

**GOOD AFTERNOON!**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 23 Edition)!**

**Pastor Michael Paulison will be preaching** on October 24 & 25 and leading Bible Class Sunday morning. Pastor John will be away from the office from Thursday, October 22 until Wednesday, October 28.

**We welcome to the family of believers, John Declan Michel, who was baptized on October 13.**

**We will NOT be holding a Flu Clinic at Ascension this year!**

**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!

**Address and Phone Updates:** Elizabeth Bible-Miller (phone change) 303-601-4718; Lester (Les) Young (address change) 6455 Peak Vista Cir., Colorado Springs, CO 80918. **Please note these changes in your directories!**

**Calendar At-a-Glance (October 24-October 30):**

Saturday (10-24):	5:00 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (10-25):	8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Education Hour/Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Young Adult Bible Study (at Starbucks, Windermere & Littleton Blvd.) 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
Monday (10-26):	9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Extended Day Preschool
Tuesday (10-27):	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study <b>7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting</b>
Wednesday (10-28):	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 (Music & Worship w/Mike!) 5:30 p.m. WNL Meal 6:00 p.m. Pre-confirmation & Confirmation Classes <b>7:00 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal</b>
Thursday (10-29):	
Friday (10-30):	9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Extended Day Preschool <b>7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat</b>

**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!

**Stephen Pruitt will be celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday TOMORROW, October 24!** If you would like to send him a card, his address is: Stephen Pruitt, 120 Pintail Trace, Williamsburg VA 23188-1678! (There's still time to send a belated wish!)

**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 MONDAY, October 26, end of day.***)

**Join us THIS 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!)

**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!

**MOPS is collecting boys' and girls' items for Operation Christmas Child!** We could use your help! If you would like to contribute new toys, underwear, socks, school items, and other non-perishable or non-liquid items, please bring them to church on November 1 or 8! Thank you!

**God's Creation Calendar Sales:** It's that time of year again! The time of year that we look forward to the next. As you look forward to the year 2021, please consider buying a God's Creation Calendar from the youth. We will be selling these calendars as a fundraiser for our summer mission trip. Each calendar costs \$10 with a substantial amount of that going to the youth group. Thank you for all your support!

**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 your loving support, and we look forward to seeing everyone in the Spring!" Carol Stamp

**Wednesday Night Live MENU for October 28:** Chef's Choice! (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. We currently have a vacancy for our Preschool Director position, if you are Director certified or know of someone who is and who would be interested in this part time position (20 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 November 12: 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!***

**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 Carmen Gutierrez and her family at the first anniversary of her son, Frank's, death ; For Larry Koldeway, as he resumes chemo-therapy treatment for multiple myeloma; For Bev Kistler, at home awaiting surgery; For Rick Eastridge, awaiting surgery on October 29; For Ann Clausen whose health is declining & for Reid, in Littleton Hospital with Pneumonia and AFib; For Sherrie Shelton, in rehab, for multiple issues; For healing and strength for Dave Hitztaler; For Eric Craig, brother of Kathie Harvey, much improved and hoping

to return to work (in a limited capacity) next week. **Blessings & Thanksgiving:** For Linda Donnelly, who is in the process of moving to Lakin, KS.

**Stewardship:**

Budgeted Amount/Year to date: \$ 526,108 (\$12,582/week)  
Received Amount/Year to date: \$ 500,707  
Payroll Protection Program Loan: \$ 89,000  
Renovation Funds (Project Peter): \$ 124,632  
Virus Fund/Received to date: \$ 36,660 (Distributed: \$ 25,300)

**Attendance (October 17 & 18):**

Saturday: 45                      Sunday: 8 a.m. 62                      10:30 a.m. 43                      Total: 150  
Sunday School: 76

**Flowers for October 24 & 25 were donated by Carmen Gutierrez in loving memory of her son, Frank, who died on October 25, 2019.**

**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, and 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 Women’s Small Group Study will next meet on November 3, 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 \$ 25,300. 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, [bribly@gmail.com](mailto:bribly@gmail.com), 623-680-9510.

**Your Ascension Lutheran Church Foundation has supported the Concordia Adopt A Student program for several years**, as a result of your generous donations. The Adopt A Student program assists students with expenses during their years at seminary. This year, the Foundation supported Harold Stevens. Harold is attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. His home church is St. John’s Lutheran Church, in Denver, CO. He is married, with children, and was formerly employed in the corporate world. One quote from a letter received from Harold that demonstrates his experience at seminary is, “I am truly content when I am interacting with others of faith, and that helps remind me of why I want to become a Pastor.” How blessed we are to be able to support his journey!

**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 TOMORROW, 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:** Mr. Don Gilbreath will be our guest speaker on **Thursday, November 5 at 7 p.m.**, in the Fellowship Hall at Ascension.

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 went on sale October 16. 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

**Epiphany Lutheran Church Of Castle Rock Seeks Worship Director:** Epiphany, Castle Rock, seeks a part-time worship director to oversee its music department and worship planning. Please find full job description online at [www.epiphanylc.org/jobs](http://www.epiphanylc.org/jobs). Send resume, cover letter, and references to Pastor Chris Matthis at [pastorchris@epiphanylc.org](mailto:pastorchris@epiphanylc.org).

**You may have been asked at a hospital if you have a "Living Will."** A living will expresses your desires about how aggressive efforts by health care workers should be on your behalf. Short of an easy decision, many practical, ethical and faith decisions are linked to this document. Your careful deliberation gives you a chance to confess your faith in Jesus. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help. 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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hear a heartwarming adoption story on The Coffee Hour (10/28 at 9 a.m. CT), and continue in 2 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT). Find these programs and more on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

**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 69:32 - When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.**

“Think of your pastor. Think of pastors all across the nation and world whom God has called to be shepherds. These men lead us, they labor to teach and love, and they deal with the problems that face our churches, many of which we don’t even know. In these days and this environment, pastoring is difficult. Many of them are discouraged. They are under pressure, both inside and outside of the church. Prayer is one of the most important ways you can help them.

You can come alongside your pastors by praying for their families and the Lord’s protection. Pray that they would stay the course and preach righteousness and truth. Pray for boldness as they teach the truth of God’s Word. And pray for God to stir up revival.

When we seek God, our hearts are revived (Ps. 69:32). We must pray revival begins in the heart of our pastors. As God revives those who lead us, spiritual awakening spills out to the pews and our communities.

The Lord has power to set the pulpits ablaze with His glory and to do a mighty work in and through pastors. We have the opportunity to join the work God is calling them to do by serving rather than criticizing, by showing grace as they lead us, and by lifting them up that they would be empowered with a vision of the kingdom.

Your prayers for your pastor, and pastors everywhere, matter.

**HOW TO PRAY:** “Lord, I thank You for the pastors You have called to be shepherds of Your flock. I pray that they will be strong in You, and that You will equip them with Your armor to stand against the enemy’s schemes (Eph. 6:10-11). Awaken their hearts to Your glory and stir up revival to spread through homes, neighborhoods, and congregations.”

**WHAT TO PRAY:** Pray for pastors to preach righteousness and truth to their congregations and to live out that message in their private lives. Ask the Lord for a mighty movement of spiritual awakening in your church that would begin with your pastor. Pray that God would raise up men and women in the church to come alongside pastors in prayer, strengthening and encouraging them.”

I took a break this week! The above verse, devotion, and prayers came from an email (Cry Out Challenge: Week 20 – Cry Out For Pastors) that was sent to me by Margo Pasha, who wondered if it would be a good selection for What’s Happening. Margo...many thanks! It is an excellent selection and was a huge break for me!

Blessings!