

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (August 13)



Summer Worship Schedule Worship services are on Saturday at 4:00 pm and 9:00 am on Sunday. Join us for Coffee Under the Trees after the Sunday worship service! Beginning at 10:30 on Sundays, the Adult Bible Class is studying the Book of Job in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Pastor John is preaching on the Book of Job the next two weekends. *If you are able, please read the Book of Job in August.*

August 15-16 "Consider Job's Friends" Job 2:11-13 (An understanding about friendship)

August 22-23 "Consider Job's God" Job 16:19-21 (Can God hold the broken together?)

Changes for Pastor Arnie and Judy Voigt Pastor Arnie Voigt was the pastor of Ascension from 1975 until 2005. Shortly after retirement, Pastor Voigt and his wife Judy moved to Westminster to be closer to their kids and grandkids. A few years ago, they moved to Covenant Village (92nd and Wadsworth) and the assisted living it provided. Two weeks ago, Judy entered a memory care unit in Golden and Pastor will be at Covenant Village. We pray for God's grace for Pastor Voigt and Judy and their family.

SOME NEW SONGS TO HEAR, LEARN, AND SING IN WORSHIP

On August 16 we have our final Blended service of the summer, led by both the Youth and Agape Praise Teams along with our organ hymns. There are two new beautiful contemporary songs that are going to be sung at the 9:00 am service. To help you more fully participate in our worship, we thought you might like to listen to and learn them ahead of time. The following YouTube links can be clicked at your convenience on your computer, on your phone, in your car, doing dishes, etc. You can not only hear the music but also follow along with the lyrics. Enjoy!

- God I'm Just Grateful for You (NEW)
- https://youtu.be/BNKm_fOS064?si=YjXvFUG0aEEEn8Wkl
- Holy Forever (NEW) - <https://youtu.be/Pv4TKNYqFok?si=neiM2DMjF8RzxrjV>

The Memorial Service for Don Nelson will be this Saturday, August 15 at 10:30, followed by his inurnment in the Columbarium and a meal in the Fellowship Hall.

The Memorial Service for Mike Reimnitz, who died on Saturday, July 25, in Mesa, AZ, will be here at Ascension on Saturday, September 19 at 1:00 pm, followed by the inurnment in the Columbarium. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Stephanie Michelle Stasny, born on October 14, 1982, Collin and Jackie Brinkman's daughter and Eileen Brinkman's granddaughter, passed away unexpectedly on July 7, 2026. Her family is now facing the difficult task of honoring her final wishes. Stephanie

wanted her urn to be placed with a tree in the cemetery, symbolizing growth and life even after death. This meaningful gesture is important to her loved ones, but they are struggling to cover the costs associated with this final placement.

If you are able to contribute, any amount would be deeply appreciated. Your support will help ensure that Stephanie's memory is honored in a way that reflects her wishes. Thank you for considering this request during such a challenging time.

Best regards, the Brinkman Family.

Here is the link to contribute: <https://gofund.me/de3bc76b7>

Celebrate Hometown Spirit During Western Welcome Week

Western Welcome Week has kicked off its 98th year of fun, food, and community spirit — and it's up to the community to make it great!

This year's theme is *Colorful Colorado 150 Years!*

Founded in 1928, Western Welcome Week is a nine-day extravaganza celebrating Littleton's community spirit with dozens of family-friendly events and activities. Western Welcome Week is a wonderful way to meet neighbors, enjoy family activities, and deepen appreciation for Littleton's friendly spirit!

