

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Life Weekend	
	NO Young Adults	6:30 pm
Monday	Lutheran Schools Week 1/22-1/26	
	Bd. of Elders	6:30 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
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm
	ABI	7:00 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	WOL Fundraiser at Bread Co	4:00 pm-8:00 pm
	Handbells	6:30 pm
	Cub Scout Pack #34	6:30 pm
	Choir	7:30 pm
	Men’s Bible Study	7:00 pm
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Lutheran Schools Weekend	
	Pastor on KFYO	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.

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
Through 1/14/18	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	237
Peace Center Location	32
Total	<u>269</u>
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$10,869
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 420)
Sunday School	\$7.25

**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.

**2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are available on the table in the church lobby for you to pick up at your convenience.

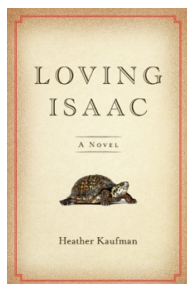
**2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** are ready to pick up. They are located on the tables in the Lobby hallway. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Ascension!

**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](mailto:trevor@ascensionstl.com)

## Hintze Library Book of the Month

January & February'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.



**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

**RUMMAGE SALE COORDINATOR NEEDED** for our annual rummage sale. This is a great way to meet new people and to help our fellow parishioners to have a purpose for their unneeded "treasures". If you are interested in coordinated this event, please contact the church office at (314) 832-5600 for more details.

**THRIVENT GRANTS** We would like to post the Thrivent Grants our parishioners have made to benefit the church. Please contact the church with your grant information as soon as possible. Many event and activity costs have been defrayed due to the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you so very much!

**WOMEN'S RETREAT!** All women of Ascension are invited to attend "Masterpieces in the Making" February 16-17 at Camp Wartburg. Presented by Jane Wilke and Kathi Bell Using Psalm 139 and Ephesians 2:10 as a back-drop, Jane Wilke will lead us in exploring how life's challenges are merely the canvas God uses for transforming us into exquisite, one-of-a-kind designs. Kathi Bell will then guide us through art journaling where our reflections become inspiration. Together we'll blend life, laughter, and love into marvelous, memorable moments. Cost is \$45 per person, to be paid at registration. Registration Deadline: February 9, 2018 Online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/WartburgWomensRetreat](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WartburgWomensRetreat) Via Email to [Lauren\\_Thorburg@LCFS.org](mailto:Lauren_Thorburg@LCFS.org) OR Via Phone 618-939-7715 Extension 10. For details, or to let us know you plan to attend, please contact the church office or Rose Seifert at (936)-343-7396.

**BABY FREUDENBURG IS ON THE WAY!** Please join us Sunday, February 18, at 1:00 pm to celebrate with Trevor and Hannah Freudenburg. Trevor is our Pastoral Assistant and fourth-year seminarian. This baby shower is open to men and women alike, so come for refreshments and fun! They are registered at [www.babylist.com](http://www.babylist.com).

**PLANT SALE INFORMATION** The Sale is Saturday, April 28, 2018 We had a very successful plant sale last year and could not have accomplished it without all the WONDERFUL volunteers. If you would like to be involved with this group of wonderful people, please contact Julie or myself. We appreciate people creating house plants to sell, giving us starter cuttings for us to create plants, and bulbs and all kinds of help We profited about \$1,800 benefiting the Easter Egg Hunt, VBS, and other youth expenses. Julie Headrick [hea102@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hea102@sbcglobal.net) or (314) 258-2169 or Karen Hilkerbaumer [gbomber@swbell.net](mailto:gbomber@swbell.net) or (314)752-9473.

## 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, Jane Fryar, 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 Sem. Matt Lorenz
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? January 21

This week, Sunday School students study "Esther." In the actions of Esther, we see the pattern of deliverance that God sketches throughout the story of Israel, a pattern that finds its fulfillment in Jesus, our Savior. Consider discussing, "*How did Esther preserve the Jewish people? Why is the story of Esther important?*"

**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 leaning in Sunday and continue the conversation in your home!

## WORD OF LIFE

**WOL ENROLLMENT UPDATE** We have 6 new students enrolled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. We now have 198 total students (PreK-8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WordofLifeAlumni/)  
Complete the Alumni Information update form  
Consider a donation to the Word of Life Gym Improvement campaign #100alumni100dollars:

**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](mailto:haywoodrachel@rsdmo.org)

### TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

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

#### Sarah Maxfield

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**PREACHER:** Pastoral Assistant, 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 Fran Ettling, organist;  
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 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 FLOWERS:** The flowers that grace our altar are given by:

Terry & Nancy Nickolotsky in thankfulness for many blessings in 50 years of marriage

Donna Bedwell to wish happy birthday to Carolyn, Donna, Donna & Karen

The silk roses placed in our chancel are in honor of all babies born to Ascension members and in memory of Don Pozniak

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 Jim & Cheryl Chambers;  
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;  
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;  
11:00 Joe Benda

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00;  
8:15  
11:00

**HOSTS:** 5:00 The Keller Family; 8:15 Cathy Salini;  
11:00 The Hansen Family

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Randy & Sharon Agne;  
8:15 Donna Bedwell; 11:00 The Fox Family

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

**READERS:** 5:00 Joshua Brakhage; 8:15 Brad Muhlke;  
11:00 Paul Brock

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Mike Gibbs;  
11:00 Debbie Schmidt

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

**USHERS:** 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

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Keith Marsh, Walt Simpson  
8:15 Jake Bremer, Rob Bremer, Jonathan Gibbs,  
Jack Pendleton:  
11:00 Gary Freer, Dave 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. Ed Peek at St. Anthony's

### HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Ken Clark  
The Clark Family  
The Claseman Family  
Don & Eileen Cognata

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Nathanael Mays  
Brenden Moran  
Emily Rundquist  
Sarah Stiffler

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

1/21 Dylan Moore, Laurie Wallach  
1/23 Helen Crawford, Donna Marohn  
1/24 Norma Gabriel  
1/26 Eugene Gebhart, Bill Maxfield  
1/27 Ken Clark

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1/21 Marcus & Sarah Tanurchis  
1/26 Scott & Codi Anderson

### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

1/18 Charles Froh, Africa  
1/21 Cullen Duke, Latin America and the Caribbean,  
Robin McCoy, Asia  
1/24 Dale Kaster, Africa

### 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	