

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (JULY 27)!

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 Eugen and Angel Ihly!

August 6 - Coffee Under the Trees: As of today, we don't have anyone signed up to provide goodies next Sunday morning. Please call the church office at 303-794-4636 if you would like to do that. The rest of the summer is "spoken for," thank you!

Summer Sermon Series! The title of Pastor John's sermon this weekend is "Standing Strong", based Matthew 6:13. Next week's sermon theme is "An Evil Voice Silenced," based on the 7th Petition and Conclusion of the Lord's Prayer.

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."

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

The Memorial Service for Lois Brandhorst is scheduled for this Monday, July 31st at 11:00 a.m. A meal will follow the service.

The Memorial Service for Bernice Arsenault is scheduled for Saturday, September 9 at 11:00 a.m. A meal will follow the service.

The high school youth, Pastor John, Michelle Kableman, and Stephanie returned safely from their summer mission trip to Mescalero, NM! It was an amazing, unforgettable experience serving the Mescalero tribe, being in worship, leading devotions, and interacting with 300 other high schoolers. Thank you so much for your prayers, your support, and your donations! You're invited to hear about their trip and watch a slideshow on **Sunday, August 13th** in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am.

Back to school youth event! 6th-12th graders are invited to a youth ministry fall planning meeting on **August 20th** at 10:30am. Afterwards, we'll head to Pirates' Cove for an afternoon of swimming, slides, food, and fun! Bring \$ for lunch, swimsuit, sunscreen, and towel! **Please RSVP** to Stephanie at stephanieroettjer@gmail.com!

Fall Worship Schedule

Thank you for your votes and your thoughtful responses during the recent Elders Survey. After considering your opinions, the Elders have decided to return to the 8:00 and 10:30 am worship schedule on Sunday mornings for the fall, beginning on Sunday, September 10. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School will return to 9:15 a.m. beginning that day also. Saturday afternoon worship services will continue to be at 4:00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: The 3:00 pm Bible Study of Exodus on Saturday, July 29th will be taking the week off, as Curt and Karen will be out of town. The study will resume on

August 5th and they eagerly welcome new participants! Email Curt at Kengle0920@gmail.com.

Study on Wednesday Mornings: Pastor Don Ginkel's study is 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.

Update – Hosts needed for only Saturday night, August 19 for the 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 ONLY ONE NIGHT, Saturday, August 19, 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

From Pastor Mike Paulison at Mission Experience Haiti Thank you all for your generous support of Mission Experience with your donations. The trailer is almost completely filled. This time there are no extra items. Every item in this 40-foot trailer is for something vital. We plan to lock the doors on August 1st and then start the long process of sending it to Haiti. Prayer are appreciated. The goal is to have it arrive in September, and some of us hopefully will be there to unload it. We need prayers for safety in this entire process. Thank you so much for being part of this ministry. You are a vital part of what we are doing. Blessings!

WESTERN WELCOME WEEK IS COMING!! Events begin on Friday evening, August 11 with a family concert and new laser show at Sterne Park, from 5:30-10:00 pm! You can find the event schedule for the week at <https://www.westernwelcomeweek.org>

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. The probability of change should not keep us from making plans. If you would like to make gifts to ministry by simple bequest, the LCMS Foundation can create a gift letter that you sign and date, that indicates your ministry distributions. If you change your mind in the future, you don't have to redo legal documents or beneficiary designations. You just ask the Foundation for a new gift letter. This can uncomplicate gifting in a changing world. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor is ready to help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Jan Burmeister and her family, at the death of her godson, Michael Paradise, on July 22; For Sally Atchison, who fell and broke her hip on Saturday, July 15. She is now home following a successful surgery; For Francy, Mike Zehnder's sister-in-law, who is recovering from major abdominal surgery; and for her husband Tim; For Henry Kerluke, at St. Anthony's for gall bladder issues; For Shirley Nichols; For Larry Koldeway, who will need cardiac bypass surgery; For Sharon Seible, who will have surgery on her left foot on Thursday, July 27 for multiple fractures after a fall; For

Kathy Kositzke; 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 Lynn Hendrickson; For the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, as they convene in Milwaukee from July 29 to August 3; 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 Jan Burmeister: Thank you to everyone for your prayers for my godson, Michael Paradise, during his long battle with brain cancer. He will be much missed.

Flowers on the Altar are given by Larry Nisbet, in joyful celebration of Ruth's 80th birthday on July 31st!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 7/22	4:00 pm	60	
Sunday, 7/23	9:00 am	126	Total: 186

Online Views (as of July 25) for July 16: 148 views.

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, July 29 – Sunday, August 6):

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 Class
Mon. (7-31)	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Service for Lois Brandhorst
Tues. (8-1)	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (8-2)	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Sat. (8-5)	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (8-6)	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, July 22-23	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$360,000.00
Received Amount	\$7,025.00	\$356,947.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$816.60	\$52,174.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$7,052.24

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Church Library Corner:

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

28. (there are 30 sections total) Accordingly, we read in Luke 2 that the Virgin Mary went to church, after six weeks, for her purification according to the law, like all other women, although she was not unclean like them, nor under the same obligation of purification; nor did she need it. But she did it voluntarily, out of love, that she might not look down upon other women, but remain on the level with the rest. Similarly also, St. Paul had St. Timothy circumcised not because it was necessary, but lest he gave cause to Jews weak in faith to think evil thoughts. On the other hand, he refused to allow Titus to be circumcised because some urged that he must needs be circumcised, and that it was necessary for salvation. And when toll was required of His disciples (Matthew 17), Christ discussed with St. Peter whether the children of the king were not free from paying toll. Yet when St. Peter agreed, He told him to go to the sea, and said: "Lest we vex them, go and take the first fish you catch, and you will find a penny in its mouth; pay it for me and you." That is a notable example of the case in point, for Christ called Himself and His disciples free children of the king, under no compulsion; and yet He voluntarily submitted. He acted as a subject and paid toll. Now just to the extent that that act was necessary to Christ, and of use to His own godliness or salvation, so all His other deeds, and the deeds of His Christian followers, are necessary for their salvation. But this means that everything will be done freely, and only to please and benefit others. Therefore all that is done by the priests, monasteries, and religious foundations should be done in a similar manner. Let each one discharge the duties of his rank or order, only to assist others, to discipline his own body, or to give an example to others in mastering their own bodies as they find it necessary. But all the time we must beware lest we suppose ourselves to become devout or attain salvation by doing so, for that is within the power of faith alone. St. Paul also teaches in Romans 13 and Titus 3 that we should be subject and well-disposed to the secular power, not for the sake of becoming godly by these means, but that we may freely serve our neighbors and the authorities, and do their will in love and freedom. Those who have this understanding of things can easily find their right attitude to the numberless rules and regulations of the pope, of bishops, of monasteries, of religious houses, of princes and lords, regulations which certain foolish prelates press on us as if they were needful to salvation. These are called laws of the church, although unjustifiably. But a free Christian says: "I will fast and pray, I will do this or that as is commanded, not because I need to do so, or would thereby become devout or attain salvation; but I will comply with the will of the pope, the bishop, the ordinary priest, or

my fellow man, as if he were my master. I will set an example, and do a service, just because Christ did and suffered much greater things for my sake, although it was far less needful for Him to do so. And, although the tyrants do injustice in requiring such a thing, nevertheless it does not hurt me so long as it is not against God's will."

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