

## **GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (JULY 13)!**

**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 Trustees!

**Summer Sermon Series!** For the next two weekends, Rev. Michael Zehnder will be preaching, while Pastor John is in Mescalero, New Mexico with our youth for their Youth Summer Mission Trip.

**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."

**Thank you** to everyone who donated tools, etc. for the Youth Summer Mission trip to Mescalero, NM next week, July 15-22! The youth will be doing home repairs for the elderly and the disabled. Please pray for the youth, their leaders, and the people we will be serving.

**The Memorial Service for Elle Lambert**, who passed away on May 28, will be here at Ascension on Saturday, July 29 at 11:00 am. A meal will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Elders Survey Question – Thank you for responding!**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our survey about combining the 8:00 and 10:30 am Sunday services (no changes are being considered for the Saturday 4:00 p.m. service). The Elders will discuss the results at their meeting on July 25.

**Project Peter Update!** At the beginning of 2023, we reported that the balance of our Project Peter Capital Campaign Fund was \$48,577.69 – the current balance is just over \$8,000 – *we have paid the loan down by \$40,000 in the first half of this year!!* Will YOU be the person to give the last dollar to eliminate the debt? *Praise be to God!*

**Rental Home Needed:** Lisa O'Neal's daughter, Danielle, needs to find a 2-4 bedroom house to rent in Littleton or Lakewood area. She needs to move out by the end of the month and a house she was looking at fell through. Please call Lisa at 720-980-3750, thank you!

### **Host families needed on August 19-20 for His Little Feet Children's Choir!**

**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 on August 19-20 at the Saturday and Sunday services, brought to you by the Life Enrichment Series.

We are in need of families to host 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](mailto:tom@munson.org)

**Our Rocky Mountain District is privileged to host a visit** from Rev. Dr. Alexy Streltsov, president of the Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk Siberia, on Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 PM, speaking at nearby Peace Lutheran, 5675 Field Street, Arvada. All are welcome to hear how God is working in Russia and surrounding countries even "in such a time as this". A question and answer time will follow his presentation. Refreshments too! Join us.

**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](mailto:Kengle0920@gmail.com).

**Study on Wednesday Mornings:** Pastor Don Ginkel has begun a new study called "Evolution: My Marvelous Body" on Wednesday mornings. We meet from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. in Room 106 to the right of the main entrance. Join us if you can.

**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. In this changing world, we all wonder whether ministries that have been near and dear to us will still be around twenty-five years from now. A good plan for future support of ministry will always include options, in case those ministries of choice are no longer in existence. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you assess if you need those options. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Prayers:** For Lois Brandhorst, who has entered hospice care; For Bernice Arsenault, who has suffered a stroke; For Betty Geisler, mother of John Elliot, who is recovering after a car accident; For Dave Clausen, who had a knee replacement on Wednesday, July 12; For Claudia Gray who has entered hospice care; For Krista Back-Bryan, Anita Baresel's niece, who delivered twins this week. Prayers for the health of her and her daughters; For Julie Fouchy, Sharon Seible's mother, who is hospitalized at Swedish; For Bob Stamp, who has weakness in his legs, and is at Julia Temple Rehab in Englewood; For Pam Poseley and the Wendelken family, at the death of Pam's father, Jim Wendelken; For Corrine Carlevato, who is at Mill Vista; For Harold Smith, Scott Luethy's stepfather, who has had pneumonia; and for his wife Sandra Smith, Scott's mother; 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 our youth and leaders as they travel and work in Mescalero, NM for the Mission Trip; For peace in Ukraine and throughout the world; For our country; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving** for Sandy Langrehr, who is celebrating the birth of a grandson, Jaxon. From Athenia Michel, whose last radiation treatment was July 11!

**I wish to thank you** for the prayers, cards, flowers and encouragement which you gave to Nadine during her four years of sickness. You are very kind. Special thanks to Pastor Larson for his service. Church Press will be sold this weekend. My new email

address: donaldginkel@gmail.com and my new phone number is 720-693-3283.  
Pastor Don Ginkel

**Flowers on the Altar** are given by Tanya and Jim Schmitt, with gratitude and in joyful celebration of Tanya's 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Service Time</u></b>	<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	
Saturday, 7/8	4:00 pm	56	
Sunday, 7/2	9:00 am	134	Total: 186

**Online Views** (as of July 11) for July 2: 152 views.

**Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, July 15 – Sunday, July 23):**

Sat. (7-15)	12:00 p.m.	Youth Depart for Mission Trip at Mescalero, New Mexico
	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (7-16)	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – Sponsored by the Trustees
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
Tues. (7-18)	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (7-19)	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Sat. (7-22)	6:00 p.m.	Youth Return from Mission Trip in Mescalero, NM
	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (7-23)	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – Sponsored by the Lawrenzes
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

**Stewardship:**

<b>2023</b>	Sat/Sun, July 8-9	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$336,000.00
Received Amount	\$11,488.00	\$341,621.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$140.00	\$49,322.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$8,052.24

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Begin studying the book of Acts on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study the Psalms in July on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and dig into Augsburg Confession Articles 6 & 7 on The Church on Concord Matters (7/22 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs 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):

26. (there are 30 sections total) All this concerns meritorious works in general and those which a Christian may perform as far as his own self is concerned. But now we would speak of other actions, those which he does in relation to other men. For a man does not live alone, in his own body, but among other men, in the world. Therefore, he cannot remain without works in his contacts with others; he must speak to and cooperate with them, although none of these actions is necessary for his own godliness or salvation. In all such works his will should be subject to no constraint, and should only be directed to the way in which he may serve other people, and be helpful to them. He should have no other thought than what is needful to others. That would mean living a true Christian life; and that is the way in which faith proceeds to work with joy and love, as St. Paul teaches the Galatians. Also, in Philipians, after he has taught how they had all grace and sufficiency through their faith in Christ, he teaches them further, and says: "I exhort you by all the comfort which you have by our love towards you, and by all the fellowship which you have with all spiritual and devout Christians, that you would cause my heart altogether to rejoice, by henceforth willing to be all of one mind, and showing love towards each other. Let each serve the other, and each have care, not for himself and his own concerns, but for others and what they need." Consider how clearly Paul thereby depicted the Christian life. All that we do must be designed for the benefit of our neighbor, because each one has sufficient for himself in his faith. Other deeds or another kind of life are unnecessary to himself, and so he may serve his neighbor out of unconstrained love. In addition, St. Paul cites the example of Christ and says: "Have the same mind as you see in Christ who, although He was filled with the divine form and had sufficient for Himself, and His life and works and suffering were not necessary to Him in order that He might become devout and saved, nevertheless, He emptied Himself of all these things, and assumed the form of a servant. He did and suffered everything with no other object than our advantage. Thus, although he was free, for our sakes He became a servant."

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