

**GOOD AFTERNOON!**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 16 Edition)!**

**It is that time of year—FALL BACK!** Be sure to set your clocks BACK an hour on October 31<sup>st</sup>, before you go to bed. While no one wants even an extra hour of 2020, at least we will be back in sync with Arizona!

**Commitment cards, pledges and a letter from Pastor are either in your box or were mailed to your home address. May our gracious Lord guide your decisions. Please turn them in as soon as possible!**

**NEW Directories are available!** Please check the tables in the Narthex! Let me know when they are gone, I will print more!

**Calendar At-a-Glance (October 17-October 23):**

Saturday (10-17):	<b>8:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Littleton Family Services Food Bank</b> <b>9:30 a.m. Social Ministry Committee</b> 5:00 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (10-18):	8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Education Hour/Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
Monday (10-19):	9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Extended Day Preschool
Tuesday (10-20):	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday (10-21):	9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Extended Day Preschool 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Pastor Don Ginkel-The Epistles of Peter) 5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live 5:00 p.m. WNL Music/Worship/Arts 5:30 p.m. WNL Meal 6:00 p.m. Pre-confirmation & Confirmation Classes <b>6:00 p.m. Agape Rehearsal</b>
Thursday (10-22):	<b>6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study</b>
Friday (10-23):	9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Extended Day Preschool

**Stephen Pruitt will be celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday on October 24!** If you would like to send him a card, his address is: Stephen Pruitt, 120 Pintail Trace, Williamsburg VA 23188-1678!

**On All Saints Sunday (Nov. 1) we will be reading only the names of those loved ones who have passed between November of 2019 and late October of 2020.**

Instead of reading the names of those who have passed before the current year, we will include those names in special "Pages of Remembrance" at the end of the All Saints Sunday Bulletin. If you would like the name of your loved ones included in these pages, please contact Kathie Harvey in the Church Office (303-794-4636) or email her at alutheran@aol.com. **(Deadline date for names is October 26, end of day.)**

**Join us Friday, October 30, from 7-8:30 p.m. for Ascension Lutheran's annual Trunk or Treat!** There will be prizes and candy! Invite your family and friends! (Everything will be outside and socially distant!)

**For Trunk or Treat, we give out lots of candy, as well as other prizes.** If you are willing and able to donate **individually wrapped candy** for this, we would welcome any donations! Just leave it in the office **BEFORE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**. Thanks much for your generosity!

**Join us for a Baby Shower for Jenna and Michael Lawrenz!** We'll have a baby shower for Jenna and Michael Lawrenz on Sunday, November 15, during the Education Hour at 9:15 a.m. In case you didn't know, they're expecting TWIN GIRLS to add to their two adorable sons, Tobin and Jensen. Jenna is the Young Adult Coordinator at Ascension. To help Jenna and Michael celebrate, we'll have a baby shower in the Fellowship Hall at Church on November 15. Join us if you're able! They're registered at both Target and Walmart, in case you want to get them a gift. If you're interested, we're also setting up a monetary fund that they'll be able to access for many diapers, clothes, and other necessities. If you'd like to contribute to this fund, feel free to make out a check to Ascension Lutheran Church, but be sure to clearly mark it "Lawrenz Shower." If you'd prefer, feel free to give this to Pastor or Kathy Johnson. Likewise, if you have any questions, contact Pastor or Kathy Johnson. Hope you can join us, either in person or in spirit! Congrats, Jenna and Michael!

**News from the Ladies Guild:** "After much discussion, the Board has voted to postpone the Craft and Bake Sale originally planned for November 22. It would be difficult to social distance and keep everyone safe in this environment. We are considering holding this in the spring sometime. Everyone is disappointed, as this is not only a fund raiser for mission outreach, it is a social and an enjoyable outing for Ascension members. As always, we are grateful for you loving support, and we look forward to seeing everyone in the Spring!" Carol Stamp

**Wednesday Night Live MENU for October 21:** Meatball Subs, Snow Peas & Sweet Peppers, Grapes, Mini Cinnamon Rolls! (Menu is subject to change!)

**Pastor's Topics for Wednesday & Sunday Adult Classes:** On Sundays, Pastor leads a study on the issues we are currently facing during these days and on Wednesdays, Pastor continues a study on II Timothy.

**News from Extended Day Preschool!** Our Extended Day Preschool continue classes in person. If you are Director certified or know of someone who is and who would be interested in this part time position (21 hours per week), please contact the church office. Thanks for joining us in prayer for this ministry!

