

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (April 2 – Easter Edition)!

Save The Date For Vacation Bible School 2021!!! Our 2021 Vacation Bible School Program will be held *in person* June 25-27! It will be for kids ages 3 years through entering 6th grade. The times are 6 - 8:30 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday with a VBS Celebration on Sunday! We will have registration open on our website by this weekend. The theme is "Anchored".

Flowers for April 3-4 were given by Patti Zeggert in celebration of her mother's 93rd birthday and Sherry Hitzaler in loving memory of her husband, Dave.

Prayer: For God's mighty hand to bring to an end this virus; For our country, and for our newly elected officials at all levels as they seek to govern, may they be guided by His strong hands; For those who have lost jobs or been downsized; For the family and friends of Reid Clausen, who died March 23; For Glenn Rousch, hospitalized with heart issues; For Judy Koester, recovering from a recent procedure; For Julie Knabenshue, daughter of Jim & Jude Donovan, diagnosed with Covid-that her symptoms remain mild, and for Jim & Jude (inoculated) that they do not get it; For Randy Lone, awaiting surgery for prostate cancer on April 9; For Jim Wendelken, with a broken tibia (2 places), currently in rehab at Powerback; For Lorine Grau, with severe pain issues in her left knee due to a meniscus tear; For John Oldefest, following surgery on March 24; For Lisa O'Neal, following knee surgery on March 30; For Lois Kreye, with serious eye issues; For the April 11 Call Meeting at Beautiful Savior, Broomfield (Pastor Rick Langness is on the call list); For Megan Harvey, daughter of Kathie, as she awaits additional surgery on her knee to remove the screws; For Nadine Ginkel; For Carol Zeller with Interstitial Lung Disease, Rheumatoid Arthritis and cardiac issues.

Thanksgiving: For Mike Zehnder, for prayers answered for a benign tumor removed (no further treatment needed); For Sonia Gilbertson & Fraser Topley, as they begin their marriage on April 5 in Beijing, China.

Thank You! "Thanking Jesus and you! I am thanking Jesus for a miracle received. The pathology report on the growth that was removed from my throat came back negative. The tumor was benign and no further treatment is needed! I am thanking the Lord for this incredible blessing and relief! And I am thanking the congregation for their prayer support and the many emails, texts and notes that let me know you were specifically lifting me up in prayer to the Lord for this blessing. My heartfelt appreciation and deepest thanks to the Lord and for the caring people of Ascension and their faithful prayers!" Mike Zehnder

"I would like to say thank you for all the cards, prayers, and visits from Pastor Larson and above all for our wonderful Lord for seeing me through my stroke. Thank you again to my Ascension Family. You have uplifted me through this hard time. God bless you all!" Gloria Gaudreault

Blessed Passion Week and Easter! Once again Shepherd of the Hills will have a Tre Ore on Good Friday (with Pastors Stoltenow and Zillinger). Please access it live in

person or live-streamed with these links: <https://www.shepherdhills-church.org/easter> or directly at <https://vimeo.com/event/802199>. May the Lord bless you next week! Live in Resurrection joy!

Calling All Construction Professionals! "Resurrection in the City Lutheran Church is a mission congregation in North East Denver going through an exciting revitalization process. Their first full-time pastor in over a decade is now leading the church in a Ministry within their community that includes big plans for the complete renovation of two of their buildings. If you are a licensed professional (e.g. Electric, Plumbing, HVAC) interested in learning more about this Ministry and potential opportunities for partnering with your time and expertise, please reach out to Pastor Duane Meissner at 346-616-8090 or duanepaulmeissner@gmail.com"

Calendar At-a-Glance (April 3 - April 10):

Saturday (4-3): 5:00 p.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (4-4): **Easter Sunday**
8:00 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion
Monday (4-5): 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Extended Day Preschool
Tuesday (4-6): 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Small Group Bible Study
Wednesday (4-7): 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Extended Day Preschool
10:00 a.m. Mid-week Bible Study (Pastor Ginkel)
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live
5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Music, Worship, & Arts (Kathie)
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Meal
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. Agape Rehearsal
Thursday (4-8):
Friday (4-9): 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Extended Day Preschool

Attendance (March 27 & 28, April 1):

Saturday: 5 p.m.	50	Sunday: 8 a.m.	64	10:30 a.m.	85	Total:	199
Sunday School:	19						
Maundy Thursday:		11:30 a.m.	40	7 p.m.	56	Total:	96
Online Views (as of March 24)		Sunday, 3/21:	87	Midweek (3/24):	36		

Stewardship:

Budgeted Amount/Year to date:	\$ 164,696 (\$12,733/week)
Received Amount/Year to date:	\$ 159,752
Renovation Funds (Project Peter):	\$ 333,415
Virus Fund/Received to date:	\$ 52,241 (Distributed: \$ 45,500)

Wednesday Night Live! Menu for April 7 is Chili, Cornbread, Fruit Cup, and Cookies!
(Menu is subject to change!)

Ephesians Sermon Series:

April 11 "The God Who Lives In Our Homes And At Work" Ephesians 6:1-9
April 18 "The God Who Makes Us Strong" Ephesians 6:10-23

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) will be meeting in-person next on Tuesday, April 13, at 9:30 a.m.! We will continue to meet every second TUESDAY 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!

We continue a verse-on-verse study of Revelation, meeting Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Narthex. Our study is written and taught by Pastor Don Ginkel. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

The Young Adult Group will be meeting at Ascension at 6:30 p.m. (2nd & 4th Thursday): Our next meetings will be held on April 8 & 22! If you would like to join us, please contact Jenna (jenna.lindeman@cune.org).

