



NEWS AND NOTES
October 21 & 22, 2017

“Loved by Christ, Sharing Christ’s Love”

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	MO District Jr. Youth Return	
Monday	Staff Meeting	10:30 am
	Board of Elders	6:30 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
	Pastor/Principal Mtg (St. Lucas)	1:00 pm
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm
	Young Adult Group	6:30 pm
	ABI	7:00 pm
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
	Men’s Club Set Up Reformation Bkfst	6:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFUE	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Sr. Youth Six Flags (away)	4:00 pm-2:00 am

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 of 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 22

Matthew 22:21 – Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." So what is Jesus saying? Doesn't everything belong to God? Yes – and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His Church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God – and he has work for us to do with what He has given us in the Home, in the Church, and in Society.

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.

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.

Congregational Assembly
Monday, November 13, 2017 7:00 pm

Agenda: Election of Council Members
 Approval of 2018 Budget

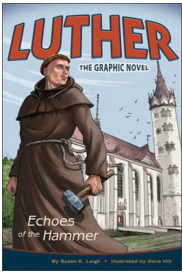
Please note: Absentee ballots and biographies of the election candidates will be mailed to our In-Home Ministry parishioners and to those who request an absentee ballot. Please contact the church office if you would like one mailed to you. All ballots need to be received by noon in the church office on 11/13/17.

Stewardship Report	
Through 10/15/17	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	225
Peace Center Location	31
Total	256
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$14,845
Budgeted Amount	\$10,385
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 4,460
Sunday School (TIM)	\$16.56

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.

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, “GO GREEN” recycling dumpsters for the church & WOL, pretzels for the Men’s Club display at Brew in the Lou, 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.

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.

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.

DID YOU KNOW? . . .

Concordia Seminary is hosting a Reformation Day service on Tuesday, October 31, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus

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.

LWML FALL RALLY will be held at Christian Friends of New Americans, 4019 South Grand, on Saturday, November 4. Car pool if possible since only on-street parking is available. Refreshments will be served at 8:45 with Bible study and business meeting beginning at 9:30. Featured speaker will be Julia Petrovic speaking on “Short Term Mission Team in Hong Kong.” The ingathering will be for CFNA – anything that cannot be purchased with food stamps. See the poster on the lobby bulletin board for more information.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT offers an opportunity for Christian women to set aside some peaceful time to focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. It is an evening of caroling, devotions and prayers spent with old and new friends. The tables are beautifully decorated and the room glows with candles and Christmas lights. Sunday, December 3 is the date, WOL gym is the place; doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program lasts from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (with a brief intermission for dessert!). To reserve a spot for yourself and any guests you may want to bring, please email Sherry at sherry@ascensionstl.com or call her (at home only, please) at (314) 352-8789. There is no charge, and babysitting is provided.

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

SUPPORT FOR THE SCHULZ FAMILY A special savings account has been established by Ascension's Christ Care group to support the education, and other needs, of the four Schulz children following their father's death. If you would like to help provide aid for Garrett, Hanna, Gavin, and Jaylee, checks should be made out to their mother, Erika Schulz. Donations can be dropped off at the Ascension church office, which will serve as a collection point. If you have any questions, please contact Ascension members Marla Lopez or Sara Freer.

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

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Names of Attendees: _____

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 22

Today in Sunday School, we study "Elijah Is Taken to Heaven." Elijah, like Enoch before him, was taken into heaven alive. Jesus, who is our great Elijah, ascended alive into heaven for us and our salvation. You might discuss, "Why was Elisha concerned about Elijah's departure from earth? In what way was Jesus' ascension into heaven different from Elijah's?"

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 learning in Sunday and continue the conversation in your home!

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE is the title of the Children's Christmas service scheduled for Sunday, December 17, 2017 at the 11:00 am service. All children of Ascension, toddlers through eighth grade, are welcome and encouraged to help lead this special service. Whether speaking, singing or playing a musical instrument, there is an important role for every child. Songs will be taught and practiced in the sanctuary from 9:45 am - 10:00 am starting in November. Full practices will be held during the Sunday school time, 9:45 am-10:45 am December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Practices culminate in a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m. Please complete and return a participation form and place it in the tray located in the church office. And please call Rachel Hofman at (314) 832-1476 with any questions you may have.

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 GENERAL ASSEMBLY on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the WOL gym. All WOL parents are encouraged to attend to learn about upcoming PTL events and opportunities.

PTL RESTAURANT NIGHT November 14, 2017 at Culver's 5641 Big Bend, from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. Please be sure to mention WOL.

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PEOPLE DAY (Kdg-8th Grade) on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 from 8:30 am-10:30 am at the Ascension WOL campus. The day will begin with chapel at Ascension. Please meet us there at 8:30 am. Pre-K students at St. Lucas Campus will be Tuesday October 24, 2017 and Timothy Campus will be Thursday, October 26, 2017. More information will come from those campuses soon.

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 Liam Rabun/Kayla Loesche;
8:15 Sophia LaBrier/Jake Bremer;
11:00 Paul Brock

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Kate Moffat/ Will Moffat
8:15 Allyson Brink/Will Maxfield;
11:00 Gavin Schulz/Nathanael Mays

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar are given by:
Larry & Pearlina Degenhardt in thankfulness for 53 years of marriage
Gary & Carolyn Arnold in loving memory of her parents, Michael & Virginia Milcic, and Marilyn Whittle, sister and sister-in-law

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

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Hofmann Family;
8:15 Fadia Jenkins; 11:00 Doug & Nancy Pfitzinger

ELDERS: 5:00 Rich Schaefer;
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Mark Maxfield
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Clarence Goetsch, Gary Notch
8:15 Clarence Goetsch, Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Randy Agne, Joe Benda

HOSTS: 5:00 Randy & Sharon Agne;
8:15 Gerry & Karen Hilkerbaumer;
11:00 Bill L. & Marlene Maxfield
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Keller Family
8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton; 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 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Bill A. Maxfield;
11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

READERS: 5:00 Will Moffat; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield;
11:00 Dianne Thies
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 Mike Gibbs;
11:00 Marlene Maxfield

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK October 29, 2017
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost Reformation
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 19
1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 2
Matthew 22:34-46

USHERS: 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
NEXT WEEK: 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

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

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of our sister in Christ, Afton Richardson who passed away on October 16, 2017. A memorial service will be on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 2:00 pm at Laclede Groves Chapel. May the comfort of the Lord be with the family

Christian sympathy is extended to Peggy Rabun and family at the recent death of Peggy's mother, Grace Powell. May the comfort of the Lord be with the family.

Birth congratulations to Greg & Carrie Heaney who were blessed with the gift of a son, Markus Krystian Heaney born on October 8, 2017. God's richest blessings!

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Tracey Wing
Cindy Winter
Nick Wood
The Zaza Family

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Aiden Zaza
Nadia Zaza
Savannah Breitenfeld
Allyson Brink

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

10/22 Keerstin Wiederhold
10/23 Marion Hares, Debbie Hummel, Carolyn Matlick
10/24 Abbey Keller, Teresa Knott, William Maxfield, Joseph Russo Sr
10/25 Laura Lane
10/26 Rob Bremer, Richard Edinger, Robert Kieffer, Anna Kobs
10/27 Alexa Dickerhoff, Bill Muhlke
10/28 Donna Arrigo, Sandip Gurung, Mark Shaffer, Jack Tervort, Helen Troll

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/24 Larry & Pearlina Degenhardt

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

10/25 George Fretz, Thailand
10/26 Wayne Braun, Germany

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	