

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (August 6)

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! Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 am on Sundays. This Sunday, Pastor John will begin a new study on the Book of Job.

God's Dearly Beloved, I will be back in my office this Saturday, August 8, and will be conducting services this weekend. I thank you for your patience during this extended absence and for the many prayers that God has heard for Marilyn and I from your hearts and lips. We have worked hard to improve our relationship, and we look forward to continued growth in the months and years to come. Pastor John

Pastor John will begin preaching a 3-week series on the Book of Job this weekend. *If you are able, please read the Book of Job before the series begins.*

August 8-9 "Consider Job" Job 1:8 (A sermon about suffering)

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?)

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=YjXvFUG0aEEn8Wkl
- Holy Forever (NEW) - <https://youtu.be/Pv4TKNYqFok?si=neiM2DMjF8RzxrjV>

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

Rev. John Rolf of Westminster, Colorado went home to be with the Lord on July 29, 2026. He served Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church from 1965 until he retired in 1992. From 1995 to early 2006 he served as Visitation pastor here at Ascension. We keep his family in prayer, especially his children; Pamela, Laura, John, and Steven. Rev. Rolf's funeral service will be at Wheat Ridge Lutheran, 8600 W. 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge, this Friday, August 7th at 11:00 AM.

Youth Brainstorm Bonanza and Pizza! This Sunday, August 9th from 11-11:30 AM in room 106, 7th-12th grades are invited to a brainstorming meeting about next

summer's mission trip and youth ministry direction. This is their chance to give input on activities, Bible study topics, servant events and other ideas. See you there!

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

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!

Back to school blessings this Sunday, August 9th! During the children's sermon at the 9:00 service, there will be a special message, prayer, and backpack tag for your child. Also, there will be other helpful resources for parents in the narthex. See you there!

NEEDED: One or two people to join our children's ministry team and send out birthday cards to the children of our Sunday school throughout the year (supplies and postage provided and can be done from home). Also looking for someone to rotate with another volunteer to help take our Sunday school attendance on Sunday mornings (once or twice a month). Talk to Stephanie to find out more on how you can serve in this way! 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.

Ladies Brunch Next Monday!

Our next outing for Brunch is coming up Monday, August 10 at Toast. Hope you can make it!

WHEN: MONDAY, August 10, 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, August 10 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.

Please make a reservation if you would like to attend no later than Friday, August 7. Please contact Shelia Beu by contacting her by texting 720-202-4739 or email, sheliabeu@yahoo.com.

Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod met in Convention from July 18-23 in Phoenix, Arizona. Pastor Brad Stoltenow, pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran

Church in Centennial, and Andre Koester, a layperson from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Englewood, represented our circuit at the Convention.

The Convention elected Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison to his sixth term in office. He began his first term in 2010 and will serve until at least 2029, the date of our next Convention. Pastor Peter Lange will serve as the First Vice-President and Pastor Alfonso Espinosa from California as our regional Vice-President.

Much of the Convention focused on Pastoral formation and the higher educational situation of our synod. Presently about 10% of our churches are vacant. About 600 of the 6,000 churches in our church body do not have a pastor. The Convention supported the efforts of the Set Apart to Serve campaign in our synod. This campaign actively encourages more young and second career folks to consider work as a pastor, teacher, Director of Christian Education, Church Musician and other church work vocations.

The Convention reaffirmed the residential education at our Seminaries at St. Louis, Missouri and Fort Wayne, Indiana. It also spoke of the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program. This is a largely online program for men over 40 who have been active in other areas of church ministry or church leadership who seek ordination and pastoral service in our church body.

Over the last few years changes have happened at a number of our colleges and universities. In May the main campus of Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan was sold to the University of Michigan. A few years ago Concordia University in Austin, Texas severed their ties with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Both events for these institutions were a topic of discussion at the Convention. Presently the LC-MS has 5 universities: Concordia in Irvine, California; Concordia in Seward, Nebraska; Concordia in Chicago, Illinois, Concordia in Mequon (Milwaukee), Wisconsin and Concordia in St. Paul, Minnesota.

We pray that God will direct our church body to bring many to saving faith through Jesus Christ and that we can serve God's people throughout the world and in our own communities.

Preschool and Pre-K programs begin this month! Your donations to the Playground Project turned pictures into actual items! The 2026-2027 school year promises to be full of blessings! Thank you for putting your trust in me as the new director! Keep us in your prayers. We are small but mighty! Look for more new updates that will be visible in the next few weeks! With gratitude, Lisa Taylor, MEd., Director

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 on 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 8, 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

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!*

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. Where do I start? The Lifetime Plan for Giving begins with a survey that enables you to organize all your information from family to finances to goals the Lord has laid on your heart. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can guide you through this 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 Rose Kahler, in loving memory of her husband, Vernon, on what would have been their wedding anniversary.

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 all our students, as they begin the new school year; For the family of Rev. John Rolf, following his death on July 29; For Roger and Judy Koester's 57-year-old nephew, Brian Heller, in Wisconsin, who will have heart surgery on Monday, August 10; prayers also for Brian's wife and family; For Joyce Reimnitz, her family and friends, at the death of her husband, Mike Reimnitz, on Saturday, July 25, in Mesa, AZ; For the family and friends of Stephanie Stasny, daughter of Collin and Jackie Brinkman, and mother of Rose, Lilly and Owen. Stephanie passed on July 8 from complications from a concussion suffered in an accident on an e-bike; For Sherry Kerbs and her family, at the death of her son, Tyler; For Mike Zehnder, for relief from

neck and back pain; For Mavis Slifka; For Lorraine Winckler, recovering from knee revision surgery on July 28; For Jeannette Nelson, at the passing of her husband, Don; For Bill Burchett; For Gayla Buethe; For Starla Moltz; For Bruce Gordon, Michele Yowell, and C.J. Earhart, as they go through cancer treatments; For God to send His Holy Spirit for strengthening of faith and witness.

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 8/1	4:00 pm	61	
Sunday, 8/2	9:00 am	117	
			Total: 178

Online Views (as of August 5) for July 26: 273 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	August 1-2, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$403,000.00
Received Amount	\$10,581.00	\$413,207.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 7,170.00	\$ 43,438.00

Calendar (Saturday, August 1 – Sunday, August 9):

Sat. (8-8)		NO Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (8-9)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion and "Backpack Blessings"
	10:00 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Youth Presentation: Lutheran Valley Retreat
	10:30 am	Evangelism Meeting
	11:00 am	Youth Pizza Lunch & Planning Mtg.
Mon. (8-10)	11:30 am	Ladies Brunch
Tues. (8-11)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Church Council
Weds. (8-12)	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Fri. (8-14)	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group
Sat. (8-15)	10:30 am	Memorial Service – Don Nelson
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	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