The schedule of events is here: www.westernwelcomeweek.org

Back-to-School Welcome Snacks for Teachers School Days have begun at Little Raven Elementary, along with so many across our state and nation. Teachers and staff are helping every child succeed! We want to honor our neighborhood school with a WELCOME BACK BRUNCH this Monday, August 17th. If you wish to contribute food to this, please bring items for adults to church kitchen, label them, and we will take them over to the school and will decorate their staff lounge, as well. Little Raven has nearly 100 adults with over 500 students that they inspire, and they are most appreciative! Feel free to be creative! Pray for our educators and students as they return....Thank you! - Evangelism Committee

Youth Back-to-School Lock-in at Ascension Lutheran Church is scheduled for August 21-22, 8pm-8am! Glow in the dark theme and games, CEREAL AT MIDNIGHT, mini golf at CO Journey, sardines, movie! Our Bible study time will focus on being in God's Word when experiencing challenging/difficult times that may arise through the school year (and being a light to others). Must RSVP with Stephanie! Stephanieroettjer@gmail.com

The Blue 88s Big Band! At 5:00 pm on **Saturday, August 29**, we will have a picnic on the south lawn, and will enjoy the music of The Blue 88's Big Band! The Blue 88s Big Band is an 18-piece big band that performs under the umbrella of the Littleton Community Music Association (LCMA). The Blue 88's play **jazz, blues, swing and funk** for various outdoor festivals such as Parker Days, Breckenridge Brewery, Farm House Music Series and Concerts in Clement Park. *Thank you to the Evangelism Board and Life Enrichment Committee for organizing the event. You won't want to miss this!*

Help Needed with Table / Chair Set-up & Tear Down for the Blue 88s Event! Please sign up in the narthex, thank you!

Volunteers and staff meeting about abuse and prevention is set for Sunday, August 30 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. in room 106. If you plan to work in our children and youth ministry programs, you must attend this meeting and get a background check. Questions, talk to Stephanie. Thank you!

Also Needed: Lectors (Bible Readers) for the 4:00 and 10:30 worship services this fall, please email us at office@alutheran.org or call the office at 303-794-4636. You would only be asked to read a few times a year, it is a very meaningful way to serve.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Very soon we will have 7 preschoolers filling our building with lots of joy! Melina, Shelly, and I have been in training meetings this week for CPR/First Aid and Medication Administration, in addition to our own teacher meetings. The classroom is getting ready! The hallway is brightening up with some welcoming decorations! We can't wait to start! The first day of preschool is next Thursday, August 20!
Lisa

Education Sunday and Church Picnic is on the Calendar for Sept. 13th! We will be celebrating the start-up of our Christian education programs for the fall as well as moving to our fall worship service schedule – Saturdays at 4:00 pm and Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

Also, 3rd graders will receive their Bibles and 7th graders will get Luther's small catechisms during the church service as well as a teacher installation and blessing. And that's not all! We'll have a wonderful picnic lunch starting at 11:30am with fried chicken, sides, and desserts on the south lawn.

If your last name begins with A-M, bring a side; N-Z, bring a dessert. Sign-up on the bulletin board. Thank you! Any questions, contact Stephanie.

"Grieving the loss of your spouse? Do you know someone who has lost their partner in life?" The loss of a spouse is such a devastating loss that the national program of GriefShare devotes a complete workshop geared to address this unique grief. Ascension presents this one-day, two-hour event next Saturday, September 19, 10:00 - Noon, designed to support and guide participants through the maze of spousal loss with the help of God's Word that promises healing and hope.

Please join us - Feel free to take flyers home and share with your neighbors and friends. Register online at griefshare.org/findagroup and look for our event under "Loss of a Spouse." This workshop is for all who are interested so please invite your friends and neighbors who are in grief from the death of their spouse.

Questions? Please contact me at hitz2@comcast.net or call the church office, 303-794-4636. - Sherry Hitztaler

From HAAT Force:

Here are a few things we could use for our clothing bank right now:

- Men's summer shirts - all sizes but especially L, XL, XXL
- Men's shorts - all sizes
- Shoes - all kinds

Please bring these items to the collection box in the narthex, thank you!

The Young Adult Group will meet this Friday, August 14, at 6:30 pm at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house. For more information, please contact Jenna at jenna.lindeman@cune.org.

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.

