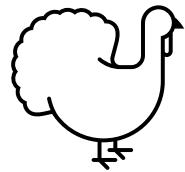


GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (November 25)



Worship Schedule

Tomorrow night we will have a special Thanksgiving Eve Worship service with Holy Communion at 7:00 pm. Sunday worship times are 4:00 on Saturday afternoons, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class meet at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday. Join Pastor John for his study of the Book of Matthew!

Blessings of Holy Baptism and Confirmation We rejoice with the Railsback family, as Zackery Railsback's daughter, Brooklynn, receives Holy Baptism and Confirmation on Sunday, November 30!

Christmas Sanctuary Decorating!

Do you love decorating? Or do you just love Christmas? If you answered YES to either of these then please join us in decorating our beautiful Sanctuary and Narthex. We will begin decorating at 8:30 a.m. this Saturday, November 29.

Note: You DO NOT need to be able to get up on a ladder to help.

Advent by Candlelight – Next Wednesday Night! 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 signing up in the narthex by November 26. This is going to be a memorable evening we look forward to seeing you!

The Memorial Service for Rick Westra will be this Saturday, November 29, at 11:00 at Englewood Church of Christ, 4690 S. Logan St., Englewood.

Mark Your Calendar: Pastor John's next Adult Instruction / Confirmation class will be on Saturday, January 10, 9:00 to 1:00 and Sunday, January 11, 1:00 to 4:00.

Miss a sermon? Want a printed copy of a sermon? Want to watch a sermon? Pastor's video sermons are on Ascension's website and also on YouTube. Printed copies of sermons can be downloaded on our website and the sermons for the last 6 weeks are printed and available in the narthex. They can be found on the southside of the mailboxes.

The Ladies Guild says Thank You! To all of you for your support of the Craft and Bake sale last weekend! From the bakers and makers, and all the terrific volunteers: YOU made it happen once again. It's amazing to see how it all goes together, and we are grateful to each and every one of you.

Canned Food Drive: 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.

Seasonal help for our adult choir! You're invited to join us to sing for our Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve services. Choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm.

Our family Advent calendars and resources are now available! Look for the table under the Youth and Family bulletin board for these supplies! Pick one up and guide your family through the anticipation for the coming of Christ both in the past and also in the future!

Youth (7th-12th grades) are invited to our Christmas party and lock-in on Dec. 12-13, 7pm-7am! We will be going to play laser tag and bowling. Then, look forward to an evening of Christmas-themed games, crafts, movies, devotion, and treats! Bring a \$5 white elephant gift and your sleeping bag plus pillow! Must RSVP with Stephanie.

Our annual Christmas caroling to our homebound members is scheduled for Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 pm. Share some joy and the love of Christ through song and your presence! Please sign up! Thank you!

Ascension Christmas Families: In December we support families who need a little help in the Christmas season. Forms have been placed in the narthex mailboxes. 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. There are **8 Poinsettias still available**. 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.

December 7th Voters' Meeting Elections- December 7, 12:00 pm

Voters' Meeting Agenda:

Opening Prayer and Devotion

Roll Call and/or Registration of Voters Present

Presentation of the Minutes

Pastor's Report

Treasurer's Report

Elections

Reports of Board Chairmen and Committees

Unfinished Business

Patio Committee Recommendation

New Business

Nominations for Synod President, Vice-President, and Regional Vice-President
2026 Proposed Budget

Adjournment

Closing Prayer

Thank you for supporting our youth by purchasing a God's Creation Calendar!

Calendar! We made close to \$700 which will be matched in funds from the Foundation. The proceeds will help towards our goal of attending LVR next summer for a mission project. Thank you for your generosity! Pick up your calendar at the table in the narthex and if you haven't paid, there will be a payment box available this weekend.

Extended Day Preschool Last Thursday marked our last day of class before the Thanksgiving break. We celebrated with a pizza party and watched A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving. We know many of our students are excited to either visit relatives or welcome out-of-town guests. We hope you all have a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving holiday. 

HAAT Force Update A huge THANK YOU for your awesome generosity! Julie Hall, Program Director, is delighted with all your donations. You have done much to increase her supplies. Blessings to you.

Prayers and Assistance Needed! District President Rev. James Maxwell has requested assistance on behalf of Pastor Nathaniel Brown and his wife Laura. Pastor Brown serves 3 parishes in Minnesota. He and Laura are staying here in Denver through the holidays, so their soon-to-be newborn baby will be able to have 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.

