

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (September 17)



Fall Worship Schedule Saturday afternoon worship services are at 4:00 p.m. Traditional Sunday worship is at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School will meet at 9:15 a.m. Pastor has begun a new Bible study on the Book of Revelation.

Pastor John will have an Adult Instruction Class on Saturday, October 10 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, and Sunday, October 11 from 1:00-4:00 pm. This two-part class is designed to teach the basics of Christian faith and the Lutheran denomination. There is no cost. The instruction book will be provided. If you are not a member of Ascension and would like to see what we believe (or even if you are a member, and would like to have a refresher of Lutheran doctrine), you are invited to attend.

The Memorial Service for Harvey Atchison will be here at Ascension this Friday, September 18, at 11:00 am. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

The Memorial Service for Mike Reimnitz will be here at Ascension this 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. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

GriefShare On Saturday, September 19, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, 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. We will be happy to have additional grievers join us!

Please pray for our participants and for our facilitators as we host this important seminar to bring God's comforting and healing words to others. As we all know, with God, there is always hope.

Thank you, Co-Facilitators Linda Olsen and Sherry Hitztaler

ANGEL ALERT!!!! This weekend is the Angel Tree collection for children whose parents are in prison. At a rate of \$25.00+/child, we are able to provide gifts for a couple hundred kiddos. I have Matching Gift certificates to double our donations. If you miss the collection, donations can be made directly to the Church, marked Angel Tree on the memo line, if it is a check until late October. Thank you for your kind hearts, sweet spirits and generous wallets. Contact Jude Donovan, Heyjude264@aol.com or 303 972 0873 for more info.

The Kick-Off for Our Christian Education Year on Sept. 13th was well attended! We had 80 adults and children who participated in Sunday school between the services. The children had a balloon drop and the youth enjoyed some confetti cannons to start the fall programs! If you missed it, please plan to attend on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 AM. We have wonderful teachers and a program designed for all

ages to learn about Jesus' love for you! Any questions or to register your child, please contact Stephanie (stephanieroettjer@gmail.com).

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who brought food for the Education Picnic, as well as to the boards and council for their support and effort in making the event last Sunday a success! Also, a big thank you to the trustees and others who set up all the tables and chairs as well as taking them down at the end of our picnic! Your contributions were greatly appreciated, thank you!

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.

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 started to learn about our first ARTIST OF THE MONTH, Paul Cezanne. We learned about cubism and tried to mimic it with our own art. We celebrated GRANDPARENTS DAY and painted a pretty heart art project with them and enjoyed special treats. We also had lots of fun playing with them in our classroom! We are learning about the letter B. Today we have chapel with Pastor John and we like how he teaches us about how much God loves us.

Youth event (7th-12th grades) at Slick City Action Park is scheduled for this 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 in the Music Room on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM. Questions, please contact Stephanie at stephanieroettjer@gmail.com

THANK YOU from ABLELIGHT! Your gracious gift of space provided a place where our AbleLight Special Olympics Colorado Bocce Ball team could gather, practice, and grow together throughout the summer season. Through your support, the team experienced the encouragement of community, the excitement of competition, and the confidence that comes from developing new skills and friendships. Thank you for sharing your blessings with AbleLight and for helping us create opportunities for individuals to flourish, belong, and reach their full potential!

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 again on Friday, October 9, at 6:30 pm at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house. 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 19 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 Project Fundraising

It's hard to believe, for me anyway, that summer has already gone by. Yes, all those 90, plus, degree days with lots of sun and very little rain but with many great memories including getting together for coffee and treats under the trees each Sunday morning. We are now nearly halfway to the fundraising goal of \$100,000 dollars to support the campus remodeling project, which will spruce up the old bell tower area, the patio and two of the three rock walls.

To get a visual picture of the upgrades and changes take some time to look at the architectural pictures in the narthex and then walk the area and imagine the excitement of achieving the plan and beautifying the grounds. The actual work will be starting soon

and a big “thank you” for the wonderful donations made so far. However, we need to complete the fundraising goal, please consider adding to the amount, with a small or large donation to Project Peter. Every penny counts! With your prayers and support we will keep moving forward and get this project completed this fall.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers and support. Blessings, 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, few of us know all the answers. We need to have conversations with others who will ask us questions that spur good thinking. We need to work with experts who have experience in gift planning, to ensure all the bases are covered in the plan. To begin identifying where you have need to ask for help, reach out to your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor. 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 Tim and Kim McClaren, in joyful celebration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary!

Prayers: For Tori Stewart, Bruce and Phyllis McConnell’s granddaughter, who has a torn ACL; For Jerry Weir, who will have a heart procedure on Monday, September 21; For Andrew and Annie Lord, at the loss of their unborn child; For Sally Atchison and her family, at the death of her husband, Harvey, on September 7; For Larry and Gayla Buethe, at the death of their daughter, Starla Moltz, on August 28; For Cody Knapp, as he begins his ministry of music with Ascension; For Linda Finrock, that the Lord will slow the macular degeneration in her eye, and for discernment as she considers treatment; 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 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Austin Anderson and his new bride Maggie, they will be married on Friday, September 18!

Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday to Valiant Storm Becker, son of Andy and Niki, who is turning one on September 26!

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 9/12	4:00 pm	52	
Sunday, 9/13	8:00 am	109	
	10:30 am	92	
			Total: 253

Online Views (as of September 15) for September 6: 266 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	September 12-13, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$481,000.00
Received Amount	\$13,240.00	\$492,024.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 25.00	\$ 45,398.00

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

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
Mon. (9-21)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
Tues. (9-22)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Weds. (9-23)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	9:00am-3:00pm	Leaf Peeping
	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Pastor John
	5:45 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:00 pm	Confirmation
	6:30 pm	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (9-24)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
Fri. (9-25)	8:30am-3:00pm	NO Preschool – Teacher Development Day
	12:30 pm	Ascension Quilters
Sat. (9-26)	9:00am-3:00pm	Heritage Fine Arts Workshop
	3:00 pm	Scouts Overnight
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (9-27)	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	Memorial Service – Starla Moltz