

## **GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (August 4)!**

**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 Dennis and Joyce Lord, and Fred and Kathleen Wucherpfennig!

**Summer Sermon Series!** The title of Pastor John's sermon this weekend is "An Evil Voice Silenced," based on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Baptism of Callum Harvey Winslow**, the son of Stacey and Sam Winslow, and grandson of Dean and Janet Becker, will be during the 9:00 worship this Sunday. Blessings to the Becker and Winslow families!

**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 13<sup>th</sup>** 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 20<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:stephanieroettjer@gmail.com)!

**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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 one more individual or family 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 [tom@munson.org](mailto:tom@munson.org)

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

**Pastor Ryan Oakes, his wife, Colleen and their son, Maine** will conclude their ministry at Gethsemane in Northglenn this Sunday, August 6. Pastor Oakes has accepted the call to serve as pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Danbury, Connecticut. His wife, Colleen, is the daughter of one of our members, Tricia McCulley.

**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>

**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, people consider inheritance as entitlement. As Christians, we consider it pure grace to provide for family through estate gifts we will give them. What are the purposes for each family member you hope will be accomplished through these gifts? Remember to pray for these purposes, that the Lord's will may be done. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you articulate these purposes. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Prayers:** For Rick Westra, who has many health issues; For Gloria Nielsen's grandson, Jacob, age 16; For Crystal Sundet, who has issues with her colon; For Stephanie Roettjer's father, who will have triple bypass surgery in Wisconsin on Friday, August 4; and for her mother; For Jan Burmeister and her family, at the death of her godson, Michael Paradise, on July 22; For Sally Atchison, is recovering from hip surgery; For Francy, Mike Zehnder's sister-in-law, who is recovering from major abdominal surgery; and for her husband Tim; For Henry Kerluke, in rehab for his gall bladder issues; For Larry Koldeway, who will need cardiac bypass surgery; For Sharon Seible, recovering from surgery on her foot, and healing from broken bones in both feet; For Kathy Kositzke; For Lynn Hendrickson; 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.

**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 Edna and Linda Achziger, in loving memory of Ed Achziger and Bertha Propstein.

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Service Time</u></b>	<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	
Saturday, 7/29	4:00 pm	55	
Sunday, 7/30	9:00 am	116	Total: 171

**Online Views** (as of July 31) for July 23: 154 views.

**Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, August 5 – Sunday, August 13):**

Sat. (8-5)	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (8-6)	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:00 a.m.	Baptism of Callum Harvey Winslow
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees, sponsored by Dennis and Joyce Lord, and Fred and Kathleen Wucherpfennig
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
Tues. (8-8)	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council

Weds. (8-9)	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (8-10)	9:00 a.m.	Foundation Meeting
Fri. (8-11)	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Group
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

### **Stewardship:**

<b>2023</b>	Sat/Sun, July 29-30	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$372,000.00
Received Amount	\$3,999.00	\$360,946.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$420.00	\$52,594.00

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$5,286.62

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### **Church Library Corner:**

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

29. (there are 30 sections total) On this basis, each man may form a sure judgment, and make a clear distinction in regard to all works and laws. He can also tell which prelates are blind and foolish, and which are wise and right-minded. For unless the enjoined works tend to serve another man or to comply with his will, even if they do not compel us to act against God, they are not sound Christian works. Therefore it comes about, I fear, that few religious houses, churches, monasteries, altars, masses, or endowments are Christian; and in particular, the observance of fasts, or the offering of prayers to certain saints. For I fear that, as a rule, each seeks only his own interest, yet believes he is atoning for his sins and being saved. But all this springs from ignorance of the nature of faith and Christian freedom. Certain blind prelates lead the people astray, and praise such doings, pile on indulgences, and never once teach faith. But I advise you if you wish to pray, or fast, or make an endowment, let it not be with the

idea that you will benefit yourself. Rather do it freely in order that others may benefit; do it for their advantage – then you will be a real Christian. What is the value of your property or your merits if they are more than you require to enable you to master and provide for your body? You have a sufficiency in the faith through which God has given you all things. Remember that all the good things of God should flow from one man to another, and become common to all, so that each one may be as concerned for his neighbor as for his own self. All good things come to us from Christ, who has received us into His own life as if He had been what we are. From us they should flow to those who are in need of them. This should be so completely true that I must offer even my faith and righteousness before God on behalf of my neighbor, to blot out his sins, and take them upon myself. I must act as if they were my own, just as Christ has done for us all. Indeed, that is the nature of love if it is real. And it is real if faith is real. Therefore, in 1 Corinthians 13, the holy Apostle says that love is of such a kind that it does not seek its own advantage, but its neighbor's.

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