

**GOOD AFTERNOON!**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING (November 17)! Happy Snow Day!**

**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 for Sunday worship services and during the Adult Bible class.

**The quarterly Voter's Meeting for Ascension** will be held on Sunday, December 4, beginning about noon. The Ladies Guild will serve a luncheon that will be funded by the Ascension Foundation. The meeting will look for the Voter's approval of a budget of about \$706,000 for 2023. We will also be electing officers and chairs for the coming years. We look forward to your attendance of that day.

**Advent by Candlelight - November 30th**

Elves are needed to help set up on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon - Nov. 29/30 and then to help cook, finish preparations, serve and clean-up on Nov. 30th. We need cookie makers! If you would like to make something for dessert - we would love to sample your baking skills. Please text or call Laurie Mullane at 303-794-7937 or email [LJMullane@msn.com](mailto:LJMullane@msn.com) if you would like to volunteer to help or make cookies.

....This year we are trying something new! Each table will have a "Decorator". One table will be decorated in a setting of 6, with items from your own home. This includes plates, napkins, silverware, glasses, round tablecloth (the church has white ones available for use) and centerpiece. Tables may be decorated Tuesday (1-4 p.m.) or Wednesday (before 4 p.m.). For more details - please contact Lisa Wert by phone or text 720-980-9446, or email [lisa jeanschilling@msn.com](mailto:lisa jeanschilling@msn.com) if you would like to be a Table Decorator. If you can't be a Table Decorator but have items that would make a beautiful table, contact Lisa for pick-up. Approximately 15 people will be needed for 15 tables! You can decorate more than one table.

Thank you for your support in creating this wonderful event for our members and friends! This is going to be a memorable evening and we look forward to seeing you!

**Ascension Christmas Families:** During the months of November and December we seek to help some of our own families who need assistance during the Christmas season. Our Social Ministry Committee sponsors "Christmas Families". If you would like to participate you can help in a number of ways – we need funds to buy presents and gift cards for gifts and for the Christmas meal. Checks should be made out to Ascension and please indicate that the gift is for Christmas Families. We need a number of people to wrap the presents that are bought. Or, If you would like to be the person who does the shopping for the adults, youth and children on our list, we could use your shopping skills. Dana Niederbrach (303.886.7860) is coordinating this effort – you may contact her with questions or if you'd like to volunteer.

**Thanksgiving Bags for Lutheran Family Services:** Social Ministry is collecting Thanksgiving food items for local families and refugees, to be picked up from the church office by Lutheran Family Services on Friday, November 18. Two lists of

needed items (traditional and alternative menu items) are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you!

**The Sunday school children are participating in a service project** by filling Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children around the world. We have **extra shoeboxes!** If you'd like to participate as well, please pick up a red and green shoebox in room 106 on the shelf. Instructions and labels are already in the box. **Return by November 20th.** Questions, please talk to Stephanie.

**Poinsettias will be delivered** on the morning of December 10th so that we have them in time for Lessons and Carols service.

The Poinsettia ordering chart is on the landing Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Poinsettias are \$25.00 each this year, the same price as last year. We have ordered **only 16 - Poinsettias.** Individuals can dedicate a Poinsettia for the Holiday Season, and the plants can be taken home after New Year's. Envelopes for payments are located below the ordering chart. Please make sure that you place a check mark next to Poinsettias and note Poinsettias on your check. Thanks!

### **Lutheran Chorale Christmas Concerts: Welcome Joyous Season!**

Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 2:30pm, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E Wesley Ave., Aurora, CO 80014 *and* Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 6:30pm, St. Philip Lutheran Church, 7531 S Kendall Blvd., Littleton, CO 80128.

### **November is here! And big plans are underway for the Ladies Guild Craft and Bake Sale.** We have a few special tables to feature this year- -

Ted's Table: This table will be manned by Norm and Linda Finrock, and will show Ted Lemke's lovely inventory of jewelry and gems. Be ready to be amazed! All proceeds from this table will go directly to Ted.

Another table will showcase collectibles from Mary Farley – many of these are kids' items! She will price her items, and those proceeds will go directly to the Guild.

The Crafters will sell their items "Crafts on a Mission." They have been hard at work! Proceeds go to the Ladies Guild.

