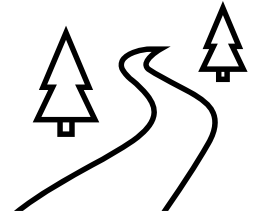


GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (July 16)

Summer Worship Schedule Worship services are on Saturday at 4:00 pm and 9:00 am on Sunday. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 am on Sundays.



During Pastor John's leave of absence, Pastor Larry Alb is the main preacher, he will conduct worship services and teach the Sunday morning Bible Class. This weekend, July 18-19, Lay Deacon Curt Engle will be preaching. 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.

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 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will meet in Convention from Saturday, July 18 until Thursday, July 23. This meeting will happen in Phoenix, Arizona. Various elections are held, as well as business matters, worship and mutual encouragement. Our circuit, the Denver Southwest Circuit, will be represented by Pastor Brad Stoltenow, the lead pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Centennial, and Andre Koester, a lay person from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Englewood. (Andre is the son of Roger and Judy Koester from Ascension) We pray that God's Holy Spirit will lead our church body in powerful ways.

Hosanna Lutheran Church in Littleton (Kipling and Belleview) is becoming the second campus of Bethlehem Lutheran Church from Lakewood. Hosanna, which began in 1974, will have its final worship on Sunday, August 2, at 9:00. On that day, Pastor Greg Peters, who has served Hosanna for decades, will retire from full-time ministry.

On Sunday, August 9, at 9:00 the Southwest campus of Bethlehem will begin worship and ministry. They will begin an Early Learning Center on August 10. Pastor David Dyer will be the main pastor of Bethlehem-Southwest.

We pray for Hosanna during these final weeks, for Pastor Greg as he concludes his ministry, and for the new ministry of Bethlehem here in Littleton.

The Ascension Foundation has reviewed various opportunities to support Prison Fellowship in 2026. With our total budget of \$3,500 for the year, we recently approved donating to the following areas within Prison Fellowship:

- \$1000 to Prison Fellowship Academy, a 12-month immersion program giving prisoners rehabilitation techniques to assimilate back into society
- \$400 for four Hope Events, one day in-prison events that lay the foundation for prisoners to form a relationship with Jesus

- \$1800 for three children to attend Angel Tree Summer Camps, a week-long camp that promotes group activities, bible study, and creating relationships with children experiencing similar family situations, and
- \$306 to distribute 17 Bibles to prisoners.

Prison Fellowship has many areas of support for incarcerated individuals and their families and loved ones. We're blessed to help them bring the Gospel to those in need.

PROJECT PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND UPDATE:

Thank you, thank you for the amazing support for our preschool playground! All flowers have been "picked" and donations have poured in! If you still have a flower please bring it back by next Sunday, with your donation. Any and all donations toward this project are still being accepted. They can be delivered to the church office or put in Lisa Wert's box. We are "growing" because of your generous love and care for our preschool.

Evangelism: Vitalant Blood Drive on July 25th:

Blood supplies are critically low this summer! The Board for Evangelism is sponsoring a Vitalant Blood Drive on Saturday, July 25th, from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm in the Church Music Room.

Please come and give the gift of life to someone in need. You may sign up using this QR code (*use the camera on your phone to focus on the image, then it will take you to the Vitalant website*) or put your name, phone number, and email address on the sign-up sheet at Church. Dawn or a Board member will be happy to input your information into the Vitalant website for you. We all know someone that lives today because faceless strangers donated blood for them. Let us donate for a stranger in critical need. The Board thanks you in advance.



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, a/k/a Jude Donovan, will be gathering signatures for the next several weeks. All registered voters are encouraged to sign this petition. Signing is only to get this

proposal on the November 2026 ballot and does NOT 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!

Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel: Pastor Ginkel's Bible Study Class meets on Wednesdays at 10:00, Room 106. Will study Luke. All about Jesus so it's refreshing. One chapter a week. Printed handouts. Light refreshments. Please join us if you can.

Update: 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

Online Auction to Benefit Mission Experience in Haiti Rev. Mike Paulison and Mission Experience are requesting items of at least \$50.00 retail value for their Online Auction. 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. Submissions are needed by the end of September.

Church Patio Project

The summer is well underway and the temperature keeps climbing but after the Sunday morning service the congregation has been getting together for coffee and treats under the trees. What a wonderful time socializing, sharing thoughts and reflecting on what we just learned in our service and enjoying all that God has blessed us with in togetherness. The beautification project is moving forward with donations to "Project Peter" and toward the \$100,000 dollar mark needed to complete the grounds remodel. We are one third of the way there, so please consider adding to the amount now and help us finish this beautiful planned project with a small or really large donation to Project Peter. All of us working together, let us get it done!

Moving forward in Christ,
Blessings,

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

In a world where self-help is celebrated, why does enlisting the support of an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor make sense? Estate gift plans can get complicated at times, as you weave desires for family inheritance with your desires to support your favorite ministries as well. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor is trained to identify how best to use the right assets for the right purposes that you have in mind, often with charitable gifting instruments that bring it all together. Your desire is to transfer God's blessings, and to do so in the wisest way possible. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given to the glory of God by Ron and Ann Kaneko, in gratitude for the gift of family.

Prayers: For Lorraine Winckler, who will have knee revision surgery on July 22; For Michele Delk, who was hospitalized in the ICU earlier this month for complications from diabetes. She is home now, please pray for her health to improve; For Jeannette Nelson and her children, Tony and Andrea, at the death of Jeannette's husband, Don, on Sunday, July 5. We also pray for Jeannette's grandson, Ethan; For Steve Shelton, at the passing of his girlfriend, Cheryl John, on July 5. Cheryl died unexpectedly after an infection. For Art Gordon's brother Bruce, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. A PET scan has showed that the cancer hasn't spread - please pray for successful treatment; For Barb Bader, that her recovery continue and breathing will be easier for her; For Mavis Slifka; For Bill Burchett; For Gayla Buehe; For Rebecca Nahale; For Starla Moltz; For Hank Peepgrass; For Susan Price; For Michele Yowell, C.J. Earhart and Jim Nichols, as they go through cancer treatments; For our brave firefighters, especially here in the western U.S.; 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.

Thank You from Norm Hermsmeyer for your prayers and concerns following his heart procedure last week, he is feeling better now!

Blessings and Congratulations! To Rachel Becker and Josh Loy, who will be married on July 24!

Happy Birthday! To Jackie Adams, who will be 90 years old on July 23, and to Stephanie Roettjer, celebrating her birthday on July 24!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 7/11	4:00 pm	57	
Sunday, 7/12	9:00 am	128	
			Total: 185

Online Views (as of July 13) for July 5: 195 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	July 11-12, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$364,000.00
Received Amount	\$10,451.00	\$393,062.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 35,938.00

Calendar (Saturday, July 18 – Sunday, July 26):

Sat. (7-18)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (7-19)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
Tues. (7-21)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (7-22)	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Sat. (7-25)	9:30am-2:30pm	Heritage Fine Arts Workshop
	10:30am-3:00pm	Vitalant Blood Drive – Music Room
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (7-26)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class