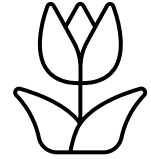


## **GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (April 16)**



**Worship Services** are Saturdays at 4:00 p.m., and Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School classes are at 9:15 a.m.

**Welcome our new Contemporary Worship Leader, Ann Kirkpatrick!** We are pleased to announce that after a nearly two-year search, we have welcomed Ann Kirkpatrick as our new Contemporary Worship Leader for the 10:30 worship service.

Ann brings over 10 years of experience in contemporary worship leadership. She holds a BS in Education from the University of Tulsa and has a lifelong background in music, including time as a Young Life musician, singing in summer camps and in church since age 10. In addition to her musical talents as a vocalist and guitarist, Ann is well-versed in lectionary-based service planning and other needs of this position. Professionally, she recently retired after a successful career in telecommunications for a number of companies and then at Xcel Energy.

Ann began her role this week. For the next few weeks, she will be leading the 10:30 service alongside Stephanie and Mike as she becomes oriented. Please join us in welcoming her to our community.

**JOIN OUR PRAISE TEAMS!** With Ann's arrival as our new CWL, this is an excellent time to join the Youth or Agape Praise Teams. We are especially looking for a bass player to join us this year. Rehearsals take place before the service at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary, and music is provided in advance with the YouTube links to assist with preparation.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Ann Kirkpatrick at [annkirkpatrick@yahoo.com](mailto:annkirkpatrick@yahoo.com) or reach out to our Minister of Music and Worship, Michael Zehnder, at [musicmikealc@gmail.com](mailto:musicmikealc@gmail.com).

**Wednesday Evening Bible Class Resumes!!** Pastor Larson's Bible Class meets on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm. This coming Wednesday, join us for a new study of the Book of Titus in the Fellowship Hall.

**One of our two annual Voter's meetings** will be held on Sunday, April 26, beginning at noon. The Ladies Guild will serve a luncheon that is provided to us by the Ascension Foundation. At the meeting an update on the Patio Project will be made, as well as other reports by staff, officers and Committee chairs. Here is the agenda:

Call to Order & Opening Prayer  
Presentation of the Minutes (12/7/25 Meeting)  
Pastor's Report  
Treasurer's Report (2026 YTD)  
Reports of Board Chairpersons & Committees  
Unfinished Business – Patio Project Update  
New Business – Synod Elections

Adjournment  
Closing Prayer

**Youth (7th-12th grades) are invited** to test their wits at an escape room tomorrow evening, Friday, April 17th! We'll start with a delicious dinner at GQue BBQ at Park Meadows Mall at 6:15 PM and then head over to The Escape Game (finished by 8:15 PM). \$20 per person and friends are invited! Please RSVP with Stephanie, [stephanieroettjer@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieroettjer@gmail.com)

**VBS volunteer meeting this Sunday, April 19th** after the late service (11:30 AM) in room 106. Come hear about our fun theme this year, Rainforest Falls! You'll receive your staff t-shirt and information about the week! Also, if your child is going into 6th grade, they can be a crew leader this year! Come to the meeting to find out more! See you there!

**HAAT Force's Program of Resource Friday** has provided a place for the homeless to gather, enjoy a hot meal, and "shop" (at no charge) for food, clothing, and other supplies. At this time they have a need for:

Plastic Forks

Men's jeans - 32/33

XXL Tshirts and Hoodies

Reusable grocery bags

New womens Underwear (don't forget the larger sizes as well - including XL, XXL)

Please place items in the HAAT Force box. Thanks in advance for your help.

Questions? Contact Ann Kaneko, 720.289.6782 (cell), [kanekoa43@gmail.com](mailto:kanekoa43@gmail.com).

**Needed: Coffee!** We Lutherans sure love our coffee! If you could pick some up DECAF or REGULAR coffee next time you are at the store, and leave it in the kitchen, we would appreciate it!

**Do You Have A Room to Rent?** Daniel Weiner is a frequent visitor at Ascension and has attended several Young Adults events. He says, "I've been living in Littleton since August. I'm very happy here and plan to stay.

Unfortunately, my living arrangements have changed and I need to find a new place. I don't know many people in Littleton; my family lives in SC.

I've really enjoyed getting to know the people at the church and I feel very welcomed here. I was wondering if you know of any older members who might want to rent a room to me. I could help around the house - cut the lawn, go grocery shopping, etc. I currently have a job in the school system assisting autistic children. I will be looking for summer employment."

If you or someone you know has a room to rent for Daniel, please email us at [office@alutheran.org](mailto:office@alutheran.org) or call (303) 794-4636. Thank you!

**Online Auction to Benefit Mission Experience in Haiti** From Rev. Mike Paulison: "Despite all the troubles in Haiti, God's provision remains constant. To follow God's call, we need your help!

