

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (March 23)!

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 on Wednesday we will have our final Lenten midweek services at 11:30 am and 7:00 pm. There will be a Lenten Meal beginning at 5:30 pm, sponsored by Council.

Holy Week will soon be here! Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday services at 4:00 on April 1; 8:00 and 10:30 on April 2. The Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6. Good Friday worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7. On Saturday, April 8, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt that begins at 10:00 a.m., and Easter worship at 4:00 p.m. Easter Sunday Festival Worship will be at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and will feature the Ascension Chorale, Gloria Dei Bells, brass and tympani!

From 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. on Easter morning, come and enjoy an Easter Breakfast served by our youth, including pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, pastries, coffee and juice! There will a free will offering, funds to be matched by the Ascension Foundation.

Please note that there will be no 5:00 Bible Class or 6:00 Confirmation Class with Pastor John on Wednesday of Holy Week, April 5.

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

Sign Up Now to Order your Easter Lilies! The Lily ordering chart is on the landing bulletin board in the Narthex. Lilies are \$18 each, we have ordered 16 of them. Individuals can dedicate them for a loved one, and they can be taken home after the last service on Easter Sunday. Envelopes for payments are located below the ordering chart.

Easter Drama Linda Olsen, organist and member of Ascension, will play J.S. Bach's *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor* on the weekend of April 15 and 16 – the weekend after Easter. This piece is very dramatic and complements the readings for the services which describe the experiences of the disciples after the crucifixion. It is about 15 minutes long, so plan to come at 3:45 pm on Saturday and 7:45 am on Sunday as we praise God through music.

Pre-filled Easter Eggs Needed for 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 with wrapped candy, 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!

Canto Deo Chamber & Festival Choirs present “Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs: Love Divine” for the season of Lent. There will be two concert dates and locations: Sunday, March 26 at 3:00pm at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden Ave., Cherry Hills; and Sunday, April 2 at 3:00 at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 1060 St. Francis Way, Denver (Auraria Campus). **Tickets are not required.** Please visit www.cantodeo.org for more information.

Severe Weather Shelter Network SWSN currently has no supplies needs, and they are very thankful for your generous donations. This season ends on April 30. There were many changes and more are coming starting with a new outreach program. They will host scheduled hours in their partners' locations and in libraries to connect guests with available resources and help them get registered in their computer system. This also provides an opportunity to build closer relationships with them. As supply needs arise for the program, I will let you know. Ann Kaneko, kanekoa@comcast.net, 720.289.6782 (cell).

Extended Day Preschool EDP will be enjoying Spring Break next week!



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.

Young Adult Group will next meet on Friday, April 14th at 6:30 pm. Please contact Jenna Lawrenz at jenna.lindeman@cune.org.

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. Your emotional connection with a current mission activity of your favorite ministry may blind you to the practicality of providing financially for it in the future. A typewriter repair fund set up thirty years ago would no longer make sense. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you work through your thoughts to

make gifts that will be sound for the future. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Marilyn Loptien's sister Ramona, who is hospitalized for heart issues; For Nathan Hermsmeyer, grandson of Norman and Judy, as he adjusts to medicine for severe depression; For Margaret Kent, who will have surgery on her thumb on March 24; For Aimee Dierking, who will have outpatient surgery on Tuesday, March 28 at Littleton Hospital; For Derek Hageman, a college friend of Chris Valento, who has been slowly losing the battle against cancer; that Derek's cancer will stabilize, and that his stomach will be able to digest food; For Nancy Harder's sister, Karen Hartman, 82, who lives near Branson, Missouri and has had an aortic valve replacement; For Becky Clausen's sister, Susan, who has entered hospice care; For Janet Parrott, who is undergoing tests; For Alvera Sturgeon, who has been diagnosed with bone marrow cancer and is at Someren Glen; For Gina Utecht; For Patti Zeggert's daughter, Sarah, who had out-patient surgery on Wednesday, March 22nd; For David Kaiser's mother, Becky Kaiser - she has had a condition called Aplastic Anemia; For Linda Nedry and her husband, who had a fire at their home and will not be able to stay there for nine months; and for Linda Nedry's son, Ty, who has cancer of the tonsils; For Joyce Gallagher, who will have surgery on her knee on March 30th; For Bob Stamp, who will have surgery for melanoma on March 30th; For Ethan Nelson, as he is treated for cancer; For Michael Paradise, friend of Jan Burmeister, who has brain cancer; For Dave and Carol Zeller's granddaughter, Sarah; For Kenny Shiflet, Bob and Deb's son; For Crystal Sundet; 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for successful gall bladder removal for Judy Hermsmeyer.

To just say 'thank you' seems so little, but in terms of gratitude I can't thank my Ascension friends enough for all the cards, best wishes, phone calls, food, and especially prayers sent my way during my surgery and on-going recovery. Only radiation - no chemo - is in the future. Thanks be to God! – Athenia Michel

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and calls I have received as I recover from knee replacement surgery...they help me feel stronger each day. They are very much appreciated! - Cathy Utecht

A Big Thank You from Crystal Sundet, for your prayers, cards and well wishes during her successful cancer surgery. As she says, "God is walking with us."

Flowers on the Altar for this weekend are given by Jan Nichols and Dawn Munson, in joyful celebration of Tom's 57th Birthday on Saturday!

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

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 3/18	4:00 pm	78	
Sunday, 3/19	8:00 am	80	
	10:30 am	71	Total: 229
Midweek Service, 3/22	11:30 am	32	
	7:00 pm	42	Total: 74

Online Views (as of March 21) for March 12: 145 views

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, March 25 – Sunday, April 2):

Sat. (3-25)	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Instruction
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (3-26)		FIFTH 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
Mon. (3-27)	9:30-2:30 p.m.	SPRING BREAK – NO Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (3-28)		NO Extended Day Preschool – SPRING BREAK
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
Weds. (3-29)		NO 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
	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. (3-30)		NO Extended Day Preschool – SPRING BREAK
Fri. (3-31)		NO Extended Day Preschool – SPRING BREAK
	12:30 p.m.	Quilters Group - TENTATIVE
Sat. (4-1)	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (4-2)		PALM SUNDAY
	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

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, Mar. 18-19	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$144,000.00
Received Amount	\$8,370.00	\$145,561.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$1,272.00	\$20,906.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$38,002.37

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Begin studying the book of Judges on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study John 16-18 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear the final Lenten organ recital and midweek worship service from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis at 11:00 a.m. CT on 3/29. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

Church Library Corner:

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

11. Again it is to be noticed in regard to faith, that when one man believes in another, he does so because he holds him to be duteous and trustworthy, which is the greatest honor that one man can pay another. On the other hand, it is the greatest insult if he holds him to be loose, untruthful, or shallow. Thus also, if the soul firmly believes in God's word, he holds Him trustworthy, good, and righteous; and thereby she pays Him the greatest honor in her power. For then she acknowledges Him to be in the right, obeys His law, and honors His name, and lets Him do with her what He will, because the soul has no doubt that He is good and trustworthy in all His words. Further, no one can show God greater disrespect than not to trust Him. By lack of reverence and faith, the soul holds Him to be incompetent, deceptive, and shallow, and, as far as she is concerned, she disclaims Him by such unbelief. She sets up in her heart a false god of her own imagination, as if she understood better than He. But when God sees that the soul acknowledges Him to be true, and honors Him by her faith, He honors her in return and holds her to be devout and trustworthy on account of such faith. For to hold God to be good and true, is itself good and true, and makes a man good and true; this is not done by those who have no faith, even though they are busily concerned in doing many meritorious works.

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