

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	Worship with Communion	8:30 am
	Adult Bible Study / Sunday School	9:45 am
	Worship with Communion	11:00 am
	Graduation Milestone	
	Youth BBQ	12:00 pm
Monday	Staff Meeting	8:30 am
	Elders	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	9:30 am
	WOL 8 th Grade Graduation	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women of the Word Bible Study	9:30 am
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 am
	WOL Kindergarten Graduation	6:30 pm
Friday	WOL Chapel	8:15 am
	Church Office closes at 10:00 am	
Saturday	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament, Pentecost takes on the meaning of a new harvest, directing us to the ripe fields of the nations and the task of bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord’s praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

Stewardship Report

For the weekend ending May 12th

In-person attendance: 5:00 – 50
8:30 – 103
11:00 – 76
TOTAL – 229

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Budgeted Amount	\$	12,478
Amount Received	\$	13,554
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$	1,076

2024 Surplus through April: \$12,464

2024 BIBLE READING CHALLENGE!

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Each Friday, Pastor posts a video on Ascension’s Facebook page and YouTube channel highlighting a theme or insight of that week’s readings.

There was a slight mistake in the previous schedule. A corrected version is available in the church library or on the Ascension website.

Our reading for **May 19 – May 25** is **Mark 9 & 10.**

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS



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During the months of **June, July, and August**, the church office will be closed on **Fridays**.

GRADUATION MILESTONE

2024 GRADUATES If you are graduating from 8th grade, high school, trade school, military service, or college; Ascension would like to celebrate your accomplishment. Pastor Clark will invite you to the front of church and give you a special blessing and gift. We look forward to celebrating with you and hope to see you at any church service this weekend, **May 18 and 19**

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Children in Preschool through Grade 8 are invited to meet in the sanctuary at **9:45 am** each week for a brief Sunday school opening. Details about Sunday school for all ages are on page 5 of the News & Notes.

LIKE US



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK Like Ascension to stay current with events, Bible studies, photos, videos and other great resources!

There are four Ascension-related Facebook pages:

Church page: "Ascension Lutheran Church LCMS"

Youth page: "Ascension Youth Fellowship"

Word of Life page: "Word of Life Lutheran School"

Young Adults: "Ascension Community Group"

LAST MONTH'S ONLINE VIEWS

4/07: 304

4/14: 205

4/21: 290

4/28: 251

Note to Worshippers

Ever want to re-watch a worship service or listen to a sermon again?

Ascension livestreams our worship services.

Go to: AscensionStL.com/livestream to find archived services.

DONATE FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE

Scan the image you see here by using your phone's QR code reader (bar code scanner) to be taken directly to Ascension's on-line giving page. Simply set up your account, using your credit card, debit card, or checking account and donate electronically. Smartphone users can also download the Vanco Mobile app from the Apple or Google Play Store and set up an account. Please use only one email account per contribution envelope number.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PEOPLE WE ARE PRAYING FOR IN THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH We are praying for the following individuals as we ask the Lord for healing and restoration.

- Jan, Aunt of Jeff Stiles, God's provision and guidance for her in body, mind, and spirit
- George, student at Word of Life who is being treated for cancer
- Matthew Driskill, undergoing continued testing and treatment for cancer
- Jim Lotz, strength in the midst of a serious heart condition

5-PART MINISTRY FOCUS

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Ascension's Ministry Council has been working hard, meeting in addition to its monthly meetings to update the ministry focus of our congregation. Being focused helps us be faithful stewards of our resources and set priorities as we seek to "share Christ's love." Our 5-part focus for 2024-2026 includes the following key areas:

1. Christ-Centered Worship, Spiritual Growth, and Fellowship
2. Community Outreach
3. Multi-Cultural Outreach
4. Partnership with Word of Life School
5. Intergenerational Fellowship

The Ministry Council is now working on goals for the congregation within each of these areas. We'll be unpacking these goals more with the congregation during our pre-worship announcements over the coming weeks. We look forward to working together as a church family!

