

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (June 12)

Summer Worship Services are on Saturdays at 4:00 pm and on Sundays at 9:00 am. The Summer schedule will continue until the weekend of September 7-8. Following the 9:00 service on Sunday there will be Coffee Under the Trees, and Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 am.

Happy Father's Day! Coffee Under the Trees on Sunday will be hosted by our Education and Youth Boards, in honor of Father's Day, featuring DAD'S ROOT BEER!

Preaching Themes and Verses: Summer 2025

June 15 - Why Worry? Matthew 6:25-34

June 22 - Peace John 14:27; 16:33

June 29 - Joy Philippians 4:4-7

July 6 - Forgiven and Forgiving Matthew 6:12

July 13 - Pastor Kelly Crabbe, Preaching

July 20 - Pastor Mike Zehnder, Preaching

July 27 - Too Much!! Matthew 11:28-30

August 3 - Pastor Mike Zehnder, Preaching

August 10 - God in Control Romans 8:28

August 17 - A Fortress Psalm 46

August 24 - A Temple 1Corinthians 6:19-20

August 31 - Work Colossians 3:23-24

The Memorial Service for Jim Adams will be on Friday, June 13 at 11:00 a.m. A meal will follow the service.

The 53rd Convention of the Rocky Mountain District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod was held at the Marriott South Park Meadows Hotel in Lone Tree, Colorado on May 29-30, 2025. Pastor John and Arvin Michel attended as Voting Delegates from Ascension. About 90 Pastoral Delegates and 90 Lay Delegates elected various people to lead our District in the next 3 years, as well as deciding on various resolutions to grow the church. We also had worship, study, and time for fellowship with one another. The Rocky Mountain District is made up of about 150 congregations from Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas.

The President of the LC-MS, Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison was with us, offering an update on the happenings of the Synod throughout the world. He also preached for the closing service of the convention. Our District President, Rev. James Maxwell, was re-elected to his second three-year term. Pastor Jared Melius, pastor of Mt. Zion in Denver was elected as the first vice-president of the District and also our regional vice-president. Pastor John was reelected as the Circuit Visitor for the Denver Southwest Circuit.

A number of resolutions were approved, including:

- ❖ The elimination of term limits to the District's By-Laws. To this point the maximum number of years one could serve in an elected position was 9 years.
- ❖ We saw the need to assist the rural congregations in the District. Many of them face financial challenges as well as staffing problems. A resolution to address the needs of rural congregations was passed.
- ❖ The Convention resolved to make the State of Utah, and the congregations that serve there, our special mission project. We set as a goal to raise up to one million dollars to bring the joy of the Gospel to that state.

We also heard reports from the Seminaries and Universities in our Synod and their concerted efforts to train more pastors, teachers and church-workers. We are looking at a large shortage of pastors and teachers in the coming years.

God blessed our convention with great harmony and a strong desire to be God's vessel to bring the salvation of Jesus to the communities where we live.

Evangelism Event - Neighborhood Picnic & Concert – Saturday, June 28!

The Evangelism committee is sponsoring a free neighborhood picnic and concert Saturday, June 28th. A fried chicken and sides lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. The Sousa Band of Colorado will play at 1:00 pm under the trees on the south lawn. The congregation is invited as are our neighbors. Children's activities are included. Please plan on attending, wear your Ascension name tag, and mingle with our neighbors before enjoying an hour of patriotic music!

Volunteers Needed! On Saturday, June 21st at 11:00 am, members of the Evangelism committee will drop off personal invitations to the picnic/concert at our immediate neighbor's homes. We need volunteers to help. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

***The Sacred Art of Ascension** Ascension has been richly blessed with beautiful works of sacred art throughout our building. Jude Donovan has created a booklet describing our art and its symbolism, entitled "The Sacred Art of Ascension," and copies are now available in the narthex. Each week we will include a page of the booklet in the Happenings. As Jude says, "A picture is worth a thousand words, come and enjoy the ORIGINALS!" 😊

Do you have a Summer Date to Celebrate? If you would like to provide coffee and donuts or other treats after a Sunday worship service this summer, there are still 2 dates available: August 3 and August 31. Sign up in the narthex!

