

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (November 13)



Worship Schedule

Worship times are 4:00 on Saturday afternoons, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Sunday School meets at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday. Please note, there will be no Adult Bible Class this Sunday, November 16, for Pastor's celebration, or next Sunday, November 23, due to the Ladies Guild Craft and Bake Sale.

Pastor John's 20th Anniversary of Ministry at Ascension is coming up! He has been serving as our Pastor since November 15, 2005! There will be a card shower and reception for him in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, November 16 at about 9:00, after the 8:00 worship service. Please join us!

Ladies Guild Craft and Bake Sale! We are preparing for our Annual Craft and Bake Sale which will be next Sunday, November 23rd. Time to think about some yummy baked items, candies, canned goods, and craft items you would like to donate for the Guild sale. All members of Ascension are welcome to donate.

This is our biggest fundraiser for Missions!

Please bring your items to the church Saturday, November 22nd, 9 am - noon. And please have your items priced. Thank you! Contact: Charmaine Rohde 303-618-8889

Ascension Christmas Families: During November and December we support families who need a little help in the Christmas season. Our Congregational Life committee sponsors "Christmas Families." Forms have been placed in the narthex mailboxes. If you would like to help – we need funds to buy presents and gift cards for gifts and for the Christmas meal. Checks should be made out to Ascension and please indicate that the gift is for Christmas Families. If you would like to help shop, please contact Dana Niederbrach (303.886.7860).

The Poinsettia Ordering Chart is on the landing Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Poinsettias are \$30.00 each this year, the same price as last year.

We have ordered **only 16 - Poinsettias**. Individuals can dedicate a Poinsettia for the Holiday Season, and the plants can be taken home after New Year's.

Envelopes for payments are located below the ordering chart. Please make sure that you place a check mark next to Poinsettias and note Poinsettias on your check.

Operation Christmas Child The Sunday School children are participating in a service project by filling shoeboxes for children around the world. We have extra shoeboxes available if anyone wants to fill one. There are instructions inside every box and they are ready for you to pick up in the narthex. Return by November 23rd. Thank you!

December 7th Voters' Meeting Elections This week we focus on the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees. Currently, Terry Utecht and Chuck Mielke are Co-Chairmen and have done an excellent job these last two years, and many years prior

to that, of keeping the facilities fully functioning. Please consider running for this position or joining the Trustees as a volunteer.

Per our bylaws, "The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for maintaining the Congregation's property and for supervising the use of the property. The Board of Trustees shall manage and recommend changes to janitorial and property staff salaries and benefits. In conjunction with the Boards of Elders and Finance, it shall be responsible for providing adequate insurance coverage. The Board of Trustees is responsible for garden care and property maintenance of the Columbarium Memorial Garden."

If you are interested in running for this position or merely want to serve as a volunteer on the Board, please reach out to Dawn Munson at the Church office.

God's Creation Calendars are here! \$10 for a beautiful 2026 calendar with Scripture verses and stunning pictures. Proceeds will go towards the youth summer mission trip to LVR next summer! Thank you for supporting our youth! Available in the narthex.

Ascension Quilters meets on Fridays at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, all are welcome! Come see what it is all about! Call Jackie Adams for info, 303-798-5161

Christmas Sanctuary Decorating Do you love decorating? Or do you just love Christmas? Please plan to join us in decorating our beautiful Sanctuary and Narthex. We will begin decorating at 8:30 am on Saturday, November 29. No ladder-climbing required!

Congregational Life News: Hi everyone, Athenia Michel (*Ascension Member who recently had back surgery*) returned home on Monday, November 3rd. She would appreciate help with meals as she recuperates. If you can provide a meal, please click on the Genius Sign up below. Thank you so much for your help.

Blessings, Shelia

[Meal Train Group: Ascension Meal Train - November for Athenia Michel](#)

Needed: Rides to Worship Service! If you live near C470 and S. Santa Fe Drive, and can provide rides to a couple of our dear ladies who live at Windcrest Senior Living, please call the church office at 303-794-4636. Thank you!

Advent by Candlelight - Wednesday, December 3, 6:00 pm: Join us for a special evening of devotion and fellowship! Our dinner menu will be:

Tossed Green Salad, Italian Beef or Parmesan Chicken, Cheesy Potato Casserole, Green Beans & Bacon, Rolls & Butter, Christmas Cookies, Water and/or Coffee

Special devotions and music will take place between courses. The cost for the meal is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 and under. (Maximum \$30.00 per family) Attendance is limited to 110 people, please RSVP by November 26.

