

GOOD MORNING!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (July 1)! HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!! ☀



Worship Services are at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. on Sundays through September 4. Following the 9:00 service, you are invited to join us for Coffee Under the Trees, hosted by Michael and Jenna Lawrenz, in celebration of their 10th Wedding Anniversary! **Sunday Nursery Availability:** The nursery is available during the worship services and also during the Adult Bible class.

Our HayDay VBS participants had a Yee-Haw good time last weekend learning that Jesus will always love us no matter what! Our theme was centered on Romans 5:11, "Our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God." Also, led by our 32 awesome volunteers, the kids participated in music, crafts, games, and Bible adventures including the story of Zacchaeus. As a closing event on Sunday, we had a wonderful pancake breakfast after church, dunk tank, inflatable obstacle course, and carnival games with prizes!

A big THANK YOU to all who volunteered during VBS! We appreciate your time, energy, and service to the Lord with a cheerful heart! We could not have done it without you!

Also, thank you to everyone who donated food items towards our VBS weekend! It was a huge help and we are grateful for you!

*****6th-12th graders!***** We are going to a servant event camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) on July 31st-August 5th (Sunday-Friday). Cost is \$35. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to zip line, high ropes, climb, hike, do archery etc. during the afternoons while working on projects during the day! Devotions and campfire at night. Friends are invited! Deadline to register is July 17.

The Romans Bible study led by Curt and Karen Engle has completed Romans and will be starting The Book of Genesis on Saturday, July 2nd, 2022, from 3:00-3:55pm at the church before worship. If you are interested in joining the Genesis study please join them in Room 201 on July 2nd, or email Curt at Kengle0920@gmail.com.

Take me out to the ballgame! Everyone is invited to the CO Rockies Faith Day on Sunday, August 14th vs the AZ Diamondbacks. Game at 1:00pm followed by the Christian band, We the Kingdom, concert afterwards. \$18 a ticket! Deadline to reserve your spot is on July 31st. Contact stephanie.roettjer@gmail.com or 303-794-4636 to let her know how many tickets you would like! Payment by cash or check (made out to Ascension Lutheran) can be dropped off in the church office.

Organ Recital: On July 31, at 2:00 pm, Thomas Schulteis will be performing an organ recital and Steve Wille will be giving a presentation on the various ranks on expanded organ at Our Father Lutheran Church, 6335 S Holly Street in Centennial. The recital is open to the public.

FREE PIANO FOR GOOD HOME If you have a child in your home that would like to study piano we would like to donate ours to you free of charge to support that study. It is a Lester/Philadelphia school style piano and there is no charge but you would need to move it and have it tuned. (If you need suggestions for a mover or a tuner, Mike Zehnder said he would be happy to supply that information). Interested? Please call Annette or Beau Wolfer (303-797-9598).

Quilt Show & Book Sale First Presbyterian Church of Littleton is hosting their annual Western Welcome Week Quilt Show & Book Sale on Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20. There is more information about times and entries on the bulletin board in the narthex and in the church office.

Young Adult Group Bible Study will next meet on Friday, August 12 at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join us, please contact Jenna (jenna.lindeman@cune.org).

Gifts on a Mission is a group of people who gather together twice a month to do a little crafting and have a lot of fun! Why are we called "Gifts on a Mission?" Because the things we make are sold for mission projects near and far! Come join us! We meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first and third Thursdays of each month, "open house," 1:00 to 5:00 pm. We will meet on Thursday, July 7. Come and learn a new craft!

Bible Study on Wednesdays - THE MANY WONDERS OF HEAVEN. Written and taught by Pastor Don Ginkel. This is an in-depth study. We meet from 10:00 to 11:15 in Room 106, the classroom to the right of the main entrance off the parking lot.

Ascension Photo Directory! Help us surpass our participation goal of members photographed for our new directory. It's easy to schedule an appointment to be photographed for the directory at Bettinger Photography. You may schedule online at www.PictorialServices.net/appointment or call 303.400.6023. We need you, and only those that are photographed receive a copy of the printed pictorial directory.

NEW Ascension Directories are available in the narthex and the church office. These do not include photos – the photo directories will be out later this year. Please let the church office know if you have any corrections, 303-794-4636.

Transportation Needed: Carl and Rita Kuenne, worshippers at our Saturday service, have run into some health problems and on occasion have a transportation need

outside of attending worship services. If you could help, or would like more information about this need, you can call Carl at 720.320.7201.

Extended Day Preschool (EDP): Please spread the word that EDP will be open five days a week for the 2022-2023 school year, and they are seeking an Assistant Teacher. Please contact Kelly Lafferty at director@alcpreschool.com

What if I sense a desire to make an estate gift but am unsure about the status of ministries in the future? The first step in responding to this concern is to have a serious conversation with a leader from the ministry or ministries that are on your mind. You can ask that leader about where they see the future for ministry in 20 years. That can be a wonderful conversation that could produce value way beyond the scope of the gift you are considering planning. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in facilitating this conversation. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Gerideane Tracey, who will have shoulder surgery on July 7; For Brian Wilson, who had cataract and glaucoma surgery on June 28th; For Heidi Baker, in the hospital in Wyoming for a painful infection; For Jerry Peterson, recovering from surgery for skin cancer; For Harriet Metz, recovering at home from two back surgeries; For Joyce Gallagher, recovering from shoulder surgery and a rib fracture. For Ellen Thompson, in rehab recovering from a stroke and broken hip. For Virginia Downs, who is in rehab as she recovers from Covid. For Christine Peepgrass; For Jim Donovan, who had cataract surgery on June 30; For healing for Marion Wilson's friend, Joann; For Estella Aguilar; For Gwen Geisler, who has been dealing with vasculitis, long-term COVID, a blood clot in her lung, stage 4 kidney disease, and related issues; For Elle Lambert; For Mike Reimnitz; For Gloe Ann Leino; For Carrie O'Byrne, Barb Bader's daughter; For Joan Anttonen's sister, Judy, in hospice care; For Lorine Grau; For Nadine Ginkel; For Carol Zeller; For the families and friends of the 51 immigrants who died tragically in a semi near San Antonio this week; For world leaders, that they will pursue peace in Ukraine; For our country; For God's mighty hand to bring to an end this virus. For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

Happy Birthday! On July 4th, Jim Shelton and Henry Kerluke will BOTH be celebrating their 90th Birthdays! Many Happy Returns of the Day to these gentlemen!! Happy Birthday also to Jan Nichols, on July 1st!

