



NEWS AND NOTES
December 17, 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
	Sunday School Christmas Program	11:00 am
	Potluck Luncheon	12:00 noon-1:30 pm
Monday	Board of Elders (away)	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team Practice	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	NO Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Advent 3 Worship	7:00 pm
	Dinner	5:30 pm-6:45 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	Messenger Assembly	
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFUE	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
Next Sunday	NO Morning Services	
	Christmas Eve Worship	4:00 pm & 6:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Candlelight with Communion	11:00 pm
Next Monday	Christmas Day with Communion	10:00 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.

ADVENT SERMON SERIES FAMILY LIFE Everyone needs godly wisdom when it comes to family relationships. That’s why, during our Wednesday evening Advent services at 7pm, we plan to learn from the families connected with our Savior’s birth. This includes Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, along with Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John. These families faced infertility, frustration, loss, misunderstandings, death, and so much more—just like our families today.

December 6 at 7:00 pm
 December 13 at 7:00 pm
 December 20 at 7:00 pm

HOST SCHEDULES were emailed this past week. A number of them did not go through. There are copies on the table outside the office for you to pick up at your convenience. Those who do not have email address have recently been mailed.

CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS! Join the Young Adults of Ascension for a potluck following the 11:00 am service on Sunday, December 31st in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share as we join together for fellowship, food, and games! See you there!

2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are ready to pick up. They are located on the tables in the Lobby hallway.

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS December 17 – Advent 3

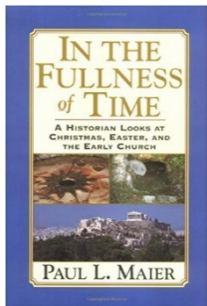
1 Thessalonians 5:18 “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord’s many gifts to us.

Stewardship Report	
Through 12/10/17	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	211
Peace Center Location	32
Total	<u>243</u>
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$10,206
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,385</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 179)
Sunday School	\$17.89

Hintze Library Book of the Month

December's book of the month is

"In Fullness of Time" by Paul L. Maier



A Historian Looks at Christmas, Easter, and the Early Church (Kregel Publications, 384 pp., illustrated hardcover). This engaging and beautifully written narrative sheds a brilliant new light on the lives of Jesus, St. Paul, and the courageous men and women who spread Christianity throughout a hostile Roman Empire. Full-color photos and many other illustrations match sacred with secular evidence throughout, showing how history and archaeology support the biblical record time and again in the lives of those who gave us the Christian faith

DID YOU KNOW? . . .

Approximately 1/3 of the people who were figures in the Live Nativity, were helping with the event for the first time!

Advent & Christmas Schedule 2017

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

December 20, 2017

7:00 pm in church

Supper 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

12/20 (sponsored by Ascension Mens Club)



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 17, 2017, 11:00 am



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Sunday, December 24, 2017

4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

(Please note: there will not be Sunday morning services at 8:15 am & 11:00 am)



CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, December 24, 2017

11:00 pm



CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Monday, December 25, 2017

10:00 am

NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, December 31, 2017, 8:15 am & 11:00 am

(Please note: there will not be a 5:00 pm service)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For snow removal, spreading of ice melt, etc. at Ascension and Word of Life during inclement weather. Shovels, spreader, and snow blowers are available for use. Contact the church office at (314) 832-5600 to volunteer and schedule your availability



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?

December 17 We're hard at work getting ready for the children's Christmas service, "From Heaven Above"! Join us during the 11:00 service today to hear us sing and tell of Jesus, who came from heaven above as the promised Son.

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

ATTENTION WORD OF LIFE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS The Word of Life Alumni Association has recently been formed with the goal of reconnecting alumni and their families to our alma mater. Our mission is to foster and renew friendships while reconnecting alumni to the school and church families that gave us our roots. We are working on alumni and school events for 2018 as well as sharing the '100 Alumni 100 Dollars' fundraising campaign for major gym improvements. If you are interested in getting involved and giving back, please contact: Rachel Roman / rachelroman23@gmail.com / [636-734-8161](tel:636-734-8161)

We encourage you to do the following:

- Join and share the WOL Alumni Association group on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/WordofLifeAlumni/
- Complete the Alumni Information update form
- Consider a donation to the Word of Life Gym Improvement campaign #100alumni100dollars:
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Word of Life 'Cougar Legends' Alumni Basketball Game and Reception - Saturday, January 13th following the Annual Cougar Classic Championship Game at Word of Life

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 haywoodrachel@rsdmo.org

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

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

Laura Thompson

3rd Grade This is my second year to teach at Word of Life. I previously taught first and third grade at the Spanish School in St. Louis and in Texas. I also served as director of Children's ministry for several years at a Lutheran church in Texas. I am fluent in Spanish and have experience leading group-building and outdoors education.

