

## **GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (June 25)**

**Summer Worship Schedule** Worship services this weekend will be on Saturday at 4:00 pm and 9:00 am on Sunday. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 am on Sundays.

**Church office hours** are:

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

8:00am – 1:00pm on Fridays. *The office will be closed next Friday, July 3.*

Our email is [office@alutheran.org](mailto:office@alutheran.org), phone is 303-794-4636.

**During Pastor John's leave of absence**, Pastor Larry Alb will be the main preacher, he will conduct worship services and teach the Sunday morning Bible Class. The Board of Elders, along with Curt Engle and Jenna Lawrenz, will visit the home bound. Mike Zehnder (1.480.861.5000) is available for pastoral emergencies. Pastor John will return on August 8.

**News from the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Convention** After a third round of voting, the Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison was elected to his sixth 3-year term as President of the Synod. He does not plan to seek another term. We pray for God's blessings on Rev. Harrison and those who will be working with him.

More information about the election can be found here: <https://reporter.lcms.org/>

**Our youth and adult leaders will be heading to Lutheran Valley Retreat** on June 28 - July 3 to help with wildfire mitigation at the camp. They will be working during the day and doing Bible studies and activities in the evenings. We have 10 youth and 3 adults going. Pray for safe travels and impactful moments in the lives of our participants! Thank you! God is good!

**Our friend and fellow member, Donna Dennis**, passed away last week at age 101. Donna was well loved by all her knew her, please pray for her friends and family.

**The Memorial Reception for Ron Vega** will be this 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](mailto:office@alutheran.org) by June 30.

### **PROJECT PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND:**

Our playground is in need of some refurbishing. Can you help it "grow" with some new toys?

A wish list has been created to purchase

3 Tricycles

3 Little Tikes Cozy Coupes

6 playground balls

1 Picnic Table

2 Scooters

## 2 Sandbox Toys

Look for a "garden" of pictures of these items with suggested donation amounts in the Narthex over the next several Sundays! Feel free to "pick" one or two! Envelopes are provided for you as well. Place cash or check inside, along with the item/s you have "picked". All envelopes should be placed in Lisa Wert's mailbox or given to Dawn in the church office. Checks should be made payable to Ascension Lutheran Church. Please write Preschool Playground on the memo line.

## 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.

### **Ladies Brunch!**

**WHEN:** MONDAY, July 13, 2026 AT 11:30 A.M.

**WHERE:** TOAST RESTAURANT (2630 Belleview Ave. Ste. 100, Littleton)

**WHY:** SOME GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL

We would love to have you join us for a brunch at Toast Restaurant on Monday, July 13 at 11:30 a.m. Delicious items like Bourbon Praline French Toast, Omelets, Burritos, Biscuits & Gravy, or luncheon special like Monte Cristo, Reuben, Triple Decker Club Sandwich or Cobb Salad. Something for everyone.

Please make a reservation if you would like to attend no later than by Friday, July 10. Please contact Shelia Beu by contacting her by texting 720-202-4739 or email, [sheliabeu@yahoo.com](mailto:sheliabeu@yahoo.com).

**Lutherans for Life** is joining other prolife ministries to repeal the codified amendment to our Colorado Constitution, 2025, permitting any abortion, for any and all reasons, at any time during the pregnancy. This current constitution is not aligned with Christian, Scriptural or Lutheran teachings. The only thing political about this moral and spiritual issue we are called to address are the political games people play! But these are not just political games, this is a spiritual war!

As we are now in the signature gathering phase of "Repeal 79", a direct repeal of the abortion amendment from the state Constitution, do we as the body of Christ have the resolve to get this done? The nation is watching.

LFL, aka, Jude Donovan will be gathering signatures for the next several weeks. All registered voters are encouraged to sign

**REPEAL**  
ABORTION  
AMENDMENT  
**79**

gotahheart.org |  
Colorado Life Initiative |  
Because Every Child Deserves a Birthday

Paid for by Colorado Life Initiative. Registered Agent Angela Escher.

this petition. Signing is only to get this proposal on the November 2026 ballot and does commit you to vote for the proposal.

**I would so welcome anyone to join me** in gathering signatures. I will be at the services the weekend of July 11-12, but will have the petitions with me starting this weekend.

Let us fight for our babies, all babies and their Moms and Dads. This is the first step toward ending a holocaust in Colorado. THEY need YOU...and your signature on the petitions NOW!

Pax Christi, Jude Donovan

### **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** will sponsor a Community Blood Drive on Saturday, July 25th from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. Please stop by the Church and donate blood. Our goal is help those in need and 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”**

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

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

**Online Auction to Benefit Mission Experience in Haiti** Rev. Mike Paulison and Mission Experience are requesting donations of various items for their Online Auction. (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, suggested opening bid and minimum bid (if needed) to [sarah@missionexperience.org](mailto:sarah@missionexperience.org). Submissions are needed by the end of September.

### **Church Patio Project**

The south side Patio Project is moving forward. We have completed the Engineering work and our shelter has 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 \$33,513. The Patio Committee and the Capital Campaign Committee thank you for your donations and your prayers.

**Ascension Quilters** will meet this Friday, June 26, in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 12:30 pm. They will take a break for the rest of the summer. 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. Please note, the group will not meet on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Email Curt at [Kengle0920@gmail.com](mailto:Kengle0920@gmail.com)

**In a world where self-help is celebrated,** why does enlisting the support of an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor make sense? Creating a gift plan within your overall estate plan begins by getting educated about all the components involved in an estate plan, beginning to think through, pray through and plan for what the Lord is guiding you to do. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can provide education before getting started. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Happy Birthday!** To Jan Nichols, who will celebrate her 80-something birthday on July 1, and to Wilma Ruggera, who will be 99 years old on July 5<sup>th</sup>!

**Flowers on the Altar** this weekend are given by Robert and Patricia Heggen, in joyful celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 10! The flowers are also given by Regina Fetterolf, in loving memory of her mother, Rosemary Fox, for her 1<sup>st</sup> Heavenly Birthday.

**Prayers:** For our youth and their sponsors, as they travel to Lutheran Valley Retreat this week; For safety for all summer travelers; For Synod President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, and those who work alongside him; For Mavis Slifka, whose cancer has returned; For Pastor Ginkel, for restoration of his hearing, and for his granddaughter, Emma, that she will be renewed in the love of the Lord; For Richard Kositzke's grandson, Tony, 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 Bill Burchett, scheduled for gallbladder surgery on Aug 14<sup>th</sup>; For Gayla Buethe; 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 Mike Price; For Mike Zehnder; For Michele Yowell and C.J. Earhart, as they go through cancer treatments; For those affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela; For wisdom and discernment for our leaders, that we might have peace in the Middle East and Ukraine; For God to send His Holy Spirit for strengthening of faith and witness.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 6/20	4:00 pm	50	
Sunday, 6/21	9:00 am	105	
			Total: 155

**Online Views** (as of June 22) for June 22: 176 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	June 20-21, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$325,000.00
Received Amount	\$6,191.00	\$348,651.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 25.00	\$ 33,513.00

**Calendar (Saturday, June 27 – Sunday, July 5):**

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
	1:30 pm	Youth to Lutheran Valley Retreat
Tues. (6-30)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (7-1)	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Fri. (7-3)		<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Sat. (7-4)		<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>
	10:30 am	Memorial Service for Lois Kreye
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