GOOD AFTERNOON!
WHAT'S HAPPENING (November 12)

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 usually meet at 9:15 on Sundays; this week we will have a farewell reception for Mike Zehnder at that time. Please join us!

Pastor John will offer an Adult Instruction Class on Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, and Sunday, November 22 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 Joyce Dowdy, who died on October 28, will be Sunday, November 15 at 2:00 pm. A meal will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

This Saturday, Ascension's youth will be helping some of our homebound members by raking and bagging leaves in their yards. We are thankful for our youth and their parents for living out their faith and showing Christ's love through serving!

Card Shower and Celebration for Rev. Michael Zehnder Mike 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. We will recognize Mike's long service with a farewell celebration between services on Sunday, November 15. There is a basket for cards in the narthex beginning this weekend. Please pray for Mike, as he prepares for his move.

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

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 is 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.

Advent by Candlelight - Wednesday, December 2, 6:00 pm: Join us for a special evening of devotion and fellowship! Our dinner menu will be: Tossed Green Salad, Italian Beef or Parmesan Chicken, Cheesy Potato Casserole, Green Beans & Bacon, Rolls & Butter, Christmas Cookies, Water and/or Coffee.

Special devotions and music will take place between courses. The cost for the meal is $12.00 for adults and $6.00 for children 12 and under. (Maximum $30.00 per family) Attendance is limited to 110 people, please RSVP by signing up in the narthex by November 27.

Elves are needed to bake cookies! We would love to sample your baking skills and are in need of 25 dozen.
Help is needed on Wednesday, December 3rd:

- Food prep (morning)
- Prepare Salads (5:00)
- Servers
- Clean-up

Please text or call Laurie Mullane at 303-794-7937 or email LJMullane@msn.com if you would like to volunteer to help or make cookies.

We appreciate everyone's help to make this a memorable event!

WANTED: Table Centerpieces for Advent by Candlelight!
Do you have pretty candles, greenery, or decorations that you would be willing to share for table centerpieces at Advent by Candlelight? We are trying to make things easier on volunteers this year by just requesting that item. It would help us greatly!

If you still would like to be a table decorator it would be greatly appreciated!! We need decorators for 15 round tables of 6-7 and 2 rectangle tables of 8. This year we will use church glasses, silverware, decorative Christmas paper plates and tablecloths (if needed) Tables may be decorated Tuesday (1-6 p.m.) or Wednesday (before Noon). For more details - please contact Lisa Taylor Wert by phone or text 720-980-9446. You can decorate more than one table!

Please look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

FREE MUSIC, BOOKS, DVDS, INSTRUCTION MANUALS, AND MISCELLANEOUS
In preparation for his move, Mike Zehnder is giving away materials from his library including instruction manuals and videos for many instruments. Please freely help yourself. Materials are located on marked tables in the Fellowship Hall. Everything is FREE but you are also welcome to make a free-will donation to support our wonderful Preschool Ministry which helps keep it going. Any checks may be made payable to Ascension Lutheran Church with 'Preschool Donation" on the memo line.

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.

Save the Date! December 6th Voters' Meeting Please plan to attend! We will present the budget for 2027 and 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 Board for Evangelism Chairperson. Please prayerfully consider running for one of these positions or serving on a board. We are in need of volunteers.

Per our bylaws, "The Board for Evangelism shall be responsible for:

- Assisting the congregation in spreading the Gospel beyond the worship of the congregation.
- Canvasses that might be deemed beneficial and for stimulating interest in evangelism and foreign and domestic missions.
- Stimulating interest in and developing resources for social welfare and social action beyond the confines of the congregation.
- Ministering to the community-at-large through a program of arts and music."

If you are interested in running for this position please reach out to Dawn Munson at the Church office.

Did you know that you can support our youth ministry efforts (mission trips, National Youth Gathering) by linking your King Soopers loyalty card through the King Soopers Community Rewards Program? A portion of your regular grocery spending is automatically donated to our cause quarterly. Just swipe your Shopper's Card (or enter your alternate ID) at checkout every time you shop. Stephanie will be in the narthex with her computer on Sunday to help you if you need some assistance. Here's how!

- Log in to your digital account at King Soopers (or via the mobile app).
- Go to My Account and select Community Rewards.
- Search for our organization by name or NPO number (BW890)
- Click Enroll to save your selection.

Ride Needed: For Rev. Ed Maas, who has just had successful cochlear implant surgery for his hearing, and is not able to drive for some time. Rev. Maas lives at Brookdale Park Place, 111 N. Emerson Street, Apt. 1742, Denver, CO 80218. He can reimburse for ride expenses. If you can help, please contact his daughter, Kaye Mathews, at 303-909-1989 or mathewskaye7@gmail.com.

Patio Project Update! Installation of the shade structure has begun! Next, the remaining concrete will be poured, the rock skirts around the legs will be built, and the new signage installed.

We are close to achieving our fundraising goal of $100,000 to support this project. Please consider making a donation to Project Peter. Every penny counts! The new structure will be a beautiful addition to our church.

Ascension's GriefShare program, "Surviving the Holidays," took place on Saturday, 11/07 with five participants and our GriefShare Team. Pastor Larson opened our program in prayer and welcomed our participants. Suzy

Martin prepared a very welcoming Autumn table of snacks and beverages.



