



NEWS AND NOTES
December 2 & 3, 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
	Cooke Walk	9:00 am-11:00 am
	Advent By Candlelight (gym)	
	Fellowship	6:30 pm Program 7:00 pm
Monday	Ministry Council	7:00 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
	Advent 1 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
	Boy Scout Committee	7:00 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 KFJO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	4:30 pm-4:55 pm
	All Youth Christmas Party	6:00 pm-10:00 pm
Next Sunday	Blood Pressure Screening	9:30 am-10:55 am
	Word of Life Christmas Concert (gym)	
	PreK-Gr. 3	1:00 pm
	Gr.4-Gr. 8	2:30 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.

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

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 unwrapped. 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.

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 trevor@ascensionstl.com

2+ CHRISTMAS PARTY - All Ascension married couples are invited to the 2+ Christmas party on Dec 9th at the Kassings, 5107 Reynosa Dr. at 5:30 pm. Bring a snack or appetizer to share and a \$5.00 gift to exchange. Call (314) 487-7607 with questions or for information. We’ll see you on the 9th!

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS December 3 – Advent 1

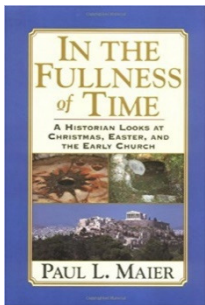
1 Corinthians 1:9 “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So when it comes to following the Lord’s commandments for our daily lives: we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

Stewardship Report		
Through 11/26/17		
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word		
Ascension Location	Worship	276
Peace Center Location		34
Total		310
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love		
	11/19/17	11/26/17
Amount Received	\$ 9,208	\$11,028
Budgeted Amount	\$10,385	\$10,385
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 1,177)	\$ 643
Sunday School	\$20.00	
Sunday School	\$ 8.25	
Thanksgiving Offering	\$3,912	

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

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 3rd 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.



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"

DID YOU KNOW? . . .

The men of Ascension help serve, sing and welcome ladies at Advent by Candlelight.
Thanks guys!



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

STILL NEED 12 POINSETTIAS

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 1/1/2018 (check one please)

Dedication:

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 3 We're hard at work getting ready for the children's Christmas service, "From Heaven Above"! Join us during the 11:00 service December 17 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 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. Everyone has heard of dinner and a show; but we would like you to join us for a Christmas program and lunch! Please consider enjoying lunch after the children's Christmas program on Sunday, December 17th. While the main dish will be supplied by a grant from Thrivent, we ask that you bring a side dish to share at the potluck. We are looking forward to good fellowship and food.

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.

WOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT on December 10, 2017 at - in the Word of Life gym. PreK-Grade 3 at 1:00 pm and Grade 4-Grade 8 at 2:30

WOL 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 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: 5:00 & 8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist;
11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel & Anna Johnson,
keyboard;
Mark Maxfield & Matt Bergholt, guitar; Gary Notch, drums;

ACOLYTES: 5:00 Liam Rabun;
8:15 Allyson Brink; 11:00 Gavin Schulz
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Will Moffat;
8:15: Will Maxfield; 11:00 Nathanael Mays

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Ed & Lois Peek;
8:15: Janey Rathgeber; 11:00 The Lopez Family
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Ed & Lois Peek;
8:15: Janey Rathgeber; 11:00 Jack & Cindy Winter

ELDERS: 5:00 Clarence Goetsch;
8:15 Jack Pendleton; 11:00 Joe Benda
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Gary Notch, Rich Schaefer
8:15 Jack Pendleton;
11:00

HOSTS: 5:00 Shari Hill-Stout & Brad Stout;
8:15 Carolyn Schwaninger; 11:00 John & Charlene Cook
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Ed & Lois Peek
8:15 Gary & Pattie Notch; 11:00 The Benda Family

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

READERS: 5:00 Mark Hofman; 8:15 Jerry Kassing;
11:00 Tom Hinton
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Ted Cox; 8:15 Laura Brink;
11:00 Marla Lopez

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 10, 2017
Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

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
MIDWEEK 12/6/17: Gene Bockelmann,
Nathan Decker, Mark Shaffer;
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 Record of Fellowship folder and place it on the bulletin board in the Narthex

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Gloria Bender
Carol Benninghoff
The Bergholt Family
Cal & Marian Bergman

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Anish Gurung
Bhumika Gurung
Emma Hansen
Aleece Keller

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12/3 Edward Peek, Emmeline Schmidt, Claudia Seifert
12/4 Ethan Gurung, Ronald Schneidewind
12/5 Sarah Hansen, Carl Wiederhold
12/7 Mark Hofman, Ryleigh Kitson, Vernon Schmidt
12/8 Dan Friel
12/9 Chase Schaefer, Adelyn Smith

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12/3 Richelle & Timothy Moore II
12/8 Chris & Kathy Thies

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

12/3 John Wolf, Kenya
12/6 Alan Ludwig, Russia
12/9 Anita Clausing, Kenya Dec.

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	

Advent & Christmas Schedule 2017



WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

December 6, 13, 20, 2017

7:00 pm in church

Supper 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

12/6 (sponsored by Ascension Sr. Youth)

12/13 Chili (sponsored by Ascension Womens Evening Guild)

12/20 (sponsored by Ascension Mens Club)

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, December 3, 2017

6:30 pm Fellowship - 7:00 pm Devotions

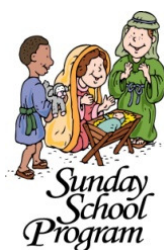


LIVE NATIVITY

Saturday, December 16, 2017

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm on church lawn

(NO Saturday service)



WORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 10, 2017 WOL Gym

PreK-Grade 3, 1:00

Grade 4-Grade 8, 2:30 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

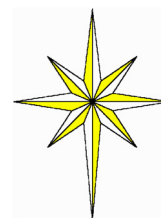
Sunday, December 17, 2017, 11:00 am

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)