



**NEWS AND NOTES**  
**October 28 & 29, 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
	Reformation Breakfast	9:00 am-11:30 am
	Blood Drive (WOL Gym)	9:00 am-1:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Class-Reformation Party	9:30 am
	NO Worship Team Practice	7:00 pm
Wednesday	WOL Chapel	8:15 am
	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	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
	Cub Pack #34	6:30 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFUE	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.

**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.

**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](mailto:pam@ascensionstl.com).

**STEWARDSHIP**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS October 29**

**John 8:36** – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Happy 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel – but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers over our sins and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

**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.**

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
Through 10/22/17	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	217
Peace Center Location	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>249</b>
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$ 7,076
Budgeted Amount	\$10,385
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 3,309)
Sunday School (TIM)	\$3.46

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

Agenda: Election of Council Members  
Approval of 2018 Budget  
Voting on Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

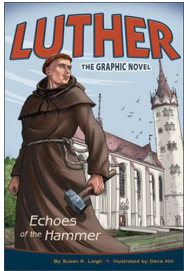
Please note: Ballots and biographies of the election candidates, and the proposed amendment to the constitution will be mailed to all member households. Absentee ballots need to be received in the church office by noon on 11/13/17.

See page 3 for Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

## 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.

**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.

**REFORMATION BREAKFAST** sponsored and served by our Ascension Men's Club on today, 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.

## DID YOU KNOW? . . .

**Ascension's Tuesday morning Bible class is throwing a Reformation Day party this Tuesday at 9:30 am. We'll party like it's 1517!**

**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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**BABY QUILTS FOR SALE** beautifully handquilted by our Ascension Quilting Group. If you have a new addition you need a gift for or an up-coming new addition, contact Grace Noll at (314) 352-7947.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The following constitutional amendment is proposed to add the Property Committee Chairman as a voting member of the Ministry Council. The objective of the Property Committee is the proper maintenance and repair of church property. This committee will work in tandem with the Parish Administrator/Office Manager to supervise maintenance and improvement of congregational properties. The Property Committee shall consist of the Parish Administrator/Office Manager and those individuals appointed by the Chair of the committee. The two parts to be changed in the constitution are **bolded and underlined** under Article VII, as noted below.

**B. COMPOSITION**

The Ministry Council shall be comprised of the four (4) officers consisting of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, the Chairman of the Elders, **the Chairman of the Property Committee**, and then seven (7) other Members At-Large elected by the Congregation Assembly from the eligible voters of the congregation. The (senior) Pastor is an ex-officio member of the Ministry Council.

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**C. DUTIES**

Under the President and with the guidance of the Pastor, the Ministry Council shall:

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**k. Annually appoint the Chairman of the Property Committee for a one year term beginning January 1.**

**Poinsettias and Decoration Donations Needed for the Church Christmas Decorations**

If you would like to order a poinsettia and/or contribute to the decorations for our church during the holiday season, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with your donation. Each poinsettia ordered is \$8.25. Please indicate if you will pick up your poinsettia. All plants will be discarded on 1/5/2018.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettia # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Decoration Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will \_\_\_\_\_ I will not \_\_\_\_\_  
pick up my poinsettia after 1/1/2015 (check one please)

Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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 <sup>st</sup> 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 29

In Sunday School today, students learn the story of "Naaman and Elisha." The Word of God spoken by the prophet was in and with the water of the Jordan to restore the flesh of Naaman. The Word of God spoken by the pastor is in and with the water of Baptism to cleanse us of our sin and restore us as children of the heavenly Father. Consider discussing, *"What was Elisha's unusual 'prescription' for Naaman's condition? How have you been healed with water?"*

**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-8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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:** 5:00 Matthew Lorenz; 8:15 Trevor Freudenburg;  
11:00 Joshua Brakhage

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** 5:00 & 8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist;  
5:00 Will Moffat, trumpet; 8:15 Ascension Handbell Choir,  
Ascension Choir; 5:00 & 8:15 Jeff Jenkins, soloist  
11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel & Anna Johnson,  
keyboard;  
Mark Maxfield & Matt Bergholt, guitar; Gary Notch, drums;  
Steele Shippy, drums

**ACOLYTES** 5:00 Kate Moffat/ Will Moffat  
8:15 Allyson Brink/Will Maxfield;  
11:00 Gavin Schulz/Nathanael Mays  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Mackenzie Moore;  
8:15 Noah Clark; 11:00 Alyssa Hansen/Saraswoti Gurung

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers that grace our altar are given by:  
John & Charlene Cook with thanks to God for blessings received for our family & friends  
Kurt & Marietta Oster in loving memory of Laverne Oster

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 The Hofmann Family;  
8:15 Fadia Jenkins; 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 Joe Benda  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Rich Schaefer;  
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;  
11:00 Mark Maxfield

**HOSTS:** 5:00 The Keller Family  
8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton; 11:00 The Muhlke Family  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 The Clark Family;  
8:15 Mark & Barb Shaffer;  
11:00 Bob & Lawanda Kieffer

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

**READERS:** 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 Mike Gibbs;  
11:00 Marlene Maxfield  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Lois Peek; 8:15 Bill A. Maxfield;  
11:00 Paul Brock

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** November 5, 2017  
All Saints Day  
Or Revelation 7:9-17  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

**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

Birth congratulations to Adam Notch & Linsey Bower who were blessed with the gift of a daughter, Charlotte Nicole Notch born on 10/23/17. God's richest blessings!

### HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Janice Adams  
Melissa Adkins  
Randy & Sharon Agne  
Carl Anderson

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Jordan Arand  
Cheyenne Bewig  
Paul Brock  
Jaime Falbe

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

10/29 Jean Capriglione, Nari Gurung, Laurie Jones,  
Allen Pfeiffer, Gerry Thompson  
10/30 James Sheets  
10/31 Kevin Duffy  
11/1 David Hartung Jr., Elaine Hilgeman, Nancy Kamp,  
Mildred Wiederhold  
11/2 Dennis Bartz, Kathleen Driskill, John Powers Sr.  
11/3 Kendra Loesche  
11/4 Kate Headrick

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/4 Gerry & Karen Hikerbaumer,  
Joseph & Kendra Loesche

### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Rebecca Krey, Latin America and the Caribbean

### 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	



# From Heaven Above – Children’s Christmas Service, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017



Ascension children, toddlers through eighth grade, will present a Christmas service on December 17<sup>th</sup> during the 11:00 a.m. church service. All children are welcome to participate. Whether speaking, singing or playing a musical instrument, there is a role for everyone.

Songs will be taught and practiced in the sanctuary from 9:45 – 10:00 a.m. starting in November. Full practices will be held during the Sunday school time, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m. there will be a dress rehearsal.

After the service on December 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a potluck dinner for everyone. We ask that you bring a side dish to share.

If you have questions, please contact Rachel Hofman (314) 832-1476.

Please cut and return the bottom portion to the tray on the table by the office.

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### Participation Commitment Form

\_\_\_\_\_ (child’s name) will be able to participate in the children’s Christmas service on December 17<sup>th</sup> during the 11:00 a.m. church service.

Please check one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ My child is interested in a speaking part.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child is not interested in a speaking part.

My child would like to play the following musical instrument \_\_\_\_\_

My child can play, or will be able to play, the following Christmas songs

\_\_\_\_\_

As a caretaker of this child of God, I will strive to ensure that my child will be in attendance at the full practices and dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 16.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adult Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date