**The Preschool is currently accepting online registration for Fall and Winter 2020/2021 and we have openings available in both classrooms (Contact the Church Office with questions)!**

**The Young Adult Group will be meeting at Ascension at 6:30 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday):** Our Next Meeting will be held on October 22: If you would like to join us, please contact Jenna ([jenna.lindeman@cune.org](mailto:jenna.lindeman@cune.org)).

**MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) will be meeting in-person on Monday, November 9, at 9:30 a.m.!** We will continue to meet every second Monday of the month! Moms who have kids that range from infant to age 5 are welcome to come! Please join us! We would love to see you!

**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 need volunteers to help!!! We need donations and/or gifts, we need shoppers, and we need wrappers. ***Please contact Dana Niederbrach at 303-886-7860 to offer your help this Fall and leading up towards Christmas. Thank you!***

**Thank You!** "Thank you for your cards & your prayers! I am doing well!" Dave Zeller

**Prayer:** For God's mighty hand to bring to an end this virus; For those who have lost jobs or been downsized; For our country, during these difficult and tumultuous times, that we remember Whose Hands guide and lead us; For Bob Hea & his family, following the death of his father, Mike, on October 7; For Bev Kistler, back in the hospital, with kidney issues & continuing infection; For Rick Eastridge, awaiting surgery on October 29; For Wayne Wren, father of Rose Berger, banged up quite a bit after falling off of a ladder; For Ann Clausen whose health is declining; For Sherrie Shelton, in rehab, for multiple issues; For healing and strength for Dave Hitztaler; For Eric Craig, brother of Kathie Harvey, dealing an infection at the incision site of his surgery, with swelling from the surgery, & with an extended recovery time & uncertainty in regards to insurance & continued employment. **Praise & Thanksgiving:** For Pat & Kathie Harvey as they celebrated 38 years of marriage today, October 16; For John Rolling, celebrating, celebrating his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 18; For Jim Manson, friend of Del & Lorine Grau, resting at home following major surgery on his back & neck on October 7!

**Stewardship:**

Budgeted Amount/Year to date:	\$ 513,526 (\$12,582/week)
Received Amount/Year to date:	\$ 494,696
Payroll Protection Program Loan:	\$ 89,000
Renovation Funds (Project Peter):	\$ 123,962
Virus Fund/Received to date:	\$ 36,660 (Distributed: \$ 25,000)

**Attendance (October 10 & 11):**

Saturday: 36	Sunday: 8 a.m. 76	10:30 a.m. 47	Total: 159
Sunday School: 74			

**Flowers for October 17 & 18 were donated by Pat & Kathie Harvey in celebration of their 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, October 16 and Lori Rolling in celebration of John's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 18.**

**FLOWERS, FLOWERS:** The 2021 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 the same cost as 2020. 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.

**An Update from Littleton Family Services:** “We have scheduled our foodbanks through November and are hoping to be able to hold them inside as the weather starts to cool down! ***Our next scheduled date is November 14 from 9-11!*** We are so grateful for your continued support and enthusiasm of LFS. We appreciate you all more than you'll ever know!!” Much love, Missy & Megan

**The Riebling Small Group Study will next meet on October 20, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** They will continue to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays each month.

**KOINONIA Bible Study will next meet on November 5, from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** They will continue meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays each month.

**Virus Relief Fund Update**—The Virus Relief Fund was set up at the beginning of the Colorado stay-at-home phase to assist members and the community who may need financial assistance during this pandemic. It has been a huge help to a number of families and individuals.

To date, the committee has contacted 29 individuals or families to see if they need assistance, and we have given assistance to 26 of those. (The others indicated they are doing OK at this time.) This financial assistance thus far totals \$ 25,000. Our goal is to have the fund last until a few months after businesses can return to near capacity of operation, so we are trying to make distributions accordingly.

**If you would like to contribute to the fund, we encourage you to send a check made payable to “Ascension Lutheran Church” and mark it, “Virus Relief Fund.”**

Ascension is thankful that we can help our members and community during this time, and the recipients are so grateful. If you have any questions about the fund, or if you know of someone who needs assistance, feel free to contact Pastor or Kathy Johnson.

**Severe Weather Shelter Network has begun at Ascension!** “We need YOU - with our guests sheltering in motels this year we still need to provide our guests a meal. Here is how you can help, Registration Assistant (10 a.m.-2 p.m.), Food Packaging (5:45 p.m.- 8 p.m.) and Food Delivery (6:45 p.m.-8 p.m.). Dinner and Breakfast bags

will be prepared at Ascension then delivered to our guests. Masks/gloves will be required while working with food and our Covid NEGATIVE guests. If you can help please click here -> [SWSN 2020-2021 SURVEY](#) or drop a note in my box in the Narthax. If you want more flexibility for volunteering please contact me, we have options. I am happy to answer any questions you may have, please give me a call or send an email." Brianna Fort, [briably@gmail.com](mailto:briably@gmail.com), 623-680-9510.