We will be hosting an online auction as a fundraiser this year. We are requesting donations of various items, such as a themed gift basket, handmade craft, artwork, weekend away, house cleaning, lawn mowing, home chef for date night, tickets or passes to places or events, etc. (Please make all donations a minimum of \$50.00 in retail value).

Please send a photo, description, dimensions, estimated value, as well as your name / contact info (we don't mind advertising if you have a business!), suggested opening bid and minimum bid (if needed) to [sarah@missionexperience.org](mailto:sarah@missionexperience.org). Submissions are needed by the end of September."

**All Ladies are Cordially Invited** to a Women's Worship and Tea, the LWML Spring Rally, on April 25 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm, hosted by the Ladies in Mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO. Cost is \$10.00, which includes breakfast, tea and lunch! Feel free to wear your Easter best, hats and gloves for fun! There will be an Ingathering for Lutheran Valley Retreat of items to be taken to the convention in June. LVR's Wish List includes:

Sleeping bags (for 20 degrees or colder, new or gently used)

Climbing shoes (all sizes, new or gently used)

Ziplock bags (gallon and sandwich-sized)

Board & Card Games (new or used, need all pieces)

Tarps – 16x20 or larger

Reams of paper & Masking tape

**Sunday, May 3rd**, from 5-7 pm, we are having a FREE swimming party! Bring the whole family and a friend for some water fun! We will be meeting at the Ridge Recreation Center (6613 S Ward St, Littleton, CO 80127). Sign up on the table in the narthex – or please RSVP to Jenna at [jenna.lindeman@cune.org](mailto:jenna.lindeman@cune.org) by Saturday, May 2nd, so that we have enough pizza! We hope to see you there!"

**Mother & Daughters Tea! Please reserve Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 am** for a wonderful morning for our moms and daughters! Join us for a Mother and Daughters' Tea on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am! The cost is \$8.00 per person. We will have a fun craft, yummy food, and refreshing beverages! Please RSVP at the table in the narthex by Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>!

**The Lutheran Chorale** will be having their final concert of the season with a patriotic salute to the 250th anniversary of the United States. Included are a number of songs from the Civil War as well as a classic medley that includes all military themes as well as George M. Cohan tunes. Members of the Chorale will play with trumpets, drums and even a violin! Sunday, May 3, 2026. As always, the concerts are free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

2:30 p.m., Mt. Zion Lutheran Church  
500 Drake Street  
Denver, CO

6:30 p.m., Wheat Ridge Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
8600 W. 38th Avenue  
Wheat Ridge, CO

**Extended Day Preschool** We are four weeks away from the end of preschool. This week is all about the growth cycle of a plant but it might as well be the growth of a child! Not only have these children physically "sprouted" up since August but they are also totally different emotionally and cognitively. It's so much fun to be a part of that journey.

Kids love to garden and we heard what they will plant in some of their garden patches. Sunflowers, squash, pumpkins, tomatoes, and peppers were just a few examples. Yum!

If you have a child, grandchild, or neighbor who will be 3 or 4 this fall, please consider our preschool. The teachers are wonderful; we have tons of fun in a loving and safe environment. Please call or email me with any questions. [director@alcpreschool.com](mailto:director@alcpreschool.com) or 303/730-2514. 😊 Grace & Peace, Meg Stenman

### **Ascension Church Patio Project**

During this Easter season, let us work together to complete this wonderful outdoor area where we will work together, meet together and share in the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please make your donation payable to Ascension and denote the funds for "Project Peter". Let us get this project going and completed this spring.

Luke 6:38: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

The Capital Campaign Grounds Upgrade Committee: Bob Hea, Art Gordon, Kim McCormick, Chuck Mielke, Terry Utecht, Kathleen Wucherpfenning Larry Nisbet (Campaign Committee Chair)

### **"Welcome to GriefShare!"**

The GriefShare 13-Week support group at Ascension for 2026 continues through Tuesday, April 28. Meetings are at Ascension on Tuesday afternoons, 1:30-3:30 pm. GriefShare programs are Christ-centered and designed to help all grievers, regardless of religious affiliation. GriefShare's last four sessions in April are:

#11 Stuck in Grief

#12 Hope & Resilience

#13 What Do I Live For Now?

Please continue to pray for our participants: Barb, Geri, Kerrie, Libby, Mary and Mike, Mary, Susan, Vanessa, Richard, Smokey and all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Pray for our Grief Support Team: Pastor John, Linda, Suzy, Dawn, and myself that we can fully support our participants on this grief journey, "From Mourning to Joy," through the love of Christ. Thank you, Linda Olsen and Sherry Hitztaler

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."* Matthew 5:4

**Save the date!** VBS is scheduled for June 1-5, 2026. Our theme this year is "Rainforest Falls." Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to have a relationship with God, their Creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/alcvacationbibleschool>

**Ascension Quilters** meets each Friday in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 12:30 pm, all abilities for more information please call Jackie Adams, 720-877-0162

**Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel:** The group is studying 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, focusing on a chapter a week. You are welcome to join them each Wednesday at 10:00 am in Room 106.

