

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (September 29)!

Worship Services are at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class are at 9:15 – 10:15 am on Sundays.

The nursery is available during Sunday worship services and during the Adult Bible class.

October is Tuna Month at Ascension! We are accepting donations in the box in the narthex from October 1-31 for our local food bank, Integrated Family Community Services, IFCS.org. Our goal is to collect 750 cans this year!

On Sunday afternoon, September 25, 33 voting members of Ascension met to discuss the business of the congregation. The 40-minute meeting consisted of these reports and actions:

- Margo Pasha, our treasurer, reported that we have spent about \$53,000 less than anticipated and we have not had to use any of our reserves to balance our budget. To date, we have received about \$35,000 more than we have spent. Our loan from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund for the remodeling of our west wing will have a balance of less than \$190,000 at the end of September.
- Ascension Extended Day Preschool has grown and is now open 5 days a week, with 27 kids enrolled.
- Tom Munson, our President, called for nominations for officers and chairs of various boards. Elections will be held at our next meeting, on December 4; the date was changed from November 27 due to the Thanksgiving weekend.
- The assembly selected Arvin Michel to represent the congregation at the Circuit Forum held at Ascension on Sunday, October 9, at 2:00.

We thanked the Ladies Guild for serving the luncheon and the Ascension Lutheran Foundation for funding the meal.

HYMN FESTIVAL AND ORGAN CONCERT TOMORROW NIGHT! 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. For or more information about the hymn festival please contact Ascension's Director of Music Ministries, Michael Zehnder at musicmikealc@gmail.com.

If you missed our annual Angel Tree collection last week, you may send checks or cash to Ascension Lutheran with **Angel Tree** on the memo line until October 28. The inmates and their children thank you. Contact Jude Donovan, Heyjude264@aol.com or 303-972-0873 for more info.

The Ascension Foundation is accepting Book Reimbursement requests for the first semester of the 2022 school year from college students who wish to avail themselves of up to \$375.00 in reimbursements for books and materials, including laptop computers.

Please visit our bulletin board in the narthex next to the coffee stand for grant applications and important updates from our missions and ministries. There is exciting news to review.

FLU SHOTS will be available this Sunday, October 2: From **9:00-10:30am (not until 11:00am as previously listed)** on Sunday, October 2, Front Range Flu Shots will provide Quadrivalent Flu Shots for those 4 years or older and Senior Flu Shots for those 65 years or older (must sign up in advance for Senior flu shots). Many insurance plans are accepted.

Instructions for people attending flu shot clinic:

- Face mask required.
- Do not attend the flu clinic if you or someone you have been in close contact with is sick.
- ✓ Bring completed flu shot consent form (available in church office).
- ✓ Bring insurance card if Front Range Flu Shots is submitting a flu shot claim to the insurance company or other payment method (cash, check, credit card).
- Follow current CDC, state and local COVID-19 guidelines.

From the Ladies Guild. Thank you for returning all those jars! They have been returned to Maureen James, who appreciates them. Our Crafters group has been very busy, and they will get one entire table at the Bake and Craft Sale on November 20. Watch for their special items! Now is the time to save all those "flats" for shopping! These are flat boxes (lids) you can find at the grocery store or the liquor store. Start saving them for us- - we use a lot of them. Thanks! Are you thinking of baking these days? It's alright to freeze your items. Just wrap them securely. Again, thanks for all you are doing.

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 October 2! Contact Stephanie with questions.

Youth Nights – 4th Sunday of every month! The next one will be on October 23rd from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Games (like sardines), creative Bible study, and pizza! Friends are invited! Questions, contact Stephanie at stephanie.roettjer@gmail.com.

Our Trunk or Treat is coming up on Saturday, October 29th, from 5:30 - 7:00pm! We need candy! If you could please donate a bag of candy, we would be most grateful! There will be a box for donations at the top of the stairs until October 28th! Thank you!

“Jesus Bags” in the narthex: Children can take a "Jesus Bag" into the worship services with them. These bags contain faith-based coloring sheets, twistables (crayons), a book on what you see in church, little puzzles, stickers, and other supplies.

The Young Adult Group will next meet on Friday, October 14 at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join us, please contact Jenna (jenna.lindeman@cune.org).

From Ascension’s Extended Day Preschool: “Wow, we had such a fun and busy month in Preschool. We finished our "Getting to Know You and Me" curriculum after our final Community Helpers weeks - we really gained a lot of knowledge of how community helpers maintain our community and help us everyday.

As we transition into Fall, we welcome our Autumn: Harvest and Halloween monthly theme. We have a busy month planned full of leaves, apples, pumpkins, spiders, and finally, Halloween. We will incorporate all the lessons into our centers daily and have small groups that focus on patterns and sorting (organizing leaves and apples by characteristics – shapes, sizes, colors, etc), matching, opposites, and lots of fun sensory-related activities (playing with gourds, carving, and weighing the insides of a pumpkin, leaves in the sensory table, and so many more).

We are also going to pay tribute to Fire Safety week by having a truck from South Metro Fire Station visit. This helps the children become comfortable with the truck, all of its cool tools, and the firemen inside who might be wearing their uniforms. And, we will finish October with a Halloween March on the sidewalks around the church in our Halloween costumes and parties in our classrooms!! It is going to be a great month!!! – Kelly Lafferty, Director

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.

