

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (May 18)!

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.

Summer Worship will begin the weekend of June 3-4; summer worship times will be 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Reminder: A Special Voter's Meeting for Ascension Lutheran Church is scheduled for Sunday, June 11 at 11:00 a.m. to offer amendments and to approve the newly composed Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Please submit suggested revisions for the proposed new Constitution & Bylaws **by Sunday, June 4, 2023**. Submitting the changes in advance of the **June 11th Voters' Assembly meeting** is important for several reasons:

- It will allow sufficient time to ensure a proposed amendment is well understood so that none of the intent is overlooked.
- It will allow sufficient time to determine if two or more proposed amendments can be combined because they are similar.
- It will allow time for research, should it be needed, to ensure there are no conflicts with the LCMS or other Articles or Sections in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- It will allow sufficient time to assemble all proposed amendments so they can be distributed at the beginning of the meeting to help it run more efficiently.

Remember, **proposed amendments must be submitted in writing**. As I said in the first meeting, I am available should you need help in preparing an amendment for submittal. I am sure other members of our Constitution Committee would agree to do the same.

Proposed amendments can be given to Dawn at the church office, put in my mailbox, sent to my e-mail address (conconguy@comcast.net), or given to one of the other Committee members (Tim McClaren, Ed Geisler, Pastor Larson). Thank you for your interest and help in this most important endeavor. - Arvin Michel

Pastor John and Marilyn will be flying to Phoenix to celebrate a grandson's Confirmation on May 28. They will also see Pastor's mom and siblings and other family during those days. They leave on Thursday, May 25 and return on Tuesday, May 30th. Pastor Kelly Crabbe, former pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church in Lakewood will be conducting services on the 27th and 28th.

Do you have a Summer Date to Celebrate? Beginning on Sunday, June 4, "Coffee Under the Trees" is BACK for the summer! Individuals, couples, families, Bible study groups or committees can come together to provide the coffee and goodies after the Sunday morning worship service. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship!

Sign up today in the narthex!

Vacation Bible School Will Be Here Soon! 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 your children at this link: vbspro.events/p/ascensionluth

Snacks and other items are needed for VBS: To sign up, please click on this link, which will take you to the Sign-Up Genius page for Ascension. *Thank you so much!*

Vacation Bible School Needs 2023

Extended Day Preschool "Wow, it's hard to believe that I am writing the last *What's Happening* entry for this school year. These past 10 months have flown by, and it has been incredible to see the student's growth in academics, social emotional learning, and their ability to love Jesus every day!!! We have been blessed with an amazingly supportive school family.

We are closing out our last week of school with the last bit of our transportation unit. After completing space travel the first week and land/water last week, we are going to transition to our beach and vacation theme - how do we all travel for our upcoming Summer vacations?? We are also going to participate in some super fun events. We are going to have a special water day on Monday - sprinklers, bubbles, water for buckets, shovels, etc. HOW FUN!!! We will celebrate our year of songs learned with Pastor John in our End of the Year Program in front of parents and extended family on Friday, followed by our Prekindergarten March. We will watch them all walk across the stage in their gowns and accept their diploma (and try not to cry!!). We know they will do GREAT THINGS in this next step of growth!!!

It is bittersweet to say so long at the end of the school year, but we will be so excited to hear about all of our families Summer adventures when we all return in the Fall!!"
-- Kelly Lafferty, Director, Ascension Lutheran Extended Day Preschool

Items Needed for Orphanage at Mission Experience Haiti: From Pastor Mike Paulison: "Please help us collect toiletries for our orphanage this month - we are trying to collect as many as possible as it will allow staff to limit their trips to markets for safety reasons. Here is a list of what we are collecting if you all can help:

Ivory soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant (no perfume), baby powder, shampoo (as natural as possible), towels, and washcloths."

Please bring the items to the church office by this coming Monday, May 22, and Pastor Mike will pick them up. Thank you in advance!

Join our Ladies Guild for an evening of food and fun! All are invited to a Potluck Salad Supper - dessert and coffee provided! Thursday, May 25th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a short presentation from Project Angel Heart, and we will decorate paper bags for the group to use in their missions!

Art supplies will be provided. Bring your favorite salad to share! Bring your Mite boxes! And Bring a Friend!

Forté Handbells - 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!

Your Foundation met on Thursday, May 11 and approved an increase in funding for our youth based on their successful Easter Breakfast. The Foundation has provided them with \$1,692.25 toward this summer's mission trip. Also approved were funds to be sent to LCMS on behalf of John Wolf's African ministry. He's very active in that continent, especially in his "home" country of Kenya. He and his family will be visiting the U.S. this summer and he hopes to speak to the Foundation and congregation when he stops by Ascension. The Ladies Guild needed a few more funds to help with Voters' lunches so we have increased our giving to them by 50%. Our Concordia Adopt-A-Student, Daniel VanDerHyde, sent us a nice letter indicating that he's in the stage of learning to write sermons at seminary and his family is doing well in Missouri. Thank you again to all of you who donated to facilitate this year's budgeted needs.

Are you 30-50? Single? Join us for a singles mixer at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129 on Saturday, June 3rd from 12-2pm. Sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a side, dessert, or non-alcoholic drink to share. RSVP to Carol Skelton at 720-697-4676 by June 1.

