

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 2)

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 Bob Stamp will be at Ascension this 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 begin a new study of the Book of Galatians.

October is Tuna Month at Ascension! Starting this 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. Next time you're at the grocery store, please pick up some extra cans, it is appreciated!

Board of Evangelism Our next Board of Evangelism meeting is scheduled for this 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.

Family Fun at Chatfield Farms Corn Maze! Join us on Sunday, October 5 from 1:00-2:30 pm at Chatfield Farms, 8500 W Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton, CO 80128. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids.

It's Time Again for Ladies' Brunch! Ladies, we are hoping you will join us on Monday, October 13 at TOAST for brunch. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. and plan to enjoy great fellowship time with you plus a delicious brunch. We will join for brunch at TOAST Restaurant, located at 2640 Bellevue Ave., Littleton. Reservations will be needed to reserve a room by Friday, October 10. Yes, you can bring a friend with you! If you would like to attend, please let Shelia Beu know by calling her at 720-202-4739 or email, sheliabeu@yahoo.com. We'd love to have you join us.

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!

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**.

The Lutheran Chorale is pleased to announce the fall concerts on Sunday, October 12, 2025. The theme is Abiding in the Shadow of His Wings and will include traditional and contemporary music. The concerts are free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

The afternoon concert is on Sunday, October 12 at 2:30 p.m. at:
St. Philip Lutheran Church
7531 S. Kendall Blvd.
Littleton, CO

The evening concert is also on Sunday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. at:
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
6995 W. 120th Avenue
Broomfield, CO

We look forward to seeing you there!

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 We are slowly but surely leaf-ing apples and leaves and diving into community helpers and all things Halloween. I think at this point we know, or have at least heard, what all the costumes are. You'll see Jack-o-lanterns, bats, and

other spooky things popping up in our hallway. We have had several families sign up for a car spot for Trunk-or-Treat, which is so much fun. 🎃

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.

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.loveinlittleton.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 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 Hitzler 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 Lighthouse 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 this 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 Scott and Stephanie Luethy, in joyful celebration of their 42nd Wedding Anniversary!

Prayers: For the friends of family of Erica Dubeau, who passed away on September 22; For Carol Stamp and her family, following her husband Bob's death on September 13; For Judy and Roger Koester and their family, at the death of Judy's brother; 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 Shirley Nichols, who broke her wrist in a fall; For Michael Lawrenz's grandmother, who is battling cancer; For Kim McClaren's brother, Jim Berning, diagnosed with cancer in his cheek bone; For Bill Burchett; For Larry Koldeway, who is beginning a new regimen to fight his cancer; 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: For Jerry and Jean Gerdes, who are grateful for the many blessings they have received from our loving God as they celebrate their 66th Wedding Anniversary! Jerry and Jean were married on October 3, 1959!

Prayers of Thanksgiving also for the birth of Valiant Storm, son of Nikki and Andy Becker, grandson of Janet and Dean Becker! Valiant came into the world on Friday, September 26.

| <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Service Time</u> | <u>Attendees</u> | |
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| Saturday, 9/27 | 4:00 pm | 65 | |
| Sunday, 9/28 | 8:00 am | 78 | |
| | 10:30 am | 82 | |
| | | | Total: 225 |

Online Views (as of September 30) for September 21: 138 views.

| <u>Stewardship</u> | <u>September 27-28</u> | <u>Year-to-Date (YTD)</u> |
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| Budgeted Revenue | \$14,000.00 | \$532,000.00 |
| Received Amount | \$8,104.00 | \$514,845.00 |

Calendar (Saturday, October 4 - Sunday, October 12):

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| Sat. (10-4) | 9:30 am | Evangelism Committee |
| | 11:00 am | Memorial Service for Bob Stamp |

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| | 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 |
| Mon. (10-6) | 8:30 am – 1:30 pm | Extended Day Preschool |
| Tues. (10-7) | 8:30 am – 1:30 pm | Extended Day Preschool |
| | 9:30 am | Ladies Bible Study |
| Weds. (10-8) | 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 |
| | 5:45 pm | Heritage Guild Meeting |
| | 6:30 pm | Ascension Chorale |
| Thurs. (10-9) | 8:30 am – 1:30 pm | Extended Day Preschool |
| | 9:30 am | Foundation Meeting |
| Fri. (10-10) | 8:30 am – 1:30 pm | Extended Day Preschool |
| Sat. (10-11) | 8:30 am – 3:00 pm | Heritage Fine Arts Workshop |
| | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm | Adult Instruction |
| | 3:00 pm | Saturday Bible Study |
| | 4:00 pm | Traditional Worship with Holy Communion |
| Sun. (10-12) | | STEWARDSHIP 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 – 4:00 pm | Adult Instruction |

Cross Banners

Shown here is one of a pair of Cross banners; one is olive green and the other is white. The three identical, bubble-shaped background components of each banner are for the unchanging Triune God who reveals Himself as **God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit**. The center crosses are encircled by eight blocks, for the concept that – *we live in the perpetual “eighth day” as we wait for Christ’s return*. The first seven days represent Jesus’ ministry, Holy week, crucifixion, death and then resurrection, overcoming death and sin. You will see this symbol on the front of the hymnal. Juxtaposition of the light and dark components is for the sinner/saint and good/evil relationships of the Christian to the world. Green was used to represent the darker color because much of our growth as Christians comes through and in the trials and tribulations in this life.

