

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (January 12)!

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.

There will be a Voter's Meeting on Sunday, January 22 at noon. Annual reports will be presented. Luncheon provided.

AARP Tax Training for tax counselors is scheduled to take place at the Ascension fellowship hall next week (Tuesday 1/17, Wednesday 1/18, and Thursday 1/19). We are pleased to be able to host this training after a 2-year hiatus!

Pastor John's new Bible Study on Sunday mornings is entitled "Galatians - Solid Stuff!"

Blood Donations – Thank You! From the Vitalant staff: "Our goal was to collect 17 units and we collected 10, which included 1 first time donor which was awesome. The units collected have the potential to enhance and/or save the lives of 30 individuals. Everyone that participated should feel very proud of that accomplishment!"

Thrivent Choice Dollars If you are a Thrivent member, you can designate your Thrivent Choice dollars to benefit Ascension missions by going to the Thrivent website and selecting Ascension to receive this benefit. Please contact the church office for assistance, 303-794-4636 or alutheran@aol.com. Thank you.

Photo Directories Please be sure to pick up your Pictorial Directory in the church office. If you didn't get your picture taken but would like a directory – please call the church office at 303-794-4636 and we'll set aside one for you.

2023 God's Creation Calendars Thank you for supporting our youth and their efforts towards a summer mission trip! We have extra calendars if you'd like to still purchase one for \$10! Please give your cash or check to Stephanie. Thank you!

The Youth Winter Retreat is coming up this Sunday and Monday! We'll be traveling to the mountains (leaving at 12:00 p.m. Sunday the 15th), staying in a cabin, and learning about God's love for us. Fun games, good food, beautiful scenery, and God's Word! Geared towards 6th-12th graders; invite your friends! Cost will be \$15.00.

Family Game Night! Friday, January 27th, 6:00-7:30 pm. Whether you're young or young at heart, we've got a space for you. Bring your favorite game or come ready to learn a new one as we enjoy an evening of laughter and fun together. Come ready to play Bingo with everyone at the beginning of the evening. After that, feel free to play whatever sounds the most fun to you! And prizes! Also, gaga ball, human hungry hippos, cards, board games! Pizza provided. Questions, contact Stephanie at stephanieroettjer@gmail.com

The 2023 Flower weekly signup sheet is located on the bulletin board on the landing just down from the Narthex. Simply fill out your name, dedication for a special event, and write a check for the number of arrangements, each arrangement is \$27.00, the cost for both arrangements are \$54.00, this is the same cost as 2019. If you want to share your special event with another person that is perfect – we love to celebrate everyone’s special day.

You are welcome to take your donated flowers home after the last service, or you can opt to give them another good deed. The Ladies of Circle IV will take the flowers left to the homebound and hospitalized members of our church to brighten their day!

You may pay for your flowers using the envelopes located below the sign-up sheet and place it in the weekly offering plate. It is particularly important to mark your check clearly “ALTAR FLOWERS” so the offering counters do not credit it to the General Fund, but to floral budget. The church does not have a floral budget, and all Altar Flowers are made possible by donations. Please remember to pay for your flowers by the Sunday you are dedicating them.

Thank you all for your flower donations and the beauty, which they bring to our Church.

Severe Weather Shelter Network – from Ann Kaneko Many thanks to those who helped with laundry last week! You are awesome and very much appreciated. SWSN has been quite busy during the last few weeks. So far this season in their 3 regions combined, they have had 22 shelter nights during which they served 1,138 guests with 1,408 volunteer hours. In a recent email, they asked for “volunteers to make and freeze meals (mains, side, veggies, and desserts) in advance and deliver them to us.”

I’ve created a page at SignUp Genius for you to sign up to provide a dish. It will be available until January 20. [Foods to Freeze for SWSN](#)

If you need any help with this, please contact me.

Ann Kaneko, kanekoa@comcast.net, 720.289.6782 (cell)

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CASTLE ROCK IS HIRING

Epiphany seeks qualified candidates for two (2) positions: Administrative Assistant (Full-time) and Accounting Specialist (Part-time). Learn more about these positions and how to apply at www.epiphanylc.org/jobs.

The Rocky Mountain District LCMS located in South Metro Denver has an immediate opening for a qualified Business and Office Manager.

This position is charged with the financial and operational oversight and management of the District and its ministries. Provides assistance and guidance in the business direction of the District in areas of planning and execution, follow-up, and communication.

[Business and Office Manager Job Description](#)

For information on who we are visit <https://rm.lcms.org/about-us/>.

Qualified persons are invited to send resumes to business@rm.lcms.org by January 31, 2023.

From the Capital Campaign Committee:

2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Despite many challenges over the last three years, the people of Ascension have committed to the West Wing upgrade. Through prayer and working together, we have achieved a beautiful, renovated facility we all can be proud of, one that advances our mission to "Gather around the Word and Sacrament for worship and nurture... to receive power to reach out in Christ's name..."

The cost of the project is nearly paid. The pennies and dollars you have generously provided have added up to \$952,749.28, of the total project cost of \$1,064,000.00. In this last month of the three-year project, additional contributions of \$48,577.69 would pay the project and loan off. Please prayerfully consider your support of this effort.

