

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (JUNE 22)!

Summer Worship Worship times are 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. At 10:15 join us for Coffee Under the Trees, sponsored this week by Jackie Viren and Adam Wilson!

Summer Sermon Series! This summer, Pastor is preaching on the Petitions of the Lord's Prayer. The title for this week is "In Charge?"; July 1-2 is "Bread ... and More"; July 8-9 is "Forgiven and Forgiving."

Summer Bible Class! Pastor John is teaching a Bible Class on the Book of James, titled, "James - Salt, Light and Leaven" in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 on Sundays, following "Coffee Under the Trees."

Elders Survey Question – We Want to Hear from You

The Elders are considering combining the Sunday services, 8:00 am and 10:30 am. No changes are being considered for the Saturday 4:00 p.m. service. The survey is available in the narthex, and the survey link is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RLBYBB6> Please respond by July 9.

The Funeral Service for Chris Peepgrass will be here at Ascension on Saturday, June 24, at 11:00 a.m., followed by a meal.

Voter's Meeting Summary

On Sunday, June 11th, a special Voter's Meeting of Ascension Lutheran Church was held in the Fellowship Hall. 35 members of the congregation met for the 25-minute meeting. A few amendments were made to the newly revised proposed Constitution and By-laws of the congregation. All of the proposed amendments passed unanimously. Arvin Michel, speaking for the Constitution and By-laws committee, said that the proposed documents would be sent to the Rocky Mountain District for their approval. Once their approval is given the congregation will decide when to officially implement the documents. The updated Constitution and Bylaws document will be emailed to the congregation, copies will be available in the narthex, and a link to the document will be placed on the Ascension webpage.

[Constitution and Bylaws - Voter Approved](#)

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, having received 52.32% of the votes cast, is the president-elect of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) for a fifth term of office, 2023–2026.

The nominations process for the position of Synod president began last fall. The resulting candidates were the five ordained ministers who received the highest number of votes in the nominations process and who consented to serve if elected.

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!

Parents and youth who are going on the summer mission trip in July! We are having a meeting on Sunday, June 25th at 10:15 am in room 106. Make sure to be there to get any final questions answered and instructions before our trip!

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Our high school youth are looking forward to and preparing for their summer mission trip to Mescalero, NM the week of July 15-22. They will be doing home repairs for the elderly and the disabled. So, we're looking for donations of some tools that we will need to bring. If you're able to help out, we would really appreciate it! Drop off by July 14th, thank you!

Please contact Stephanie for more information at stephanie.roettjer@gmail.com. Here are the needed items: 13 safety goggles, 13 work gloves, paintbrushes (variety of sizes), 13 paint roller handles, 13 paint trays with liners, 13 paint scrapers, 10 Home Depot orange buckets, one box of rags, 2 drop cloths, and a box of gallon-sized Ziploc bags.

The Funeral Reception Committee is seeking caring volunteers to help with clean up after funeral receptions – time commitment is about an hour, training is available! 😊 Please call the church office at 303-794-4636 if you can help. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School!! A huge shout-out and **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers and helpers who made our Stellar Vacation Bible School a big success!! The 68 kids who registered were blessed by your dedication, hard work, and contagious enthusiasm! It was an unforgettable week! We had an out-of-this-world time experiencing how Jesus' light shines in our lives. We had incredible music, amazing experiments, surprising Bible adventures, new friends, and a cosmic closing! The VBS pictures are on the Youth/Family Ministry bulletin board...check it out!

Sunday Morning Women's Book Group Tricia McCulley will lead a women's group based on the book, What Happens When Women Say Yes to God, by Lysa Terkeurst. This book is a best seller. We will meet on Sundays at 10:30 am starting July 9 until July 30, in Room 106 (next to the main entrance). The book can be purchased at Mardel's. Please register with Tricia at 720-380-2115.

Host families needed! [His Little Feet](http://HisLittleFeet.org) is an international children's choir that serves as a voice for orphaned and vulnerable children worldwide. The children will be performing in worship at Ascension this August at the Saturday and Sunday services, brought to you by the Life Enrichment Series. The performance date will be August 20 or August 27, to be finalized shortly. We are in need of families to host the children for two nights, and transport them to and from the church. Please consider this wonderful service opportunity, which also provides you a chance to get to know some of these wonderful children. Contact Tom Munson at 720-341-7119 or tom@munson.org if you can help.

Study on Wednesday Mornings: Pastor Don Ginkel is leading the study of “The End Times” on Wednesday mornings. We meet from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. in Room 106 to the right of the main entrance off the parking lot. Join us if you can.

The Saturday afternoon Bible study led by Curt and Karen Engle: We are studying Exodus on Saturdays at 3:00 pm here at Ascension, and anyone is welcome to join us! We hope to see you there! Email Curt at Kengle0920@gmail.com.

How might retirement change my estate plans? Sometimes retirement planning changes our focus on life, reprioritizing the things we count as important. Beyond thinking that retirement is nothing but vacations, you might find that a few things have become very important to you, especially ministries that are sharing the life of Jesus through the Gospel. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can discuss and pray with you, as you seek clarity of purpose. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Jackass Hill Closed Indefinitely The city says it will take several weeks to repair the sinkhole on Prince just north of Mineral. Those of you who travel that way will need to find an alternate route.

