

**GOOD AFTERNOON!**   
**WHAT'S HAPPENING (April 20)!**

**Worship Services** are at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays, with Sunday School and Bible Classes for Youth, Young Adults and Adults from 9:15-10:15 a.m on Sundays.

**Holy Baptism** This Saturday we will welcome Charlotte Grace Cervi and Lawson Matthew Cervi as our new sister and brother in the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism! Charlotte and Lawson are the children of Kyle and Sarah Cervi, and grandchildren of Scott and Dana Niederbrach.

**The Quarterly Voter's Meeting for Ascension Lutheran Church** will be on Sunday, April 23 beginning around noon. A luncheon, funded by our ALC Foundation and served by our Ladies Guild, will be offered. The meeting will include a discussion concerning the proposed Constitution and Bylaws.

**Ushers needed!** Are you looking for a way to become involved and help at Ascension? Please consider becoming an usher! The time commitment is minimal, but provides an excellent service to the church. Please contact Jim Wert, 303-794-4293, or any of the elders, or the church office at 303-794-4636 to be added to our usher list.

**Updated Church Directories** Please check the narthex if you need one...and let me know of any changes needed by emailing me at [alutheran@aol.com](mailto:alutheran@aol.com) or call us at 303-794-4636. If we run out, I am happy to print more! Thank you!

**Calling all VBS volunteers** including crew leaders, station leaders, and other helpers! We will have a meeting on **Wednesday, April 26th** at 6:30pm. Plan to receive your staff t-shirt, lessons, and instructions. See you there!

**Young Adult Group** will meet on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please contact Jenna Lawrenz at [jenna.lindeman@cune.org](mailto:jenna.lindeman@cune.org).

**Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)**! Our next meeting will be Monday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m. Our kiddos are supervised by trusted adults while we enjoy some mommy time! Come check us out! Contact Jenna Lawrenz at 303-913-3512 with any questions.

**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](https://vbspro.events/p/ascensionluth) *Spread the word!*

**Extended Day Preschool** "We had such a fun-filled week at school this past week. We participated in our annual Trike-a-Thon on Wednesday. Everyone came out to bike, trike, or scooter to fundraise for children affected by financial hardships based on needs from St. Jude's Hospital. As a school, we raised over \$700 - this would be enough to provide five days' worth of oxygen for a St. Jude's patient. What an amazing

contribution and all of the students felt pride for being able to participate and make a difference.

We are continuing our curriculum on "PLANTS" - we have introduced the parts of a plant and the needs of a plant. Now we are going to talk further about Earth Day and continue working on our Mother's Day plans. (It's still a surprise - wink wink!!!).

" -- Kelly Lafferty, Director, Ascension Lutheran Extended Day Preschool

**The Lutheran Chorale** presents its May concert, "Something Old, Something New, Something Tried, All Are True" on Sunday, May 7. The concert includes a wide range of music, from Bach to Handel to inspiring anthems, fun spirituals, and more. You won't want to miss it!

The afternoon concert will be at 2:30 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church, 6281 W. Yale Avenue, Lakewood. The evening concert will be at 6:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Rockies Lutheran Church, 106 Rosalie Road, Bailey, CO. There is no cost to attend, but a free will offering will be collected.

### **Ascension Life Enrichment Event – June 3!**

The Life Enrichment Series is excited to announce that Forté Handbells will be performing at Ascension on Saturday, June 3rd at 7:00 pm! Forté is an advanced handbell quartet that uses artistry and energy to glorify God through music. *Not only do they produce beautiful music, but they are truly innovative and exciting to watch.*

Tickets are not required. There will be a freewill offering taken at the door, with proceeds going to the group to cover travel expenses, pay for equipment maintenance, etc. Don't miss out!

**From Alternatives Pregnancy Center:** Come see the film, **SHOW ME THE FATHER** at AMC 12 Theater in Highlands Ranch!

[Watch the trailer here.](#) Featuring a variety of amazing true stories, this captivating movie takes audiences of all ages on an inspiring and emotional cinematic journey.

Join us for an exclusive evening of entertainment and education with Alternatives! Both mothers and fathers have significant influence in shaping the next generation. Come hear how Alternatives is rising to the occasion to equip young men for fatherhood and sustain families through The Power of Parenting.

Everyone has a unique father story. Whether positive or painful, it's always personal and can deeply affect the core of our identity and direction of our lives. **Kendrick Brothers' SHOW ME THE FATHER** is the first documentary film from the creators of **WAR ROOM**, **OVERCOMER**, **FIREPROOF**, and **COURAGEOUS Legacy**.