Denver Lutheran High School Class of 1973! "We are attempting to reach our classmates to let them know we are planning a 50th class reunion at Parker Lutheran High School on Saturday, August 19. Please contact Mr. John Rinks at John.rinks@lhsparker.org with your contact information (name, mailing address, email, phone). You can also check our Facebook page: "DLHS Class of 73 – 50th Reunion." Thank you! – LouAnne (Hu) Yee and Julie (Ikenberry) Crandall

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, 720-300-2347, or any of the elders, or the church office at 303-794-4636 to be added to our usher list.

The Denver Society of Creation is sponsoring a conference from May 18-20, 2023 at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 500 Drake Street, Denver, Colorado, which is intended to challenge the LCMS to commit to an age for the earth based on the Bible.

The conference, entitled "Getting Back to the Bible on the Age of the Earth" features several knowledgeable speakers: Dr. Robert Carter, Pastor Brian Flamme, Rev. Dr. Joel Heck, Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz, Pastor Jared Melius and Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller.

Topics to be discussed include the following:

- Is the Age of the Earth Important?
- Creation in the New Testament
- Hermeneutical Humility
- The Genesis Genealogies
- Were the Pyramids Built Before the Flood?
- The Biblical Minimum and Maximum Age of the Earth
- The History of the Earth's Age in the Missouri Synod

Please join us for the conference. All are welcome! **Cost will be \$25.00. For more information and to Register, visit www.denversocietyofcreation.org.**

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," with 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 my estate plans change over time? The answer is yes! Since you put your estate plans in place 15 years ago, your children have become incredibly successful in their professions, and you now have seven grandchildren under the age of seven. You have a sense the Lord will be calling you home within the next ten years. Your love for family now leads you to consider family inheritance as support for grandchildren's college education. Whether it is this change or your unique one, your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you think and pray through it. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For our wonderful new Confirmands: Eli Faulk, Ben Williams, Lexi Anderson and Emma Ginkel; For Del and Lorine Grau's granddaughter, Ashleigh Estes, who is having hiatal hernia surgery on May 22; For Athenia Michel, who is undergoing radiation treatment for the next several weeks; For Rick Eastridge, who will have shoulder surgery on Tuesday, May 23; For Mark Nielsen, who will have shoulder surgery on Friday, May 26; For Rose and Anna Kahler and their family, at the death of Vernon Kahler; For Lorine Grau, who has entered hospice, and for Del and their family; For Beth (Bible) Miller's husband, Stephen; For Carolyn Helstrom, who will have surgery on her foot on May 31; For Reverend Bob Seible; For Lawrence Brown; For Brian Wilson, who had surgery to treat cancer on his leg; For Mavis Slifka; For Barb and Wayne Bader's grandson, Ryan O'Byrne, who has medical issues; For Michael Paradise, friend of Jan Burmeister, who has brain cancer; For Lynn Hendrickson; For Nadine Ginkel; For peace in Ukraine and throughout the world; For our country; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

Pastor Don Hinchey, retired pastor from Our Father Lutheran Church in Centennial is turning 80 years old on Monday, June 5. A card or a note could be sent to him at 1961 Pikes Peak Drive, Loveland, CO 80538.

New Address Bernice Arsenault's new address is 8160 W. Coal Mine Ave., #219, Littleton, CO 80123.

Flowers on the Altar are given by Lori and John Rolling in joyful celebration of their 44th Wedding Anniversary!

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 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, 5/13	4:00 pm	51	
Sunday, 5/14	8:00 am	91	
	10:30 am	96	Total: 238

Online Views (as of May 18) for May 7: 203 views

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, May 20 – Sunday, May 28):

Sat. (5-20)	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (5-21)		CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Questioning of Confirmands
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Confirmation Worship & Holy Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Musician Celebration & Potluck at Sterne Park
Tues. (5-23)	9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
Weds. (5-24)	9:30-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 a.m.	Weekday Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (5-25)	6:00 p.m.	Ladies Guild Salad Supper
Fri. (5-26)	12:30 p.m.	Quilters Group
Sat. (5-27)	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (5-28)	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, May 13-14	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$240,000.00
Received Amount	\$18,627.00	\$263,847.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$1,215.00	\$45,310.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$13,352.13

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Church Library Corner:

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

18. From all this we understand that it is not enough just to take the life and work of Christ, and in preaching, merely tell the story and the chronicle of events. It is even worse to pass over these altogether, and preach about ecclesiastical law or other man-made rules and doctrines. There are also many who preach and understand Christ as if they rather pitied Him, and were angry with the Jews; they carry on in some other childish manner. But He should and must be preached in such a way that, in both you and me, faith grows out of, and is received from, the preaching. And that faith is received and grows when I am told why Christ came, how men can use and enjoy Him, and what He has brought and given me. This takes place whenever a proper explanation is given of that Christian freedom which we have from Him: how we are kings and priests with power over all things; and how everything we do is well-pleasing to and granted by God, as I have already said. For when our heart hears about Christ in this way, it must rejoice through and through. It yearns for Christ, receives consolation, and loves Him in return. Neither regulations nor good deeds can effect as much as that. For who can do hurt to such a soul, or terrify it? If sin or death fall upon it, it has faith that the spiritual worth of Christ is its own, and that its sins are no longer its own, but Christ's. Thus sin must vanish away through the goodness of Christ in faith, as I said above. The heart learns with the apostle to defy death and sin, and say: "Where is thy victory, O death? Where, death, is now thy sting?"

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