1 John 5:14 - (HCSB): Now this is the confidence we have before Him: Whenever we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Our Ascension Prayer Group would love to have you join us on April 14 at 2 p.m. If you'd like an invitation to meet on Zoom to pray for our church, pastor, staff and members please send me your email address to MargoALPasha@yahoo.com.

Extended Day Preschool! Our Extended Day Preschool continue classes in person. **The Preschool is currently accepting registration for 2021** and we have openings available in both classrooms (Contact Kelly with questions: 303-794-4636, ext. 106 or email to director@alcpreschool.com)!

News from Ascension Extended Day Preschool: "Wow, what an amazing week off. We all discussed the importance of giving ourselves grace and allowing time to rejuvenate our bodies, our minds, and our dedication to God. This past week has been a great opportunity to complete all of those!!!

We are blasting off into our next week of school with an interesting topic surrounding Space. We are going to introduce the concepts of space including the stars, the moon, the sun, and the planets. We are even going to make a planet book!!!! All of the students are going to practice our "moon walking" skills and blasting off like a spaceship to enrich our gross motor skills and making paper airplanes to develop our fine motor skills.

In addition to our new weekly theme, we are going to introduce the letter "W" and discuss the sounds it makes in words. We will be using our letter puzzle again to reinforce our knowledge of the alphabet (we are almost all the way through!!!). We are going to continue our lessons on the number "10" - it's a big number and deserves two weeks." Warm Regards, Kelly Lafferty, Director

Please note: While Pre-school is in session NO ONE is allowed in the Men's or Women's downstairs restrooms, due to liability issues to protect the Preschool, Ascension, and especially the children. The restroom upstairs and also the family restroom is available for use at these times.

ALC Foundation Update: "The Foundation board met on February 11. We heard a presentation from Pastor Duane Meissner who has accepted the call at Resurrection in the City Church and has provided us with a stellar strategic plan as he ministers to the northeast Denver community. The church has big plans to use its existing properties and set up a community center, as well as expand its membership.

Officer elections were held. For the period February 2021 through January, 2022, Michael Price will continue as president, Athenia Michel as vice president, Bob Hea as secretary, and we are in need of a treasurer, as Lisa Riebling has decided to move on. We will miss her excellent reporting and her steady guidance as we move forward.

Bob Olsen reported on our Chikondi Malawi mission, where the pandemic had an impact on the people there and feeding them is still the primary focus.

We reviewed and approved funding for a mission in Uruguay, where the Reverend James Sharp and his family are working. Uruguay is a particularly atheistic country with a high suicide rate so we hope helping a mission there will bring more people to Christ, much like we have seen in Slovakia with our Josiah Venture mission there.

West Wing Project Update: Week of April 2 – "Sheetrock taping and mudding of the new walls is continuing. All the old windows on the north side of the West Wing have been removed. South side window removal is ongoing. New thermostats have been installed and HVAC wiring is nearly complete. Rewiring of the fire alarm system is also continuing. Installation of the grid to support ceiling tiles will begin after the window removal is completed. Installation of the new windows will then begin.

To date we have received invoices totaling \$348,868. Thanks to the successful Capital Campaign plus the reallocation of dedicated building related funds to the project, we have not yet borrowed against our LCEF Construction Loan capacity. Please pray for our continued progress and for the safety of our workers and wisdom of for all those involved in project decisions." West Wing Committee: Bob Hea, Roger Koester and Chuck Mielke

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 31 individuals or families to see if they need assistance, and we have given assistance to 28 of those. (The others indicated they are doing OK at this time.) This financial assistance thus far totals \$ 45,500. 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.

Severe Weather Shelter Network continues at Ascension! “We are well over halfway through the season and have provided meals for 16 nights this season. We are still open to all volunteer help for food donation, food packaging, and food delivering, especially as we move into our coldest and snowiest months.

Also, I have a reminder for everyone: due to the construction, we are VERY limited on space for food/supplies and must share space with other ministries. Ann and I ask that food/beverage donations not be dropped off at the church until we indicate that we are activated to serve. As always if you have any questions or interest in taking over as Church Coordinator, please let me know. Bri Fort, bribly@gmail.com, 623-680-9510”

Denver Society of Creation: Upcoming speaker is Dr. Barb Helmkamp, “The Mysteries of Earth’s Age – Part 2” (April 8, 2021) at Christ Our Savior in Elizabeth, CO. Catch Part 1 here: <http://denversocietyofcreation.org/helmkamp2021.htm>. Please check out the bulletin board & our website www.denversocietyofcreation.org for additional details!

Why do I need an estate plan? Even as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we also know that His victory is so sweet because it gives eternal life even as our present lives here on earth are finite. An estate plan, and the gift plan that designs how God’s gifts will be distributed to the family you love and the ministries you care about, begins with a face-to-face confrontation with end-of-life issues. Yet end of life is not really accurate for the child of God. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and life...whoever lives and believes in me will by no means die, forever.” Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can encourage you. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970-988-0305).

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This week on KFUO.org, we celebrate our Risen Savior! Hear the end of Mark and begin 1 Peter 1 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), continue in 1 Thessalonians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), and hear practical conversations on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT). Find podcasts, including the new "Friends for Life" podcast from LCMS Life Ministry, on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

Matthew 28:6a - He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

He is risen, indeed!

Have a blessed and beautiful Easter knowing that we too have risen with Him! (Kathie Harvey)