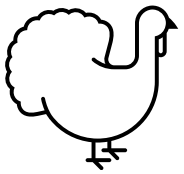
GOOD AFTERNOON!
WHAT'S HAPPENING (November 24) ***Happy Thanksgiving!***



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 meet at 9:15 on Sundays. Please join us!

IT'S CHRISTMAS DECORATING TIME!! We will be decorating this **Friday, November 27th - 9:00am** - Remember, no ladder climbing necessary and breakfast snacks will be available. (We should be done before the Broncos kickoff). For more info, please reach out to Bri Bly, call / text / email 623-680-9510

The Poinsettia ordering chart is on the landing Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Poinsettias are $30.00 each this year, the same price as last year. We have ordered only 16 - Poinsettias. Individuals can dedicate a Poinsettia for the Holiday Season, and the plants can be taken home after New Year's. Envelopes for payments are located below the ordering chart. Please make sure that you place a check mark next to Poinsettias and note Poinsettias on your check.

THANK YOU FROM MIKE ZEHNDER

Dear Church Family,
My earnest desire was to thank each of you personally for your cards and gifts both upon my retirement in July and now at my departure and farewell in November. Today as I was finishing up opening your incredible cards, I realized that thanking each of you in person for your kind words and even some generous gifts would take me more time than I have left. Tomorrow the packers arrive, the next day the truck gets loaded and then on Thanksgiving Day, I start driving into warmer weather. Oh boy!

My heart is full of amazement at your many well wishes for me, for my future and for being reunited with my children. I was so surprised that almost no two cards were alike. Some of these cards are definitely getting saved to read if I need a "pick me up." And the kindest things you said! Wow. Typical was this one, "There are no words to express how much your singing, playing organ and piano and preaching has meant to us."

Well, there are just no words that I have to express my gratitude for your generosity of spirit and words in addition to your gifts and well wishes! You actually taught me some things by what you said. I learned that what I thought was the smallest of words or work actually did not go unnoticed. I learned that my own words and actions have much greater impact than I would have ever thought as I kept reading things like, "Thank you for believing in me" or you mentioned how I encouraged you to do something in ministry or music that you previously thought you couldn't do. Wow. I learned a lot from reading your cards and it reminded me of the truth of 1 Corinthians 15:58 which says, "No labor for the Lord is ever done in vain."

Thank you for teaching me what I should have already known just because God put it into his Word, but I guess I had to experience it. Thank you for loving me and for letting me know about it. I feel so cherished and appreciated even as it makes me a bit sadder to leave. Thank you for your kindness, support, and friendship as I start this next chapter of life.

Sincerely in the love of Jesus,
Rev. Michael Zehnder.

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 2nd:

- 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 a pretty table centerpiece that you would be willing to bring for 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.

Start your engines! Come race with us at K1 Speed glo-kart racing for our youth (7th-12th grades) Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 11th from 6-8pm! Afterwards, we'll open white elephant gifts and have Christmas treats in the youth room. Bring your friends! Must RSVP with Stephanie!

Attention shower singers and carpool soloists! We are looking for seasonal singers to join our adult choir for our upcoming Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve services. Short-term commitment and maximum joy! Contact Stephanie for questions - stephanieroettjer@gmail.com.

Deck the Halls and Warm some Hearts: Christmas caroling for our shut-ins! Join us as we bring some joy to our homebound friends on Sunday, December 13th at 2:00 PM. All ages are welcome! Cookies afterwards! Sign-up sheet available soon.

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.

At the upcoming December 6th Voters' Meeting we will elect several board chairs. This week we highlight the position of Board for Youth 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 Youth shall have the responsibility to develop and maintain a program of ministry to and by the youth, for obtaining volunteers for the youth program, and generally supervising the purposes and structure of the youth organization(s)."

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

12/6/26 Voters' Meeting Agenda - 12:00 pm

A. Call to Order (Quorum?)
B. Opening Prayer
C. Presentation of the Minutes
D. Pastor's Report
E. Treasurer's Report (2026 YTD & 2027 Budget)
F. Recommendations of the Council
G. Elections
H. Reports of Board Chairmen and Committees
I. Unfinished Business
J. New Business
K. Adjournment
L. Closing Prayer

Free Concerts: The Lutheran Chorale

Christmas Concert: Saturday 12/5/2026, 6:30 pm
Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11500 E Iliff Ave, Aurora, CO 80014

Christmas Concert: Sunday, 12/6/2026, 2:00 pm
Concordia Lutheran Church, 13371 W Alameda Pkwy, Lakewood, CO 80228

