

# NEWS AND NOTES November 18 & 19, 2017 "Loved by Christ, Sharing Christ's Love"

#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Evening Guild Bake Sale Worship with Communion		
	8:15 am & <sup>-</sup>	l 1:00 am	
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am	
	Sr. Youth Returns from Sr. Youth Dist. I	Retreat	
Tuesday	Bible Class	9:30 am	
	Worship Team Practice	7:00 pm	
	Messenger Assembly		
Wednesday	/NO Quilters	9:00 am	
_	NO Women's Bible Class	9:30 am	
Thursday	Thanks Giving Day Worship with Communion		
		10:00 am	
Friday	Church Office Closed		
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm	
Saturday	Pastor on KFUO	9:00 am	
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm	

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### **GENEROSITY THOUGHTS Nov. 19:**

Matthew 25:30 "And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness." Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master – and so his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

#### Stewardship Report Through 11/12/17

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Number Who Gathered Around God's Word

Ascension Location Worship
Peace Center Location
Total

215
34
249

Amount Received to Share Christ's Love

Amount Received \$ 8,407 Budgeted Amount \$10,385 Surplus/(Shortfall) \$ 1,978

Sunday School \$6.55

#### 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. 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.

**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.

November 13, 2017 Election Results

Congratulations to newly elected Ministry Council Members

Vice President Rob Bremer
Members-At-Large Carl Anderson

Marcia Passanise Mark Pfaff Dianne Thies

Thank you to outgoing members for your service

Vice President Debbie Hofmann Members – At-Large Carol Benninghoff

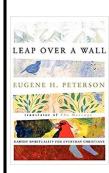
Karen Hilkerbaumer Katlyne Thies

A special thank you to all those who ran for office. It is such a blessing to see so many willing to serve here at Ascension! You are very much appreciated.

## **Hintze Library Book of the Month**

#### November's book of the month is

"Leap Over a Wall" by Eugene H. Peterson



Leap Over a Wall is Eugene H. Peterson's vibrant, insightful, heartfelt exploration of one of the Bible's most controversial figures: King David. Peterson beautifully elucidates the Old Testament's rich depictions of David's failures and victories, recapturing their excitement and immediacy to reveal David himself as a crucially human example of how we relate to God. A vision brought to life by one of the world's respected and influential theologians, the author of The Pastor, The Jesus Way, Practice Resurrection, *Message*—a bestselling The contemporary translation of the Bible-Leap Over a Wall is a unique opportunity to reconnect with David, a man simultaneously admirable, soulful, and dark, and one of the most complex and vital characters of the greatest story ever written.

**NEED OFFERNG ENVELOPES?** If you do not currently receive envelopes from Ascension for offering and giving, and would like your own box of envelopes, please contact the church office. Envelopes are a convenient way for the church to provide you with a record of your charitable giving. Remember, you can also give by direct deposit, online, or by cell phone. Thank you, as we each seek to regularly give to the Lord's work in proportion to what the Lord has first given us!

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING** Typically, the offering collected during Ascension's Thanksgiving Day worship goes to a special cause or ministry. This year, our Ministry Council has designated that all funds collected during our Thanksgiving worship will go to tuition support for the Schulz children. Their father, J., passed away earlier this year and these funds will be a great help to them as they continue their education at Word of Life and Lutheran High School South.

### **Thanksgiving Food Collection**

All are invited to bring non-perishable food items on Thanksgiving Day Service, November 23, 2017 at 10:00 am to be donated to the food bank at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in the Shaw neighborhood. Please place your items in the lobby on the table in the alcove. Thank you.

#### Word of Life DID YOU KNOW? . . .

Monday evening's congregational assembly meeting was well attended with approximately 75 people there."

