

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (JUNE 8)!

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 Vacation Bible School team!

Summer Sermon Series! This summer, Pastor will be preaching on the Petitions of the Lord's Prayer. Titles for upcoming June sermons are: June 10-11, "Holy, Holy, Holy"; June 17-18, "God's Rule"; June 24-25, "In Charge?"

Summer Bible Class! Pastor John is teaching a Bible Class on the Book of James, titled, "James - Salt, Light and Leaven." This Sunday there will be no class, due to the Special Voters Meeting at 11:00 a.m. The class will resume in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, June 18 at 10:30, 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 will be available beginning June 17 in the narthex, and next week we will send a link to the survey in the Happenings. Thank you!

The Funeral Service for Nadine Ginkel will be here at Ascension this Saturday, June 10 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a meal.

The Funeral Service for Eileen Brinkman will be here at Ascension on Tuesday, June 20 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a meal.

The Funeral Service for Elle Lambert will be here at Ascension on Saturday, July 29, at 11:00, followed by a meal.

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

Here's your invitation to sing, ring, or play an instrument on a Saturday/Sunday during the summer to provide "special music" for the services. You can do this by yourself as a solo or join with others for a duet, a trio, a quartet or any combination you might come up with. Let Mike Zehnder know if there's a date you'd like to cover during the summer at musicmikealc@gmail.com.

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.

Forté Handbells – Thank You for An Amazing Response!

Last Saturday night the Ascension Life Enrichment Series sponsored a very energetic, entertaining, and technically brilliant concert by the Amazing Forté Handbells Quartet! More than 90 people from Ascension as well as other congregations and the general

public attended. Our next event will be in August, when we will host the international children's group, His Little Feet, to Ascension.

THANK YOU for your enthusiastic support!!

Do you have a Summer Date to Celebrate? Beginning this Sunday, "Coffee Under the Trees" is BACK for the summer! There are still two Sundays available: July 9 and August 6! 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.

Vacation Bible School!!! We have 68 kids registered and 40 helpers this year!!

This year Vacation Bible School returned to its 5-day schedule ... and the out-of-this-world theme for 2023 is "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light!" We have had a great week together, with a water rocket launch, Stellar Bible Adventures, Imagination Station crafts, All Star games, cinema and music, and Galactic Snacks! As our service project we have been gathering funds to buy Bibles for children around the world through Operation Kid-to-Kid! Everyone is invited to our Fabulous VBS Closing Carnival tomorrow at 11:30 a.m.!!!

The Weekly Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will resume their study this 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.

Study on Wednesday Mornings: Pastor Don Ginkel will resume his study of "The End Times" this Wednesday morning, June 14. 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 will start our study of Exodus on Saturday, June 17th 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? Beginning in retirement, you may begin spending down retirement accounts into which you have been placing assets throughout your working life. This spending down of one financial asset, relative to another asset, can create imbalance in the way you wish to disperse God's gifts when He calls you home. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can assist in creating an overview of all your beneficiary designations. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Mavis Slifka, who will have surgery on June 16; For Colin Brinkman and Cynthia Snyder and their families, following the death of their mother, Eileen Brinkman, on June 2; For Deb Shiflet, who will have knee replacement surgery on Monday, June 12; For Mary Fergesen, Karen Engle's mother, for kidney complications; For Claudia Gray, daughter of longtime member Edith Cushman. Claudia is being treated at UC Health – Highlands Ranch Hospital for a brain tumor. For Lyndsey Weyker, granddaughter of Jim and Jude Donovan, and for increased nourishment for her unborn baby. Lyndsey is 34 weeks pregnant. For Melanie Bard's Aunt June and her family, at the death of her husband, Ron; For Pastor Don Ginkel and his family, at the passing of his wife Nadine on June 3; For the family and friends of Elle Lambert, who passed away on May 28; For Mike Zehnder and his family, at the death of his Aunt Janie Bowen, in Oregon; For Oliver Rentmeester, 5-year-old cousin of Charlene Auten; 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 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 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 Clyde and Ruth Wiggins, in joyful celebration of their 58th 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, 6/3	4:00 pm	63	
Sunday, 6/4	8:00 am	121	Total: 184

Online Views (as of June 5) for May 28: 160 views

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, June 10 – Sunday, June 18):

Sat. (6-10)	11:00 a.m.	Funeral Service for Nadine Ginkel
	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
Tues. (6-13)	9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
Weds. (6-14)	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (6-15)	9:00 a.m.	Foundation Meeting
	1:30 p.m.	Koinonia
Sat. (6-17)	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (6-18)		FATHER'S DAY
	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – Hermsmeyer Family
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, May 27-28	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$276,000.00
Received Amount	\$11,828.00	\$290,166.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$125.00	\$46,169.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$11,605.28

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Revelation 14-16 on Sharper Iron's "Come Lord Jesus!" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), finish 1 Samuel and begin 2 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study Chief Article 1: God in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (6/17 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or the KFUE Radio app!

Church Library Corner:

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

21. But none of these works must be done under the impression that a man becomes devout in God's sight thereby. Faith cannot tolerate this false view; for faith alone is, and cannot be anything else than, godliness in God's sight. Works must be understood only in the sense that doing them makes the body obedient and keeps it clean from its evil desires; and the eye may only look on evil desires in order to drive

them out. Through faith, the soul is made pure, and caused to love God; yet she wishes that all things were pure, especially her own body, and that everyone loved and praised God along with her. Thus, for his own body's sake, man may not be idle. He must do many good deeds in order to constrain it. Nevertheless the deeds are not the real essence of being good, and it is not true that they make a man dutiful and righteous before God. Rather he does them voluntarily and freely, out of love, in order to please God. His only object is to seek to do what pleases God, whose will he gladly does as well as ever he can. As a consequence, such a man can form his own rule and judge for himself about mortifying his body; for he will fast, watch and labor as much as he sees his body needs, in order to neutralize its wantonness. The rest, however, who believe they will become religious by virtue of what they do, pay no attention to the self-discipline, but only to the actions. They believe that, if they only do many impressive works, all is well, and they will be godly. They sometimes go to great trouble, and even harm their bodies in the attempt. But it is undoubtedly very foolish, and a complete misunderstanding of Christian life, to think that they can become religious and be saved by what they do apart from faith.

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