

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 17)!

Worship Times Worship times are 4:00 on Saturday afternoons, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School meet at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays. Pastor will lead the Adult Bible Class in a study on II Corinthians in the Fellowship Hall.

Watch for Detours for Littleton Stride NEXT Sunday, 10/27: Please give yourself a little extra time to get to church next Sunday morning, October 27, 2024, due to detours on Gallup, Shepperd and Caley near Ascension for the 29th Annual "Littleton Stride" 5K and 10K run/walk to raise funds for LPS. Parts of Gallup and Shepperd will be closed for through traffic from 4:00 am until 11:00 am. Littleton Police will be stationed at all major intersections.

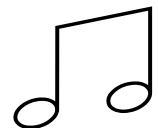
October is Tuna Month at Ascension! Great news! So far we have collected 547 cans of tuna for our local food bank, Integrated Family Community Services, IFCS.org. *IFCS knows us as The Tuna Church! Let's bring them as many cans of tuna as we can, before the end of October!*

Hurricane Disaster Response Throughout October, we will collect donations for those devastated by the hurricanes in Florida and flooding in the Southeast U.S. Please make checks out to Ascension Lutheran Church, and put "LCMS Disaster Response" in the memo line. So far we have received \$3,250.00; the Ascension Foundation will match \$3,000.00! Please pray that those in the path of the hurricanes have hope and the help they need for rapid recovery from the destruction.

All Saints Sunday will be November 2-3. During worship services that weekend, Pastor will read the names of those we have lost since All Saints Day in 2023. 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 28. Thank you!

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.

Seasonal help! If you'd like to join the choir on a short-term basis to sing for Lessons and Carols (12/15) and/or Christmas Eve (12/24), we'd love to have you! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. Contact Stephanie.



A Big THANK YOU to Bruce Rohde, Doris Rohde, Charmaine Rohde, and Carolyn Helstrom for building new pull-out shelves and organizing the supplies in Community Room 106 this week! *Stop by to see their beautiful work!*

December Voters' Meeting – Elections

The year-end Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 1st, at noon. In addition to approving the budget for 2025, we will hold elections for half of the officers

and board chairs. (Per our new constitution and bylaws, terms are now 2 years.) The following positions are up for election: Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Elders Chairperson, Board for Youth Chairperson, Board for Evangelism Chairperson, and Assistant Secretary. We already have several volunteers, but we need more.

One position that is up for election is the Chairperson for the Board of Youth.

From our Church Constitution: "The Board for Youth has the responsibility to develop and maintain a program of ministry to and by the youth, for obtaining volunteers for the youth program, and generally supervising the purposes and structure of the youth organization." If you are interested in serving in this or any other position that is up for election, please contact Bob Hea (roberthea@comcast.net) or Dawn Munson at the Church office.

To God's People:

Soon you will make decisions about many important issues on your ballot and the people who will represent you locally and nationally. I hope all of you exercise your responsibility to vote. I would like to call your attention a ballot issue that troubles me deeply. It is Ballot Amendment 79, the question of placing into the Colorado Constitution abortion rights. For moral reasons I oppose this amendment. I also oppose it because of pastoral concern for the people of God. During my years as a pastor a number of Christians who chose to secure an abortion sought my counsel for the guilt they had about their choice to end the life of their child. They regretted the choice they made. We spoke of their pain, their regret, and we addressed this in the very grace and forgiveness that God has given to us in Jesus.

Please consider the precious gift of life for the child, for the mother and the father as you vote on this issue in this election.

Your Pastor, John Larson

PRESCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH NEWS

Mark your calendar for our youth fundraiser for their trip to the LCMS National Youth Gathering! **Saturday, November 16th at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** will be our "Trivia Night/Chili Cook-off" hosted by the youth! Is your chili the best or the spiciest? Come find out and sign-up to bring a pot of chili and win prizes! Also, test your knowledge on fun facts to win more prizes! Guaranteed fun evening while supporting our youth! Sign-up on the table in the narthex. Hope to see you there! Freewill offering.

