

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (August 21)

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 on the Gospel of Matthew begins at 10:30 am.

Preaching Themes and Verses: Summer 2025

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

August 31 - Work Colossians 3:23-24



One of long-time members, Del Grau, will be moving the first part of September to Georgia, to be closer to his daughter, Susan. Del and his wife Lorine joined Ascension 36 years ago, in 1989. Del has served our congregation as a President and Vice-President. He also served on the Board of Elders, the Board of Trustees and on the Foundation. Lorine died in May of 2023 and Del needs to be closer to their daughter Susan and her husband, Scott. Del's new address will be: 84 Lavender Lane, Hiawasse, GA 30546. Thank you, Del for being part of this Christian fellowship. God be with you till we meet again.

Education Sunday and the Church Picnic is on the Calendar for Sept. 7th! We will be celebrating the start-up of our Christian education programs for the fall as well as moving to two services (8:00 and 10:30 AM).

Also, 3rd graders will receive their Bibles and 7th graders will get their Luther's Small Catechisms during the church service.

And that's not all! We'll have a wonderful picnic lunch at 12 pm with fried chicken, sides, and desserts! There will be games for the kids! If your last name begins with A-M, bring a side; N-Z, bring a dessert. Sign-up on the bulletin board. Thank you!

Any questions, contact Stephanie, stephanieroettjer@gmail.com

"Happiness is singing in a choir!" This is true as well as many other benefits! Come see what our **CHOIR** is all about! Try it out...no experience necessary. We sing once a month and rehearse on Wednesday evenings. Starts up on September 3rd from 7-7:45 p.m. in the music room. Need to bring your children? No problem! Just let me know ahead of time! See Stephanie for more details.

Volunteers and Staff - Abuse Prevention Training is set for Sunday, August 24th from 10:30-11:00 a.m. in Room 106. If you plan to work in our children and youth ministry programs, you must attend this meeting and get a background check. Thank you!

Extended Day Preschool! It has been a very busy two weeks getting ready for the new school year! Our teachers have been hard at work organizing rooms, making tags, cleaning, and attending meetings. Last Friday, we had a wonderful time meeting all our new families and welcoming back our returning students. The parents are all so lovely, and we believe this is going to be a fantastic year! The children, of course, were more

interested in meeting new friends, playing with toys, and enjoying donuts, which is perfectly understandable. We'll get to know them all soon enough. The first few days of school have been filled with laughter and fun, and we are looking forward to a year full of similar joy.

We have a special request for our community. If anyone has tree stumps in their yard that they would be willing to part with, please reach out to us! My vision is to incorporate 3-5 stumps into a corner of our playground. These would be wonderful additions for the children to use as stepping stumps, chairs, tables, and countless other creative play opportunities.

If you have any stumps or know someone who does, please contact me at director@alcpreschool.com. – Meg Stenman, EDP Director

100th Anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Englewood!

“We joyfully invite you to join us for a Service of Thanksgiving and Praise this Sunday, August 24th, to give our gracious Lord all glory and honor as we celebrate ‘Immanuel – God With Us!’ The service will begin at 4:00 pm. You are also invited to join us ahead of time at 3:00 pm for an open house and tour of our church building. We truly hope you will share the joy with us on this special day! - Your brothers and sisters in Christ, the Immanuel 100th Anniversary Committee, 3695 Acoma St., Englewood

You are invited to a Mental Health Presentation at Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church, 8600 W. 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO this Sunday, August 25 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 any questions.

The topic is "Gaslighting, Who Does it and Why?" This is a continuation of our last presentation, but you don't need to have attended the first one to benefit from this one. Our speaker is Robyn Ruetz, a licensed Christian therapist who is also a member of our congregation. If you've ever wondered what all the fuss is about the term gaslighting, join us! Anyone planning to attend should register by contacting me, dcs.sara3@gmail.com or 513-509-8108 (call or text). Please register by August 15th.

“Grieving the loss of your spouse? Do you know someone who has lost their partner in life?” The loss of a spouse is such a devastating loss that the national program of GriefShare devotes a complete workshop geared to address this unique grief. Ascension presents this one-day, two-hour event on Saturday, September 6, 10:00 - Noon, designed to support and guide participants through the maze of spousal loss with the help of God’s Word that promises healing and hope.

Please join us - Feel free to take flyers home and share with your neighbors and friends. Additional flyers can be found on the table next to the Sanctuary doors. Register online at griefshare.org/findagroup and look for our event under “Loss of a Spouse.” This workshop is for all who are interested so please invite your friends and neighbors who are in grief from the death of their spouse.

