

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (September 10) *There's a lot going on!*

Fall Worship Schedule This weekend, September 12-13, we will return to our regular worship schedule. Saturday afternoon worship services will be at 4:00 p.m. Traditional Sunday worship will be at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School will meet at 9:15 a.m. This Sunday, Pastor will begin a new Bible study on the Book of Revelation. You won't want to miss it!

Education Sunday and Church Picnic is this Sunday, 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.

*****Help Needed for the Picnic!***** Sunday's education picnic needs hands to help set up tables and chairs during the late service. The Trustees would very much appreciate the extra help! Thank you!

Pastor John has a new Wednesday Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. We start at 5:00 and conclude at 6:00. The study is titled "Lutheranism 101". We will cover topics such as:

Why is Baptism important?

Why do we worship as we do?

What should you look for in a sermon?

Why are so many pastors bald?

These pressing questions and topics will be addressed in the class. If you can't make all of the classes, you can pop into the class as you are able.

The Hands All Around Sewing Crafts Sale

This Friday, September 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 12, from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m., Ascension will again host the Littleton Hands All Around charity sewing group for its annual notions sale in the Fellowship Hall! Come early to purchase your sewing supplies!

ASCENSION BAKERS AND CRAFT MAKERS:

It's not too early to begin planning and working on what you would like to make or bake for the upcoming Ladies Guild Craft and Bake Sale! The date has been set, November 22nd. This sale supports the following Missions:

Lutheran High School, Lutheran Braille Workers, His Little Feet, University Chapel-Boulder, Orphan Grain Train, Messiah Lutheran Campus Ministry-Grand Junction, Lutherans for Life, and Lutheran Valley Retreat.

It takes YOU to make this a successful event through your generous contributions. If you have any questions, please contact Charmaine Rohde 303-618-8889.

WE HAVE A NEW CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER!

We are excited to announce that Cody Knapp has joined us as our new Contemporary Worship Leader, effective September 1. He will lead his first contemporary worship service at Ascension this Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 AM.

Cody brings valuable experience to our community, having previously served for four years as the contemporary worship leader at Ascension Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks, CA. In addition to his background leading worship bands, he has experience as a DJ, special events musical performer, and master of ceremonies. In his professional career, Cody works as an audio/video communications technician for Lockheed Martin in Littleton and as a post-production audio editor for Hoovaloo Films.



Cody lives in Westminster with his wife, Raquel, and their two-year-old daughter, Charlotte.

Please join us in welcoming Cody to our church family. We pray for God's richest blessings on his work and life among us. You can reach out to welcome him directly at codyknapp36@gmail.com.

New Directories are available in the narthex, get yours soon!

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.

The Memorial Service for Starla Moltz, the daughter of Larry and Gayla Bueth, will be at Ascension on Sunday, September 27 at 2:00.

ANGEL ALERT!!!! Please be looking for Angels Among Us in just two weeks, on Sept 20. We will hold our **one-time** opportunity to donate to **Angel Tree**, a ministry of Prison Fellowship, which gives Christmas gifts to the children of men and women in prison. Just as God gave us His Son as our Christmas gift, we give His Good News along with 2 gifts to these children. We will be at the back of the sanctuary to accept your love offering. We accept all denominations: \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20+++ or checks. Make check to Ascension and put Angel Tree on the memo line. Contact Jude Donovan, Heyjude264@aol.com or 303 972 0873 for more info.

New Opportunity: The Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop is an entirely volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has been supporting families in Littleton, Englewood and Sheridan with holiday toys for young children since 1959. **Let's make it happen!** We need donations of:

- Tax deductible money donations
- New toys
- You can also help by:
- Volunteering (youth and adults are welcome!)

