

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (JUNE 29)! HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

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 the Saturday Night Church Team!

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4.

Summer Sermon Series! This summer, Pastor is preaching on the Petitions of the Lord's Prayer. This week 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 about 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.

YOUTH MISSION 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, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you!

Items needed: 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.

Please contact Stephanie for more information at stephanie.roettjer@gmail.com.

The Sale of Church Press – From Pastor Don Ginkel: As some of you know, I am 91 years old, and I have Parkinson's disease. Next to the parish ministry, Church Press has been my great love for fifty years. I love serving the Lord. I love serving His pastors and people. I am glad. I am sad. For 64 years God has permitted me to serve. I thank You, my God, my Creator, and my Savior. St. Paul always seemed to thank God for the saints he wrote to. I sincerely thank Him for so many of you. I have loved serving you. We have supplied individuals with one million Bible studies and books. God is truly good! Rev. Blaise Sedney, lead Pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Bel Air, MD, is taking over. He will write the Church Press Newsletter. He also hopes to expand the inventory. The transfer will take place around the middle of July. May the Lord richly bless Pastor Blaise and those who work with him in the years ahead.

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 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!

Host families needed! [His Little Feet](#) 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. Please contact Tom Munson at 720-341-7119 or tom@munson.org

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.

As we prepare our estate plans and the gifts to family and ministry within those plans, we remember that we are making these plans in an ever-changing world. This requires that we need to regularly look at our plans, and more than likely make changes to them as we go. We should not think that a plan put in place twenty years ago covers all our needs today. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you throughout these stages. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Jackass Hill Closed Indefinitely It will take several weeks to repair the sinkhole on Prince just north of Mineral. If you travel that way you will need an alternate route.

Prayers: For Flo Westra, and her family, at the death of her husband Larry, on Tuesday, June 27 in South Dakota; For Lynne Hansen, who is recovering from a stroke; For Carol Mickelson; For Mavis Slifka, who is recovering from surgery; 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.

Update from Lynn Hendrickson Thank you for your prayers; my cancer treatments are going well. There are noticeable changes in the treated areas, which is good news. I started a second round of radiation that I will finish up tomorrow, June 29. Then another round of chemo starts in 3 weeks. I’m feeling pretty good. I welcome all the prayers and well wishes.

Many thanks to those of you who called, sent texts and cards wishing me well for my knee replacement. I am doing well and on the road to recovery. – Deb Shiflet

Prayers of Thanksgiving For Jim and Alice Hayden, who will celebrate 63 years of marriage on July 3rd! For Brian and Marion Wilson, who will celebrate their 56th Anniversary on Sunday, July 2nd! For Gerideane Tracey and her daughter Carly, as they celebrate the long-awaited birth and adoption of Carly's daughter, Amaya!

Flowers on the Altar are given by Ed and Gwen Geisler, in joyful celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 7th, and by Mary Farley, in loving memory of her husband, Jim Shelton, on what would have been his 91st birthday on July 4.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" We thank God for this wonderful gift of summertime – a season to slow down and reflect. May He be the center of our thoughts and actions. Wherever we are and whatever we do, may we glorify Him.

Please 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, 6/24	4:00 pm	77	
Sunday, 6/25	9:00 am	139	Total: 216

Online Views (as of June 27) for June 18: 190 views

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, July 1 – Sunday, July 9):

Sat. (7-1)	9:00 a.m.	Ladies Guild Planning Meeting
	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 – Sponsored by the Saturday Night Church Team
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
Mon. (7-3)		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues. (7-4)		INDEPENDENCE DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Weds. (7-5)	10:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Sat. (7-8)	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (7-9)	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – Sponsored by Pastor & Marilyn
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, June 24-25	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$312,000.00
Received Amount	\$9,506.00	\$316,721.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$1,504.00	\$48,512.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$8,052.24

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study the Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study 2 Samuel 16-19 plus a new Free Text Friday on Matthew 18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel (weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT). On demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

Church Library Corner:

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

24. (*there are 30 sections total*) Further, no meritorious works are of any avail to the godliness or salvation of one who is without faith; neither do sinful actions make him sinful or damn him; but the unbelief which makes the person and the tree sinful, is what does the sinful and damnable things. Therefore, when a man becomes either devout or sinful, the process does not begin with his actions, but with his faith. Thus Solomon says, "The beginning of sin is in departing from God, and in not trusting Him." So also Christ teaches that one must not begin with conduct. He says, "Either make the tree good, and its fruits good, or make the tree evil and its fruits evil;" which is much as if He said, "Whoever wishes to have good fruits must first begin with the tree and make that right." Similarly, whoever wants to do what is good must not begin with the actions, but with the person who does them. But nothing makes that person good except his faith, and nothing makes that person evil except his unbelief. It is true, of course, that his conduct makes a man appear either good or evil in other men's eyes, i.e., it shows who is outwardly devout or sinful. Thus Christ said, in Matthew 7: "By their fruits you shall know them." But all that is a matter of appearance and outward show. This outward show leads many people astray. They write and teach that we must do meritorious works and so become godly, but they never give a thought to faith. They go on in that way, and one blind man leads another. They load themselves with many duties, and yet never reach the real religion of which Paul speaks in 2 Timothy 3: "They have an appearance of godliness, but the foundation is not there. They go away, and learn more and more, and yet never come to knowledge of true godliness." He who does not wish to go astray with those blind people must look beyond the works, the

commandments, and the doctrines concerning what a man must do. A man must look into his own heart before everything else, and see how it may become godly. But the heart becomes devout and is saved, not by commandments or works, but by the word of God, that is, by His promise of grace, and by faith. In this way, His divine honor will stand firm, and He will save us, not by what we do, but by His gracious word. He will do it freely and out of pure mercy.

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