

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (June 11)

Summer Worship Schedule Worship services this weekend will be on Saturday at 4:00 pm and 9:00 am on Sunday. After the service we will have Coffee Under the Trees, followed by Adult Bible Study at 10:30. The Summer schedule will continue until the weekend of September 5-6.

Pastor Larry Alb will be our Preacher and Sunday morning Adult Bible Study leader through August 2.

Dear People of God at Ascension,

During this time of my leave of absence, Pastor Larry Alb will be the main preacher, as well as the one conducting worship services, and teaching the Sunday morning Bible Class. Lay-Deacon Curt Engle will be preaching on the weekends of June 20-21 and July 18-19. The Board of Elders along with Curt Engle and Jenna Lawrenz will be visiting the home bound. Dawn Munson will carry the administrative details in the church office. Mike Zehnder (1.480.861.5000) is available in case of pastoral emergencies.

I look forward to seeing you again on August 8. May God hold you, and Marilyn and me, in the palm of His hand. Pastor John

Please note, the church building opens on Saturdays at 2:30 in the afternoon. If you or your group need to come in before that time on a Saturday, you will need to contact the church office (office@alutheran.org, 303-794-4636) ahead of time to be sure the door is open.

Church office hours are:

8:00am – 3:30pm Monday through Thursday

8:00am – 1:00pm on Fridays

Our email is office@alutheran.org, phone is 303-794-4636.

The church office will be closed (except for the Ascension Quilters) this Friday, June 12; next Monday, June 15 and Friday, July 3.

From Pastor Larry Alb: My wife Kim and I were married in 1982 at Concordia Lutheran Church, Lakewood, Colorado, where I served as a Vicar from 1980 to 1981. We have a daughter, Kara and son, Adam who are twins. I graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1982 and served two churches in Southern California. The first being the Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Long Beach, California and then as an Assistant Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, Vista California. After medical school, I completed Internship at Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana and then completed my Psychiatry residency at the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles, California. I have worked in various positions as a Psychiatrist for the past 26 years.

Over the years I have provided Pulpit Supply as the opportunities arose. I play the electric bass guitar at our church here in Colorado. My wife and I became

grandparents this year when our daughter and her husband Stephen Knight had their daughter in February. My current status in ministry is Pastor Emeritus and I am currently semi-retired as a Psychiatrist, working part-time.

It is my privilege to provide coverage for Pastor John Larson and Ascension Lutheran Church. I look forward to sharing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ during the services and Bible study. I appreciate the opportunity and give thanks to the Lord Jesus for all that he we have from him.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Larry A. Alb

Scout Breakfast –Sunday, June 21!

Scout Troop 361, based here at Ascension, will be serving breakfast to our parishioners from 10:15 to 11:00 am on Sunday, June 21. The scouts will be planning and cooking as part of their cooking merit badge.

The Memorial Reception for Ron Vega will be Saturday, June 27 at 1:00 pm.

Lois Kreye, one of our dear members, died in the Minneapolis area on March 16. A memorial service and a reception will be held on Saturday, July 4. The service will be at 10:30 am, with a reception to follow. The family is catering the meal and wants to order enough food for family and friends. If you are hoping to attend, please contact the church office (303.794.4636) or e-mail us at office@alutheran.org by June 30.

HAAT Force: Short List of Summer Needs for Homeless

New Mens Underwear

Shelf Stable meals like Hormel

Breakfast Options like individual cereal and oatmeal packs

You can drop these items off in the box in the narthex, thank you in advance!

Vacation Bible School We just wrapped up an AMAZING week of Vacation Bible School! Here are some highlights:

- We had 96 children registered! Every year, our numbers are increasing by about 10-15 kids.
- 28 middle school/high school aged youth helped as crew leaders or helpers in various capacities. 21 adults volunteered as station leaders or helpers.
- There were many wonderful moments such as a third-grade boy asking for a Bible for himself and his sister because they didn't own one.
- Lisa Wert, our new Preschool Director, connected with potential preschool families. She was present every day with a table of flyers, coffee, and treats.
- The VBS children raised almost \$300 as a mission project towards buying fruit trees for needy families in Guatemala. These fruit trees will provide food as well as a means of income. With the funds, 31 trees will be purchased.
- On our last day together, the families attended the closing program where we reviewed our Bible points from the week, sang songs, and shot off 11 confetti streamer canons in the sanctuary. It was awesome!

