

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Sr. Youth Small Group	7:00 pm
Monday	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
	Lent 6	8:30 am & 7:00 pm
	Lenten Dinner	5:30 pm
	April Messenger Articles Due	
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Handbells	6:30 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
	Choir	7:30 pm
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFUE	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Evening Guild Bake Sale	

**STEWARDSHIP**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS** March 18: Lent 5  
Mark 10:45 – *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”* Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example in self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
Through 3/11/18	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	223
Peace Center Location	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$12,183
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 894
Sunday School	\$8.20

**WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION**



**LENT WEDNESDAY & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

3/21 Tiemann Friends BBQ Pulled Pork, Cheesy Potatoes, Broccoli/Cauliflower, Salad, Applesauce

**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.

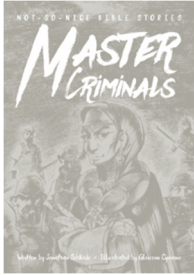


**BLUE IS THE NEW GREEN!** Recycling at Ascension is simple. Look for the blue recycling bins throughout the building. Not sure what goes in? Read the sign above the blue bin.

**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](http://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.**

## 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



**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.

**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.

**ASCENSION EVENING GUILD SPRING BAKE SALE** will be next Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, 2018 before and after services. Monies raised are poured right back into many Ascension endeavors throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support.

**THE ASCENSION GREEN TEAM** will be selling our Logo printed shopping bags before and after services on March 24 and 25, 2018. Funds raised will be used to purchase more bags for now and later to help offset the increased cost of purchasing biodegradable plates, cups for church functions.

**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.

**LWML ST. LOUIS SOUTH ZONE SPRING RALLY** All ladies are invited to the **LWML Spring Rally** on Saturday, April 7 at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church. Refreshments at 8:45 AM; program at 9:30 AM. Linda Sieveking, Assistant to the President for Mission Advancement (LCMS), will speak on how the Gospel is being shared in Missouri. There will also be a Bible study, election of Zone officers, and information on the 2018 Missouri District LWML Convention. The ingathering of diapers, wipes, or other baby care items will support the Pregnancy Help Center in South County.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:katlyne.thies@gmail.com) If you can put together a basket, or can supply items that can be assembled into a basket.

**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](mailto:wellie.headrick@gmail.com) or (314)-920-7421.

**PLANT SALE - SATURDAY, APRIL 28 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.** Looking forward to warm, sunny days and working in your garden? We are here to help! We are teaming up again this year with Ritter Greenhouse, a local grower committed to supplying premium quality plants and great roots. The plants are grown locally, delivered fresh and healthy from their greenhouses, and they thrive in our St. Louis climate. You can choose from annuals, perennials, hanging baskets and edibles and herbs. Use the QR code or visit <http://ascensionstl.com/plants> for more details, to download pre-order forms and to view pictures of the plants. Or visit the plant sale order table in the lobby before and after church services.

**VOLUNTEERS needed for the plant sale!** There are many opportunities to help. We appreciate people creating house plants to sell, giving us starter cuttings for us to create plants, and bulbs of all kinds. We also need help to set up the plant sale on Friday and to work the day of the sale. Profits from the sale benefit the Easter Egg Hunt, VBS, and other youth expenses. For more information about volunteering, contact Julie Headrick [hea102@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hea102@sbcglobal.net) (314-258-2169) or Karen Hilkerbaumer [gbomber@swbell.net](mailto:gbomber@swbell.net) (314-752-9473). Thanks for your consideration.

**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 <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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 18As** it was for Peter, so it is for us is the message of today’s Sunday School lesson (Acts 12). The Word of God is never proclaimed in vain. Though we suffer because of the sin of others, God’s will is done. Talk with your children about modern-day persecution of the Church of God and how, even in the midst of persecution, God sustains and increases His Church. *How does God’s Word break through the chains of our sin and the suffering it causes?*

**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](mailto: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!

## 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:** Pastor Matthew Clark

**LITURGIST:** 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend –

Seminarian Trevor Freudenburg- Pastoral Assistant;

2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend 8:15 - Seminarian Jeff Jenkins;

11:00 Seminarian Matt Lorenz

3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend - Seminarian Joshua Brakhage

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** 5:00 Jane Schmidt, organist;

8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist;

11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel, piano;

Mark Maxfield guitar; Matt Bergholt, guitar/bass;

Gary Notch, drums

**ACOLYTES:** 5:00 Will Moffat; 8:15 Noah Clark;

11:00 Alyssa Hansen

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Kate Moffat/Mackenzie Moore;

8:15 Jordan Ingrham/Anna Muhlke

11:00 Jylee Schulz/Henry Brink

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers that grace our altar are given by:

A descendant of the Martin clan-Auxilium meum a Domino (My Help Comes From The Lord)

Richard & Claudia Seifert in memory of Claudia's mother

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Laura Lane;

11:00 Norma Gabriel

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Jan Pendleton;

11:00 Norma Gabriel

**ELDERS:** 5:00 Rich Schaefer; 8:15 Gene Bockelmann;

11:00 Randy Agne

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Gary Notch, Rich Schaefer;

8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;

11:00 Randy Agne, Mark Maxfield

**HOSTS:** 5:00 Walt Simpson;

8:15 Gloria Bender; 11:00 Dianne Thies

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Randy & Sharon Agne;

8:15 Michael & Debbie Gibbs; 11:00 Bill & Marlene Maxfield

**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 Randy Agne; 8:15 Doug Pfitzinger;

11:00 Caroline Arnold

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Lois Peek; 8:15 Mary Pastor,

11:00 Dianne Thies

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-12

Philippians 2:5-11

John 12:20-43

**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

**3/21:** 8:30 Volunteers, 7:00 Gene Bockelmann,

Nathan Decker, Mark Shaffer

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Walter Scoggins, 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. In the hospital this past week: Judith Hanses at St. Lukes

### HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

The Fox Family

Erin Franceschi

The Freer Family

Dan Friel

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Jordan Arand

Isabella Bracken

Emma Hansen

Emma Hartung

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

3/18 Ally Jurkiewicz, Ava Jurkiewicz, Ashley Quinn,

3/19 Maina Gurung

3/20 Natalie Bremer, Bhumika Gurung, Laxchhai Gurung

3/21 Carol Benninghoff, Krista Welker

3/22 Catherine Lee

3/24 Lee Enders, Jack Pendleton

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3/22 Sharon & Kevin Keller

### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

3/18 John Loum, Africa

3/19 Jonathan Naumann, Latin America and the Caribbean

3/20 Antonio Lopez, Brownsville, Texas

### 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