

**GOOD AFTERNOON!**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 3)! *LWML Sunday is October 6!!***

**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.

**The Sanctuary Roof** was completed this past Tuesday!! The project began on Tuesday, September 24, and concluded a week later on Tuesday, October 1. After examination of the decking it was determined that plywood needed to be placed on top of the decking. Many thanks to the Board of Trustees who have been working on this project for many months. They spent many hours to make this need of a new roof a reality. Thank you!!

**October is Tuna Month at Ascension!** Starting this weekend, we will be accepting donations in the box in the narthex through October 31 for our local food bank, Integrated Family Community Services, [IFCS.org](http://IFCS.org). *IFCS knows us as The Tuna Church! Let's bring them as many cans of tuna as we can!*

**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. If you are willing to serve in one of these positions, please contact Bob Hea ([roberthea@comcast.net](mailto:roberthea@comcast.net)) or Dawn Munson at the Church office.

**Angel Tree:** If you missed our annual **Angel Tree** collection last weekend, 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](mailto:Heyjude264@aol.com) or 303 972 0873 for more info.

**A Message from Rev. Roger Wohletz, Christ Lutheran Church:**

You are invited to attend the ordination service for seminarian Benjamin Vanderhyde (the son of David Vanderhyde) at University Hills Lutheran Church (4949 E. Eastman Ave., Denver, CO 80222) on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 3 p.m. A meal will follow the service.

Rev. Benjamin Vanderhyde recently accepted a call from Calvary Lutheran Church in Wray, CO. He will be installed there in November.

University Hills will start having worship services in their new building on Sunday, Oct. 6. So, this will also be a chance for you to see their new sanctuary.

Benjamin will be the third Pastor Vanderhyde in the Rocky Mountain District. David is at University Hills and Josh is serving at Trinity in Greeley. When Daniel is ordained

next year and installed as Campus Chaplain at Lutheran High School, he will be the fourth Pastor Vanderhyde in the District!

*May our Lord continue to richly bless Rev. Vanderhyde and Calvary Lutheran as they share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in and around Wray!*

### **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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> Craft and Bake Sale. We would love to see your creations!

Contact Charmaine Rohde with inquiries: [cr23home@outlook.com](mailto:cr23home@outlook.com)



**LWML Fall Festival “Bountiful Harvest”** Join the LWML women of South-Central Zone on Saturday, October 12 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E. Wesley Ave. in Aurora, to celebrate God’s bountiful gifts as we build connections, break bread and share fellowship! Everyone is welcome – bring a guest, you will be entered into a drawing for a thank you prize! Registration starts at 8:30 am, the event ends at 2:15 pm. Cost is \$5.00.

**GriefShare Workshop Update:** Last Saturday, September 28, GriefShare’s “Loss of a Spouse,” workshop took place with nine participants, including two walk-ins from the neighborhood who noticed our church sign on the corner. Everyone participated and everyone expressed their grief feelings safely. Our group members provided comfort and sensitivity to each other. From their feedbacks forms, we can tell you that all the participants felt the workshop was very worthwhile.

Thank you, Lord! Thank you Grief Support Team (Pastor Larson, Dawn Munson, Tina Kaiser, Dennis and Joyce Lord! ) And thank you, members of Ascension Lutheran Church for your prayers and your support!

Our next workshop is for anyone who has lost a loved one and is facing the Holidays without their special person.

“Surviving the Holidays” is Saturday, November 9, 2024, 10-Noon at Ascension. Registration is vital for this Workshop - please call our church office, email Sherry at [hitz2@comcast.net](mailto:hitz2@comcast.net) or see [GriefShare.org/findagroup](http://GriefShare.org/findagroup) for registration details. Our success really depends on all of you reaching out to your friends and neighbors and inviting them to consider participating if this workshop meets their needs. More information to follow in future Happenings.

***“God’s Grace Abounds!”***

From Linda Olsen and Sherry Hitztaler, Co-Facilitators of ALC’S GriefShare Programs.

**The Ascension Foundation** met on September 12 to finalize the budget for 2025. Due to God's grace and our congregation's generosity, we will be able to fund a total of \$52,200 in the coming year. We will increase our funding to World Missions by \$1000, and include six missions in various countries where the Gospel is spreading. We will increase our funding to our youth via matching funds for their trip to New Orleans next summer. We also will fund scholarships for the 2025 retreat up to a total of \$3000, with a maximum of \$85 per participant. We have increased our Book and Material Reimbursement program by \$125 per semester to \$500 per semester per student, and

continue to fund the other local and educational missions we have supported in the past. For full details, please contact Mike Price at [mtprice65@gmail.com](mailto:mtprice65@gmail.com) or 303-880-0028.

**Senior Men's Bible Study** Recently there has been some discussion about beginning a Senior Men's Bible Study. The details of when the study would be held, and the theme of the study have not been decided. Presently we are evaluating the interest in attending and securing a teacher / leader of the study. Let Pastor know if you have an interest in participating, or being the leader.

