

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (May 21) *HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!*

Worship Services are Saturdays at 4:00 p.m., and Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Join us at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall for the Questioning of the Confirmands!

Summer Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, May 31! The worship service on Saturday will begin at 4:00 pm (as usual), and we will have one traditional worship service at 9:00 am that day. The Summer schedule will continue until the weekend of September 5-6.

HAAT FORCE: Resource Friday will continue through the summer. This will give their clients a chance to have a hot meal and a chance to get supplies. Here is a list of items they could use:

- Suspenders
- Belts
- Q-tips
- Shoes - all sizes
- Body wipes
- Dog food
- Mens underwear (only new please)
- Womens underwear size small (only new please)
- Mens casual pants/jeans all sizes
- Gloves
- Blankets
- Food and drinks - Pop-top Soup / Microwave Individual Mac and Cheese cups / Juice Boxes / Hormel Compleats

Place donations in the HAAT Force box. Questions? Contact Ann Kaneko, 720.289.6782 (cell), kanekoa43@gmail.com.

"Coffee Under the Trees" - Do you have a Summer Date to Celebrate?

Individuals, couples, families, or committees can come together to provide coffee and donuts or other treats after the Sunday morning worship service. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship! Sign up this weekend in the narthex!

Updated Directories are available in the narthex. Please let the church office know if you have any changes, thank you! 303-794-4636, office@alutheran.org.

Nametags As we prepare for the arrival of Pastor Alb to fill in for Pastor John while he is away this summer, we are printing nametags for you to wear to assist him with learning your name. Please check your box in the narthex, and let the office know (office@alutheran.org) if you need one. Thank you!

Board of the Month This month we are highlighting the Board for Evangelism. As you heard at the recent Voters' Meeting, this particular Board supports ongoing ministries championed by members of the congregation. These include Angel Tree

(Jude Donovan), Prison Ministry (Bob Estes, Dave Zeller), HAAT - Homelessness Awareness and Action Task Force (Ann Kaneko), and GriefShare (Sherry Hitztaler, Linda Olsen). The Board also hosts larger events onsite with the goal of bringing our neighbors to the Church. This year we are hosting a community Blood Drive on July 25th and a free dinner/concert featuring the Blue 88's band on August 29th. If you feel called to help with any of these ministries, please reach out to one of the members listed above, Anita Baresel, or Bob Hea.

THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL PERFORMERS

At the close of the school year, a number of our musical groups take a break (except for some) for the summer months. So it is a perfect time to say THANK YOU to a number of people who meet nearly weekly, September - May each year, to beautify our services. Thank you to our church music groups—Ascension Chorale, Youth and Agape praise teams, Gloria Dei Ringers and to the individual singers, instrumentalists, pianists, organists, directors and soloists—for your faithful, tireless, and joyful dedication in leading us in worship. Your time, talent, and ministering spirits turn our weekly gatherings into meaningful, hallowed experiences that help our congregation connect deeply with God. We are grateful for the time and effort spent in group and individual rehearsals, early Sunday morning warm ups and soundchecks, and your consistent presence in our services week after week. You offer more than songs; you provide a ministry of comfort, joy, devotion and spiritual upliftment. Thank you also for focusing on worshiping with us, rather than merely performing, which steers our hearts toward God. We hold our music ministry in high esteem and thank you for making our services truly memorable and spiritually profound.

Vacation Bible School is coming up 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>

Snack Supplies for VBS We need some supplies for VBS snack time. Please bring your donations to the church kitchen by the weekend of May 30-31, marked "VBS." If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or text Charlene Auten (720-317-4242). Here is the link to sign up: [Sign Up Genius](#)

We appreciate your support and generosity in helping make this VBS week awesome!

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. Submissions are needed by the end of September."

Church Patio Project Update!

In less than two weeks we change our Sunday meeting time to 9:00 am. and after the service we will begin the coffee and treats under the trees, what a wonderful time to reflect on the days service and all that God has done for us by coming together. As a congregation so much has been accomplished in the total remodel of our church building and all of its spaces. Now the building committee has worked a plan to upgrade our outdoor meeting space, please study the pictures in the narthex knowing this will cost a modest amount to complete, which is estimated to be around \$80,000. Please consider contributing to the "Project Peter" fund to complete this project. You can follow the donations provided to date on the donation thermometer in the Narthex. Every amount small or large will help to complete the beautification of our grounds in celebration of all God has done for us and this wonderful place where we celebrate His word with each other.

2 Corinthians 9:17:

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Blessings,

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

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 1st and 2nd 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

Young Adult Bible Study The Young Adult Bible Study will meet Friday, June 12, 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

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Some might consider this a difficult task. How does an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor help? Working on your estate can be complicated as you balance legal, tax and financial issues, along with your desires to care for family and support

ministry. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor has tools to organize all these things. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given by Wayne and Shelia Beu, in joyful celebration of their grandson Ethan’s High School graduation!

Prayers: For Ethan Beu, who will graduate from Front Range Christian School this Saturday; For Dianne Backhus, for healing following a MOHS procedure; For Phyllis Westra, for healing of her feet; For Lisa O’Neal, as she recovers from a serious infection; For Pastor Don Ginkel, following a visit to the ER last weekend; For the family of Roland Scott, whose grandfather, Roland I, died on May 8; For Elizabeth Wilhelm, at the death of her sister and her nephew; For Mavis Slifka, who is out of the hospital and is now at Life Care Center of Littleton; For Thomas Firth and Susan Sherrer-Firth, after a fire in their apartment building required them to evacuate, along with all the other residents. No one was hurt, but there is water and smoke damage and they are staying at a hotel; For Richard Kositzke, following surgery on his wrist on Tuesday, May 12; For Bob Hea’s mother, Betty, who had hip replacement surgery on Wednesday, May 13; For Ryan Newman’s infant son, Archer, in the neonatal ICU; For Barb Bader, recovering at home after hip surgery on May 4; For Hank Peepgrass, who will have eye surgery on May 28; For Mike Price, recovering from ankle surgery; For Bill Burchett; For Mike Zehnder, as he considers next steps for his back pain; For Michele Yowell and C.J. Earhart, 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: We give thanks to God for a successful cardioversion (cardiac) procedure for Norm Hermsmeyer at Littleton Hospital last weekend; and for Mavis Slifka, that she was able to move from the hospital to rehab this week!

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 5/16	4:00 pm	57	
Sunday, 5/17	8:00 am	80	
	10:30 am	110	
			Total: 247

Online Views (as of May 18) for May 10: 132 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	May 16-17, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$260,000.00
Received Amount	\$ 3,443.00	\$292,756.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 25.00	\$ 27,598.00

Calendar (Saturday, May 23 – Sunday, May 31):

Sat. (5-23)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (5-24)		PENTECOST
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship w Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion and Confirmation
Mon. (5-25)		MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED
Tues. (5-26)	9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Weds. (5-27)	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (5-28)		SET UP FOR VBS
Fri. (5-29)		SET UP FOR VBS
Sat. (5-30)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (5-31)		SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS
	9:00 am	Traditional Worship w Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class