



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION DAY OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY ✠ MAY 19, 2024

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WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION!

We are delighted to welcome you to Church of the Ascension. A vibrant church community in Denver since its founding in 1904, Ascension is a place where faith and real life intersect. From here, we are called to share God's love in the Church and in the world through generous hospitality, serving one another, community involvement, and providing a safe place to explore a relationship with God. Whether you are a Denver native or have recently moved here, a committed Christian or someone inquiring about the faith for the first time, we want you to feel at home. Please know that you are invited to participate in all aspects of our worship. We are so glad that you're here.

Lucy Amerman, Interim Rector

CELEBRATING PENTECOST TODAY

THE DAY OF PENTECOST. On this day, the fiftieth day after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension of Jesus, we remember the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples amid tongues of fire, which is why fire is one of the symbols of Pentecost and red is known as the color of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowered the disciples, who were gathered in Jerusalem, to bring the Word of God to people of different nations and languages. That day, over 3,000 people were baptized in Jerusalem and received the gift of the Holy Spirit, which is why Pentecost is sometimes referred to as the birthday of the Church.

GIVING

The generosity of our parishioners and friends is what makes Ascension thrive. From children's and youth ministries to music to outreach and so much more, your generosity contributes to the vitality of our parish. You can contribute financially by texting AscensionDenver to 73256, going to www.ascensiondenver.org, or by mailing your contribution to 600 Gilpin Street, Denver, CO 80218. *Please consider a gift to provide an even stronger foundation for 2024 and beyond.* Thank you!

KEEPING PLEDGES CURRENT. During this time of transition, it is especially important that we manage our budget, and you can help by keeping your pledge payment current over the course of the year, especially during the spring and summer months. While many of us will enjoy time away, Ascension's expenses do not take a vacation! Simply text "AscensionDenver" to 73256 or visit www.ascensiondenver.org/pledge. Thank you for your generosity!

THE ASCENSION LEGACY. Participants in The Ascension Legacy have made a commitment to support Ascension through a gift in their will or other planned gift. Any person, regardless of age or circumstance, can make a gift of gratitude that will help create a lasting foundation for Ascension. To find out more, please contact Endowment Committee Chair Chad Nichols or Parish Administrator Sarah Dougherty at sarah@ascensiondenver.org.

PARISH LIFE

PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION. Today we will honor our rising 6th graders, acolytes, and Sunday School volunteers during the 10 a.m. service. This will also be Mary Maragaret's last Sunday. Please plan on joining us at 11 a.m. coffee hour as we celebrate and thank Mary Margaret.

CELEBRATING MARY MARGARET! Plan to join us after the 10 a.m. service as we celebrate Mary Margaret! If you would like to contribute to a gift for Mary Margaret to acknowledge all she has done for Church of the Ascension, you may give online at: <https://onrealm.org/ascensiondenver/-/form/give/online> (scroll down to the bottom of the drop down menu and select "Gift for Mary Margaret"). You may also write a check and mail it to the church, or drop it in the collection plate. Please make your check out to Church of the Ascension with "Mary Margaret" in the memo line. The due date for gifts is **today**. We look forward to celebrating with you all.

QI-GONG SEMINAR. This **Saturday, May 25** in the pariah Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Harmonizing with Earth, Self, and Heaven. We will activate the natural systems of our cellular, neurological, and biological networks. With Western and Eastern philosophies combined we will present the understanding of the biodiversity within you. We will be strengthening bones, blood, lymphatic, digestive and neurological networks. It's more than the spirit that drives you, it is the body that emanates your presence. This is a pay-for-event: \$50 for 3 hours. A special cost to all Ascension members. For questions, please contact Seth Wiggins at jsethwiggins@gmail.com.

SUMMER SCHEDULE. Our summer schedule begins **Sunday, May 26**. Each Sunday from May 26 through Sunday, September 1, Ascension will have one family-friendly service with music at **9 a.m.**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED. The office will be closed **Monday, May 27 through Friday, May 31** while our parish administrator Sarah Dougherty is on vacation.

NEW OFFICE HOURS. Starting **June 3, 2024**, the office hours will be Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE. The Search Committee is working on preparations and questions for the first round of interviews with prospective candidates. We will have a meeting with Canon Vanessa Stickler-Glass of the Diocese on May 23 to review the applications received. You can view our profile at our website: <http://www.ascensiondenver.org/rectorsearch>. If you have any questions about the search, please email search@ascensiondenver.org.

PRINTED DIRECTORY UPDATE. Thank you to everyone who participated in the photo sessions for our new directory. The process of merging all the addresses and other information is almost complete. A printed directory should be available by **mid to late June**. This is a lengthy process, and we are excited to share the final product soon. If you have any questions, please email Amy Leonard at amyleonard022@gmail.com or Christi Canada at christi.canada@gmail.com.

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

For more information or to receive a Zoom link, please email Amy Feins at amy@ascensiondenver.org.

