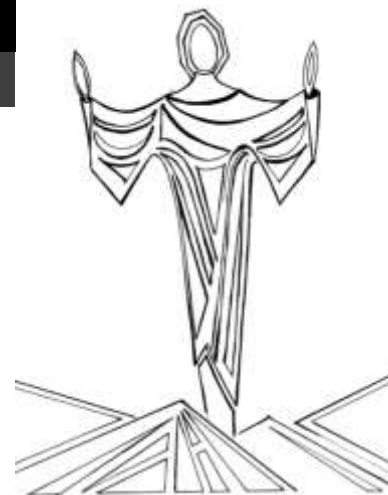
The Ascension Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on September 13 with 7 members in attendance.

The Board approved a grant request from Chandra Cornell for the purchase of two tablets and cases. Chandra has now introduced one wireless tablet into each of the two preschool classrooms to help with educational needs as well as parent communications. Young families are used to a more instant type communication. Ascension's Preschool would like to continue to bring families into our program by making them feel comfortable and well-informed, and hopefully introduce them to our congregation as well. The success of the preschool continues to be a positive outreach to both non-members and members of Ascension.

The Board also reviewed and approved the 2019 funding budget in the amount of \$35,150. More than 50% of the budget will go toward activities that directly benefit the Ascension congregation, including the book reimbursement program for college students, matching funds for our youth for their annual mission trip, and support for the Severe Weather Shelter Network. Funds are also allocated for an African Mission, to be discussed with John Wolf of LCMS at the Board's October meeting, and funds for Resurrection in the City Church, to enable the church to attract and keep a new pastor, since the departure of Pastor Roger Schlechte. Bob and Rima Hea attended a worship service at RITC and reported that the congregation, while small, is very committed to the church's mission and is attracting new members. Hope lives in the city!

Please feel free to contact any of the Board Members for further information.

To support your Foundation with a gift or submit a Grant Request please contact Mike Price at 303-880-0028 or Jim Shelton at 303-794-3504. For a timely response please have your Grant Request in before the end of the month.



THE FOUNDATION BULLETIN BOARD

In the Narthex, you will find a Foundation Bulletin Board. There are envelopes for special gifts or memorials made to the Foundation. Grant applications and guidelines are available, as well. **PLEASE SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS BY THE END OF EACH MONTH. THANKS.**

MISSION AND MINISTRY

Ascension's Mission Partners: The Rocky Mountain District—LCMS; Lutheran High School; Lutheran Family Services—Rocky Mountains; LeadaChild; Rev. Adam DeGroot; Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (BOLM); Mission Experience (Haiti), Lutherans for Life.

Prayer Ministry—Doris and Charlotte are the contacts for our prayer chain. Please call or email them with your prayer concerns. Doris Rohde: (303-912-6262) or dj424@comcast.net or Charlotte Wilkinson: (303-877-2954) or charwilk25@hotmail.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Ascension is a Stephen Ministry congregation—If you are interested in having a caring Stephen Minister support and encourage you through any concern or crisis in your life, call one of our Stephen Leaders:

Dana Thom at 303-263-5203, Steve Shelton at 720-845-9104, Lorraine Winckler at 303-875-9345, or Pastor Larson at 303-794-4636.

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact any of the individuals listed.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

DENVER SOCIETY OF CREATION: DECEMBER 6!

Pastor Dave Ahlman, Senior Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Arvada will be our speaker for our December 6 meeting. His presentation is entitled, "Genesis: Back to Basics." Sometimes it is easy for us to forget the basics of God's creative work. In this presentation Pastor Dave Ahlman will walk us through Genesis Chapter 1 highlighting the incredible power of the creative hand of God!

We also have two exciting conferences we'd like you to "save the date" for! On May 3-4, 2019, Dr. Jason Lisle will present a conference on pre-suppositional apologetics. We'll follow that with a conference on creation and education in the LC-MS. Then, on June 2, 2019, we'll have four nationally known Ph. D scientists from four different fields talking about the evidence that our earth is young at our "Age of the Earth" Conference. Mark your calendars for these events! More info to come!

If you'd like to receive our emails or newsletters, you can sign up by going to our website, www.denversocietyofcreation.org or send an email to info@denversocietyofcreation.org and request to receive our emails. Also, we've been posting videos of our speakers on the web site, so if you missed a meeting and would like to see the presentation, just go to our website, click on "Past Speakers" and select the video you would like to view.