Prayers: For Hank Peepgrass and his family, at the death of his wife, Chris, on Sunday evening, June 18; For Rose Kahler’s twin brother, Ronnie Wren, who will have operations for internal bleeding, a mass found on his thyroid and for a hernia that is pressing against his lung; For Carol Mickelson, who is in the ICU at Littleton Hospital after a fall; For Alvera Sturgeon, who will have oral surgery on June 22; For the family of Selena Cothran, Joyce Gallagher’s stepdaughter-in-law, who passed away on June 14; For Karen Engle’s mother, Mary Furgesen; For Mavis Slifka, who is recovering from surgery; For Deb Shiflet, who had knee replacement surgery on Monday, June 12; For Claudia Gray, daughter of longtime member Edith Cushman. Claudia has a brain tumor and is at Orchard Park Rehab. For Oliver Rentmeester, 5-year-old cousin of Charlene Auten; For Carolyn Helstrom; For Athenia Michel, whose radiation treatment will continue until July 11; For Brian Wilson; 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 peace in Ukraine and throughout the world; For our country; For our graduates; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

Prayers of Thanksgiving For Nancy Lugton’s brother-in-law, Alan Coleman, who has been sick with bacterial pneumonia; his treatment has been working and he is feeling much better. For Jude’s granddaughter Lyndsey and her unborn baby; Lyndsey got a good report this week and everything is looking great. They don’t expect any problems. Jude is praising God and thanking all of you for praying.

Flowers on the Altar are given by Rose Kahler and Wayne Wren, in loving memory of Emily Wren, their mother and grandmother.

Happy Birthday to Marilyn Wert, will be celebrating her 88th birthday on June 24th!

Thank you for your kind sympathy, thoughts and prayers, and especially to the Funeral Reception Committee serving the reception after the Memorial Service for Lorine. Special thank you to Pastor Larson for his many visits. Everything was very much appreciated during Lorine's illness. Del Grau and Susan Estes family.

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> | |
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| Saturday, 6/17 | 4:00 pm | 68 | |
| Sunday, 6/18 | 8:00 am | 122 | Total: 190 |

Online Views (as of June 20) for June 11: 174 views

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, June 24 – Sunday, July 2):

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| Sat. (6-24) | 11:00 a.m. | Funeral Service for Chris Peepgrass |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |
| Sun. (6-25) | 9:00 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Coffee Under the Trees – Viren/Wilson Family |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Parent/Youth Meeting for Mission Trip |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Adult Bible Study |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Ascension Choirs/Musicians Party – Sterne Park |
| Tues. (6-27) | 9:30 a.m. | Ladies' Bible Study |
| Weds. (6-28) | 10:00 p.m. | Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel |
| Sat. (7-1) | 4:00 p.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |
| Sun. (7-2) | 9:00 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Coffee Under the Trees – Saturday Night Church sponsoring! |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Adult Bible Study |

Stewardship:

| 2023 | Sat/Sun, June 17-18 | Year-to-Date (YTD) |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Budgeted Revenue | \$12,000.00 | \$300,000.00 |
| Received Amount | \$7,244.00 | \$307,215.00 |
| Project Peter Receipts | \$192.00 | \$47,008.00 |

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$11,605.28

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Revelation 16-19 on Sharper Iron's "Come Soon, Lord Jesus!" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study 2 Samuel 5-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study "Original Sin" and "The Son of God" in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (6/24 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

Church Library Corner:

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

23. (*there are 30 sections total*) Hence both expressions are true: "Good and devout works never make a man good and dutiful; but a good and religious man does good and religious works." Nor do sinful works make a man sinful. Rather it is a sinful man who does sinful works. Thus every argument proves that the person must first be good and godly; after that come all the works that are good. Good works proceed logically from a godly and good person. It is as Christ said: "An evil tree bears no good fruit, a good tree bears no evil fruit." It is evident that the fruits do not bear the tree, nor do the trees grow on the fruits, but rather the trees bear the fruits, and the fruits grow on the trees. Since the trees must precede the fruits, and since the fruits do not make the trees good or evil, for the trees make the fruits, so also must a man be personally godly or sinful in himself, before what works he does can be good or sinful, as the case may be. It is not his works that make him either good or sinful, but he himself that makes them good or evil. We see the same thing in all kinds of handicrafts. A good or bad house does not make a carpenter good or bad, but a good or bad carpenter makes a good or bad house. No work makes a workman of the same quality as the work, but as the workman is, so is his work. Thus also are a man's (religious) works to be understood: his actions are good or sinful just according as it stands with him in faith or unbelief. The reverse is not true: it is not true that he is good or believing according to his kind of works. Just as works do not make a man a believer, so also they do not make him godly. But just as faith makes one godly, so also does it produce good works. Therefore, it is not what one does that makes one religious. A man must be religious before he can do the works of religion. And it is evident that only faith, coming from pure grace through Christ and His word, is sufficient to make a person religious and save him; neither works nor commandments are necessary to a Christian before he can be saved. He is free from all commandments. He does all that he does quite voluntarily without recompense, and apart from seeking his own advantage or salvation. He already has sufficient, and he is already saved through his faith and the grace of God. What he does is done just to please God.

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