

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Jr. Youth Gathering Commissioning	11:00 am
	2+	5:30 pm
Monday	Communications Team	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team Practice	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm
	Young Adult Group	6:30 pm
	Messenger Articles Due	
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Handbell Practice	6:30 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
	MO District Jr. Youth Retreat (away)	
Saturday	Cub Scout Leader Training	7:45 am-12:00 noon
	Pastor on KFYO	9:00 am
	Church Work Day	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION

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.

SERMON SERIES: 7 THINGS EVERY LUTHERAN SHOULD KNOW Think you know what it takes to be a Lutheran? Come find out! The 7 weekends leading up to our celebration the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on the weekend of October 28-29, we’ll focus on 7 things every Lutheran should know.

ABI (ASCENSION BIBLE INSTITUTE) Experience a tour through the minor prophets led by Pastor Chris Agne. Beginning on Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m., Ascension Bible Institute will be hosting this quick study of all twelve of the minor prophets (the last twelve books of the Old Testament). We will meet each Wednesday evening, and we will finish our study before Advent. Come and hear what these men of God have to say to God’s people of the 21st century.

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS October 15

Matthew 22:5 – ‘But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.’ The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God’s invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world’s bowl of pottage?

Please see the November “Messenger” (and all future Messengers) for the Treasurer’s Report or pick one up in the lobby alcove to see our year-to-date financial standing.

Stewardship Report	
Through 10/8/17	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	238
Peace Center Location	34
Total	272
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$ 6,566
Budgeted Amount	\$10,385
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 3,819)
Sunday School	\$2.00

THRIVENT GRANT POSSIBILITIES Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? If so, you are likely eligible to apply for two \$250 Thrivent Action Grants each year. Ascension has a number of possible ways these grant funds could be used. They include: Ascension T-shirts, Christmas cookies for our live nativity, search light for our live nativity, and other items. If you would like to apply for a Thrivent grant to help meet any of these needs, or if you need help applying for a grant, please contact our Office Manager, Pam Fox—(314) 832-5600 or pam@ascensionstl.com.

ASCENSION’S YOUNG ADULTS group is starting up again! This year we began meeting on **Wednesday** night in the Youth Room. We’ll gather at 6:30 P.M. for dinner followed by Bible study. We will begin on Wednesday, September 13th and continue until our break for Advent. We started the year by looking at Paul’s letter to the Galatians. How are we made right before God and one another? How do we best use our Christian freedom? Come join us as we gather as God’s family and explore these and other questions. Childcare is provided at a small fee. Questions? Contact Trevor Freudenburg at trevor@ascensionstl.com.

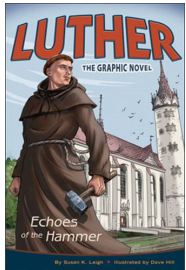
DID YOU KNOW? . . .

The Ascension’s Men’s Club gave away 2,000 Gus’ pretzels at the LESA Brew in The Lou.

Hintze Library Book of the Month

October's book of the month is

"Luther-Echoes of the Hammer" by Susan Leigh



Read the story of Martin Luther, a man who led a revolution that changed the world. From a small town in medieval Germany, the Reformation resulted in dramatic, sweeping change that still echoes today. Here is Luther's story of adventure, courage, and faith told for the first time in graphic novel style. Also included is a comprehensive explanation of Luther's Seal and an extensive history timeline that gives broad context to Luther's life. This Luther biography provides an education and appreciation of Luther and the Reformation in a fun format.

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YES OUR SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS ADD UP IN A BIG WAY. Based on our donations for the hurricane disaster along with other members \$59,909.88 was collected in personal donations and unlocking \$59,909.88 in Thrivent matching funds. Also, Choice Dollars were received in the amount of \$31,741. If you still want to donate thru Thrivent you can contact them at 314-783-4200. Thrivent will still match personal donations up to \$3 million. This opportunity will run until 12/31/2017 or until \$3 million is met, whichever comes first.

NEW LOBBY SIGN We're thankful for the newly donated sign in our lobby inviting children and adults to Sunday school and Bible class.