Elves are needed to help set up Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon - Dec. 2nd and 3rd, and then to help cook, finish preparations, serve and clean-up on Dec. 3rd. We need cookie makers! If you would like to make something for dessert - we would love

to sample your baking skills. Please text or call Laurie Mullane at 303-794-7937 or email LJMullane@msn.com if you would like to volunteer to help or make cookies.

Would you like to be a table decorator? We need decorators for 15 round tables of 6-7 and 2 rectangle tables of 8. Each table will be decorated with items from your own home. This includes plates, napkins, silverware, glasses, tablecloth (the church has white ones available for use) and centerpiece. Tables may be decorated Tuesday (1-6 p.m.) or Wednesday (before Noon). For more details - please contact Lisa Wert by phone or text 720-980-9446, or email lisajeanschilling@msn.com if you would like to be a Table Decorator. If you can't be a Table Decorator but have items that would make a beautiful table, contact Lisa for pick-up. You can decorate more than one table.

This is going to be a memorable evening and we look forward to seeing you!

Canned Food Drive: Due to the current delay of SNAP benefits in the community, one of our Extended Day Preschool parents is collecting all kinds of canned and imperishable food in November for Integrated Family Community Services. She asks that we continue to bring donations to the collection bin in the narthex, and we will make sure it gets to IFCS. Thank you for your generosity!

IFCS is always grateful for your food or money donations, find them at www.ifcs.org.

Extended Day Preschool It has been a quiet, but busy, week here at the preschool.

We were happy to observe Veterans Day on Tuesday by placing American flags in the ground near the church sign. It is important to teach our children early about taking pride in our country and honoring the brave men and women who have served and protected us.

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the Butter Braid fundraiser! I tallied the orders on Wednesday, and we feel very supported by the congregation.

The children are continuing to enjoy the beautiful weather while working on Thanksgiving crafts and practicing Christmas songs. Butter Braids will be delivered and available for pickup after 11:00 AM on Wednesday, November 19th. We will store them in the freezer until they are picked up. Sincerely, Meg Stenman

HAAT Force – Check your Mailboxes! HAAT Force (Homelessness Awareness and Action Task Force) began their 2025-2026 season on October 1. We are having a supplies drive for them to help them serve their clients. A list of their needs has been placed in your mailbox. At this time, they are well-stocked with food items, so much of the list is for clothing. They serve families as well as individuals, so you'll notice some children's items on the list. Thank you in advance for your support! Questions? Contact Ann Kaneko – 720.289.6782 (cell)

Young Adult Ladies (and Young-at-Heart) Ladies Night! For young adult and young-at-heart ladies! Join Jenna Lawrenz at her home for refreshments with a fiesta theme and a fun winter craft, this Saturday, November 15 at 6:30 pm. \$10 cost for craft supplies. Please RSVP to Jenna at 303-913-3512.

Prayers and Assistance Needed! Rocky Mountain District President Rev. James Maxwell has requested assistance on behalf of Pastor Nathaniel Brown and his wife Laura, of the Minnesota North District. Pastor Brown serves 3 parishes in Minnesota. He and his wife will arrive soon and will be staying here in Denver, far from home, through the holidays, in order that their soon-to-be newborn baby will be able to have needed surgery and post-surgery care right away after birth at Children's Hospital-Aurora. Here are some ways to help Pastor Brown and Mrs. Brown while they are in town:

- Gift Cards - Nathan and Laura have a need for gift cards to cover expenses while they're in Denver. The following gift cards would be immensely helpful: Visa gift cards (for gas), King Soopers, and restaurants. Here's a [link to a few local spots](#) near the hospital if you'd like to choose a particular restaurant.
- Any gifts intended for the Browns should be directed to Pastor Nathaniel Brown and can be mailed to Our Father (6335 S. Holly Street Centennial, CO 80122). [Here's a link to his Venmo](#) account.
- [Here's a link to their Caring Bridge website](#). You need a free account to view updates.

Choir and Bell Choir! The bell choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:30 pm, and the Ascension Chorale rehearsal follows from 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays. No experience necessary and all ages are invited! Childcare available upon request.