Visit our website: <https://www.arapahoeshantashop.net>. P.O. Box 2004 Littleton, CO 80161-2004; Email us at arapahoeshantashop@gmail.com

PRESCHOOL NEWS

This week we are learning about FAMILY. We brought photographs of our family and talked about our moms, dads, brothers, sisters, and pets. We also started to learn about the alphabet. A is for Alligator! We did crafts and coloring and practiced using scissors. We really like our new friends, our teachers Ms Melina, Ms Shelly, and Ms Lisa and they love us! Most of all we continue to learn that God ALWAYS loves us, even when we make mistakes!

Ascension Quilters will meet again next Friday, September 18, in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 12:30 pm. All abilities are welcome! For more information please call Jackie Adams, 720-877-0162

Men's Fall Retreat at Lutheran Valley

Last chance for MEN from around the district to sign up for LVR's Men's retreat, come to Play-Shoot-Climb-Relax-and Grow closer to God and Brothers in Christ at the annual retreat! September 17-20. <https://lvr.org/whatwedo/fall-mens-retreat/>

If you are not able to attend, please prayerfully considering helping sponsor a man who may not otherwise be able to attend.

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) this coming 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!

Leaf-Peeping Tour! We are pleased to announce that we will host a leaf peeping tour on Wednesday, September 23. We will leave church at 9 a.m. and return approximately 3 p.m. We will experience the best autumn colors between Pine Junction and Colorado Springs. We hope to see shimmering gold aspen groves, sweeping valleys and maybe some wildlife. We will stop for lunch at the famous

RUDY'S Texas BBQ. The cost for transportation is \$10.00 each and lunch is your responsibility. We will be riding in members' private cars. Please sign up as soon as possible so we know how many vehicles will be needed. Sign up in the narthex. Deadline is Sunday, September 20th. Space may be limited. Questions, please contact Shelia Beu @ 720-202-4739 or email: sheliabeu@yahoo.com

We are looking for members to VOLUNTEER to drive for the Leaf Peeping Tour

that we have planned for Wednesday, September 23, 2026. If you are available, please sign up in the narthex or call Shelia Beu at 720-202-4739 by no later than September 15. Please let us know how many people you can take in your vehicle. We tentatively are planning 2 to 3 people per vehicle. We will reimburse you \$10.00 per person to help defray the cost of gas. We will leave the church parking lot at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 3 p.m. We will stop for lunch at Rudy's Texas BBQ in Colorado Springs area. We plan to caravan and will take the route through Pine Junction down to Colorado Springs and back to the church. We need you to make this outing a success. Please say yes!

GREETER Needed for 10:30 Services

As Pastor John is occupied with Bible study prior to the 10:30 worship, he would appreciate having someone to step in for him to greet members as they come to the door of the parking lot on the 3rd and 5th Sundays. It is indeed a joyful commitment to say "Hello, glad you are with us!" and get to know those who worship with us. If you could also simply coordinate the other greeters who faithfully serve, your help would be most appreciated. Please contact Pastor John directly or Anita Baresel at 720-371-5441 (cell) or 303-797-7490 (home) for further information.

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

GriefShare We now have some participants registered for our "Loss of A Spouse," thanks to you and your prayers! Keep praying - we have room for many more! Big thanks to those who posted a flyer, called their neighbor, or encouraged a friend!

On Saturday, September 19, from 10-Noon, Ascension will host "Loss of a Spouse," a two-hour seminar designed to bring comfort, support, and guidance to widows and widowers who have suffered such devastating loss.

Please continue to spread the word - GriefShare flyers are on the small table in the narthex. Encourage others to register on line at griefshare.org/findagroup or call the church office.

Thank you, Co-Facilitators Linda Olsen and Sherry Hitztaler

Ascension Lutheran Ladies Guild Invites You to join us for the South-Central Zone LWML Fall Rally! Saturday, October 3, 2026, here at Ascension Lutheran Church,

Littleton, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.00/person, a light breakfast & lunch will be provided.

- Registration is from 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 am.
- Bible Study 10:00 am – Curt Engle from Ascension Lutheran
- Business meeting / Election of Officers will be held in the morning after the Bible Study, with installation of Officers in the afternoon.
- Guest Speaker: Jenni Talcott, Manager of Annual Giving from AbleLight

Ingathering for AbleLight: new towels of various sizes – colored (no white), oversized yard games (tick tack toe, checkers connect, etc.) or Amazon gift cards to purchase the yard games. Art supplies - paint, glue, paper, etc.

