

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (August 24)!

Summer Worship Worship times are 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. on Sundays through Labor Day weekend. At 10:15 join us for Coffee Under the Trees, sponsored this week by Pastor Don Ginkel.

This Sunday, August 27, at 10:30, Pastor will resume his Bible class on the Book of James. On Sunday, September 10, at 9:15 a.m., Pastor will begin a study on the Book of Daniel.

This Sunday, we will celebrate the Baptism of Ensley Reagan Civilla, daughter of Adam and Jules Eickmann Civilla. Blessings to little Ensley and her family!

Fall Worship Schedule

On Sunday morning, September 10, we will return to the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship schedule. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School will meet at 9:15 a.m. beginning that day. Saturday afternoon worship services will be at 4:00 p.m.

The Memorial Service for Mary Wing will be on Saturday, September 2 at 11:00 a.m. A meal will follow the service.

The Memorial Service for Bernice Arsenault will be in the Columbarium on Saturday, September 9 at 11:00 a.m. There will be a meal on the lawn following the service.

The Hands All Around Sewing Crafts Sale is coming to Ascension! Mark your calendars for Friday, September 8 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 9, from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m., when Ascension will host the Littleton Hands All Around charity sewing group for its annual sale in the Fellowship Hall! This is an exciting opportunity to see and purchase these fine, locally-handmade items, and we anticipate many attendees from the community for this sale, which has previously been held at the Buck Rec Center.

A BIG celebration is 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!

At their meeting on Tuesday, August 22, the Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors gave their approval to Ascension's new Constitution and Bylaws. To get to this point is a great accomplishment resulting from the efforts of many including our entire congregation. Special thanks go to our Constitution Committee, Tim McClaren,

Ed Giesler, Arvin Michel, and Pastor Larson whose time on this project encompassed several years. Thanks also go to our Council and Voters' Assembly who gave their approval to submit our documents to the District.

The next action we must take is to activate our revised system of governance under this approved document and elect officers and assemble the 2024 budget based on it. Watch for upcoming announcements from our President, Tim McClaren, and our Council to accomplish this necessary step.

Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz, the Pastoral Representative from the Denver Southwest Circuit, will be at Ascension on Thursday, September 14, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., to provide a report concerning the recent Synodical Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This gathering is open to all.

Some of the topics Dr. Koontz will cover will be the conversations and decisions made concerning the recent move of Concordia University - Texas to separate from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He will address what this will mean for the governance of the other institutions in the Concordia University System. Dr. Koontz will also address reports about the recruitment of church workers through the Set Apart to Serve (SAS) initiative. He will be available to receive your questions, as well.

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 (stephanieroettjer@gmail.com) or for Agape see Michael Zehnder (musicmikealc@gmail.com). The Praise Teams lead the contemporary worship at the 10:30 service starting September 17.

LIKE TO SING?

Sorry, I wasn't listening for an answer – I was thinking about singing! How about you? Now is the time to quit thinking and just do it! The Ascension Chorale is starting up again. The first rehearsal is on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm, open to all high school age through adults. Questions or want to sign up? Please contact Ann Westra, Choir Director, at annw_music@yahoo.com.

“Singing is one preparation for heaven.” - Joseph Gurney Bevan.

Life Enrichment News – His Little Feet International Choir: A resounding THANK YOU to all those who attended the wonderful His Little Feet program at the worship services last week, especially those who helped set up, hosted the children and their leaders overnight and prepared meals! Contributions toward His Little Feet were \$2,733.00; they are very thankful for your generosity and prayers!

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.

NEW Kid's Group! "KICKS" (Kids in Christ knowing the Savior) is geared towards **3rd-5th graders.** Mark September 24th on your calendar for our first time getting together from 12-1:00 PM. We'll have lunch, play games, and have a devotion. Meet in the youth room! Bring your friends! Questions, contact Stephanie at stephanieroettjer@gmail.com

Sunday Night Live (our middle school/high school youth group night) has been moved to a different time frame due to popular demand! We're going to meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month; first one starting on **Sept. 17th!** Count on lunch, games, and Bible study! 12-1:30 PM. Friends are invited! Contact Stephanie for more information!

The Chosen Series is now on local TV, Channel 2, KWGN, on Sunday night at 8:00 pm. The Chosen is the story of Jesus choosing His Disciples.

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. In addition, co-facilitators Linda Olsen and Sherry Hitztaler will be available for questions after the 4:00 service on August 26 and after the 9:00 service on August 27.

EDP Update: On September 15, Kelly Lafferty will be leaving her position as the Director of the Extended Day Preschool. We will miss her leadership and enthusiasm. The searching for a new Director has begun; there have been many qualified applicants, and interviews are underway.

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.

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 "A study of Spiritism, Satanism, Humanism, Scientology in light of Scripture.

Pastor John's Adult Bible Study on Wednesday Afternoons: On Wednesday, September 10, at 5:00 p.m. Pastor John will begin a study of I Corinthians. All are welcome!

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

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

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 Vicki and Sandra Wing and their family, at the death of their mother, Mary, on August 22; For Ryan O'Byrne, Barb and Wayne Bader's grandson, who had surgery on his stomach this past week; For Jim Hayden, who will have a small part of his lung removed on September 8; For Kim McClaren, who will have her right knee replaced on Tuesday, September 5; For Elizabeth Bible Miller, whose husband, Stephen, died on Friday, August 18. He was 55 years old; For Rick Westra, who will have a tumor removed from his kidney on August 25; For Crystal Sundet, who is back at Littleton Hospital for complications after her recent surgery; For Larry Koldeway, whose stent surgery was postponed for six weeks; For Ashley Boeding and Michael Caulley, who will be married this Saturday, August 26; For Lorraine Winckler, who had

a knee replacement on her left knee on Tuesday, August 22; For Stephanie Roettjer's father, David Stocker, who is doing well after his triple bypass surgery, and has been able to go for walks; Prayers for Stephanie's mother, Gwen, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer; 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Del Grau's friend, Bruce Vanderberg, who has had very serious West Nile virus, but is now home after spending time in the ICU and rehab! Please pray for increased strength as his healing continues.

Flowers on the Altar are given by Nancy Lugton, in joyful celebration of her son Patrick Muldoon's 27th Birthday on August 28!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 8/19	4:00 pm	145	
Sunday, 8/20	9:00 am	192	Total: 337

Online Views (as of August 22) for August 13: 142 views.

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, August 26 – Sunday, September 3):

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
Mon. (8-28)	9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (8-29)	9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (8-30)	9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (8-31)	9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Fri. (9-1)	9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Sat. (9-2)	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Service for Mary Wing
	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (9-3)	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees – sponsored by Stewardship

	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
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Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, August 19-20	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$408,000.00
Received Amount	\$8,313.00	\$405,640.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$248.00	\$53,368.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$0.00

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Begin studying Leviticus on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Acts 22-26 and a special Free Text Friday on Baptism on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study Church Ceremonies and Governance on Concord Matters (9/2 at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!