

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (March 30)!

Holy Week is here! Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday services at 4:00 on Saturday, April 1; 8:00 and 10:30 on Sunday, 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 with prayer time at 6:30 on Friday, April 7, followed by a worship service at 7:00 p.m. 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 timpani!

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.

Ascension's Faith Book Please pick up your copy of our 2023 Faith Book now in the narthex or by the downstairs door. Thank you to all our wonderful writers who shared their stories in an overwhelming and most generous number of ways.
Pax Christi, Jude Donovan

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

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 chart.

Come to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am for church, preschool, and neighborhood families! There will be face painting, a photo booth, songs, and LOTS of eggs!

A big thank you to all of you who donated and filled eggs for our Easter egg hunt! It was such a wonderful help to us and we appreciate your generosity!

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.

Good Friday Tre Ore Services The Three Hours' Agony (also known as the Tre Ore) is a Christian service held in many churches on Good Friday, from noon till 3 o'clock, to commemorate the three hours of Christ's hanging on the cross.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, on University Blvd., south of Arapahoe Road (7691 S University Blvd, Centennial, CO 80122) will have a Tre Ore Service on Good Friday, April 7, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. The theme is “In the Shadows.” You are invited to come to one or more sections, or stay for all! There will be special music from the Shepherd of the Hills Chorale.

1. Pastor Zillinger - 12:00pm “The Shadow of the Law”
Deuteronomy 21:22-23; Galatians 3:10, 13
2. Pastor Jim Tuell - 12:25pm “The Shadow of Inner Agony” Luke 22:39-44
3. Pastor Rick Langness - 12:50pm “The Shadow of Loneliness”
Matthew 26:36, 40-41, 43
4. Pastor Goldhammer - 1:15pm “The Shadow of Betrayal, Denial, Desertion”
Matthew 26:20-25, 55-56, 69-75
5. Pastor Roger Wohletz - 1:40pm “The Shadow of Accusation”
Matthew 26:59-66
6. Pastor John Larson - 2:05pm “The Shadow of Mockery and Humiliation”
Matthew 27:27-31, 35-44
7. Pastor Stoltenow - 2:30pm “The Shadow of Death”
Matthew 27:45-54

Voters’ Meeting on April 23 –Your Vote is Requested!

The Ascension Constitution Committee (Arvin Michel, Ed Geisler, Tim McClaren, and Pastor Larson) has completed its work for suggested revisions to our Constitution and Bylaws. The revised document has been presented to and reviewed with the Council. The Council, by unanimous vote, has approved that the revised Constitution and Bylaws be presented to the Voters’ Assembly at our regular April 23 meeting.

The Committee work to arrive at this point has taken several years due to various delays because of the Covid pandemic and other reasons. Your time and efforts to review and approve this document are greatly appreciated.

The revisions to the document are minor in some areas and extensive in others. The typical means for showing revisions such as highlighted additions and strike-throughs would have been extensive and incomprehensible and thus were not used. We suggest the document be read and studied in its entirety to get an overall understanding of its completeness and continuity.

Some of the revisions are requirements of Synod as outlined in their Guidelines for Constitutions and Bylaws of Lutheran Congregations. Some revisions were suggested at our recent congregational planning meetings. Other revisions, some of which are major, are recommendations of the Constitution Committee.

The basic system of governance of the congregation is not being changed, only some details of how our work here at Ascension is accomplished.

Some of the most significant changes are:

1. Constitution Article 2 - Mission. This Article was expanded to better reflect all that transpires within our congregation and in its outreach.
2. Constitution Article 5 - Membership. Voting membership is granted to all communicant members without regard to age.
3. Bylaws Section 5 - Terms of Office and Elections. The length of a term of office is changed to two years for all elected positions. The number of consecutive terms that can be served has been removed.
4. Bylaws Section 5 - Officers and Elected Boards and Section 8 - Duties of the Boards. A new Board for Congregational Life has been added and some of the other Boards were combined or better defined.

Two Voters' Assembly meetings are required to finalize this document. At the first meeting, which is our regular April meeting, the revised document will be presented, discussed, and declared open for modification. At the second meeting which cannot be held within fourteen days of the first meeting, proposed amendments may be presented in writing. After these are processed, implemented, or denied, the document will be voted on and must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the quorum present at the meeting.

The document is then sent to the Rocky Mountain District for review by their Constitution Committee which, after their approval, will forward it to the District Board of Directors for final approval.

The new Constitution and Bylaws can then be approved by the Voters' Assembly and implemented in a timely manner.

The text of the Proposed Constitution and Bylaws (as well as the current documents for comparison) is found [here](#) (click on the hypertext and scroll to the bottom).

