

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am
	NO Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Easter Breakfast	7:30 pm-10:30 am
Monday	Church Office Closed	
Tuesday	Bible Class	9:30 am
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
	Cub Scout Den #34	6:30 pm
	New Member Class	7:00 pm
	Boy Scout Troop #34	7:00 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Women’s Tea Set Up	3:30 pm
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Women’s Tea	9:00 am-11:00
	Pastor on KFJO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS April 1: Easter

John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Saturday Sabbath to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new: He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him – a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God: all this comes from our Risen Lord’s grace.

Stewardship Report	
Through 3/25/18	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	269
Peace Center Location	45
Total	314
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$11,155
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 134)
Sunday School	\$16.12

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION

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 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.**

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.

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!

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”

Hintze Library Book of the Month

April's book of the month is **Family Trees and Olive Branches**

by Christina Hergenrader



Families are equal parts blood, duty, history, fights, and future. Families are beautiful, complicated, and infuriating. Pastors' doors revolve with families looking for healing from one another. Siblings hold grudges for years. Parents stop speaking to their kids. People want to escape their families and fix them, celebrate them, and never speak to them again.

But what can break our generational curses? What can shine bright light into our dark hearts? What can change everything - even our ugliest family feuds? God's grace and His forgiveness. *Family Trees and Olive Branches* points readers to the authority and comfort of Scripture as they seek to repair and improve their family relationships. Inspired by Matthew 18:22, *Family Trees and Olive Branches* is a conversation about grace, the oil that unsticks fighting families. No matter how black the sheep of your family is, how hurtful your parents can be, or how long it has been since you've spoken to your brother, God's answer to family fallouts is always grace. In this book, readers will look at the different types of olive branches in the Bible with the purpose of opening their hearts and minds to spiritual transformation through the work of the Holy Spirit. Each chapter offers lessons of forgiveness, tips on reflecting God's grace in our toughest relationships, journal and prayer prompts, and discussion starters.

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



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.

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. Child care will be provided free of charge. All are welcome!

New Member Class Schedule

April 5	The Bible and 10 Commandments
April 12	The Apostles' Creed
April 19	Baptism
April 26	The Lord's Supper
May 3	Confession and Absolution
May 10	Prayer and Vocation
May 17	Introduction to Ascension Lutheran Church

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 9:00 AM-11:00 AM 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 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 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.

KFUO AM850 BROADCASTS

Ascension will once again be sponsoring broadcasts from May 6 through July 29. Anyone who wishes to sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office at (314) 832-5600. The cost \$150.00 per broadcast and your name and dedication will be in the church News and Notes and aired on the radio. Please make check payable to Ascension and write KFUE Broadcast and the date of your broadcast on the memo line. Thanks to all for their support!

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.

PLANT SALE - SATURDAY, APRIL 28 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM 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 (314) 258-2169) or Karen Hilkerbaumer 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 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 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 No Sunday School April 1, 2018

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

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 April are:

Jennifer Porath
Band Instructor

Gabe Maichel
Music Teacher & Choir Director



THE ASCENSION GREEN TEAM
encourages you to recycle your bulletin

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Clark

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

LITURGIST EASTER SUNDAY: 8:00 Jeff Jenkins

9:30 Trevor Freudenburg

11:00 Matt Lorenz

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: 8:00 & 9:30 Gabe Maichel, organist;

8:00 & 9:30 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 NO Service; 8:00 Tristan Rabun;

9:30 Kate Moffat, Sophia LaBrier;

11:00 Noah Clark, Alyssa Hansen

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

8:15 Jordan Ingrham/Anna Muhlke

11:00 Jaylee Schulz/Henry Brink

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 NO Service; 8:00 Jan Pendleton;

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

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Jane Fryar; 8:15 Fadia Jenkins;

11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen

ELDERS: 5:00 NO Service; 8:00 Gene Bockelmann,

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

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Gary Notch;

8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;

11:00 Joe Benda

HOSTS: 5:00 NO Service; 8:00 Jack & Jan Pendleton;

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

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Loesche Family;

8:15 Carolyn Schwaninger; 11:00 Robert & Lawanda Kieffer

MULTIMEDIA ROOM: 5:00 No Service; 8:00 Jonathan Gibbs;

9:30; 11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Noah Clark;

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

READERS: 5:00 NO Service; 8:00 Jane Fryar;

9:30 Lisa Holderle; 11:00 Rich Seifert

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Joshua Brakhage; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield,

11:00 Paul Brock

FOR NEXT WEEK April 8, 2018

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

USHERS: 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

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:

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

The Gardner Family

Eugene Gebhart

William Gebhart

The Gerner Family

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Mackenzie Gardner

Abigail Green

Kayla Loesche

Kate Moffat

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

4/1 Dahn Maya Gurung, Til Gurung

4/2 Deborah Hofmann

4/3 Robyn Niemann, John Rabun III

4/4 Janet Morton, Dominique Nocito

4/5 Beth Hartung, Renee Ott, Olivia Urschler

4/7 Michael Lotz, Sinjin Watz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*If your anniversary should be here,
please contact the church office*

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

4/1 J.P. Cima, Asia ,Jenn Wolf,

4/2 Rebecca 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

Easter Lilies beautifying the chancel today are given by:

With thanks for God's blessings received:

The Thies Family

To the Glory of God:

The Pfaff Family

And by:

*Randy & Sharon Agne thank you to the Triune God for health and healing and in memory of
Virginia & Cleo Bude*

Carl Anderson in loving memory of Linda Anderson, my friend, my spouse

Mary & Dennis Bartz in memory of Kenneth Bartz

Carol Benninghoff in loving memory of Ken and my parents, William & Ruth Koch

Diane Broughton & Ed Shimamoto – a blessed Easter to our dear families

The Chambers - Thanks for God's blessings received, His death and resurrection

Betty Clark in memory of my husband, Dennis

Pastor & Lisa Clark in thanksgiving for the staff of Ascension & faculty of Word of Life

Kathy Driskill to the glory of the resurrected Lord and in memory of my parents, Ralph and Audrey Simon

Rich, Lori & Lisa Edinger – In loving memory of Joyce Edinger, wife & mother

The Fox Family to the glory of the risen Lord!

Evelyn Gibbs in loving memory of my parents, John & Ruth Good

Clarence & Carol Goetsch for Kyra & Kate in memory of their baptism

David & Barbara Hartung in thanksgiving and praise to the risen Savior and Lord of all

Gerry & Karen Hilkerbaumer thank you for my wonderful family: Jen, Nate, Miles, Paxton, Brian and Julia

Jerry & Arleen Kassing in memory of our parents and our son, John

*Roberta Kern in memory of Joseph J. Dietrich Sr., forever in our hearts. We love you Dad and Papa and
in honor of Tyler Kern. So proud of you. Keep up the hard work!*

Roy & Kathy Migneco in loving memory of our parents and with gratitude to God for our many blessings

Jean Mueller in loving memory of my husband, Lew

Terry & Nancy Nickolotsky in loving memory of our son, Craig

Dan & Marcia Passanise to the glory of God for many blessings received

Jack & Jan Pendleton with thankful hearts God sent His Son to die for us sinners

Doug & Ruth Pritchard in memory of loved ones

Vernon & Debbie Schmidt in memory of our parents

Peggy Triska for the blessing of the gift of friends and family

Darleen Wiederhold in memory of Gene Wiederhold

Jack & Cindy Winter with gratitude for our families

