

**GOOD AFTERNOON!**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 31)! *Blessed All Saints Day!***

**Worship Times** Worship times are 4:00 on Saturday afternoons, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The Adult class and Sunday School meet at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays. This Sunday, Steve with Mission Experience will share an update on their mission to Haiti (more information below) during the Adult Education hour.

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

**All Saints Sunday** will be this weekend. During all three worship services, Pastor will read the names of those we have lost since All Saints Day in 2023.

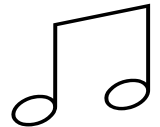
**The funeral service** for Dolores "Babe" Van Laningham (Mike Zehnder's mom) will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (22nd and Wadsworth) in Lakewood, CO on Monday, November 11 at 11:00 am. An open casket viewing will be held in the Narthex before the service at 9:30 am and there is a reception following the service. All are welcome.

**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](mailto:pastorjohnlarson@aol.com), and phone number is 303-794-4636.

**Thank You to All who Donated Tuna!** Our total collected was 751 cans of tuna for our local food bank, Integrated Family Community Services, [IFCS.org](http://IFCS.org). Thank you!!

**Hurricane Disaster Response** Total collected donations, *not including* \$2,000.00 already sent to LCMS, is \$4,995.00 to date. The Ascension Foundation has graciously agreed to match \$3,000.00, bringing the total donations so far to \$9,995.00! Thank you to everyone for your generosity – we will accept donations through this weekend, and will send them after that.

**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.



**NEEDED: More people to bring a pot of chili for our Youth Fundraiser,** Trivia Night & Chili Cook-off, on Saturday, November 16th at 5:00 pm! Sign-up at the table in the narthex. Thank you!

**A big "thank you!" to everyone** who helped with our **Trunk or Treat** last weekend! We had 17 trunks and close to 100 people from the neighborhood, preschool, and church participate in this fun event! Because of our wonderful volunteers, it was a successful evening! Check out the pictures on the Youth and Family Ministry board by the north entrance.

**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

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**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, 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

**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 Vice President.** From our Church Constitution: "The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence, inability, or at the request of the President. In the absence of both the President and the Vice President at a Voters' Assembly meeting, the voters shall elect a temporary chairman. The Vice President shall serve as Chair of the Finance Board and appoint the Board members which shall include the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary appointed by the Vice-President and approved by Council, and the Assistant Treasurer(s) appointed by Council. The Vice President shall be responsible that all monies received are deposited in a timely manner to the credit of the congregation in a bank or banks designated by the Council. The Vice President is not authorized to officially disburse funds even when performing the duties of the President." If you are interested in serving in this or any other position that is up for

election, please contact Bob Hea ([roberthea@comcast.net](mailto: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

**Ascension Prayer Chain** We invite you to join our prayer chain by emailing Jude Donovan at [Heyjude264@aol.com](mailto:Heyjude264@aol.com).

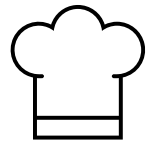
When you join, she will initially send one confirmation and welcome email to you. Then whenever Jude receives an email request, she will email you. You are asked to pray initially when you receive the request and then continue to pray frequently for the situation and people involved. The request is for 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

### **Ladies Guild Craft & Bake Sale**

Our Sale is just a few weeks away! November 24th!  
Hope your crafts are coming along... And then the Baked goods...  
Yummy!

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



**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](http://www.missionexperience.org) to purchase tickets or email Leslie Kotwica at [leslie@missionexperience.org](mailto: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](mailto:dcs.sara3@gmail.com) or 513-509-8108 (call or text). The deadline to register is November 1.

**Decorating the Sanctuary** On Saturday, November 30, please join Bri Bly and her team at 8:30 to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas!

**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 for the Lighthouse Bible Study, Wilderness Wanderings on Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, at 3:00 pm Saturday in Room 106. Email Curt at [Kenngle0920@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Prayers:** For Mike Zehnder and his family, at the death of his mother, Babe Van Laningham, on Tuesday, October 29; For Joyce Gallagher, at the death of her friend Michelle Newman on Tuesday, October 29; For Kent Walters, son of Larry Walters of Venango, Nebraska, former parishioner of Pastor John. Kent is hospitalized at St. Anthony's with sepsis; For Kathy Kositzke, in hospice care; For Jim Bame, recovering from a fall; For David Hawk, Mary Ann's husband; For Lorraine Winckler, with a possible knee infection; For Kathy Chamberlin, who will have back surgery on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>; 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 affected by flooding in Spain; 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 Jim and Lisa Wert, in honor of All Saints Day.

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Service Time</u></b>	<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	
Saturday, 10/26	4:00 pm	51	
Sunday, 10/27	8:00 am	89	
	10:30 am	58	
			Total Weekend: 228

**Online Views** (as of October 29) for October 20: 158 views.

<b><u>Stewardship</u></b>	October 26-27	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,600.00	\$538,400.00
Received Amount	\$66,775.00	\$533,770.00

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

Sat. (11-2)		<b>FALL BACK – SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR TONIGHT</b>
	9:30 am	Congregational Life Meeting



	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-3)		<b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b>
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Mon. (11-4)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (11-5)		<b>ELECTION DAY</b>
	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds.(11-6)	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.(11-7)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	1:30 pm	Koinonia
Fri. (11-8)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group
Sat. (11-9)	9:30 am	Ladies Guild Board Meeting
	10:00am–12:00pm	GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-10)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

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