

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (July 9)



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.

Holy Baptism This Sunday at noon, Myles Luke Christensen will be baptized here at Ascension. Myles is the son of Wyatt Fisher Gray Christensen and CierraRose Christensen. Blessings to their family!

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. 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.

Rev. Michael Zehnder is celebrating 50 years in Christian ministry! Our wonderful Director of Music and Ministry, Rev. Mike Zehnder, will be celebrating his 50th year in the Ministry on Wednesday, July 15! Since he joined us in 2017, Mike has set a consistently high standard of servant leadership as our primary organist and musician, worship service coordinator, Agape Praise Band leader, guest preacher, and many other functions, in loving service to our extended Ascension family. There will be a card basket in the narthex this weekend, if you would like to congratulate him on five decades of excellence in Christian ministry!

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 also 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.



Ladies Brunch!

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

WHERE: TOAST RESTAURANT (2630 Bellevue 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.

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 6. 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

"Coffee Under the Trees"

Please sign up to provide coffee and donuts or other treats after the Sunday morning worship service. 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 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

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 \$34,813. The Patio Committee and the Capital Campaign Committee thank you for your donations and your prayers.

In a world where self-help is celebrated, why does enlisting the support of an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor make sense? Many of us tend to procrastinate on big, important projects. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can outline all the steps you need to accomplish in order to be successful in putting your plan together. They can then keep you on track in moving from one step to another, with friendly encouragement. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given by Terry and Cathy Utecht, in loving memory of Terry's mother, Sharon, who passed away one year ago on July 15.

Prayers: For the congregations of Hosanna Lutheran Church and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, during their transitions this summer, and for Pastor Greg Peters; 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 Michael and Jenna Lawrenz and their family, at the death of Michael's grandmother; For Norm Hermsmeyer, following his heart procedure last week; For Bill Burchett; For Gayla Buethe; 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: For the safe delivery on July 4th of baby Emily Grace Munson, daughter of Peter and Jess Munson, granddaughter of Tom and Dawn Munson! Praise God for his many blessings!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! To Melanie Bard, who will be turning 63 on Thursday, July 9!

Thank You from Mike Price for your prayers and good wishes, he is doing better. Please pray for his wife Susan, who has been experiencing a lot of pain recently, following her

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 7/4	4:00 pm	49	
Sunday, 7/5	9:00 am	107	
			Total: 156

Online Views (as of July 8) for June 28: 331 views for Curt Engle's sermon!

<u>Stewardship</u>	July 4-5, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$351,000.00
Received Amount	\$12,982.00	\$382,611.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 75.00	\$ 34,813.00

Calendar (Saturday, July 11 – Sunday, July 19):

Sat. (7-11)	9:30 am	Congregational Life Meeting
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (7-12)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
	12:00 pm	Baptism of Myles Luke Christensen
Tues. (7-14)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Church Council
Weds. (7-15)	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (7-16)	1:30 pm	Koinonia Meeting
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