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY: DECEMBER 8 @ 6 PM

The Young Adults are having a Christmas Dinner at Romano's! Childcare will be provided at Church, while the adults have a get together, 5 minutes away. We will meet at Church at 5:30 p.m. and will get back at around 7:30-8 p.m. Ascension's Young Adult Ministry will cover \$10 of your meal! Also, please bring a \$5 wrapped gift for a gift exchange and we will be having a Christmas Spirit contest! See you there! If you have questions, contact Jenna Lawrenz at 303-913-3512.

SWINGING AND SACRED? : DECEMBER 8 @ 7:30 PM & DECEMBER 9 @ 4:30 P.M.

Does sacred music get sung in a community chorus or chorale? Do schools, colleges and secular venues of music still sing "Silent Night", or is it just Santa Claus themes? Listening this Advent season will give us some answers once again...Consider the yearly renditions of Handel's Messiah including Boettcher Hall downtown every December.

How about jazz? Seriously?? One does not usually find faithful renditions of Bible truths in a jazz setting, but wait . . . "In the Beginning God, Father, Forgive, Will You Be There?, Ain't But the One, Tell Me It's the Truth, Heaven, Something 'Bout Believing, David Danced, Praise God and Dance" are in a jazz setting!

Duke Ellington stated he wanted to write music that expressed the most important part of his life, and this resulted in his sacred concerts. The Evergreen Chorale is presenting selections on Saturday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church located north of the Capitol on 1660 Sherman Street, Denver. Christine Gaudreau is the musical director and conductor with Patrick Lee the pianist and director of the Jazz Ensemble.

A second concert will be presented on December 9 at Evergreen High School at 4:30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from Anita Baresel, for \$25 per adult (Group of 10 price) or on line at Ovation West Performing Arts. Interested? Sign up on bulletin board at church.

LUTHERAN CHORALE AT ASCENSION ON DECEMBER 9 AT 7:30 P.M.

PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR A FULL CONCERT SCHEDULE!

Please join us for "The Miracle of Our Lord" at 7:30 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran. This concert is presented to you as a Life Enrichment Series event.

As in the past all of our concerts will be free of charge with a Free will Donation accepted. If you have any questions please view our website at thelutheranchorale.org contact David Peterson at 303-386-4755 or email us at thelutheranchorale@comcast.net.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE!

THANK YOU FROM THE ASCENSION LADIES GUILD!!

Many thanks for your support...both through your wonderful donations of food and crafts and through your purchases! We were able to earn just over \$2,000 this year and will get the exact total to you as soon as possible! Again, thank you for your continued support!

FLOWERS FOR 2019!!



Altar Flowers

The 2019 Flower weekly signup sheet is located on the bulletin board on the landing just down from the Narthex. Simply fill out your name, dedication for a special event, and write a check for the number of arrangements, each arrangement is \$27, the cost for both arrangements is \$54. This is an increase from the last couple of years due to an increase in delivery charges. If you want to share your special event with another person that is perfect—we love to celebrate everyone's special day. You are welcome to take your donated flowers home after the last service, or you can opt to give them another good deed. The Ladies of Circle IV will take the flowers left to the homebound and hospitalized members of our church to brighten their day!

You may pay for your flowers using the envelopes located below the sign up sheet and place it in the weekly offering plate. It is very important to mark your check clearly "ALTAR FLOWERS" so the offering counters do not credit it to the General Fund, but to floral budget, the church does not have a floral budget, and all Altar Flowers are made possible by donations. Please remember to pay for your flowers by the Sunday you are dedicating them. Thank you all for your flower donations and the beauty, which they bring to our Church.



THE NEXT BIG THING!!

On October 9, the Church Council approved spending up to \$7,500 to receive remodeling plans for the education wing. The remodeling CAD-CAM plans include both the upper level and lower level of our west wing. The needs that have been expressed are an expanded music room, additional classroom/small group meeting area, accessible library and lounge area, a location for the counters of offerings, restrooms, additional office space and upgrades for the HVAC systems, windows, floor covering and painting. Ed Geisler is chairing this committee. Bob Hea, Eugen and Angel Ihly, Roger Koester, Dustin Olson and Jim Riebling are serving on the committee. In the coming months reports will be made to the Voter's Assembly concerning this project.

