



**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Evening Guild Bake Sale	
	30s & 40s Group (away)	5:30 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
	Pastors/Principal Mtg (Timothy)	1:00 pm
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Worship	8:30 am & 7:00 pm
Friday	Messenger Assembly	
	Tre Ore (Ascension)	12:00 noon-3:00 pm
	Tenebrae (Ascension)	7:00 pm
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFUE	9:00 am
	NO Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
Next Sunday	Easter Celebration with Communion	8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am
	Easter Breakfast	8:30 am-10:30 am
	NO Sunday School	

**STEWARDSHIP**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS** March 25: Palm Sunday  
Zechariah 9:9 – *“Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”* No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is; He does this to bring us from death to life and to make us His own people.

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
Through 3/18/18	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	218
Peace Center Location	40
Total	258
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$11,146
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 146)
Sunday School	\$00

**LED MESSAGE BOARD UPDATE** Our variance has been approved by the City of St. Louis on 3/7/18. It should be installed and ready to use in approximately nine weeks.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION**

**LENT WEDNESDAY & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

**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.**

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**FYI**  
Trash from ALL church and school functions needs to be placed in our dumpsters located down the alley by the school gym doors. Please do NOT use the neighborhood dumpsters. Thank you!

## 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.

**ASCENSION EVENING GUILD SPRING BAKE SALE** is today, 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 Colossians 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.

**ASCENSION LADIES HALF DAY RETREAT/TEA** is a not-to-be-missed event on April 7. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.; breakfast begins at 9:00 a.m. Renee Gibbs will speak about *Truth in Love based on Ephesians 4:14-16. The world is tossed about with all kinds of false doctrine. How can we speak the truth to others in love?* Wear your favorite hat, bow, or flower for an optional way to join in on this morning of fun. Invite your friends (of all ages)! Call 314-832-5600 or visit [AscensionSTL.com](http://AscensionSTL.com) to preregister.

**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.

**DIGGIN' UP A LITTLE DIRT** After a long winter, it's time to dig in the dirt! Not sure how to divide your perennials? Visit [www.clemson.edu](http://www.clemson.edu) and enter "dividing perennials" in the search bar or stop by the Plant Sale table in the lobby for a helpful resource. Donate your extra plants to the Ascension Plant sale by dropping them off to the Word of Life gym on Friday, April 27 after 3:30 pm. Did you know that we have already received our first pre-order for the plant sale? Stay tuned for the next **DIGGIN' UP A LITTLE DIRT!**

## 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 25

In Sunday School today, students learn the story of "Paul's First Missionary Journey." Just as God sent Paul and Barnabas to spread the Gospel, so today He sends pastors to preach the Gospel, baptize, and feed Jesus' body and blood to His children, against whom the gates of hell cannot prevail. Consider discussing, "*Who gave Paul directions on where to travel? What was Paul's message?*"

**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)

**LUNCH CARD HELP NEEDED** At the beginning of the school year, we had several church and school families make generous donations to go towards 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. Please make checks payable to "Ascension" and write WOL Lunch Support on the memo line. You can mail it, 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 & 8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist;

8:15 Ascension Bell Choir, Ascension Choir

11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel, piano;

Mark Maxfield guitar; Matt Bergholt, guitar/bass;

Gary Notch, drums

**ACOLYTES:** 5:00 Kate Moffat/Mackenzie Moore;

8:15 Jordan Ingrham/Anna Muhlke

11:00 Jaylee Schulz/Henry Brink

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 NO Service;

8:00 Volunteers, 9:30 Vounteers; 11:00 Volunteers

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Jan Pendleton;

11:00 Norma Gabriel

**Maundy Thursday 4/29/18:** 8:30 Jan Pendleton,

7:00 Richard & Claudia Seifert, The Hofmann Family

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 NO Service; 8:00 Jan Pendleton;

9:30 Fadia Jenkins; 11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen

**ELDERS:** 5:00 Gary Notch, Rich Schaefer;

8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;

11:00 Randy Agne, Mark Maxfield

**Maundy Thursday 4/29/18:** 8:30 Jack Pendleton,

7:00 Randy Agne

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 NO Service ; 8:00 Gene Bockelmann,

Jack Pendleton; 9:30; 11:00 Randy Agne, Joe Benda

**HOSTS:** 5:00 Randy & Sharon Agne;

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

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 NO Service; 8:00 Jack & Jan Pendleton;

9:30 The Bremer Family; 11:00 The Muhlke Family

**MULTIMEDIA ROOM:** 5:00 Bella Bracken;

8:15 Bill A. Maxfield; 11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Noah Clark; 8:15 Jonathan Gibbs;

11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

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

11:00 Dianne Thies

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 NO Service; 8:00 Jane Fryar;

9:30 Lisa Holderle; 11:00 Rich Seifert

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** April 1, 2018 Easter

Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

**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

**Maundy Thursday 4/29/18:** 8:30 Volunteers,

7:00 Gary Freer, Dave Jones, Carlos Lopez

**Good Friday 4/30/18:** 12:00-3:00 Volunteers;

7:00 Paul Brock Sr., Paul Brock Jr., Roger Jensen

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 NO Service;

8:00 Gene Bockelmann, Nathan Decker, Mark Shaffer;

9:30 Ed Holderle, Karl Hofmann, Robert Hofmann

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. In the hospital this past week: Rebekah Rhyne.

Birth congratulations to Trevor & Hannah Freudenburg who were blessed with the gift of a daughter, Violet Dorothy Freudenburg born on March 18, 2018. God's richest blessings!

Christian sympathy is extended to the Breitenfeld family at the recent death of Randy's brother, Jeff. May the comfort of the Lord be with the family.

Christian sympathy is extended to the Stiles family at the recent death of Jeff's father, James. May the comfort of the Lord be with the family.

### HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Jane Fryar

The Gaal Family

The Gabriel Family

Adele Gaertner

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Henry Brink

Noah Clark

Aleece Keller

Sophia LaBrier

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

3/26 Arleen Kassing

3/27 Carl Anderson, Santa Gurung

3/28 Michael Rosenburg

3/30 Joshua Arand, Arthur Graudin

3/31 Bonita Benda, Katherine McMeans

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3/26 Sarah & John Maleas.

Ronald & Kristine Schneidewind

3/27 Jennifer & Nathan Hilkerbaumer-Yocum

### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

3/31 Anton Lutz, Asia; Richard Sovitzky, Eurasia

### 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