Our program centered around a helpful video, discussions, and reflection. Each participant received a helpful guide book to "navigate the holidays" and honor their loved ones. All the participants expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be in the company of understanding and empathetic new friends.

Our group contained two that are Ascension members, two that were participants in a former Ascension GriefShare program and one who was at church and saw our posters. All were thankful to the Ascension congregation for your support.

Linda and I thank everyone for their prayers and for recommending GriefShare Programs to their friends and family. Please continue to pray for our grievers (Janice, Diane, Paige, Larry, and Bob) and for all who grieve.

"We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Linda Olsen and Sherry Hitztaler, Co-Facilitators



PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have been busy preschoolers! We are learning about the letter H and the sound it makes. Our color of the week is orange. We colored special “Thank You” cards for Veteran’s Day and passed them out to 3 veterans in Pastor Ginkel’s Bible class on Wednesday morning. They were very happy and so were we! Today we sang songs and gave a little program to the Ladies Guild! We made them happy too! This was a happy week!

BUTTER BRAIDS

Butter Braids will be delivered on Tuesday, Nov 17 at 11:30am. Feel free to pick them up then or at anytime during the preschool hours (8:30am-3:00pm). Just visit Lisa in preschool and she will bring your order to you from the church freezer. They will also be available after all church services on Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22. If you still have to pay for your order bring cash or a check. Please make checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church and write "Preschool Butter Braids" on the memo line. Thanks to all of you who supported this fundraiser! The Preschool is very grateful!

40TH ANNIVERSARY PRESCHOOL TSHIRTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

The cost is $15 dollars for any size-Adult S M L XL 2XL and Youth S M L

Cash and checks are accepted. Please make checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church and write "Preschool Tshirt" on the memo line. Please let Lisa know what your order is and she will fill it for you!

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.

Saturday Bible Study Please join us Saturdays 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

The Young Adult Group will meet this 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.

HAAT Force: Food Items Needed for Homeless Individuals

New or gently used

- warm jackets - adults - all sizes
- warm gloves - all sizes
- blankets
- shoes/boots - adults - all sizes

Please bring these items to the collection box in the narthex, thank you! As always your donations and giving hearts are greatly appreciated !!!

You need help to construct a good estate plan and the gift plan within it to family and ministry. But it is also true that no one else can tell you what your plan must look like. God has given you the responsibility to steward these assets. If you are sitting with a group of friends, and the topic of your estate plan comes up, you can count on many opinions being shared about what you should do. Yet only you know what the Lord has laid on your heart. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you discover that plan. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given to the Glory of God by Bob and Deb Shiflet.

Prayers: For Wilma Ruggera, who is very ill; For comfort and peace for Shelia Beu's brother, Dave Siedschlag, as his condition has worsened in Michigan, and he is no longer eating; Please also pray for Wayne Beu's friend, Kay Rudolph, who has had her leg amputated; For Carmen Gutierrez, who has been sick with a respiratory illness for several weeks; For Jackie Pearman, at the death of her grandfather, Raymond; For Dennis Lord, who will have knee replacement surgery on Monday, November 16; For

Jill Plant, friend of Dawn Munson and partner of Dawn's late departed father; Jill has entered hospice care; For Margaret and Allan Kent and their friends David and Rhona Fritsch in Pittsburgh, as they mourn the senseless, tragic loss of their great nephew and niece; For Deb Shiflet, following hand surgery on November 5; For Jerry Wier, after shoulder and bicep surgery on November 6; For Mike Schulten, who had his right knee replaced on November 11; For Larry Nelson, recovering in FL from open-heart aortic valve replacement surgery; For Kim McClaren's mother, Vera Berning, who has entered hospice care in Indiana; For courage, peace, and skilled medical care for Jude Donovan, who will have a biopsy soon; For Brayden Foos, great-grandson of Annette Wolfer, following a truck accident; For Mike Zehnder, as he prepares for his move to Phoenix; For all those affected by the flooding in Pagosa Springs and Southern Colorado.

Attendance	**Service Time**	**Attendees**	
Saturday, 11/7	4:00 pm	68	
Sunday, 11/8	8:00 am	107	
	10:30 am	62	
			Total: 237

Online Views (as of November 10) for November 1: 286 views.

Stewardship	Nov. 7-8, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	$13,000.00	$585,000.00
Received Amount	$22,780.00	$594,258.00
Project Peter 2026	$4,375.00	$ 83,053.00

Calendar (Saturday, November 14 – Sunday, November 22):

Sat. (11-14)	8:00am-3:30pm	Heritage Fine Arts Workshop
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-15)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Farewell to Mike Zehnder
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Memorial Service for Joyce Dowdy
Mon. (11-16)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
Tues. (11-17)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (11-18)	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. (11-19)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool

	1:30 am	Koinonia
Fri. (11-20)	8:30am-3:00pm	Preschool
	12:30 pm	Ascension Quilters
Sat. (11-21)	9:00am-12:00pm	Set up for Ladies Guild Bake/Craft Sale
	9:00am-1:00pm	Adult Instruction Class
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-22)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School / Ladies Guild Bake/Craft Sale
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	1:00-4:00pm	Adult Instruction Class