

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (April 9)!

The regular quarterly Voters' Meeting will be on Sunday, April 25, beginning about noon. A lunch will be provided prior to the meeting. Various reports, updates and matters of business will be discussed.

One of our Preschool teachers, Marla Golden, is moving to Oklahoma later this month and will be stepping down as the teacher of our Pre-Kindergarten class.

Marla has taught at Ascension for 10 years, in two different stints. She taught from August of 2007 through May of 2013 and later from August of 2017 until now. Marla and her husband, Steve, will be moving to be close to their oldest daughter and their grandson. In addition to her 10 years as a teacher, Marla also served as our acting director for the 5 months between the end of Chandra Cornell's service until Kelly Lafferty's beginning as director in January of this year. We will miss the love and heart that Marla has shown to the children and their families as she served them with the genuine mercy of Jesus.

Marla's final day we be on April 23, but her farewell will be on Friday, April 16, at 2 p.m. You are invited to come and thank her for her service at Ascension.

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 10-11 were given by Joyce Lord in celebration of her and Dennis's 3rd anniversary on April 14.

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 friends and families of our members who have had memorial services these last few weeks: Dave Hitztaler - services on April 3 (Died on March 4); Marilyn Asche - graveside services on April 5 (Died on March 14); Les Young - services on April 9 (Died on December 27); Reid Clausen - services this coming Sunday, April 11 at 2 p.m., open to the congregation (Died on March 23); For Phyllis Westra, for good results on pre-operative tests as she awaits back surgery; For Glenn Rousch, hospitalized with heart issues; For Randy Lone, following 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, recovering at home following surgery on March 24 and hospitalization for complications; For Lisa O'Neal, following knee surgery on March 30; For Lois Kreye, with serious eye 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 the

son-in-law of Ron & Ann Kaneko, Steve, who has tested positive for COVID, prayers that symptoms remain mild; 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 & Praise:** For Dorothy Nelson, celebrating her 81st birthday on Saturday, April 10.

Thank You! "We are deeply grateful for our dear friends at ALC for your cards, calls, emails, and donations to ALC in Dave's memory over the last month. Your prayers and loving thoughts truly have helped the last 12 months, but especially during this difficult time since Dave's death on March 4. Special thanks to Pastor Larson, Mike Zehnder, Durwin Schmitt, Tim McClaren, Kathie Harvey, Patti Zeggert, and Norm and Connie Fringer, for their valuable contributions in making our small family Memorial Service for Dave a very special and meaningful celebration of Dave's life in Christ last Saturday, April 3. Thanks to Durwin and Tim, you can find the Service on YouTube, with this link: <http://youtu.be/XT7eB9Ko88k>. (Also available on CaringBridge-Dave Hitztaler; and on my FB account). Our sadness is tempered by your love and prayers and our faith. 'God is good.'" Thank you, Sherry Hitztaler and Family

"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

International Children's Choir at Ascension Lutheran Church: On the weekend of May 8 & 9 (Mother's Day Weekend) we are blessed to have **His Little Feet** perform in song and movement at Ascension. This group of 18 children, **His Little Feet International Children's Choir**, is made up of hand-selected children, ages 6-12, from around the globe. Over the years the choir has consisted of orphaned children from China, Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, South Korea, Rwanda, and the United States. All of the children in the choir have lost or been abandoned by one or both of their biological parents due to preventable disease, extreme poverty, lack of clean water, HIV/AIDS, tribal warfare or even death. Today, all of the children are in a loving environment based near Fort Collins where they are nurtured, fed, sheltered, clothed, educated and taught about Christ. Although these children have faced tremendous challenges in their young lives, each one of these children has a powerful testimony of being rescued and given hope which they will share through song, testimony, and video. Good weekend to bring a friend!

