

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (November 14)!

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. Pastor John is leading the study on II Corinthians this Sunday during the Adult Bible class.

We will be receiving New Members This Sunday, November 17. A warm welcome to Gary and Sheri Radtke, John and Susan Meeker, and Rosemary Fox! Please talk to Pastor if you are interested in membership at Ascension. His email is pastorjohnlarsen@aol.com, and phone number is 303-794-4636.

Operation Christmas Child The Sunday School children are participating in a service project by filling Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children around the world. We have extra shoeboxes available if anyone wants to fill one. There are instructions inside every box and they are ready for you to pick up in the narthex. Return by November 24th. Thank you!

God's Creation Calendars are here! \$10 for a beautiful 2025 calendar with Scripture verses and stunning pictures. Proceeds will go towards the youth trip to the LCMS National Youth Gathering next summer! Available in the narthex.

Everyone is Invited to our Trivia Night & Chili Cook-off, hosted by the youth this Saturday, November 16th at 5:00 pm! Is your chili the best or the spiciest? Come find out and win prizes! Also, test your knowledge on fun facts to win MORE prizes! Guaranteed fun evening while supporting our youth! Childcare will be provided.

The Ladies Guild Invites You for a Meet & Greet with Pastor Robert Jarvis from the University Lutheran Chapel at CU-Boulder on **Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 9:30 am**. The University Lutheran Chapel at CU is one of the Rocky Mountain District LWML's Mission Grants. University Lutheran Chapel is a campus ministry congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, serving the students, faculty, staff, and community of the University of Colorado with the gifts of Christ's Word and Sacraments. **Coffee/Tea and pastries will be provided - Ladies do not forget to bring a Friend, and your Mites!**

The Ladies Guild Craft & Bake Sale is November 24th!

Your donated items can be dropped off Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00am to noon. Please price your items before drop off. Thank you! Contact Charmaine Rohde with inquiries: cr23home@outlook.com 303-618-8889

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 Congregational Life 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.

Ascension Extended Day Preschool Colorado may get these big snowstorms but then the sun comes out, it warms things up and the snow is gone just like that. ❄️☀️

Our Bible story this month is The Boy Who Shared His Lunch, and it is so appropriate since Thanksgiving is right around the corner. On the 21st we are going to have our "sharing is caring" snack. All 13 kiddos will bring a teensy tiny snack to share with everyone. It could be 13 slices of apples, 13 cheese sticks, 13 pretzels...you get the idea. 😊

A BIG thank you to all who supported the preschool by purchasing Butter Braids! We appreciate you so much! The braids will be in the church freezer with your name on the bag and you can pick them up any time after noon on the 20th. Thanks again and enjoy! 😊 – Grace and Peace, Meg Stenman, Preschool Director

GriefShare Update: Due to last week's snowstorm, our "Surviving the Holidays" workshop was moved to SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at Ascension, Room 106.

If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one this holiday season, please consider attending our Workshop. This program provides grievors with tools to cope with their losses at this special time of year. Learning practical ways to navigate memories, emotions, invitations, traditions, conversations, etc. are all helpful. Above all learning to trust the Lord to guide you on this perilous journey are all welcome aids for this difficult time.

Please pass this information on to someone you know who is hurting from the loss of a loved one this holiday season.

Thank you from Sherry Hitztaler and Linda Olsen, 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.

If you are interested in serving in an open position, please contact Bob Hea (roberthea@comcast.net) or Dawn Munson at the Church office.

Voters' Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order & Opening Prayer
- Roll Call (Quorum?)
- Presentation of the Minutes (April 28, 2024 meeting)

- Pastor's Report
- Treasurer's Report (2024 Year-to-Date and 2025 Proposed Budget)
- Recommendations of the Council
- Elections
- Reports of Board Chairpersons & Committees
- Unfinished Business (None at this time)
- New Business (None at this time)
- Adjournment
- Closing Prayer

Ascension Prayer Chain We invite you to join our prayer chain by emailing Jude Donovan at 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

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.

Young Adult Bible Study The Young Adult Bible Study will meet on Friday, December 13, at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house. We will be studying the concept of vocation and how God uses us to carry out His will.

Christmas Sanctuary Decorating – November 30!

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, November 30. *Note: You DO NOT need to be able to get up on a ladder to help.*

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

Gift planning can ensure that your charitable intent is honored in your overall estate plan. Many have charitable intent, but often this intent is nothing more than a wish, not being clearly articulated in the estate plan. Executors and trustees usually do not have latitude to create charitable gifts from your estate. Giving inheritance to family hoping they will follow through with your intent to allocate assets to ministry probably won't work for the same reason you are not achieving that goal in your life. It needs to be spelled out. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in clarifying your desires, making sure they are represented in the legal documents you create. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Janet Becker, who has Covid and pneumonia; For peace and comfort for Karen Martin, former member of Ascension and friend of Barb Williams. Karen's husband Ron (also a former member) died in Phoenix on Tuesday, November 12; For Barb's sister's daughter-in-law's mother, Glenda Powell, who has fallen and broken both arms; For healing and comfort for Starla Moltz, who took a fall and has shattered her shoulder; For Susan Price, who is having knee pain; For Crystal Sundet, scheduled for a surgery on Tuesday, November 19; For Kevin Kromminga (Mike Zehnder's cousin), in the ICU with diabetes complications; Please pray for Lori Banaszak, an online viewer who is suffering from cancer; For strength and healing for Lawrence Brown, who has had the first of several surgeries he needs for his foot and leg, but is now in an induced coma while doctors treat a serious infection; For Christopher Brown; For Jim Bame, recovering from a fall; For David Hawk; For Kathy Chamberlin, recovering from two back surgeries; For Roger and Judy Koester's great granddaughter, Nalani; For James Cooper, with pancreatic cancer; 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 Eric Kaiser, son of David and Tina Kaiser. Eric has been suffering from liver failure for almost a year, and has been waiting for transplant surgery. He was able to have the surgery on Sunday, November 10, and it was a success! Thanks and praise be to God! Please continue to pray that Eric's body will accept the new liver, and for his healing and daily strength.

We rejoice with Jeff and Michiko Dunker, whose daughter Melisandra safely delivered a baby boy on Monday, November 11!

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given by Diego and Amy Garcia, in joyful celebration of their 28th Wedding Anniversary!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 11/9	4:00 pm	42	
Sunday, 11/10	8:00 am	77	
	10:30 am	79	
			Total Weekend: 198

Online Views (as of November 12) for November 3: 128 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	November 2-3	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$12,600.00	\$563,600.00
Received Amount	\$12,229.00	\$558,501.00

Calendar (Saturday, November 16 – Sunday, November 24):

Sat. (11-16)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	5:00 pm	Chili Cook-off and Trivia Night Youth Fundraiser
Sun. (11-17)	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. (11-18)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (11-19)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Weds.(11-20)	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.(11-21)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00am	Ladies Guild General Meeting
	1:30pm	Koinonia
Fri. (11-22)	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Sat. (11-23)	9:00am -12:00pm	Set up for Ladies Guild Bake & Craft Sale
	10:00am – 12:00pm	GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays NEW DATE
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-24)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Ladies Guild Craft & Bake Sale
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	KICKS: Kids in Christ Knowing the Savior (3 rd -6 th Graders)

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