Sunday, 12/6/2026 5:30 pm
Covenant Living of Colorado, 9153 Yarrow St, Westminster, CO 80021

https://thelutheranchorale.bravesites.com/concerts

ANGEL TREE! Once again our generous and faithful members have shared in a gift of almost $1800.00 to purchase Christmas gifts for the children of incarcerated parents. With the matching funds certificate, we will be donating $3,600.00. The Ascension Foundation also has contributed $5,000.00 to Angel Tree Camps, sports and other activities. Imagine the delight and joy these children feel when our gifts arrive to brighten their Holy Day of Christmas. Please also pray for these families and their parents as they are not together. May the Lord strengthen these family ties and bless them. Pax Christi, Jude

Available for Rent:
Rental condo which is 2.5 miles drive to Ascension (or 8-minute drive):

The condo is owned by Ray and Norma Ogg's daughter, Andrea.

Upgrades coming in December: New Carpet, New Flooring for Bathroom & Walk-In Closet, Oversized finished attached garage, Storage spaces. Available Jan 1, 2027.

2980 W. Centennial Drive (#B) Littleton 80123
Call Aurora (cell 720-327-7233):

https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/2980-W-Centennial-Dr-UNIT-B-Littleton-CO-80123/54648306_zpid/

Ride Needed: For Rev. Ed Maas, who has 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 The shade structure has been installed! 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 PRESCHOOL is on break this week – Happy Thanksgiving!

BUTTER BRAIDS ARE HERE!
Many thanks to those who purchased Butter Braids! Our preschool received a record breaking profit of $1,060.00!! Thank you for your generous support!

Butter Braids are available for pickup; they can be found in the kitchen freezer with your name on them. If they are already paid for please just take them. If you still need to pay for them please make checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church and write "Butter Braids" on the memo line. All Butter Braids are sitting in marked boxes with names in the freezer.

40TH ANNIVERSARY PRESCHOOL T-SHIRTS 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 T-shirt" on the memo line. Please let Lisa know what your order is and she will fill it for you!

Ascension Quilters: Holiday Break The quilters will be taking a holiday break through December. We will begin meeting again on Friday January 8, 2027. 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! If you have questions, please email Curt at Kengle0920@gmail.com

The Young Adult Group will meet again on Friday, December 11, at 6:30 pm at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house. Please contact Jenna at jenna.lindeman@cune.org.

Wednesday 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 your goal is to do significant things with God's gifts, then your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in becoming concrete about what is important to you. 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 Leo and Patti Zeggert, in joyful celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary!

Prayers: For travelers during the holiday season; For Glenn Rousch, recovering at Swedish Hospital after successful surgery to repair a broken hip that he suffered in a fall; For Gary Selzer and his family, at the death of his brother, Larry, on November 16, in CA; For Shelia Beu and her family, at the death of her brother, Dave Siedschlag, also on November 16; For Wayne Beu's friend, Kay Rudolph, who has had her leg amputated; For Mike Price, recovering from ankle surgery on November 19; For Jaina Wohletz, who has mono; For Janice Ross, the sister of Judy Koester, who is gravely ill; For Joyce Lord's friend, Bea Hoang, who was recently diagnosed with an aggressive strain of breast cancer; and for Dennis Lord, who had knee replacement surgery on November 16; For Mike Schulten, who had his right knee replaced on November 11; For Kim McClaren's mother, Vera Berning, who has entered hospice care in Indiana; For courage, peace, and skilled medical care for Jude Donovan, and for healing after cataract surgery on Thursday, November 19; For Mike Zehnder, as he will soon begin his work at Christ Lutheran in Anthem, AZ; For Jill Plant.

Attendance	**Service Time**	**Attendees**	
Saturday, 11/21	4:00 pm	47	
Sunday, 11/22	8:00 am	114	
	10:30 am	60	
			Total: 221

Online Views (as of November 23) for November 15: 205 views.

Stewardship	Nov. 21-22, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	$13,000.00	$611,000.00
Received Amount	$6,639.00	$611,586.00
Project Peter 2026	$ 693.00	$ 88,931.00

Calendar (Saturday, November 29 – Sunday, December 6):

Sat. (11-28)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-29)		**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
	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. (11-30)	8:30am – 3:00pm	Preschool
Tues. (12-1)	8:30am – 3:00pm	Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (12-2)	8:30am – 3:00pm	Preschool
	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	6:00 pm	Advent by Candlelight
		No Bell Ringers or Choir
Thurs. (12-3)	8:30am – 3:00pm	Preschool
	1:30 pm	Koinonia
	5:45 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:30 pm	Ascension Chorale
Fri. (12-4)	8:30am – 3:00pm	Preschool
Sat. (12-5)	9:30 am	Evangelism Meeting
	10:00am – 2:30pm	Heritage Fine Arts Card-Making Workshop
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (12-6)		**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Voters Meeting