

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 5)!

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:

Adults with Pastor John in the Fellowship Hall;

Young Adults with Jenna and Mike Lawrenz in the Music Room;

Sunday School Opening with Stephanie Roettjer and Tricia McCulley in Room 106;

Preschool – Kindergarten with Lori Rolling and Jackie Viren in Room 110;

1st - 3rd Grades with Katie Brehmer in Room 108;

4th - 6th Grades with Tricia McCulley in Room 106;

7th - High School with Anita Baresel in Room 201.

The Voter's Assembly met on Sunday, September 24: Thirty-two members of Ascension Lutheran Church met for a 32-minute meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 24. Some of the highlights of the quarterly meeting were:

Margo Pasha, our Treasurer, told us that we received \$29,000 more than we spent through the end of August.

Arvin Michel, the head of our Constitution and By-Laws Committee, told us that the District approved our Constitution and By-Laws and the assembly voted to put the new document into effect on January 1, 2024.

Bob Hea, speaking on behalf of the Trustees, and the Bell Tower Committee, showed pictures about the physical decline of the Bell Tower. The Committee has hired an architect to help us understand the costs of either removing the tower or refurbishing it. It appears that it would cost about \$150,000 to remove the tower and the costs to repair it will be presented at the December 3, 2024, Voter's Meeting.

The next Voter's Meeting will also include elections of officers and the Church Council. The budget for 2024 will also be discussed and set.

October is Tuna Month at Ascension! We are accepting donations in the box in the narthex from October 1-31 for our local food bank, Integrated Family Community Services, [IFCS.org](https://www.ifcs.org). Last weekend we collected 82 cans!

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.

Our email is office@alutheran.org, and phone is 303-794-4636. The office is open 8:00am-3:30pm Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-1:00pm on Fridays.

Extended Day Preschool News!

This week we are talking about seasons and how and why they change. The children have been singing their fall songs and we all are loving the slightly cooler weather. We are hearing about fun car trips to "leaf peep," apple cider, and even apple cider donuts. **Ff** is for fall and fun! – Meg Stenman, Preschool Director

If you missed the Angel Tree collection, donations 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.

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

Ascension Foundation News The Foundation was blessed to receive a generous gift from Lorine Grau's estate, which will be put to good use in educational areas, including the book and material reimbursement program, support for our seminarians and church workers, and Lutheran High School's scholarship and capital improvements campaign. Our seminarian, Daniel Vanderhyde, indicates that he is in his final year and will be heading out for a deferred vicarage in June of 2024, possibly in Colorado. Lutheran High reports that their enrollment is up to 920 students. Our support helps families which cannot afford full tuition to have their students attend LUHL. For more information, please contact Mike Price at mtprice65@gmail.com.

The Lutheran Family Services - Rocky Mountains fiscal year just ended – here are some statistics:

For our Fiscal Year, July 1 – June 30, 2023, we served a total of 35,844 individuals. To break that down here are the categories:

Refugees and Asylees – 25,620

Adoption and Foster Care - 7,907

Disaster Relief – 1,341

Immigration Legal Services – 976

Lutheran Family Services 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 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

Did you know the LFS Refugee Youth Education Program provided mentoring, educational support, and career exploration opportunities for refugee youth in Greeley

and Colorado Springs during the past year? The programs served a total of 112 students altogether with 83 youth in Greeley and 29 in Colorado Springs.

LFS expanded clinical services in each of its foster care programs in fiscal year 2023. The primary focus of the Clinical program remained stabilization through early access to clinical supports and clinicians continued to work with Case Managers to identify children and families needing extra support in order to avoid unnecessary disruptions to placement.

The Older Adult Guardianship Program remained strong throughout the year with a steady stream of referrals from hospital partners. In addition to maintaining strong relationships with our current hospital partners, there is increasing interest from care facilities, Department of Corrections, and other hospital partners to explore new or expanded partnerships. This year marked the fifth year of the program.