KFUO SPONSORSHIPS

KFUO RADIO WORSHIP BROADCASTS Our LCMS radio station, KFUO AM 850, has invited Ascension to broadcast its Sunday morning early service from May through July. These broadcasts are listened to by many both locally on the radio and world-wide via the internet. Ascension is seeking individuals and families to sponsor a broadcast. Broadcast sponsorships can be dedicated in memory of someone, celebration of a special event, or in thanksgiving.



A sponsorship is \$150. Please contact the church office to sponsor a broadcast. See below for the list of current sponsors and dates still available.

May 5: Don Sprinz – "To spread the hidden manna" Rev. 2:17

May 12: Board of Elders – In honor of all mothers.

May 19: Ed & Lisa Holderle

May 26: Doris Burns, Becky & Geoff Welton – In memory of Rev. Justin Burns.

June 2: Larry & Pearline Degenhardt – In memory of Pearline's father, A.W. Meyer who enjoyed listening to KFUO.

June 9: Richard & Claudia Seifert - In remembrance of Richard's parents Melba & Roland Seifert, long-time and long-ago members of Ascension.

June 16: Craig & Julie Krapf

June 23: Randy & Sharon Agne – To God be the Glory as we celebrate our anniversary of 50 years on June 22.

June 30: OPEN

July 7: Karl & Debbie Hofmann – In memory of our parents Earl & Dolores and Robert & Jane.

July 14: Peggy Triska – In honor of loved ones.

July 21: Donna Arrigo – In dedication to our Savior, Jesus Christ, and all his blessings, and in remembrance of my mom's birthday on July 22.

July 28: Jack Pendleton – "In Everlasting Memory of the Love of my Life, Jan"

ASCENSION YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



ASCENSION YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (AYF) is the volunteer-led youth ministry at Ascension Lutheran Church for the children of Ascension and beyond. We have two distinct groups that gather based upon their ages: The Junior Youth

is open to all youth in grades 5 through 8; and the Senior Youth is open to all youth in grades 9 through 12.



YOUTH EVENTS:

May 19 at 12:00 pm – All Youth BBQ

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions about Ascension Youth Fellowship, please contact Lisa Clark or Pastor at the church office.

Lisa Clark

(314) 659-7558

lisamclark.lc@gmail.com

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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Ascension's Free Outdoor Concert Series will again take place Saturdays in June at 7:00 pm. The following is a schedule of concerts. A big thanks to our Music Director, Gabe Maichel, for organizing this series.



June 1

Side X Side (Percussion Ensemble)

June 8

The Bottlesnakes Trio (Folk & Blues)

June 15

Fanfare (Cover Band)

June 22

The Knights of Swing (Jazz Big Band)

June 29

Two Times True (Jazz)

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS The set up and removal of the communion linens and silver is a VERY important task. Pastor Clark would need to complete this for every service if you did not. Therefore, you are all very important to me and this church family.

So, we would like to say, "Thank you for all you do."

The weekend of **June 22 & 23** there will be a small toast to you all. Before and after all services there will be a table for you to visit. I will be there for questions, information and a thank you.

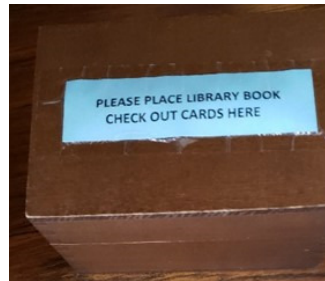
I'm hoping all of you can take time to stop in at one of these services.
Cheryl Chambers

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

SUMMER SERMON SERIES! Beginning the weekend of **June 1st and 2nd**, Ascension will be engaging in a 10-week summer sermon series that we're calling "Mark and Me." We'll be diving deep into the Gospel of Mark as we explore chapters 2 through 6. It's a great opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of Mark's Holy-Spirit inspired words as we seek to answer the question, "What does Mark say to me?"

LIBRARY NOTES

LIBRARY NOTES Your Ascension library is always ready for you to use. Just put your name on the checkout card. The Due Date will be in three weeks. A calendar is available for you to help determine this date. Then, put the card in the wooden box next to the calendar.



