

## **GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 13)!**

**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.

### **RETIREMENT FOR MIKE ZEHNDER**

After nearly 6 years of faithful service to Ascension, and nearly 50 years in Lutheran LCMS ministry either as a pastor, a church consultant or as a music minister, Mike Zehnder has announced this week that he intends to retire from his position as Ascension's Director of Music Ministries at the end of this year, on December 31. He plans to stay in the Denver area and make himself available as a part-time organist and/or pastoral substitute.

Mike's superb musical gifts have been a real blessing to all of us over the years; please take some time in the next few weeks to visit with him or email to wish him well! His email is [musicmikealc@gmail.com](mailto:musicmikealc@gmail.com).

**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](http://IFCS.org). Last week we collected 176 cans - so far our total is 275 cans = 148 pounds of tuna! Can we get to 750 this year?

**All Saints Sunday** will be November 5-6. Please let the church office know if you would like to have the name of a loved one included in the worship bulletin. Please let us know how you were related to that person.

Our email is [alutheran@aol.com](mailto:alutheran@aol.com), and phone is 303-794-4636. The office is open 8:00am-3:30pm Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-1:00pm on Fridays.

**If you missed our annual Angel Tree collection**, 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](mailto:Heyjude264@aol.com) or 303-972-0873 for more info.

**The Funeral Service for Jim Shelton** will be held here at Ascension on Saturday, October 22, at 11:00 am.

**Special Request:** We were saddened to learn that Nadine Ginkel has been diagnosed with terminal Parkinson's disease, and she has only 6-12 months to live. She would like to receive help from someone to organize photos to leave to her children, and to scan Pastor Ginkel's books, so they can be digitized. If you can help, please contact the Ginkels at [info@churchpress.com](mailto:info@churchpress.com).

**New Cubbies in the Music Room!** We are grateful to Michael and Ellen Stamp, son and daughter-in-law of Bob Stamp, for donating the new cubbies for choir music that are in the music room. The donation was made in thankfulness to God for their father

and father-in-law, Bob Stamp, who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in July. Bob and Carol Stamp both sang with the Ascension choir for many years.

**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.

### **Severe Weather Shelter Network 2022-23**

This season for SWSN, which began on October 1<sup>st</sup> has a new face and new procedures. SignUp Genius will no longer be used. There will still be only one host site and all activities will take place at that site on sheltering nights. For our region that site is Immanuel Lutheran in Englewood. It will be open starting at 3:00 PM giving guests a place to gather and an opportunity for staff and volunteers to interact with them. Also, folks who sign up to provide food can deliver it starting at that time. Volunteers are still needed, perhaps more than ever.

Lynn Ann Huizingh, Executive Director of Development for SWSN will be at Ascension on **October 16** to share information about some of the changes for this season. We will also have a team with computers after each service to sign up volunteers. Contact Ann Kaneko, [kanekoa@comcast.net](mailto:kanekoa@comcast.net), 720.289.6782 (cell) if you have any questions.

**From the Ladies Guild.** We hope you all are busy making plans for clever items for the Craft Sale in November. And yummy items for the Bake Sale! Speaking of yummy items, people are always looking for gluten free baked goods. If you can include them in your baking, we would be happy to have them in the Sale. Be sure and label them GLUTEN FREE, and we will try and put them together on a table. Also, collect as many flat boxes as you can. Hang on to them until we set up on Saturday morning, the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. Thanks for all you are doing!

**Youth Nights – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month!** The next one will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:stephanie.roettjer@gmail.com).

**Pizza and planning meeting for parents/grandparents of 6th-12th graders!** You're invited to our Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> youth night (SNL) for the second half with pizza and a quick planning meeting! Please join us from 5-5:30ish in the Youth Room because we'd love to have your input with youth ministry plans for the upcoming year. Let's do this together!

**Our Trunk or Treat is coming up** on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>! Thank you!

**Trunks needed!** We would love to have a lot of cars available as part of our Trunk or Treat on Oct. 29th from 5:30-7pm! Consider being a part of this outreach to the community and to our families. Not much decorating required, just park, open the trunk and hand out candy (provided). Sign-up sheet on the youth and family bulletin board or talk to Stephanie or Jenna. Thank you!

**Parents' Morning Out!** Enjoy time to yourself from 9am-12pm on Saturday, November 12! Drop off your child/ren with us and we'll keep them happy! Activities: music, crafts, games, snack. Ages 2 years old - 4th grade. Don't miss out on this Youth Fundraiser! Freewill donation. **RSVP by Nov. 6th** to: [stephanieroettjer@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieroettjer@gmail.com) or [jenna.lindeman@cune.org](mailto:jenna.lindeman@cune.org)

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

**From Ascension's Extended Day Preschool:** "Whew, October is flying by. We completed our Fire Safety week and learned a lot surrounding how to keep ourselves safe here at school and at home. We even have been practicing "Stop, Drop, and Roll" and had a visit from a local fire station - they showed us the amazing tools they use every day to help protect us!!

