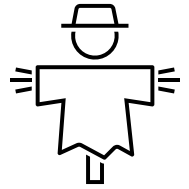


GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 15)



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 is leading a Bible study on the Book of Revelation.

Parking Next Saturday: If you plan to attend the 4:00 service next Saturday, October 24, please park at the west end of the parking lot, to allow space for the Trunk or Treat event. Thank you!

Welcome New Members! This weekend we will welcome 6 new members to Ascension: Norma Weir; Michael, Lisa, Addie, Connor and Ian Lujan. We welcome them joyfully in the Name of the Lord!

Pastor John and Marilyn will be leaving on Monday, October 19 to visit 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).

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.

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 Vice-President 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 Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence, inability, or at the request of the President. The Vice President shall serve as Chair of the Finance Board and appoint the Board members which shall include the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary appointed by the Vice-President and approved by Council, and the Assistant Treasurer(s) appointed by Council. The Vice President shall be responsible that all monies received are deposited to the credit of the congregation in a bank or banks designated by the Council." If you are interested in running for this position please reach out to Dawn Munson at the Church office.

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!

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!

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

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.

PRAYER CHAIN: We have an active and willing PRAYER CHAIN at Ascension. When you have a need for prayer or praise, we have over 55 members who will pray for you and yours. Email your request to Jude Donovan anytime at Heyjude264@aol.com and it will be sent out quickly. We will pray fervently and frequently for you. Also contact Jude at this email if you wish to be added to the list of those on the prayer chain. PTL!!! Pax Christi, Jude

October is Tuna Month at Ascension! Last weekend we collected **119 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!*

PRESCHOOL NEWS

How can it already be Fall Break? Preschool is now closed until Tuesday, Oct 20! Time sure flies when you are having fun! Something else that flies are fall leaves! This week we made fall trees with our handprints! Some of our moms also came to preschool to talk about their jobs and how they are community helpers! Our moms and dads do important things! We learned about being an interior designer, pastry chef, and doctor! We also learned about other community helpers like dentists and policemen!

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>

Stewardship Please check your mailbox, where you will find a letter from Pastor and an opportunity to pledge your financial gifts for 2027. You will also find a Time and Talents Card to let us know your interest in serving in our various ministries. **We can't do it without you!** You are encouraged to return your pledge card and Time and Talents card to the church office as soon as possible. *Both of these are important as we plan ministry and our budget for 2027.*

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 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.arapahoeshantashop.net>. P.O. Box 2004 Littleton, CO 80161-2004; Email us at arapahoeshantashop@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 Loli and Chris Valento, in honor of Joseph Senoski's birthday on October 22.

Prayers: For Pope Leo, being treated for lung cancer; For Joyce Dowdy, who has suffered a cerebral hemorrhage due to a fall on Monday night and is in the Critical Care Unit at Littleton Hospital; For Barb Bader's daughter, Jamie, with health issues; For Brayden Foos, great-grandson of Annette Wolfer. Brayden is 17 years old and was in a truck accident last week, he is in the ICU at Children's Hospital; For Joyce Gallagher, who has been diagnosed with pneumonia; For Athenia Michel; For healing and relief from pain for Stephanie Luethy's mom, Barb Muirhead, at Sloane's Lake

Rehab; For Richard Kositzke, at the Center at Northridge Rehab, recovering from knee replacement surgery on September 29; For Sharon Seible, recovering from hip surgery on October 7; For Linda Finrock, that the Lord will slow the macular degeneration in her eye; For Jeff Bair; For Roger and Judy Koester's nephew, Brian Heller, and for his wife and family; For Mike Zehnder, as he prepares for his move to Phoenix; For Jim Nichols.

Happy Birthday Coming Up to our former director of music, Stephen Pruitt, who will be turning 65 on Saturday, October 24. If you would like to send him a card, recognizing his advanced age, it can be sent to him at:

Stephen Pruitt, 120 Pintail Trace, Williamsburg, VA 23188

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 10/3	4:00 pm	69	
Sunday, 10/4	8:00 am	95	
	10:30 am	75	
			Total: 239

Online Views (as of October 13) for October 4: 296 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	<u>October 10-11, 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date (YTD)</u>
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$533,000.00
Received Amount	\$11,356.00	\$541,917.00
Project Peter 2026	\$ 130.00	\$ 48,343.00

Calendar (Saturday, October 17 – Sunday, October 25):

Sat. (10-17)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (10-18)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
Mon. (10-19)		Fall Break: No Preschool
Tues. (10-20)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (10-21)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	5:00 pm	NO Bible Study with Pastor John
	5:45 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:00 pm	Confirmation
	6:30 pm	Ascension Chorale
Thurs. (10-22)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	5:00-7:00pm	AbleLight HoeDown Event
Fri. (10-23)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	12:30 pm	Ascension Quilters

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