**From Ascension Extended Day Preschool:** Preschool is chugging right along. It certainly does not feel like October outside, but we'll get there soon enough. We have had our first wave of the tummy bug hit the preschool which is never fun. We wash the little hands so much but somehow the germies still find their way in. Pumpkins are a treasure trove of teaching (counting seeds, life-cycle, food for small critters, carving jack-o-lanterns, baking pies, etc.) and just another reason we love October. We will end this week with a conference for Christian educators (the teachers, not the kiddos!). It is a wonderful day and we always leave with new nuggets of knowledge."  
– Grace and Peace, Meg Stenman, Preschool Director

**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.

**An invitation from Love INC – Tomorrow Night!** Join Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ) for an evening of community, interactive fun, and stories of transformation happening right here in Littleton! Live jazz music, silent auction, dessert and coffee at 6:00 pm on Friday, October 4, 2024 at 7275 S. Broadway [www.loveinlittleton.org](http://www.loveinlittleton.org)

**Oktoberfest!** This Saturday, October 5th from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall! German food including delicious eats from the famous Helga's restaurant will be provided. Looking forward to a fabulous evening - see you there!

**\*\*\*NEEDED: GRILLS** to use for our delicious brats for Oktoberfest! Do you have a grill you could bring over for us to use? Let Stephanie know, thank you!

**Young Adult Bible Study** Our next Young Adult Bible Study meeting at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house will be Friday, October 11 at 6:30 pm. We will be studying the concept of vocation and how God uses us to carry out His will.

**The Lutheran Chorale is coming to Ascension!** On Sunday, October 13 at 2:30 pm in the sanctuary. Come hear this talented Lutheran choir perform variety of musical works, with a special emphasis on the abundant choral tradition of the Lutheran Heritage. Tickets not required. A freewill offering will be collected.

**Our annual Trunk or Treat** will be on 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!

**NEEDED:** Bags of candy for our Trunk or Treat! This event sees families from the neighborhood, preschool, and church. There will be a donation bin available for drop-off during the month of October. Thank you! We appreciate your generosity!

**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](http://www.missionexperience.org) to purchase tickets or email Leslie Kotwica at [leslie@missionexperience.org](mailto:leslie@missionexperience.org)

Join us for a blowout Haitian-style worship service on the morning of Nov. 2nd at Peace with Christ. There will be lots of worship music with a full band, messages from Haiti, special mission speakers like Rev. Christian Wood from Hales Corners Lutheran in Wisconsin, videos and pictures of our work in Haiti, and a free catered meal afterward. Please register online at [www.missionexperience.org](http://www.missionexperience.org) or just let Pastor Mike know you are attending at [mike.e.paulison@gmail.com](mailto:mike.e.paulison@gmail.com).

**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! RSVP to Jenna Lawrenz at 303-913-3512

**SAVE THE DATE!** **Saturday, November 16th at 5:00 p.m.** will be our first big youth fundraiser to help our high school students in their goal of attending the National LCMS Youth Gathering! We're going to have a "Trivia Night/Chili Cook-Off!"

**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](mailto: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. This is the purpose of putting a plan together. We can't defer this responsibility to anyone else, such as our children. We are the ones to whom God has entrusted responsibility. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can assist

you in getting your plan organized. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Prayers:** For the mission and the women of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League at Ascension and throughout the U.S.; For help and comfort for Roger and Judy Koester’s 17-year-old great granddaughter, Nalani, in Texas, who has been diagnosed with scleroderma; For Lee Valdez, with an infection in his left arm; For Gary Westerman, Charlene Dierking’s brother-in-law, with respiratory problems; For Neveah Cooper’s grandfather, James Cooper, with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer; For Steve and Judy Mihok and their family, at the death of Steve’s mother, Rose; For Curt Engle; For Josh Federico, who had surgery to repair his lung at UC-Health – Anschutz on Wednesday, October 2; For Christopher Brown; For Tonya Cronberg; For Del Grau’s son-in-law, Scott Estes; For Ken Herman, father of Jan Nichols’ daughter-in-law Darlene; For all those who are in jail or in prison; For those whose families and homes were affected by the 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** are given by Jean and Jerry Gerdes, in joyful celebration of their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Service Time</u></b>	<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	
Saturday, 9/28	4:00 pm	69	
Sunday, 9/29	8:00 am	80	
	10:30 am	93	
			Total Weekend: 242

**Online Views** (as of October 1) for September 22: 167 views.

<b><u>Stewardship</u></b>	September 28-29	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,600.00	\$488,000.00
Received Amount	\$8,785.00	\$426,981.00

**Calendar (Saturday, October 5 – Sunday, October 13):**

Sat. (10-5)	9:30 am	Evangelism Meeting
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	5:00 pm	Oktoberfest!
Sun. (10-6)		<b>LWML Sunday</b>
	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. (10-7)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool

Tues. (10-8)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Church Council
Weds. (10-9)	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.(10-10)	9:00 am	Foundation Meeting
	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Fri. (10-11)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	11:00 am	Memorial Service for Dean Gordon
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group
Sat. (10-12)	9:00 – 11:30 am	Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (10-13)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	2:30 pm	The Lutheran Chorale Concert

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