**The Ascension Lutheran Church Foundation** in its July meeting agreed to continue contributing to the ministry of John and Jenn Wolf along with their 5 children serving Christ in the role of Project Manager, Rwanda and the Africa Region, LCMS international Mission.

We find it hard to comprehend the extreme difficulty they undergo in carrying out their work. Due to the Corona Virus, as with our community, many of the schools, businesses and churches are closed and traveling outside their village is prohibited. Of note: only one person in a grocery store is allowed and markets under curfew means all markets close early. As you can imagine, these restrictions raise the degree of difficulty very high in their mission work.

However, in John Wolf's admirable attitude he states: The mission work has not slowed down. Through the gifts such as our Foundation's, they have been able to help the churches in many of the neighboring communities. The request from most churches under John's care is for food distribution for the out of work members. They have been able to help in Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, and Togo. They continue to encourage many churches to take up the effort of using radio broadcast to share the Gospel and are now reaching even more people. Even during these hardships, their work still goes forward. Additionally, they are learning much about video conferencing and internet telephoning options allowing for continuing of the Sunday services and Bible study opportunities.

Due to the restriction on travel John and his family will not be able to return to their home in Colorado this year and know it will be into 2021 before this home trip is available to them.

We the Foundation, ask the members of Ascension, for your prayers in supporting this Mission and we also ask for your contributions to the Foundation to assist us in expanding our funding to meet the needs of this special ministry.

**If you missed our annual Angel Tree collection, you may send checks or cash to Ascension Lutheran with Angel Tree on the memo line until October 28.** The inmates and their children thank you...and God blesses you. Contact Jude Donovan, [Heyjude264@aol.com](mailto:Heyjude264@aol.com) or 303-972-0873 for more information.

**Keep the date OPEN for the Bethesda Craft Sale on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** While they had to cancel the individual sales at area churches, Bethesda will be having one sale at Redeemer Lutheran Church (3300 W Nevada Pl.)! Temperatures will be taken at the door and Masks and Social Distancing are mandatory. Everyone is welcome!



**Denver Society of Creation Article for the Happenings:** Mr. Don Gilbreath will be our guest speaker on Thursday, November 5 at 7 p.m., at Ascension. Watch for more information to follow!

If you'd like to receive our emails or newsletters, you can sign up by going to our website, [www.denversocietyofcreation.org](http://www.denversocietyofcreation.org) or email [info@denversocietyofcreation.org](mailto: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.

**Notice from the Library Circle** - "We are not accepting any book donations until further notice. Sometime after renovation has been completed. We will need to evaluate the new library space. Thank you for your understanding." Mary Hert, Library Circle Chair.

**Tuna! Tuna! Tuna!** The Blue Barrel might be gone, but IFCS can still use our help, either with monetary donations or with special drives...like our October Tuna Month! Bring your Tuna the entire month of October!

**The 2020 Lutheran High School Auction will be a global event!** "Mark your calendars for **Friday night, November 20!** That is the night of the 21st Annual Lutheran High School Auction! This year it is a "Global Event" as we will have people in attendance on campus AND parties in homes as we celebrate and support the ministry of Lutheran High School! Tickets for the on-campus event go on sale **TODAY**, Friday, October 16 at 8 a.m. Tickets are not needed to host or attend a LuHi Home Auction Party. We are looking for 50+ hosts to gather people in their homes on that night to celebrate and support Lutheran High School. You can sign up to host a party and find all of the details at [www.lhsparker.org/auction](http://www.lhsparker.org/auction). Everyone is invited to become a part of this amazing night of support for the ministry of Lutheran High School! Thank you!" Kristin Gehrke & Cheryl Cattau - Auction Coordinators

**A focus on wills is focusing on what happens to you after the Lord has called you home.** But Power of Attorney documents or even a Revocable Trust can lay out your wishes for what happens to you while still alive on earth if you become incapable of making your own decisions. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you to start thinking about those wishes, preparing you for working with your attorney. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at 970-988-0305.

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**As always, if you are aware of someone who does not receive or check email regularly,** please let them know that this email will be posted on the website in the same place that Happenings have always been posted.

**Psalm 119:105 - Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.**

This verse has long been a favorite of mine. It is so clear in its illustration of the importance of being always in the Scripture. Unless we follow His Word, we are prone to stumble, to falter along the path that He has set before us. The best light along our way will always be His Word and the best ways to stay in the Scripture are to attend Worship & Bible Study (as health conditions permit!) and to read your Bible daily.

Blessings! (Kathie Harvey)