

## **GOOD AFTERNOON!**

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING (September 11)**

#### **Worship Schedule**

Worship times are 4:00 on Saturday afternoons, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School meet at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays. Pastor will be leading the Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall.

#### **Sunday School Locations**

Sunday School Openings (preschool-5th grades): Room 106 with Stephanie Roettjer

Preschool/Kindergarten: Room 110 with Jackie Viren / Lori Rolling

1st-3rd grades: Room 108 with Christa Kirschner / Krissy Schwerin

4th-6th grades: Room 106 with Katie Brehmer

7th-12th grades: Youth Room with Stephanie Roettjer

Young Adults: Music Room with Jenna Lawrenz

Adults: Fellowship Hall with Pastor John

**Education Sunday and the Church Picnic - A BIG thank you** to all the Church Council boards and everyone who attended, and those who helped set up, clean up, and brought food for our Education Sunday picnic! We appreciate all your hard work to make it a success! Thank you to everyone involved in our Sunday kick-off for our Christian education programs for the year including teachers, staff, and others! *We couldn't do it without you!*

**The Memorial Service for Marion Wilson** will be here at Ascension on Saturday, September 27 at 11:00 am, with a meal to follow.

**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod** will hold its Convention this coming summer - July 18-23, 2026 in Phoenix, Arizona. At this Convention, held every three years, the business and resolutions of our church body are discussed and voted upon. The Denver Southwest Circuit, our Circuit, sends one pastoral delegate and one lay delegate to the Convention. All expenses for this trip are paid. Would you like to be considered to represent our Circuit at the Convention? If so, please talk to Pastor John about this. This matter will be decided at the Circuit Forum which will be held at Ascension on Sunday, September 28, at 3:00.

#### **The Hands All Around Sewing Crafts Sale – This Friday & Saturday**

This Friday, September 12 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 13, from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m., Ascension will again host the Littleton Hands All Around charity sewing group for its annual notions sale in the Fellowship Hall! Come early to purchase your sewing supplies!

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Pastor John** is on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, come join the group as they study the book of Isaiah, Chapters 40-55.

**NEW TIMES for Choir and Bell Choir!** Our CHOIR rehearsals have changed to an earlier time on Wednesday evenings. We sing in the worship service once a month. Please join us from **6:30-7:30 PM** in the music room. No experience necessary and all

ages invited! Childcare available upon request. Also, the Gloria Dei Ringers (bell choir) has changed rehearsal time to **5:45-6:30 PM**.

**Youth Nerf Gun Battle** is scheduled for **Sept. 19th at 6:30PM**. 6th-12th graders are invited to battle it out! \$15 a person and bring your friends! We will meet at Colorado Battle Zones in Centennial. RSVP with Stephanie.

**New Church Directories and New Member Photo Directories** are now available in the narthex, get yours this weekend!

**On Sunday, August 24**, the membership at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Littleton (Bellevue and Kipling) approved the transfer of their building to Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Lakewood. In early 2026 Bethlehem will begin modifications in the building, with hopes that an Early Learning Center will open and worship services begin under Bethlehem's name in September, 2026. Pastor Greg Peters will be retiring in August of 2026 following over 30 years of ministry at Hosanna. We pray for this new venture and hope that many people will be brought to faith in this new beginning.

**HAAT Force: Homelessness Awareness and Action Task Force** will have their Annual Fundraiser and Silent Auction on Thursday, October 9. Check-in / auction and dinner begin at 5:30 pm, and the program begins at 6:00 pm. The location is Spirit of Hope Church, 4300 S. Lincoln St., Englewood.

**HAAT Force** has been serving clients for the last 15 years, and they added the Severe Weather Shelter clients when they closed. They offer life-saving shelter in motels on severe weather evenings to the homeless from October through April. **Their new Program Director, Julie Hall, will be at Ascension this coming Sunday** to tell us what their plans are for the season and ways in which we can support them.

**Extended Day Preschool!** I am going to take this space to brag about the little 3-year olds. Three are newly 3 and one is 3.5 years old. The three little ones came in not quite independently potty trained (and that is saying it generously). In just a few weeks Ms. Shelly had them all on the same page and graduated from "training." Consistency was the key (yay Ms. Shelly!). There were a few days I thought they were in the bathroom all day but hard work paid off in this instance. Hooray!

We had a lot of fun with our 5 senses. A few clever kiddos noticed that a lot of the time we use more than one sense at a time (like coffee!). If you know any 3-year olds, send them our way...we would love to have them join us!

♥ - Meg Stenman, Director

**Angel Tree Alert!!!!** Just one more week until our Angel Tree collection is held on Sept 20-21, after all Worship services. We will be at the back of the sanctuary to greet you, with baskets in hand. I have Matching Gift certificates to double our donations. This year the Angels will be the members of our ALC prison ministry. Contact Jude Donovan, [Heyjude264@aol.com](mailto:Heyjude264@aol.com) or 303 902-0344 for more info.

