

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Confirmation Class	Testimonies
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Confirmation Banquet	12:30 pm
Tuesday	Bible Class	9:30 am
	New Member Class	7:00 pm
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	WOL Chapel	8:15 am
	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	8 th Grade Confirmation	6:30 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:30 am
	Cub Pack #34	6:30 pm
	Boy Scout #34	6:30 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Men’s Club	8:00 am
	Cub Scout Leader Training	8:00 am
	Pastor on KFJO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
Next Sunday	Confirmation	11:00 am

WELCOME!

REGARDING COMMUNION The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at Ascension in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. All those who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

Stewardship Report	
Through 4/23/17	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	262
Peace Center Location	37
Total	299
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Given	\$10,934
Budgeted Amount	\$10,385
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 549
Sunday School \$2.00	
Worship Enhancement Fund Donations	
Amount Donated:	\$ 301
Previous Balance:	\$121,264
Total to Date:	\$121,565
Worship Enhancement amount remaining: \$6,894	

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS April 30 - 3rd

Sunday of Easter
1 Peter 1:18-19 “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” We have been ransomed – bought back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, or to the devil, or to the world: we belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

REFORMATION BIBLE STUDIES As we prepare for the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in October 2017, our Sunday morning Bible studies will utilize some of the great Reformation-related resources that have been recently released. These include a DVD series called “A Man Named Martin,” a series entitled “Faces of the Reformation,” which focuses on key people in the Reformation, and a film called “Walther,” which covers the founding of our own church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Come to the lower-level Fellowship Hall Sundays at 9:45 am and hear how after 500 years, “It’s Still All About Jesus!”

OUR NURSERY is located down the lobby hall in the Emmaus Room. It is equipped with an audio feed that enables you to participate in the service. If you need assistance, please ask an usher for help.

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

There are 4 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”

DONATE FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE! Scan the image you see here by using your phone’s QR code reader (bar code scanner). You will be taken directly to Ascension’s new on-line giving page. Simply set up your account, using your credit or debit card, and donate electronically. iPhone users can also download the GIVE+Mobile app from the Apple Store.



DID YOU KNOW? . . .
We have 11 people participating in our spring new member class!

KFUO AM850 BROADCASTS

Ascension will once again be sponsoring broadcasts from May 7 through July 30. Anyone who wishes to sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office at (314) 832-5600. The cost \$150.00 per broadcast and your name and dedication will be in the church News and Notes and aired on the radio. Please make check payable to Ascension and write KFUE Broadcast and the date of your broadcast on the memo line. Thanks to all for their support!

Congregational Assembly
Monday, May 15, 2017
7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

- Agenda: WOL Budget
- Nepali Fellowship
- Worship Enhancement Fund Update
- Bequest Disbursement
- Possibility of Church Properties Representation on Ministry Council

Hintze Library Book of the Month

April's book of the month is



When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert

With more than 300,000 copies in print, *When Helping Hurts* is a paradigm-forming contemporary classic on the subject of poverty alleviation. Poverty is much more than simply a lack of material resources, and it takes much more than donations and handouts to solve it. *When Helping Hurts* shows how some alleviation efforts, failing to consider the complexities of poverty, have actually (and unintentionally) done more harm than good. But it looks ahead. It encourages us to see the dignity in everyone, to empower the materially poor, and to know that we are all uniquely needy—and that God in the gospel is reconciling all things to himself. Focusing on both North American and Majority World contexts, *When Helping Hurts* provides proven strategies for effective poverty alleviation, catalyzing the idea that sustainable change comes not from the outside in, but from the inside out.

LANAI COFFEE MOVIE NIGHTS Ascension is one of the neighborhood sponsors for a series of movie nights from April through September hosted by Lanai Coffee. Lanai is located in Francis Park adjacent to the tennis courts. The next movie night is Saturday, May 20. All are welcome to this fun, free community event!