Thank you for your continued support of **Lutheran Family Services** – we are grateful!

It's almost that time again! Our annual Trunk or Treat will be on October 28 from 5:30-7:00 pm. We need volunteers to decorate their car trunks and hand out candy. Sign up on the Youth and Family Ministry board. Thank you!

NEEDED: Bags of candy for our Trunk or Treat event! There will be a donation bin available for drop-off. Thank you! We appreciate your generosity!

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, October 9th!** 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 6. For more information, call Jackie Adams at 303-798-5161.

The Lutheran Chorale is pleased to announce our October and December concert dates, times and locations. Please note that these may be subject to change.

The Fall Concerts will be on Sunday, October 15, 2023: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E Wesley Avenue, Aurora, CO 80014 at 2:30 p.m.; and at St. Philip Lutheran Church, 7531 S Kendall Blvd, Littleton, CO 80128 at 6:30 p.m.

The Christmas Concerts will be on Sunday, December 3, 2023: Covenant Living of Colorado, 9153 Yarrow Street, Westminster, CO 80021 at 2:30 p.m.; and at Concordia Lutheran Church, 13371 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228 at 6:30 p.m.

More information can be found on our website at thelutheranchorale.org.

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 has written and will be leading a new Bible study this Wednesday on the Book of Malachi.

News 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 October 23 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.

When grandchildren begin appearing in the family, we must consider whether we want to create specific gifts for them, or simply have their inheritance flow through the gifts that will come to their parents. When this consideration comes, it is also a good time to consider what gifts are planned to support ministry. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you review your intentions. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfn.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven

Autumn is upon us! So much to do! How can we not stop and take time to pray?

Thankfully, God guides our steps from one season to the next. He sees what is coming ahead for us and will provide what we need to get through. No matter what seasons lay behind us or ahead of us, God is always present and always leading us through each - for the purpose of His glory.

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 Sam and for Katherine, that they will find safe places to live and a path forward; For Bruce Holub, who will have knee replacement surgery on October 16; For Viola Raasch at the death of her older sister, Esther, on Friday, September 29 - St. Michael and All Angels Day; For Jenna Lawrenz and Christa Kirschner and their families, at the loss of their grandmother, Nadine; For Sue Eastridge, who had surgery on Tuesday, October 3; For Jimmy Anzai; For Doris Kuhlmann, undergoing radiation treatment; For Barry Kratzer, who is at Littleton Hospital with a severe infection; For Gordon Loots, Lila Loots' brother, in hospice care; For Crystal Sundet; For peace throughout the world; For our country; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

Pastor John and members of Ascension, THANK YOU can not express what is in my heart as I write this brief note of thanks for your prayers, love, concern, visits and cards during this medical journey I have been on. God has been with me to be sure! I am happily at home now, and hopefully soon all the attachments will be removed and I will be given a full discharge. My strength is slowly returning and hopefully I will soon be back for church services. Thank you so much! Crystal Sundet

Flowers on the Altar are given by Edna and Linda Achziger, in loving memory of Marie Winn and Louella Walker; and by Scott and Stephanie Luethy, in joyful celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 9/30	4:00 pm	56	
Sunday, 10/1	8:00 am	75	
Sunday, 10/1	10:30 am	73	Total: 204

Online Views (as of October 1) for September 24: 169 views.

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, October 7 – Sunday, October 15):

Sat. (10-7)	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (10-8)		LWML - Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday
	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Agape Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
Mon. (10-9)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Mamas Coffee Connect (MC2)
Tues. (10-10)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
Weds. (10-11)	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
Thurs. (10-12)	9:00 a.m.	Foundation Meeting
	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool

Fri. (10-13)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 p.m.	Ascension Quilters
	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Group
Sat. (10-14)	4:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (10-15)		STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Youth Praise Team
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Sunday Funday!

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, September 30-October 1	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$480,000.00
Received Amount	\$10,449.00	\$460,868.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$115.00	\$54,840.00

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