

## **GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (September 15)!**

**Worship Services:** 4:00 p.m. Traditional service on Saturdays, with 8:00 a.m. Traditional and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary services on Sundays. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will be at 9:15 – 10:15 am on Sundays. The nursery is available during Sunday worship services and during the Adult Bible class.

**Our next Voter's Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, September 25 after the second worship service. A light lunch will be served by the Ladies Guild, sponsored by the Ascension Foundation.

**The Celebration of Life Service for Terry Sandrin** is scheduled for next Saturday, September 24, at 1:00 here at Ascension.

**Last Sunday we kicked off our Christian Education Program from 9:15-10:15 AM!** Bible study for all ages, wonderful teachers, fun and engaging lessons about Jesus, music, and crafts! Our theme for the year is "Shine" on John 8:12.

**6th-12th grade youth!** You don't want to miss our fun activity of bowling and laser tag at the Highlands Ranch Main Event on **October 9th!** We will meet there at 12:30pm and should be done by about 2:00pm. It will be \$15 a person, lunch provided. Friends are welcome to join us! Please RSVP by Sept. 30th! Contact Stephanie with questions.

**Youth Nights are starting up the 4th Sunday of every month!** First one will be on **September 25th** from 4-5:30 pm, in the Youth Room. Games (like sardines), creative Bible study, and pizza! Friends are invited! Questions, contact Stephanie.

**Starting Sept. 11th,** children will be able to take a "Jesus Bag" into the worship services with them. These bags will contain faith-based coloring sheets, twistables (crayons), a book on what you see in church, little puzzles, stickers, and other supplies. Parents, you'll find them hanging outside the church nursery where the coloring books currently are located.

**Beginning on Wednesday, September 7, an Adult Bible Class will be held** in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 until 6:00. You are invited to a verse by verse, chapter by chapter study of the Gospel of Luke, led by Pastor John. We begin in Luke 10:25 - the Parable of the Good Samaritan - on that evening. Though a meal is not provided this year, we will look at our options for food and drink at our study. All are welcome. You are welcome. If you have ever said that you need to really study the Bible, this is the class for you!!

**IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE CHRISTMAS...** for the music ministry anyway. Won't be long and the Ascension Chorale, Gloria Dei Handbell Ringers and our two Praise Bands will not only be practicing music for fall, but also for Christmas. Come sing or ring the blues away and have yourself a merry little Christmas. This year we are also preparing for a hymn festival with Michael Burkhardt on September 30, Rehearsals start September 6 and 13 at 7 pm for Praise Band and September 7 at 6

pm for bells and 7 pm for choir. Questions or want to sign up? See our Director of Music Ministries, Michael Zehnder, or email him at [musicmikealc@gmail.com](mailto:musicmikealc@gmail.com). "There is no sorrow, when singing." - Lailah Gifty Akita.

### **WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU SANG YOUR HEART OUT AT A HYMN FESTIVAL?**

Well, here's your chance to sing festive hymn arrangements with organ, choir, brass, percussion and bells. Led by internationally renowned Dr. Michael Burkhardt, Artist-Professor of Organ at Eastern Michigan University, the concert will feature his fine art of improvisation and composition. Dr. Burkhardt will lead us through many seasons of the church year using eleven different genres of hymns from all over the world. The (free) hymn festival is on Friday September 30 at 7:30 p.m. and there is a hymn playing workshop for organists the next day, Saturday, October 1 from 9-11 a.m. Both are at Ascension Lutheran Church in Littleton, 1701 W. Caley Ave. (303-794-4636) You can even sing with the choir if you can attend a rehearsal on Thursday, September 29 at 7 p.m.. To sign up for the choir or for more information about the hymn festival please contact Ascension's Director of Music Ministries, Michael Zehnder at [musicmikealc@gmail.com](mailto:musicmikealc@gmail.com).

**From Ascension's Extended Day Preschool:** "We have transitioned into our Getting to Know You and Me curriculum for September. We spent last week getting to know our students and their family members - we even put Family Pictures up in our classrooms. This week we are getting to know our bodies by delving deep into the Five Senses - this one is always fun and incredibly hands-on for the students!! The last two weeks of September are going to be dedicated to getting to know the people in our community.

The Preschool is asking if anyone has an old small ride-on tricycle or safety approved bicycle (not requiring a helmet, though) for our playground. We have been having so much fun on our bikes and trikes so far this year that we are quickly wearing them out. I would love to recycle one that someone is able to share before purchasing one!! Thank you for everyone's consideration!!"

**The Genesis Bible study led by Curt and Karen Engle:** The group meets Saturdays 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 a Saturday, or email Curt at [Kengle0920@gmail.com](mailto:Kengle0920@gmail.com).

**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 on Wednesdays, in the classroom to the right of the main entrance off the parking lot.

**Young Adult Group** Bible Study will meet on Friday, September 16 at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join us, please contact Jenna ([jenna.lindeman@cune.org](mailto:jenna.lindeman@cune.org)).

**ANGEL TREE ALERT!!!!** It may be early to think Christmas, but it is never too soon to consider the needs of our annual Angel Tree Collection at the end of this month. Angel Tree is the vehicle God uses and we support to provide Christmas gifts to the children

of prisoners. Our dollars and checks provide gifts for the children of inmates. We will be at the back of the sanctuary to greet you, with baskets in hand. I have Matching Gift certificates to double our donations. Our baskets will be empty **Sept. 24-25 'til you fill them up...** be prepared!!!! Checks can be made to Ascension Lutheran, with Angel Tree on the memo line. Contact Jude Donovan, [Heyjude264@aol.com](mailto:Heyjude264@aol.com) or 303 972 0873 for more info.