**From the Ascension Ladies Guild: YOU ARE INVITED** to come and join us as we hear from Pastor Daniel Vanderhyde, campus pastor from Lutheran High (LuHi), who

will be telling us about how LuHi nurtures students beyond the classroom, and about his own ministry journey as well! On **Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm**, please come and join the Ascension Ladies Guild in a remarkably interesting and enlightening evening. Coffee and dessert will be provided. Do not forget to bring a Friend, and your Mites!

**\*\*Needed: Lectors (Lesson Readers) for Worship Services! \*\*** What a wonderful way to serve - please call or email the church office if you would like to be added to our list! *We especially need readers for the 10:30 Contemporary services.* Training is available! 😊 303-794-4636 or [office@alutheran.org](mailto:office@alutheran.org)

**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](http://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. 38<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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** Join us this Saturday afternoon, at 3:00 pm, for our Lighthouse 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)

**We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates.** A big decision about estate gifts centers on whether they should be given all at once or spread over time. Ministry leaders are often interested in lump sum, unrestricted gifts that allow "today" funding in pursuit of ministry vision. A simple bequest can assist and facilitate this if you are confident in a lump sum ministry gift. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in choosing the most appropriate asset to direct to this gift, being especially mindful of avoiding unnecessary taxes. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfn.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfn.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Flowers on the Altar** this weekend are given by Mike Price, who is giving thanks for Jesus' grace; fifty-three years of wedded bliss with Susan; four wonderful children, six grandchildren, God's gift to him and Susan!

**Prayers:** For the family and friends of Doris Kuhlmann, who died on Saturday morning, September 6. No services are planned; For the family and friends of Marion Wilson, who died on August 18; For Bob Stamp, whose health is declining; For Mark Ginkel, For Kip Anderson; For Bill Dismuke's relative, Lisa; For Clyde Wiggins, who had some bruises from a fall; For Ed Geisler, recovering after hospitalization for pneumonia; For Judy Koester, who had hernia surgery on Friday, September 5; For Nancy Lugton, who will have knee replacement surgery on September 15; For Hank Peepgrass; For Athenia Michel, who is deciding about next steps for her treatment; For Rick Westra; For the Evergreen community, following the Evergreen High School shooting on September 10; 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 the victims of the recent earthquake in Afghanistan and landslides in Sudan; 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:** From Larry Nelson and Lynne Nelson – Larry is now cancer free, following many months of treatment. Praise God!!

**From Margo Pasha:** I am **SO thankful to all of you for your prayers!** God answered them in MIGHTY ways! My side-effects were minimal. My cancer marker is very low. I am free! I can hug my kids and my grands and you! Today (9/10), I rang the bell! To God be the glory!

From Patti Zeggert, who is in Georgia with her family. Her brother, Bruce, had a procedure to remove a large kidney stone, and it was successful! Her sister, Debi, is doing well after her hand/wrist surgery, and is able to begin rehab! God is good!

From Sandy Langrehr and her family, at the healthy arrival of her new grandchild on September 10!

We rejoice with Jackie Adams' granddaughter, Amy, and her husband Cooper, as their baby son Dutton, born August 14, has been able to go home from Children's Hospital!

**Thank You!** From Terry Utecht and his family for all the thoughts, cards and prayers after the unexpected passing of his mother.

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b>Service Time</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	
Saturday, 9/6	4:00 pm	88	
Sunday, 9/7	8:00 am	49	
	10:30 am	96	
			Total: 233

**Online Views** (as of September 8) for August 31: 136 views.

<b><u>Stewardship</u></b>	<b>September 6-7</b>	<b>Year-to-Date (YTD)</b>
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$490,000.00
Received Amount	\$13,751.00	\$466,500.00

**Calendar (Saturday, September 13 - Sunday, September 21):**

Sat. (9-13)	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Hands All Around Sewing Sale
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (9-14)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study / Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
Mon. (9-15)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (9-16)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (9-17)	8:30 am – 1:30 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
	5:45 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:30 pm	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (9-18)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	1:30 pm	Koinonia
Fri. (9-19)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool

	6:30 pm	Youth Event – Nerf Gun Battle
Sat. (9-20)	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Heritage Fine Arts Workshop
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:45 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (9-21)		<b>ANGEL TREE SUNDAY</b>
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study / Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

## **Lenten Banners**

**Purple** is the color associated with Lent and signals a time of sorrow, contemplation and repentance – a time to draw near to God. Our Lenten banners tell a story of God coming to earth as man and crucified on the cross. The cross is made of **black** for our sins, with **red blocks** for Jesus' wounds.

The **red ribbon** that flows down and to the top of the next banners is His blood shed for us. The silver ribbon is for the cleansing water from God. These two components flow through cobble stones, like our path we walk through life. The cobble stones are bumpy, uneven, and as unique as our path. Christ flows straight through it as a valuable presence in our personal life, and then encircles the whole world.

The Jerusalem cross, below, has four inset crosses and represents the four Gospels and the four corners of the earth.