**OUR YOUNG ADULT GROUP** is once again sending out care packages to our college age youth, and we need your help! We are soliciting donations of items to put in those packages, such as candy, pens, pencils, or whatever else you think college students would appreciate! Donations can be dropped off at the church office throughout the week or on Sunday mornings in the box marked 'Care Package Donations.' Questions? Contact Trevor Freudenburg at <a href="mailto:trevor@ascensionstl.com">trevor@ascensionstl.com</a>

ALL ARE INVITED TO COME AND HELP DECORATE for the upcoming holiday season. We will meet on Sunday, November 26, starting at 12:30 (after later service). We will be decorating the following: the wreaths that hang in the sanctuary and outside the church, as well as assemble and decorate the trees in the altar area. After the decorating fun stay for a light dinner including soup, chili, dessert and fellowship. Remember – many hands make light work so we hope to see you there! If you are able to come help, please call either Barb Shaffer cell: (314) 359-2735 or Debbie Hofmann home: (314) 849-1207 so we can plan dinner accordingly.

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 quests 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. All women of the congregation with an email address on file have been sent an electronic invitation and are able to register on line. Please contact the church office if we do not have a current email address. Thank you.

**ASCENSION EVENING GUILD'S CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY** will be at Pietro's Restaurant, December 12th, 2017 at 6:30 pm. We will order individually off the menu. Join us won't you? For information or for reservations, call Darlene Wiederhold at (314) 353-2874.

**ASCENSION EVENING GUILD**, instead of exchanging gifts at our Christmas Party are asked to bring baby items in advance of the party, such as diapers (all sizes), wipes and other new items to distribute to Nurses for Newborns.. We invite any of our church family to bring any of those items and deposit them into the marked container in the church lobby area.

**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. See sign up boards in the lobby for animal rental donations and volunteers for various parts, help in kitchen, etc. Contact the church office for more information.



**BEE A WINDOW SUPPORTER** During the summer bees, who had taken up residence in the choir loft, were removed. The "de-beeing" was done by a friend of a member of the congregation. Now, thanks to these generous individuals (bees and beekeeper), we are able

to offer" Holy Honey" to you. The honey was extracted from the removed hive and bottled at no cost to Ascension, therefore **ALL** proceeds from the sale will BEE allocated to school window replacement fund. Two sizes are available for purchase: Small-\$5.00 and Large-\$10.00. Donations for the window fund will also be accepted. Contact Debbie Hofmann at (314) 849-1207 to order yours today!



**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.

# 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 pick up my poinsettia	I will notafter 1/1/2015 (check one please)
Dedication:	

### **GIVING TREE**

Once again this year we are hoping you will take an ornament from the Giving Tree to provide a gift for one of the 260 children in foster care. Many of the ornaments this year are for children who are in a residential facility because there are not enough foster homes. Your gifts will give them a special Christmas. You will notice that tags look different this year and also all gifts are to be left <u>unwrapped</u>. Just attach the tag to the gift and put it in a plastic or paper bag and return it to the Giving Tree. If possible, please have the gift back by December 11 so the volunteers can sort, wrap and deliver each gift. I have witnessed the joy your gifts have given over the years and thank you sincerely for caring. For more information, contact Cathy Salini at (314) 786-5476.

## 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 <u>all</u> who would like to participate. The date is <u>Thursday</u>, <u>November 30, 2017 at 12:00 pm</u> 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 housemade 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:	

# SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL

<u>Class</u>	Room	Teacher(s)
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 Co	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? November 12

The Sunday School students study the story of "Hezekiah Prays" today. Hezekiah prayed in faith to God and was delivered. Jesus, our mediator and advocate with the Father, intercedes for us, granting us deliverance from sin, death, and the devil. Parents could ask, "Why did Hezekiah go to God in prayer? In what ways does God answer our prayers 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 leaning 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 (see page 6) 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.

**WOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** on December 10, 2017 at 32:00 pm in the Word of Life gum.

THE WORD OF LIFE PTL would like to thank each of you who has come out to support us at the recent Restaurant Nights. The money raised allows the PTL to support Word of Life teachers by adding educational materials and resources within each of the classrooms, as well as, providing learning experiences for the entire school. We wholeheartedly thank you for your continued support!!!

**PTL RESTAURANT NIGHT** December 11th, from open to close, the PTL will be sponsoring yet another EAT-and-EARN at Raising Cane's on Hampton (4320 Hampton Ave.). Please make sure to mention WOL at the time of purchase.

