

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (September 24)

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 offer 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 Starla Moltz, the daughter of Larry and Gayla Bueth, will be at Ascension this Sunday, September 27 at 2:00. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

October is Tuna Month at Ascension! Starting next weekend, we will be accepting donations in the box in the narthex through October 31 for our local food bank, Integrated Family Community Services, IFCS.org. Next time you're at the grocery store, please pick up some extra cans, it is appreciated!

GriefShare On Saturday, September 19, six recently-widowed women, mostly strangers, gathered at Ascension for the GriefShare seminar, "Loss of Spouse." Two hours later, our group emerged with a better understanding of ourselves and the effects of grief in all aspects of our lives; renewed hope and faith in our loving Lord, and new friends that understand and care.

Pastor Larson welcomed our group and led us in prayer - providing the precise foundation for our day. Thank you, Pastor! Thank you, Dawn Munson, for your efficient and caring assistance in all things printed, and "Big Thanks" to our loving congregation for your prayers and thoughts extended to all who grieve, especially our participants in GriefShare. - Co-Facilitators Linda Olsen and Sherry Hitzaler

ANGEL TREE Thank you to the generous hearts and open wallets this past weekend in support of gifts for the children of incarcerated parents. You may still donate if you were not prepared to do so. You may put cash or checks into an envelope and mark it ANGEL TREE. If a check, make it to Ascension with Angel Tree on the memo line. We welcome continuing donations until October 25....but don't wait or forget to donate. I'm always amazed at the great generosity of our members and most grateful for your support. Pax Christi, Jude Donovan

Ladies Brunch!

Our next outing for Brunch is coming up Monday, October 5 at Toast. Hope you can make it!

WHEN: MONDAY, October 5, 2026, AT 11:30 A.M.
WHERE: TOAST RESTAURANT (2630 Belleview 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, October 5 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, October 2. Please contact Shelia Beu by contacting her by texting 720-202-4739 or email, sheliabeu@yahoo.com.

Save the date for our Trunk-or-Treat! It will be on Saturday, October 24th, from 5:30-7pm! We will have treats, a bounce house, games, and crafts!

Also, we need trunks! If you are willing to decorate your trunk and hand out treats, please let Jenna or Stephanie know! There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex this coming Sunday!

ASCENSION BAKERS AND CRAFT MAKERS:

It's time 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.arapahoeshop.net>. P.O. Box 2004 Littleton, CO 80161-2004; Email us at arapahoeshop@gmail.com

PRESCHOOL NEWS

This week we are falling into fall! We are learning about the weather and changes that happen during this season. Our letter of the week is "C". C is for Caterpillar! In Bible Time we are learning about Noah and the Ark and how a rainbow is God's promise that He will never send a flood like that again. God always keeps His promises! Ms. Stephanie will have Music and Movement class with us. That is always lots of fun. We

have a special guest coming from Bemis Library to read us a story. Can you guess who she is? She attends the 8:00am service each week and always sits in the front row!

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 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

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)

Including a statement of your Christian faith is important in your estate plans.

Creating that statement of faith is something we do in community. We might call your statement of faith a Christian Preamble (if you include it at the beginning of your will) or a Family Blessing if you just tuck it away with your will/trust documents. But where do I start in summarizing what I believe? Think about the creeds, both Apostles and Nicene, which we recite together regularly in worship. In the community of faith, we have a great common statement of our faith. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you to get started on writing your personal statement. 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 Mary Hert, in loving memory of her son, Scott, her niece, Dayni, and Kyle.

Prayers: For John Oldefest, who will have a medical procedure for his veins; For Jason Smith's son Tate, at the death of his friend, Noah; For Richard Kositzke, who will have knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, September 29; For Tim McClaren's father, Ron McClaren, who had a stroke on Thursday, September 17 and is in the ICU at a Florida hospital with some minor paralysis; For Roger Gilbertson, as he undergoes treatment for cancer; For Jim Bame, for healing following back surgery; For Sharon Seible, who will have hip surgery on October 7; For Tori Stewart, Bruce and Phyllis McConnell's granddaughter, who has a torn ACL; and for Tori's father, Adam Stewart, who has suffered a heart attack; 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 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Jerry Weir, whose heart procedure on Monday, September 21 showed good news that there is no need for a stent, thanks be to God!

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 9/19	4:00 pm	65	
Sunday, 9/20	8:00 am	94	
	10:30 am	67	
			Total: 226

Online Views (as of September 22) for September 13: 217 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	September 19-20, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$494,000.00
Received Amount	\$15,299.00	\$507,323.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 475.00	\$ 45,873.00

Calendar (Saturday, September 26 – Sunday, October 4):

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
Mon. (9-28)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
Tues. (9-29)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (9-30)	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. (10-1)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	1:30pm	Koinonia
Fri. (10-2)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	12:30 pm	Ascension Quilters
Sat. (10-3)	9:00am	LWML Zone Rally
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (10-4)		LWML 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	Parent / Youth Mission Trip Meeting