Mindy Hanke

4th Grade This is my tenth year of teaching, and my fourth year at Word of Life. During my first two years at Word of Life, I served as our first grade teacher. Prior to joining Word of Life's staff, I taught preschool at St. John Ellisville for two years; first grade at Christ Lutheran School in Brea, California for two years; and both first and fourth grades at Our Savior in Fenton, Missouri for two years.

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: 8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist;
11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel, keyboard/piano;
Mark Maxfield & Matt Bergholt, guitar; Gary Notch, drums;

ACOLYTES: 5:00 NO Service;
8:15 Noah Clark; 11:00 Alyssa Hansen
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Mackenzie Moore;
8:15; 11:00 Nathanael Mays

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 NO Service;
8:15: Elizabeth Nease; 11:00 Jack & Cindy Winter
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Moffat Family;
11:00 pm Pam & Melissa Fox
Christmas Day 10:00 am: Jan Pendleton

ELDERS: 5:00 NO Service;
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Clarence Goetsch;
11:00
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Gary Notch, Rich Schaefer
11:00 pm Joe Benda
Christmas Day 10:00 am: Gene Bockelmann

HOSTS: 5:00 NO Service;
8:15 Clarence & Carol Goetsch;
11:00 Dan & Marcie Passanise
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Walt Simpson
4:00 pm The Bill A. Maxfield Family;
11:00 pm The Thies Family

MULTIMEDIA ROOM: 5:00 NO Service;
8:15 Matt Bergholt; 11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Noah Clark; 8:15;
11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

READERS: 5:00 NO Service; 8:15 Matt Kobs;
11:00 Carlos Lopez
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Will Moffat; 4:00 pm Lisa Holderle;
6:00 pm Rich Seifert; 11:00 pm Dianne Thies
Christmas Day 10:00 am Mike Gibbs

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
December 23-Lessons and Carols

USHERS: 5:00 NO Service
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Nathan Decker,
Mark Shaffer;
11:00 Paul Brock Sr., Paul Brock Jr., Roger Jensen
MIDWEEK 12/20/17: Paul Brock Sr., Paul Brock Jr.,
Roger Jensen
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Keith Marsh, Walt Simpson
4:00 pm Keith Marsh, Walt Simpson
6:00 pm Ed Holderle, Karl Hofmann, Robert Hofmann
11:00 pm Rob Bremer, Jacob Bremer, Jonathan Gibbs,
Jack Pendleton;
Christmas Day 10:00 am Gene Bockelmann,
Nathan Decker, Mark Shaffer

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 Record of Fellowship folder and place it on the bulletin board in the Narthex. In the hospital this week: Gloria Bender at Greenpark Rehab, Jo Enders at Nazareth Rehab, Judith Hanses at Laclede Groves Reach Rehab, Randy Agne at MO Baptist, Tom Eichhorst at St. Anthony's, June Rothrock, Don Sprinz, Christian sympathy is extended to the family of our sister in Christ, Flo Kratzer, who passed away on December 10, 2017. Christian burial was in our sanctuary on December 15, 2017. May the comfort of the Lord be with the family.

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Kenneth Bohlmann
The Bower Family
The Bracken Family
The Breitenfeld Family

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Tika Gurung
Jacob Ingrham
Katherine Moffat
William Moffat

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12/17 Becky Ball
12/19 Rhonda Nocito
12/20 Josephine Dibble, Lawanda Kieffer
12/21 Ralph McMeans
12/22 Patricia Pfitzinger, Anna Powers
12/23 Terry Nickolotsky

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*If your anniversary should be here,
please contact the church office*

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

12/18 P.A. Richard-Wokoma, Africa
12/20 Brian Gauthier, Panama

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

