

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (June 4)

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 John will be preaching this weekend, and beginning next weekend, Pastor Larry Alb will join us as our Preacher and Sunday morning Adult Bible Study leader, through August 2.

Dear People of God at Ascension,

This coming weekend (June 6-7) will be my final week here at Ascension until August 8. I thank you, the Board of Elders and the Church Council for allowing me such a long leave of absence (even paid!!) that I may do my part in hoping to restore my marriage. During this time 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 in August. May God hold you, and Marilyn and I, in the palm of His hand. Pastor John

During Pastor's Sabbatical from June 8 – August 8, the church building will NOT be open on Saturdays until 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 Friday, June 12; 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.

Vacation Bible School is underway! With 94 kids registered and close to 50 volunteers, we are definitely a group effort! 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 are exploring what it means to have a relationship with God, their Creator, a safe place in life's storms!

Nametags As we prepare for the arrival of Pastor Larry Alb to fill in for Pastor John while he is away this summer, we are printing nametags for you to wear to assist Pastor Alb 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!

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. If interested, please join us at our next Board for Evangelism meeting at 9:30 am on Saturday, June 6th, in room 106 to learn more.

“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:

June 14 (next weekend!), July 19, 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 wanted to share an important update regarding the leadership in our Early Learning Center (Preschool). We will be moving forward without our current director, Meg Stenman. We are grateful for the time Meg has spent with our school and the contributions she has made to our program during her tenure. We wish her the absolute best in her future endeavors.

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 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

This weekend we will 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 will not meet this Friday, due to Vacation Bible School, but they will meet again next Friday, June 12 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.

Flowers on the Altar are given this weekend by Jim and Tanya Schmitt, in joyful celebration of Durwin and Lois Schmitt's Wedding Anniversary!

Prayers: For Ken and Diane Cole and their family, as they mourn Diane's mother, Nancy, who died on Wednesday, May 27 in Truman, MN; For Starla Moltz, with ulcers and breathing issues; For Hank Peepgrass, following eye surgery on May 28; For Dianne Backhus, for healing following a MOHS procedure; For Phyllis Westra, who had skin graft surgery for her feet on Monday, June 1; For Barb Bader, recovering at home after hip surgery; 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.

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 5/30	4:00 pm	66	
Sunday, 5/31	9:00 am	159	
			Total: 225

Online Views (as of June 1) for May 24: 140 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	May 30-31, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$286,000.00
Received Amount	\$14,071.00	\$324,613.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 275.00	\$ 27,973.00

Calendar (Saturday, June 6 – Sunday, June 14):

Sat. (6-6)	9:30 am	Evangelism Mtg.
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (6-7)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
Tues. (6-9)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Church Council Mtg.
Weds. (6-10)	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Fri. (6-12)	12:30 pm	Ascension Quilters
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group
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
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