

GOOD AFTERNOON!
WHAT'S HAPPENING (November 22)!
Happy Thanksgiving!



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.

Please Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Service this evening at 7:00 pm!

Prayers and Help Needed for EDP Preschool Teacher Ama Orr! Ama is a 65-year-old U.S. citizen who has worked as a teaching assistant at our preschool for over a year. She is originally from Ghana and has been in the U.S. for more than 25 years. She has several certificates in Early Childhood Development. The children and other EDP staff members love her very much. She works here because it is an opportunity to get experience in teaching young children and - most importantly - because she loves teaching these young children.

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, Ama came to work and at about 10:30 am had a devastating heart attack and stroke. She is currently a patient at the Sky Ridge Hospital and is in their Severe Stroke Rehabilitation Unit. Her road to recovery is very steep and prognosis is she will not make a full recovery.

Ama's job is an hourly job, and she does not receive any benefits i.e., health Insurance or sick pay. Ama's good friends are raising funds to assist her with rent, insurance, phone, internet, medical bills, food and may need Assisted Living while she regains enough strength to live in her own home. She may need/choose to go home to Ghana to be with family. Please pray for Ama, and if you would like to help, **please visit her Go Fund Me site**, <https://gofund.me/8a720c6d>. Thank you!

To all who donated items to the BAKE and CRAFT Sale - THANK YOU!

We have some items left and those items will be for sale next Saturday the 25th before and after the 4pm Service.



At the September Voter's Meeting, the Trustees

introduced a new project to the Congregation involving repairs to the Bell Tower. The Bell Tower, which does not contain a bell, is in need of a major renovation after 60+ years of weathering. The cost to renovate is estimated to be \$285,000. The cost to tear down the tower is estimated to be \$156,000. Both estimates include permitting costs, Littleton taxes, and 5% additional cost contingency. The congregation will be asked to choose between the two options at the upcoming December 3rd Voter's Meeting. The actual work would not take place until 2024. Due to the significant cost difference between the two options along with the fact that the tower does not serve a purpose, the Trustees recommend removing the tower. Enlarging or redesigning the patio would then become a possibility to investigate.

Voter's Meeting on Sunday, December 3 at noon. Lunch will be provided by the Foundation and served by the Ladies Guild. Items on the agenda include:

- Approval of the 2024 budget;
- Election of officers and committee chairs;
- Discussion of the bell tower. The Board of Trustees will provide information regarding cost of removal and cost for repair and restoration.

Reminder - please return your 2024 Pledge Card as soon as possible to the church office, they are very important in determining our budget for next year. There are blank cards available in the narthex. Thank you!

Christmas Cards Thank you to Mary Hert, who has ordered and arranged the beautiful Christmas Cards now available for sale in the office lobby. Please make checks out to "Ascension Lutheran Church" with "Cards" written in the memo line.

Ascension Christmas Families: During the months of November and December we seek to help some of our own families who need assistance during the Christmas season. Our Social Ministry committee sponsors "Christmas Families." If you would like to participate you can help in a number of ways – we need funds to buy presents and gift cards for gifts and for the Christmas meal. Checks should be made out to Ascension and please indicate that the gift is for Christmas Families. If you would like to be the person who does the shopping for the adults, youth and children on our list, we could use your shopping skills. Dana Niederbrach (303.886.7860) is coordinating this effort – you may contact her with questions or if you'd like to volunteer.

Advent by Candlelight – Wednesday, December 6! Elves are needed to help set up on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon – December 5/6 and then to help cook, finish preparations, serve and clean-up on December 6. We need cookie makers! If you would like to make something for dessert - we would love to sample your baking skills. Please text or call Laurie Mullane at 303-794-7937 or email LJMullane@msn.com if you would like to volunteer to help or make cookies.

Cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children (maximum \$30.00 per family). We are limited to 130 guests, so please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the narthex by November 30th.

We need Table Decorators again! They were so beautiful last year! Tables may be decorated for Advent by Candlelight on Tuesday (1:00-6:00 pm) or Wednesday (before 4:00 pm). For more details - please contact Lisa Wert by phone or text 720-980-9446, or email lisajeanschilling@msn.com if you would like to be a Table Decorator. If you can't be a Table Decorator but have items that would make a beautiful table, contact Lisa for pick-up. Approximately 15 people will be needed for 15 tables! You can decorate more than one table.

Thank you for your support in creating a wonderful event for our members and friends! It will be a memorable evening and we look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Sanctuary Decorating!

