## GOOD AFTERNOON!
## WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 22)

***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. This Sunday, our Guest Pastor, Rev. Kelly Crabbe, is leading a study on the History and Core of Lutheran Christian Beliefs.

***Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Weekend!*** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night, October 31!

***Parking for 4:00 Service During Trunk or Treat*** Trunk or Treat will be at the East end of the parking lot this Saturday, October 24th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Saturday worshippers will see orange cones closing off that section of the parking lot as we prepare for the children. *For everyone's safety, please respect the cones, and park in the West part of the lot.* Thank you!

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

***NEEDED:*** Bags of candy for our Trunk or Treat event! There will be a donation bin available for drop-off. Thank you! We appreciate your generosity!

***Halloween Costumes Drive for Little Raven Elementary Students*** is on!
If you have any used or new costumes for ages 5-10 years, and they will once again be distributed to children whose parents are not able to purchase them. Please bring them to the office by WED. Oct. 28th, or earlier, so they can be taken to be given to the grateful students! Thank you! Evangelism Committee

***Pastor John and Marilyn are out of town*** visiting family in Nebraska and Minnesota and to witness the Confirmation of two grandsons on Reformation Sunday (October 25). They return on Tuesday evening, October 27. Pastor Kelly Crabbe will be preaching, leading worship and teaching Bible Class on October 24-25. If Pastoral Care is needed during Pastor's absence, please call the church office (303.794.4636), Mike Zehnder (1.480.861.5000), or Curt Engle (720-394-8534).

***Stewardship*** Please place your Time and Talents Cards and your Financial Commitment Card, with your name on it, in the offering plate this weekend or in the coming weeks. These are important as we plan ministry and our budget for 2027.

***Patio Project Begins!***
Work is scheduled to begin the week of October 26. The two northernmost rock walls and the patio out to the sidewalk will be demolished.

Between November 2 and 13, footers for the new shelter will be laid out, dug and poured. The shelter will be installed when it arrives in the first part of November.

During the week of November 16, the new patio will be poured and rock will be installed around the legs of the shelter. New letters will be installed on south wall of the patio.

We are now nearly halfway to the fundraising goal of $100,000 dollars to support this project. We need to complete the fundraising goal, please consider making a donation to Project Peter. Every penny counts! With your prayers and support we will keep moving forward.

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)

***All Saints Sunday*** will be October 31-November 1. During worship services that weekend, Pastor will read the names of those we have lost since All Saints Day in 2025.

If you would like to have a loved one mentioned, please let us know: (a) Their name and how you were related; and (b) When they passed away. We will have a Page of Remembrance in the bulletin for loved ones who passed prior to 2025. Please let us know by Monday, October 26. Our email is office@alutheran.org, and phone is 303-794-4636.

***Vases for Altar Flowers*** If you have any extra flower vases that you would like to return or donate to the church kitchen, we would take them gladly!

***The Second and Final Voters' Meeting for 2026*** is scheduled for December 6th and we will elect a Vice-President, Secretary, Board of Elders Chairperson, Board for Evangelism Chairperson, and Board for Youth Chairperson. This week we highlight the position of Secretary of the congregation. Please prayerfully consider running for one of these positions or serving on a board. We are in need of volunteers.

Per our bylaws, "The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Council meetings and Voters' Assembly meetings, keep records of attendance at the meetings, and shall sign the official and legal papers and documents as required. The Secretary and Assistant Secretaries shall be responsible to maintain and modify, when necessary, a system for short term and long-term records retention (i.e., legal documents, contracts, Treasurer's reports, Financial Secretary reports, Voters' Assembly meeting minutes, Council meeting minutes, Congregation history)." If you are interested in running for this position please reach out to Dawn Munson at the Church office.

***Rev. Michael Zehnder*** will soon be moving to Phoenix to be closer to his five children. His last weekend to play the organ will be November 21/22. He has begun working with the Elders and staff to help manage important transition activities. We will recognize Mike's long service with a farewell celebration between services on Sunday, November 15. Please pray for Mike, as he prepares for his move.