When you are ready to return the book, just put the book in the Returns basket.

If you want to renew the book, just let me know and I will update the checkout card.

Please take advantage of this wonderful resource!

Claudia Seifert, librarian

claudia_s_seifert@yahoo.com

314-616-2735

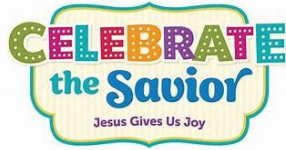
CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS, BELLA BRACKEN! One of our high school youth at Ascension, Bella Bracken, recently received the Christo Servus award from Lutheran South. This is the highest award for Christian service that is given to three seniors at Baccalaureate. We thank God for the many ways He works through Bella and our all of our youth at Ascension!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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Join us this summer,
June 10-14, 2024 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm, for "Celebrate the Savior" Vacation Bible School.



Calling all helpers! Please see the poster in the church lobby to sign up to help with VBS! Leaders and helpers are needed.

Online student registration can be done at <https://vbsmate.com/astl>

ADDRESS CHANGE

ADDRESS CHANGE Former pastor of Ascension, Rev. Dr. Charles Spomer, and his wife Christine, recently moved to Burlington, North Carolina where he serves as pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church. They would like to share their new address with Ascension:

238 Collinwood Drive, Burlington, NC 27215.

WORD OF LIFE NEWS



2024-2025 POSITIONS AVAILABLE

WOL is now collecting resumes for aide and after school care positions available for next school year. Interested applicants can contact Principal, Melissa Bergholt at (314) 832-1244 or mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net. Please also contact her for more information or with questions.

PreSchool Aide: up to 20 hours/week, mornings on the St. Lucas campus

Middle School Aide: 20 hours/week, on the Ascension campus

Extended Care: 10 hours/week, 3:15-5:15 pm, Monday - Friday on the Timothy Campus

WORD OF LIFE ENDOWMENT

We are excited to celebrate our 50th year in school ministry! To support our school well into the future, an endowment has been started. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 as the initial principal amount. We are happy to share that \$15,000 has already been raised between a \$10,000 donation and \$5,000 in matching funds from the Lutheran Legacy Foundation. LLF will continue to match 20% of the funds donated to this endowment up to \$500,000 or the first 10 years of donations. More information can be found on the website.

<https://wordoflifeschool.net/endowment/>

LUTHERAN SOUTH NEWS



LUTHERAN SOUTH SUMMER CAMPS Does your child enjoy shooting hoops? Love creating and drawing? Want to try a new sport like football or field hockey? LuSo Summer Camp offers a variety of athletic and enrichment activities with morning and afternoon sessions available. From playing tennis to the trombone, we have coaches and instructors who offer positive reinforcement. Your campers will have fun while learning a new skill. Register today at LSlancers.org/summer

LUSO DUTCH TOUCH SOCCER CAMP The LuSo Dutch Touch Soccer Camp is a great way to start your summer training! The Dutch coaches will be here to teach new technical and tactical skills that you can use in club and high school soccer. Students in grades 7-12, join us **June 24-27** from **6:00-8:30 pm** at Lutheran South. Register at LSlancers.org/summer

CFNA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

CFNA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Looking for ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus to refugees in St. Louis? CFNA is seeking volunteers to drive refugee clients to medical appointments. Transportation to appointments is the last and most crucial link to accessing needed medical care. Appointments are mostly on weekdays during normal business hours. Interested? Reach out to Paige Bernau, RN at pbernau@cfna-stl.org. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the lobby.



CFNA DONATIONS NEEDED

CFNA DONATIONS NEEDED Thank you for your past support of refugees and immigrants who have made the U.S. their home. Many arrive with little or nothing at all and are in need of basic household and personal care products as well as other necessities. The pace of new arrivals settling in our country continues to grow steadily. The demand for household furnishings outweighs the supply. There is a great need for laundry detergent (40+oz size), paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissue boxes, dish soap, bar soap (4oz), shampoo with conditioner, toilet bowl cleaner, disinfectant wipes, garbage bags (13 gallon), stick deodorant, tooth brushes, toothpaste (6oz) floss, mouthwash. Next time you shop please consider purchasing an extra item(s) of any of the above items. Donations should be placed in the box in coat closet.