The Quilters will have their quilts for sale, and those proceeds go back to the Quilters, to help purchase their supplies.

What an exciting day we are expecting! We hope all of you have a wonderful time shopping at the Craft and Bake Sale! The Ladies Guild thanks everyone for their support and participation.

### **Severe Weather Shelter Network**

The Shelter network in our region will provide a place for homeless adults to stay when weather is severe. Severe weather is defined as - 20° or below and dry with no rain or snow in the forecast or 32° degrees with precipitation projected for 2 hours or more during the overnight hours of 6pm to 6am for shelter to activate.

Sheltering this week is at Faith Community Center, 6228 S. Carr Ct. in Littleton. Donations of food and volunteers to help at the Center are needed. If you need help signing up to volunteer or need help delivering food please contact Ann Kaneko, [kanekoa@comcast.net](mailto:kanekoa@comcast.net), 720.289.6782 (cell).

### **Christmas Sanctuary Decorating!**

Do you love decorating? Or do you just love Christmas? If you answered yes to either of these then please join us in decorating our beautiful Sanctuary and Narthex. We will begin decorating at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 26th. Breakfast snacks, drinks and coffee will be available. There is a sign up on the landing, or let Bri Fort know if you are able to help. [bmfort10@gmail.com](mailto:bmfort10@gmail.com) \*Note: You DO NOT need to be able to get up on a ladder to help.\*

**My dear and devoted members**, may you be blessed as you have blessed others...lots of others. This year Angel Tree will be more supported by us due to your great generosity and desire for children of incarcerated parents to know the true joy of Christmas. Our Angel Tree collection this year was outstanding. You gave \$4037.00, including \$1000.00 from our Foundation. This will again be doubled this year to \$8074.00 and provide gifts and the Christmas story to about 300+ children. What a party! What joy! What a gift...given by you directly to these children. I am so honored to be a part of such sterling and shining servants of Christ. May the Precious Babe of Bethlehem hold you close to His heart this season. We, the parents, the guardians, the children and I thank you again. Pax Christi, Jude Donovan

**Beautiful 2023 God's Creation calendars are available for pre-sale!** The youth will be selling these calendars through November for \$10 each. Proceeds will go towards their mission trip next summer. Order form on the youth and family bulletin board or stop by the table in the narthex to order. Thank you!

**Needed:** 1st-3rd grade Sunday school teacher starting January 8th! Be a part of our awesome children's ministry team and get the privilege to share the love of Jesus with children! Must be willing to have a background check/training. Interested? Contact Stephanie.

**Youth Nights – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month!** The next one will be Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Games, creative Bible study, and pizza! Friends are invited! Questions, contact Stephanie at [stephanie.roettjer@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.roettjer@gmail.com).

**From Ascension's Extended Day Preschool:** What an amazing time of year to talk about all of the things we have to be thankful for - we are thankful for our students, our families, our school, our church, and all that God has provided for us. We have such a fun curriculum this month - we talked about feathers (similarities and differences based on size, shape, color, etc), turkeys (characteristics of turkeys and birds, etc), and we will be talking about our upcoming Holiday and what it means to be thankful!! We will be hosting our first annual Thanksgiving Friendsgiving Feast next week - yummy food and surrounded by people we love!! And we will end the last week before our week-long break with a pajama party while watching a special Thanksgiving movie!! What fun!! Happy Thanksgiving ALL!!" Warm Regards, Kelly Lafferty, Director

**The Foundation** is very thankful for Mary Farley's and our congregation's generosity for your donations received after Jim Shelton's passing. We will continue to celebrate Jim's legacy as the Foundation moves forward with our missions and ministries.

**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 on Thursdays, "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.