NO Bible Study this Saturday afternoon We will not be having a study on August 15 or September 5. Join us again on Saturday, August 22 at 3:00 pm, for our Bible study on the Book of Mark. Everyone is welcome!

The goal of our study, using LifeLight questions, is to learn Gospel truths on our own through Scripture lookups. As Jesus reveals God's truths to His slow-learning disciples in the Book of Mark, He also reveals His truths to us: "And He said to them, 'Do you not yet understand?'" (Mark 8:21). If you have questions, please email Curt at Kengle0920@gmail.com

Church Patio Project

The beautification project is moving forward with donations to "Project Peter" and toward the \$100,000 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,

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

In putting together a Christian estate plan, initiation of your efforts is the most difficult part. Sometimes your plan may have seemingly competing priorities, including inheritance to family and gifts to ministry. In that tension, you may have been finding it easier just to ignore the heavy thinking required. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you discover the Lord's plans for you that have been buried in your heart all along. 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 Linda and Carol Achziger, in loving memory of Bill and Carla Achziger, Bertha Propstein and Lloyd Winn.

PRAYER REQUEST: A NEW CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER

On a more than "temporary" basis, Stephanie Roettjer and Pastor Mike Zehnder have led our two praise teams for over two years while we have conducted a number of extensive searches for a new contemporary worship leader. We have advertised the position across Facebook, music store job boards, college job boards, professional music organizations and websites and more, asking the Lord to bless this search. We have conducted numerous phone interviews and about five live, in-person interviews with auditions, coming extremely close to finding the right match, but without final success. Guided by James 4:2-3, which reminds us, "You have not because you ask not," we are asking the congregation to become more intentional during this next phase with frequent prayer and ask God to bless us with the right person. If God grants it, we are hoping for someone by September.

Please post this prayer need on your refrigerator, bathroom mirror, car dashboard, or anywhere that will remind you to daily lift up this need and for God to lead us to the right person. Thank you in advance for your prayerful undergirding. For questions or comments, please see Jim Wert or Pastor Mike.

Prayers: For Gary Freeman's family and friends, following his death on Tuesday, August 11; For Jan Nichols and Tom and Dawn Munson, at the death of Jan's Aunt Del Sandvig, age 104, on August 6; For Viola Raasch, who suffered a fall and is at Swedish Hospital; For Jerry Weir, who will have a procedure on his heart on Tuesday, August 18; For Bill Burchett, recovering from a broken leg, as he prepares to have gall bladder surgery on August 14; For Mike Schulten's friend, Jeff Bair, who is recovering from open heart surgery; For Roger and Judy Koester's nephew, Brian Heller, in Wisconsin, following his heart surgery on August 10; prayers also for Brian's wife and family; For a new Contemporary Music Leader to join us soon; For Mike Zehnder, for relief from neck and back pain; For Mavis Slifka; For Gayla Buethe; For Starla Moltz; For Bruce Gordon and Michele Yowell, as they go through cancer treatments; For God to send His Holy Spirit for strengthening of faith and witness.

Prayers of Thanksgiving! We rejoice with Rev. Bob and Sharon Seible, as they celebrate their 58th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, August 16! *Blessings and Congratulations!*

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 8/8	4:00 pm	76	
Sunday, 8/9	9:00 am	149	
			Total: 225

Online Views (as of August 10) for August 2: 185 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	August 8-9, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$416,000.00
Received Amount	\$11,637.00	\$424,844.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 175.00	\$ 43,613.00

Calendar (Saturday, August 15 – Sunday, August 23):

Sat. (8-15)	10:30 am	Memorial Service – Don Nelson
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (8-16)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Study
Tues. (8-18)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (8-19)	9:00-10:30am	Preschool Orientation
	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (8-20)	8:30am-1:30pm	First Day of Preschool
	1:30pm	Koinonia
Fri. (8-21)	8:30am-1:30pm	Preschool
	8:00pm	Back-to-School Youth Lock-in!
Sat. (8-22)	8:00am	Lock-in Ends
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (8-23)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Study