Do you love decorating? Or do you just love Christmas? If you answered yes to either of these then please join us in decorating our beautiful Sanctuary and Narthex. We will begin decorating at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 2. There is a sign up on the landing, or let Bri Bly know if you are able to help. bribly@gmail.com *Note: You DO NOT need to be able to get up on a ladder to help.*

The Poinsettia ordering chart is on the landing Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Poinsettias are \$30.00 each this year, a slight increase from the last few years. We have ordered **only 16 - Poinsettias**. Individuals can dedicate a Poinsettia for the Holiday Season, and the plants can be taken home after New Year's. Envelopes for payments are located below the ordering chart. Please make sure that you place a check mark next to Poinsettias and note Poinsettias on your check.

Canto Deo Festival Choir and Orchestra will have their free Christmas concerts on December 16, 17, 18 and 19; times and locations are at www.cantodeo.org

The youth are starting to fundraise for their 2024 summer mission trip to Las Animas, CO. They will be working on home repairs for the elderly and disabled. So, they are selling the beautiful 2024 God's Creation Calendars starting this Sunday for \$10. Sign up on the table in the narthex. Thank you for your support!

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, is available on request.

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

Ascension Quilters will not meet this Friday, November 24. For more information, call Jackie Adams at 303-798-5161.

Learning to acknowledge God's blessings is the beginning step of faithful management of His gifts. Few give from a sense of feeling deprived. Giving happens from responding to God's abundance. How would you describe that abundance? How could you describe that abundance in a few sentences, including it in a Christian preamble in your will, or leaving behind a written Family Blessing. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started.

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 the family and friends of Lynn Hendrickson, who died on Sunday, November 19; For Sue Eastridge, her sons Adam and David, and their families, at the death of Sue's husband, Rick Eastridge, last Tuesday, November 14; For Jerry Peterson, who is undergoing a new treatment for blood cancer; For Kim McClaren, who will have knee surgery on December 5; For Carol Zeller, whose lung disease has progressed; please pray for healing if God wills – or if not, for the progression of the disease to be slow; For Ama Orr, one of our Extended Day Preschool teachers, who has had a stroke; For Michael Finnessy, Jim and Judy Finnessy's son, who is quite ill; For Joann Sorrentino's daughter, Cara, who has cancer in her eye; For Clyde Wiggins, who is recovering from a concussion and bruises after a fall; For Brian Dierking; For Jimmy Anzai, who has entered hospice care; For Henry Kerluke, whose health is failing; For healing for Nancy Lugton's friend, Linda Parker; For Carol Stamp; For Tim McClaren; For Barry Kratzer; For David Stocker, Stephanie Roettjer's father; For Lawrence Brown; 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Jim Wert's safety, following a car accident on Saturday evening, November 18. "*Congratulations!*" to Lisa Wert's oldest son, Noah Schilling, who will marry Julieth Forero Martinez on Saturday, November 25th, in Parker, Colorado! Prayers and congratulations also for Eric Burden and Stephanie Nisbet, who will be married on December 1 in Belize!

Flowers on the Altar are given by Patti Zeggert, in joyful celebration of Patti and Leo's Wedding Anniversary on November 29, and her daughter Sarah's birthday on December 12!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 11/18	4:00 pm	62	
Sunday, 11/18	8:00 am	104	
Sunday, 11/19	10:30 am	78	Total: 244

Online Views (as of November 21) for November 12: 206 views.

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, November 25 – Sunday, December 3):

Sat. (11-25)	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (11-26)	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study / Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00 p.m.	KICKS – Kids in Christ Knowing the Savior (3 rd -5 th Graders)
Mon. (11-27)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (11-28)	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. (11-29)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Don Ginkel
	5:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor John
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Instruction
	6:00 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers
	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (11-30)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Fri. (12-1)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 p.m.	Quilters Group
Sat. (12-2)	8:30 a.m.	Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (12-3)		FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study / Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Voters Meeting and Light Lunch
	12:00 p.m.	Family Gingerbread Competition

Stewardship:

2023	Sat/Sun, November 18-19	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$564,000.00
Received Amount	\$4,464.00	\$620,278.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$122.00	\$56,169.00

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Look ahead to the First Sunday in Advent on The Coffee Hour (11/29 at 9:00 a.m. CT), study 1 Corinthians 6-9 on Sharper Iron's "Nothing but Christ Crucified" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and finish the Gospel of Mark and begin the book of Micah on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!