

**GOOD AFTERNOON!**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING (February 9)! *Happy Birthday Pastor John!***

**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.

**Looking ahead to Ash Wednesday** Our Midweek Lenten worship will begin on February 22 at 11:30 am and 7:00 pm. There will be a Lenten Meal beginning at 5:30 pm, sponsored by the Ladies Guild.

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

**Disaster Relief - Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria** The death toll following the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria has grown to more than 20,000 people, with more than 60,000 injured and hundreds of thousands more who are homeless.

Please pray for all those who are affected. If you would like to donate to the relief effort, please visit the LCMS Earthquake Disaster home page at

<https://www.lcms.org/givenow/earthquake> or Lutheran World Relief at [LWR Earthquake Relief](#)

**Announcing the new and exciting Faith Book, 2023!** Today we begin to develop the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of our devotional book, by asking each of you to join us in praying that God will bring to mind how much a part of your life HE really is. We collect these stories and publish them to read between Easter and the Ascension. Please listen carefully to the Lord's leading, as you write a 400-500-word story that tells of a time or situation that God used to bless or heal you, answered prayers, give you hope. Sign up begins now by emailing me at [Heyjude264@aol.com](mailto:Heyjude264@aol.com). We will need all of you to help fill the pages. Please email that you will write a story NOW, then plan to send your FAITH Story to me by **March 1**. I will be glad to interview you and help you write if you like. Call me to discuss it at 303 972 0873. With God's help and yours, this booklet can bless us and glorify God. Thank you for your prayers and stories, Jude Donovan, [Heyjude264@aol.com](mailto:Heyjude264@aol.com)

**Family Night** on Wednesday, February 22nd! On Ash Wednesday, join us to make resurrection gardens, pretzels, and crafts to help explain and observe the start of Lent for children. Come for dinner at 5:30pm followed by activities from 6-6:45pm. **Sign-up** on the youth and family bulletin board or contact Stephanie. Thank you!

**Souper-bowl Sunday!** While you are getting ready for the Superbowl, you can support your local food bank, [Integrated Family Community Services](#), by bringing as many cans of soup as possible to the narthex over the next few weekends! We will collect soup on February 12. IFCS appreciates your generosity!!

**Severe Weather Shelter Network** On February 1, Immanuel Lutheran became the shelter site. All sheltering activities will take place there from now on. The church is located at 3695 S. Acoma St. in Englewood. It is on the corner of Kenyon and Acoma,

just a couple of blocks west of Broadway. After the very cold weather we've had, SWSN is in need of some supplies:

- Hot chocolate (single serve packets)
- Creamer – large container
- Paper/plastic bowls and utensils
- Paper plates
- Hot and Cold drink cups (no lids)

Items may be left in the kitchen. Mark them for SWSN. I will deliver them. If you have any questions, please call or email me. Ann Kaneko, [kanekoa@comcast.net](mailto:kanekoa@comcast.net), 720.289.6782 (cell)

### **From Integrated Family Community Services**

Join IFCS from 5:00 pm -9:00 pm on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center to help build a stronger community. Nibbles and Sips, An Evening to Help Us Alleviate Hunger, is a fine food and beverage tasting gala event that brings the community together to raise money in support of IFCS' One Can Feed Hunger Alleviation Campaign.

At this event, you can **sample more than 300 wines, spirits and beers from around the world**, coupled with **wonderful offerings from local restaurants** such as Alamo Draft House, Bad Daddy Burger, Polidori Sausage, Blue Bell Ice Cream, Los Dos Portillos, Corner Bakery, Root 25, The Melting Pot, Piccolo's, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Red Bird Farms, Romano's Restaurant, Tico's Mexican, Torchies Tacos, Seasons 52 Fresh Grill with more joining in. *Non-alcoholic beverages are also available.* This is truly one of the feel-good charity events where the community comes together to have a lively casual evening to support our struggling neighbors.

The evening includes **inspirational speakers, live music, interactive games, local celebrities and many "feel-good moments" plus a large variety of silent and live auction items.** The last in-person Nibbles and Sips raised \$225,000 through sponsorships, games of skill, auctions and a paddle raiser. **With your help, we can reach our goal of \$250,000 and provide an immediate, positive impact on our many families and individuals seeking vital resources.**

**Don't Delay - [Buy your tickets now!](#)**

**The Ascension Foundation** has funds available for our college students' Book and Material Reimbursement program so if you are a college student and member at Ascension, please get a form (located in the office or under our bulletin board in the narthex) and submit for your reimbursement. The program allows for \$375.00 per semester (\$750.00 per school year) and covers not only books and materials, but laptop computers, too, if they are necessary for your educational pursuits.

**From Ascension's Extended Day Preschool** "After completing our theme on Kindness (inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr.), we transitioned into our Chinese New Year celebrations. As we enter into the Year of the Rabbit, we have been discussing the origin of this Holiday - we looked at a globe to discover where China is located, and explained how Chinese New Year starts on the 1st new moon of the year. We

expanded our knowledge on further attributes of the Holiday - red and gold are considered lucky colors, what all of the animals mean (rabbit symbolizes luck), and we explored with how they celebrate in their households (clean house, feast with family, decorate in red, make lots of noise with fireworks, wear new red clothes on the New Year Day).” Warm Regards, Kelly Lafferty, Director

**Save the Dates for Vacation Bible School!** This year Vacation Bible School will return to its 5-day schedule ... and the out-of-this-world theme for 2023 is “Stellar: Shine Jesus’ Light!”

