**GOOD AFTERNOON!**

**WHAT’S HAPPENING (September 25)**

***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.

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

***The Memorial Service for Bob Stamp*** will be at Ascension next Saturday, October 4 at 11:00, with a meal to follow.

***Adult Instruction Class*** Pastor John will have class on Saturday, October 11 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, and Sunday, October 12 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. This free, two-part class is designed to teach the basics of Christian faith and the Lutheran denomination. The instruction book will be provided. If you are not a member of Ascension and would like to see what we believe (or even if you are a member, and would like to have a refresher of Lutheran doctrine), you are invited to attend.

***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.

***Our annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled*** from 5:30-7:00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 25th!  We need volunteers to decorate their car trunks and hand out candy.  Sign up at the table in the narthex.  Thank you!

***NEEDED***:  Bags of candy for our Trunk or Treat event!  There will be a donation bin available for drop-off.  Thank you!  We appreciate your generosity!

**Board of Evangelism** Our next Board of Evangelism meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th, at 9:30 am in Room 106.  We will discuss fourth quarter outreach opportunities and hear updates and requests from ongoing ministries.  Please consider joining us as we attempt to reach our community with the message of Christ.  Our job is to plant seeds.  God will make them grow.

**Choir and Bell Choir!** Our CHOIR rehearsals this year 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.**

***Extended Day Preschool!*** This week, we're celebrating "fall," and the recent cooler, rainy weather was a good reminder that autumn is just around the corner. While yesterday's rain was beneficial for the earth, it did keep our preschoolers indoors! However, the weather has improved, and we're enjoying time outside once again. 🌧️

Next week, we'll begin our unit on Community Helpers. If you have a job or hobby you'd like to share with the children, please let me know. We'll be scheduling these sharing times on the mornings of October 1st and 2nd. 👮👷🧑‍⚕️🧑‍🔧🧑‍🍳🧑‍🎨

We're excited to announce that the Fire Engine will be visiting us on October 23rd at 10:30 AM! They will be showing us all the cool tools that firefighters use. If you have a child who loves trucks, please feel free to join us. Please note that emergency calls will take priority, so their visit might be subject to change. Last year, they received an emergency call midway through their presentation, and the sirens and lights were definitely a highlight for the kids! 🚒

Shelly, Melina, and I are required to complete 15 hours of continuing education each school year. On October 26th, we will be attending a virtual child-care conference from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This is similar to the professional development we do on teacher in-service days, so it's not just a day off for us! 😄

Finally, Miss Melina will be at the Trunk-or-Treat event on October 25th with her decorated car — please be sure to say hello to her! The following week, we will have our Halloween costume parade and class parties. 🎃👻

Have a wonderful sunny weekend! ☀️

♥️ - Meg Stenman, Director

***Angel Tree*** If you missed our annual Angel Tree collection today, you may send checks or cash to Ascension Lutheran with Angel Tree on the memo line until October 28. The inmates and their children thank you.

Contact Jude Donovan, Heyjude264@aol.com or 303 902-0344 for more info.

***LADIES GUILD EVENTS:***

***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! This evening, **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!

***FALL ROUND UP – Saturday, October 25*** Put on your boots and join your Lutheran ladies for Bible study, worship, song, turkey bingo and down-home cookin’! (Morning and afternoon chow included) \*Bring your mites/coins and greenbacks to play Turkey Bingo! Proceeds go to Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) for Retreats in Summer 2026. Guest Speaker: Camp Director Michaela Regier. Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 4225 W. Yale Ave., Denver. Time: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. Cost: $10.00/person (no credit cards)

***October is Tuna Month at Ascension!*** Starting next weekend, we will be accepting donations in the box in the narthex through October 31 for our local food bank, Integrated Family Community Services, [IFCS.org](https://ifcs.org). Next time you’re at the grocery store, please pick up some extra cans, it is appreciated!

***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](https://alconline.sharepoint.com/sites/AscensionLutheranChurch-OfficeAssistantFolder/Shared%20Documents/OfficeAssistant%20Folder/Worship/Happenings/2025/September/kanekoa43%40gmail.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.

***The Lutheran Lay Conference*** at Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church, 8600 W. 38th Ave. in Wheat Ridge, will be this **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.