From Ascension Extended Day Preschool: This was a short week because of fall break but that didn't stop us from having a ton of fun. Continuing with the Halloween theme, this week we made mummies and bats. 🦇

It is marvelous to watch how God's seasons change. Fall is the greatest time to talk about the 5 senses...**seeing** the leaves change color, **hearing** the dry leaves as you step on them, **smelling** the dry leaves and wood-burning fires, **touching** and scrunching the dry leaves and of course **tasting** all of the yummy fall foods.

We will be back at school on Tuesday...see you then! 🍁🍁

– Grace and Peace, Meg Stenman, Preschool Director

TRUNKS NEEDED for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26th from 5:30-7:00 pm. We need volunteers to decorate their car trunks and hand out candy. Last year, we had 16 cars but this year, we'd like to get to 20! Help us to reach that goal and sign up on the Youth and Family Ministry board. Thank you!

*****Saturday Worshippers – Please Note:** On Saturday, October 26 you will see orange cones closing off the East section of the parking lot as we get ready for Trunk or Treat. For everyone's safety, please respect the cones, and park in the East part of the lot. Thank you!

Ascension Prayer Chain Update Margo Pasha, Charlotte Wilkinson and Doris Rohde have blessed our congregation for many years by leading our Zoom and email prayer chains. We are grateful for their dedication. Jude Donovan has agreed to step into the leadership role going forward, thank you Jude! We invite you to join our new 'blended' prayer chain by signing up this weekend or emailing Jude at Heyjude264@aol.com.

Here's how it works: When you join us, she will initially send one confirmation and welcome email to you. Then whenever Jude receives an email request, she will email you. We may have none, then one or two, or several a week. You are asked to pray initially when you receive the request and then continue to pray frequently for the situation and people involved. The request is for the purpose of prayer, and unless told otherwise can be shared at the dinner table, etc. with Grace. If you know the person, you are free to contact them, but not obligated to do so. Some requests will parallel the prayers of the church, but not all. If Jude receives an update, she will forward it to you for prayers of gratitude and glory to God. There will be no formal prayer format, just pray as the Spirit leads you. If there is a confidential request, she will leave out the name as appropriate.

Our prayers are powerful and effective! This weekend you will see volunteers in the narthex collecting email addresses to update the list of those would like to join us. *Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Angel Tree: If you missed our annual **Angel Tree** collection last month, you may send checks or cash to Ascension Lutheran with **Angel Tree** on the memo line until October 28. The inmates and their children thank you. Contact Jude Donovan, Heyjude264@aol.com or 303 972 0873 for more information.

ASCENSION LADIES GUILD

We are a part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) which is an official auxiliary of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. This group of women enables women to grow spiritually, encourages and equips women to reach-out in love, show opportunities and challenges for mission service in the church, community, and world.

We promote greater mission consciousness in members. We gather free-will offerings called "MITES" to support mission projects.

Ascension Ladies Guild has been part of Ascension Lutheran Church since June 1955. Members serve through our 3 Circles which are Altar Circle, Library Circle, Kitchen Circle. These are some ways that you can help!

Altar Circle I: Prepare for communion service and clean up afterwards. Change paraments as noted by LCMS current calendar year. Repair paraments as needed. Purchase Communion wine, wafers (2 kinds), and disposable cups. Clean altar and communion rail. Keep altar linens cleaned and pressed. Clean, and repair Pastor's robe, Acolyte, and Elders' robes. Coordinate service needs with Elders.

Library Circle II: Maintain the church hymnals, and Bibles. Offer for sale Christian cards and gifts. Donate greeting cards to Linda Marquez for sending to homebound and others. Maintain the library by ordering books and Bible Studies in coordination with the Education Board. Catalog materials donated by congregational members to the library. Distribute the Annual Guild Yearbook.

