

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (March 2)!

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.

Lenten Midweek Services are every Wednesday at 11:30 am and 7:00 pm, through March 29. There will be a Lenten Meal beginning at 5:30 pm each Wednesday in Lent. Next Wednesday's meal is sponsored by the Trustees.

Reminder: *Please continue to be watchful for signs of fraud involving your email or cell phone – **Pastor will NEVER email or text you to ask for money, gift cards or any other donation.** Feel free to call us at 303-794-4636 if something doesn't seem right.*

Daylight Savings is Coming... Don't forget to set your clocks **FORWARD** one hour next Saturday, March 11th :)

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

Pastor John is offering an Adult Instruction Class on Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 5 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This two-part class is designed to teach the basics of Christian faith and the Lutheran denomination. 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 (or even if you are a member, and would like to have a refresher of Lutheran doctrine), 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!

Disaster Relief - Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria 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](#)

Your Story for His GLORY! You and Your story matter...to God, to you and to us. We begin to develop the 11th 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. or signing up on the list on the narthex bulletin board. 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

Young Adult Group will meet on Friday, March 10th at 6:30 pm. Please contact Jenna Lawrenz at jenna.lindeman@cune.org.

St. Patrick's Day - Bunco Night!! Ascension will be hosting Bunco Night on Friday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m. Don't know how to play Bunco? No problem ... we will teach you! Please bring your favorite snack to share, and don't forget to wear GREEN! Childcare will be available! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Severe Weather Shelter Network Thank you for your continuing support for SWSN. They are still settling in at Immanuel. They have sufficient plates, bowls, coffee, and hot chocolate at this time. However, they do have a shortage of sugar and hot cups (no lids). If you are able to donate some, mark them for SWSN and leave them on the counter in the kitchen (there's a supply of labels there). I will deliver them to Immanuel. Ann Kaneko, kanekoa@comcast.net, 720.289.6782 (cell)



New Way of Giving! *We're excited to share a new way to give to Ascension instead of worrying about a check on Sunday morning. You may recognize QR codes from restaurant menus.*

If you use your cell phone to "take a picture" of the QR code you see on the left, you can click on the pop-up which will take you our Vanco electronic giving application on our Ascension website. You will see a list of programs at Ascension to which you can contribute.

Please Come & Join Ascension Ladies Guild and Pastor Larson (Guest Caller)!

Saturday, March 18, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

BRING YOUR MITE BOXES ALONG WITH PLENTY OF DIMES, NICKLES AND PENNIES! Between games we will be reviewing the District Mission Projects for the current Biennium (2022-2024).

There was a group, who had a mission, and Mites was its name-o!

M-I-T-E-S! M-I-T-E-S! M-I-T-E-S! And MITES was its name-o!

Join Boy Scout Troop 361 - Camping, Leadership & Adventure!

We invite all 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade boys to join us on MONDAY, MARCH 20th 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. No scouting experience necessary! We meet in the hall beneath the church.

Troop 361 is a Scout-led troop focused on leadership skills, scouting skills, camping, service to community, summer camp, high adventures, outdoor activities, rank advancement to Eagle Scout, and more!

Our scouts are friendly, studious, athletes, school leaders and well rounded citizens. Upcoming campouts include snowshoeing at Camp Ben Delatour, hiking and biking in Moab, and summer camp at Camp Alexander.

RSVP: troop361co@gmail.com. Visit www.troop-361.com to learn more.

The Ascension Foundation has reached about 85% of our fundraising goal for 2023. We are so grateful for the prayerful donations from those of you who believe in the mission of the Foundation and will continue to strive to be good stewards of your funds. We will suspend our request for more funding at this time and see where the market takes us this year. Thus far, we have funded the Severe Weather Shelter

Network, Chikondi Malawi, Integrated Family Community Services and the Save the Seminary Campaign. Keep your eye on our bulletin board for important updates!

From Ascension's Extended Day Preschool "March, already?? We have finished up our Healthy Habits curriculum for last month, and we learned so much about how to keep our minds, bodies, and teeth healthy - we loved our special visitors and activities throughout the month. We now are transitioning into a school-wide favorite theme - ANIMALS!!! For the first week, we will be introducing reptiles. We are going to hatch eggs, make salt dough snakes, and represent snake-skin with glue on our hands (super fun, we love getting messy!!).

We also get to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday next week. We will be having a visitor from Bemis Library coming to share Dr. Suess books and songs!! We are also all going to bring in our favorite books to read aloud to our friends in class!!"

