



**NEWS AND NOTES**  
**December 23, 24 & 25, 2017**  
*“Loved by Christ, Sharing Christ’s Love”*

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Saturday	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
Sunday	NO Morning Services, Bible Class or Sunday School	
	Christmas Eve Worship	4:00 pm & 6:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Candlelight with Communion	11:00 pm
Monday	Christmas Day Worship with Communion	10:00 am
Tuesday	Church Office Closed	
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	NO Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 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	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Birthday Party for Jesus	9:45 am
	NO Sunday School	
	NO 5:00 pm New Years Eve Service	

**STEWARDSHIP**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS**

**December 24– Advent 4**

**2 Samuel 7:4** “But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan ...” Nathan thought David’s idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord’s name. But later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord must be the basis for what we think, say, and do in God’s Kingdom: not our own desires or whims.

**Stewardship Report**  
Through 12/17/17

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	258
Peace Center Location	30
Total	288

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$15,702
Budgeted Amount	\$10,385
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 5,317

Sunday School    \$00

**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.

**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.

**2018 LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS** Please use the Designated Envelope in your contribution envelope box to renew your subscription. Please mark the memo “Lutheran Witness “. The 2018 price is \$15.96 for 12 issues. New Subscription/Renewals are due by January 15, 2018.

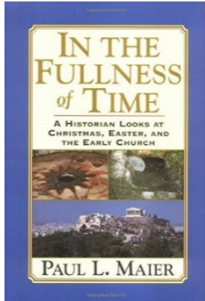
**PLEASE NOTE:** Pastor Clark will be on vacation beginning 12/27 through 12/31. Our guest preacher will be Pastoral Assistant, Seminarian Trevor Freudenburg. Also, Pastor will be out of the office attending a meeting for the LCMS National Youth Gathering 2019 in Minneapolis, MN from 1/3-1/5/18.

**ABI WINTER SESSION 2018** Wisdom - what is it and how can I get it? Come to the winter session of ABI, starting Wednesday, January 3 through February 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm to learn! The class will be led by 4th year seminarian, Trevor Freudenburg, and will focus on the Wisdom books (especially Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Job). This session will last until Ash Wednesday. See you there!

## 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? . . .

Over 900 cups of hot chocolate were served at the Live Nativity!



## Christmas Schedule 2017



### 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 WEEKEND SERVICES

Saturday, December 30, 2017 5:00 pm

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

(Please note: there will not be a 5:00 pm service on New Year's Eve)



**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

## 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.

## 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?

*(Please note Sunday School will resume on 1/7/2018)*

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS** 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-8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/](https://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](mailto:haywoodrachel@rsdmo.org)

### TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

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

Laura Thompson

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

4<sup>th</sup> 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.