

## **GOOD AFTERNOON!**

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING (June 19)**

**Summer Worship Services** are on Saturdays at 4:00 pm and on Sundays at 9:00 am. Following the 9:00 service on Sunday there will be Coffee Under the Trees, and Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 am.

#### **Preaching Themes and Verses: Summer 2025**

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 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

August 31 - Work Colossians 3:23-24

#### **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.

**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](mailto:stephanieroettjer@gmail.com).

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC COMING UP IN SERVICES - JULY 5-6**

Mark your calendars for July 5-6 as a special time both to attend services and as an opportunity to invite those in your sphere of influence! We're having a dynamic "Patriotic Celebration" both in our 4:00 pm Saturday and our 9:00 am Sunday services. Pastor is preaching on receiving and giving God's forgiveness which is sorely needed in our country and world today. Special music will feature a patriotic organ and piano medley by Diana Gaide and Michael Zehnder, special flute solo by Ann Westra, a moving solo by Rachel Becker on how God will never leave or forsake

us, even if the mountains are hurled into the sea. Also joining us is special guest Mark Senechal, trumpeter, a long-time friend of Mike Zehnder back in his Orange County days. They used to play together weekly in a brass quintet and they took the same piece Rachel is going to sing on a European tour the late 1980's. Mark is currently the Director of Worship at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in St. Louis, MO where he directs and oversees a number of groups and he has recently been a leader at the LWML national convention in Omaha where he directed a 270-voice choir. Thanks to Mark and all who are participating in these special services! Don't forget to use this opportunity to invite friends and neighbors as an evangelistic outreach! Saturday and Sunday services will be identical with all the musicians present.

**Extended Day Preschool** I had the great pleasure to attend the beginning of VBS a couple weeks ago. I was at the "preschool registration" table pouring coffee and chatting with wonderful church members. Although I didn't snag any new registrations, I saw many current and past families which was really fun. I noticed the excitement of all the campers, Pastor, adults, and helpers. I was so impressed with all of the "big kid" helpers...they were all having fun and so great with the littles. This is a church with a lot of love, joy, and life.

Our preschool camp started last Tuesday. It is fun to spend time with a small group of children...you really get to know them! Our theme last week was Dinosaurs, this week is Mermaids & Pirates. If you have a 3 to 5-year old and would like them to attend our camp, please contact me...we'd love to have them! 😊

[director@alcpreschool.com](mailto:director@alcpreschool.com) or 303-730-2514

**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](mailto:sheliabeu@yahoo.com)

*Source: The Ascension Lutheran Church Constitution*

**\*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 at the end of 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!

**\*\*\*Ascension Congregational Retreat – August 1-3\*\*\*** at Lutheran Valley Retreat near Woodland Park, Colorado! [Lutheran Valley Retreat](https://lvr.org/) (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 again on August 8, 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](mailto: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](mailto:Kengle0920@gmail.com)

**PRAYER CHAIN via Email:** We have an active and willing PRAYER CHAIN at Ascension. When you have a need for prayer, a praise for answered prayer or a desire for an anonymous prayer, we have over 55 members who will pray for you and yours. Email your request to Jude Donovan anytime at [Heyjude264@aol.com](mailto:Heyjude264@aol.com) and it will be sent out quickly. We will pray fervently and frequently for you. Also contact Jude at this email if you wish to be added to the list of those on the prayer chain. PTL!!!  
Pax Christi, Jude

**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? If you have been careful about stewarding God's gifts, you don't want those things wasted after you depart. Sharing a statement with those who will take over that stewardship in your place may be a very wise and rewarding experience, allowing you to share your faith. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you to begin thinking about what you would share. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Happy Birthday!** To Marilyn Wert, on her 90th birthday, Tuesday, June 24! Many happy returns of the day! ☺

**Prayers:** For Jackie Adams' granddaughter, Amy, and her husband Cooper, and their baby who will be born in early August; For Karen Frundt, Ellen Thompson's sister, who has entered hospice care in Texas; For Rita Kratzer; 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 peace and the protection of the dignity of human life in Iran, Israel and Ukraine, for wisdom for world leaders; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving** for the birth of Jim Bame's new grandson, Forest!

**Flowers on the Altar** this weekend are given by Jim and Lisa Wert, in joyful celebration of Marilyn Wert's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on June 24!

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Service Time</u></b>	<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	
Saturday, 6/14	4:00 pm	77	
Sunday, 6/15	9:00 am	130	
			Total: 207

**Online Views** (as of June 17) for June 8: 114 views.

<b><u>Stewardship</u></b>	<b><u>June 14-15</u></b>	<b><u>Year-to-Date (YTD)</u></b>
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$336,000.00
Received Amount	\$6,811.00	\$348,300.00

**Calendar (Saturday, June 21 – Sunday, June 29):**

Sat. (6-21)	9:00 am	Ladies Guild Planning Meeting
	9:30 am	Patio Committee Meeting
	11:00 am	Walkabout to invite neighbors 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 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Graders to Urban Air!
Tues. (6-24)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 am	Hands All Around Summer Party
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Weds. (6-25)	10:00 am	Weekday Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Sat. (6-28)	12:00 pm	Outdoor Picnic and Sousa Band Concert!
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (6-29)	9:00 am	Blended (Contemporary & Traditional) Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Coffee Under the Trees – Nichols / Munson
	10:15 am	Adult Bible Class

**CREATION WINDOW:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.” The hand of God is reaching out of the dark void, and He said, ***“Let there be light, and there was light.”***

The glass circlets surrounding God’s hand suggest the very swirling of the atoms, basic building matter of all creation which then bursts into light.

God said, ***“Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters and let it divide the waters from the dry land.”*** God called the dry land “Earth.”

The jagged cliffs remind us of the West, the spot in Creation where God placed us. The three fish suggest the food God gives us as wells as the Trinity whom we confess God to be. The depiction of the first woman and man in a verdant Paradise expresses God’s original (and continuing) purpose for us as bearers of His image to share life in fellowship with Him and each other.