HELP ASCENSION GO GREEN! We began recycling paper a while ago but now it's time to take more responsibility for caring for His creation. The first two goals of the Green Team will be to explore, develop, and implement a robust recycling initiative and identify environmentally friendly products that can be used at Ascension. Please contact Sharon Headrick at wellie.headrick@gmail.com or 314-920-7421 if you would like to join the Green Team.

Genesis 2:15:

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

THANK YOU for all the wine bottles (empty) that have been donated. At this time, we no longer need anymore. We are intending to use them as a bottle tree for gardens and we want to see how the sale of this item is popular at our plant sale before we make any more trees. Thanks again.

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS Seminarian Joshua Brackage and his wife, Suzy, are expecting! Ladies of all ages are invited to a baby shower on Sunday, May 7, at 12:30 pm. The couple is registered at Target. For more details, contact Lisa Clark at [618-975-6312](tel:618-975-6312).

WOMEN'S TEA Thanks to all who came to the Third Annual Women's Tea Party last weekend. And a special thanks to all of you who worked together to make it a wonderful event.

MIGHTY MITES Thanks to all who contributed Mites. \$317.66 has been donated since January. Put your Mites in the large box in the mailbox area in the lobby. Read about who benefits from Mites in the *May Messenger*.

**JEANNELLE (JILL) HINTZE IS
TURNING 90 YEARS YOUNG!**

You're invited to Jill's birthday

Date: Saturday, May 27, 2017

Time: 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

**Location Laclede Oaks Manor, Meeting Room,
Building 701-Second Floor**



NO GIFTS PLEASE-

**YOUR PRESENCE IS ALL SHE NEEDS
QUESTIONS?**

**CALL MARGARET (512) 585-0458 OR
HELGA (314) 607-3604**

BOOK SIGNING Dear Ascension Family, I have been so grateful to all of you for your prayers and words of encouragement this past year regarding my novel, "The Messengers: Discovered." If you're interested, please join me for some free food and fun on May 2. My second novel, "The Messengers: Concealed," will be released! I'll be celebrating at The Novel Neighbor 6:00-7:30 that night. It'd be an honor to see you there. -Lisa Clark



SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL A Mighty Fortress June 12-16, 2017, 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Closing Program on Friday, June 16 at 6 pm

CONFIRMATION INFO

CONFIRMATION SERVICE
Sunday, May 7, 2017 11:00 am
(photos immediately following)

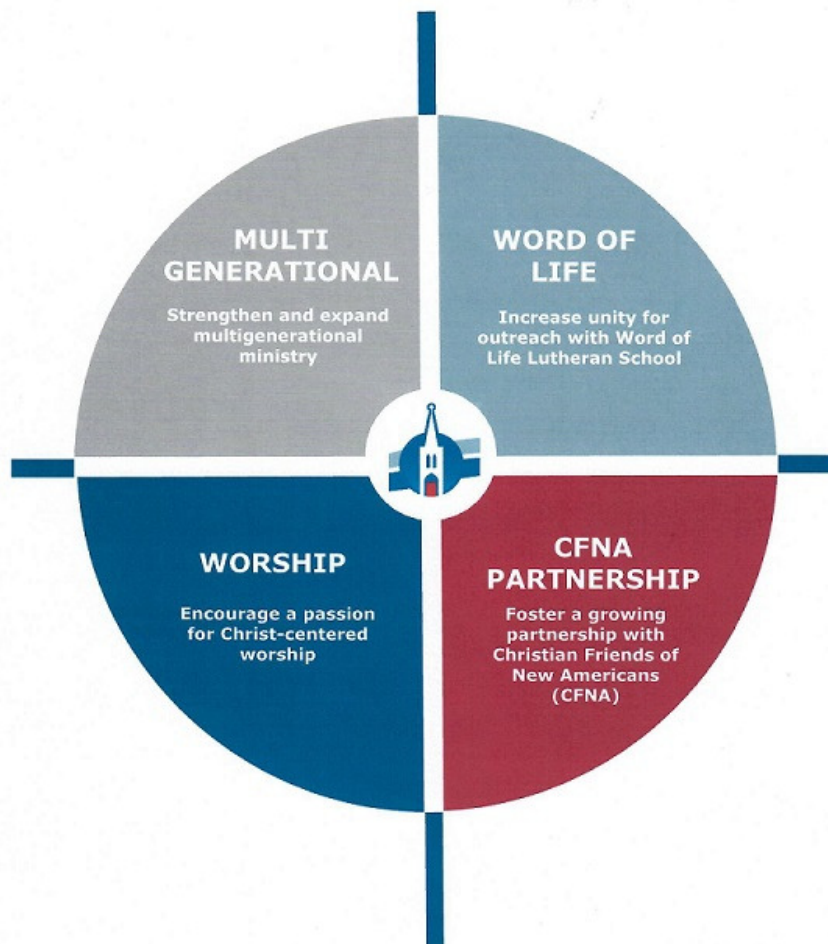
REFORMATION 2017
It's Still All About
Jesus