**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.

**Can a gift from a future estate plan be converted into a gift for ministry today?**

In the past you planned on giving some appreciated mutual funds to ministry when the Lord calls you home. Though the market has been challenged in the last year, you realize in the combination of the last ten years, it is worth 70% more than it was when you did your planning. You want to give a piece of that now. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you accomplish this. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Prayers:** For Jim Bame, who has a gall bladder infection and is at St. Joseph's Hospital; For Doris Kuhlmann, who is receiving treatment for skin cancer; For Lawrence Brown, who is at Aurora Medical Center with an infection in his foot; For Brian Wilson, who will have surgery to treat cancer on his leg; For Mavis Slifka, who has advanced bladder cancer; For Tricia McCulley, at the death of her former husband, Ron McCulley, on April 15; For Barb and Wayne Bader's grandsons, Ryan and Riley O'Byrne, who have medical issues; For Susan Estes, daughter of Del & Lorine Grau, who had mouth surgery on April 18<sup>th</sup>; For Dean Gordon, Art Gordon's brother; For Lila Loots' brother, Gordon; For Lisa O'Neal; For Bob and Deb Shiflet's friend Bee and her daughter Emily, who has a very rare lung cancer; and also for Bob and Deb's son, Kenny; For Athenia Michel; For Marion Wilson's brother, Jerry Vahle, who is in rehab due to complications from chemo and radiation treatments; For Lorine Grau and her family, for relief and peace as she is treated for cancer; For Ethan Nelson, as he is treated for cancer; For Michael Paradise, friend of Jan Burmeister, who has brain cancer; For Lynn Hendrickson; 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.

**The family of Sarah Zeller wants to thank you all** for your many prayers said on her behalf. God heard them and she has all but recovered. Only a few more physical therapy sessions to go!

**Flowers on the altar** are in thankfulness for God's many blessings, particularly the life of Dave Hitztaler. We lovingly remember Dave/Dad/Papa on what would have been his 78th birthday, on April 22nd.

He shared that date with Sherry's wonderful parents (Don and Jeanne Sharp) who would have been married 77 years on that same day.

From Sherry Hitztaler and Family

**Ascension's Prayer Group**

**1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

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)

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 4/15	4:00 pm	63	
Sunday, 4/16	8:00 am	98	
	10:30 am	59	Total: 220

**Online Views** (as of April 18) for April 9: 194 views

**Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, April 22 – Sunday, April 30):**

Sat. (4-22)	10:30 a.m.	Baptism – Charlotte Cervi and Lawson Cervi
	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (4-23)	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.	Voters Meeting and Lunch
Mon. (4-24)	9:30-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool Closed for Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tues. (4-25)	9:30-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
Weds. (4-26)	9:30-2:30 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.	VBS Volunteers Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (4-27)	9:30-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Fri. (4-28)	9:30-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 p.m.	Quilters Group
Sat. (4-29)	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Instruction
	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (4-30)	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
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Live for Youth

**Stewardship:**

<b>2023</b>	Sat/Sun, April 15-16	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$192,000.00
Received Amount	\$5,954.00	\$209,287.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$220.00	\$43,102.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$15,092.82

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org):** Study 1 John 3-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), finish studying Judges and begin studying 1 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and support KFUE Radio this week during Sharathon! Give online at [kfu.org/sharathon](http://kfu.org/sharathon) so we can continue to share the Gospel of Christ Jesus in your home and around the globe.

### **Church Library Corner:**

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

14. The next point to consider is the treasure we possess in Christ, and how valuable is the right kind of faith. Let us be clear that, before Old Testament times, as well as during them, God chose and reserved for Himself all the first-born, whether human or animal. Moreover, the eldest son was of special dignity, and had two great privileges as distinct from all the younger children: he was given authority, and he was a priest. The kingship and the priesthood were his. Thus, in practice, the eldest son was the master of all the other brothers; he was also a priest, or pope, of God. This is a figure symbolizing Jesus Christ, who is that self-same, human Son of God the Father by the Virgin Mary. He is therefore a king and a priest – but in the spiritual sense. His kingdom is not earthly, nor does it consist in earthly things, but in those of the spirit, such as truth, wisdom, peace, joy, salvation, and the like. Temporal goods are not excluded, however, for all things in heaven, earth, or hell are subject to Him, although He is unseen owing to the fact that He rules spiritually and invisibly.

Thus even His priesthood does not consist in rites and vestments such as we see among men. Rather it consists in the spirit, and is invisible, in order that He may stand continually before God's face, and offer Himself on behalf of those who are His, and do all that a devout priest should do. He prays for us, as St. Paul says in Romans 8; and also teaches us inwardly in our hearts. These two offices are right and proper for a priest; and therefore ordinary, human, and temporal priests pray and teach in the same manner.

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