Questions? Please contact me at hitz2@comcast.net or call the church office, 303-794-4636. - Sherry Hitztaler

Join us for a Special Worship Service on Saturday, September 6! David Vogel is a vocalist and pastor with a passion to share encouragement and inspiration through music. This special, dynamic worship service will provide encouragement and inspiration – please bring a friend! For a preview, see link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/m57acwy7wo7paivgrz74f/AscensionLutheranLittletonCo-video.mp4?rlkey=hcpf4eq1aw9yzkx6waflwwsyl&st=grypenmm&dl=0>

North Littleton Promise continues to be a place where immigrant families connect with one another and the Littleton Community. NLP has experienced growth and increased momentum since moving to their new location at the East Community Center (formerly East Elementary School)! The new space has enabled NLP to expand their programming, including the launch of English and Spanish classes. Weekly participation grew from 100 to 150 individuals. **You are invited to join them** for their annual **Fiesta Fundraiser** and hear their vision for 2026 on **Friday, September 19 at 6:00 pm** at South Fellowship Church, 6560 S. Broadway. Register to attend at www.northlittletonpromise.org/events.

2025 Fall Seminar Sponsored by SOAR Adult Ministry A one-day seminar will be held at Peace Lutheran Church, 5675 Field St. in Arvada, on **Saturday, September 20**. Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing of Concordia University St. Paul will give the Keynote address: “Deliver Us: God’s Rescue Story in Exodus,” Rev. John Larson of Ascension Lutheran Church and Alyssa Petty of Lutheran Bible Translators will speak as well. Entertainment will be provided by A Touch of Grass. Cost is \$30.00/person, includes program costs, continental breakfast, lunch, and coffee!

The Lutheran Lay Conference at Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church, 8600 W. 38th Ave. in Wheat Ridge, will be **Saturday September 27** from 9:00 until 4:00. The subject of this year’s conference is “Becoming Human: A Theology of the Body for Today,” with Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Boyle presenting. Rev. Dr. Boyle is the Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions Director of Field Education. Call or email Wheat Ridge Lutheran at Office@wrlutheran.org or 303-424-3161 to let them know you are coming to the Saturday conference.

“In this course, we’ll consider what it means to think of the body theologically and then apply that to the various assaults on the body in today’s world. We’ll apply this theology of the body to marriage & divorce, gender & sexuality, death & burial, and the sacramental gift of Christ to the body... as we navigate the culture’s distrust and disregard of the body, we’ll find our trust and hope – even our restored humanity – in the body of Christ our Savior.”

There is also a Continuing Ed. Workshop on the same subject from Monday, September 29 – Wednesday October 1. Registration forms for this 3-day workshop are available here in the Ascension office.

Young Adult Bible Study The Young Adult Bible Study will meet again on Friday, September 12, at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house. The group has begun a new Bible by Louie Giglio. 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 Saturday afternoons 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 can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates. Am I giving things away or am I trying to control how things will be used? It is tempting to try to control the Lord's things, especially for the days after He has called us from this life. With that sense of control, also comes great anxiety. God's gifts are meant to be blessings, not curses. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you rediscover that blessing. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For the family and friends of Marion Wilson, who died of pancreatic cancer on Monday, August 18; For Judy Hermsmeyer, recovering after a successful surgery on her spine on Tuesday, August 19; For Marilyn Loptien, after her ear procedure on Tuesday, August 12; For Del Grau, following skin cancer surgery; For Adeline Newth, recovering at home after a stroke; For Hank Peepgrass, now home from rehab; For Athenia Michel, who is deciding about next steps for her treatment; For Carolyn Helstrom's brother, Ernie Szugyi, with pancreatic cancer; For Deb Shiflet; For Jackie Adams' granddaughter, Amy, and her husband Cooper, and their baby; For Margo Pasha; For Larry Nelson; For Rick Westra; For Jim Nichols; For Christians in Africa who suffer persecution; 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.

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given by Jim and Tanya Schmitt, in joyful celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 8/16	4:00 pm	54	
Sunday, 8/17	9:00 am	146	
			Total: 200

Online Views (as of August 20) for August 10: 139 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	<u>August 16-17</u>	<u>Year-to-Date (YTD)</u>
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$448,000.00
Received Amount	\$8,125.00	\$438,463.00

Calendar (Saturday, August 23 - Sunday, August 31):

Sat. (8-23)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (8-24)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
	10:30 am	Abuse Prevention Training for Volunteers & Staff
	4:00 pm	Immanuel Englewood – 100 th Anniversary Service
Mon. (8-25)	9:30 am	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (8-26)	9:30 am	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Weds. (8-27)	9:30 am	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (8-28)	9:30 am	Extended Day Preschool
Fri. (8-29)	9:30 am	Extended Day Preschool
Sat. (8-30)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	4:00 pm	Baptism of Fallon Grace Civilla
Sun. (8-31)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class

Advent Banners

The Church year begins with Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. The color BLUE symbolizes "hope" as we are longing with anticipation for God's promise of a Savior, the Christ child, to be born and come to us anew. Emmanuel, God is with us.

Our banners show four candles, like the Advent wreath and the themes are **watch, hope, prepare, and behold**.

The pale blue curved swishes at the top and bottom of the banners is for the baptismal water and form a circle with our Sanctuary's cross as the center – Jesus is the center of our faith – eternal with no end.

