

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 26)!

Worship and Education Schedule

Worship services are at 4:00 p.m., on Saturdays, and 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Adult Bible Class begins at 9:15 with Pastor's study of I Corinthians. Sunday School classes are at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays.

This Sunday (Oct. 29) in Sunday school, we are having a "Marty Party" in honor of the Reformation for preschool - 6th grades. We will be learning about God's grace through Reformation-based activities and games like making and decorating castles, nailing the 95 theses on the "door," marshmallow hammers, making Luther's seal, and more! See you there!

Trunk or Treat is This Saturday, October 28 from 5:30-7:00 pm. We have 16 individuals, families and groups signed up to decorate their car trunks and hand out candy to the kids! Come and join the fun!



Parking for the 4:00 Service on Saturday Please park on the south side of the building, instead of the parking lot, so we can set up for Trunk or Treat.

Thank you!

Fall Back – Next Sunday, November 5! Please turn your clocks back one hour, you get an extra hour of sleep that night!

Middle school / High school ages are invited to join 8 other Lutheran churches for a "Fun Fall Friday" at Immanuel Loveland on **November 3!** Our combined youth groups will have gym time, dinner, worship, games, and ending with laser tag! Meet at Ascension at 5pm. RSVP with Stephanie at stephanieroettjer@gmail.com.

Blessings to Pastor John and Marilyn and to their family! Pastor and Marilyn are in Minnesota for their granddaughter Grace's Confirmation; they return on November 1st. Welcome Rev. Kelly Crabbe, who will preach this Reformation weekend!

Thank You Again to everyone who made generous gifts in honor of Pastor John's 40th Anniversary of Ordination! The total amount of \$3,825.00 was sent to University Hills Lutheran Church to benefit their building project. God is very good!

Tuna! Tuna! Tuna! This is the last weekend to bring your tuna donations to the box in the narthex for our local food bank, Integrated Family Community Services, IFCS.org. So far we have collected over 700 cans for hungry folks! IFCS is very grateful, and they are calling us the Tuna Church! 😊

All Saints Sunday will be November 4-5. During worship services that weekend, Pastor will read the names of those we have lost since last All Saints Day. If you would like to have a loved one mentioned, please let us know: (a) Their name/s and how you were related; and (b) When they passed away. We will have a Page of Remembrance in the bulletin for loved ones who passed years ago. Please let us know by Monday, October 30. Thank you!

+Calling All Bakers and Crafters!

The Ladies Guild Craft and Bake Sale is just around the corner, on Sunday, November 19! Please consider donating your favorite baked goods and/or crafts for this event. Items are needed by Saturday, November 18th. All proceeds go to our special Mission Projects. Contact Charmaine Rohde if you have questions, 303-618-8889



Extended Day Preschool News!

We are having a spook-tacular week at preschool. 🕸

We are making spiders and ghosts and jack-o-lanterns, oh my! Of course we are looking forward to Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday...stop by to say "hi"!

On Tuesday the preschool will have their little parade and party...and then more trick-or-treating the evening with family and friends (please think of the staff the next day, LOL!). – Meg Stenman, Preschool Director

Calling all young adult (or young at heart) ladies! It's time to get together! Save the date for a special ladies' brunch at Jenna Lawrenz's home. We will be meeting for food, fun, and fellowship on Saturday, November 11th, at 10:30 am. Please RSVP to Jenna at jenna.lindeman@cune.org by Wednesday, November 8th! We want to make sure we have enough food! Invite a friend and join us!

Families of all ages! We're hosting a **Family Photo Scavenger Hunt** on Friday, November 17th at 6:30pm! Don't miss out on this fun opportunity to laugh with your family and create lasting memories! Make sure to bring a phone to capture pictures. There will be prizes and dessert! Questions, ask Stephanie or Jenna.

The Sunday School children are participating in a service project by filling Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children around the world. If you'd like to also be a part of it, we have extra shoeboxes! Please pick up a red and green shoebox beginning this Sunday in Room 106 on the shelf. Instructions and labels are already in the box, secure with a rubber band (not taped). Return by November 12th. Questions, contact Stephanie, stephanieroettjer@gmail.com

Donations to Angel Tree can be made directly to Ascension, marked Angel Tree on the memo line. You can also put a donation in a regular envelope marked Angel Tree in the collection plate, or you may put it in Jude Donovan's mailbox. We are delighted to accept donations throughout October. Heyjude264@aol.com or 303-972-0873 for more info.

The Severe Weather Shelter Network season began this month. Lori Rolling and Ann Kaneko are serving as liaisons for Ascension this year. In preparation for cold weather ahead, we are seeking donations of items the homeless will need.

- Hand warmers - top on the list
- Emergency (mylar) blankets - inexpensive and available online at Amazon, Walmart
- Travel ponchos

If you are able to donate these, you can leave them in the box in the church entryway. Thanks in advance.

