

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (May 25)! HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

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.

Please note: Memorial Day is Monday, May 29. The church office will be closed.

Summer Worship will begin next weekend, June 3-4; summer worship times will be 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. At 10:15 next Sunday we will have Coffee Under the Trees, sponsored by the Ascension Ladies Guild!

Summer Sermon Series! Do you know the Lord's Prayer? This summer, Pastor will be preaching on it! Titles for upcoming June sermons are: June 3-4, "The Right Way to Pray"; June 10-11, "Holy, Holy, Holy"; June 17-18, "God's Rule"; June 24-25, "In Charge?"

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.

The Funeral Service for Lorine Grau is scheduled for Thursday, June 1, at 11:00 here at Ascension. She will be laid to rest at Fort Logan prior to the service. Lorine's favorite color was blue, and if possible, people are encouraged to wear blue to the funeral. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Ascension Lutheran Church Foundation, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, or any charity of choice.

From Boy Scout Troop 361 Once again our Boy Scout Troop 361 is collecting used shoes for SOLES 4 SOULS, an organization dedicated to giving shoes free of charge to people in need in the U.S. and around the world. Find out more about this organization at www.soles4souls.org.

Please consider contributing your gently used shoes you no longer use and deposit them in the "BIG RED BOX" at the church entrance.

Congratulations to our high school and college graduates! We are so proud of all of you! Blessings on your journeys ahead!

- ~ Tyler Dierking - Graduated from Grand Canyon University Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelors in Business Administration
- ~ Krissy Schwerin - Graduated from University of Northern Colorado and is looking for a teaching job
- ~ Hannah Schmitt - Plans to attend University of Northern Colorado and study physical therapy and play D1 soccer
- ~ Holly Schmitt - Plans to attend University of Kansas and study finance/marketing
- ~ Erik Schwerin - Plans to attend Metropolitan State University of Denver
- ~ Cody Urbach - Most likely will attend Arapahoe Community College

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!

Dear Members of Ascension Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for all the donations. Life in Haiti is harder than normal right now. There is a war between the gangs and the police and it makes it harder to go out and get supplies.

The toiletries you have provided over the last few weeks will not only care for their needs but make it safer by having to take fewer trips out. Blessings!

Pastor Mike Paulison

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

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

Congratulations to Hannah Schmitt, a member of the Thunder Ridge girls' soccer team, who will play in the state finals this week. Hannah is the daughter of Jim and Tanya Schmitt, the granddaughter of Durwin and Lois.

Calling all young adults or young at heart! We will be meeting up for a rousing round of miniature golf on Friday, June 23, at 6:00 pm! This will take the place of our usual monthly Bible study. Join us at Colorado Journey (5150 S Windermere St, Littleton, CO 80120)! We will play some mini golf and then head over to Parry's Pizzeria and Taphouse in the Riverpoint shopping center for some pizza! The cost is \$7 for the golf. We will cover the pizza! Please RSVP to Jenna (303) 913-3512 by June 22. We hope to see you there!

Extended Day Preschool finished their busy school year with a lively graduation program and an ice cream social last Friday, May 19. **THANK YOU and Congratulations** to our amazing Director Kelly Lafferty and our Wonderful Teachers Rondelle Martinez, Bernadine Herrera, Ama Orr, Renee Ortado, Melina Quintana and Catherine Starkey for their love and dedication to these precious children! Enjoy your summer!!!

Join our Ladies Guild TONIGHT 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!

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 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? During the last ten years, the Church you were baptized in has closed. The camp you attended as a youth has also closed. You had estate gifts aimed at both ministries. But today, you live just blocks away from a women's shelter sponsored by your congregation, at which you volunteer three mornings each week. You sense that this should now be your gifting focus. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Del Grau, Susan Estes and their family, at Lorine's passing on Tuesday, May 23; For Oliver Rentmeester, 5-year-old cousin of Charlene Auten. Oliver is undergoing radiation treatment for a rare and aggressive brain cancer at the Mayo Clinic; prayers also for his sister Eliza and his parents; For Doris Kuhlmann, who is at Littleton Hospital after surgery for a bowel obstruction; For Carolyn Helstrom, who will have surgery on her foot on May 31; For Athenia Michel, who will be having radiation treatment for the next several weeks; For Rick Eastridge, who had 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 Beth (Bible) Miller's husband, Stephen; For Reverend Bob Seible; For Brian Wilson, who is recovering from surgery; 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, and especially this Memorial Day weekend, for the sacrifice of so many and the remembrance of our loved ones; For our graduates; For Vacation Bible School; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: For Del and Lorine's granddaughter, Ashleigh; her surgery was successful, and she is now in recovery.

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.

Flowers on the Altar are given by Clyde and Ruth Wiggins in loving memory of Kathy, Chris and Louis.

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, 5/20	4:00 pm	52	
Sunday, 5/21	8:00 am	93	
	10:30 am	84	Total: 229

Online Views (as of May 23) for May 14: 165 views

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, May 27 – Sunday, June 4):

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.	Traditional Confirmation Worship & Holy Communion
Mon. (5-29)		MEMORIAL DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues. (5-30)	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (5-31)	10:00 a.m.	Weekday Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	10:00 a.m.	Decorating for Vacation Bible School
Thurs. (6-1)	11:00 a.m.	Service for Lorine Grau
	1:30 p.m.	Koinonia
	10:00 a.m.	Decorating for Vacation Bible School
Fri. (6-2)	10:00 a.m.	Decorating for Vacation Bible School
Sat. (6-3)	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Forté Handbell Concert
Sun. (6-4)		HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY
	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion – NOTE NEW TIME!
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – Ladies Guild
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, May 20-21	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$252,000.00

Received Amount	\$7,575.00	\$271,423.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$25.00	\$45,335.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$13,352.13

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Revelation 7-11 on Sharper Iron's "Come Soon, Lord Jesus!" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study 1 Samuel 22-25 on Thy Strong Word with a Free Text Friday on 6/2 (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study the Ecumenical Creeds on Concord Matters (6/3 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org and the KFUE Radio app!

Church Library Corner:

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

19. We have now probably said sufficient about the inner man, about his liberty and the principal features of his righteousness which requires neither laws nor "good works." Indeed, it is harmful to that righteousness when anyone pretends to have been made righteous on that basis.

We now come to the second part, namely, to the outer man. Here we must deal with all those who take offence at the foregoing arguments, and are wont to say: "Oh! then if faith is the whole thing and sufficient in itself to make one religious, why are good works demanded? We shall be in good case without doing anything at all." No, my dear man, not so. That would perhaps be true if you were nothing but your inner self, and had become pure soul and pure spirit, a thing which will never happen before the last day. There will never be anything else on earth than a beginning and a growth; these will only be completed in the next world. That is why the apostle called it *primitias spiritus*, or the first-fruits of the spirit. From this fact we can understand what was said above: "A Christian man is a dutiful menial, a bondservant to everyone," which is as much as to say: "In as far as he is free, he requires to do nothing. Insofar as he is a servant, he must do everything." How that happens we shall now see.

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