

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (June 18)

Summer Worship Schedule Worship services this weekend will be on Saturday at 4:00 pm and 9:00 am on Sunday. After the service, the Scouts will be serving breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no Adult Bible Study this Sunday.

Scout Breakfast This Sunday!

Scout Troop 361, based here at Ascension, will be serving breakfast to our parishioners after the worship service this Sunday, June 21, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. The scouts will be planning and cooking as part of their cooking merit badge. Please enjoy a delicious breakfast – we appreciate these young folks and their families!

During Pastor John's 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. This weekend, Lay-Deacon Curt Engle will be preaching, and he will also preach on 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. Pastor John will return on August 8.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER NEWS

We are re-opening our search for a Contemporary Worship Leader. The revised job description and requirements are now available on our website. While we regret that our recent hire did not work out, we look forward to finding the right fit and ask for your prayers as we begin this new search. For any questions, please contact our Head Elder, Jim Wert, or our Minister of Music, Mike Zehnder.

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.

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

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!

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

The Memorial Service for Lois Kreye will be at 10:30 am on Saturday, July 4, with a reception to follow. The family is catering the meal and wants to order enough food for family and friends. If you are planning 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!

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 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

The south side Patio Project is moving forward, albeit at a slow pace. We are currently in a bit of a holding pattern after completing the Engineering work on our special order shelter, which has now been ordered. Delivery is anticipated in October. Demolition of the existing patio along with two of the three rock walls will be undertaken shortly before the shelter arrives. We are working with the general contractor to procure the letters, address numbers, and the Missouri Synod cross to mount on the southernmost rock wall that will remain.

The capital campaign continues to move forward as well. We hope to raise \$100,000 of new funds for the project. Donations to date total \$33,488. The Patio Committee and the Capital Campaign Committee thank you for your donations and your prayers.

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

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@lfnd.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 Gary and Sheri Radtke, as they celebrate their 51st Wedding Anniversary on June 28th!

Prayers: For the gift of our fathers and grandfathers; For safety for summer travelers; For Richard Kositzke's grandson, Tony, in MN, who is having tests to see if he needs surgery for a growth on his liver; For Richard's friend, Barb Westra, who has diabetes, and will have cataract surgery in August. Barb takes care of her elderly mother and her aunt; For Gayla Buethe, with health concerns; For Shelia Beu's great niece, Ariana, in FL, she is doing a bit better, pray for an effective treatment for her illness; For Rebecca Nahale, following a heart attack and stroke; For Don and Jeannette Nelson's grandson, Ethan, with cancer; For Starla Moltz, with ulcers and breathing issues; For Hank Peepgrass; For Phyllis Westra; For Barb Bader, recovering at home after hip surgery; For Mike Price; For Mike Zehnder; 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 for Mavis Slifka and Annette Wolfer, who are both back at their homes following stays in rehab and the hospital, respectively. We pray for their continued improvement.

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 6/13	4:00 pm	62	
Sunday, 6/14	9:00 am	126	
			Total: 188

Online Views (as of June 16) for June 7: 135 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	June 13-14, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$312,000.00
Received Amount	\$5,419.00	\$342,460.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 325.00	\$ 33,488.00

Calendar (Saturday, June 20 – Sunday, June 28):

Sat. (6-20)	9:00 am	Ladies Guild Board 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	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
Tues. (6-23)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 am	Hands All Around Summer Party
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Weds. (6-24)	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Fri. (6-26)	12:30 pm	Ascension Quilters
Sat. (6-27)	1:00-3:00 pm	Memorial Reception for Ron Vega

	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (6-28)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
	11:30 am	Youth to LVR