

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 16)

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.

Stewardship Please place your Time and Talents Cards and your Financial Commitment Card, with your name on it, in the offering plate today or in the coming weeks. Both of these are important as we plan ministry and our budget for 2026.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Pastor John is on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, come join the group as they study the Book of Galatians.

October is Tuna Month at Ascension! We are accepting donations in the box in the narthex through October 31 for our local food bank, Integrated Family Community Services, IFCS.org. Next time you're at the grocery store, please pick up some extra cans, it is appreciated!

Little Raven Elementary Could Use Your Help! Halloween is closing in, and the school has a big celebration. Some students cannot bring Costumes as expected, and to make it easier for them, the school would appreciate some extra costumes for their K-5th graders. Principal Lindsey Case indicated that 10 will be enough ... Please check if you have some fun costumes that are no longer used or maybe outgrown? There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board near the landing. THANKS from the Evangelism / Outreach Committee (Anita Baresel)

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!

Parking for 4:00 Service During Trunk or Treat We will be at the East end of the parking lot next Saturday, October 25th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Saturday worshippers will see orange cones closing off that section of the parking lot as we prepare for the children. *For everyone's safety, please respect the cones, and park in the West part of the lot.* Thank you!

All Saints Sunday will be November 1-2. During worship services that weekend, Pastor will read the names of those we have lost since All Saints Day in 2024. If you would like to have a loved one mentioned, please let us know: (a) Their name/s and how you were related; and (b) When they passed away. We will have a Page of Remembrance in the bulletin for loved ones who passed prior to 2024. Please let us know by Monday, October 27. Thank you!

Our email is office@alutheran.org, and phone is 303-794-4636. The office is open 8:00am-3:30pm Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-1:00pm on Fridays.

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**.

Because a person only turns 100 once in their life, we invite you to jot a note or provide a card celebrating the 100th birthday of **Charlotte Wilkinson**. Charlotte turns 100 on Saturday, October 25 and we will have a cake and drinks between the 8:00 and 10:30 services in the Narthex on Sunday, October 26, recognizing that day. You may put cards or notes in the box in the narthex.

Board of the Month: Ladies Guild

We are a part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) which is an official auxiliary of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. This group of women enables women to grow spiritually, encourages and equips women to reach-out in love, show opportunities and challenges for mission service in the church, community, and world. We promote greater mission consciousness in members. We gather free-will offerings called "MITES" to support mission projects.

Ascension Ladies Guild has been part of Ascension Lutheran Church since June 1955. Members serve through our 3 Circles which are Altar Circle, Library Circle, Kitchen Circle. These are some ways that you can help!

Altar Circle I: Prepare for communion service and clean up afterwards. Change paraments as noted by LCMS current calendar year, repair paraments as needed. Order Communion supplies, clean altar and communion rail, keep altar linens cleaned and pressed. Clean and repair Pastor's robe, Acolyte and Elders' robes. Coordinate service needs with Elders.

Library Circle II: Maintain the church hymnals, and Bibles. Offer for sale Christian cards and gifts. Donate greeting cards to Lisa Wert to send to Church members who are ill, mourning or celebrating a birth. Maintain the library by ordering books and Bible Studies in coordination with the Education Board. Catalog materials donated by congregational members to the library. Distribute the Annual Guild Yearbook.

Kitchen Circle III: Plan and coordinate the Advent and Ash Wednesday Suppers. Prepare and serve the December Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Host receptions as requested by Pastor (New members, LWML Sunday, Confirmation Reception, etc.) Help the kitchen cleaning committee.

YOU ARE INVITED!

COME, CROW WITH US!

GROW CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH WORSHIP

GROW THROUGH OUTREACH

GROW THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

GROW IN FAITH

All confirmed ladies of Ascension are invited to attend any or all meeting of Ascension LWML. We invite you to become a member, but this is not required. We engage in many worthwhile projects, and your presence and contribution are most welcome!