The students are excited to transition back into our Fall Harvest and Halloween curriculum. This month is extremely sensory based with going on a leaf hunt for our sensory table, playing in the goop from a pumpkin, making apple muffins for Johnny Appleseed's birthday, and weighing and measuring the pumpkins for math skills.

The Preschool is in need of spare clothes for the students - messes happen (OFTEN HAHA) and we have diminished our stock of clothes. We are in search of sizes 3T-5T underwear, pants/shorts, and shirts, socks, and maybe even jackets (we all have forgotten a jacket on occasion)! If you would be able to donate any of these items, please give them to Dawn in the office." – 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](mailto: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.

**Gifts on a Mission** is a group of people who gather together on Thursday afternoons 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 every Thursday, "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.

**Survey about Ascension's website:** We are working on updating the church website! You can help by completing this survey by October 14: [Ascension Website Survey](#). Results will be shown in next week's Happenings. Thank you!

**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!

**From Mission Experience: Come join us for our annual Gala** celebrating all that God has accomplished and is accomplishing through Mission Experience. We have a fun and exciting night planned with a special surprise!! Our annual fundraising banquet will be held this year at the Marriott hotel at Park Meadows on Sat. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The cost of tickets is \$75 a person, which includes the night with appetizers and dinner. Our auction will again be online at [32auctions.com](#) starting a week in advance with some amazing items and experiences. To purchase tickets please contact Leslie at [leslie@missionexperience.org](mailto:leslie@missionexperience.org).

**Financial support of the Lord's work includes Gifts Now, Gifts in the Future, Gifts spread over time.** Planning gifts from one's estate often allows for gifts that match all the other gifts given in a lifetime. When the Lord calls you home, and you no longer need assets to support your body and life, you are free to use those gifts for Godly purposes, caring for family and supporting ministry. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you plan. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Prayers:** For Kim McCormick, who will be having surgery on October 25; For Virginia Downs, who has an infection, and for her son Vernon, who is hospitalized in Florida; For Bob Schmitt, who suffered a heart attack and has had open heart surgery; For Bernice Arsenault, who has had some weakness; For Kristina Goff, who has had blood clots; For Crystal Sundet's niece, Marcia, who is recovering from surgery for cancer; For Norm and Linda Finrock's daughter, Melissa, who survived a heart attack; For Mary Farley and her family, at her husband Jim Shelton's passing; For Lynne Nelson, following hospitalization; For Nancy Harder, with torn tendons in her shoulder; For Judy Bress, who has sciatica; For Shelly Gray, who has a fractured ankle; For Mary Ann Shakely, Max Shakely's mother, who has entered hospice care; For Mike Reimnitz, for healing for a detached retina; 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 Lorine Grau; For Nadine Ginkel, and for Pastor Don Ginkel, who has a fracture in his back; For Lila Loots, who had surgery on October 12; and for Lila's brother, Gordon Loots; who is having treatment for cancer. For Harriet Metz; For Carol Zeller; For members of our congregation who are having financial challenges; For those affected by the destruction of Hurricane Ian in Florida; 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 find safe places to live.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:** For Bob Schmitt, that he survived a heart attack and has been able to go home from the hospital; For Mike Zehnder’s years of faithful service as Ascension’s Director of Music Ministries.

**Ascension’s Prayer Group**

**Psalm 145:18-20a**

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him.

Please join us as we call on our Sovereign God in prayer. 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, 10/8	4:00 pm	54	
Sunday, 10/9	8:00 am	88	
	10:30 am	58	Total: 200

**Online Views** (as of October 11) for October 9: 99 views

**Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, October 15 – Sunday, October 23):**

Sat. (10-15)	11:00 a.m.	Funeral Service for Sandra Anne Crispe
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (10-16)		<b>STEWARDSHIP 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
	10:30 a.m.	Baptism of Theodore Alan Steffen
	10:30 a.m.	Teachers Meeting
Mon. (10-17)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (10-18)	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. (10-19)	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. (10-20)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	1:00-4:45 p.m.	Gifts on a Mission
Fri. (10-21)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30-3:00 p.m.	Quilters Group
Sat. (10-22)	11:00 a.m.	Funeral Service for Jim Shelton
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (10-23)	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
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Live – Youth Bible Study, Games and Pizza

**Stewardship:**

2022	This Week	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,300.00	\$504,300.00
Received Amount	\$9,757.15	\$489,343.07
Project Peter Receipts	\$3,677.00	\$117,353.26

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$185,105.58

**Flowers for October 15-16 were given by Elaine English in honor of her parents' wedding anniversary.**

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org):** Study Joshua 6-10 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Daniel 2-6 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and join us for Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

**Hymn Review:** *In our worship together this week we will sing these lines from the praise song, "Freely Freely":*

*He said freely freely you have received  
 Freely freely give  
 Go in My name  
 And because you believe  
 Others will know that I live.     - Carol Owens, 1972*