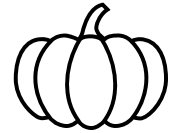


GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 24)!



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 Crabbe will lead the Adult Bible Class in a study on II Corinthians in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor John and Marilyn will be in Minneapolis this weekend to attend the confirmation of their grandson, Eli on Sunday, October 27. Pastor will return to the office on Wednesday, October 30. We are happy to have Pastor Kelly Crabbe with us this weekend.

Trunk or Treat will be at the East end of the parking lot this Saturday, October 26th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Saturday worshippers will see orange cones closing off that section of the parking lot as we prepare for the children. *For everyone's safety, please respect the cones, and park in the West part of the lot.* Thank you!

Watch for Detours for Littleton Stride on Sunday: Please give yourself a little extra time to get to church this Sunday morning, October 27, 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.

Fall Back – Next Sunday, November 3! Please turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, you will get an extra hour of sleep!

We will be receiving New Members on Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17. Please talk to Pastor if you are interested in membership at Ascension. His email is pastorjohnlarson@aol.com, and phone number is 303-794-4636.

October is Tuna Month at Ascension! So far we have collected 660 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!*

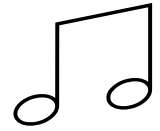
Hurricane Disaster Response Throughout October, we will collect donations for those devastated by the hurricanes in Florida and flooding in the Southeast U.S. Please make checks out to Ascension Lutheran Church, and put "LCMS Disaster Response" in the memo line. We have already sent \$2,000.00 to LCMS, and we have received an additional \$4,095.00 to date. The Ascension Foundation will match \$3,000.00!

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.



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 Elders.

From our Church Constitution: "The Board of Elders shall assist the Pastor in all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the Congregation. It shall be responsible for maintaining a list of baptized and communicant members and receiving applicants for and releasing of any members thereto. It shall be responsible for maintaining a reverent and worshipful decorum in the church service. The Elders shall appoint Head Ushers and be responsible for efficient functioning of the staff and ushers. The Board of Elders shall manage and recommend changes to staff salaries and benefits with the exception of janitorial and property staff (Trustees). In conjunction with the Finance Board and Trustees, the Elders shall be responsible for obtaining adequate insurance coverage. The Board of Elders is responsible for record keeping and [some other duties] for the Columbarium Memorial Garden." 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

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: It is good to be back with the kiddos! The weather was perfect to open windows and let the fresh air in...before we have to turn the heat on. This week we started with Chapel...the kids love spending that time with Pastor. We are discovering Día de los Muertos...it is going to be a colorful week! 🍷🍷

Finally, the Preschool is selling [Butter Braids](#)...woo hoo! The pastries will be delivered here to the church on November 20th...just in time for the holidays! Church orders will be put in the kitchen freezers with your name on it. Thank you for supporting the preschool! Enjoy! – Grace and Peace, Meg Stenman, Preschool Director

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 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! *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. So far we have collected \$2,776.00! The inmates and their children thank you. Contact Jude Donovan, Heyjude264@aol.com or 303 972 0873 for more information.

Ladies Guild Craft & Bake Sale

Our Sale is just a month away! November 24th!

Hope your crafts are coming along... And then the Baked goods...

Yummy!

Contact Charmaine Rohde with inquiries: cr23home@outlook.com



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

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, 10:00 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. Extra flyers are available on the small table in the narthex for your use.

Thank you from Linda Olsen and Sherry Hitztaler, Co-Facilitators of ALC'S GriefShare Programs

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

Ladies Night! 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.

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.

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 Kenngle0920@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. You may be concerned that some family members, or ministry recipients, will be overwhelmed by the responsibility of being good stewards with lump sum distribution of these gifts. You may want a plan with accountability for that plan, to make sure the wishes God has planted in you are accomplished. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Happy Birthday! 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 Angel and Eugen Ihly and their family, at the death of Angel's father, Pastor Miller, on October 17. Pastor Miller would have been 90 years old on November 5th. For Peg Raethert, at the death of her brother; For Kathy Kositzke, who has entered hospice care; For Babe Van Laningham, Mike Zehnder's mom, hospitalized at St. Anthony; For Millie Fitzpatrick, who is home after a visit to the ER on Monday evening; For Jim Bame, who had a fall last week; For David Hawk, Mary Ann's husband, undergoing medical tests; For Lorraine Winckler, with a possible knee infection; For Kathy Chamberlin, who will have back surgery on November 1st and 4th; 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 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving For the blessing of healing for Kaye Sanchez, sister of Barb Williams.

Thank you for all the love and prayers on behalf of our grandson Josh Federico. After 12 days, 2 hospitals, 3 different chest tubes, and thoracic surgery, his collapsed lung has been healing and performing as it should. He came home on October 5th, and his doctors have approved his return to work next week. *God is good!*
Thank you from the Backhus and Porter families

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given by Lynne and Larry Nelson, in joyful celebration of their Wedding Anniversary on October 30!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 10/19	4:00 pm	49	
Sunday, 10/20	8:00 am	74	
	10:30 am	75	
			Total Weekend: 198

Online Views (as of October 22) for October 13: 164 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	October 19-20	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,600.00	\$525,800.00
Received Amount	\$5,907.00	\$466,995.00

Calendar (Saturday, October 26 – Sunday, November 3):

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
Mon. (10-28)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (10-29)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds.(10-30)	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.(10-31)		HALLOWEEN
	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Fri. (11-1)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	6:30 pm	Ladies' Night – Young Adult Event at Lawrenz's House
Sat. (11-2)		FALL BACK – SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR TONIGHT
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-3)		ALL SAINTS 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

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