



**NEWS AND NOTES**  
**December 30 & 31, 2017**  
*“Loved by Christ, Sharing Christ’s Love”*

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Birthday Party for Jesus	9:45 am
Monday	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday	Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team Practice	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	ABI	7:00 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Boy Scout Troop #34	7:00 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Messenger Assembly	
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFJO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

**STEWARDSHIP**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS December 31**

**Luke 2:39** “And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord. . .” The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins: but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. But the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live – as Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living, as the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.”

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
Through 12/24/17	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	398
Peace Center Location	<u>32</u>
Total	430
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
	Will report next week
Amount Received	\$
Budgeted Amount	<u>\$10,385</u>
Surplus/(Shortfall)	
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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

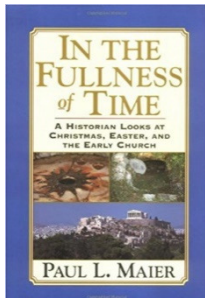
**ABI WINTER SESSION 2018** Wisdom - what is it and how can I get it? Come to the winter session of ABI, starting Wednesday, January 3 through February 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm to learn! The class will be led by 4th year seminarian, Trevor Freudenburg, and will focus on the Wisdom books (especially Proverbs,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

**ASCENSION’S YOUNG ADULTS** group is starting up again after Christmas! This year we will be meeting on Sunday evening (**please note day change**) in the Youth Room. We’ll gather at 6:30 P.M. for dinner followed by Bible study. We will continue until our break for Lent. Come join us as we gather as God’s family and explore His Word. Childcare is provided at a small fee. Questions? Contact Trevor Freudenburg at [trevor@ascensionstl.com](mailto:trevor@ascensionstl.com).

## 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



**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

**CONTAINERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH KITCHEN** Please save your plastic sour cream, cottage cheese, butter etc. containers to be used for left-overs after meals in the Fellowship Hall. Please place them on the kitchen counter. Thank you in advance for your help.

**CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS** -- 2018 ESL Launch Luncheon – You are invited for food, fun, and the opportunity to share Christ's love at the Peace Center, Saturday, January 6, 11:30 am. Do you know a New American who wants help with their English? Do you know someone who would like to tutor a refugee? Please invite and bring them to our Launch Luncheon. Call Pastor Stanish Stanley (314) 371-6312 to register. [www.cfna-stl.org](http://www.cfna-stl.org)

Men's Retreat  
At  
Camp Wartburg  
January 19-20, 2018

Man Up!: The Quest for Masculinity  
Presented by Rev. Jeffrey Hemmer

Pastor Hemmer promises not to call you effeminate, shame you with his perfect manliness, or kick you in the shorts. But he'll tell you about Jesus, who may well do all three of those things.

Are you tired of a culture that wants to ignore the differences between men and women? Do you think being a real man is little more than having the biggest muscles, guns, and truck and knowing how to get your woman to submit to you? Are you fed up with singing syrupy-sweet love songs to Jesus in church? Does your wife think this conference could teach you a thing or two about being a real man? Are you just looking for something to do on a Saturday morning?

Come hear what a Real Man is and does. Genuine masculinity is not a matter of taking back your rights or standing up for yourself. It's about seeing yourself as a means for the good of others, about learning to live in your calling to be a husband, father, man, son, hero, hearer, and more for the benefit of those God has given you to serve. In Jesus, you have both the perfect Icon of masculinity and also the source of courage and hope when you fail in these manly endeavors.

Cost is \$45 per person, to be paid at registration.  
Registration Deadline: January 12, 2018

Online at  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/WartburgMensRetreat](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WartburgMensRetreat)  
Via Email to [Lauren\\_Thorburg@LCFS.org](mailto:Lauren_Thorburg@LCFS.org)

Via Phone 618.939.7715 Extension 10d hope when you fail in these manly endeavors.

For more information check out Ascension's website at [www.ascensionstl.com](http://www.ascensionstl.com)

### **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)*

Join us on 12/31 at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the "Birthday of Jesus." All are welcome!

**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-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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**PREACHER:** Pastoral Assistant, Seminarian  
Trevor Freudenburg

**LITURGIST:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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, keyboard/piano;  
Mark Maxfield guitar; Matt Bergholt, guitar/bass;  
Gary Notch, drums;

**ACOLYTES:** 5:00; 8:15 Jordan Ingham;  
11:00 Jaylee Schulz/Tyler Kern  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Aleece Keller;  
8:15 Anna Muhlke; 11:00 Henry Brink/Saraswoti Gurung

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 The Moffat Family;  
8:15: Elizabeth Nease; 11:00 Jack & Cindy Winter  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Rich & Bev Schaefer;  
8:15 Heather Riebel/Tyler Potter;  
11:00 The Oestreicher/Dieckmann Family

**ELDERS:** 5:00 Gary Notch;  
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;  
11:00 Mark Maxfield  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 The Loesche Family;  
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;  
11:00 pm Joe Benda

**HOSTS:** 5:00; 8:15 Arlene Headrick;  
11:00 Bill L. & Marlene Maxfield  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 The Loesche Family;  
8:15 Mary Pastor; 11:00 Muhlke Family

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

**READERS:** 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 Doug Pfitzinger;  
11:00 Troy Hansen  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Will Moffat;  
8:15; 11:00

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** January 7  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

**USHERS:** 5:00 Keith Marsh, Walt Simpson  
8:15 Rob Bremer, Jacob Bremer, Jonathan Gibbs,  
Jack Pendleton  
11:00 Gary Freer, Dave Jones, Carlos Lopez  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Ed Holderle, Karl Hofmann,  
Robert Hofmann  
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Nathan Decker, Mark Shaffer  
11:00 Paul Brock Sr., Paul Brock Jr., Roger Jensen

## 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.

Received into the Kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism on Saturday, December 23, 2017, at the 5:00 service was Arbor Penelope Foppe, daughter of Corbin & Emma Foppe (Powers). May God's promise to Arbor Penelope today remain her confidence through her life. God's blessings!

Received into the Kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism on Saturday, December 30, 2017, at the 5:00 service is William Michael Depew, son of Ryan & Carisa /Depew (Helfrich). May God's promise to William Michael today remain his confidence through his life. God's blessings!

### HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

The Bremer Family  
Natalie Bremer  
The Brink Family  
The Brock Family

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Jordan Ingham  
Mackenzie Moore  
Carly Munoz

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12/31 Kelly Spiros  
1/1 Aaiti Gurung, Bal Gurung, Bema Gurung, Bi Gurung, Devi Gurung, Harka Gurung, Khadga Gurung, Mani Gurung, Nanda Gurung, Phul Maya Gurung, Purn Gurung, Ran Gurng, Shiva Gurung, Tika Gurung, Gerry Hilkerbaumer, Shari Hill-/stout, Grace Maleas, Ganga Monger, Dro Rai, Phul Rai, Sanja Tamang  
1/2 Heidi Beaugard, Carisa Depew, Grant Maxfield  
1/3 Mackenzie Moore, Carolyn Schwaninger  
1/4 Doran Jaenke, Alexandra O'Toole  
1/5 Sean Siering  
1/6 Gary Notch, Rebekah Rhyne

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1/2 Roy & Kathy Migneco  
1/4 Cindy & John Winter

### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

12/31 Megan Mantey, Uganda;  
Charles St-Onge, Latin America and the Caribbean

### 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