

## **GOOD AFTERNOON! *Blessed Eastertide!*** **WHAT'S HAPPENING (April 9)**

**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.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Class Resumes!!** Pastor Larson's Bible Class meets on Wednesdays at 5:00. This coming Wednesday, we will begin a new study of the Book of Titus. You are invited to join us for this one-hour study in the Fellowship Hall

### **Letter from a Viewer in the Czech Republic:**

Dear Pastor,

Happy and blessed Easter to you, your family, and your whole church. Thank you for your persistent and dedicated broadcasting of your services—it means a lot to us.

Although we have never met in person, in our family we always address you as our pastor, as if you were living here among us—which, in some way, you definitely are.

All the best,

Sabljak family

*Thank you to Mike Zehnder, Tim McClaren, and Durwin Schmitt, who make these broadcasts possible!*

**This weekend**, organist Linda Olsen will be playing a J. S. Bach piece for the 8 minutes ahead of the start of the service. It is entitled Sonata III in D minor. We hope you will enjoy this beautiful music, which coincides with Bach's birthday on March 31!

**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 on 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 on 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!

**THANK YOU for your generous and kind donations** at the Easter breakfast hosted by the youth as a fundraiser for their servant event trip to Lutheran Valley Retreat! It was well attended by about 225 people and we raised \$2,331.00. Thank you also to all the youth, parents, and fellow members who worked hard on prep, serving, and clean up! We appreciate you!

**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!



**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

**"Save the date! On 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). 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!"

**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** This week we are learning about everything that creeps and crawls...insects! Preschoolers love "roly polies," ladybugs, butterflies, etc. We are going to try to get them to like, or at least respect, other insects such as spiders, crickets, and grasshoppers.

We only have 5 more weeks of school! I think our "non-winter" made the time go by so fast. If you have little ones, or know someone who does, please send them our way.

😊 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:

- #10 Questions for God
- #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 will meet again this 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, April 10, 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. Your children do not have identical lives or identical needs. What may be good for one might not be good for the other. Being wise about how much inheritance to give, how to give it and when to give it, are all important questions as you look to be a faithful steward of God's things. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can listen to your family story and offer some suggestions about how to care for your family the best. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Flowers on the Altar** this weekend are given by Dennis and Joyce Lord, in joyful celebration of their 8<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

**Prayers:** For Bob Hea, who will have surgery on Tuesday, April 14; For Joan Anttonen, following cataract surgery this week; For Jan Burmeister, who has 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, who had a lung transplant this past Thursday, April 2; prayers for her, as well as the donor's family; For Mike Price, who will extensive surgery on his ankle on Thursday, April 16; For Krissy Schwerin and her friends at Chick-fil-A, as they mourn the loss of their coworker, Brandon, and for one of their managers, who has been diagnosed with terminal stage four cancer; For Laurie Mullane's nephew, Michael, and his sister, Angie, as Michael hopes to receive a liver transplant; also for Laurie's brother, Ben. Ben has been battling kidney disease, and will need a kidney transplant. For Annette Wolfer; For Doc Williams, in need of healing of a torn tendon near his elbow; For Riley, grandson of Wayne and Barb Bader, who had to have a portion of his colon removed on Wednesday, March 25. For Noah Ramirez, a student at Concordia in Nebraska, for injuries from a car accident; For Ronnie and Dawn Wren, brother and sister-in-law of Rose Kahler, as Dawn may be facing surgery to check for a recurrence of cancer; For Carol Haeffele, in hospice care; For Ed Geisler, that his health may improve and movement becomes easier; 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 and C.J. Earhart, as they go through cancer treatments; For Tonya Cronberg; 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.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving** Don Loptien had a "Watchman" heart implant procedure on Monday, April 6, to prevent blood clotting. The procedure was a success.

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!** To Dorothy Nelson, who will be 86 years old on Friday, April 10!

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b>Service Time</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	
Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm	103	
Good Friday	7:00 pm	147	
Saturday, 4/4	4:00 pm	No Service	
Easter Sunday, 4/5	8:00 am	221	
	10:30 am	248	
			Easter Total: 469

**Online Views** (as of April 7) for March 29: 179 views.

<b><u>Stewardship</u></b>	<b>Apr. 5, 2026</b>	<b>Year-to-Date (YTD)</b>
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$182,000.00
Received Amount	\$26,720.00	\$218,795.00
Project Peter 2026	\$475.00	\$ 20,083.00

**Calendar (Saturday, April 11 – Sunday, April 19):**

Sat. (4-11)	9:30 am	Evangelism Committee Meeting
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (4-12)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship w Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	3:00 pm	Eagle Court of Honor
Mon. (4-13)	8:30 am-1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (4-14)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study
	1:30 pm	GriefShare Support Group
	6:30 pm	Church Council
Weds. (4-15)	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
	5:45 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:30 pm	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (4-16)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	1:30 am	Koinonia
Fri. (4-17)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 pm	Ascension Quilters
	6:15 – 8:15 pm	Youth to Dinner & Escape Room
Sat. (4-18)	8:30 am	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