

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (August 17)!

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 Don Ginkel.

This Sunday during the Education Hour at 10:30 a.m., Mike Hahn, from the international children's choir group His Little Feet will tell us about their ministry through music.

Next Sunday, August 27, at 10:30, Pastor will resume teaching his Bible class on the Book of James.

On Thursday, August 17th, in a private ceremony, Larisa Nielson, was received into Communicant Membership at Ascension. Larisa, her husband Graham, and their newborn son, George have been coming at Ascension over the past two years. Larisa has been active in the Ascension Chorale, the Gloria Dei Ringers and taught Sunday School prior to George's birth. But the Nielsens will be with us only a few more weeks. They will be moving to Oregon by the end of August. This allows them to be close to Graham's family and allows him to be closer to the various airports from which he pilots the planes. We are happy that they have been with us, and we pray God's grace on their future.

This Weekend! 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 at the Saturday and Sunday services, brought to you by the Life Enrichment Series! *Prepare to be amazed and inspired!!*

BIG celebration planned for September 10th!! *Did you know that June 19 marked Pastor John's 40th year in ministry?* We're going to celebrate this as well as the start of Sunday school and have a VBS reunion party!

Also, 3rd graders will receive their Bibles and confirmands will get their small catechisms during the church service. We'll have a wonderful picnic lunch at 12 pm with fried chicken, a dunk tank, and an inflatable obstacle course!!

If your last name begins with A-M, bring a side; N-Z, bring a dessert. Sign-up on the bulletin board. Any questions, contact Stephanie, stephanieroettjer@gmail.com
Thanks!

Want to try something new? Our bell choir is looking for a few new ringers!

If you can count and have good hand-eye coordination, you can do this! Swing your hands and arms to the glory of God and team with others to make magnificent sonorous sounds! Ascension has five octaves of handbells and three octaves of handchimes and plays in service approximately once a month. Rehearsals are 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, starting September 6th. For more information, contact Stephanie, stephanieroettjer@gmail.com

WANT TO SING (OR PLAY) ON A PRAISE TEAM?

The Youth Praise Team (for youth and young adults) and the Agape Praise Team (for adults) are looking for interested singers and instrumentalists. If you like contemporary music and can sing in tune or if you play an instrument such as guitar, drums, sax maybe this could be an area of your service to the Lord. Youth Praise Team sings on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and Agape leads worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. For the youth team, see Stephanie Roettjer (stepanieroettjer@gmail.com) or for Apage see Michael Zehnder (musicmikealc@gmail.com). The Praise Teams lead the contemporary worship at the 10:30 service starting September 17.

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 this Sunday, **August 20th** at 10:30 am. 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!

Do you know of someone grieving the death of a spouse? A friend, a relative, maybe you are the griever...if so, you know that the life of a surviving spouse has changed forever. The new Grief Support Team at Ascension Lutheran Church is conducting a one-day, two-hour seminar **LOSS OF A SPOUSE** on Saturday, September 16, 10:00 AM-Noon. There is no cost and child care is available. This seminar provides practical advice from others who've been there; what to expect in your grief; how to cope with life without your spouse; and how to find God's comfort, peace, and hope. This Seminar is part of a nondenominational program, GriefShare, offered by local churches throughout the nation. People of all faiths (or none) are welcome and will feel comfortable attending. For more information or to register, see www.griefshare.org or call/email Sherry Hitztaler at 303-913-0846, or hitz2@comcast.net

EDP News: On September 15, Kelly Lafferty will be leaving her position as the Director of the Extended Day Preschool to pursue a degree that will enable her to work with children with 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.

Readers / Lectors Needed: If you would like to assist in worship services by reading aloud the Bible readings, please let us know and we will add you to our Lector List. Lectors are especially needed for the 10:30 Sunday service. For the 4:00 Saturday and 10:30 Sunday services it is helpful (but not required) for the Lector to also assist Pastor and the Elder with serving communion. If you are interested, please contact the church office office@alutheran.org or call us at 303-794-4636.

Meal Train for the Seibles: All of the requests on Meal Train for the Seibles have been filled! Thank you so much to all who have participated. Sharon is still unable to put any weight on her left foot but she has a boot on it now. Pastor Bob and Sharon are so grateful for your help and the wonderful, delicious food. They feel so very blessed! – Ann Kaneko

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.

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!! You can find the event schedule for this 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. Aiming gifts at people or ministries with whom the Lord has engaged you regularly in life is the opportunity to make this gifting personal. If there has been a specific ministry for which you have volunteered, make a gift. If there is a specific family member who has special needs, make a gift. Then remember to pray for these specific things, thanking God for your involvement with them. 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 Mary Wing, who has been very ill; For Crystal Sundet, who is recovering at home after colon surgery; For Larry Koldeway, recovering from stents surgery; For Del Grau's friend, Bruce Vanderberg, who is in the hospital being treated for West Nile; For Joanne Sorrentino, who had surgery on her back on 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 Rick Westra, who has many health issues; For Stephanie Roettjer's father, David Stocker, who is recovering from triple bypass surgery in Wisconsin; and for her mother, Gwen; For Sharon Seible, recovering from surgery on her foot, and healing from broken bones in both feet; For peace throughout the world; For our country; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

Happy Birthday to Jerry Gerdes, who will be 85 years old on Friday, August 18. May our gracious God continue to grant him and his family many blessings!

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

Flowers on the Altar are given by Edna and Linda Achziger, in loving memory of Carla Achziger and Lloyd Winn.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 8/12	4:00 pm	62	
Sunday, 8/13	9:00 am	155	Total: 217

Online Views (as of August 15) for August 6: 160 views.

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, August 19 – Sunday, August 27):

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 in the Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Fall Planning Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Back to School Activity – Pirates' Cove
Mon. (8-21)	9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Welcome Back! Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (8-22)	9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
Weds. (8-23)	9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Abuse Awareness Training for Volunteers
Thurs. (8-24)	9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Fri. (8-25)	9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Sat. (8-26)	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (8-27)	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – sponsored by Social Ministry
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, August 12-13	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$396,000.00
Received Amount	\$22,768.00	\$397,327.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$375.00	\$53,120.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$0.00

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