

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Blood Pressure Screening	9:30 am-10:55 am
	Youth Disciples/Jr. Youth Movie/Popcorn	
		12:30 pm-3:00 pm
	Sr. Youth Rockin’ Jump Trampoline (away)	4:30 pm-8:00 pm
Tuesday	Young Adults	6:30 pm
	Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team Practice	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm
Thursday	ABI	7:00 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	WOL School Board	6:00 pm
	Handbells	6:30 pm
	Cub Scout Pack #34	6:30 pm
	Choir	7:30 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Jr. Youth/Sr. Youth Laser Tag/ Pizza (away)	6:00 pm-11:00 pm
Saturday	Men’s Retreat (Camp Wartburg)	
	Pastor on KFJO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father – and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.

Stewardship Report	
Through 1/7/18	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	264
Peace Center Location	00
Total	264
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$11,728
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 439
Sunday School	\$3.85

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION

EPIPHANY SERMON SERIES “From Corinth to St. Louis”
During the season of Epiphany, Christian churches around the world will hear the words of 1 Corinthians as their Epistle reading. Here at Ascension, these readings from Paul’s letter to the Christians in the city of Corinth will be the focus of our sermons. What does 1 Corinthians have to say to us in 2018 in St. Louis? A lot!

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday	Simon Peter
February 21	Judas Iscariot
February 28	High Priest Caiaphas
March 7	King Herod
March 14	Pontius Pilate
March 21	Barabbas
Maundy Thursday	John
Good Friday	Satan



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.

2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are ready to pick up. They are located on the tables in the Lobby hallway. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Ascension!

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.

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!

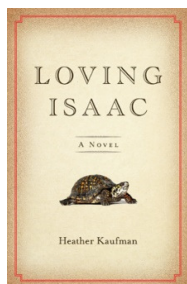
ASCENSION’S YOUNG ADULT GROUP This year we will be meeting on Sunday evening (**please note day change**) beginning 1/7. in the Concordia Room. We’ll gather at 6:30 P.M. for dinner followed by Bible study. We will continue until our break for Lent. Come join us as we gather as God’s family and explore His Word. Childcare is provided at a small fee. Questions? Contact Trevor Freudenburg at trevor@ascensionstl.com

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

Hintze Library Book of the Month

January's book of the month is

Loving Isaac by Heather Kaufman



Hana's life is on pause. She's between homes, between jobs, between a rock and a hard place. She and Isaac, her son with special needs, are running from a painful past, and she's looking to the future with not much hope. And then she meets Pastor Matthew Schofield. Matt loves his books, his writing, and his small Oklahoma congregation. His life is studious and predictable, just the way he likes it. When he meets Hana and Isaac, who are anything but predictable, his world is forever changed. As Matt forms a surprising bond with Isaac, Hana is challenged to view God and His promises in a whole new light. Thoughtful and eloquent, *Loving Isaac* is a story of compassion and trust that will renew your faith in the power of God to work change in both big and small ways.

DATA BASE UPDATE To ensure our date base has the most current information about you and your family, i.e. birthdays, baptisms, anniversaries, talents and interests, a portion of the worship service will be devoted to filling out information sheets. Please prayerfully consider what gifts God has blessed you with as we distribute these surveys the weekend of January 27 & 28.

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.



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

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

Via Email to 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

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 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.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS Our Sunday morning adult Bible class is 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!

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

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

Sarah Maxfield

5th Grade Homeroom, 5th -8th Language Arts

This is her first year teaching at Word of Life. Mrs. Maxfield has taught 3rd grade for 10 years in the Parkway School District.

Nathan Dehn

6th Grade Homeroom, 5th-8th Science, Athletic Director

This is my first year at Word of Life and teaching full time. I was a long-term science substitute teacher at St. Mark's Lutheran School during the spring semester of the 2016-2017 school year. During the 2015-2016 school year I served as the part time technology teacher for St. Mark's.

WORD OF LIFE

WOL ENROLLMENT UPDATE We have 6 new students enrolled for the 2nd semester. We now have 198 total students (PreK-8th grade) enrolled school year. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

OPEN HOUSE AT ALL WOL campuses. Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m.

ENROLLMENT AT WORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN SCHOOL for preschool 3 year old's to grade 8 is now open! For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Megan Arnold at (314) 832-1244, ext 112 or marnold@wordoflifeschool.net

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

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK is January 22-January 26, 2017. We will celebrate National Lutheran Schools at Ascension the weekend of January 27 & 28, 2017 in all services.

PTL RESTAURANT NIGHT on Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm at St. Louis Panera Bread Co, 6607 Chippewa, StL, Mo 63109 You must bring a flyer from the bulletin board in the church lobby or show an electronic version to the cashier for WOL to receive a portion of the proceeds from your 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

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Clark 5:00, 8:15 & 11:00

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, keyboard/piano;
Mark Maxfield guitar; Matt Bergholt, guitar/bass;
Gary Notch, drums;

ACOLYTES: 5:00 Kayla Loesche ;
8:15 Sophia Labrier; 11:00 Paul Brock
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Liam Rabun; 8:15 Allyson Brink;
11:00 Gavin Schulz

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar are given
by:
The Altar Guild in celebration of Epiphany

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Rich & Bev Schaefer;
8:15 Heather Riebel/Tyler Potter;
11:00
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Rich & Bev Schaefer;
8:15 Heather Riebel/Tyler Potter;
11:00

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

HOSTS: 5:00 Ed & Lisa Holderle;
8:15 Jerry & Arlene Kassing;
11:00 Robert & Lawanda Kieffer
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Keller Family; 8:15 Cathy Salini;
11:00 The Hansen 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 Rich Seifert; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield;
11:00 Dianne Thies
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Joshua Brakhage; 8:15 Brad Muhlke;
11:00 Paul B rock

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK January 21
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

USHERS: 5:00 Keith Marsh, Walt Simpson
8:15 Jake Bremer, Rob 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.

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Jean Capriglione
Jim & Cheryl Chambers
Charlene Cheney & Blake Patzius
Betty Clark

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Grace Maleas
Will Maxfield
Samuel Reeves
Andrew Roussin

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

1/14 Melissa Fox, Brian Hilkerbaumer
1/15 Jill Munoz, Melvin Sheets Jr., Leslie Todd
1/16 Sandi Kitson
1/17 Timothy Danneman, Christina Rosenberg
1/18 Elizabeth Nease
1/19 Kayelyn Coleman, Joyce Meckfessel
1/20 Phul Tamang

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1/20 Terry & Nancy Nickolotsky

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

1/5 David Erber, Africa
1/8 Monta (Boom) Denow, Asia, Tom Going, Asia
1/11 Margot Fretz, Asia
1/12 Dennis Denow, Asia
1/13 Martin Dicke, Asia

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
Tony Urschler