Please RSVP to Linda Achziger at linda.achziger@gmail.com or you can call at 303-921-6081 by Monday September 28th. Ladies, do not forget to bring a Bible, a Friend, and your Mighty Mites!

From HAAT Force: Food Items Needed for Homeless Folks

Here are a few things we could use as we prepare for the fall:

- 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 this 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! One chapter a week. Printed handouts. Light refreshments. Please join us if you can.

Saturday Bible Study Please join us this Saturday, September 12 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 more than \$45,000 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. When it comes to estates, many are very motivated by privacy concerns. These privacy concerns can sometimes isolate the individual from others who can offer vital help and support. It is essential to connect with others you trust, and especially those who share faith in Jesus Christ with you. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor is ready to help. 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 David and Tina Kaiser, in joyful celebration of their 15th Wedding Anniversary on September 10!

Prayers: For Sally Atchison and her family, at the death of her husband, Harvey, on Monday evening, September 7; For Chuck Titus and his family, at the death his brother, Jim, on September 2; For Larry and Gayla Buethe, at the death of their daughter, Starla Moltz, on August 28; For Janice and Larry Koldeway, at the death their loved one, Dick Kuhlmann, also on August 28; For Cody Knapp, as he begins his ministry of music with Ascension; For Cindy Fowler, following a heart ablation on September 1; For Linda Finrock, that the Lord will slow the macular degeneration in her eye, and for discernment as she considers treatment; For Jan Nichols, following her knee replacement surgery on September 8; For Jill Plant, friend of Dawn Munson, who suffered a fall in CA and has broken her hip; For Richard Kositzke's brother, Dan Sukonnen, hospitalized with pneumonia; For Chuck Mielke, following his successful heart ablation on September 2; For Mary Hert's 3-year-old great grandson, Lane, and for his parents, Trey and Madison. Lane will have MRI and EEG tests on October 8 to determine the cause of his seizures; For Jim Bame, recovering from fractures in his back; For Rose Kahler's brother, Ronnie, who was in a serious car accident recently; For Jeff Bair; For Roger and Judy Koester's nephew, Brian Heller, and for his wife and family; For Mike Zehnder, for relief from neck and back pain; For Mavis Slifka; For our beloved country, as we recognize the 25th anniversary of the attacks of September 11; For our brothers and sisters at St. John's Lutheran Church, and for Pastor Andrew Farhat; For God to send His Holy Spirit for strengthening of faith and witness.

Happy Birthday! To our wonderful Preschool Director, Lisa Wert! Lisa is celebrating her birthday TODAY, September 10! Happy Birthday Lisa!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 9/5	4:00 pm	62	
Sunday, 9/6	9:00 am	123	
			Total: 185

Online Views (as of September 9) for August 30: 252 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	September 5-6, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$468,000.00
Received Amount	\$11,269.00	\$478,784.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 75.00	\$ 45,373.00

Calendar (Saturday, September 12 – Sunday, September 20):

Sat. (9-12)	9:30 am	Ladies Guild Board Meeting
	10:00am-3:00pm	Hands All Around Sewing Sale
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (9-13)		EDUCATION SUNDAY
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Congregational Picnic
Mon. (9-14)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
Tues. (9-15)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (9-16)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Pastor John
	5:45 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:00 pm	Confirmation
	6:30 pm	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (9-17)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	1:30 pm	Koinonia
Fri. (9-18)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	12:30 pm	Ascension Quilters
	6:00-8:00pm	Youth: Slick City Event
Sat. (9-19)	10:00am-12:00pm	GriefShare: Loss of a Spouse Workshop
	1:00 pm	Memorial Service for Mike Reimnitz
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (9-20)		ANGEL TREE SUNDAY
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Eagle Court of Honor