

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (August 10)!

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 Edna and Linda Achziger!

This Sunday during the Education Hour at 10:30 a.m., please join the high school youth and Stephanie as they share a presentation about their mission trip to Mescalero, New Mexico!

Next Sunday, August 20, at 10:30, Mike Hahn, from the international children's choir group His Little Feet will tell us about their ministry through music.

Pastor's Bible class on the Book of James will resume on **Sunday, August 27** at 10:30 a.m.

Grandparents/Parents: Pick up your **back-to-school prayer guide!** Filled with Scripture readings, prayers, and a devotional thought. Pray for your grandchildren or your child/ren as they look forward to getting back to school this fall. Prayer guides will be available in the narthex.

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! **MUST RSVP** to Stephanie at stephanieroettjer@gmail.com!

Mamas' Coffee Connect! We are excited to start a new group for mamas! This will take the place of our MOPS group that met in the past. This is for all moms with kids at home! We will meet the second Monday of each month through the school year from 9:30 - 11:30 am! Our first meeting is on Monday, September 11th! Come for some mama time with devotions, crafts, food, and, of course, coffee! There will be childcare for children who are infant through age 5! Please join us and bring a friend! Contact Jenna Lawrenz at jenna.lindeman@cune.org with any questions!

EDP News: Recently Kelly Lafferty has told us that she will be resigning as the Director of the Extended Day Preschool at Ascension. Kelly will begin pursuing a degree that will assist her to work with children with autism. Her son, Declan, has autism. During the last three years that Kelly has been our Director, we have seen great growth in the numbers of families involved in the preschool program. We also have grown from a three-day a week school to a five-day program. We will miss her leadership and enthusiasm. The Church Council has appointed a committee to begin searching for candidates to serve as Director of the Preschool at Ascension.

Project Peter Update: At the August meeting, Church Council voted to use remaining funds in the Project Peter account, plus additional funds from last year's budget surplus, to pay off the LCEF loan for the West Wing Renovation. The adjustable rate loan balance was down to roughly \$5,200.00.

The Project Peter capital account will remain open for donations as we begin planning for two upcoming major projects on the property. First, the roofs will need replacement due to recent hail damage. An insurance claim will be filed and hopefully fund the bulk of that cost. Secondly, the Bell Tower structure is in disrepair and needs to be restored. We thank everyone for their generous assistance in paying off our renovation loan early.

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.

Meal Train for the Seibles: Since Sharon Seible has broken both of her feet, she is unable to put weight on her feet for about 4 weeks, so I have set up a Meal Train page for them. You will find a calendar that allows you to sign up to provide a meal for them on a particular day. Here is a link to the page - [Meal Train for Seibles](#). Click on the link (or type <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1e501w> into your browser) and then on the *View All Details* button in the Recipient Info box. This will display the details on foods they like or don't like.

If you would like to have me enter a donation for you, please contact me, Ann Kaneko (kanekoa@comcast.net, cell - 720.289.6782).

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'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.

August 19 & 20 –His Little Feet Children's Choir at Ascension! [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. As of today, we have all the volunteers we need to host the choir members and staff members overnight on August 19! THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!

John Deere Snow Blower for Sale: Model 1032, like new condition, \$650.00. Please contact the church office, 303-794-4636.

Yamaha Baby Grand Piano Free to someone who is passionate about the instrument, and can take care of it. Please contact Marilyn Thomas at marilynthomas875@gmail.com

New Church Email Address: Please note (and spread the word) that our church email address is now office@alutheran.org, thank you.