The Ordination and Installation of Ben Oesch The congregation of Shepherd of the Hills invites you to the ordination and installation of Ben Oesch as Associate Pastor of Shepherd of the Hills, 7691 South University Blvd. in Centennial. **The Service is at 3:00 PM this Sunday, June 15** at Shepherd. Ben is a 2025 graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He is married to Amelia and are the parents of a 9-week-old daughter, Olive.

Please include Ben and Amelia and Shepherd of the Hills in your prayers and the prayers of your congregation as we receive Ben, Amelia and Olive at Shepherd!

3rd-6th graders! You're invited to Urban Air on Sunday, June 22nd at 2:00pm! We're going to have an awesome time on the trampolines, battle beam, dodgeball, and more! Please join us! \$10 a person. Meet at Urban Air (Littleton, off of Bowles and Wadsworth). Must RSVP with Stephanie at stephanieroettjer@gmail.com.

Board of the Month: Congregational Life The Congregational Life Board has the mission of:

- Assisting the Congregation in spreading the Gospel within the worship of
- the congregation.
- Orienting new members toward full participation in the life of the Congregation.
- Developing among the membership awareness about their use of talents, time, and treasures for the mission of the Church.
- Helping meet the physical and social needs of the members of the Congregation.

Our mission is important, and we have a lot of fun while we are carrying it out! We meet the first Saturday of every other month, and our next meeting will be Saturday, July 12 at 9:30 am. If you would like more information, please contact Shelia Beu at 720-202-4579 or sheliabeu@yahoo.com

Source: The Ascension Lutheran Church Constitution

*****Ascension Congregational Retreat – August 1-3***** at Lutheran Valley Retreat near Woodland Park, Colorado! [Lutheran Valley Retreat](#) (LVR) is a year-round retreat and summer camp facility for all ages, tucked away in the Pike National Forest. They are located 1.5 hours from Colorado Springs and 2.5 hours from Denver. Their mission is to share God's grace and glory through His creation.

From Friday evening, August 1 until Sunday morning, August 3, 2025, members and friends of our congregation will share Christian fellowship and engage in fun, safe indoor and outdoor activities for all ages. We will be staying in cabins; married couples may request to stay together as space is available. Bath facilities are near the cabins. Meals are served cafeteria-style. There are trailer hook-ups available (20 amp receptacles), as well as tent campsites.

To register:

Go to <https://lvr.org/>, scroll down to the bottom of the page, find "Sign Up for a Camp Now" and click "REGISTER." Each family will create a log-in if they have never registered with LVR before. When you reach the list of camp dates, scroll down until you see "Ascension Church Retreat on August 1-3." Then register each family member attending for:

August 1-3: "Ascension Church Retreat"

Password: Ascension

Here is a video if you need help: [How to Create an Account and Register for Camp at LVR](#)

The cost is \$175 / person (under age 4 is free) (Cost also applies if you are tent / RV / trailer camping), which includes the program, meals and lodging. **Scholarships and payment plans are available, please call the church office at 303-794-4636.** You will NOT pay for your registration on the LVR website. Instead, please bring your payment to the church office OR you can pay securely online using [this link](#)

Young Adult Bible Study The Young Adult Bible Study will meet tomorrow evening, Friday, June 13, at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house. The group will study "The Case for Christ," by Lee Strobel. For more information, please call or email Jenna at 303-913-3512 or jenna.lindeman@cune.org

Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel: Each Wednesday, Pastor Ginkel leads Bible Study at 10:00 am in Room 106. We are studying the Gospel of John, one chapter a week. All are welcome!