Kitchen Circle III: Plan and coordinate the Advent and Ash Wednesday Suppers. Prepare and serve the December Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Host receptions as requested by Pastor (New members, LWML Sunday, Confirmation Reception, etc.) Help the kitchen cleaning committee.

There are opportunities for service at all ages – not when the baby is out of diapers, or the kids are all in school or our teenagers have gone to college. God has things for us to do each and every day. Look at what talents He has given you. You can join the Guild and a Circle and work with other women in Circle; Serve on the ALG Board; Join a list of "Ready and Willing Helpers" to lend a hand when needed (listed in the Guild's Yearbook); Collect "Mites" (pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters etc., and bills too!) in a Mite Box for missions, which we will provide; Make Home visits, and flower delivery; Help with Craft/Bake Sale. If any of these things interest you, PLEASE reach out to Linda Achziger at (Linda.Achziger@yahoo.com) THANK YOU!

"WE NEED YOU AND THE LORD NEEDS YOU"!!!

"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalms 100:2

The Ladies Guild Craft and Bake Sale!

Time to think about starting those crafts! If you enjoy being creative, please consider making and donating some of your handmade items to our November 24th Craft and Bake Sale. We would love to see your creations!

Contact Charmaine Rohde with inquiries: cr23home@outlook.com

GRIEFSHARE: "AFTER A LOSS, THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS GOING TO BE A BLENDING OF HURT AND JOY," by H. Norman Wright.

"Facing Grief this holiday season? You are not alone. The Grief Support Team at Ascension is planning a GriefShare workshop "Surviving the Holidays," for grievers who dearly miss a loved one this holiday season. Our workshop helps participants

know what to expect this holiday season; how to deal with the many emotions; and ways to cope with loss at this special time of year. Please join us on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at Ascension, 10 AM- Noon.

And please, pass this information on to someone you know who is hurting from the loss of a loved one and would benefit from this helpful workshop.

Thank you, Linda Olsen and Sherry Hitztaler

Ascension's Quilters Group meets on Fridays at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and see what it is all about! For more information, please call Jackie Adams at 303-798-5161 or Patti Zeggert at 303-697-1531.

Mission Experience – From Rev. Mike Paulison:

"It has been an up-and-down year for us at Mission Experience. The children and staff are evacuated from the violence at Port-au-Prince, and since Haiti is awaiting more troops to help in the war against the gangs, the Board of Directors has decided to keep them at this safer location for another year. The new location brings more expenses for mattresses and other items. The good news is our registered student numbers have increased from 230 kids to 290! We are in need of financial help this last quarter of the year, and we appreciate your assistance."

Mission Experience's Tenth Anniversary Banquet will be held at the Denver Zoo on Saturday, November 2. Denver Broncos Superbowl-winning coach Gary Kubiak will speak on "Perseverance through adversity." Thanks to a corporate donation, the \$100-value tickets will be sold for just \$50 a person. You can visit www.missionexperience.org to purchase tickets or email Leslie Kotwica at leslie@missionexperience.org

Young Adult Bible Study The Young Adult Bible Study will meet next on Friday, November 8, at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house. We will be studying the concept of vocation and how God uses us to carry out His will.

Save the Date! We are planning a ladies' night for young adults and the young at heart for November 1 at 6:30 pm! There will be wine, charcuterie, crafts and friends! Please plan to join us! Cost is \$10.00 (if you are able), please RSVP to Jenna Lawrenz at 303-913-3512.

Mental Health Presentation at Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church, 8600 W. 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO on Sunday, November 10 at 12:00 noon. There is no charge and lunch will be provided. The event will conclude by 1:30, but our presenter will stay after to answer questions.

The topic is *Guilt and Shame Are Not as Connected as We May Think*. This presentation will explore the difference between guilt and shame, how toxic core shame is, as well as what to do about it. Our speaker is Robyn Ruetz, a licensed Christian therapist who is also a member of our congregation. This is a quote from her regarding core shame, "It's what makes us unwilling to let others see how we are struggling and to suffer in silence. It's also what often stops us from being willing to

make a sincere connection with another person. It is Satan at work furthering his mission to confuse us about God's grace."