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2017 *It's Still All About*
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Year Long Celebration began November 6, 2016 for the 500th Anniversary of Lutheran Reformation

**ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
 STRATEGIC FOCUS**



"LOVED BY CHRIST, SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL

<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher(s)</u>
Toddlin' to Jesus	Bethany C	Suzy Brakhage
Pk3-Kdg	WOL Kindergarten	Ellen Hetz
Gr. 1-3	Bethany A & B	Nicole Baade
Gr. 4-5	Dorcas	Carl Anderson/ Rich Schaefer
Gr. 6-8	Youth Room	Jeff Jenkins
Gr. 9-12	Connections Café	Chris Thies/ Lisa Clark
Adult Bible Class	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Clark
Nepalese Bible Class	Fellowship Hall 1 st Sunday of Month	Pastor Clark/ Gagan Gurung
Sunday School Superintendent		Lisa Clark

WORD OF LIFE TEACHERS OF THE MONTH April 2017



JANEY MANNER

LASE-English Language Project Coordinator

Favorite Bible Verse: "Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

SARAH BEREN

**Music Teacher/Teacher Aide/After Care-
Timothy Campus**

Favorite Bible Verse: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before Him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." -- Hebrews 12:1-2

WORD OF LIFE



WORD OF LIFE 2016-2017 THEME It's "Anchored in Christ" and comes from Hebrews 6:19 which says, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Just as an anchor holds in a storm, Christ holds our students secure in all circumstances of life. Children are prepared for life when they are anchored in Christ!

UPCOMING RESTAURANT NIGHT

May 8, 2017 Culvers, 10200 Big Bend, 5 pm-8 pm No need to pick up a flyer or mention Word of Life.

June 9, 2017 Fuddruckers, 10752 Sunset Hills Plaza, Time TBD

COME SAIL AWAY! Join us on Friday, May 12, from 6:30-10:30 PM, for Word of Life's Dinner Auction at Orlando Gardens, 4300 Hoffmeister Ave, St. Louis, MO 63125. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, dessert, open bar, fellowship time with your Word of Life family, and shopping in the silent and live auction! Tickets are on sale now for \$40, with tables of 8 available. Make your reservation on our website or call Melissa Maxfield at 314-283-4461. Proceeds from the event will benefit the WOL playground improvement fund. To make a donation to the event (monetary, new & handcrafted items, antiques, gift certificates, etc.), please drop items off in the school office or call Sue Dunn at 314-401-4872 to pick up your donation. To make reservations, download donation & sponsor forms, visit www.wordofliveschool.net/auction/.