**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!

**Fall days are approaching, and it's time to think "Craft and Bake Sale".**

We all enjoyed wonderful goodies at coffee hour this summer. Would you consider baking some more for the Bake sale? Or go through your favorite recipes. Crafts take time, so let's get started! Think: Fall decorations, Christmas items and ornaments, hand-made jewelry. Any woodworkers out there? We'd love your items, too! November 20 is our big day- - mark your calendars. And thanks so much from the Ladies Guild!

**Ascension Quilters** meet on Friday afternoons in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30-3:00 p.m. For more information, please call Jackie Adams, 303-798-5161.

**Save the Date! Saturday, October 8, 2022, 2:30-9 PM | Denver Zoo**

You are invited to join **Alternatives Pregnancy Center** for an epic fundraising event at the Denver Zoo! Bring the whole family as we gather to celebrate this momentous anniversary.

Over 40 years, Alternatives has impacted over 100,000 lives in all Denver communities. Because of you, lives have been changed, families united, babies born, and women empowered to choose life. This is cause for celebration!

From daytime zoo admission, evening dancing and live music into the night, there is something for every member of your family. Enjoy a scavenger hunt, an animal encounter and place a bid through our silent and live auctions as we look ahead to the next 40 years. Join us for the afternoon, evening or the whole day! Get tickets today.

[Get Tickets](#)

**An entire estate gift plan is a testimony of life lived by faith in Jesus.** Your plan will include gifts to specific ministries, your home congregation, or an organization with which you have been engaged. Rather than just creating discernments to every organization to which you may have given token contributions, you may be led to focus those gifts on a few ministries, especially supporting projects that are close to your heart. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you by asking questions to sharpen your focus. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Prayers:** For Kim McClaren, who has had pain in her left knee; for answers and relief; For the family of Al Roth, Jeanette Kistler’s father, who passed away on September 13; For Emily Flickinger-Hatch, who has been dealing with shingles and is starting a new job; For Pastor Don Ginkel, who has a fracture in his back; For Ellen Thompson’s sister, Karen, whose cancer has returned; For Lila Loots, who has a mass near her kidney; and for Lila’s brother, Gordon Loots; he has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and a blockage of an artery. For the Lord’s blessing on our church planning efforts this month; For Harriet Metz; For Gwen Geisler; For Lorine Grau; For Nadine Ginkel; For Carol Zeller; For members of our congregation who are having financial challenges; 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 those who are homeless, that they may find safe places to live.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:** For Ann Kaneko’s sister, Joan, who had been hospitalized with an infection that affected her kidney function; she is doing much better!

**Thank you** for all the cards and prayers I received during my recovery from back surgery. I meant a lot to me and family. Harriet Metz and Family.

**Ascension’s Prayer Group:**

**James 5:16** (AMP) Therefore, confess your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and pray for one another, that you may be healed *and* restored. The heartfelt *and* persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power].

Ascension’s Prayer Group meets on Zoom every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. If you’d like to join us, contact [MargoALPasha@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Service Time</u></b>	<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	
Saturday, 9/3	4:00 pm	66	
Sunday, 9/4	9:00 am	144	Total: 210

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Service Time</u></b>	<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	
Saturday, 9/10	4:00 pm	72	
Sunday, 9/11	8:00 am	64	
	10:30 am	106	Total: 242

**Online Views** (as of September 12) for August 28: 119 views;  
For September 4: 116 views

**Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, September 17 – Sunday, September 25):**

Sat. (9-17)	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (9-18)	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
Mon. (9-19)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (9-20)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Agape Rehearsal
Weds. (9-21)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 a.m.	Mid-week Bible Study w/Pastor Ginkel
	5:00 p.m.	Study of the Book of Luke w/Pastor John
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Instruction
	6:00 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs. (9-22)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	6:00 p.m.	Ladies Guild – Fall Kickoff
Fri. (9-23)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30-3:00 p.m.	Quilters Group
Sat. (9-24)	1:00 a.m.	Celebration of Life for Terry Sandrin
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (9-25)		<b>Angel Tree Sunday</b>
	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
	12:00 p.m.	Voter's Meeting
	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study, Games & Dinner

**Stewardship:**

2022	Last Week	This Week	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Financial Needs	\$12,300.00	\$12,300.00	\$455,100.00
Received Amount	\$16,344.14	\$9,032.40	\$443,376.84
Project Peter Receipts	\$982.00	\$1,480.00	\$110,621.13

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$196,306.21

**Flowers for September 17-18 were given by Anita Baresel in joyful celebration of her sisters' (and her own!) birthdays! Anita's birthday is September 17, Eleanor's is on September 20, Renata's is on September 25, Elta's is on October 7 and Luise's is on October 20! Happy Birthday to all!**

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org):** Hear Rev. Brady Finnern as the new host of Concord Matters (formerly host of Thy Strong Word) beginning 9/24 at 10:00 a.m. CT, study Deuteronomy 27-28 on Sharper Iron's "The Law of God is Good and Wise" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study 1 Corinthians 6-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

**Hymn Preview:** *In our worship together this week we will sing these lines from the hymn, "Son of God, Eternal Savior" (LSB 842):*

*As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.*

*- Somerset T.C. Lowry, born 1855*