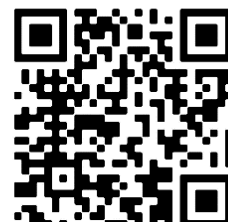
Bible Study on Wednesday Mornings: The story of Esther and how God saved the Jews and the coming Messiah. Taught by Pastor Don Ginkel. This is an in-depth study. We meet from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. in Room 106 on Wednesdays, in the classroom to the right of the main entrance off the parking lot. Please consider joining us.

Love INC invites you to The Gathering: On Friday, October 14, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Our Father Lutheran Church, 6445 S. Holly in Centennial. Come celebrate lives being transformed and see how God’s love is at work in our community. Enjoy inspirational stories and music, followed by dessert and fellowship. Whether you are curious about Love INC or are already a faithful partner; this event is for you! Music by Love INC Volunteer Ed Law and the CrossRoads Gospel Band!

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!

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.

Website Survey: We are working on updating for our church website! Please scan the QR code to access a survey regarding the website, www.alutheran@aol.com. Please complete the survey by October 7, thank you!



Ushers needed! Serving as an usher is a great way to meet new people and get to know your fellow members a little better! Please contact the church office at 303-794-4636 or alutheran@aol.com to be added to our usher list. Ushers are especially needed at the 10:30 service.

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](#)

Financial support of the Lord's work includes Gifts Now, Gifts in the Future, Gifts spread over time. Sometimes, our plans do not encompass more than a day's activity. Sometimes we may stretch that to a year. Yet our giving plan for the Lord's work is a lifetime plan that addresses current needs of ministry support and the plan for gifts for the moment the Lord calls us from this life to His eternal side. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you work through your Lifetime Plan for Giving. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfn.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Bernadine Herrera, one of our EDP teachers, who had surgery on Tuesday, Sept. 27; for Mark and Donna Nielsen, who have been ill; For Gregg and Barb Williams and their family as they remember their granddaughter, Ainsleigh, at her memorial service on Sunday, October 2; for Ellen Thompson, who has Covid, and for Ellen's sister, Karen, whose cancer has returned; For Pastor John and his family, as they mourn the passing of Pastor's father Russ; For Gwen Marshall, friend of Janet

Heisz, who had cancer surgery on September 22; For Ethan Nelson and his family; Ethan is the grandson of Don and Jeanette Nelson, he has been diagnosed with cancer and is being treated at Children's Hospital in Aurora. For Sharon Estes, friend of the Grau's, who is having back surgery on September 29; For Kim McClaren, who has had pain in her left knee; for answers and relief; For Pastor Don Ginkel, who has a fracture in his back; 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 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 those affected by the destruction of Hurricane Ian in Florida and Cuba, and Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico; For world leaders, that they will pursue peace in Ukraine; For our country; For God's mighty hand to bring to an end to 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 Jean Gerdes - no surgery is required on her elbow following her recent fall, and there were no bone fractures to her hip or upper leg. For Ryan Miller and Caroline Nohl, who will be married in Estes Park on Monday afternoon, October 3. For Dennis Anderson, brother of Judy Hermsmeyer, prayers of thanksgiving for successful lung cancer surgery and continuing improvement.

Thank you very much for the many prayers and continual support from church members over the last few weeks, they are much appreciated! – Virginia Downs

I have so appreciated all the cards and phone calls regarding my kidney disease. It really has given me a more positive outlook to know how much you care! - Gwen Geisler

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 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.

Attendance	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 9/24	4:00 pm	50	
Sunday, 9/25	8:00 am	71	
	10:30 am	78	Total: 199

Online Views (as of September 26) for September 25: 95 views

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, October 1 – Sunday, October 9):

Sat. (10-1)	9:00- 11:00 p.m.	Organ Workshop
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (10-2)	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:00 a.m.	Flu Shot Clinic
	9:15 a.m.	Education Hour / Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
Mon. (10-3)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (10-4)	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. (10-5)	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. (10-6)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	1:00 p.m.	Gifts on a Mission
	1:30 p.m.	Koinonia
Fri. (10-7)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30-3:00 p.m.	Quilters Group
Sat. (10-8)	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (10-9)		LWML Sunday
	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
	10:30 a.m.	Baptism of Theodore Alan Steffen
	12:30 p.m.	Youth Bowling / Laser Tag at Main Event
	2:00 p.m.	Circuit Forum at Ascension

Stewardship:

2022	This Week	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Financial Needs	\$12,300.00	\$479,700.00
Received Amount	\$8,103.83	\$465,082.67
Project Peter Receipts	\$585.00	\$112,716.13

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$185,105.58

Flowers for October 1-2 were given anonymously in grateful appreciation for our Pastor, John Larson!

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Finish the book of Deuteronomy on Sharper Iron's "The Law of God is Good and Wise" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study 1 Corinthians 12-14 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear about Lutheran confessions and practice on Concord Matters (10/8 at 10:00 a.m. CT) and Cross Defense (10/8 at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

Hymn Review: *In our worship together this week we will sing these lines from the hymn, "For All the Faithful Women" (LSB 855):*

*For Ruth, who left her homeland
And ventured forth in faith,
Who pledged to serve and worship
Naomi's God till death,
We praise you, God of Israel,,
And pray for hearts set free
To bind ourselves to others
In love and loyalty.*

- Herman Steumpfle, Jr., b. 1928