

## GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (November 30)!

### **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.



### **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. this Saturday, December 2. Let Bri Bly know if you are able to help. [bribly@gmail.com](mailto:bribly@gmail.com)

\*Note: You DO NOT need to be able to get up on a ladder to help.\*

**The Festival of Lessons and Carols** will be Saturday, December 9 at 4:00 pm and Sunday, December 10 at 9:30 am! This is the second Sunday of Advent. There will be only one Sunday morning service that day, and it will feature the Ascension Chorale, Agape, Youth Praise Band and Gloria Dei Ringers!

**Voter's Meeting this 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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Family Gingerbread Competition this Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 12pm! All ages welcome! Prizes awarded for the most creative, biggest, most candy-filled gingerbread...don't miss out on this fun family time! RSVP with Stephanie or Jenna

**A-Caroling We Go!** Join us here on Sunday afternoon, December 10 at 2:00 pm - we will visit our very special homebound members with (mostly on-key) Christmas carols!!

**Families! Want a fun and meaningful way** to journey through Advent together as a family? Pick up your Advent calendar in the narthex!

**Thank you to everyone who purchased a God's Creation Calendar** to help support the youth on their 2024 summer mission trip! The calendars have arrived, and you can pick yours up in the narthex! \$10 to Stephanie or drop off in the church office.

**Youth Progressive Dinner and Christmas party for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders!!** Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Enjoy meal courses as we travel to different homes! Bring a \$5 white elephant gift! Friends invited! Please RSVP with Stephanie

**News from Extended Day Preschool** We are back at school and excited for Christmas! It is always wonderful to share Christmas with preschoolers...their joy and excitement are contagious! The birth of Jesus is our focus and we hope the children learn that God loves us SO much that He gave us the gift of His Son.

For those of you who would like to send your little one to preschool next year...yaay! Registration will be in January and current forms will be on our website soon ([www.alcpreschool.com](http://www.alcpreschool.com)). Come play with us! :)

**Prayers and Help Needed for EDP Preschool Teacher Ama Orr!** Ama is a teaching assistant at our preschool. She loves teaching these young children. On November 7 she suffered a heart attack and stroke. Her road to recovery is very steep. We are raising funds to assist her with rent, insurance, phone, internet, medical bills, food and possibly Assisted Living while she regains enough strength to live in her own home. Please pray for Ama, and if you would like to help, **please visit her Go Fund Me site**, <https://gofund.me/8a720c6d>. Thank you!

**Benefit Dinner for Ama Orr** On Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30 p.m., before our midweek Advent worship service at 7:00 p.m., we will host a dinner in the Fellowship Hall with proceeds going to assist in Ama's recovery. The Trustees have graciously offered to make baked potatoes and yummy toppings. Please join us!

**The Severe Weather Shelter Network** is in need of some supplies as listed below. If you are able to provide any of these, please place them in the box by the door to the parking lot by December 17th. We will deliver them. Thanks in advance.

- Coffee
- Creamer
- Sugar
- Disposable hot cups
- Back yard trash bags
- Knitted hats
- Waterproof gloves - medium or larger

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**ANGEL TREE** How can I thank you for being the most generous congregation I have ever attended? Let me count the ways you supported Angel Tree, 2023: First, members donated \$3,432.00; second, our Foundation donated \$500.00 for a total of \$3,932.00. I have a matching funds certificate which I included for a total of \$7,864.00. These funds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for the children of incarcerated

parents, with an emphasis on Colorado first. I am honored to be a part of this extraordinary effort and thank you on behalf of the Lord, the children, their parents and their guardians. May the Lord continue to bless you for your generous spirit and concern for these children. Blessings be yours in this season of Christ. Jude Donovan

**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](mailto: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). Please RSVP by emailing [office@alutheran.org](mailto:office@alutheran.org) today!

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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](mailto:Kengle0920@gmail.com)

**Ascension Quilters** will meet this Friday, December 1. For more information, call Jackie Adams at 303-798-5161.

**Learning to acknowledge the abundance of God's blessings** to us is the beginning step of putting together the gift plan within our overall estate plans. If someone asked you for a short description of your life in Jesus, could you do it? Assembling that description into a written form of family blessing or even a statement to be included in your will is a great activity of passing on your faith to family, friends, and fellow church members. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**With the Advent season upon us,** we eagerly await the arrival of the Newborn King. We can eagerly await, with hope and assurance, the promise of a Savior who will one day return for us yet again!

Please consider praying with us on Zoom every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. Contact [MargoALPasha@yahoo.com](mailto:MargoALPasha@yahoo.com)

**Prayers:** For Lila Loots, who will have back surgery for sciatica on December 5; For John Klepetka, who will have double by-pass surgery on Tuesday, December 5; For Mary Brown, who fell and fractured her shoulder; For Shirley Nichols, who will have shoulder replacement surgery on December 1; For Bill Gaudreault, who is having trouble with his breathing and will have more tests; 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, who has had a stroke; For Joann Sorrentino's daughter, Cara, who has cancer in her eye; For Brian Dierking; For Jimmy Anzai, who has entered hospice care; For Barry Kratzer; 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.

**Happy Birthday** to Ted Lemke, who will be 69 on December 6; and to Millie Fitzpatrick, who will be 102 years old on Monday, December 11!! Blessings on your Birthdays!

**Happy Anniversary** to John Klepetka and his wife Elaine, who will celebrate their 58th Wedding Anniversary on December 4!

**Prayers and congratulations** for Eric Burden and Stephanie Nisbet, who will be married on December 1 in Belize!

**Flowers on the Altar** are given by Edna and Linda Achziger, in loving memory of Edward Achziger.

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Service Time</u></b>	<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	
Saturday, 11/25	4:00 pm	48	
Sunday, 11/26	8:00 am	66	
Sunday, 11/26	10:30 am	61	Total: 175

**Online Views** (as of November 28) for November 19: 168 views.

**Calendar (Saturday, December 2 – Sunday, December 10):**

Sat. (12-2)	8:30 a.m.	Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (12-3)		<b>FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>
	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
Mon. (12-4)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (12-5)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (12-6)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Don Ginkel
	6:00 p.m.	Advent by Candlelight
Thurs. (12-7)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	1:30 p.m.	Koinonia
	6:00 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers
	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Chorale
Fri. (12-8)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 p.m.	Quilters Group

	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Group
Sat. (12-9)	4:00 p.m.	Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday (12-10)		<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Festival of Lessons and Carols
	2:00 p.m.	Caroling for the Homebound

**Stewardship:**

<b>2023</b>	Sat/Sun, November 25-26	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$576,000.00
Received Amount	\$5,657.00	\$625,935.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$390.00	\$56,559.00

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Advent music begins this week, and the 12 Days of Christmas runs December 24 - January 6. Study 1 Corinthians 10-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Micah 3-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and Melancthon's Greeting to the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (12/9 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app!