THE PLANT COMMITTEE has been given Pink Surprise Lilly bulbs. They should be planted this fall. If you are interested in purchasing – just put your money in the envelope on the table in the back of church (honor system) and take your bulbs. COST .50 EACH. If other people have bulbs to donate to Plant Committee please contact Karen Hilkerbaumer, (314) 752-9473 or Julie Headrick, (314) 849-2245.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT HOSTESSES Please contact Sherry Elliott as soon as possible to let her know if you will be a hostess this year. You don't need to supply the names of all your guests at this time. Contact Sherry by email at sherry@ascensionstl.com, or call her at home at (314) 352-8789. If you have never been a hostess and would like more information about being one this year, contact Lisa Holderle at lholderle@yahoo.com or at (314) 962-9979.

DEAR ORGANIZATION HEADS OF ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH, Our church council have discussed how we would like heads of each organization to give a short speech on behalf of their organization to be taped for future events. This speech should reflect the following information:

- 1) Briefly describe your area of ministry
- 2) How does this area connect to Ascension's overall ministry?
- 3) How can others become involved (extend an invitation to participate)?

The Communications Team plans to have the video equipment set up at church from 7-7:30 pm on Monday, October 16. You can come any time during that 30 minute window to be recorded. I notice that some of the organization heads are heads of multiple areas so plan to cover each of your areas please. I imagine we will have other tapings but for you that can come up to church next Monday to get the filming started, this would be great.
Thanks, Karen Hilkerbaumer

ASCENSION WORK DAY- Join us on Saturday October 21 at 9:00 for our fall work day here at church. No special skills are needed. We will be doing some cleaning, painting, minor repairs and yard work. Tools and materials will be provided but bring your favorite tools if you like. Call Jerry Kassing, 314-487-7607 or the church office to let us know you will be there. AND lunch from Mom's deli will be provided.

REFORMATION BREAKFAST sponsored and served by our Ascension Men's Club on Sunday, October 29, 2017, serving from 9:00 am-11:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is an annual event and you won't want to miss it!

REFORMATION 500 ANNIVERSARY SERVICE Please join us for a celebration of the Reformation and the promise of God's Word at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at Concordia Seminary in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus, 801 Seminary Pl, StL, MO 63105. All are welcome.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT will be held the first Sunday in December 3, 2017. The theme will be "The Sights and Sounds of Christmas." Mark your calendars now!

LIVE NATIVITY: SAVE THE DATE! Ascension's 3rd Annual Live Nativity will be on Saturday, December 16 from 5 pm to 9 pm.



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 card, debit card, or checking account and donate electronically. Smart Phone users can also download the GIVE+Mobile app from the Apple or Google Play Store

SUNDAY SCHOOL

BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL

<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher(s)</u>
Parents & Little Ones	Dorcas Room	Fadia Jenkins, Jasmine Duerr And Friends
Pk3-Kdg	WOL Kindergarten	Ellen Hetz & Friends
Gr. 1-3	Bethany c	Cheryl Chambers, Melissa Maxfield And Friends
Gr. 4-5	Music Room	Carl Anderson/ Rich Schaefer And Friends
Gr. 6-8	Youth Room	Sem. Joshua Brakhage Sem. Jeff Jenkins Dcs. Anna Johnson
Gr. 9-12	Concordia	Chris Thies And Friends
Adult Bible Class	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Clark
Nepalese Bible Class	Fellowship Hall 1 st Sunday of Month	Pastor Clark/ Gagan Gurung
Sunday School Coordinator		Lisa Clark

WHERE DO I GO TO STUDY THE BIBLE? Sunday School and Bible Class are in full swing again! Here are a few changes to keep in mind:

- Preschoolers through high schoolers all meet in the same place at 9:45—the sanctuary—for an opening.
- Adults with little ones (babies, toddlers, or too young for preschool) will meet at 9:45 in the Bethany C room (directly below the church nursery).
- Pastor Clark will lead his Bible class for all adults in the Fellowship Hall starting at 10:00 am. He will be teaching the same lessons as the children will be learning, digging deep as well as equipping adults to reach out to children in the Ascension family with God's Word.