WESTERN WELCOME WEEK IS HERE!! Events begin tomorrow 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>

All assets within your estate are God's gifts which you will be gifting to family and ministry when the Lord calls you home. It is good to learn how to pray for those who will be receiving these gifts. Often, God's people make decisions about estate gifts to ministry without deep consideration. Who are the people who will be touched by the Gospel because of these gifts? Imagine those ministry moments. Pray for them. Ask the Lord to grow His Kingdom. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you articulate these purposes. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Crystal Sundet, who is having surgery on her colon today, August 10; For Larry Koldeway, who is having stents surgery today, August 10; For Del Grau's friend, Bruce Vanderberg, who is in the hospital being treated for West Nile; For Joanne Sorrentino, who will have surgery on her back tomorrow, August 11; For Ashley Boeding and Michael Caulley, who will be married on Saturday, August 26; For Lorraine Winckler, who will have a knee replacement on her left knee on Tuesday, August 22; For Jim Hayden; For Irina Manata's son and his current work situation. He is facing a significant amount of adversity. Pray that the Lord would give him and his mother wisdom to do His will and not rely their own; For Dennis and Joyce Lord's son and daughter-in-law, Jeremy and Meghan Lord, who lost their unborn baby on August 3. Pray that they allow themselves the grace to let this tragedy go from their hearts. For Rick Westra, who has many health issues; For Gloria Nielsen and her family, at the death of her grandson, Jacob; For Stephanie Roettjer's father, David Stocker, who is recovering from triple bypass surgery in Wisconsin; and for her mother, Gwen; For Sally Atchison, recovering from hip surgery; For Sharon Seible, recovering from surgery on her foot, and healing from broken bones in both feet; 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.

Happy Anniversary to Robert and Valorie Flickinger, celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 11; to Harvey and Sally Atchison, also celebrating their 66th Wedding Anniversary on August 11; Bob and Sharon Seible, who will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on August 16!

Thank You! Thank you for all of your prayers for our young grandson Ethan, who has been treated for cancer for many months. He has received successful treatment from doctors and staff at Children's Hospital and is now free of cancer, thankfully. We are so grateful for the love and support of our church community.
-Jeannette and Don Nelson

Thank you from Mavis Slifka: Thank you to everyone for all of your prayers during my recovery from surgery, and for all the cards and kind thoughts over these last few months. I am feeling stronger every day!

From Carolyn Helstrom: Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, and kind thoughts over these last weeks as I have been recovering from my foot surgery. I am getting around much better now!

Flowers on the Altar are given by Valorie and Robert Flickinger, in joyful celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 11!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 8/5	4:00 pm	80	
Sunday, 8/6	9:00 am	147	Total: 227

Online Views (as of August 8) for July 30: 154 views.

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, August 12 – Sunday, August 20):

Sat. (8-12)	8:30 a.m.	Stephen Ministry
	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry
	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (8-13)	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – sponsored by Linda and Edna Achziger
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Presentation of Mission Trip
Tues. (8-15)	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (8-16)	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Fri. (8-18)	9:30 -11:00 a.m.	Preschool Open House and Parent Orientation
Sat. (8-19)	4:00 p.m.	Worship with His Little Feet International Children's Choir
Sunday (8-20)	9:00 a.m.	Worship with His Little Feet International Children's Choir
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – sponsored by Pastor Don Ginkel and Church Press, Inc.
	10:30 a.m.	Presentation on <i>His Little Feet</i> Children's Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Fall Planning Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Back to School Activity – Pirates' Cove

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, August 5-6	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$384,000.00
Received Amount	\$13,613.00	\$374,559.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$151.00	\$52,745.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$0.00

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Acts 15-18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Ecclesiastes 7-9 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and dig into Repentance in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (8/19 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

Church Library Corner:

Today we conclude our reading of *The Freedom of a Christian*, by Martin Luther.

30. From all the foregoing, the conclusion follows that a Christian lives not in himself, but in Christ and his neighbor; in Christ by faith and in his neighbor by love. By faith he rises above himself unto God; from God he stoops below himself by love, and yet he remains always in God and in divine love, just as Christ says in John I: "You will see the heavens open and the angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." Yes, that is the true, spiritual and Christian freedom. It liberates our hearts from all sins, laws, and commandments. It exceeds all other freedom as much as heaven the earth. God grant that we rightly understand and retain this freedom. Amen.

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