

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (November 3)!

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.

Thank YOU for Tuna Donations! Many thanks to everyone who donated tuna in October! We collected 708 cans for our local food bank, Integrated Family Community Services, IFCS.org. What a tremendous response! IFCS is very thankful!

All Saints Sunday will be November 5-6. We will be reading the names of those loved ones who have passed between November of 2021 and late October of 2022. For those who have passed before the current year, we will include their names in a special "Page of Remembrance" at the end of the All Saints worship bulletin.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS ALMOST OVER: Don't forget to roll your clocks back one hour on Saturday night for Sunday, November 6!

Pastor John is offering an Adult Instruction Class on Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 13 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This two-part class is designed to teach the basics of the Christian faith and of the Lutheran Religion. There is no cost. The instruction book will be provided to you. Free refreshments!! If you are not a member of Ascension and would like to see what we believe you're invited to attend. If you can't attend both days, days will be added later for you to receive all the instruction. Questions? Talk to Pastor!

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!

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!

Halloween Trunk or Treat was a successful evening attended by a lot of our neighborhood and preschool families!! A big **thank you** to everyone who decorated their trunks and handed out candy to the kids as well as our helpers running the games/crafts! And another **thank you** to everyone who so generously donated candy towards our event! We were overflowing in chocolaty goodness!

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.

Severe Weather Shelter Network 2022-23 – Volunteers Needed for Sheltering Tonight, November 3!

Assisting the homeless in our community is an important mission at Ascension. This season, SWSN has new procedures. **Faith Community Center, 6228 S. Carr Ct., in Littleton, is the location for tonight,** and all activities will take place there starting at 3:00 pm, giving guests a place to gather and an opportunity for staff and volunteers to interact with them. Folks who sign up to provide food can deliver it starting at that time.

We need volunteers to sign up using the new electronic version of the paper form they used before. Sign-up Genius will no longer be used. Past volunteers also need to complete the new electronic sign-up, so SWSN has your information in their online database. If it is not there, you will not be able to sign up to help in any way. Instructions for signing up are available here: [How to Sign Up](#).

The SWSN website link is here: <https://swshelternetwork.com/>

Contact Ann Kaneko, kanekoa@comcast.net, 720.289.6782 (cell) if you have any questions.

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 will be a sign up on the landing on October 30, please sign up there or let me 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.*

LAST CALL - SING WITH CHOIR (OR YOUTH TEAM OR AGAPE) FOR CHRISTMAS with Mike Zehnder directing

We've officially started practicing our Christmas music this week. If you would like to sing with the choir (or on one of the praise teams) for Michael Zehnder's last Christmas as Music Director at Ascension, now is the time to get in on his last season as our Choral Director! Praise Teams rehearse on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Ascension

Chorale at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Please let us know you're coming or if you have any questions: musicmikealc@gmail.com

Parking Lot Entrance

The refurbishing of the parking lot entrance has been done in memory of and to honor Joyce Wagner, a valued member of Ladies Guild and Ascension. Memorial funds were designated through the Ladies Guild.

The special meaning of the engraved plaques follow:

On the left is the plaque of the 3 solas. The meaning of the 3 solas are 'grace alone' 'faith alone' and 'scripture alone'. These are important Biblical concepts and hallmarks of Lutheran theology. On the plaque, the 3 solas encircle the Luther rose.

The engraved plaque on the right holds the Latin words, "Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum." These words mean "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever.' These words were the motto of the Lutheran Reformation in 1517 and remain an affirmation of our faith today.

Special thanks to Athenia and Arvin Michel for their work on the refurbishment project.

From the Ladies Guild:

We invite the congregation to come and join us as we hear from Garry Fuller and Mike Kozimko from Orphan Grain Train, who will be telling us about all of the great things that Orphan Grain Train does both near and far! On Thursday November 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee, Donuts and/or Danish will be provided.

As an in-gathering: We will be collecting NEW, UNOPENED packages of boys' or girls' underwear (OGT never has enough underwear for all the children).

Please do not forget to bring a Friend

Do not forget your Mite Boxes

Please come and join the Ascension Ladies Guild!

November is here! Plans for the Ladies Guild Craft and Bake Sale are underway.

Any jewelry makers out there? That's always a big seller, and popular for shoppers looking for gifts. Also- - any wood workers? The bird houses last year were great! Folks are in the gift-giving mode this time of year. A plate of cookies or fudge make good hostess gifts. Are you in the baking routine by now? Cooler weather means turning on that oven! Pies are always a big seller, and breads as well. Wrap them up with a pretty ribbon, and please remember to price your items. This is a big fund-raiser for mission outreach. This is who we are: Lutheran Women in Mission. Please bring your items to church on Saturday, November 19, between 9:00am-12:00pm. Thanks for all your support!

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

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 or jenna.lindeman@cune.org

Young Adults are meeting for Bible study on Friday, November 11th, at 6:30 pm. We are finishing up our study on Reopening Christianity! Contact jenna.lindeman@cune.org for details.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is meeting on Monday, November 14th, at 9:30 am. Contact jenna.lindeman@cune.org for details.

From Ascension's Extended Day Preschool: It's incredible how quickly time is flying by at school!!! We introduced our new curriculum week. November is dedicated to Thanksgiving and all of the components to this wonderful Holiday - feathers is first. This theme provides a wonderful opportunity to continue our science and math lessons in class (sizes of feathers, comparing and contrasting colors, weight with scales, drop rate, etc). Next, we will transition on to turkeys - what fun!!