***An invitation from Love INC*** Join Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ) for an Autumn Jubilee! A fun-filled, learn-more fundraiser that feels more like a carnival than a program! Engage in activities with the various Love INC ministries to experience what Love INC brings to the community! Sharing love … in the Name of Christ, from 6:00-8:00 pm on Friday, October 3, 2024 at W. Bowles Community Church, 12325 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton More details and RSVP at [www.loveinclittleton.org](http://www.loveinclittleton.org)

***“Handling grief is hard every day of the year,*** but ESPECIALLY during the Holidays. GriefShare provides a specific program, “Surviving the Holidays” that helps grievers honor their loved ones, navigate social events, re-evaluate traditions, and design their own plan to “survive the holidays.” Ascension Lutheran Church presents this workshop on Saturday, November 15, 10 AM - Noon. If this workshop does not apply to you, please consider neighbors and friends who are grieving a loved one and would benefit from this experience. At last month’s session, “Loss of a Spouse,” a participant found us only because his next door neighbor gave him the information from our flyer. (He is returning for this workshop as well). It is very important to register so that we have enough books available. Register by going on-line to griefshare.org/findagroup, contacting me (Sherry Hitztaler at hitz2@comcast.net) or by calling the church office at 303-793-4636. And as always, please continue to pray for all who mourn. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

***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 Lifelight Bible study on the book of Acts, with a focus on evangelism. Anyone is welcome to join! Email Curt at Kengle0920@gmail.com

***Young Adult Bible Study*** The Young Adult Bible Study will meet again on Friday, October 3, 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

***We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday.*** To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future desires. For those who are strongly guided by specific goals in life, it can be difficult to accept that past goals might need to be changed. This can include financial accumulation, choices about personal representatives, power of attorney representatives or guardianship of a child. Illness might introduce new challenges. Your plan needs to be reviewed regularly. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

***Flowers on the Altar*** for this weekend are given by the O’Connell / Aldrich families in loving memory of Terry O’Connell, whose birthday would have been October 1.

***Prayers:*** For Carol Stamp and her family, following her husband Bob’s death on September 13; For Shirley Nichols, who broke her wrist in a fall; For Andy and Nikki Becker, soon to deliver their first child, Valiant Storm; For Michael Lawrenz’s grandmother, who is battling cancer; For Virginia Grogan, following surgery for her fractured hip; For Kim McClaren’s brother, Jim Berning, diagnosed with cancer in his cheek bone; For Larry and Gayla Buethe’s grandson, Brandon; For Bill Burchett;, For Larry Koldeway, who is beginning a new regimen to fight his cancer; For Wayne Beu, with shingles; For Clyde Wiggins, who had some bruises from a fall; 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.

***Prayers of Thanksgiving:*** For Laurie Mullane’s sister Jennifer; tests showed she does not have cancer! Praise God!

***Happy Birthday!*** to John Klepetka, who will be 80 years young on Sunday, September 28!

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| ***Attendance***  | **Service Time** | **Attendees** |  |
| Saturday, 9/20 | 4:00 pm | 54 |  |
| Sunday, 9/21 | 8:00 am | 71 |  |
|  | 10:30 am | 69 |  |
|  |  |  | Total: 194 |

***Online Views*** (as of September 23) for September 14: 168 views.

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| ***Stewardship*** | September 20-21 | Year-to-Date (YTD) |
| Budgeted Revenue | $14,000.00 | $518,000.00 |
| Received Amount | $23,249.00 | $506,741.00 |

***Calendar (Saturday, September 27 - Sunday, October 5):***

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| 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 |
| Mon. (9-29) | 8:30 am – 1:30 pm | Extended Day Preschool |
| Tues. (9-30) | 8:30 am – 1:30 pm | Extended Day Preschool |
|  | 9:30 am | Ladies Bible Study |
| Weds. (10-1) | 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. (10-2) | 8:30 am – 1:30 pm | Extended Day Preschool |
|  | 1:30 pm | Koinonia |
| Fri. (10-3) | 8:30 am – 1:30 pm | Extended Day Preschool |
|  | 6:30 pm | Young Adult Bible Study |
| Sat. (10-4) | 9:30 am | Evangelism Committee |
|  | 11:00 am | Memorial Service for Bob Stamp |
|  | 3:00 pm | Saturday Bible Study |
|  | 4:00 pm | Traditional Worship with Holy Communion |
| Sun. (10-5) |  | **LWML 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 |
|  | 1:00 – 2:30 pm | Corn Maze at Chatfield Family Farms - Families |

**Procession of Praise Banners**

Procession or Praise banners are made from streamers of ribbon and fabric, which flow with movement, and proclaim the Lord’s power and might as He fights our battles. They praise and celebrate God as King and ruler over all, reminding us of His majesty and greatness. In ancient times, armies had banner-bearers carried smaller procession banners on a pole, marching in front of the soldiers as they approached war.

The brilliant "White" liturgical color represents God’s holiness, faith, and light.  Our inspiration for the bright colors depicts Christ as the light shining through the darkness of the world and the dawn breaking through that darkness.

Our gold cross, which looks like stained glass, is an image of sun light bursting through the darkness, like Christ’s love bursts through our sin and darkness to becomes the light of our life and of our soul. …“**to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.”** Ephesians 1:6