

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (JUNE 1)!

Summer Worship begins this weekend, June 3-4! Worship times will be 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. At 10:15 join us for 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?"

Summer Bible Class! Pastor John will be teaching a Bible Class on the Book of James, titled, "James - Salt, Light and Leaven." We'll start it this Sunday, June 4 around 10:30, following "Coffee Under the Trees", in the Fellowship Hall.

Funeral Services for Lorine Grau were held this morning at 11:00 am, here at Ascension. Our prayers are with Del, her husband of 50 years, and their family.

Holy Baptism – Eric Michael Burden will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this coming Sunday, June 4.

Location Change: Pastor Ginkel's Study on Wednesday Morning: Please note: Because of VBS, Class will not meet at the Church on Wednesday, but at 10:00 a.m. at Pastor Don's residence. 7818 W. Oxford Circle, Lakewood. We are studying "The End Times," with Pastor Don Ginkel. We meet from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. Join us if you can.

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 Hannah Schmitt and ThunderRidge High School Girls Soccer! The ThunderRidge Grizzlies secured their fourth state title (their first since 2002) with a 1-0 win over Rock Canyon at Dick's Sporting Goods Park! *Congratulations* to Hannah and her teammates, coaches, classmates and to her proud family!!!

Forté Handbells - This Saturday Evening, June 3!

The Life Enrichment Series is excited to announce that Forté Handbells will be performing at Ascension this 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. Snacks are provided in the narthex following the concert. Don't miss out!

Do you have a Summer Date to Celebrate? Beginning this Sunday, “Coffee Under the Trees” is BACK for the summer! There are still three Sundays available: July 9, August 6, and August 13! This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship! Sign up today in the narthex!

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 is Next Week! We have more than 60 kids registered! This year Vacation Bible School returns 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: There is still time 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](#)

The Weekly Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will be taking next week off for VBS, but they will resume the following Tuesday, June 13, upstairs in the Council Room, to discuss the 4th episode of the Chosen series.

Gifts on a Mission will be taking time off this summer, but they will resume their good work “making crafts with a cause” in September!

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!

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.

How might retirement change my estate plans? Retirement planning can often change the makeup of your portfolio, as investments change from long range to shorter range investments. Each one of those investments has a beneficiary designation with it, that guides those assets when the Lord calls you home, either to your estate (will/trust), to family by name, or to organizations (such as ministries). If you change the investment, you want to make sure that the way you fill out the new beneficiary designations fits with your plan. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can assist in creating an overview of all your beneficiary designations. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfn.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For the family and friends of Elle Lambert, who passed away on Sunday, May 28; For Mike Zehnder and his family, at the death of his Aunt Janie Bowen, in Oregon; For Del Grau, Susan Estes and their family, at Lorine's passing; 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 Carolyn Helstrom, whose foot surgery on Wednesday was successful; 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 had shoulder surgery on Friday, May 26; For Brian Wilson, 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; For our graduates; For Vacation Bible School; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

Flowers on the Altar are given by Jason and Aimee Dierking, in joyful celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary!

Does your soul long for the Courts of the Lord?

“How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.” Psalm 84:1-2
 Consider praying with us 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, 5/27	4:00 pm	43	
Sunday, 5/28	8:00 am	60	
	10:30 am	44	Total: 147

Online Views (as of May 30) for May 21: 201 views

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, June 3 – Sunday, June 11):

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
	9:00 a.m.	Holy Baptism – Eric Michael Burden
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – Ladies Guild
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
Mon. (6-5)	9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Tues. (6-6)	9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Weds. (6-7)	9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Thurs. (6-8)	9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
	9:00 a.m.	Foundation Meeting
Fri. (6-9)	9:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
	11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	VBS Closing Program and Carnival
Sat. (6-10)	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (6-11)	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – VBS Team
	11:00 a.m.	Special Voters Meeting

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, May 27-28	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$264,000.00
Received Amount	\$6,915.00	\$278,338.00

Project Peter Receipts	\$709.00	\$46,044.00
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Project Peter Loan Balance: \$11,605.28

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Church Library Corner:

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

20. Inwardly, and as regards his soul, a man is sufficiently justified by faith. He possesses all he ought to have, except that his very faith and sufficiency must always increase until his entry into the next life; nevertheless he still remains on earth during his bodily life. Therefore he must rule his own body, and he must mix with other people. That is where the need for good works enters. He must not be idle. Yes, the body must be disciplined and exercised with fasting, watching, laboring, and all due training, in order that it may be obedient to, and in harmony with, both the inner man and with faith; and not hinder nor oppose, as is its nature when it is not restrained. For the inner man is one with God. He is joyful and glad on account of Christ who has done so much for him. All his pleasure consists in serving God in return, without reward, and out of unconstrained love. It is true that a man finds in his body a refractory will which wants to seek and serve the world, and which finds pleasure in doing so. Faith cannot tolerate that. She eagerly lays hold of it by the throat to subdue it and keep it in order. Thus St. Paul says in Romans 7: "In the inward man I have a desire for God's will, but I find another will in my flesh, which would make me prisoner together with sin"; and again: "I discipline my body and bring it to obedience lest I myself become culpable, who should teach others"; and again, in Galatians 5: "All who belong to Christ crucify their body with its evil desires."

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