Happy Anniversary to Brian and Marion Wilson, celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary on July 2nd, to Mike and Jenna Lawrenz, celebrating their 10th Wedding Anniversary on July 7, and to Tom and Dawn Munson, celebrating their 32nd Anniversary (#32) that day as well!

Ascension's Prayer Group:

Psalm 8 - Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Please join us as we give glory to our Sovereign God and bring our prayer requests to the throne of His grace. Ascension's Prayer Group meets on Zoom every 2nd and 4th

Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. If you'd like to join us, contact MargoALPasha@yahoo.com

Help for Ukraine: To support the people of Ukraine, please pray for them. If you desire to contribute to their needs, the link for Mission Advancement is: [Give online via LCMS Mission Advancement](#). By mail, you can make your check out to "The LCMS," and write "Ukraine Relief" in the memo line. Mail to: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

June 24 is a historic day as the Supreme Court of the United States overturned a 50-year landmark decision in which the court ruled that the Constitution protects abortion rights. The ruling in effect led us to abortion on demand and the legal right to end the life of preborn humans.

Now that the ruling has been overturned, does it mean abortion rights have been taken away? Not at all! It will now be left to each individual state to enact legislation to determine abortion access.

As a late-term abortion state, Colorado is a destination for vulnerable women who are searching for resources. Alternatives Pregnancy Center is here to offer women compassionate care and vital resources as they make one of the most difficult decisions of their lives.

[Alternatives Pregnancy Center](#) stands with the Supreme Court on this decision for prenatal justice because the laws of the land should protect humans at every stage, from conception to natural death.

Yet, today, for millions of Americans, the overturning of Roe v. Wade brings deep fear, uncertainty and anger. To understand this, we need to look at the societal reasons why there is a demand for abortion. Here are some of the painful realities that exist in our country for women who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy and facing a life-altering decision:

Economic and financial constraints:

- Unemployed
- No insurance
- No money for child-care
- A minor who can't qualify for Medicaid or housing assistance
- Hasn't finished high school and would have to drop out and start working
- Doesn't speak English
- Doesn't have a stable living environment
- Have other children to care for/feed
- Caring for dependents, and a pregnancy would have negative consequences on their situation
- Have no disposable income for clothing, diapers, gas or rent
- No childcare
- Food insecurity
- Limited job prospects

Difficult relationship with the father of the baby:

- Experiencing intimate partner violence
- The relationship is rocky and unpredictable
- Father is abusive
- Father doesn't have a job
- Father doesn't want to parent
- Mom fears she will be left to parent alone
- Has no relationship with the father

Experiencing internal and external coercion or pressure:

- Father of the baby, parent or friends encourage her to abort
- Cultural norm
- New job
- Not ready for another child
- Doesn't want to be a single mom
- Interfering with education and career
- A risk to physical health
- A possible problem affecting the health of the fetus
- Result of sexual assault
- Fatal prenatal diagnosis
- Feel they will be judged in their faith community

Through our daily work at Alternatives, we see women choose abortion as a way to survive. The reasons listed above are complex, filled with trauma and common to what we hear every day. They cross all socio-economic boundaries.

The important work of legislation will go on, yet, it is our responsibility, as followers of Jesus, to create a community that supports and protects women, the preborn and their families.

YOU can be the hands and feet of Jesus and be a part of building a true culture of life through the financial and volunteer support of Alternatives Pregnancy Center.

Your passion and generosity fuel the ministry to show up for such a time as this; A time to speak for the preborn and advocate for the protection of women.

Will you consider a financial gift today to continue the life-changing work of Alternatives? Here is the link: [Give Today](#)

Linda Pace Saccomano, Executive Director, Alternatives Pregnancy Center

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 6/25	4:00 pm	44	
Sunday, 6/26	9:00 am	187	Total: 231

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, June 25 – Sunday, July 3):

Sat. (7-2)	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
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Sun. (7-3)	9:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – Lawrenz Family
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
Monday (7-4)		Independence Day – Office Closed
Tues. (7-5)	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (7-6)	10:00 a.m.	Mid-week Bible Study w/Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (7-7)	1:00 p.m.	Gifts with a Mission
Sat. (7-9)	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (7-10)	9:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – Jackie Viren and Adam Wilson
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

Stewardship:

2022	This Week	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Financial Needs	\$12,300.00	\$319,800.00
Received Amount	\$11,220.36	\$327,218.40
Project Peter Receipts	\$2,010.13	\$96,600.13

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$198,697.63

Flowers for July 2-3 were given by the Munson family in joyful celebration of Dawn's mom, Jan Nichols', birthday!

Online Views (as of June 25) for June 19: 136 views.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Join us for Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT, study Genesis 22-25 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study Acts 23-27 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs live and on demand at kfu.org or the KFUE Radio app!

Hymn Preview: *In our worship together this week we will sing these lines from the hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save," LSB 717:*

*Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:*

O hear us when we cry to Thee For Those in peril on the sea. - W. Whiting, born 1825