JOIN ONE OF OUR BIBLE STUDIES

Bible studies are a wonderful opportunity to be in God's Word and enjoy fellowship as you grow in faith and friendship. For more information on any of the Bible studies listed below, you may contact the leaders directly or our Bible Study and Small Group Coordinator Barbara Shippy at bjshippy@gmail.com or (314) 795-2568.

Sunday Morning Bible Study All are welcome!
Join us for Bible class between worship services.
Sundays from 10:00-10:45 am / ongoing
Location: Ascension / Fellowship Hall
Leaders: Pastor Clark & Pastor Kobs

Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Men & Women)
Tuesdays from 9:30-11 am / ongoing
Location: Ascension / Concordia Room
Leader: Pastor Clark
Contact: pastor@ascensionstl.com / (314) 832-5600

Women of the Word Bible Study
Wednesdays from 9:30-11 am / ongoing
Location: Ascension / lower level classroom
Leader: Marlene Maxfield
Contact: marmaxfield@aol.com / (314) 221-0999

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study
Thursdays from 6:15-7:30 am / ongoing
Location: Ascension / Hintze Library in Church Lobby
Leader: Mike Gibbs
Contact: jackfan39@yahoo.com / (314) 352-1297

Thursday Evening Men's Bible Study
Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 pm / ongoing
Location: Personal residence
Leader: Rob Bremer
Contact Rob: rwbjhb@sbcglobal.net / (314) 413-2603

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY UPDATES

FAST FORWARD We have begun a new Sunday morning Bible study topic. Each Sunday we'll be "fast forwarding" to the Scripture readings that will be used in worship the *next* weekend. As we look ahead at God's Word together, our discussion might even help inform and shape the sermon for the next weekend. Come join Pastor Kobs on Sundays at **10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall to be a part of the conversation and be a week ahead!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

At Ascension, we strive to engage with EVERY person at EVERY age in learning more about our Savior, Jesus.

On Sunday mornings, we have a class for YOU!

Students in Preschool through Junior High meet in the church sanctuary at 9:45 am for Sunday School opening.

Toddlers & Parents

If you are ready to get your family in a Sunday morning Bible class habit, join us in the nursery for a special Sunday School option just for you. Singing, activities, and stories focused on God and his love for his littlest learners (and their caregivers). Contact Brittany Schelp at (417) 438-7860 for more details.

Preschool and Kindergarten

Teachers: Marcia Passanise, Dan Passanise & Cathy Kramer

Grades 1 through 3

Teachers: Emily Jones, Brittany Schelp, Mary Pastor, and Aubrey Blank

Grades 4 through 5

Teachers: Rich Schaefer and Carl Anderson

Junior High

Teachers: Deaconess Anna Johnson, Lisa Clark, and seminary students

Senior High

Teachers: Rob Bremer, Jeremy Johnson, and seminary students

Adults

Teachers: Pastor Clark, Pastor Kobs, Gagan Gurung, and John Gurung

Nepali Fellowship

Teachers: Pastor Clark, Gagan Gurung, John Gurung, and Friends

Sunday School Coordinator

Deaconess Anna Johnson

Assistant Coordinator

Brittany Schelp



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

May 19, Lesson 14

"The Unwise Wise King" is the title of today's lesson. Solomon gathers the supplies and artisans to begin the most important construction project of his reign—building a house for God. Using the very finest materials and most skilled craftsmen, Solomon builds a temple so glorious that none to come after it would ever compare. Later in his life, Solomon's many wives and concubines lead him away from the true God. In His anger, God vows to take the kingdom away from Solomon's descendants.

