

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (September 18)

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

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 Memorial Service for Bob Stamp, who died on Saturday morning, September 13, will be Saturday, October 4 at 11:00, 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.

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 tomorrow, **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.

Special Thanks to Scout Connor Harrington of Troop 361! Connor and his fellow scouts from Troop 361 planned and installed the beautiful tile pathway to the EDP playground on the west side of the church, and they painted the playground pavilion as

well, for Connor's Eagle Scout project! The pathway will be used for many years and is much appreciated by all of us!

Extended Day Preschool! We've been fully immersed in all things apples! We've tasted different varieties, learned about grafting, made apple prints, and discussed the seeds inside (don't worry, an apple tree won't grow if you swallow a seed!). We all have our favorites, and it was fun talking about delicious apple treats our moms and grandmas bake, like apple pie, apple crumb, muffins, bread, and apple butter. Yum!

Yesterday morning definitely had a hint of fall, and we saw more jackets and long pants. But for those who love shorts, don't worry, summer isn't quite over yet, even though fall officially begins this Sunday. I'm excited to watch the large tree across from the parking lot change colors—from green to yellow to orange to a magnificent shade of red (and finally, brown). Fall is such a wonderful time to get outside and go on a nature scavenger hunt.

We hope you have a wonderful "almost fall" weekend!

♥ - Meg Stenman, Director

Angel Tree Alert!!!! Just a few days 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 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!

HAAT Force: Homelessness Awareness and Action Task 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. For more information on how you can help, please contact Ann Kaneko at kanekoa43@gmail.com.

HAAT 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.

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.northlitletonpromise.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, October 10, at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house. The group is doing a Bible study by Louie Giglio. For more information, please call or email Jenna at 303-913-3512 or jenna.lindeman@cune.org

"GriefShare's "Loss of a Spouse" Workshop held at Ascension on Saturday, September 6, had 10 wonderful participants. It was a morning of remembering, honoring our loved one's past lives, and reconstructing our present and future lives, all under the guidance and support of our Loving Lord. Please keep these participants in prayer as they navigate their new lives as a widow or widower.

Our next workshop is "Surviving the Holidays" on Saturday, November 15, 10 AM-Noon at ALC. This is a very helpful event for all who are facing the Holidays without their loved ones.

Thank you for your prayers and for supporting these programs by recommending GriefShare to your friends and neighbors or even yourself.

Any questions? Please contact me- Sherry Hitzaler, hitz2@comcast.net.

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

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. If you feel led to spread out your estate support of ministry over time, an endowment could be the best option. That might be a personal endowment you fund, or an endowment already established by the ministry to which you add. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you understand your options. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Carol Stamp and her family, following her husband Bob's death on September 13; For Stephanie and Andy Roettjer's daughter Anna, for safe travels and blessings as she begins her adventure, studying abroad in Cambridge, England. She will be gone through December and is part of a cohort of students from Concordia Irvine. Anna is in the Lutheran teacher program with a major in history; For Virginia Grogan, following surgery for her fractured hip; For Kim McClaren's brother, Jim Berning. Jim has been diagnosed with cancer in his cheek bone. On September 22 he will have surgery to remove a portion of his cheekbone along with major face reconstructive procedures; For Starla Moltz, with swallowing issues; For Larry and Gayla Buehler's grandson, Brandon; For Bill Burchett; For Larry Koldewey, who is beginning a new regiment to fight his cancer; For Wayne Beu, who has shingles; For Laurie Mullane's sister Jennifer, who has a mass on her colon; For Clyde Wiggins, who had some bruises from a fall; For Ed Geisler, recovering after hospitalization for pneumonia; For Judy Koester; For Nancy Lugton, recovering from knee replacement surgery on September 15; For Hank Peepgrass; For Rick Westra; For the Evergreen community, following the Evergreen High School shooting on September 10; 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.

From Carolyn Helstrom: Thank you all for your cards, thoughts and prayers for my brother Ernie and his wife Diane who passed a few weeks prior. A memorial is scheduled for October 25 in Pensacola FL.

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 9/13	4:00 pm	48	
Sunday, 9/14	8:00 am	90	
	10:30 am	85	
			Total: 223

Online Views (as of September 15) for September 7: 110 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	September 13-14	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$504,000.00
Received Amount	\$16,992.00	\$483,492.00

Calendar (Saturday, September 20 - Sunday, September 28):

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)		ANGEL TREE SUNDAY
	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. (9-22)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (9-23)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Weds. (9-24)	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. (9-25)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	6:00 pm	Ladies Guild hosts Pr. Daniel Vanderhyde
Fri. (9-26)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	NO Extended Day Preschool
Sat. (9-27)	11:00 am	Memorial Service for Marion Wilson
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (9-28)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study / Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	3:00 pm	Circuit Forum at Ascension

Pentecost Banners

Pentecost is symbolized with red and flames from Acts 2:1-11, where flames rested upon the believers' head.

The flames symbolize the nine-character attributes or "fruit" of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law."*

The Baptismal Bowl connects water and Spirit
The three drops of water represent the trinity of God.

As John 3:5-6 says,

"I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."

The Holy Spirit is symbolized as a dove. Mk 1:10, Acts 2

