

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
	Easter Basket Assembly	11:00 am-5:00 pm
	Sr. Youth Small Group	7:00 pm
Monday	Staff Meeting	10:30 pm
	Congregational Assembly	7:00 pm
Tuesday	NO Bible Class	9:30 am
	Evening Guild	7:00 pm
	Worship Team Practice	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Lent 5	8:30 am & 7:00 pm
	Lenten Dinner 5	5:30 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	WOL Musical-“Echoes of the Hammer”	9:30 am & 6:30 pm
	Cub Scout Den #34	6:00 pm
	NO Handbells	6:30 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
	NO Choir	7:30 pm
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Easter Egg Hunt Set Up	3:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFJO	9:00 am
	Easter Egg Hunt	9:00 am-11:30 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION



LENT WEDNESDAY & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 14	Pontius Pilate	8:30 am & 7:00 pm
March 21	Barabbas	8:30 am & 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday	John	8:30 am & 7:00 pm
Good Friday	Tre Ore	12:00 noon-3:00 pm
Good Friday	Satan	7:00 pm
April 1	Easter Celebration Services with Communion	
		8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am
	Easter Breakfast – Sr. Youth	7:30 am-10:30 am

Each week 2/14-3/21, dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, prior to the 7:00 pm service

3/14	WOL 8 th Grade	Beanless White Chicken Chili
3/21	Tiemann Friends	BBQ Pulled Pork, Cheesy Potatoes, Broccoli/Cauliflower, Salad, Applesauce

OUR OPENING HYMN for this weekend’s Saturday and Sunday early services has a special connection to Ascension. The piece was recently published in the resource “Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish.” The text was written by Lisa Clark and the tune is an original work composed by our Music Director, Gabe Maichel.

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.

TAKE A BREAK FROM THE DAILY GRIND! All ladies are invited to the Wednesday Women’s Bible Study at 9:30 in the Concordia Room. Beginning February 28, we will be using a study guide written by Deb Burma titled *Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply*. Time spent in Bible study will fill you to the brim and beyond with God’s Good News. Receive the outpouring of His grace, His joy and His peace! We encourage you to join us for prayer and fellowship as we sip, savor, and drink deeply from His Word. To order your study guide, please contact Marlene Maxfield (314) 846-3880.

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS March 11: Lent 4
Ephesians 2:10 – *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”* Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn’t doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord’s free salvation given to us to the good works He’s prepared for us to walk in, it is all a gift of God’s grace.

Stewardship Report	
Through 3/4/18	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	284
Peace Center Location	00
Total	284
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$11,498
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 209
Sunday School	\$3.00

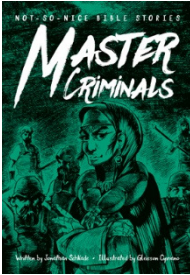
CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY
Monday, March 12, 2018
7:00 pm

Agenda: Pastor’s report, treasurer’s report, budget update, and 2nd vote on property committee chair amendment.

Please note: this proposition passed the 1st of two elections by a 2/3 majority on November 13, 2017.

Hintze Library Book of the Month

March book of the month is
Not-So-Nice Bible Stories: Master Criminals
by Jonathan Schkade



Espionage. Fraud. Identity Theft

These are crimes committed by sinful guys and gals in the Bible. But don't shield your eyes from these true stories of good guys gone bad! Some of the master criminals in this book are heroes of the faith, but at times they failed to trust God.

So why are these bad-to-the-bone stories in the Bible? And what do they have to do with your life today? You'll have to steal away with this criminally good book to find out!

(Recommended for ages 11+)

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



BLUE IS THE NEW GREEN! Recycling at Ascension is simple. Look for the blue recycling bins throughout the building. Not sure what goes in? Read the sign above the blue bin.

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 needed "treasures". If you are interested in coordinated this event, please contact the church office at (314) 832-5600 for more details.

PLANT SALE INFORMATION The Sale is Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 8:00 am-2:00 pm 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 or (314) 258-2169 or Karen Hilkerbaumer gbomber@swbell.net or (314)752-9473.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS® DIRECTIONS CAN HELP ASCENSION! Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who's eligible to direct Choice Dollars? *Not sure? Choice Dollars apply to accounts having life insurance, health insurance or annuities. Log into your account for details, or call the toll free number below.* Choice Dollars charitable outreach funds can help our congregation. Think of the impact you—along with other eligible Thrivent members—can make by directing Choice Dollars to Ascension. By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members recommend where they feel Thrivent should distribute a portion of its charitable funds. Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call (800) 847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice®" after the prompt. **Deadline to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31, 2018.**

ASCENSION BIBLE INSTITUTE (ABI) will begin on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The class will focus on the book of Ephesians and will be led by pastoral assistant Trevor Freudenberg. His classes are well-organized, educational and inspirational. Be sure to come to the Fellowship Hall for the four Wednesdays in April to dig into the Word and hear God speak to you.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT! ASCENSION'S LADIES TEA – MINI-RETREAT will be the morning of April 7, 2018. Invite your friends and family to join us in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast at 8:30 followed by an inspirational program in the sanctuary. Don't miss this fourth annual event which features an uplifting speaker, special music, and time to relax and celebrate with friends. Registration information coming soon!

