

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (June 26)



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 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

Pastor John and Marilyn are heading to Flagstaff, Arizona for a family reunion vacation. They are renting a house big enough for their 3 children, and their spouses, and the 11 grandchildren!! They will leave after worship on Sunday, June 29 and will return on Friday, July 4. They are expecting quite a celebration when they return – fireworks and much more!! If pastoral care is needed during those days you can contact Mike Zehnder at 1-480-861-5000 or the church number 303-794-4636.

John Philip Sousa Band Concert & Lunch – This Saturday, June 28!

The Evangelism committee is sponsoring a free picnic and concert this Saturday, June 28th. A fried chicken and sides lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. The John Philip Sousa Band of Colorado will play at 1:00 pm under the trees on the south lawn. **The congregation and our neighbors are invited.** 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!

Name tags: If you don't have a name tag in your box, please email us at office@alutheran.org and we will make one for you.

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.

Hosts Needed for Coffee Under the Trees – July 6 If you are able to provide coffee and donuts or other treats after the Sunday worship service on July 6, please call the church office or sign up on the landing, thank you! (We have had an urgent cancellation for that day.) August 31 is still available also, thank you!

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

***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!" 😊

***** Thirty-Four People are Registered for the Ascension Congregational Retreat – August 1-3***** at Lutheran Valley Retreat near Woodland Park, Colorado! Come and join us! [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"

Session 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

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

We may face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. The Lord gives us a charitable heart but where should we direct our charitable intent? You may have many ministries that you have supported occasionally in life. Yet it might be wise to focus your estate gifts on those closest to your heart. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can begin asking you questions to help you focus your plan. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Bob Estes, who will be witnessing and distributing Bibles at the Sterling Correctional Facility on June 27-28 as part of Prison Fellowship outreach; For Bob Stamp, who has entered home hospice care, and for his wife Carol and their family; For quick and complete healing for Deb Shiflet, who has fractured her right patella

(kneecap) in a fall; For Barb Muirhead, hospitalized with an infection; For Nancy Lugton's sister, Laura, in New Mexico. Laura has had to evacuate her home due to a wildfire; For Shirley Nichols' mother-in-law, also named Shirley, who has entered hospice; For Rosemary Fox, who is sick with pneumonia; 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 is in 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, who will have a stem cell transplant for lymphoma, beginning on July 8; For Rick Westra; For the people of Haiti, and for the children living there; For peace in the Middle East and Ukraine; For wisdom and discernment for world leaders; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for a successful carpal tunnel surgery for Joyce Gallagher on Monday, June 23! Also for the recent marriage of Samantha Riebling to Ryan Dowdy! Samantha is the daughter of Lisa and Jim Riebling, friends and former members!

Happy 101st Birthday to our dear friend and fellow member, Donna Dennis, who celebrated her 101st voyage around the sun on June 20th!

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given by Dave and Becky Clausen, in loving memory of their granddaughter Taylor, on the anniversary of her passing; and by Gary and Sheri Radtke, in joyful celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 28!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 6/21	4:00 pm	70	
Sunday, 6/22	9:00 am	129	
			Total: 199

Online Views (as of June 23) for June 15: 129 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	June 21-22	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$350,000.00
Received Amount	\$9,104.00	\$357,404.00

Calendar (Saturday, June 28 – Sunday, July 6):

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

Tues. (7-1)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (7-2)	10:00 am	Weekday Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Fri. (7-4)		INDEPENDENCE DAY – OFFICE CLOSED
Sat. (7-5)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (7-6)	9:00 am	Blended (Contemporary & Traditional) Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:15 am	Adult Bible Class

Holy Birth of Christ Jesus – Window

... Was Conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary

Christmas, Good Friday and Easter are part of the total fabric of the tapestry of salvation woven through the work of Christ. His birth, His death and His resurrection are for us and for our salvation as the Creed proclaims.

The dominant color, blue, is the color of hope and heaven. The descending dove symbolizes the Credal phrase, ***“He was conceived by the Holy Spirit.”*** The traditional three wisemen, a Caucasian, an Oriental, and a Black, remind us that no one is excluded from God’s offer of salvation: ***“God our Savior...desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth”***. The shepherds in the hills foreshadow the One who calls Himself the Good Shepherd.

The wisemen present their gifts; as the Promise and the Word take root in our hearts, we are moved to respond with our gifts and our talents.

The road to Bethlehem reminds us that we are all pilgrims, seeking the city of our God.