**Saturday Afternoon Bible Study** We meet each Saturday at 3:00 pm, for our Lifelight Bible study on the book of Acts, with a focus on evangelism. Email Curt at [Kengle0920@gmail.com](mailto:Kengle0920@gmail.com)

**Young Adult Bible Study** The Young Adult Bible Study will meet Friday, May 15, at 6:30 pm at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house, for their Bible study by Louie Giglio. For more information, contact Jenna: 303-913-3512 [jenna.lindeman@cune.org](mailto:jenna.lindeman@cune.org)

**A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry.** Sometimes the family side of things can be a bit tricky to plan. Many people choose one of their family members to serve in the role of personal representative, trustee or in the power of attorney role. There should always be alternates chosen as well. It is wise to communicate this plan to family before the Lord calls you home, so family members are ready to each do their parts to help carry out your faithful stewardship plan. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can discuss and pray with you about your choices and the communication of those choices. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfn.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfn.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Flowers on the Altar** this weekend are given by Roger and Diana Gaide, in joyful celebration of their Wedding Anniversary!

**Prayers:** For the family and friends of Pastor Glenn Isernhagen, especially for his wife, Louanne, at Glenn's passing on April 12; For Mike Price, who will extensive surgery on his ankle on Thursday, April 16; For our brother in Christ, Ed Geisler, who has begun receiving hospice care; For Judy and Roger Koester's grandson Dale's father-in-law, Bill Tibbs, in Riley, Texas. Bill is 65 and has colon cancer that has spread significantly; please also pray for his wife Pam, who plans to care for Bill at home, while she is also caring for her mother, living at their home with Alzheimer's; For Chuck Titus, who will have a procedure on his eyes on April 23; For John and Alice Glassner and Breezy Lenz as they remember Heath Glassner, who died a year ago on Thursday, April 23; For Susan Sherrer-Firth, following a heart attack and cardiac catheterization on April 10; For Bill Burchett, whose gall bladder surgery has been delayed while he is treated for infection; For Don Nelson, who has taken a fall; For Judy Mihok, that her health improves; For Jim Bame, recovering from foot surgery on Monday, April 13; For improved health for Ron Vega; For Bob Hea, recovering from surgery on Tuesday, April

14; For Joan Anttonen, following cataract surgery; For Jan Burmeister, with scarring in her lungs and chronic bronchitis; For Mary Hert, with digestive issues; For Lupita, Ann Kaneko's brother's wife, who has been suffering from blood clots in her lungs, causing serious breathing problems and weakness; For Mike Zehnder, as the pains in his neck/shoulder area have returned; For Michael Lawrenz, with Bells Palsy; For the Auten's friend, Shauna Cagnoni, following her lung transplant on April 2; For Caroll Haeffele, in hospice care; For healing, relief from pain, and strength for Anita Baresel, recovering at home from back surgery; For Mike Zehnder's nephew Nick; For Michele Yowell, C.J. Earhart, and Jim Nichols, as they go through cancer treatments; For wisdom and discernment for our leaders, that we might have peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Haiti, and Venezuela; For God to send His Holy Spirit for strengthening of faith and witness.

**Congratulations** to Brian Johnson and Kirsten Stiller who will be married this Sunday, April 19. Brian is the son of Bob and Kathy Johnson.

**Happy Birthday** to Janet Parrott who celebrates her 90th birthday on Saturday, April 25!

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b>Service Time</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	
Saturday, 4/11	4:00 pm	55	
Sunday, 4/12	8:00 am	102	
	10:30 am	83	
			Easter Total: 240

**Online Views** (as of April 14) for April 5: 176 views.

<b><u>Stewardship</u></b>	Apr. 11-12, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$195,000.00
Received Amount	\$8,665.00	\$227,460.00
Project Peter 2026	\$3,600.00	\$ 23,683.00

**Calendar (Saturday, April 18 – Sunday, April 26):**

Sat. (4-18)	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Heritage Fine Arts Workshop
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (4-19)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship w Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	11:30 am	VBS Volunteer Meeting
Mon. (4-20)	8:30 am-1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (4-21)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study
	1:30 pm	GriefShare Support Group
Weds. (4-22)	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
Thurs. (4-23)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 am	Set up for Sewing Sale
	5:45 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:30 pm	Ascension Chorale
Fri. (4-24)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 am–4:00 pm	Hands All Around Sewing Sale
	12:30 pm	Ascension Quilters
Sat. (4-25)	10:00 am–2:00 pm	Hands All Around Sewing Sale
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (4-26)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship w Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Voters Meeting