***As we prepare for Mike Zehnder's last Sunday at Ascension*** on November 22nd, join us in singing Peter Lutkin's "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" with the Chorale. Come to whatever times work for you:

Wednesday, Nov. 18: 6:30 – 6:50 PM (Rehearsal)

Sunday, Nov. 22 (8:00 AM Service): Warm-up at 7:30 AM | Sing at the end of the service

Sunday, Nov. 22 (10:30 AM Service): Warm-up at 10:15 AM | Sing at the beginning of the service

Please let Stephanie know if you are interested! stephanieroettjer@gmail.com

***God's Creation Calendars are here!*** $10 for a beautiful 2027 calendar with Scripture verses and stunning pictures. Proceeds will go towards the youth summer mission trip to Rapid City, SD next summer! They will be partnering with local service agencies by assisting with a summer children's program, working in a community garden, painting the outside of residential homes, and working in a food pantry. Thank you for supporting our youth! Available in the narthex.

***October is Tuna Month at Ascension!*** So far in October we have collected **189 pounds** of tuna! IFCS is very grateful! We will continue to take donations in the box in the narthex 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! *They would love to receive imperishable food donations all year!*




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## ***PRESCHOOL NEWS***

Did you know that our preschool is celebrating its 40th year of ministry outreach to families? Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!! To commemorate this special anniversary we are selling Preschool t-shirts. Consider buying one or a few to help support our preschool! Adults sizes are $20. Youth sizes are $15. More information about ordering will come next week. The design is pictured above.

***Three Citizen-Led Ballot Measures*** will be on the November ballot, and we encourage you to vote YES on all three measures to protect Colorado kids.

Find more info at www.ProtectKidsColorado.org:

- YES on 133, to protect children from sex trafficking;
- YES on 134, to protect girls' sports;

- YES on 135, to protect children from irreversible sex-change surgery.

You can also review the official ballot language from the Colorado Secretary of State:

Ballot measure 133– Stop Child Trafficking:
https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Initiatives/titleBoard/filings/2025-2026/108Final.pdf
Ballot Measure 134 – Protect Girls' Sports:
https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Initiatives/titleBoard/filings/2025-2026/109Final.pdf
Ballot Measure 135 – Protect Children from Irreversible Sex-Change Surgeries: STOP irreversible sex-change procedures on children:
https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Initiatives/titleBoard/filings/2025-2026/110Final.pdf

**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.

***Ascension Quilters*** The quilters meet Fridays at 12:30pm in the fellowship hall. The point of contact for information is Patti Zeggert. Call or text with questions to 720-341-1390.

***GriefShare*** This is the FOURTH Season of GriefShare programs at Ascension. A season consists of two (one-day each) seminars in the fall, ("Loss of a Spouse" and "Surviving the Holidays"); and a 13-Week Program, "From Mourning to Joy," conducted through the months of February, March, and April of 2027. We have had many (at least 150 plus) benefit from these helpful programs.

Our next fall program is "Surviving the Holidays," on Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 10:00 AM until NOON in Ascension's Fellowship Hall. This program is for anyone and everyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Registration for November 7 - on-line at griefshare.org/findagroup; call the Church office at 303-794-4636; or contact Sherry Hitztaler - hitz2@comcast.net .

Please consider this program for yourself, family, or friends; invite anyone you feel would benefit from this timely and helpful program. There are publicity flyers on the small table just outside the sanctuary for you to take and distribute. Posting at your work, athletic or community centers would be most helpful. If you are interested in helping with this event and would like to help with set-up, provide snacks, etc. that would be most appreciated! Please contact me! Linda and I and our entire team thank you for your prayers and your help! – Sherry Hitztaler

*I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God.*
Deuteronomy 32:3

***ANGEL TREE*** Thank you to the generous hearts and open wallets 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 this Sunday, 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

***Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop***
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. They are requesting donations of:

- Tax deductible money donations
- New toys
- Volunteer time (youth and adults are welcome!)