THE ANNUAL WORD OF LIFE TRIVIA NIGHT WITH SILENT AUCTION will be held on February 24th at WOL in the main campus gym. Doors will open at 6:30 and trivia will begin at 7:00pm. It will be \$20 per person with 8 people per team. Individual registrations are welcome as well. Outside food and drinks are welcome. Adult beverages allowed. Soda and water will be provided. The theme is Under The Big Top (Circus) and a table decorating contest will take place. To register or for more information please email Rachel Haywood at <a href="mailto:haywoodrachel@rsdmo.org">haywoodrachel@rsdmo.org</a>

#### **TEACHERS OF THE MONTH**

November

Our Word of Life teachers of the month for November are:
Sarah Tanurchis - 1st Grade
Sara Poppitz - 2nd Grade
Katlyne Thies - Before Care (Timothy) Aide

# 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 am 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 am starting in November. Full practices will be held during the Sunday school time, 9:45 – 10:45 am December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 am 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.

## **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 am
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	1

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Adult

#### **WORSHIP NOTES**

**PREACHER:** Pastor Matthew Clark

LITURGIST: 1st Weekend - Seminarian Trevor Freudenburg-

Pastoral Assistant;

2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend 8:15´- Seminarian Jeff Jenkins; 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend - Seminarian Joshua Brakhage

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** 5:00 & 8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist; 11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel & Anna Johnson,

keyboard;

Mark Maxfield & Matt Bergholt, guitar; Gary Notch, drums;

Steele Shippy, drums

**ACOLYTES:** 5:00 Aleece Keller; 8:15 Anna Muhlke; 11:00 Henry Brink

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Kayla Loesche; 8:15Sophia LaBrier;

11:00 Paul Brock

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers that grace our altar are given by:

Dug & Ruth Pritchard in thanksgiving; special thanks for all

God's gifts

Grace Noll with thanks and praise to God for 90 years of blessings

Brad & Marie Muhlke in honor their wedding anniversary on November 21

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Richard & Claudia Seifert:

8:15 Jonathan Gibbs/Jan Pendleton;

11:00 The Lopez Family

NEXT WEEK 5:00 Ed & Lois Peek;

8:15: Janey Rathgeber; 11:00 The Lopez Family

ELDERS: 5:00 Clarence Goetsch;

8:15; 11:00

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Gary Notch, Rich Schaefer 8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;

11:00 Joe Benda, Mark Maxfield

**HOSTS:** 5:00 The Bracken Family; 8:15 Gloria Bender; 11:00 The Fox Family **NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Rich & Bev Schaefer

8:15 Mike & Debbie Gibbs; 11:00 Terry & Nancy Nickolotsky

MULTIMEDIA ROOM: 5:00 Noah Clark;

8:15 Bill Maxfield; 11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies **NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Bill Maxfield;

11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

READERS: 5:00 Joshua Brakhage; 8:15 John Brink;

11:00 Sarah Hansen

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield;

11:00 Marlene Maxfield

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** November 23, 2017

Thanksgiving Day Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Philippians 4:6-20 Or 1 Timothy 2:1-4 Luke 17:11-19

**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, 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

#### HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

The Bartz Family William Bauer Thiema Baumann Justin & Lindsey Beasley

#### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Noah Clark Mackenzie Gardner Sandip Gurung Sanjay Gurung

#### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

11/20 Karol Bick, James Fox

11/21 Randy Agne

11/22 Guman Gurung, Tiffanni Watz

11/23 Julie Brock, Grace Noll, Jolinda Oster, Barbara Shippy

11/24 Regina Beaugard, Elle Breitenfeld

11/25 Patricia Duffy, Paul Helfricjh Jr., Bryce Kamp

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

11/21 Brad & Marie Muhlke

#### **MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS**

11/20 Kristin Lange, Germany; Michael Paul, Taiwan

11/22 Shelee Warner, Spain

11/23 Charles Cortright, Eurasia;

Edward Naumann, South Asia;

Stefanie Rabe, Ethiopia

11/24 Freeman Rohlfing, Czech Republic

# ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Kevin Duffy
Ross Hetz & Firehouse
Jeremy Johnson
Adam Notch
Phil Green
Dave Jones
Kevin Keller
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