Your Capital Campaign committee thanks you for your contributions, your prayers and your commitment to Ascension and the West Wing Peter Project. - Jim Adams, Art Gordon, Bob Hea, Kim McCormick, Chuck Mielke, Dawn Munson, Kathleen Wucherpfennig. Past President Arvin Michel, President Tom Munson and Pastor John Larson.

From Ascension's Extended Day Preschool "This week we have enjoyed introducing the kids to one of our great annual Denver traditions honoring the country's rich old west heritage, the National Western Stock Show! We are learning about all the different animals in the stock show and why they are important to the history of Colorado! We had exciting horse races with stick ponies and we dug into a delicious chuckwagon lunch featuring cowboy beans and beef weenies, biscuits and sweet corn!" Warm Regards, Kelly Lafferty, Director

Gifts on a Mission We get together at church to work on crafts 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!

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 Saturdays or email Curt at Kengle0920@gmail.com.

Study on Wednesday Mornings: A Bible Introduction. When was it written? Inspiration and Languages. Overview of Old and New Testaments. And more. Taught by Pastor Don Ginkel. We meet from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. in Room 106 in classroom to the right of the main entrance off the parking lot. Join us if you can.

Our estates are full of God's gifts. Our response to that truth is faithful management of His gifts for His work. As we plan for gifts to family we look to stay away from the arena of entitlement, dispensing what is owed, and look instead to gift our families with God's gifts, expecting God to cause life in Jesus to abound. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you keep your estate plans in the arena of gift. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Lois Brandhorst, who is hospitalized with pneumonia; For Crystal Sundet, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have an MRI on Friday; For Helmuth Dettmer, Anita Baresel's uncle, who was hospitalized last week with congestive heart failure, but praise God, is home now on medications and salt free diet; For increased strength for Alvera Sturgeon, who is in a rehab facility at Lowry; For Patricia Rolf and her family, at the death of her brother-in-law, Wendell Rolf, on Saturday, January 7. Pray especially for Wendell's wife, who has MS. For Athenia Michel, who is being treated for breast cancer; For Dave Clausen, who had a knee replacement on Thursday, January 5; For Tom Snyder, Cynthia Snyder's husband, recovering from a broken hip; For Mike Lindstrom, friend of Lori Rolling. Mike is struggling with stage 4 emphysema; For John Klepetka, recovering from hand surgery; For Rita Kratzer; For Tom Zehnder, Mike's brother; For Harriet Metz; 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 Alan Backhus, whose heart ablation on January 9 went well. For Donna Berning, Kim McClaren's sister-in-law, who has been moved to a rehab facility and is doing very well!

Happy Birthday For Marlene O'Neal - as she turns 90 on January 16; and to Larry Nisbet's father, Don, who will be 100 years young on January 15!

Blessings to Graham and Larisa Neilson and their family - their son, George Harwood Neilson II, will be baptized on January 15 at Graham's church, Holy Name Catholic Church in Sheridan!

Flowers on the Altar for January 14-15 are given by Bob and Rima Hea in joyful celebration of their 39th Wedding Anniversary, which was January 7!

Ascension's Prayer Group

Are you making resolutions for the New Year? Have you selected a Word for 2023? Consider making both PRAYER!

Grant us grace, O God,
to begin this year in Your faith
and to continue it in Your favor,
that being guided in all our doings
and guarded all our days,
we may spend ourselves in Your service
and finally, by Your grace,
attain to the glory of eternal life;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ written by W E Orchard, 1877-1955

If you'd like to join the Ascension Prayer Group, we meet on Zoom every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. Contact MargoALPasha@yahoo.com

Attendance	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 1/7	4:00 pm	71	
Sunday, 1/8	8:00 am	66	
	10:30 am	58	Total: 195

Online Views (as of January 9) for December 31: 154 views

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, January 14 – Sunday, January 22):

Sat. (1-14)	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (1-15)	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.	Youth Winter Retreat
Mon. (1-16)		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
		No Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (1-17)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
Weds. (1-18)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 a.m.	Weekday Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	5:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor John
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Instruction
	6:00 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers
	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (1-19)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	1:30 p.m.	Gifts on a Mission
Fri. (1-20)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 p.m.	Quilters Group
Sat. (1-21)	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (1-22)	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

Stewardship:

2023	Sunday, January 8	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$24,000.00
Received Amount	\$20,019.00	\$23,525.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$8,016.00	\$8,016.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$48,577.69

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theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social:

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study John 2-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue studying the book of Exodus on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study the 7th petition and conclusion of the Lord's Prayer on Concord Matters (1/21 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

Church Library Corner:

From *The Freedom of a Christian*, by Martin Luther:

- I. In order that we may have a true and proper understanding of what it is to be a Christian, or what is the freedom which Christ has won for us and given to us, and of which St. Paul often writes, I propose to begin with two propositions.
 - a. A Christian is free and independent in every respect, a bondservant to none.
 - b. A Christian is a dutiful servant in every respect, owing a duty to everyone.

These two axioms are clearly found in I Corinthians 9, where St. Paul says: "Though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all." Again, in Romans 13: "Owe no one anything, except to love another. But love owes a duty, and is a bondservant of what she loves"; in the same way also in regard to Christ, Galatians 4: "God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, and made Him a bondservant of the law."