

## **GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (November 9)!**

### **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.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm.

**Pastor John is offering an Adult Instruction Class** this Saturday, November 11 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 12 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This two-part class is designed to teach the basics of Christian faith and the Lutheran denomination. There is no cost. The instruction book will be provided. Free refreshments!! If you are not a member of Ascension and would like to see what we believe (or even if you are a member, and would like to have a refresher of Lutheran doctrine), you're invited to attend. If you can't attend both days, days will be added later for you to receive all the instruction. Questions? Talk to Pastor!

**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!

**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 in Room 106 on the shelf. Instructions and labels are already in the box, secure with a rubber band (not taped). Return by November 19th. Questions, contact Stephanie, [stephanieroettjer@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieroettjer@gmail.com)

**You won't want to miss this item at the BAKE AND CRAFT SALE - NOV. 19<sup>th</sup>!**

**PASTOR JOHN modestly and graciously agreed to let us record him singing The Lord's Prayer, along with a bonus hymn of his choosing, to be sold on USB drives at the Bake sale! All proceeds will go to Missions.**

To all bakers and crafters, please consider donating your favorite baked goods and/or crafts for this event. Items are needed by Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> 9-noon in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Charmaine Rohde if you have questions, [303-618-8889](tel:303-618-8889) Thank you.



**Last Saturday, ALC hosted the GriefShare seminar**, "Surviving the Holidays" for all who have lost a loved one and are facing the Holidays without their special family member or friend.

Seventeen participants met to view the informative and expert video and discuss helpful tips for "dealing with emotions, re-evaluating traditions, negotiating social events and finding hope for the future." All our participants left with a small wooden Christmas ornament and a note: "May this Christmas Season bring you peace and hope! From your friends at Ascension Lutheran Church."

This very successful morning was possible because of ALC's wonderful GriefShare Team. Many thanks to:

Dawn Munson - Printing, Publicity, Hospitality  
Jan Nichols - Registration  
Anita Baresel - Hospitality, Social Ministry  
Dennis and Joyce Lord - External Publicity  
Durwin Schmitt - Video and Tech  
Mike Zehnder - Social Media  
Margo Pasha and the Prayer Team  
Norm Hermsmeyer - Event Signage (outside) at ALC  
Linda Achziger - Child Care  
Linda Olsen and Pastor John - Co-Facilitators



Thank you for supporting this program with your prayers, referrals, and interest. Please continue to keep our GriefShare participants and Team in your prayers.

Our next event will be GriefShare's signature program: the thirteen-week class session beginning at ALC on February 6, 2024. More information to follow.

I am so thankful for this team, Pastor John, and our church community.  
Sherry Hitzler, Co-Facilitator and Team Coordinator

**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.

**We need Table Decorators again!** They were so beautiful last year! Tables may be decorated for Advent by Candlelight on Tuesday (1-4 pm) or Wednesday (before 4 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.

### **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](mailto:bribly@gmail.com) \*Note: You DO NOT need to be able to get up on a ladder to help.\*

**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!


**Families of all ages!** We're hosting a **Family Photo Scavenger Hunt** on Friday, November 17th at 6:30pm, we will meet here at church! 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.

**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](mailto:jenna.lindeman@cune.org) by Wednesday, November 8th! We want to make sure we have enough food! Invite a friend and join us!

**Mamas' Coffee Connect (MC<sup>2</sup>)!** 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 next **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](mailto:jenna.lindeman@cune.org) with any questions!

**From Ascension Foundation:** By now you have received the Foundation's update on a few of our exciting and important missions. We would like to give a hearty Thank You to Jerry Gerdes, who puts this all together. If you have any questions or comments, please contact any of our board members.

### **Extended Day Preschool News!**

Happy Fall from Preschool! There is a flurry of crafting going on down here...turkeys and feathers feathers and more feathers! This week we also had Donna from Bemis Library come and perform her awesome storytelling skills. We prayed special prayers for Ms. Ama, as she is out sick this week. 

– Meg Stenman, Preschool Director

**Thank you from the Severe Weather Shelter Network** to everyone who donated hand warmers, emergency blankets and/or travel ponchos! We were able to deliver over 80 hand warmers, 150 blankets, and 15 packets of travel ponchos to the Severe Weather Shelter Network - just in time for the frigid weather we had. Most of the donations came from one very generous family! We have an amazing congregation!

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**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](mailto: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, 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 in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30-3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10. 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.**

It is easy to become depressed about disappointments in life, whether in relationships, career, health, etc. Yet Psalm 103 reminds us, "Bless the Lord O my soul and FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS." Blessings are anchored in the grace shown to us in Jesus. From His grace flow many other things. Counting those blessings will provide abundant joy in putting together an estate plan. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

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### **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 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 Ama Orr, one of our Extended Day Preschool teachers, who has had a stroke; For Phyllis Westra, who is at Swedish Hospital with a serious blood infection; For Henry Kerluke, whose health is failing; For healing for Nancy Lugton's friend, Linda Parker, who has back pain and schleroderma; For Mike Zehnder, recovering from

Covid; For Marlene O'Neil, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery; Prayers for Jake and Charlene Auten and their family, who are mourning Jake's Uncle Jim, who passed away on October 23 after having a stroke some time ago; For the family and friends of Oliver Rentmeester, 5 years old, young friend of the Auten family. Oliver died on October 23 of brain cancer. Please especially pray for Oliver's mom, Ashley, his dad, Jared, and his little sister, Eliza, who is 3. Prayers for Carol Stamp, who took a fall and has had a minor stroke, and is in the hospital at UC Health – Highlands Ranch. For Millie Cox, who will have eye surgery on November 15; For Tim McClaren, who will have surgery for a sinus problem on November 15; For Sharon Seible, at the death of her sister, Linda; For Tricia McCulley, who is having back problems; For Barry Kratzer; For Carol Shepherd; For Sue Eastridge, who will have knee surgery on November 10; For Jim Schmitt, who is recovering from back surgery; For David Stocker, Stephanie Roettjer's father; For Lawrence Brown, who has an infection in his leg; For Lee Valdez; 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 Barbara Rutter, in honor of Veteran's Day.

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Service Time</u></b>	<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	
Saturday, 11/4	4:00 pm	83	
Sunday, 11/5	8:00 am	99	
Sunday, 11/5	10:30 am	72	Total: 254

**Online Views** (as of November 7) for October 29: 132 views.

**Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, November 11 – Sunday, November 19):**

Sat. (11-11)	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Adult Instruction Class
	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Young Women's Group Breakfast
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (11-12)	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
	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Adult Instruction Class
Mon. (11-13)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 a.m.	Mamas Coffee Connect – MC2
Tues. (11-14)	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. (11-15)	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
	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (11-16)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	1:30 p.m.	Koinonia
Fri. (11-17)	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 p.m.	Ascension Quilters
	6:30 p.m.	Family Photo Scavenger Hunt
Sat. (11-18)	9:00 a.m.	Set Up for Ladies Guild Sale
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (11-19)	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	LADIES GUILD CRAFT & BAKE SALE
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Sunday Funday!

### **Stewardship:**

<b>2023</b>	Sat/Sun, November 4-5	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,000.00	\$540,000.00
Received Amount	\$14,651.00	\$590,312.00
Project Peter Receipts	\$505.00	\$56,022.00

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