

## **GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (JULY 6)!**

**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 Pastor John and his wonderful wife, Marilyn!

**Summer Sermon Series!** This summer, Pastor is preaching on the Petitions of the Lord's Prayer. This week is "Forgiven and Forgiving." 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."

**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), 9 paint roller handles, 1 paint trays with liner, 13 paint scrapers, and 10 Home Depot orange buckets.

Please contact Stephanie for more information at [stephanie.roettjer@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.roettjer@gmail.com).

### **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.

**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 balance for this week 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!*

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

**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)

**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 off the parking lot. Join us if you can.

**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.

**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](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**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!

**Prayers:** For Pam Poseley and the Wendelken family, at the death of Pam's father, Jim Wendelken, on Monday, July 3; For Lois Brandhorst, who has entered hospice care; For Harold Smith, Scott Luethy's stepfather, who is at Swedish Hospital with pneumonia; and for his wife Sandra Smith, Scott's mother, whose memory struggles are magnified by Hal's being away; For Flo Westra, and her family, at the death of her husband Larry, on Tuesday, June 27; 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 our youth and leaders as they travel to Mescalero, NM for the Mission Trip; 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 Jude Donovan:** Josh and Lindsay's newborn son, Chase Donovan Weyker, was born Saturday July 1st. Praise the Lord for Chase as he is fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God. Thank you for your prayers and may they continue.

**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 Chuck and Gloria Mielke's 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary, on July 10; and for Tom and Dawn Munson's 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, on July 7<sup>th</sup>!

**Happy Birthday** to Melanie Bard, who will be celebrating her 60th birthday on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>!

**Flowers on the Altar** are given by Ed and Carrie Friend, in joyful celebration of their 15<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Service Time</u></b>	<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	
Saturday, 7/1	4:00 pm	83	
Sunday, 7/2	9:00 am	129	Total: 212

**Online Views** (as of July 5) for June 25: 188 views.

**Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, July 8 – Sunday, July 16):**

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
Mon. (7-10)	11:00 a.m.	Funeral Service for Larry Westra
Tues. (7-11)	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral Service for Jim Wendelken
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
Weds. (7-12)	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (7-13)	9:30 a.m.	Foundation Meeting
Fri. (7-14)	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Group
Sat. (7-15)	12:00 p.m.	Youth Depart on Mission Trip to Mescalero, NM

	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

### **Stewardship:**

<b>2023</b>	Sat/Sun, July 1-2	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$324,000.00
Received Amount	\$13,412.00	\$330,133.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$670.00	\$49,182.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$8,052.24

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Study "New Obedience" in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (7/15 at 10:00 a.m. CT), study 2 Samuel 20-24 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and continue studying the Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

### **Church Library Corner:**

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

25. (there are 30 sections total) From all this it is easy to understand how meritorious works are to be condemned, and how they are not to be condemned; and also how one must understand all doctrines enjoining meritorious works. For, wherever are found the false addition and the perverse opinion that we become devout and are saved by means of our conduct, this is already far from good, and quite to be condemned; for a life of that kind is not free, and it contemns the grace of God. This grace alone makes men religious and saves them through faith. Works cannot do this; nevertheless they propose to do it, and in this way attack grace in its work and in its honor. Thus we condemn works of merit, not for their own sakes, but because of the evils they bring in, and their false perverse tendency to appear good in a way in which they are not good. Thus these people deceive themselves and everyone else at the same time, like ravening wolves in sheep's clothing. But that evil addition and that false tendency on the part of meritorious works are insuperable unless faith be present. This is of necessity the experience of those people who are "sanctified" by works, until faith comes and destroys the edifice. Nature by herself can neither cure nor even recognize the evil. She holds the appearance of good as precious and blessed, and

thereby many are led astray. On that account, although it is good to write and preach about repentance, confessions, and restitution, yet, if one does not go on to deal with faith, they are simply impious and seductive doctrines. We must preach neither one nor the other alone, but both together. We must preach the word of God and the commandments of God, to alarm sinners, and make their sins plain so that they repent and are converted. But we must not stop there. We must also preach the second word, the promise of grace, and teach the faith without which commandments, repentance, and everything else is useless. There are some preachers, of course, who preach repentance from sin and proclaim grace; but they do not emphasize the commandments and promise of God for us to learn either whence or how repentance and grace do come. For repentance flows from the commandments of God, and faith flows from His promises. Thus a man who is cast down by fear of the commandments of God, and so has reached knowledge of Him, is justified and exalted by faith in the divine word.

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