Warm Regards, Kelly Lafferty, Director

6th-12th graders are invited to a "sliding" fun time at Slick City! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 5th**. We'll meet at Ascension at 12:15, back by 3:00. Cost is \$20, friends are invited! Please RSVP to save your spot! Questions, stephanieroettjer@gmail.com

Parent / Youth Meeting on Sunday, March 19th at noon! We're going to discuss the summer mission trip to Mescalero, New Mexico, and our Easter breakfast fundraiser! Don't miss out on this opportunity to receive more information and get your questions answered. See you there!

It's time to start thinking about our Easter egg hunt for church, preschool, and neighborhood families! This year will look a little different...we're asking for donations of **pre-filled** eggs. We'll have empty eggs available for you to take home, fill, and return. Or you can just buy already pre-filled eggs from the store. We appreciate your generosity and support! Thank you for your help!

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!*

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: 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.

We can discover great joy by thinking of the benefit that will come from the gifts we give from our estates. Family inheritance is often understood as entitlement. That robs the joy. Instead, living in grace, we see distributions to family as gifts. How do you

hope the gifts you will give to family will benefit them? Will they free family from debt, enable the start of a new business, pay for college or provide for special needs? Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you think about the purpose of your gifts. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Jim and Jackie Adams, who have tested positive for Covid; For Lee Valdez' wife, Kathy; For Bob Stamp, who will have a pre-operation appointment on March 3rd, a PET scan on March 6th, and surgery for melanoma on March 16th. For Linda Nedry's son, Ty, who has cancer of the tonsils and will have surgery on March 20th; For Ethan Nelson, whose cancer treatment has been difficult but successful. He will start the next phase in 2 weeks. For Art Gordon's brother, Dean, who had a pacemaker put in on Monday and will soon be undergoing dialysis; For Carol Mickelson; For Cathy Utecht, who had knee replacement on February 23; For Mavis Slifka; For Michael Paradise, friend of Jan Burmeister, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer, and may have only 6–12 months to live; For Dave and Carol Zeller's granddaughter, Sarah; 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 Athenia Michel, who is recovering from surgery; For Crystal Sundet, who had surgery yesterday at Littleton Hospital; For Lynn Hendrickson; For Lorine Grau; For Nadine Ginkel; For all of the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and for those who are injured and displaced; For peace in Ukraine; For our country; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

Flowers on the Altar are given by Ellen Thompson's family in joyful celebration of her 90th birthday on March 5!!

Ascension's Prayer Group

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Son who confronted the powers of darkness. Help us to use these days of Lent to grow in wisdom and prayer, so that we may witness to that saving love proclaimed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Please join the Ascension Prayer Group as 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, 2/25	4:00 pm	61	
Sunday, 2/26	8:00 am	90	
	10:30 am	57	Total: 208
Midweek Service, 3/1	11:30 am	31	
	7:00 pm	43	Total: 74

Online Views (as of February 27) for February 19: 215 views

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, March 4 – Sunday, March 12):

Sat. (3-4)	9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Adult Instruction Class
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Guild Board Meeting

	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (3-5)		SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
	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
	12:15 p.m.	Youth Event – Slick City
	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Adult Instruction Class
Mon. (3-6)	9:30-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (3-7)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
Weds. (3-8)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 a.m.	Weekday Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	11:30 a.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor John
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Meal – Trustees
	5:45 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Instruction
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship
	7:50 p.m.	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (3-9)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Fri. (3-10)	9:30-2:30	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 p.m.	Quilters Group
	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Group
Sat. (3-11)		SPRING AHEAD
	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Instruction
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (3-12)		THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
	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	Sat/Sun, February 18-19	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$108,000.00
Received Amount	\$9,301.00	\$114,790.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$354.00	\$18,789.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$38,002.37

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Hear a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 3/8 at 11:00 a.m. CT from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis, study John 12 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and begin studying the book of Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

Church Library Corner:

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

7. But how does it come about that faith alone can make one religious, and give such exceeding wealth apart from any works, seeing that so many laws, commandments, works, and other means are prescribed in the Scriptures? In this connection we must be sure to note and carefully remember that, as we shall see later, faith alone, apart from any act of ours, makes us religious, sets us free, and saves us. We should understand that the entire Holy Scriptures can be divided under two heads: Commandment or God's Law, and Promise or Covenant. The commandments teach and prescribe many good works, but this does not mean that they are fulfilled by us. They give good instructions, but no assistance. They teach what man should do, but give no power to do it. Hence they are only fitted to show a man his own incapacity for goodness, and to make him learn to doubt himself. For this reason they are called the Old Testament, and all belong to the Old Testament. The commandment: "Thou shalt not have sinful appetites", shows that all of us are sinners, and there can be no man without sinful appetites, let him do what he may. Thereby a man learns not to depend upon himself, but to seek help elsewhere in order that he may be without sinful appetites. Thus he may fulfil the commandment through another, although he could not do so of himself. In the same way, all other commandments are impossible to us.

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