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Kobs

LITURGIST:

Vicar John Gurung: Sundays at 11:00am
Pastor Matthew Kobs: 4th Sunday of month

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Gabe Maichel, organist

ACOLYTES: 5:00p Tyler Kern
8:30 Marianne Blank; 11:00 Zane Norris
NEXT WEEK: 5:00p open
8:30 Micah Stiles; 11:00 Carolyn Her

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers that grace our chancel have been provided by:

Anonymously

Cathy Salini with love and in honor of my husband Vic's birthday.

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00p Marcia Passanise
8:30 Brad & Marie Muhlike; 11:00 Jim & Cheryl Chambers
NEXT WEEK: 5:00p Marcia Passanise
8:30 Brad & Marie Muhlike; 11:00 Jim & Cheryl Chambers

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

5:00p Pastor Kobs & Rich Schaefer
8:30 Pastor Kobs & Steele Shippy
11:00 Pastor Kobs
NEXT WEEK: 5:00p Rich Schaefer
8:30 Pastor Kobs
11:00 Pastor Kobs & Rudy Blank

A/V ROOM: 5:00p Bella Bracken, Anna Clark, Matthew Hofman;
8:30 Bill Maxfield, Grant Maxfield;
11:00 Vernon Schmidt, Jason Fletcher, Julie Krapf, Kyan Sawyer

READERS: 5:00p Melissa Bergholt
8:30 Caleb Travers; 11:00 Jo Bruns
NEXT WEEK: 5:00p Robert Hofmann
8:30 Pastor Kobs; 11:00 Jo Rain Hernandez

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: May 26, 2024 –

The Holy Trinity

First Reading *Isaiah 6:1-8*
Second Reading *Acts 2:14a, 22-36*
Holy Gospel *John 3:1-17*

USHERS: 5:00 Karl Hofmann, Robert Hofmann, Ed Holderle, Walter Scoggins, Walt Simpson;
8:30 Gene Bockelmann, Jake Bremer, Rob Bremer, Nathan Decker, Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Paul Brock Sr., Dave Jones, Carlos Lopez, Rain Hernandez

TOGETHER IN MISSION MISSIONARIES

Dr. Daniel & Joan Jastram - Asia
Erin Mackenzie - Dominican Republic
Rev. Matthew & Kali Wood – Indonesia

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Church Staff prays for you during their weekly staff meetings. If you have a specific prayer request, please contact the church office.

ASCENSION MEMBERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Alex Jones	James Keltner	Daniel Harms
Brian Kitson	Thomas Kitson	Tristan Rabun
	Jamie Federhofer	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

05/19 Anya Stiles
05/20 Robert Urschler
05/21 Alex Pfeuffer, Steve Travers
05/22 Oscar Freer, Ed Holderle, Karen Moffat
05/23 Sharon Agne, Joe Benda, Allison Bradshaw, Loretta Edwards
05/25 Aleece Keller, Lucas Smith Sr

Please contact the church office if your birthday has been omitted in error.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

05/20 Diana & Matthew Pisoni
05/21 Matt & Leslie Sonderman
05/25 Jason & Mila Fletcher

Please contact the church office if your anniversary has been omitted in error.

ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Phil Green	Gary Steffens
Ross Hetz & Firehouse	Denise Strittmatter

ASCENSION ELDERS and the families they serve

Rich Schaefer – Agne to Broughton
Rudy Blank – Brumback to Freer
Mark Maxfield – Fryar to Hill
Jeff Stiles – Hill-Stout to Komrska
Randy Agne – Krapf to Moffat
Carlos Lopez – Monaghan to Pogue
Jack Pendleton – Preston to Simpson
Steele Shippy – Sittmann to Zaza
Paul Brock Sr. – Elder at Large
Gene Bockelmann – Elder at Large
Joe Benda – Elder at Large
Gagan Gurung – Nepali Members

LCMS CONGREGATIONS IN OUR SOUTH ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT

Ascension	Hope	St. Luke's
Concordia	Messiah	St. Trinity
Epiphany	Mt. Olive	Timothy
Holy Cross	St. Johns	Trinity
Jefferson Avenue Mission		

ASCENSION'S WOL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Doug Pfitzinger – President	Rick Anderson
Jim Fox – Treasurer	Vernon Schmidt