Update from Pastor Brown on 11/23: Today, we went to Church, and then went out for brunch, and during our meal, Laura thought that her water broke. We got checked in to the hospital, and they did some tests, and Laura's water did indeed break. So we are in the hospital, waiting for Baby to come. Please keep Mom and Baby in your prayers. This is a bit earlier than expected, since induction date was scheduled for Tuesday night. But now we are on heightened hurry up and wait time.

Update on 11/24: *What doctors are saying is that Laura's water broke before everything else was ready (there was no fall or anything like that that caused the water to break), so that is why labor has been slow from last update. But Laura is doing great and looks amazing (nurse's comment, I already knew that), and labor is progressing well. Hopeful for this evening/tomorrow before sun comes up for actual delivery.*

Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Pastor John is taking a hiatus for Thanksgiving Eve, 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.

Ascension Quilters will not meet this Friday due to the holiday, but we will meet next Friday, 12/5 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

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, December 12, 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. For much of our life, we view our occupations as ways to gather resources necessary to support this life, all blessed by the Lord. Often attached to that "gathering" is a sense to protect what we have gathered. Sometimes, the gathering and protecting distract us from the place where true grace filled blessing is found, in the use of God's gifts, to reflect Jesus. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you keep this grace filled focus. 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 to the Glory of God, by Patti Zeggert.

Prayers: For John Klepetka, For Tonya Cronberg; For Jody Tunheim's sister-in-law, Kelly, who has breast cancer; For Ken Jarrell, son-in-law of Ed and Gwen Geisler, with a serious infection following back surgery. Ken is on a 6-week course of IV antibiotics; For Bobbie Frink, long-time friend of Barb Muirhead, for health concerns and peace in the family; For Gayla and Larry Buethe's grandson, Landon; For Janet Parrott, in hospice care as her health is declining; For Del Grau, who has an infection, and for Del's son-in-law, Scott Estes, who has Krohn's disease and lupus; For Faith Lawson, with cancer; For Margaret, Carmen Gutierrez's daughter, with a broken tibia; For baby Jett Edward Loptien, who has had some complications following his birth on November 19; For 3-year-old Jordan Loptien, great-granddaughter of Don and Marilyn Loptien

and Rita Kratzer. Jordan is in treatment for leukemia. For Al and Madonna Forney's grandson, C.J. Earhart, whose cancer has returned; For little Charlie James Niederbrach, grandson of Scott and Dana Niederbrach, born three months early; 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.

Happy 60th Anniversary! To John and Elaine Klepetka, who will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 4th!

Time to rise up as prayer warriors for the women and men in prisons. Prison Fellowship has a program called Grow InPrison. They have 229 small groups in different facilities with 5000 participants in 2024. Specific prayer requests:

That those in the Grow program will see transformation in their life as they turn to our Great Physician, Comforter and Counselor. That they will open both their hearts and minds to Christ and walk in His purpose.

For those who are being released that they will stay faithful to Christ and be witnesses for Him as they find home churches and ministries.

Also, pray for Prison Fellowship to find open doors at new prison facilities and donations to provide Bibles and curriculum. At this time of Thanksgiving, I am so very grateful for your faithful prayers, your dedication to our needs and your walk with Christ through Ascension. Pax Christi, Jude

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 11/22	4:00 pm	60	
Sunday, 11/23	8:00 am	101	
	10:30 am	64	
			Total: 225

Online Views (as of November 24) for November 16: 138 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	November 22-23	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$650,000.00
Received Amount	\$8,517.00	\$652,547.00

Calendar (Saturday, November 29 - Sunday, December 30):

Sat. (11-29)	8:30 am	Sanctuary Decorating
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-30)		FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Mon. (12-1)	8:30am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (12-2)	8:30am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds.(12-3)	8:30am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	6:00 pm	Advent by Candlelight
Thurs.(12-4)	8:30am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	1:30 pm	Koinonia
	5:45 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:30 pm	Ascension Chorale
Fri. (12-5)	8:30am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Sat. (12-6)	9:30 am	Evangelism Meeting
	10:00 am–2:30 pm	Heritage Artists Card Workshop
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (12-7)		SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	VOTERS MEETING & Lunch