Remodeling Committee Update: Our West Wing Remodeling Committee has chosen a design concept to recommend that will satisfy our identified space and use issues. Diagrams will be posted at church for viewing. The concept adds offices and classrooms, restrooms, a library/lounge, upgrades to windows and HVAC systems, an expanded music room, lower level storage rooms, and a south-facing patio. Plans are for a presentation to the congregation in the January 27, 2019 Voters' Assembly. A workable design, along with a funding plan, will be recommended for approval. Questions for the committee? Contact Ed Geisler, Chairman

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION

It is, once again, time to renew your Lutheran Witness subscriptions—Please contact the office ONLY if you wish to CANCEL a current subscription or if you wish to ADD a new subscription. The cost of a subscription is \$22 (you can place your check made out to Ascension and noted "Lutheran Witness-2019", in the offering plate). **The deadline for changes is December 19!** (*New subscriptions will begin in March of 2019.*)

LCMS FOUNDATION—A LIFE OF LEGACY

Year-end giving thoughts become more frequent as ministries appeal to contributors encouraging charitable gifting that reduce taxes from income, capital gains and/or IRA payments for donors over 70 ½. To learn more contact Jason Jones, Ascension Gift Planning Counselor, at Jason.Jones@lfn.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

FELLOWSHIP AND MORE!

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS) THANKS YOU!

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month during the school year. Our next meeting will be on **December 11!** We are looking forward to another wonderful time together this coming year and would love for any moms of babies (Pre-born and up!) to 5 year olds to join us! God's blessings! Questions? Email Christy Williams at hhpets@yahoo.com or Jenna Lawrenz at jenna.lindeman@cune.org. We will see you there! A children's program is provided!

Thank you for your generous support! We were able to pack 23 Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!

QUILTERS CIRCLE

Quilters Circle: Ascension Ladies who gather to quilt on Saturdays from 12–3 p.m. Call Chris Peepgrass at 303-798-4018. *Please note difference in time!*

Dear Older Lutheran Ladies Socials (DOLLS)—Single ladies who get together monthly for an outing and fellowship. Call Carol Shepherd for more information at 303-552-7485.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS! (GRADES 5-12—UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)

DECEMBER

- December 2 at 2 p.m.—Join us for Caroling to the Homebound!
- December 2 at 5 p.m.—Youth Christmas Party!
- December 15 at 10 a.m. HS Youth Baking & Prep for Bake Sale!
- December 16 at 9 a.m.—Youth Bake & Craft Sale!

Contact Christa Kirschner at 303-913-7668 or email christa.lindeman@cune.org with questions!



YOUNG ADULT EVENTS! (AGES 18-30 OR THERE-ABOUTS!)

DECEMBER

- TODAY @ 9:15 a.m. —Please join us in the Music Room for a study on the Book of Daniel.
- December 8 @ 6 p.m. —Young Adult Christmas Party!
- December 13 @ 7 p.m.—Please join us for the Young Adult Bible Study at Ascension in the Youth Room as we continue our study—The Truth Project

Call Jenna Lawrenz 303-913-3512 or email jenna.lindeman@cune.org with questions!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AT ASCENSION

Next Council Meeting—Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. Remember—Meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend!



EXTENDED CALENDAR

- First Sunday of Advent—December 2
- Congregational Caroling—December 2
- Youth Christmas Party—December 2
- Advent by Candlelight—December 5
- Pastors' Conference—December 6
- Denver Society of Creation—December 6
- Young Adult Christmas Party—December 8
- Second Sunday of Advent—December 9
- Midweek Advent Meal: Trustees—December 12
- Advent Worship with Holy Communion—December 12
- Young Adult Bible Study at Ascension—December 13
- Staff Appreciation Breakfast—December 14

'TIS THE SEASON!

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS!

The Poinsettia ordering chart is on the landing Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Poinsettias are \$20 each this year, same price as last year. We have ordered **only 14 - Poinsettias**. Individuals can dedicate a Poinsettia for the Holiday Season, and the plants can be taken home after New Years. Envelopes for payments are located below the ordering chart. Please make sure that you place a check mark next to Poinsettias and note Poinsettias on your check.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: PLEASE JOIN US ON DECEMBER 5 AT 6 P.M.



Please join us for a special evening of devotion and fellowship as we celebrate "Advent by Candlelight".

Our dinner menu is: Green Salad with Carrots & Red Pepper; Roast Beef & Chicken Kiev; Cheesy Potatoes; Green Beans; Corn; Rolls & Butter; Christmas Cookies & Mints; Water & Coffee! This is a special evening of Worship and Dinner that will include devotions and music between courses.

"Advent by Candlelight"

You must sign-up for this event and attendance is limited to 150 people. **The sign-up is available now!** The cost for the meal is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

December 9: **Worship & Holy Communion at 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**, Education Hour & Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

December 12 and 19: **Advent Evening Worship at 7 p.m.**, Please join us for the Holden Evening Prayer! A light meal will be served prior to Worship from 5-6:30 p.m. (Communion will be served on December 12)

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



December 16-ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 9:30 A.M.: You are invited to join Ascension for its annual service of Lessons and Carols. The Ascension Chorale, Youth Praise Singers and Band, Agape Singers, Gloria Dei Ringers, and Confirmation Choirs will again tell the story of Christ's birth through great choral, vocal, and instrumental music.

