

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (September 3) *Happy Labor Day!*

Summer Worship Schedule Worship services this weekend are on Saturday at 4:00 pm and 9:00 am on Sunday. Join us for our final Coffee Under the Trees after the Sunday worship service, sponsored by Linda Achziger, in loving memory of her dear mother, Edna Achziger. Beginning at 10:30 on Sundays, the Adult Bible Class is studying the Book of Job in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Labor Day is this Monday, September 7 Please note, the church office will be closed for the holiday.

Fall Worship Schedule Next 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.

Pastor John begins the Wednesday Bible Class on Wednesday, September 9, in the Fellowship Hall. We begin 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

Next 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!

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 on 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.

Education Sunday and Church Picnic is 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!***** Next 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!

A Big Thank You! To all those generous groups and individuals who provided Coffee Under the Trees during the summertime ... you deserve a round of applause!

The Blue 88s Big Band! If attendance is the barometer, last Saturday's Picnic and Concert Evangelism event was a huge success. The crowd, estimated at nearly 200 toe-tapping, hand-clapping members and guests, were clearly entertained by the Blue 88's, an 18-piece band that played music from the 40's and 50's. Whether our guests return to Ascension to learn more about the Church, to be baptized, or to enroll their young children in our Preschool is up to the Holy Spirit.... but we can be ready to do our part. If you see someone in the Narthex before service that you do not recognize, greet them. Let's make all feel comfortable and welcome at Ascension and pray that our pews overflow with worshippers.

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

This week we are learning about the 5 senses and how we use them. We also learned about how we are different from and similar to each other. Our color of the week is RED. We had our first chapel with Pastor John and sang lots of fun songs. In Bible Time we are continuing to learn about how God made the world, and especially his very favorite creation - PEOPLE!

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

GriefShare On Saturday, September 19, from 10 AM - Noon, Ascension plans to host "LOSS OF A SPOUSE," a two-hour workshop, designed by the national organization, GriefShare.

Currently, NO ONE is registered on-line or has contacted the church office.

Spousal loss is such a devastating personal loss on so many levels that the GriefShare curriculum developers designated a separate workshop, just for this complex topic. The workshop is designed to empathize, support, and guide grievers through their loss with the help of God's healing and hopeful words.

We need your help!

Please reach out to your friends and neighbors who may be in need. Help yourself to the GriefShare flyers in the narthex (on the small table) and post at your work, health club, community centers, library, etc. My Kaiser clinic posted a flyer from me. Our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health are intrinsically bound together. Encourage others to call the church office or register on-line at griefshare.org/findagroup.

We would love to find at least six participants in the next two weeks! Please pray!

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.

NO Bible Study This Saturday afternoon But please join us next 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 \$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.

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@ifnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given by Steve and Ann Westra, in joyful celebration of their 30th Wedding Anniversary on September 7!

Prayers: For Larry and Gayla Bueth, 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 Pastor Bob Harmon, as he retires from the ministry on September 6; For Cody Knapp, as he begins his ministry of music with Ascension; For Jim Titus, Chuck Titus' brother, who is nearing life's end; For Cindy Fowler, following a heart ablation on September 1; For Jan Nichols, who will have knee replacement surgery on September 8; 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 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 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 strength and peace for Jim Nichols; For all those affected by the devastating floods in Nepal; For God to send His Holy Spirit for strengthening of faith and witness.

Happy Birthday! To Harvey Atchison, who will be 90 years old on Saturday, September 12.

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 8/29	4:00 pm	102	
Sunday, 8/30	9:00 am	145	
			Total: 247

Online Views (as of September 1) for August 23: 208 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	August 29-30, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$455,000.00
Received Amount	\$24,687.00	\$467,515.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 385.00	\$ 45,298.00

Calendar (Saturday, September 5 – Sunday, September 13):

Sat. (9-5)		NO Saturday Bible Study
	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
Mon. (9-7)		LABOR DAY – OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED
Tues. (9-8)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Church Council
Weds. (9-9)	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. (9-10)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	9:00 pm	Foundation Meeting
Fri. (9-11)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	10:00am-4:00pm	Hands All Around Sewing Sale
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group
Sat. (9-12)	9:30 am	Ladies Guild Board Meeting
	10:00am-3:00pm	Hands All Around Sewing Sale
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (9-13)		EDUCATION SUNDAY
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Congregational Picnic