

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (November 23)! Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

Please Note: There will be no Young Adult Bible Study on November 27.

The Ladies Guild says Thank You! To all of you for your support of the Craft and Bake sale. From the bakers and makers, and all the terrific shoppers: YOU made it happen once again. It's amazing to see how it all goes together, and we are grateful to each and every one of you. We will have numbers for you soon, and then a breakdown of our mission recipients. Again: many thanks!

The Funeral Service for Ray Ogg will be here at Ascension at 10:30 am on Wednesday, December 7.

Advent by Candlelight - November 30th at 6:00 p.m.

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 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 lisajeanschilling@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.

Thank you to the Sunday school children and anyone else who filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! We had 50 boxes to drop off which will be shipped around the world. What a wonderful way to bless the children receiving them and undoubtedly there will be many smiles and lots of joy!

For our families, we have take home family Advent calendars available for you! It includes engaging activities, devotions, and discussion during this Advent season leading up to Christmas. Advent calendars will be on the table in the narthex.

Fa-la-la-la-la! Warm-up your voices and mark your calendars for our Christmas caroling to shut-ins on Dec. 11th! Meet at 2:00 pm...Christmas sweaters and hats encouraged! Questions, ask Stephanie.

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. this 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 *Note: You DO NOT need to be able to get up on a ladder to help.*

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.

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, 720.289.6782 (cell).

Gifts on a Mission Update We enjoyed making crafts for the Craft & Bake Sale last weekend! After preparing for the sale in September, October and November, our group is going to take a break for the remainder of November and all of December. We will resume our gatherings at church on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 1:00 to 4:45 pm beginning on Thursday, January 5th. Come and join us!

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 \$4,037.00, including \$1,000.00 from our Foundation. This will again be doubled this year to \$8,074.00 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

Nov. 27th is the last day to purchase a beautiful 2023 God's Creation Calendar for \$10! This is a youth fundraiser to help with funds for the youth mission trip to Mescalero, NM next summer. Drop off your payment (cash or check) to Stephanie in the church office. Thank you!

Youth Nights – 4th Sunday of every month! The next one will be this Sunday, November 27th 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.

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 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.

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. For many, the single largest asset is found in retirement assets. If you have an IRA and are 70 ½ or older, you can contribute up to \$100,000 per year directly to ministry, bypassing the income tax you would pay if you withdrew the funds yourself. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Kathy Valdez, Lee Valdez' wife; For Judy Koester's 88-year-old sister, Janice Russ, who is in a hospital in Oregon after a fall; For June Simpson, who is having gall bladder surgery in Grand Junction today, on November 22; For Bob Estes, who broke his elbow in a fall and will have surgery on Monday, November 28. For Norma Ogg and her family, at the passing of her husband Ray; For Sophie Enquist, daughter of Bonnie Ellison, a friend of Ted Lemke, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer; For Michelle Kabelman's friends, who lost their baby in a miscarriage, and then discovered the young woman has cancer. Pray for comfort from the loss of the baby. For Lila Loots' brother, Gordon Loots, who has two new brain tumors; For Gloe Ann Leino, who broke her arm after a fall; For Gregg Williams, who took a fall down some steps; For Levi Carter, grandson of Bob and Bev Carter. Levi was in a very serious car accident. 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, with an unknown infection. For Gary Stephenson, close friend of David and Ina Olsson. Gary was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer which has metastasized to his liver; For Melanie Bard; For Nancy Harder, whose shoulder surgery has been postponed to December 8; 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); For Larisa and Graham Nielsen and their son, soon to be born; For Jim Wendelken, who has returned home; 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 Erin and Calvin Hoard, daughter and son-in-law of Jerry and Tracy Huggins, who celebrate the birth of their son, Wesley Richard Hoard, on November 3! For Jim and Jackie Adams and their family; their great-granddaughter, Bella Lou Collins, was born on Tuesday, November 22!

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 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. If you'd like to join us, contact MargoALPasha@yahoo.com

Attendance	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 11/19	4:00 pm	57	
Sunday, 11/20	8:00 am	104	
	10:30 am	58	Total: 219

Online Views (as of November 21) for November 13: 123 views

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, November 26 – Sunday, December 4):

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.	Sunday Night Live – Youth Night w/Bible Study, Games & Pizza
Mon. (11-28)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool Classes Resume
Tues. (11-29)	9:30-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Band Rehearsal
Weds. (11-30)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 a.m.	Mid-week Bible Study w/Pastor Ginkel
	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	No Bible Study, Confirmation, Bells or Choir Practice This Evening
	6:00 p.m.	Advent by Candlelight
Thurs. (12-1)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	6:00 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers
	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Chorale
Fri. (12-2)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 p.m.	Quilters Group
Sat. (12-3)	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (12-4)	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.	Voters' Meeting

Stewardship:

2022	This Week	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,300.00	\$578,100.00
Received Amount	\$10,141.00	\$565,024.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$7,070.00	\$197,561.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$108,870.11

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on 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 or the KFUO Radio app!

Hymn Review: *In our worship together this week we will sing these lines from the hymn, "Great is Thy Faithfulness," LSB 809:*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest;

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

- Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960