**The focus of estate Gift Planning moves us to consider our giving beyond managing the cash in our checking account.** Some stocks or mutual funds you purchased years ago may now be worth a lot more. If you cash them out, you would have to pay capital gains tax. Using these assets could be a smarter decision, allowing avoidance of gain plus providing charitable deduction. That might even allow you to fund more support of ministry. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Prayers:** For Lila Loots' brother, Gordon Loots, who has two new brain tumors; For Gloe Ann Leino, who broke her arm after a fall on Monday and is at Littleton Hospital; For Gregg Williams, who took a fall down some steps and is also at Littleton Hospital; For Levi Carter, grandson of Bob and Bev Carter. Levi was in a very serious car accident on Monday, and is at St. Anthony's hospital with multiple injuries. For Dennis Anderson, brother of Judy Hermsmeyer, who is discontinuing chemo due to complications. He's trusting in God's plan for him. For Norris Hermsmeyer, Norman's brother, hospitalized for a number of days with an unknown infection. For Roxan Ruggera at the death of her son, Jimmy, 34 years old, in a car accident on November 11; For Ray Ogg, who has pneumonia and is in hospice care, and for his wife Norma; For Tom Munson's brother Bill, with Covid; For Gary Stephenson, close friend of David and Ina Olsson. Gary was just diagnosed with pancreatic cancer which has metastasized to his liver; For Melanie Bard, in an automobile accident this past week; For Nancy Harder, who will have shoulder surgery on November 23. For Flo Westra's nephew, Ken Heinecke, in Grand Junction, his heart has been repaired but he has lost capacity in half a lung, pray for strength and healing; For Tom Zehnder (Mike's brother), recovering at Skyridge Medical Center from seizure, punctured lung, new

heart stents, anemia, uncontrolled bleeding and fluid on his lungs; For Dave Siedschlag, Shelia Beu's brother, who had surgery on his hip and ankle; For Sue Eastridge - kidney issues and shingles; For Larisa Nielsen and her son, soon to be born. Pray for her husband, Graham, too!! For Jim Wendelken, who has returned home on hospice care. For Athenia Michel; For Norm Fringer; For Harriet Metz; For Barry Kratzer; For Ethan Nelson and his family; For Lorine Grau; For Nadine Ginkel; For Carol Zeller; For world leaders, that they will pursue peace in Ukraine; For our country; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:** For Pastor's wife Marilyn, whose surgery on November 15 went well.

**Happy Birthday!** Lila Loots turns 80 on November 25, the day after Thanksgiving. Congratulations!!

**Ascension's Prayer Group**

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Please join us as we approach God's throne of grace. 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)

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Service Time</u></b>	<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	
Saturday, 11/12	4:00 pm	67	
Sunday, 11/13	8:00 am	83	
	10:30 am	78	Total: 228

**Online Views** (as of November 14) for November 6: 119 views

**Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, November 19 – Sunday, November 27):**

Sat. (11-19)	9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.	Set up for Ladies Guild Bake/Craft Sale
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-20)	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Education Hour / Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	<b>Ladies Guild Craft and Bake Sale</b>
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
Mon. (11-21)		<b>THANKSGIVING BREAK – No Extended Day Preschool</b>
	1:00 p.m.	Inurnment – Katherine Wendelken
Tues. (11-22)		<b>BREAK – No Extended Day Preschool</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Agape Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting

Weds. (11-23)		<b>BREAK – No Extended Day Preschool</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Mid-week Bible Study w/Pastor Ginkel
	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	<b>No Bible Study, Confirmation, Bells or Choir Practice This Evening</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>
Thurs. (11-24)		<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>
		<b>BREAK – No Extended Day Preschool</b>
Fri. (11-25)		<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
		<b>BREAK – No Extended Day Preschool</b>
	12:00 p.m.	Baptism of J.J. Slama (private)
Sat. (11-26)	8:30 a.m.	Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas!
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-27)	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.	<b>Sunday Night Live – Youth Night w/Bible Study, Games &amp; Pizza</b>

**Stewardship:**

2022	This Week	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,300.00	\$565,800.00
Received Amount	\$10,574.00	\$554,883.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$61,079.00	\$190,491.26

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$108,870.11

**Flowers for November 19-20 were given by Diego and Amy Garcia, in joyful celebration of their 26<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!**

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org):** Blessed Thanksgiving! Study Exodus 10-13 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study the 3rd Article of the Creed on Concord Matters (11/26 at 10:00 a.m. CT), and dive into a curious theological topic with Rev. Tyrel Bramwell on Cross Defense (11/26 at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

**Hymn Review:** *In our worship together this week we will sing these lines from the hymn, “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”:*

*Those dear tokens of His passion Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation To His ransomed worshippers.*

*With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture*

*Gaze we on those glorious scars!*

*- Charles Wesley, 1707-1788*