Saturday Afternoon Bible Study We meet on Saturdays at 3:00 pm for our Lifelight Bible study on the book of Acts, with a focus on evangelism. Anyone is welcome to join! Email Curt at Kengle0920@gmail.com

Tempur-pedic Adjustable Twin XL Bed

For Sale: It is in great shape, from a member's non-smoking, no-pet home. Barely used, no stains, etc,. Includes mattress and adjustable base. **Price is negotiable**, please call the church office at 303-794-4636 for more information.



We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday.

Will my plans preserve what I have gathered or give it away? The temptation in estate planning is to perpetuate a sense of control over what happens to your things after you have departed this life. Yet that departure sets a new tone, not one of controlling assets but of blessing others, family and ministry. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you plan those blessings. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Happy Birthday! To Carmen Gutierrez, on her 80th birthday on Thursday, June 12; and to Marilyn Wert, on her 90th birthday, Tuesday, June 24!

Prayers: For all Fathers and Grandfathers, and for their families; For Jackie Adams and her family, at the death of her husband, Jim, on May 29; For Jackie's granddaughter, Amy, and her husband Cooper, and their baby who will be born in early August; For Linda Achziger and her family, at the death of her mother, Edna, on May

18; For Kealan Cornell, son of Chandra and Shawn Cornell. Kealan has joined the Marines, but has been ill recently; For Karen Frundt, Ellen Thompson's sister, who has entered hospice care in Texas; For Rita Kratzer, recovering from a broken arm and leg from a fall; For Margo Pasha, undergoing chemo treatments this summer; For Tonya Cronberg; For Janet Parrott; For Starla Moltz; For Larry Nelson, undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma; For Rick Westra; For the people of Haiti, and for the children living there; For those affected by violence in the Middle East 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 Del Grau's niece's friend Caleb, who has recovered from his two major surgeries and is now at home! Praise God!

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given by Max and Sheena Shakely, in joyful celebration of their 12th Wedding Anniversary on June 12!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 6/7	4:00 pm	60	
Sunday, 6/8	9:00 am	177	
			Total: 237

Online Views (as of June 9) for June 1: 134 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	June 7-8	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$322,000.00
Received Amount	\$11,934.00	\$341,489.00

Calendar (Saturday, June 14 – Sunday, June 22):

Sat. (6-14)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (6-15)		FATHER'S DAY
	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Coffee Under the Trees – Education / Youth Boards
	10:15 am	Adult Bible Class
Tues. (6-17)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (6-18)	10:00 am	Weekday Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs.(6-19)	1:30 pm	Koinonia
Sat. (6-21)	9:00 pm	Ladies Guild Planning Meeting
	9:30 am	Patio Committee Meeting
	11:00 am	Delivery of Invitations to Sousa Band Concert
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (6-22)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

	10:00 am	Coffee Under the Trees – Adam Wilson & Jackie Viren
	10:15 am	Adult Bible Class
	2:00 pm	3 rd – 6 th Graders to Urban Air

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Stained-Glass Windows at Ascension

The artist, Betty Jane Gaiser White, attended Valparaiso University and the Cleveland Institute of Art. She wanted to praise her Lord by sharing one of the talents He had given her.

This was to be a visual proclamation of what she and her fellow members believe.

She spent two years doing conceptual research and design and one year working with Creative Stain Glass Studio on the fabrication process.

After the original drawings were enlarged and color translations established, each piece was coded by color and placement. They were then cut into templates.

The template is placed on the dalle glass slab, which is sectioned by saw. The final form is chipped by hand. Over 3800 separate pieces are in these eight windows. The pieces are placed in position on the full pattern. An epoxy resin was poured to form the matrix. Each window was then turned over and the second side poured. A different color of epoxy was used on the second side for the windows to be aesthetically pleasing to the exterior elevation.

Pastor Arnold Voigt encouraged Betty in developing her dream and wrote the window descriptions which accompanies each piece.

A dedication service was held February 2, 1986.