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"

Ephesians Sermon Series:

April 18 "The God Who Makes Us Strong" Ephesians 6:10-23

Wednesday Night Live! Menu for April 14 is Sausage/Pasta Bake, Apples, Brownie Bites! (*Menu is subject to change!*)

Calendar At-a-Glance (April 10 - April 16):

Saturday (4-10): 5:00 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (4-11): 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
2:00 p.m. Reid Clausen Memorial Service (Congregation is welcome)
Monday (4-12): 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Extended Day Preschool
Tuesday (4-13): 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
6:30 p.m. Church Council
Wednesday (4-14): 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
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
7:00 p.m. Youth Praise Team
Thursday (4-15):
Friday (4-16): 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Extended Day Preschool

Attendance (April 2, April 3 & 4):

Good Friday: 11:30 a.m. 50 7 p.m. 90 Total: 140
Saturday: 5 p.m. 89 Sunday: 8 a.m. 90 9:30 a.m. 87 11 a.m. 84 Total: 350
Sunday School: No Sunday School – Easter Sunday
Online Views (as of March 28) Sunday, 3/28: 156

Stewardship:

Budgeted Amount/Year to date: \$ 177,429 (\$12,733/week)
Received Amount/Year to date: \$ 185,595
Renovation Funds (Project Peter): \$ 357,035
Virus Fund/Received to date: \$ 52,241 (Distributed: \$ 45,500)

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 Adult Bible Study has resumed at 5 p.m. in the Narthex. Our study on Prayer continues!

The Young Adult Group will be meeting at Ascension at 6:30 p.m. (2nd & 4th Thursday): Our next meeting will be held on April 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: "And, God said, Let the Earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so." Genesis 1:24. We are going to talk about the largest animal to ever walk on Earth, one of the creatures that God created, next week: dinosaurs. This is always a fun theme to cover with Preschool students because there are so many captivating activities (dino egg rolling art, stomp like a dinosaur dance, and science-based exploration). We will be placing ourselves in the "shoes" of these large animals for the week to see what they see!!!

In addition to our intriguing dinosaur theme, we will be moving onto our next letter: X. We will be practicing all of the numbers 1-10 and incorporating them into our daily schedule throughout the day (sequencing of activities, counting friends and teachers in the rooms, using our calendar and other number puzzles to recognize different numbers)." 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, like the entire congregation, was saddened to hear the news of Dave Hitztaler's death. He was a revered and valuable

member of our board until health issues led to his departure. Many people have expressed interest in making a donation to the Foundation in his memory. That can be accomplished by simply sending a check made out to Ascension Lutheran Church Foundation and sending it to the church.”

West Wing Project Update: – “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: Watch this spot for information on the next speaker! Please check out the bulletin board & our website www.denversocietyofcreation.org for additional details!

Why do I need an estate plan? Without thoughtful preparation, discussion with legal counsel and the legal documents that flow from that process, you are leaving things “up in the air.” Someone else will decide. That means a court will make your decisions for you and that judge may not care about the Christian faith, your family, or the

support of Christ's kingdom. Led by God's Spirit, you can put that plan together, and it will be followed. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you get organized and to think and pray through your goals, getting you ready to meet with legal counsel. 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, study 1 Peter 2-3 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), finish 2 Thessalonians and begin 1 Kings on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10 a.m. CT. Renew, resume, or begin your partnership with KFUE Radio during Sharathon 2021 on April 22-24. Learn more at kfu.org/sharathon!

Ephesians 6:1-9 - Children, obey your parents in the LORD, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise-"so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the LORD. Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the LORD, not people, because you know that the LORD will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

The Lord leads us and instructs us well in all relationships with others. And, ultimately, it all comes back to Him and our relationship, *our personal relationship*, with Him. We are to use Christ's example in all of our relationships, be we child, parent, employee, or employer. "Obey." "Honor." "Bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord." "...know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven." We are to value our relationships with others as Christ has valued us.

Listen carefully to the sermon this weekend. You will hear much about the deeper meaning of the words and how Christ's instructions can strengthen and make healthy our relationships, even those that might seem broken and lost.

Have a blessed week! (Kathie Harvey)