- Also, our ending carnival provided an opportunity to build relationships with neighborhood, school, and church families. We had many of our VBS families attend and enjoyed dunking Pastor John in the dunk tank, an inflatable obstacle course, a balloon animal twister, games, prizes, and Chick-fil-A for lunch.

Overall, this week planted many “seeds” in the hearts of children who heard the message of Jesus’ love for them! I can’t say enough good things about this year’s VBS!

Please Wear Your Nametag They are in your box in the narthex, please let the office know (office@alutheran.org) if you need one. Thank you!

Evangelism Our next event is a Community Blood Drive on Saturday, July 25th from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. Please plan to stop by the Church and give blood at the Vitalant Bloodmobile in the parking lot. Our goal is help those in need and also involve the surrounding community in service to others. Vitalant now prefers online sign-up so scan the QR code on a flyer at Church to pick your time. Also, we need help placing flyers around Littleton at various businesses and public buildings in early July.

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

Thank you to everyone who has “adopted” a Sunday so far! Dates still available are: August 2 and 30, and September 6.

Please sign up to provide coffee and donuts or other treats after the Sunday morning worship service. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship!

Extended Day Preschool We welcome Lisa Wert, a member of Ascension and retired Lutheran school teacher, who has agreed to serve as our new EDP director. We look forward to reaching out to current and potential families for the 2026-2027 school year! Your prayers are appreciated.

Online Auction to Benefit Mission Experience in Haiti Rev. Mike Paulison and Mission Experience are requesting donations of various items for their Online Auction, 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

Please consider contributing to the “Project Peter” fund to complete our beautiful patio project. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far! 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 from 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 will meet 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

New Study: Young Adult Group The Young Adult Bible Study will meet Friday, June 12, at 6:30 pm at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house, for a Bible study called "The Mormons: Who They Are, and What They Believe," by Lutheran Hour Ministries. 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. As you consider an estate gift to your favorite ministry, should you talk with ministry leaders in this planning? If it has been a while since you were involved in a leadership role in your favorite ministry, you might not truly understand the best way to focus on a substantial future gift to facilitate ministry well. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can gather information or even facilitate a conversation. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnf.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Happy Birthday! To Donna Dennis, the oldest member of our congregation, turning 102 on June 20!

Flowers on the Altar are given this weekend to the Glory of God by Clyde and Ruth Wiggins.

Prayers: For Gayla Buethe, with health concerns; For Shelia Beu's great niece, Ariana, age 22, who lives in FL and is seriously ill; For Rebecca Nahale, hospitalized at UC-Highlands Ranch following a heart attack and stroke; For Annette Wolfer, hospitalized this week for a bleeding ulcer; For Don and Jeannette Nelson's grandson, Ethan, as his cancer has returned; For Patti Zeggert's daughter Sarah, and for her coworkers, as one of them, Bryce, lost his brother last week to suicide. For Starla Moltz, with ulcers and breathing issues; For Hank Peepgrass, following eye surgery on May 28; For Phyllis Westra, following skin graft surgery for her feet on June 1; For Barb Bader, recovering at home after hip surgery; For Mike Price, recovering from ankle surgery; 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.

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 6/6	4:00 pm	60	
Sunday, 6/7	9:00 am	162	
			Total: 222

Online Views (as of June 8) for May 31: 144 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	June 6-7, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$299,000.00
Received Amount	\$12,428.00	\$337,041.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 5,190.00	\$ 33,163.00

Calendar (Saturday, June 13 – Sunday, June 21):

Sat. (6-13)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (6-14)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
Mon. (6-15)		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues. (6-16)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (6-17)	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (6-18)	1:30 pm	Koinonia
Fri. (6-19)	12:30 pm	Ascension Quilters
Sat. (6-20)	9:00 am	Ladies Guild Planning Meeting
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (6-21)		FATHER'S DAY
	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Scout Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class