Dates for VBS will be Monday, June 5 through Friday, June 9. *Spread the word!*

**Needed!** Someone to help get the Jesus bags in the narthex ready for Sunday morning each week. This includes new coloring sheets in the clipboards, making sure there are enough crayons, and switching out toys. Please contact Stephanie if you're interested. Thank you!

**Gifts on a Mission** Visit us anytime during our regularly scheduled Craft Gatherings, if you are interested in purchasing or ordering any of our hand-crafted items, some are available to be purchased or ordered during our Gathering time on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month beginning at 1:00 PM in the church Fellowship Hall. Watch our Bulletin Board for info, news, updates about Crafted with Love by GOAM for Missions.

**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](mailto:Kengle0920@gmail.com).

**Study on Wednesday Mornings:** We are studying “The End Times.” 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.

**It is important to involve family in your gifting plan from your estate.** It is common for people to support ministry all throughout their lives, never having conversation about the value and purpose of those gifts. If gifts to ministry are planned in your estate plan, include your family in the joy of giving. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help articulate your heart’s plan for your family. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Prayers:** For all of the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and for those who are injured and displaced; For Andrea Espinosa and her family, at the death of her mother, Norma Ogg, on Tuesday night; For Millie Fitzpatrick, who had a fall on Wednesday and is at UC Health – Highlands Ranch with a small brain bleed; For Joyce Gallagher, who will have a tubal ligation on February 28; For Michael Paradise, friend of Jan Burmeister. Michael is 55 and has been diagnosed with brain cancer, may have only 6 – 12 months to live; For Dave Zeller’s granddaughter, Sarah, who was hit by a car while crossing University in a crosswalk with the light on Tuesday; For Marion Wilson’s brother, Jerry Vahle, who is undergoing chemo for bladder and prostate

cancer; For Kenny Shiflet, Bob and Deb's son; For recovery for Mary Hert's grandson-in-law's close friend, Jack, who is in an induced coma at St. Anthony following a ski accident; For Athenia Michel, who will have surgery for breast cancer on Thursday, February 23; For Crystal Sundet, who will have surgery on Wednesday, March 1 at Littleton Hospital; For Matthew Loptien, for restoration of his hearing in his left ear; For Lynn Hendrickson, who has Stage 4 cancer; For Norm and Connie Fringer; For Lois Brandhorst, who has entered hospice; For Tom Zehnder; For Lorine Grau; For Nadine Ginkel; For peace in Ukraine; For our country; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

**Happy Birthday!!** To Pastor John, on February 9, and to Jackie Warren, who turns 37 on February 10! Prayers of Thanksgiving for both of them!

**Flowers on the Altar** are given by Tom and Dawn Munson, in honor of St. Valentine.

**Ascension's Prayer Group**

Ephesians 6:18 (AMP)

With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people.

Please join the Ascension Prayer Group as we meet on Zoom every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. Contact: [MargoALPasha@yahoo.com](mailto:MargoALPasha@yahoo.com)

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Service Time</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	
Saturday, 2/4	4:00 pm	68	
Sunday, 2/5	8:00 am	91	
	10:30 am	66	Total: 225

**Online Views** (as of February 8) for January 29: 168 views

**Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, February 11 – Sunday, February 19):**

Sat. (2-11)	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Confirmation Instruction
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (2-12)		<b>SUPER BOWL 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
Mon. (2-13)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Mothers of Preschoolers
Tues. (2-14)		<b>ST. VALENTINE'S DAY</b>
	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Church Council
Weds. (2-15)	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
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (2-16)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	1:00 p.m.	Gifts on a Mission
Fri. (2-17)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 p.m.	Quilters Group
Sat. (2-18)	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (2-19)		<b>TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</b> Guest Preacher: Rev. Mike Paulison of Mission Experience
	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 p.m.	Baptism – Bella Lou Collins

### Stewardship:

<b>2023</b>	Sat/Sun, February 4-5	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$72,000.00
Received Amount	\$26,132.00	\$76,514.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$815.00	\$11,260.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$46,930.30

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### Church Library Corner:

From *The Freedom of a Christian*, by Martin Luther (continued from last week):

5. The only means, whether in heaven or on earth, whereby the soul can live, and be religious, free, and Christian, is the holy Gospel, the word of God preached by Christ. He Himself says in John 11, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in Me shall live eternally"; and in John 14, "I am the way, the truth and the

life”; and Matthew 4, “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” Therefore, we can be certain that the soul can do without anything but the word of God; and apart from the word of God it has no means of help. When it has the word, however, it has no need of anything else. In short, it possesses food, joy, peace, light, ability, righteousness, truth, wisdom, freedom, and sufficient to overflowing of everything good. Thus we read in the Psalms, especially in Psalm 119, that the prophet cries only for the word of God. And in the Scriptures, the worst calamity, the worst sign of God’s wrath, is when He withdraws His word from man. On the other hand, it is held the greatest grace when He sends forth His word, as it is written in Psalm 107: “He sent His word and helped them thereby.” Christ came for no other object than to preach the word of God. Moreover all apostles, bishops, priests, and the whole clergy, were called and instituted only for the sake of the word; although, unfortunately, things happen differently nowadays.

<https://lutheranreformation.org/theology/on-the-freedom-of-a-christian/> for more information.