Sincerely,

Council and the Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Esther Langness, youngest daughter of Pastor Rick and Kim Langness, will begin her internship as a Director of Christian Education at Zion Lutheran Church in Snohomish, Washington this summer. Snohomish is near Seattle, and is on the National Register of Historic Places! Esther has been preparing for this through her studies at Concordia University - Nebraska in Seward, Nebraska. We are thrilled that a daughter of this congregation will soon be on her internship!

The Foundation had its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 16. The slate of officers for 2023 consists of Michael Price, president and treasurer, Adam Wilson, vice president, and Bob Olsen, secretary. The board approved a matching funds grant to our youth, who will be providing the Easter breakfast on April 9. The youth will be heading to southern New Mexico for their mission trip this summer and we are glad to be able to help defray their expenses.

Extended Day Preschool "We have such a fun-filled week next week as we return from Spring Break!! We are going to introduce Palm Sunday and explain the meaning of Holy Week. What an amazing time to rejoice in our love of Jesus Christ and dedicate our appreciation for His love for us. It is always a precious teaching opportunity to share this with our students.

We are also going to celebrate the upcoming Holiday, Easter, with egg hunts around the church. We will be searching high and low for hidden eggs upstairs in the music room, the offices, and the sanctuary. How many can we find?" - Warm Regards, Kelly Lafferty, Director

Young Adult Group will 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. You can register at this link: vbspro.events/p/ascensionluth *Spread the word!*

Prayers: For Carol Shepherd, who is struggling with asthma; For Athenia Michel, who will begin 6 weeks of radiation treatments next week; For Marion Wilson's brother, Jerry Vahle, who is in rehab due to complications from chemo and radiation treatments; For Janet Parrott, who will have a procedure for her heart valve on April 10; For Elle Lambert, who will have a heart procedure on April 13; For Jimmy Anzai, who had surgery on March 28; For Sue Calhoun, who had a knee replacement on March 29; For Lorine Grau and her family, for relief and peace as she is treated for cancer; For Larry Koldeway, with multiple myeloma, and for his family; For the family and friends of Derek Hageman, who died on March 26; For Lolli Valento's mother, Sandy Hanna, who is ill; For Becky Clausen and her family, at the death of her sister Susan, on March 25; For Aimee Dierking, who had outpatient surgery on Tuesday, March 28 at Littleton Hospital; For Nancy Harder's sister, Karen Hartman; For Alvera Sturgeon, who has been diagnosed with bone marrow cancer and is at Someren Glen; For Joyce Gallagher, who will have surgery on her knee today, March 30th; For Bob Stamp, who will have surgery for melanoma today, March 30th; For Ethan Nelson, as he is treated for cancer; For Michael Paradise, friend of Jan Burmeister, who has brain cancer; For Kenny Shiflet, Bob and Deb's son; For Crystal Sundet; For Lynn Hendrickson; For Nadine Ginkel; For the families of those killed or injured in the shootings in Nashville on Monday; 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 for this weekend are given by Jackie Viren and Adam Wilson, in joyful celebration of Adam's 39th Birthday!

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>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 3/25	4:00 pm	67	
Sunday, 3/26	8:00 am	86	
	10:30 am	56	Total: 209
Midweek Service, 3/29	11:30 am	31	
	7:00 pm	54	Total: 85

Online Views (as of March 28) for March 19: 251 views

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, April 1 – Sunday, April 9):

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
Mon. (4-3)	9:30-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool Resumes
Tues. (4-4)	9:30-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	EDP Easter Egg Hunt #1
Weds. (4-5)	9:30-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 a.m.	Weekday Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	10:30 a.m.	EDP Easter Egg Hunt #2
	6:00 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (4-6)		MAUNDY THURSDAY
	9:30-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion
Fri. (4-7)		GOOD FRIDAY
		NO Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 p.m.	Quilters Group
	6:30 p.m.	Prayer Vigil
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship
	8:15 p.m.	Ascension Chorale
Sat. (4-8)	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
	4:00 p.m.	Easter Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (4-9)		EASTER SUNDAY
	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast - Sponsored by the Youth
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, Mar. 25-26	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$156,000.00
Received Amount	\$6,690.00	\$152,251.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$525.13	\$21,431.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$35,092.82

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Blessed Holy Week. Hear Tre Ore service from Ascension Lutheran in St. Louis from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. CT on 4/7 and Easter services Sunday morning 4/8, hear Jesus' journey to the cross in John 18-19 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Lenten Texts on Thy Strong Word's "Free Text Friday" on 4/7 at 11:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app.

Blessed Holy Week to Everyone!