WHAT DID WE LEARN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

October 15

"Elijah and the Prophets of Baal" serves as the lesson focus for Sunday School. Just as the true God revealed Himself on the altar of Mount Carmel, so on the cross-shaped altar of Mount Calvary Jesus revealed, once and for all, that He alone is the real God who loves us enough to die for us. Parents could ask, *"How did God demonstrate His power on Mount Carmel? How does God reveal Himself to us?"*

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS This fall our Sunday morning adult Bible class will be led by Pastor Clark as we explore the same Bible accounts as our children and youth Sunday school students. Come join us as we dig a little deeper into God's Word and grow in faith as congregation members of all ages. Parents—this is a great way to learn the same material your children are leaning in Sunday and continue the conversation in your home!

WORD OF LIFE

WOL ENROLLMENT UPDATE 192 total students (PreK-8th grade) are enrolled for the 2017-18 school year

WORD OF LIFE HAS OPENINGS for students in the Pre-K 3's class at Timothy! Part time and full time available. If you are interested please call (314) 832-1244 ext 12.

PTL RESTAURANT NIGHT on October 16th: at Smoking Barrels (5641 Kingshighway) *This event takes place All Day and be sure to mention WOL.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR A ROCKIN' KIDS NIGHT! Rockin' Jump Trampoline Park in Shrewsbury and WOL PTL are partnering for a fundraising night Thursday October 19th. Tickets must be purchased prior to the event by returning the order form sent home (checks made to WOL PTL) or from the ticket sales table each Friday at pick-up. Tickets can be used for any hour between 4-8pm on October 19th. The cost is: \$10 one hour jump per child, \$20 two hour jump per child. Waiver must be completed and \$2.50 jump socks required before child can participate. Waivers can be found at <https://Shrewsbury.rockinjump.com>. Any questions contact Autum Jennings (314) 304-4676.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT is back! Get your costumes ready because Trunk-or-Treat is back on October 27, 2017 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at St. Lucas at 7100 Morganford. There will of course be trick-or-treating and a Chili Cook-off. The PTL is currently looking for volunteers to decorate their trunks as well as participate in the Chili Cook-off contest. If you are interested in volunteering your trunk or chili please contact Rachel Haywood at haywoodrachel@rsdmo.org. We are also looking for general volunteers for the night of the event. Any and all help with this event is always appreciated!!!

IF YOU'D LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON KINDERGARTEN at Word of Life please mark your calendars for Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Join us at 6535 Eichelberger in the Kindergarten classroom for a presentation from Mrs. Moormann and information on financial aid.

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH October

Our Word of Life teachers of the month for October are:

Melissa Maxfield

Preschool 4 year olds (Timothy)

Kathy Thies

Preschool 4 year olds Aide (Timothy)

Jill Moormann

Kindergarten

Debi Miller

Kindergarten Aide

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Clark

LITURGIST: 1st Weekend - Seminarian Trevor Freudenburg-Pastoral Assistant;
2nd Weekend 8:15 - Seminarian Jeff Jenkins;
3rd Weekend - Seminarian Joshua Brakhage

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: 5:00 Fran Ettling, organist;
8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist;
Worship Team Gabe Maichel & Anna Johnson, keyboard;
Mark Maxfield & Matt Bergholt, guitar; Gary Notch, drums

ACOLYTES: 5:00 Kayla Loesche;
8:15 Anna Muhlke/Will Moffat; 11:00 Henry Brink
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Liam Rabun/Kayla Loesche;
8:15 Sophia LaBrier/Jake Bremer;
11:00 Paul Brock

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar are given by:
Carl Anderson in loving memory of our anniversary
James & Kathy Komorech in celebration of our cousin Carolyn Riemann's 80th Birthday
Carl & Millie Wiederhold in celebration of our 64th wedding anniversary on October 18th