"Handling grief is hard every day of the year," but ESPECIALLY during the Holidays. GriefShare provides a program, "Surviving the Holidays" that helps grievers honor their loved ones, navigate social events, re-evaluate traditions, and design a plan to "survive the holidays." We will meet this Saturday, Nov.15, 10 AM – Noon. At last month's session, "Loss of a Spouse," a participant found us only because his neighbor gave him the information from our flyer. (He is returning for this workshop as well). Please register so that we have enough books available. Contact Sherry Hitztaler at hitz2@comcast.net). "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

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. Please note, our last meeting for this year will be this Wednesday, November 19, as we will be taking a hiatus for Advent and Christmas. We will meet again on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

New Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel: The group is now studying 1st and 2nd Corinthians, focusing on a chapter a week. Please join them each Wednesday at 10:00 am in Room 106.

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 this 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. The big decision to make is whether an estate plan is merely a legal/financial activity or is it an activity of faith. Your will can include a Christian preamble, a statement of faith captured in permanent record, meant to give confession of your faith and encouragement for beneficiaries of your estate to practice faithful stewardship, just as you have. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor has samples to share with you to get you 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 Diego and Amy Garcia, in joyful celebration of their 29th Wedding Anniversary!

Thank you all so much for the cards, good wishes and singing for my Birthday. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful and supportive church community. I felt so special and loved celebrating my 100th birthday. Thank you all again. God's Blessings, Charlotte Wilkinson and family

ANGEL TREE Supporters: Faithful, generous, tender-hearted and kind! That is how I describe the members of Ascension. I am honored to have sent in this year's donation of \$2,338.74 to Prison Fellowship. This amount will be doubled by matching funds to \$4677.48!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This year our ALC Foundation chose to donate directly to Angel Tree sports and camps in a new way to provide opportunities for the children of incarcerated parents. May you be blessed knowing that these children will benefit greatly, family ties will be strengthened and the Gospel will be taught through our support of this program. YOU'RE the BEST!!!! Pax Christi, Jude Donovan

Prayers: For Rick Westra, who has cancer and is nearing the end of his life; For Cindy Fowler and her sister, Peggy Daniel, at the unexpected death of their cousin, Darrell Kirchner, in South Dakota on Monday, November 10; For Starla Moltz; For Susan Price, who is in the hospital with pneumonia; For Lori Banaszak, a faithful online viewer who is battling cancer; For Lori's sister-in-law, Carol Zimmermann, recovering from cancer surgery; For Lori's daughter, Morgan Ruth Haley, and Lori's grandchildren, Lillian, Audrey, Sawyer and Noah Friedrich; For Cheryl Szopinski, with health problems; For Walter, who has cancer and is going through chemo; For 3-year-old Jordan Loptien, great-granddaughter of Don and Marilyn Loptien and Rita Kratzer. Jordan is in treatment for leukemia. For Ron Atchison, at the death of his friend, Lonny; For Karen Engle, who has shingles; For Al and Madonna Forney's grandson, C.J. Earhart, whose cancer has returned; For Kim McClaren's mother, Vera Berning, who has lost sight in one of her eyes. For little Charlie James Niederbrach, grandson of Scott and Dana Niederbrach, born three months early; For Athenia Michel, at home and recovering from successful back surgery; For Nancy Lugton's friend, Linda Parker, suffering from schleroderma; and for another friend of Nancy's, Jolene Musselman, in

Wyoming, who has been struggling with mental illness; For Ellen Thompson's friend's great-granddaughter, Rosemary, age 7, who is receiving cancer treatment; For Michael Lawrenz's grandmother, who is battling cancer; 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, 11/8	4:00 pm	57	
Sunday, 11/9	8:00 am	80	
	10:30 am	64	
			Total: 201

Online Views (as of November 10) for November 4: 136 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	November 8-9	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$622,000.00
Received Amount	\$14,835.00	\$603,337.00

Calendar (Saturday, November 15 - Sunday, November 23):

Sat. (11-15)	10:00 am – Noon	Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Ladies Night at Lawrenz'
Sun. (11-16)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Celebrate Pastor John's 20 th Anniversary as Ascension's Pastor!
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
Mon. (11-17)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (11-18)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds.(11-19)	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
	5:45 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Instruction
	6:30 pm	Ascension Chorale
Thurs.(11-20)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	8:30 am	Coffee & Connection - EDP
	1:30 pm	Koinonia
Fri. (11-21)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Sat. (11-22)	9:00 am – Noon	Set up for Ladies Guild Bake & Craft Sale
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study

	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-23)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Ladies Guild Craft & Bake Sale
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion