

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Blood Pressure Screening	9:30-10:55
	Youth Disciples/Jr. Youth Minute To Win It	12:30 pm
	Sr. Youth “The Gathering”	4:30 pm
Monday	Staff Meeting	10:30 am
	Boy Scout Commissioners	7:00 pm
	Advent By Candlelight Planning Mtg.	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Circuit Pastors Mtg (Ascension)	9:00 am
	NO Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team Practice	7:00 pm
	Evening Guild	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
	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
	Eckerts Funfest Bonfire(away)	6:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFJO	9:00 am
	LESA “Brew In the Lou” Francis Park	1:00 pm-5:00 pm
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS October 8 Matthew 21:43 – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.” The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest: they neglected the heart of God’s will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God’s grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

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 10/1/17	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	256
Peace Center Location	00
Total	256
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$ 9,767
Budgeted Amount	\$10,385
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 618)
Sunday School	\$8.50

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS October 8

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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) “The Man in Black - Exploring the Spiritual and Christian Issues in the Music of Johnny Cash” is the title of our fall ABI session to be led by Pastor Chris Agne. Be a part of the group that will meet in the Fellowship Hall for four Wednesday evenings, beginning September 13, 2017 from 7:00 pm- 8:30 pm This class promises to be fun and uplifting!

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.

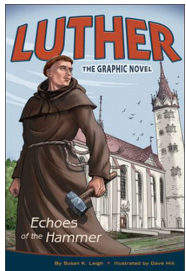
DID YOU KNOW? . . .

\$250 Thrivent action grants have recently been used to help our “Green Team” purchase recycling containers and to help purchase supplies for our work day.

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, 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.

LUTHERAN HOUR LIVE BROADCAST recorded on Sunday, June 11 at Ascension, will be aired on Sunday, October 8 at 12:30 pm & 5:00 pm on KFUOAM850. You have all probably heard that Dr. Greg Seltz has accepted a call to lead the LCMS Center of Religious Freedom. His last sermon will be on 10/16/17. Dr. Dale Meyer and Rev. Ken Klaus will carry on the Speaker duties beginning the first weekend in November.

WANT TO MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE STRONGER? All married couples are invited to be a part of Ascension's "2+" group with emphasizes the importance of two in a marriage, plus the presence of God. 2+ meets at Ascension the third Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm for dessert and time in God's Word. We began September 17, are using the book *5 Things You Can Do to Make Your Marriage Stronger* by Ron Garwood. If you need childcare during the study, please contact the church office.

AN ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT PLANNING MEETING will be held on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will last no longer than 45 minutes, and it will be a very important session during which we will make decisions regarding this year's program and decorations. All interested women are encouraged to come to this meeting, especially those who will be hosting a table. Please come - we need your input!

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

ECKERTS FUNFEST 2017 Join our youth on Friday, October 13, 2017 from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm at Eckerts Farm in Millstadt, IL for a fun evening. The cost is \$13.00 per person at the gate or \$12.00 per person online at eckerts.com/Millstadt, using code Funfest 2017 for the discount. Activities include carnival rides, petting zoo, and hayride, concluding with a bonfire. Hot dogs, drinks and s'mores will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

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	Bethany C	Fadia Jenkins, Jasmine Duerr And Friends
Pk3-Kdg	WOL Kindergarten	Ellen Hetz & Friends
Gr. 1-3	Bethany A & B	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 8

This Sunday, the Sunday School lesson studies "God Provides for Elijah." Just as God provided food and life for Elijah, the widow, and her son, so He provides food, forgiveness, and life eternal for us in Christ. Consider asking, "How did God provide food for Elijah? In what ways does God provide for us today?"

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!

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 27th 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: Seminarian Trevor Freudenburg-Pastoral Assistant;

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 & 8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist;
8:15 Ascension Choir, Handbell Choir
Worship Team Gabe Maichel & Anna Johnson, keyboard;
Mark Maxfield & Matt Bergholt, guitar; Gary Notch, drums

ACOLYTES: 5:00 Aleece Keller;
8:15 Jordan Ingrham/Allyson Brink;
11:00 Tyler Kern/Jaylee Schulz
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Liam Rabun/Kayla Loesche;
8:15 Sophia LaBrier/Jake Bremer;
11:00 Paul Brock

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar are given by:
Carl Anderson in loving memory of Linda's birthday
Steve & Julie Headrick to the Glory of God

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Lisa Holderle;
8:15 Debbie & Mike Gibbs; 11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Lisa Holderle;
8:15 Fadia Jenkins; 11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen

ELDERS: 5:00 Trevor Freudenburg, Clarence Goetsch;
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jeff Jenkins, Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Mark Maxfield
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Joshua Brakhage, Gary Notch
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Joe Benda

HOSTS: 5:00; 8:15 Steve & Julie Headrick;
11:00 The Brock Family
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Loesche Family
8:15 Roger & Rose Seifert; 11:00 Dianne Thies

MULTIMEDIA ROOM: 5:00 Noah Clark;
8:15 Matt Bergholt; 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 Matt Lorenz; 8:15 Mary Pastor;
11:00 Carlos Lopez
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Ted Cox; 8:15 Brad Muhlke;
11:00 Troy Hansen

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK October 15, 2017
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Isaiah 25:6-9
Philippians 4:4-13
Matthew 22:1-14

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. June Rothrock in rehab at Mother & Queen Mary Rehab. Randy Agne at MO Baptist.
Birth congratulations to Marc & Sarah Tanurchis who were blessed with the gift of a daughter, Violet Patrina born on October 1, 2017. God's richest blessings!

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Dave Weman
Nicholas Wertstein
Mike & Cody Wheeler
Carl & Millie Wiederhold

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Jaylee Schulz
Jackson Torbit
Keegan Watz
Cody Wheeler

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

10/8 Patrice Russo
10/9 Donna Bedwell, Brendan Chambers, Sara Freer,
Keegan Watz
10/10 Olivia Muhlke, Jaylee Schulz
10/11 Owen Bickel
10/12 Matt Sondermann
10/13 Christine Mueller
10/14 Aaron Nickolotsky, William Taylor III

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/14 Carl & Marian Berman

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

10/11 Deborah St-Onge, Latin America
10/13 Duane Meissner, Belize
10/14 Aimee Cima, Southeast Asia

ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING AS FIRST RESPONDERS

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