Anyone planning to attend should register by contacting me, dcs.sara3@gmail.com or 513-509-8108 (call or text). The deadline to register is November 1.

Bible Study with Pastor Don Ginkel On Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am, please join Pastor Don Ginkel for a Bible study on the Book of Acts. All are welcome!

Saturday Afternoon Bible Study Please join us as we continue the Lifelight Bible Study, Wilderness Wanderings on Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, at 3:00 pm Saturday in Room 106. Email Curt at Kengle0920@gmail.com

God has entrusted you with His gifts to apply them to the care of family and support of ministry. You want to be sure that after the Lord has called you home, your intentions are followed. There is a fine line between expressing no direction for use of gifts to ministry, and being too controlling, hampering the ministry from using the gift. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can engage in conversation about this topic. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

PSSSSST! Birthday Card Showers! Our own dear Charlotte Wilkinson will be 99 years young on October 25! Marlene Eickmann, our friend and former longtime Ascension member, will be turning 90 on October 28! If you would like to send these beautiful ladies a birthday card, here are their addresses:

Charlotte Wilkinson, 200 W. Sterne Parkway, Apt. 405, Littleton, CO 80120

Marlene Eickmann, 5605 Canyon View Drive, Castle Rock, CO 80104

Prayers: For Charlene Dierking and her family, at the death of her brother-in-law, Gary Westerman, in Kansas on Monday, October 7; For John and Alice Glassner, whose son, Heath, died on October 8; For Larry Koldeway and his family at the death of his son, Andrew; For Lorraine Winckler, with a possible knee infection; For Babe Van Laningham, Mike Zehnder's mom, struggling with heart issues and chest pain; For Joyce Gallagher's friend Michelle Newman, who is in hospice and suffering from fluid on her lungs; For Ellen Thompson, who is recovering at home after breaking her hip; For Kathy Chamberlin's brother-in-law, Don Chamberlin, in Iowa, recovering from open heart surgery on Oct 7th; For Roger and Judy Koester's great granddaughter, Nalani, with scleroderma; For Lee Valdez, with an infection in his left arm; For Neveah Cooper's grandfather, James Cooper, with pancreatic cancer; For Tonya Cronberg; For Del Grau's son-in-law, Scott Estes; For Ken Herman; For all those who are in jail or in prison; For all those who were affected by the hurricanes in Florida and flooding in the southeast U.S.; For those affected by violence in Israel, Lebanon, Gaza, and Ukraine; For our beloved country, and for its leaders; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given by Scott and Stephanie Luethy, in joyful celebration of their 41st Wedding Anniversary on October 8!

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 10/12	4:00 pm	58	
Sunday, 10/13	8:00 am	71	
	10:30 am	65	
			Total Weekend: 194

Online Views (as of October 15) for October 6: 127 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	October 12-13	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,600.00	\$513,200.00
Received Amount	\$11,723.00	\$461,088.00

Calendar (Saturday, October 19 – Sunday, October 27):

Sat. (10-19)	8:30 am – 3:30 pm	Heritage Fine Arts Workshop
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (10-20)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
Mon. (10-21)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Fall Break: No Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (10-22)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Weds.(10-23)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Pastor John
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Instruction
	6:00 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
	7:00 pm	Ascension Chorale
Thurs.(10-24)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Fri. (10-25)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Sat. (10-26)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	5:30 – 7:00 pm	Trunk or Treat – Parking Lot
Sun. (10-27)		REFORMATION SUNDAY
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	KICKS – 3 rd -6 th Graders

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Join us as we continue our study of Numbers on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and discuss the final chapters of Revelation on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (10:00 a.m. CT) for a conversation on why both the bread and wine are essential elements in the Sacrament. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app!