

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (March 9)!

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 Elders.

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

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

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 **Our Faith Booklet, 2023**, is coming together to glorify God. This is the last call for YOUR stories for HIS GLORY. Please let me know immediately if you intend to send a story to me. With God's help and yours, this booklet can bless us and glorify God. Thank you for the faithful people and their inspiring stories that we have received. The booklet will be available for distribution during Holy Week, as the readings start, Monday, April 11. Jude Donovan, heyjude264@aol.com, 303 972 0873.

Young Adult Group will meet tomorrow, 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.

From Ascension's Extended Day Preschool "Wow, we had so much fun with our first two weeks of our ANIMALS curriculum. The Reptiles theme is always a school favorite - we loved hatching our reptile eggs and making salt dough snakes.

This past week we transitioned into dinosaurs (equally as loved as reptiles HAHA). We discussed the qualities of different species of dinosaurs and then pretended to be our favorite one while doing "Dinosaur Stomp". We also began our end-of-the-year assessments to prepare for our Parent Teacher conferences coming up in April. It's amazing the amount of knowledge these students have gained in the time they have been in school.

Next week, we will switch from reptiles and dinosaurs to birds. We will examine the attributes between our first two week's animals versus birds - how are they different and similar? We are also going to celebrate the beginning of the warmer weather by making bird feeders and hanging them on the Apple Tree by our playground. Keep your eyes out for them!!" Warm Regards, Kelly Lafferty, Director

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!

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!

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!

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 Winter weather has been rather crazy this year. Our area coordinator, Jessica, told me that she has seen a number of guests with frost bite on their hands. That is something I have never thought about. I am so excited to let you know that God provided some generous donors who enabled us to purchase almost 30 pairs of waterproof winter gloves for guests of SWSN. Sugar and hot cups are the only things needed at this time. Ann Kaneko, kanekoa@comcast.net, 720.289.6782 (cell).

Wheelchair Needed! If you have a lightweight wheelchair available for loan on a temporary basis, please contact the church office. Thank you!



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.

Save the Date! Exciting news – Hands All Around, a charity sewing group based here in Littleton, will be moving their popular annual sewing craft sale from its longtime

location at Buck Recreation Center here to Ascension on Thursday, September 7 through Saturday, September 9. Stay tuned for more information!

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.

From the Ascension Foundation: The Foundation has received a good letter from Gary Thies, of Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa, who writes that our gifts to MC are "helping send missionaries into lands of darkness where people have NEVER heard the name of our dear Jesus". Our funding has helped in Uruguay, where the Sharp family of missionaries is shedding the light of our Lord in the darkest country of South America, and the Hoech family is educating the Dungan people in Central Asia. One by one, these brave and committed people are bringing the Good News to peoples in secular and Muslim nations.

Your support for the Foundation makes these gifts possible!

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. You may have a dull sense that you should leave a gift to support ministry. If you connect it to a specific ministry activity, like "Lutheran School Scholarships", then you can imagine children learning about Jesus through your gift. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you get specific with your gift plan. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Vicki Lyman, her sister Sandra Wing and for their mother, Mary Wing. All three ladies have been sick, and Mary has pneumonia. 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 and will have surgery on March 20th; For Moe and Margo's new grandson, Brooks Idris Pasha, who is doing well but is on oxygen for meconium in his lungs during his birth; and for Brooks' mother, Jessica, who is healing from an emergency C-section; For Jim and Jackie Adams, with Covid; For Lee Valdez' wife, Kathy; For Bob Stamp, who will have surgery for melanoma on March 16th; For Ethan Nelson, as he is treated for cancer; For Art Gordon's brother, Dean, who will soon be undergoing dialysis; For Carol Mickelson; For Cathy Utecht; For Mavis Slifka; For Michael Paradise, friend of Jan Burmeister, who has 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; For Kenny Shiflet, Bob and Deb's son; For Athenia Michel and 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving! We rejoice with Sam and Stacy (Becker) Winslow at the birth of their son, Callum Harvey Winslow, on March 2; with Moe and Margo Pasha, at the birth of their grandson, Brooks Idris Pasha, on March 6; and with Dave and Becky Clausen for the birth of their two new grandsons, Kartik Tristan, born on Jan 28th, and Declan John, on Feb 21st. All are well!

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

Flowers on the Altar for this weekend are given by Edna and Linda Achziger in loving memory of Thelma Walker.

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, 3/4	4:00 pm	73	
Sunday, 3/5	8:00 am	96	
	10:30 am	52	Total: 221
Midweek Service, 3/8	11:30 am	30	
	7:00 pm	54	Total: 84

Online Views (as of March 7) for February 26: 156 views

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

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
Mon. (3-13)	9:30-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
Tues. (3-14)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Chorale
Weds. (3-15)	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 – Elders
	5:45 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Instruction
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thurs. (3-16)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Foundation Meeting
Fri. (3-17)		ST. PATRICK'S DAY
	9:30-2:30	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 p.m.	Quilters Group - TENTATIVE
	6:30 p.m.	BUNCO Game Night
Sat. (3-18)	1:00 p.m.	Ladies' Guild – Bingo for Mites
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (3-19)		FOURTH 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
	12:00 p.m.	Parent / Youth Mission Trip Meeting

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, Mar. 4-5	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$120,000.00
Received Amount	\$14,253.00	\$129,043.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$470.00	\$19,259.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$38,002.37

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study John 13-14 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 3/15 at 11:00 a.m. CT, and study Hosea 6-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

Church Library Corner:

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

9. Now when a man has learned from the commandments, and perceived his own incapacity, then he will be anxious to know how to keep the commandment, for unless he fulfils the commandment he will be damned. This will take away all his pride, and he will become as nothing in his own eyes; he will find nothing in himself to make him acceptable to God. Then comes the other word, the divine promise, the covenant which says: If you would fulfil all the commandments, and escape from your evil passions and sins, as the commandments urge and require, lo! believe on Christ. In Him I promise that you will find all the needful grace, righteousness, peace and freedom. If you will believe, you will possess; if you do not believe, you will not possess. What is impossible to you in attempting all the works of the commandments, which are necessarily many and yet of no avail, will come to you quickly and easily through faith. I have summed everything up in faith alone, so that whoever has faith shall have all, and be saved; without faith, no one shall have anything. Thus God's covenants give what the commandments require, and bring about that for which the commandments are intended; all this is in order that everything, both commandment and fulfilment, might be God's own. He alone commands and alone fulfils. Therefore the covenants of God are the words of the New Testament, and their proper place is the New Testament.

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