SAVE-THE-DATE The PTL General Assembly Meeting will be May 15th at 6:30pm in the WOL gym. The K-2nd grade choirs will be performing and PTL board members will be voted on this evening, so contact Rachel Hofman if interested in getting involved.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE WOL SCHOOL PICNIC on May 20th from 11-1pm. There will be food, fun for all ages, inflatables and much more. The PTL is currently looking for volunteers that can help on the day of the event. Please contact Rachel Hofman at rhofman@wordofliveschool.net if you would like to volunteer.

WOL KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church

WOL 8TH GRADE GRADUATION on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Clark

LITURGIST: 8:15 Seminarian, Jeff Jenkins-2nd and 4th Sundays

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: 5:00 & 8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist; 11:00; Worship Team
Anna Johnson & Emily Thies, keyboard;
Mark Maxfield, guitar; Russ Baade, drums & bass;
Gary Notch, drums

ACOLYTES: :5:00 Kayla Loesche; 8:15 Will Maxfield;
11:00 Gavin Schulz

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Will Moffat; 8:15 Allyson Brink;
11:00 Tristan Rabun

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar are given by:
The 2017 8th Grade confirmation Class in honor of testimony weekend

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 The Hofmann Family;
8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton;
11:00 Doug & Nancy Pfitzinger

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Hofmann Family;
8:15 Jonathan Gibbs & Laura Lane
11:00 Doug & Nancy Pfitzinger

ELDERS: 5:00 Clarence Goetsch, Gary Notch;
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Randy Agne, Joe Benda

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Rich Schaefer;
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Randy Agne, Mark Maxfield

HOSTS: 5:00 The Loesche Family;
8:15 Cathy Salini; 11:00 Bill & Marlene Maxfield
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Ed & Lisa Holderle;
8:15 The O'Toole Family; 11:00 The Muhlke Family

MULTIMEDIA ROOM: 5:00 Noah Clark;
8:15 Bill A. Maxfield; 11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Noah Clark; 8:15;
11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

READERS: 5:00 Lois Peek; 8:15 Mary Pastor;
11:00 Troy Hansen
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Rich Seifert; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield;
11:00 Dianne Thies

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK May 7, 2017
Fourth Sunday Of Easter
Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25.
John 10:1-10

USHERS: 5:00 Keith Marsh, Al Pfeuffer
8:15 Jake Bremer, Rob Bremer, Jonathan Gibbs,
Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Gary Freer, David Jones, Carlos Lopez, J. Schulz
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Karl Hofmann, Robert Hofmann,
Ed Holderle
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Nathan Decker,
Mark Shaffer;
11:00 Paul Brock Sr., Paul Brock Jr., Roger Jensen

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our In-Home Ministry members are designated with an *

The Church Staff prays for you during their bi-weekly staff meetings. If you have a specific prayer request, please contact the church office or fill out a note from the Rite of Fellowship folder and place it on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Robert Praechter
James Preston Jr.
Doug & Ruth Pritchard
The Quinn Family.

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Grace Malaes
Nathanael Mays
Dylan Moore
Jessika Oster

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

4/30 Lanora Barman, Niras Gurung, Caden Wheeler
5/1 Gianna Lewis, Christiane Schibbelhut, Logan Stus
5/2 Sajal Tamang, James Wiederhold
5/3 Phillip Brancato, Paul Brock Jr., Mallory Mason
5/4 Jennifer Hilkerbaumer-Yocum
5/6 Ralph McMeans

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*If your wedding anniversary should appear here
Please contact the church office*

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Barbara Bush, Macau
5/3 Hans Trinklein, South Korea
5/4 Gema Schuller, Puerto Rico
5/6 Stephanie Schulte, West and Central Africa

ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Kevin Duffy	Phil Green
Ross Hetz & Firehouse	Dave Jones
Jeremy Johnson	Kevin Keller
Ben Kloos	Gary Steffens

ASCENSION MEMBERS & FRIENDS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Andrew Jensen	James Keltner
Brian Kitson	Thomas Kitson
Sean Siering	Tony Urschler