BIBLE STUDIES. Gospel Bible Study meets **today at 9 a.m.** in Classroom B and will focus on the Gospel lectionary reading for the day. Tuesday Bible Study led by Associate Rector Amy Feins meets **Tuesdays at 12 noon** on Zoom and focuses on Hebrew scripture. This week we will continue our study with chapters 3 and 4 of the Book of Lamentations.

BOOK GROUP. Throughout the year and within the context of our Christian faith, the Ascension book study seeks to listen to and explore a variety of voices through fiction, nonfiction, memoir, and poetry. The resulting thoughtful discussions take place on **Tuesdays at 5 p.m.** on Zoom. We are currently reading *Go As a River*, by Shelly Read. Inspired by true events surrounding the destruction of the town of Iola, Colorado in the 1960s, *Go as a River* is a story of deeply held love in the face of hardship and loss, but also of finding courage, resilience, friendship, and, finally, home – where least expected. Join us on **Tuesday, May 21 at 5 p.m.**

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL. There will be Sunday School today at 9 a.m. for children in PreK through grade 5. Sunday School concludes today and will reconvene in the fall.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL. Youth Sunday School for those in grades 6 through 12 concludes today in the library upstairs and will reconvene in the fall.

NURSERY. The nursery will be open this **Sunday, May 19** for ages 0-4. The nursery will be closed for the summer but will reopen in the fall! As always, children are welcome in our services.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTES. Thank you to Lee Antrim, Scarlett Banks, Violet Banks, Finley Brown, Knox Dougan, Davy Ferguson, Thomas Fitzgerald, Warren Knowlton, Lucy Miller, Savannah Miller, Foster Nichols, Adair Shannon, Maddie Simpson, Ben Stapleton, Teddy Stapleton, Daisy Tulp, Davis Tulp, Tate Tulp, Freddie Wold, Jack Wold, Marilyn Wold, Charlie Wullschlager, and Jack Wullschlager for serving as acolytes during the 2023-2024 school year! We are so thankful for their service to Ascension.

SUMMER SINGERS. We are excited to announce that Ascension will once again be offering a summer choir. One Sunday each month we will sing a short and easy anthem during the offering. Open to all ages, this is the perfect opportunity to sing as a family and/or try out singing with the choir with no commitment. Summer Singers will meet in the sanctuary at 8 a.m. and sing for 9 a.m. worship on **June 16, July 14, and August 18**. No need to sign up- simply show up. For questions or more information email cindy@ascensiondenver.org.

FAVORITE HYMN. Do you have any favorite hymns? We would like to know! Rank your top five favorite hymns and send them to Director of Music, Cindy Lindeen-Martin (cindy@ascensiondenver.org). We will try to incorporate them into our worship services this summer and beyond.

COMMON CUP AT COMMUNION. At our 8 and 10 a.m. services, we offer bread (including gluten-free) and wine to sip from the chalice. *At this point, our bishop has not authorized the return of intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) by parishioners.* Please know that receiving bread alone is full communion, and either or both constitute the full sacramental presence of Christ.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH. Flowers remind us of the beauty of God's creation and are an offering of thanksgiving to God. If you would like to contribute flowers in thanksgiving, honor, or memory of someone or some special event, please email Sarah Dougherty at sarah@ascensiondenver.org.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

WOMEN'S HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE. Once a month, Ascension parishioners make lunches that are distributed to Urban Peak in partnership with our outreach partner Women's Homelessness Initiative. Thank you to **Jan Douglas, Sherry McGinnis, Ellen Putze, Kathleen Reilly, and Barb Watson** for making lunches this past Tuesday! Please consider helping in the following ways:

- Bring the following items to the basket at the back of the Church: bottled water (**8 ounces or less, please**), bread, and savory and sweet individually wrapped snacks.
- Join us for lunch-making **on Tuesday, June 18 at 3:45 p.m.** in the Kitchen for this fun fellowship activity for all ages.

UPCOMING

MONDAY, MAY 20

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Zoom*
Noon Pastoral Care Team 2, *zoom*
6 p.m. The Steps We Took AA meeting, *Library*

TUESDAY, MAY 21

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Zoom*
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, *North Meeting Room*
Noon Bible Study, *Zoom*
5 p.m. Book Study, *Zoom*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Zoom*
6 p.m. New Freedom AA meeting, *Library*
6:30 p.m. Vestry, *Classroom B*

THURSDAY, MAY 23

- 8 a.m. Centering Prayer, *Chapel and Zoom*
4 p.m. Search Committee, *Classroom B*

FRIDAY, MAY 24

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Chapel and Zoom*

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- 10 a.m. Qi-Gong workshop, *Parish Hall*

To receive a Zoom link for Bible or book studies, please email Amy Feins at amy@ascensiondenver.org.

To receive a Zoom link for Centering Prayer, please email Barb Watson at barbarawatson825@comcast.net.

To receive a Zoom link for Morning Prayer, please email Brian Ward at beemerward@icloud.com.



*Where faith and real life intersect
and from where we are called to share God's love in the church and in the world.*

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