

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (November 6)

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.

Pastor John is taking a few days off, from Thursday, November 6 until Monday, November 10. He will be back in the office on Tuesday, November 11. We are thankful for Pastor Kelly Crabbe who will be conducting services this weekend.

Pastor John's 20th Anniversary of Ministry at Ascension is fast approaching! He has been serving as our beloved Pastor since November 15, 2005! There will be a card shower and reception for him on Sunday, November 16 between the 8:00 and 10:30 services, please join us!

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.

Have you ever wondered what the Prison Ministry does or how we support this ministry? Please join the Ladies Guild as we host Dave Zeller and Bob Estes, and hear about the great work that they both do for the Prison Ministry! **Thursday, November 13 at 10:00 am**, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring: all your inquiring questions, your mite box, and a friend! **This event is open to everyone!**

At the December 7th Voters' Meeting we will elect five new officers and Board chairpersons for two-year terms. There are five positions up for election: President, Treasurer, Board for Congregational Life Chairperson, Board for Education Chairperson, and Board of Trustees Chairperson. This week we highlight the Board for Congregational Life Chairperson position. Please consider running for this position or joining the committee as a volunteer.

Board for Congregational Life: Per our bylaws, "the Board for Congregational Life shall have the responsibility for:

- Assisting the Congregation in spreading the Gospel within the worship of the congregation.
- Orienting new members toward full participation in the life of the Congregation.
- Developing among the membership awareness about their use of talents, time, and treasures for the mission of the Church. This shall include an annual stewardship drive to determine pledges from members for the coming year.
- Helping meet the physical and social needs of the members of the Congregation.

Shelia Beu has done a phenomenal job building this Board and quickly implementing a number of new programs and events and we are extremely grateful for her experience

and energy. 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.

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](#)

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.

Ladies Guild Craft and Bake Sale! We are preparing for our Annual Craft and Bake Sale which will be 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!

You can bring your items to the church Saturday, November 22nd 9am – Noon.
Contact: Charmaine Rohde 303-618-8889

Extended Day Preschool This week started off very slow and quiet...after Halloween and the time change I think we all appreciated that. We are working our way to talking about "harvest." Our Bible story is The Boy Who shared His Lunch, which is so appropriate right before Thanksgiving.

A BIG shout out to those of you who ordered **Butter Braids** from the preschool...we appreciate it so so much! The delivery date is November 19th. For church members, the braids will be in the church freezer after 11 am that day. This Sunday will be the last chance to order. "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

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, Saturday, November 15 at 6:30 pm. \$10 cost for craft supplies. Please RSVP to Jenna at 303-913-3512 by Sunday, November 9.

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!

Operation Christmas Child The Sunday school has extra Operation Christmas Child 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!

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 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

New Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel: The group has finished their study of the Book of John, and 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 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. The big decision to make is whether an estate plan is merely a legal/financial activity or is it an activity of faith. When you read a will or trust, you read carefully crafted words by attorneys who look to direct legal and financial affairs in accordance with the law of your state. But is there more to your Christian estate plan than simple direction of assets? Do you wish to provide opportunity for others, family members and those touched by ministry, to know Jesus. These things can be addressed as well in your plan. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help. 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 Joyce and Dennis Lord, in honor of Angelina's birthday in Heaven.

Prayers: For all our Veterans; 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 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: We rejoice and give thanks with Carolyn Helstrom at the birth of her new great-granddaughter, Alayna Louise!

From Ann Kaneko: Thanks for all your prayers. The cataract surgery went very well, and I was back to normal on Wednesday. I know your prayers made this all possible.

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 11/1	4:00 pm	79	
Sunday, 11/2	8:00 am	120	
	10:30 am	72	
			Total: 271

Online Views (as of November 4) for October 26: 153 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	November 1-2	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$608,000.00
Received Amount	\$19,984.00	\$588,502.00

Calendar (Saturday, November 8 - Sunday, November 16):

Sat. (11-8)	8:00am-3:30pm	Heritage Fine Arts Workshop
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-9)	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. (11-10)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (11-11)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Church Council
Weds.(11-12)	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	Heritage Guild Meeting
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Instruction
		NO Choir or Bells This Evening
Thurs.(11-13)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 am	Ladies Guild Presentation re Prison Ministry
Fri. (11-14)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group
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'

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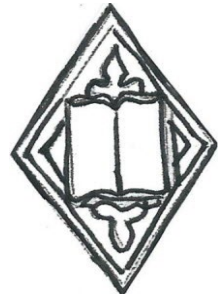
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**Symbolizes the religious sacrifices and
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