

GOOD MORNING! WHAT'S HAPPENING (July 7)!

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 Jackie Viren and Adam Wilson, in celebration of summer! The Adult Bible Class will follow at 10:30. **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 on June 24-26, 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!

Family Movie Night – Friday, July 29th! ALL ages are invited to bring a pillow, blanket, and anything else to be comfortable as we watch "Sing 2." Popcorn and treats will be available. Beat the heat and join us at 6:30pm on July 29th! See you there!

*****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 started The Book of Genesis last Saturday. The group meets from 3:00-3:55 pm at the church before worship. If you are interested in joining the Genesis study please join them in Room 201 on July 9th, 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. 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! If you were photographed for the new pictorial directory here at our church, and you placed a portrait order, you may be able to pick up your order after Service NEXT weekend in the Narthex. Check the date on your invoice and make sure you are here to pick it up. If you did not make a purchase, your free 5x7 will be ready with your copy of the 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 updates, 303-794-4636.

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? There are several gift planning tools you can use to construct some level of flexibility to the gift, so that it may be directed appropriately in the future. One of those is a personal endowment fund. You can name a ministry of your choice, and include language, that if that ministry no longer exists, the funds of the endowment be directed to another ministry with parallel purpose. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you think this through. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Mary Lou Regan, with complications from COPD; For Jeanette Nelson, who will have a knee replacement on July 11; For Wayne Bader, who had a hip replacement recently; For Melissa Keller, Linda and Norm Finrock's daughter, who survived a life-threatening heart attack, thanks be to God! For Dave and Becky Clausen and their family. Their granddaughter Taylor Wilson died in an ATV accident last week; For Gerideane Tracey, who is having shoulder surgery on July 7; For Brian Wilson, who had cataract and glaucoma surgery on June 28th; 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 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 Joan Anttonen's sister, Judy, in hospice care; For Lorine Grau; For Nadine Ginkel; For Carol Zeller; For members of our congregation who are having financial challenges; For the families of the victims of the shooter at the 4th of July parade in Chicago, and for the families of the 53 immigrants who died near San Antonio last 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. For Jeremy, who is homeless, that he may prosper.

Prayers of Thanksgiving! For Jim and Lisa Wert, who were joined in marriage this past Friday, July 8!

Happy Anniversary to Jim and Jackie Adams, who will be celebrating their 66th Wedding Anniversary on July 8!

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.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 7/2	4:00 pm	61	
Sunday, 7/3	9:00 am	100	Total: 161

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, July 9 – Sunday, July 17):

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
Tues. (7-12)	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
Weds. (7-13)	10:00 a.m.	Mid-week Bible Study w/Pastor Ginkel
Sat. (7-16)	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (7-17)	9:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – Munson/Nichols Family
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

Stewardship:

2022	This Week	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Financial Needs	\$12,300.00	\$332,100.00
Received Amount	\$13,309.94	\$340,528.34
Project Peter Receipts	\$837.00	\$97,437.13

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$198,697.63

Flowers for July 9-10 were given by Jim and Lisa Wert in joyful celebration of their wedding, which took place this past Friday, July 8!

Online Views (as of July 4) for June 26: 119 views.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Hear KFUO Radio programming live from the LCMS Youth Gathering July 11-12, study some Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Genesis 30-34 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear about Augsburg Confession Article XXV: Confession on Concord Matters (7/16 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

Hymn Preview: *In our worship together this week we will sing these lines from the hymn “Thy Word”:*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.*

- Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith, 1984