

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (JULY 20)!

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 Lawrenz family!

Summer Sermon Series! This weekend Rev. Michael Zehnder will be preaching, as Pastor John will be returning late Saturday with the youth from their mission trip in Mescalero, New Mexico.

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.

The Memorial Service for Bernice Arsenault – the date is pending.

The Memorial Service for Lois Brandhorst – the date is pending. We will let you know as soon as possible for both of these dates.

Pastor or Other Ascension Staff Will Never... Ever... email, call or text you directly to ask you to "do them a favor," return their text, or send money or gift cards to ANYONE. The bad actors out there are very clever, let's all be on our guard! Feel free to call us anytime if something seems fishy, 303-794-4636.

Elders Survey Question – Thank you for responding!

Thanks again to everyone for responding to our recent survey about combining 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.

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

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.

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. What if I want to plan a future estate gift to an area of ministry but am unsure whether a specific ministry will be still be in place when the Lord calls me home. A Donor Advised Fund may be the answer to give you flexibility and confidence. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider your options. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Larry Koldeway, who will have a stent put into his coronary artery on Monday, July 24; For Sharon Seible, who has fractures in her feet and ankles after a fall on Tuesday. Sharon will have surgery and in-patient; and for Julie Fouchey, Sharon Seible's mother; For Kathy Kositzke, who had surgery on July 14 for her broken leg; For Joyce Gallagher, whose wrist surgery on July 19 went well; For the family of Lois Brandhorst, who died on July 15; For the family of Bernice Arsenault, who died on July 14; For the family of Claudia Gray, who died on July 14; 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 Bob Stamp, who has weakness in his legs, and is now at Mill Vista in rehab; 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 their leaders, and for the individuals and families who were served during the youth mission trip to Mescalero, NM; 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.

From Pam Poseley: Thank you to my church family for all of the prayers you sent for my father, James Wendelken, in his last days. Thank you also to ladies of the Funeral Reception Committee for their service at my dad's memorial reception.

Happy Birthday to Mary Farley, who will be 96 years old on Wednesday, July 26!

Flowers on the Altar are given by Nancy Lugton, in loving memory of her parents, Charles and Nancy Lugton.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 7/15	4:00 pm	60	
Sunday, 7/16	9:00 am	100	Total: 160

Online Views (as of July 14) for July 9: 157 views.

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, July 22 – Sunday, July 30):

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
Tues. (7-25)	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
Weds. (7-26)	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	4:00 p.m.	Baptism of Callum Harvey Winslow
Sat. (7-29)	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Service for Elle Lambert
	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (7-30)	8:20 a.m.	Agape Praise Team
	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees, sponsored by Eugen and Angel Ihly
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, July 15-16	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$348,000.00
Received Amount	\$8,301.00	\$349,922.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$2,053.00	\$51,357.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$7,052.24

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Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), study Acts 5-8 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and spend Time in the Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUEO Radio app!

Church Library Corner:

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

27. *(there are 30 sections total)* It follows that, like Christ his head, a Christian must let himself be completely and sufficiently content with his faith, always increasing in this which is his life, his religion, and his salvation. It gives him everything that Christ and God possess, as is said above, and also as St. Paul says in Galatians 2: "The life which I now live in the body, I live in the faith of Christ the Son of God." And although he is now quite free, yet a Christian ought voluntarily to make himself a servant and help his neighbor. He should associate and deal with him as God has done with himself through Christ, everything being free, and nothing being sought except to please God. He should therefore think within himself: "Unworthy and guilty man that I am, and without any desert, yet my God, quite freely and out of pure mercy, has given me, in and through Christ, the full wealth of all religion and salvation, so that henceforth I need nothing except faith. So let it be. Yes, for the sake of such a Father, who has heaped upon me His superabundant good things, will I freely, gladly, and without reward, do what pleases Him. To my neighbor, I will be, as a Christian, what Christ has become to me, and do just what I see is needful, helpful, or acceptable to him, for I have enough of all things in Christ through my faith." Lo, that is how love and joy in God flow out of faith, and how love gives rise to a free, eager, and glad life of serving one's neighbor without reward. For just as our neighbor is needy, and requires our excess, so we were needy in God's eyes, and required His grace. Therefore, just as God helped us without payment through Christ, so ought we, through our body and its works, always to help our neighbor. Thus we see that the Christian life is a truly noble life. Unhappily it is now not merely held in poor esteem everywhere, but is neither known nor preached any longer.

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