VBS TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER – Put Saturday, April 14th on your calendar for a family fun evening of trivia in support of our Splash Canyon VBS this summer. See the sign up board in the lobby. \$10 for Adults and only \$5 for children in 8th grade and younger. Max of 8 at a table. Doors open at 6:30 pm with Trivia starting at 7:00 pm. There will be a basket silent auction and soda and water will be on sale. Save the date, Saturday, April 14th and we will see in that night in the Fellowship Hall!

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED – The VBS Trivia Night fundraiser is coming up on April 14th and donations of auction baskets are needed. Please consider putting together a basket to help raise the money needed to keep our VBS free again this year. Contact Katlyne Thies at (314) 580-2143 or at katlyne.thies@gmail.com If you can put together a basket, or can supply items that can be assembled into a basket.

THE EASTER EGG HUNT is scheduled for Saturday, March 17. If anyone still have items to donate to the event specifically for the attendance baskets that are given to the children, please bring to church ASAP. I hope to put the baskets together the Sunday before the event. Thank you for all you have donated and just put the items in the church coat area and add my name to the items/bags. Any questions, please contact Karen Hilkerbaumer, (314) 752-9473 or gbomber@swbell.net

ASCENSION EVENING GUILD will have our Annual Salad Pot-Luck meal on Tues. March 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. Not a member of Evening Guild? Please consider joining us for this occasion. We will also be planning the Women's Saturday April Tea. Please call Darlene Wiederhold at (314) 353-2874 or Sherry Elliott at church office (314) 832-5600 for information.

NEW MEMBER CLASS Are you interested in becoming a member of Ascension? Would you like to learn more about what Lutheran Christians believe? Want to grow in faith and get to know some other worshipers at Ascension better? Are you a current member who would like a "refresher" class? Then please come to our spring New Member Class! This class is led by Pastor Clark and meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Concordia Room at Ascension. Our first class is Thursday, April 5 and our sessions go through May 17. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE Splash Canyon Vacation Bible School will take place Monday, June 11- Friday June 15 2018. We will begin our morning at 9:00 am and end at 12:00 noon. Keep your eyes open for more information in the weeks ahead!



THE GREEN TEAM always welcomes fresh ideas and new faces to our team. Please contact Sharon Headrick at wellie.headrick@gmail.com or (314)-920-7421.

Easter Lily Order Form

EASTER LILIES 5 NEEDED Donations are needed to purchase the lilies that grace our altar on Easter Sunday. The cost of the lily is \$10.00. Please use the form below to order or call the church office with your order. Make checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Name _____

Number ordered _____ Total @ \$10.00 _____

I will pick up _____ I will not pick up _____

Dedication _____

Lilies may be picked up after the 11 am service on Easter, April 1, 2018
Please note: Lilies will be discarded on April 6

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
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 8th graders 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 March 11

Today, the Sunday School lesson focuses on Acts 9:36–43, the story of Dorcas. Discuss how Dorcas used her gifts and talents to support the mission of the Early Church. Who would you consider a Dorcas in your congregation?

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

ENROLLMENT AT WORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN SCHOOL 2018/2019 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

RETIRED WORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN SCHOOL TEACHER, LARRY TIEMANN, was diagnosed about two years ago with Multiple System Atrophy (MSA). MSA is a progressive, fatal disorder that makes muscles rigid and causes problems with movement, loss of coordination, and malfunction of internal body processes. The parts of the brain that control movement and many internal body processes are affected. MSA has been described as similar to ALS and Parkinsons Disease, sharing symptoms of both the diseases. The Tiemanns have installed a wheelchair ramp in their garage and bought a motorized scooter for Mr. Tiemann. A motorized wheelchair will soon be obtained and a handicap accessible van was delivered to their home recently. Timothy Lutheran Church, the Tiemanns' home congregation, has started a fund to support them with these latest expenses. If you would like to make a donation to partner with Timothy, you may send a donation to Timothy Lutheran Church 6704 Fyler Ave. 63139, with Tiemann in the memo. Please keep Larry and his wife Louise in your prayers as they battle this disease together. A group of volunteers will host the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 21. A Thrivent Grant has been secured, so all proceeds from a free will offering at the meal will be given to Timothy Lutheran Church in support of the Tiemanns. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Maxfield at (314) 283-4461

LUNCH CARD HELP NEEDED At the beginning of the school year, we had several church and school families make generous donations to go towards to helping students in need put money on their lunch cards. For the students who were previously on free lunches, we have found that this is extremely helpful and beneficial to them. If you are willing and able, please consider making a donation to help those who need lunch money assistance. Make checks payable to Food Service Consultants and on the memo line write WOL Lunch Support. Please makes checks payable to "Ascension" and write WOL Lunch Support on the memo line. You can mail drop it off in the church office or offering plate. Thanks for considering helping!

WORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S SPRING PRODUCTION OF ECHOES OF THE HAMMER. Students from K-grade 8 will take you back 500 years ago in Germany, as the Renaissance made its way into the Holy Roman Empire. A man named Martin Luther dared to influence the Church to its own rebirth. When his hammer struck the church door in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, posting his 95 Theses, Martin opened the door to the spread of God's Word to all people. You can catch this live performance on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm. Good news; Salvation is free, but musical productions are not. A free-will donation (suggested amount - \$5/adult, \$2/child) will be gladly accepted to help defray the costs of this wonderful production.

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

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

Cindy Mueller
Special Education

Classroom Goals: Active student learning will always be developed in my classroom by incorporating various forms of technology, integrative learning, and collaborative planning for inclusive learning.

Interests: I enjoy the outdoors, hiking, canoeing and boating. I spend most of my spare time volunteering for Special Olympics.

Favorite Bible Verse: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Janey Menner
Special Education, English Language Project
Coordinator

Classroom Goals: Assisting Word of Life teachers by helping kids access the curriculum, monitoring their progress and finding interventions that work best.

Interests: Playing with my grandchildren, riding my bike, fishing with my husband

Favorite Bible Verse: "Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path." Psalm 119:105



THE ASCENSION GREEN TEAM
encourages you to recycle your bulletin

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Trevor Freudenburg, Pastoral Assistant,
LITURGIST: 1st Weekend –
Seminarian Trevor Freudenburg- Pastoral Assistant;
2nd Weekend 8:15 - Seminarian Jeff Jenkins;
11:00 Seminarian Matt Lorenz
3rd Weekend - Seminarian Joshua Brakhage

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: 5:00 & 8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist;
8:15 Bell Choir, Ascension Choir
11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel, piano;
Mark Maxfield guitar; Matt Bergholt, guitar/bass;
Gary Notch, drums

ACOLYTES: 5:00 Liam Rabun;
8:15 Will Maxfield 11:00 Nathanael Mays
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Will Moffat; 8:15 Noah Clark;
11:00 Alyssa Hansen

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar
are given by:
Gloria Bender with thankfulness for prayers answered
Cathy Salini in loving memory of her father, Herbert Elliott
Wyatt

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Laura Lane;
11:00 Norma Gabriel
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Laura Lane;
11:00 Norma Gabriel

ELDERS: 5:00 Rich Schaefer; 8:15; 11:00
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Rich Schaefer;
8:15 Gene Bockelmann; 11:00 Randy Agne

HOSTS: 5:00 Evelyn Gibbs;
8:15 The Brink Family; 11:00 The Brock Family
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Walt Simpson;
8:15 Gloria Bender; 11:00 Dianne Thies

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 Ted Cox; 8:15 Nathan Decker,
11:00 Troy Hansen
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 Doug Pfitzinger;
11:00 Caroline Arnold

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: March 18, 2018
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

USHERS: 5:00 Walter Scoggins, Walt Simpson
8:15 Jake Bremer, Rob Bremer, Jonathan Gibbs,
Jack Pendleton:
11:00 Gary Freer, Dave Jones, Carlos Lopez
3/14: 8:30 Volunteers, 7:00 Jake Bremer, Rob Bremer,
Jonathan Gibbs, Jack Pendleton:
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

Robert Favier
Scott Fehl
Julie Ferranto
Scott Ferranto

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Aiden Zaza
Nadia Zaza
Saraswoti Gurung
Ugyen Gurung

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

3/12 Ran Gurung, Kira Kamp, Joseph Russo Jr.
3/13 Barbara Corvera, Clarence Goesch
3/14 Lindsey Beasley, Michael Gibbs, Nancy Pfitzinger
3/15 Ronald Danback, Lois Schnitzmeier
3/16 Ellie Bickel, Scott Meeker, Nicholas Mueller
3/17 Robert Hofmann

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3/14 Michael & Deborah Gibbs

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

3/13 David Warner, Latin America and the Caribbean;
Georgia Witt, Africa
3/15 Molly Christensen, Africa
3/16 Adam Lehman, Latin America and the Caribbean;
3/17 Hannah Loum, Africa

ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Kevin Duffy	Phil Green
Ross Hetz & Firehouse	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
Tony Urschler	