We received a wonderful donation of girl's clothes (THANK YOU). The Preschool is still in need of boy's clothes, sizes 3T-5T for all seasons. If you have any spare clothes, we would definitely be able to utilize them - messes sure happen often at school HAHA!!"
Warm Regards, Kelly Lafferty, Director

The Foundation board, at its October meeting, elected Adam Wilson as its newest director. Adam has been a member for over two years and shares his worship with his wife, Jackie Viren, and three children. Adam has many skills and will be a welcome addition to the board.

In other news, Pastor Duane Meissner, from Resurrection in the City Church, gave a very positive update on the activities at his church. We are glad to be able to help fund their mission in the city.

A note from Friend and Fellow Member Lois Kreye (in Spring Park, MN):

"I have wonderful memories of Ascension and all of the people. I'm the only piano player in this very large old folks' home! There was another lady who was a wonderful piano player, but she is not doing well and I'm playing for 2 services each Sunday and 2 separate Bible studies every week. I've played for four funeral services so far!"
We are so happy to hear from Lois, and wish her well!

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.

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.

The focus of estate Gift Planning moves us to consider our giving beyond managing the cash in our checking account. Many Christians focus on the law of the tithe as motivation for their giving, setting aside 10% of their cash flow from income for support of ministry, representing no more than 2% of their total worth. In the meantime, God has quietly been accumulating large estate values that most are surprised they have. Do you want to have a conversation about the service for which the Lord has prepared you? Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Is Transportation to Church an Issue for You? OR ... would you like to help drive a neighbor or friend to church? The Social Ministry committee would like to help match drivers with riders. Please call the church office, 303-794-4636, or email us at alutheran@aol.com.

Prayers: For Ray Ogg, who has pneumonia. Ray is at Littleton Hospital. For Jim Wert and his family, at the sudden passing of Jim’s cousin, Karen Chelmo, on Monday. Special prayers for Rev. Walter Chelmo, Karen’s father. For Diane Cabrera and the family of Magda Merbach, who passed away at the age of 103 on November 1; For Athenia Michel, who will have surgery next Thursday; For Norm Hermsmeyer, with heart issues; For Dennis Anderson, brother of Judy Hermsmeyer, for successful chemotherapy for small cancerous nodules tumors in his right lung; For Norm Fringer, who will have a procedure on November 8 to check on the effect of his fall from a few months ago; For Becky Clausen, who is recovering from an appendectomy; For Lee and Kathy Valdez; For Flo Westra’s nephew, Ken Heinecke, who is home from the hospital, but has little appetite; For Joyce Gallagher, awaiting treatment for heart issues; For Harriet Metz, who had surgery on her back on November 2; For Barry Kratzer, for healing for a skin sore on his head; For Kim McCormick, recovering from surgery on October 25; For strength for Virginia Downs; 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; For Carol Zeller; 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. For guidance in the upcoming elections.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: For Lori Pickering, who became a grandmother on November 1st! For Cindy Fowler’s niece, Lyndie Hanson, and her family in Minnesota

– Lyndie and her husband Lucas have recovered from Covid, and Lucas has come home from the hospital.

Many Thanks for all the good wishes and cards, and everything that made my birthday so special! Thank you to Pastor, Dawn, Stephanie and the Tuesday morning Bible Study that treated me royally! It was a wonderful surprise and very meaningful!

- Charlotte Wilkinson

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, emails, and texts during my surgery and hospitalization in Nebraska. The surgery went well and I will soon be going home. I appreciate you all so much! – Kim McCormick

I would like to thank the many dear people at Ascension for the kindness shown to me and my family at the death of my husband, Jim. Your prayers, your calls and cards have made a huge impression on me. Thank you for bearing my burdens in this past month. Special thanks to the ladies who fed so many people so very well.

Love, Mary Farley

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 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.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 10/29	4:00 pm	69	
Sunday, 10/30	8:00 am	82	
	10:30 am	70	Total: 221

Online Views (as of October 31) for October 23: 147 views

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, November 5 – Sunday, November 13):

Sat. (11-5)		SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR TONIGHT
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-6)		ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
		FALL BACK – END DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Education Hour / Sunday School

	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Mon. (11-7)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (11-8)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Agape Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Weds. (11-9)	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.	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (11-10)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	1:00-4:45 p.m.	Gifts on a Mission
Fri. (11-11)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30-3:00 p.m.	Quilters Group
	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Group
Sat. (11-12)	9:00a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Adult Information Class
	9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.	Parents' Morning Out – Youth Fundraiser
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-13)	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
	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Adult Information Class

Stewardship:

2022	This Week	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,300.00	\$541,200.00
Received Amount	\$8,719.75	\$524,934.27
Project Peter Receipts	\$1,529.00	\$122,752.26

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$183,870.11

Flowers for November 5-6 were given by Joyce and Dennis Lord – “Happy Heavenly Birthday, Angelina.”

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Joshua 21-24 on Sharper Iron's "The Promised Land Delivered" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), finish the book of James and begin the book of Exodus on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and

study the First Article of the Creed on Concord Matters (11/12 at 10:00 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, "Down By the Riverside":*

*I'm gonna put on my trav'lin' shoes, Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside,
I'm gonna put on my trav'lin' shoes, Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside And I ain't gonna study war no more... - Traditional Gospel*

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Charlene Dierking has a beautiful Baldwin Home Organ that is free to anyone who will enjoy it and who can pick it up, please contact her at 303-795-8010 or cdierking@outlook.com. Thank you!