Ann Kaneko, kanekoa43@gmail.com, cell - 720.289.6782
Lori Rolling, Rollingbarn@gmail.com. cell- 720-280-5178

Our next GriefShare program, “Surviving the Holidays,”

will be on Saturday, November 4, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00

p.m. at Ascension. “Surviving the Holidays” is for ALL

who have lost a loved one and are dreading the Holidays. Please keep our “Loss of a Spouse” participants and all who have lost a spouse in your prayers. Please register at www.griefshare.org/find_a_group. - Linda Olsen and Sherry Hitztaler



The Lutheran Family Services - Rocky Mountains has launched the Thanksgiving Drive with a new request for pots and pans (new) and kitchen utensils and \$50.00 gift cards so that our families can cook and prepare their own meals and shop for food that fits their needs. Drop off this year will be on November 16 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the LFSRM office – 1035 Osage Street on the first floor. Contact Margo Hatton at 719-250-7491 or margo.hatton@lfsrm.org

SHARING JESUS – It's Important – It's Easy – And Here's How. Written and taught by Pastor Ginkel. Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Room 106. Please join us. Pastor Don's booklet, SHARING JESUS, are available in the narthex as a gift for all worshipers!

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

Mamas' Coffee Connect (MC²)! 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 next meeting will be on **Monday, November 13th!** 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!

Ascension Quilters will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30-3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27. For more information, call Jackie Adams at 303-798-5161.

From Scout Troop 361!

We are starting a Cub Scout Pack here at Ascension. An information meeting will be held here at the church on Monday, October 30 at 5:30 PM.

We are seeking 2-3 adult volunteers and 5-6 boys and girls of kindergarten and 1st grade age to join. Cub scouts have fun participating in den meetings and outings while making memories together. The Cub Scout program forms a strong foundation for a lifetime of fun and meaningful family adventures. The Cubs would meet one Monday evening a month; Please contact Anselm Beatson at 510-333-4339 for more information.

Life is full of milestone events that impact the gifts we plan from our estates.

Just as autumn sunshine shows lengthening shadows, so our lives begin to demonstrate aging. In the confidence of our faith, we face the finite length of days now, with confidence, knowing in Jesus that eternity lies in front of us. Yet when we sense that the later years of our lives will bring great changes, it is a good time to speak with personal representatives (executors), trustees or those who will execute our power of attorney documents, making sure they understand our wishes and pledging to carry them forward, in the faithful stewardship of God's things. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help facilitate these conversations. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Please consider praying with us on Zoom every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. Contact MargoALPasha@yahoo.com

Prayers: For Don and Marilyn Loptien's niece, Lesley, who had her toe amputated on Wednesday. Prayers for healing, as she is a diabetic. For Della Sanchez, at Swedish Hospital; For Lynne Hansen; For Sue Eastridge, who will have knee surgery on November 10; For Bob Yakel, a member of the Heritage Artists group who comes to Ascension each week, and is being treated for melanoma; For Jim Schmitt, who will have back surgery on November 2; For Bob Shiflet, who had a bike accident; For David Stocker, Stephanie Roettjer's father, who is recovering from heart valve replacement surgery in Wisconsin; For Lawrence Brown, who has an infection in his leg; For Jim Bame; For Lee Valdez, who had surgery on his back on Wednesday, October 18; For Bruce Holub, whose knee replacement was postponed due to treatment for melanoma; For Jimmy Anzai; For Doris Kuhlmann; For peace in Israel and Gaza, 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.

Flowers on the Altar are given by Teri, Nancy and Doug Merbach, and Diane Cabrera, in loving memory of their mother, Magda Merbach.

Happy Happy Birthday to Charlotte Wilkinson, who celebrated her 98th birthday on October 25!!

Thank you so much for all your prayers and kind words during this difficult time with my dad and his stay in the ICU at the hospital! Your prayers made a difference and my family is grateful for your thoughtfulness and caring hearts. I am definitely blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family! - Stephanie Roettjer

Thank you to everyone for the prayers for my grandson, Ryan O'Byrne. He has had a stomach surgery, and can now eat food. It is going well. – Barbara Bader

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 10/21	4:00 pm	63	
Sunday, 10/22	8:00 am	75	
Sunday, 10/22	10:30 am	95	Total: 233

Online Views (as of October 24) for October 15: 118 views.

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, October 28 – Sunday, November 5):

Sat. (10-28)	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat
Sunday (10-29)		REFORMATION SUNDAY
	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Mon. (10-30)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (10-31)		HALLOWEEN
	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (11-1)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	5:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor John
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:00 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (11-2)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	1:30 p.m.	Koinonia
Fri. (11-3)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 p.m.	Ascension Quilters
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fall Fun – Immanuel Lutheran Church in Loveland (meet at Ascension)
Sat. (11-4)		FALL BACK ONE HOUR TONIGHT
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Guild Board Meeting
	10:00 a.m.-Noon	GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays
	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (11-5)		ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, October 21- October 22	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$516,000.00
Received Amount	\$74,325.00	\$554,662.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$122.00	\$55,517.00

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Blessed Reformation (observed)! Hear about Church Discipline on Free-Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (11/3 at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Hebrews 10-11 on Sharper Iron's "The New Covenant in Christ" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and have some fun with our first Pie Social on The Coffee Hour (11/2 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

This week during the Coffee Hour radio show, Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Professor of Theology & Ministry and Director of The Center for Biblical Studies at Concordia University St. Paul, talked about questions surrounding Israel's role in God's plan of salvation as the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict continues and intensifies:

[Understanding Israel & Palestine](#)