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Lisa Holderle;
8:15 Fadia Jenkins; 11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Hofmann Family;
8:15 Jonathan Gibbs/Fadia Jenkins;
11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen

ELDERS: 5:00 Joshua Brakhage, Gary Notch
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Joe Benda
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Rich Schaefer;
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Mark Maxfield

HOSTS: 5:00 The Loesche Family
8:15 Roger & Rose Seifert; 11:00 Dianne Thies
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Randy & Sharon Agne;
8:15 Gerry & Karen Hilkerbaumer;
11:00 Bill L. & Marlene Maxfield

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 Matt Bergholt;
11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

READERS: 5:00 Ted Cox; 8:15 Brad Muhlke;
11:00 Troy Hansen
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Will Moffat; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield;
11:00 Dianne Thies

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK October 22, 2017
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Isaiah 45:1-7
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

USHERS: 5:00 Keith Marsh, Al Pfeuffer, Walt Simpson
8:15 Rob Bremer, Jacob Bremer, Jonathan Gibbs,
Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Gary Freer, David Jones, Carlos Lopez
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

Darleen Wiederhold
David Wiederhold
The James Wiederhold Family
The Wilson Family

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Lillie Torbit
Mikayla Welker
Keerstin Wiederhold
Caedin Wilson

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

10/15 Jordan Arand, Gavin Coleman, Kurt Dickerhoff,
Kathleen Komorech, Robert Moore Jr
10/16 Matthew Kobs
10/17 Michelle Kitson
10/18 Darla Moran, Angela Russo
10/19 Pamela Todd
10/20 Donald Cognata, Alexander Hinton, Anna Muhlke
10/21 June Bardle

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/16 Barbara & Frank Gaal
10/17 Thomas & Barbara Eichhorst,
Robert & Regina Morton
10/18 Aaron & Stephanie Nickolotsky,
Carl & Mildred Wiederhold
10/21 David Jr. & Jennifer Hartung

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

10/16 Gail Ludvigson, Dominican Republic
10/18 Cindy Zirbel Wrucke, Eurasia
10/20 Clarion Fritsche, Dominican Republic
10/21 Mark Moss, Sierra Leone; Andrew Schlund, Mexico
10/22 Arthur Rickman, Asia

ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Kevin Duffy	Phil Green
Ross Hetz & Firehouse	Dave Jones
Jeremy Johnson	Kevin Keller
Adam Notch	Gary Steffens
Denise Strittmatter	

ASCENSION MEMBERS & FRIENDS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

**Ascension Members and Friends – Christmas Luncheon at the Missouri Athletic Club
Thursday, November 30, 2017**

Members and friends of Ascension have organized an Advent luncheon for all who would like to participate. The date is Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 12:00 pm in the fourth floor Veterans Room at the historic Missouri Athletic Club (MAC) at 405 Washington Avenue in downtown St. Louis. Validated parking is included for the multi-level garage directly behind the MAC on Lucas Street. The surface parking lots next to the MAC are not included for validated parking. Those who wish can carpool from Ascension.

After lunch, Christmas Carols will be led with Gabe Maichel, Ascension’s Director of Music Ministry, at the piano. Bring your camera and enjoy the elaborate Christmas tree, gingerbread village and the display of trains in the lobby of the MAC before or after lunch.

You will select a meal from the superb buffet. This includes three soups, six entrees, two potato or other starch dishes, two vegetables, three to four vegetable, meat or fruit salads plus ingredients for an elaborate green salad, a selection of house-made breads, a variety of sandwich makings, and a dessert buffet where everything tastes as good as it looks. Also included are coffee, tea and soft drinks.

Join us in celebrating the Advent season leading to Christ’s birth. Complete the form below and mail it to Judith Hanses at 6700 Eichelberger St., 63109 along with your check for \$22.00 for each luncheon reservation. Charlene Cook will be happy to take your reservation by phone or answer any questions. Her phone number is (314) 752-3843.

Make checks payable to Judith Hanses. Reservations and payment must be received by Sunday, November 26.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Number of Reservations: _____ X \$22.00 per attendee = _____

Names of Attendees: _____