LESSONS
& CAROLS



YOUTH BAKE AND CRAFT SALE—DECEMBER 16 FROM 9 A.M. —11:30 A.M.



Youth Fundraiser for the 2019 Youth Gathering! The Youth will be holding a Bake and Craft Sale Fundraiser on Sunday, December 16, from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., or Until Sold Out! There's only one worship service that day at 9:30 a.m. so you will have plenty of time to shop!

December 23-**ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 9:30 A.M.:** You are invited to join Ascension as we present a Special Service featuring music by the LaMont Brass Quintet!

WANT TO SING IN OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR?

The Ascension Chorale welcomes seasonal participation in our awesomely beautiful anthems. There are three rehearsals remaining for our Christmas music. Here is the rehearsal schedule for the remainder of December if you'd like to sing in our Festival of Lessons and Carols on December 16 and in our Christmas Eve and Advent Worship: Thursday, December 6, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, December 12, 7:45 p.m.; Wednesday, December 19, 7:45 p.m.

For more information, or to join us for the Christmas season, please see our Director of Music Ministries, Mike Zehnder or contact him through musicmikealc@gmail.com or 303-794-4636 X102.



ASCENSION'S WEEK-AT-A GLANCE!

**First Sunday
of Advent**

*The Deadline for Prayers and Announcements in the Bulletin will be
WEDNESDAY at Noon unless otherwise noted!*



SUNDAY—December 2

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY
8 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. Education Hour/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
2 P.M. CAROLING TO THE SHUT-INS
5 P.M. YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

MONDAY—December 3

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Extended Day Preschool
7 p.m. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY—December 4

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
7 p.m. Agape Rehearsal

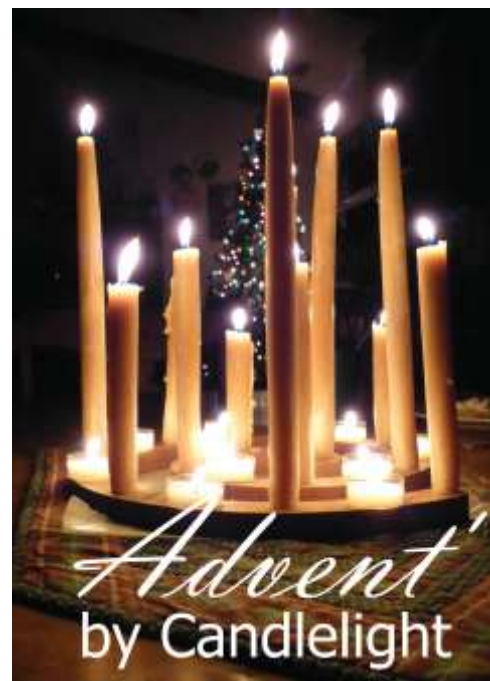
WEDNESDAY—December 5

Deadline for Prayers and Announcements is TODAY at noon!

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Extended Day Preschool
10 A.M. "A TIME TO LAUGH...OR CRY" - A BIBLE STUDY LED BY
PASTOR JOHN LARSON
6 P.M. ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

THURSDAY—December 6

10 A.M. PASTOR'S CONFERENCE AT ASCENSION
6 p.m. Gloria Dei Ringers
7 p.m. Ascension Chorale
7 P.M. DENVER SOCIETY OF CREATION



**Second Sunday
of Advent**

FRIDAY—December 7

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Extended Day Preschool

SATURDAY—December 8

12 p.m. Ascension Quilters
6 P.M. YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY—December 9

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. Education Hour/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
7:30 P.M. LIFE ENRICHMENT SERIES PRESENTS: THE LUTHERAN
CHORALE IN CONCERT



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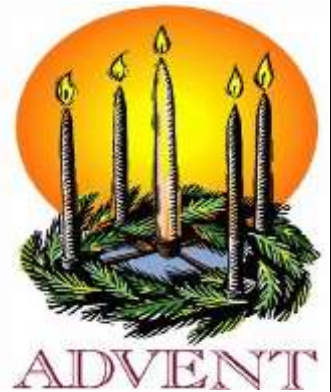
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Sunday Worship at Ascension

WELCOME!



8 a.m. Traditional (Formal) Worship
with Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class/Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Praise (Informal) Worship with Holy Communion

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