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

***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, November 13, 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

***Including a statement of your Christian faith is important in your estate plans.***
Creating that statement of faith is something we do in community. The goal of writing a Christian statement in your estate plans is not to be novel, but to offer a gift, confidence in Jesus, in His forgiveness and resurrection power, offering that gift to those close to you. It is more valuable, by far, than all the financial things you can direct through your estate. Who are the people you want to receive this blessing from you? Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started. 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 Ron and Ann Kaneko, in joyful celebration of Eli Faulk's Birthday on October 24!

***Prayers:*** For Joyce Dowdy, at Littleton Hospital with a serious head injury after a fall last Monday; For Shelia Beu's brother, David Siedschlag, with multiple health issues. He is in a hospital in Michigan. For Barb Bader's daughter, Jamie, that her health improve; For Brayden Foos, 17-year-old great-grandson of Annette Wolfer. Brayden is in the ICU at Children's Hospital after a truck accident; For Joyce Gallagher, with pneumonia; For healing and relief from pain for Stephanie Luethy's mom, Barb Muirhead, at Sloane's Lake Rehab; For Richard Kositzke, soon to be home from Rehab, recovering from knee replacement surgery; For Sharon Seible, following her hip surgery on October 7; For Linda Finfrock, that the Lord will slow the macular degeneration in her eye; For Jeff Bair; For Mike Zehnder, as he prepares for his move to Phoenix; For Jim Nichols, as his health is failing.

***Happy Birthday*** to Gloria Mielke, on October 24; to Charlotte Wilkinson, looking good at almost 101 years old! Charlotte's Birthday is October 25; and to Marlene Eickmann, on October 28. *HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE WONDERFUL LADIES!*

Happy Birthday also to Eli Faulk, celebrating his birthday on October 24!

| ***Attendance*** | **Service Time** | **Attendees** | |
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| Saturday, 10/17 | 4:00 pm | 64 | |
| Sunday, 10/18 | 8:00 am | 85 | |
| | 10:30 am | 74 | |
| | | | Total: 223 |

***Online Views*** (as of October 18) for October 11: 270 views.

| ***Stewardship*** | October 17-18, 2026 | Year-to-Date (YTD) |
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| Budgeted Revenue | $13,000.00 | $546,000.00 |
| Received Amount | $ 5,315.00 | $547,232.00 |
| Project Peter 2026 | $ 25.00 | $ 48,368.00 |

***Calendar (Saturday, October 24 – Sunday, November 1):***

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| Sat. (10-24) | 3:00 pm | Saturday Bible Study |
| | 4:00 pm | Traditional Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 5:30-7:00pm | **Trunk or Treat** |

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| Sun. (10-25) | | **REFORMATION SUNDAY** |
| | 8:00 am | Traditional Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 9:15 am | Sunday School / Adult Bible Study |
| | 10:30 am | Traditional Worship with Holy Communion |
| Mon. (10-26) | 8:30am-3:00pm | Preschool |
| Tues. (10-27) | 8:30am-3:00pm | Preschool |
| | 9:30 am | Ladies Bible Study |
| | 7:00 pm | Elders Meeting |
| Weds. (10-28) | 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. (10-29) | 8:30am-3:00pm | Preschool |
| Fri. (10-30) | 8:30am-3:00pm | Preschool |
| | 12:30 pm | Ascension Quilters |
| Sat. (10-31) | | **FALL BACK TONITE – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS** |
| | 3:00 pm | Saturday Bible Study |
| | 4:00 pm | Traditional Worship with Holy Communion |
| Sun. (11-1) | | **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** |
| | 8:00 am | Traditional Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 9:15 am | Sunday School / Adult Bible Study |
| | 10:30 am | Traditional Worship with Holy Communion |