If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the Officers listed below:

President:	Linda Achziger	303-921-6081
Vice President:	Lisa Wert	720-980-9446
Secretary:	Dorothy Burchett	303-263-2630
Treasurer:	Athenia Michel	33-797-2124

"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalms 100:2

LADIES GUILD EVENT:

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)

Extended Day Preschool This week was all about fire safety (in preparation of the fire engine visit on the 23rd). Safety drills, safety talks, and safety practice were things that we did this week. Is it ever ok to play with matches or a lighter, even if you'll be very careful? NO! Does your family have a safety plan? A good location to meet if a catastrophe did occur? I was that mother who practiced drills with my kids and to this day they "make fun" of me for the drills and our meeting place in the nearby park. But guess what? They all now have a safe place at their individual homes where they will go in case of a fire or whatever else might happen. I take that as a "thank you."

We are gearing up for Halloween. Kids are play-acting their costume characters and it is so fun to watch and listen to them (but they can't know we are listening because then they get a little shy). I am not going to pretend that I know all of the "in" characters but it sure is fun to watch.

Our Bible story this month is "Jesus Blesses The Children" and it always gets me a little bit emotional. Yes, the story is about young children gathering around Jesus but the real message is that we are ALL His children. Shelly, Melina, and I are so grateful to be able to share the Good News to all these precious preschoolers.

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.

"Handling grief is hard every day of the year," but ESPECIALLY during the Holidays. GriefShare provides a specific program, "Surviving the Holidays" that helps griever's 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, November 14, 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 Kim and Allan Williams, children of Barb and Gregg Williams, in loving memory of Gregg on what would have been Barb and Gregg's 60th Wedding Anniversary, on October 16.

Prayers: For the friends of family of Erica Dubeau, who passed away on September 22; For Charlie Rohlf, who just began US Marine Corp Boot Camp; For Athenia Michel, who will have surgery on October 20; For Judy and Roger Koester and their family, at the death of Judy's brother, Walter Heller; For Lee Valdez, at the death of his brother;

For Dawn Munson's friend, Patty Disney, undergoing radiation for breast cancer; For Ellen Thompson's friend's great granddaughter, Rosemary, age 7, who is receiving cancer treatment; For Andrew Pearson, an online viewer who is suffering from cerebral palsy; For Michael Lawrenz's grandmother, who is battling cancer; For Bill Burchett; For Larry Koldeway, who has pneumonia; For Wayne Beu, with shingles; 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.

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 10/4	4:00 pm	60	
Sunday, 10/5	8:00 am	83	
	10:30 am	54	
			Total: 197

Online Views (as of October 7) for September 28: 130 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	October 4-5	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$552,000.00
Received Amount	\$15,108.00	\$529,953.00

Calendar (Saturday, October 18 - Sunday, October 26):

Sat. (10-18)	12:00 pm	Youth Event – Corn Maze at Chatfield Farm
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (10-19)	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. (10-20)		FALL BREAK: NO Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (10-21)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds.(10-22)	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.(10-23)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Fri. (10-24)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Sat. (10-25)		CHARLOTTE WILKINSON'S 100 TH BIRTHDAY
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	5:30 – 7:00 pm	TRUNK OR TREAT
Sun. (10-26)		REFORMATION SUNDAY

	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Birthday Cake for Charlotte Wilkinson's 100 th Birthday!
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study / Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

The Bible in Woodcuts Engraved on the Pews of Ascension Lutheran

LOAF AND CUP

**Representing the bread and wine served
At the Last Supper prior to the death of
Jesus Christ.**



cu ANGEL AND CHALICE

**Symbolizing the agony in the Garden of
Gethsemane and Christ's foreknowledge
of the betrayal and Passion.**



CALVARY

**The three crosses at Calvary symbolize
The Crucifixion of Our Lord on Calvary
Between two thieves.**



CROSS AND DRAPE

**Symbolic of the cross after Christ's death;
The blackest hour of Good Friday.**

