

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (August 27)

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!

Holy Baptism During this Sunday's worship service, we will celebrate the Baptism of Sophia Elena Rajewski, daughter of David Rajewski and Tamara Gomez. Blessings to little Sophia and her family!

Pastor Bob Harmon, long-time pastor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Aurora, will be retiring. His final sermon will be preached on Sunday, September 6. We pray for much grace on Pastor Harmon, his family and the congregation at Mt. Olive.

Furniture Movers Needed: We have had a generous donation of furniture items for a needy individual who has no furniture at all, but we need some volunteers with a truck to help move the pieces from a house to an apartment on Friday, September 4. If you can help, please contact the church office, 303-794-4636 or office@alutheran.org

The Blue 88s Big Band! At 5:00 pm this **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!*

Volunteers and staff meeting about abuse and prevention is set for this 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!

The Memorial Service for Mike Reimnitz 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.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

It's fun to be a preschooler! Here is a sneak peak into our first week:

We are the Bears! We have grown to 8 students! We haven't cried a single time when our parents drop us off in the mornings! Yay!! We are learning how to line up and be line leaders! We are learning about classroom jobs! We are getting to know each other! This week we started to learn about how God made the world and everything in it! Miss Stephanie will have our first Music and Movement class today! Hooray!

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.

Cub Scout Pack 361! Boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to join Troop 361 for a fun Barbecue to learn about Scouting opportunities (camping, skills and friendship) on Monday, September 14 at 6:00 on the Ascension Playground! *Please share with any families you know who have children in this age group!*

Youth event (7th-12th grades) at Slick City Action Park is scheduled for Friday, September 18th. Get ready for a fast indoor slides experience like no other and sport air courts! Meet at Ascension at 6:00 PM and return by 8:30 PM. Cost is \$15 and friends are invited! Please RSVP at stephanieroettjer@gmail.com. Thanks!

Do you love music and have a heart for worship? Whether you are a seasoned musician, a shower singer, or somewhere in between, you belong with us in our Chorale! No commitment necessary if you just want to check it out. We sing one Sunday a month and rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM. First rehearsal starts on September 9th in the music room! Questions, please contact Stephanie at stephanieroettjer@gmail.com

Who needs a gym membership when you can lift bronze bells for an hour? Bicep gains guaranteed! We're looking for a couple more ringers in our Gloria Dei Bell Choir! We play one Sunday a month and rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:30 PM in the church balcony. Must be able to read music. We'd love to have you! Questions, please contact Stephanie at stephanieroettjer@gmail.com

"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: Food Items Needed for Homeless Folks

Here are a few things we could use – thank you to those who have donated!

- Hormel Compleats (or similar microwaveable meals)
- Mac & cheese cups
- Pop-up can of soup / tuna / other meals
- Individual packages of trail mix / nuts
- Individually packaged crackers

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

The Young Adult Group will meet on Friday, September 11, 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.

Bible Study This Saturday afternoon Join us this Saturday, August 29 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

Patio Update / Capital Campaign

The Coverworx shade structure is still in line for fabrication and delivery in late October. We will remove the existing patio and two of the three rock walls just prior to delivery. Then we'll pour our new larger patio and install the shelter. Adding the church name and address to the remaining south rock wall will follow. Installing lights and electrical outlets will be last and probably occur in November. The project is funded using carryover dollars from last year's surplus plus a portion of dedicated funds plus donations from the ongoing capital campaign. We have raised \$43,000 of our \$100,000 capital campaign goal. Thank you for your generosity.

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

The best scenario when creating a Christian estate plan is to work in collaboration.

The original thoughts for your plan should come from you. God has made you stewards of His gifts, so it isn't appropriate that the main goals come from someone else. But once those goals are identified, you need to refine those goals, so they are clear and achievable. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help with this clarification process. 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 Carolyn Helstrom, in loving memory of her daughter, Jennifer Kramer.

Prayers: For the new Executive Director of Lutheran Valley Retreat, Josh Neuberger, that the Lord will inspire and guide him as he leads this important youth ministry forward; For Chuck Mielke, that his heart ablation be successful; For Starla Moltz, that she will be able to breathe without a ventilator; For Sharon Seible, for successful right hip replacement surgery on September 2; For Mary Hert's great grandson, Lane, and for his parents, Trey and Madison. Lane is 3 years old and lives in Silt, CO. He will have MRI and EEG tests on October 8 to determine the cause of his seizures. His family is very concerned and hopes the tests can take place earlier. For Joyce Gallagher, with stomach pain and high blood pressure, and for her young niece, Alice; For Jim Bame, recovering from fractures in his back; For Nevaeh Cooper, who has a severe kidney infection; For Jerry Gerdes, recovering from successful surgery on August 17; For Rose Kahler's brother, Ronnie, who was in a serious car accident recently; For Viola Raasch, who suffered a fall and is at Swedish Hospital; For Bill Burchett, recovering from a broken leg, and gall bladder surgery; For Jeff Bair; For Roger and Judy Koester's nephew, Brian Heller, and for his 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 the family and friends of our Christian sister, Dolly Parton, who died on August 25; For God to send His Holy Spirit for strengthening of faith and witness.

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 8/22	4:00 pm	59	
Sunday, 8/23	9:00 am	162	
			Total: 221

Online Views (as of August 24) for August 16: 273 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	August 15-16, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$429,000.00
Received Amount	\$ 7,299.00	\$432,143.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 44,738.00
	August 22-23, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$442,000.00
Received Amount	\$10,685.00	\$442,828.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 175.00	\$ 44,913.00

Calendar (Saturday, August 29 – Sunday, September 6):

Sat. (8-29)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	5:00 pm	Church Picnic
	5:30 pm	Blues 88: Concert on the Lawn
Sun. (8-30)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

	10:00 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Volunteer Training – Abuse Prevention
	2:00-6:00pm	Troop 361 Planning Mtg.
Mon. (8-31)	8:30am-1:30pm	Preschool
	7:00-9:00pm	Eagle Court of Honor
Tues. (9-1)	8:30am-1:30pm	Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (9-2)	8:30am-1:30pm	Preschool
	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (9-3)	8:30am-1:30pm	Preschool
	1:30 pm	Koinonia
Fri. (9-4)	8:30am-1:30pm	Preschool
Sat. (9-5)	9:30 am	Congregational Life Mtg.
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (9-6)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Study