

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	2+	5:30 pm
	Young Adult Group	6:30 pm
	Senior Youth Bible Study	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team	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	Messenger Deadline	
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Handbells	6:30 pm
	Cub Scouts #34	6:30 pm
	New Member Class	7:00 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Choir	7:30 pm
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFYO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

**STEWARDSHIP**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS April 15: Easter 3**

1 John 3:2 – “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” There is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. But until then we are called to trust His grace and to grow into His image more and more.

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
Through 4/8/18	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	246
Peace Center Location	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$12,328
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 1,039
Sunday School	\$6.22

**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.

**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.



**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



**ASCENSION BIBLE INSTITUTE (ABI)** began 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. 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.

**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!



**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.

## 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.

*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.

**THE YOUNG ADULT** group has begun again! Starting Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> we'll meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Concordia room. This sessions, we'll be looking at "The Great Deceiver", a Bible study about Satan. Is the Devil merely a comic character who wears a red jumpsuit and occasionally journeys to Georgia or is he something far more significant? Join us and find out!

**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 was 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	NO Class-Ascension Day Service 7:00 pm
May 17	Prayer and Vocation
May 24	Introduction to Ascension Lutheran Church

## 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 for your support!

**ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED** Altar flowers are needed every weekend throughout the year. The cost of a bouquet is \$16 and your flowers can be taken home after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, or may be picked up at the church office through Tuesday of the following week. Some members ask that the flowers be given to members who are unable to attend services at Ascension. When you order flowers, you can choose a special dedication, such as in thankfulness for, in memory of, or just in celebration of an anniversary or birthday. These dedications will appear in the appropriate Sunday bulletin. Your participation in this Church Ministry will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Cathy Salini at (314) 786-5476 to order a bouquet.

**PLANT SALE - SATURDAY, APRIL 28 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. AT WORD OF LIFE. IT'S ALMOST HERE!** Despite recent winter weather, **Spring IS coming!** Just a quick reminder that Monday April 16 is the last day to turn in your order forms for annuals, perennials and herbs so you can make sure you get what YOU want. Need a form? Visit <http://ascensionstl.com/plants> to download pre-order forms and view pictures of the plants OR stop at the plant sale table in the church lobby anytime to pick up a printed order form. Once you make your selections, you can drop your check and order form anytime in the green folder on the plant sale table in the church lobby, making the check payable to Ascension Lutheran Church, memo line: plant sale. Don't want to fill out a pre-order? We will have an expanded selection of annuals available on sale day. Need energy before you plant? The Ascension Men's Club will be serving delicious "On the Run" breakfast sandwiches and coffee. **Spring IS coming!** We look forward to seeing you on Saturday April 28 at Word of Life!

**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.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY ANNUAL DINNER

Don't miss the chance to hear the story of a young refugee boy from the mountains of Laos who became the first LCMS pastor of Hmong descent. Hear Professor Seying's compelling and fascinating story and his thoughts on how the average Christian's sharing of the gospel locally can have a global impact.

When: [April 21, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.](#)

Where: St. Paul Des Peres - [12345 Manchester Rd.](#)

Call or email to register by [4-15-18](#)  
[314-452-6406](#) or [ismstlouis@gmail.com](mailto:ismstlouis@gmail.com)



**ASCENSION GREEN TEAM** is gradually moving along in purchasing ecologically friendly supplies for our use at various church functions. More on this later. For now please consider NOT purchasing water in those individual plastic bottles, whether by the case or one at a time. Most

of us probably have insulated cups at home and considering St. Louis has the best tasting water in the U.S.A. and readily available ice, a new habit to adopt to help preserve our God given creation, would be to fill those cups before heading out the door. Try giving someone in the family this job to do each time before leaving the house. IF you must do the plastic water bottles, be sure to recycle them. The little triangle on the bottom has a number in it. Numbers 1 through 8, but NOT 6, are recyclable. It may seem like a small favor to NOT buy bottled water and a BIG inconvenience to switch to insulated cups but we need to stop clogging our waterways, littering our roads and burdening the landfills for our children and their children and so on. We are so blessed by our abundance.

**DIGGIN' UP A LITTLE DIRT** What's in YOUR flower garden? Want some trouble-free plants? Many of the plants for sale at Ascension's plant sale are on the Missouri Botanical Garden's "tried and trouble-free" list. **Did you know** that golf balls and tees can become bees that don't sting? Come to the Plant sale and get one for your garden!

**FREEDOM RUN!** Christian Friends of New Americans' 5K Run/Fun Walk will be held at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo 63105, Saturday, April 28. Register 9:00 am/Start 10:00 am. Bring your family and friends. Sponsor and run with a refugee child. Wheelchair accessible. Register by Friday, April 13 and get a free tee shirt. This benefit supports CFNA's work with refugees and immigrants from around the world. Go to [www.cfna-stl.org/walk/](http://www.cfna-stl.org/walk/) for all the details. PRIZES and SURPRISES GALORE!

**ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP** Mark your calendar for a celebration of Ascension Day at Ascension! Ascension Day falls 40 days after Easter and always on a Thursday. We rejoice with other area Lutheran congregations at our Savior's Ascension into heaven on May 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

**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!

**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.

**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 FOR THE 18/19 SCHOOL YEAR** is going on now! If you are looking for preschool serving ages 3 - 5 or Kindergarten - 8th grade and would like to tour, please contact Megan Arnold at (314) 832-1244 ext 112 or [marnold@wordofliveschool.net](mailto:marnold@wordofliveschool.net). We invite you for a tour to learn more about any of our three campuses and highly encourage a visit prior to the end of the school year on May 25th.

**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 makes 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!

**WORD OF LIFE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS TRIP FUNDRAISER-** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade glass at Word of Life will be attending their class trip next month. To help support the cost of the trip for our students and chaperones, we have a restaurant night scheduled for Tuesday, April 17at at JJ Twigs on Hampton. We are not limited to certain hours so go for lunch, dinner or both! Thank you for the support!

**THE WORD OF LIFE PTL** has truly appreciated your continued support throughout the school year at our restaurant nights and would love to see you again! Please join us on Thursday, April 26th, at The Stellar Hog on 5623 Leona St., St. Louis, MO 63116. This restaurant is owned and operated by a WOL alum, who is graciously giving the PTL a percentage of the profits earned for this day. The fundraiser is taking place all day, from 11:00 am-9:00pm, so feel free to dine out for lunch and dinner!



**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**

## 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;

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

4<sup>th</sup> Weekend - 11:00 Seminarian Matt Lorenz

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** 5:00 & 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 Aleece Keller; 8:15 Allyson Brink

11:00 Gavin Schulz

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Kayla Loesche;

8:15 Will Maxfield 11:00 Nathanael Mays

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 Jane Fryar; 8:15 Fadia Jenkins;

11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Jane Fryar; 8:15 Debbie & Mike Gibbs;

11:00 Nancy & Doug Pfitzinger

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

Marleen Morgan in memory of her mother,

Audrey Louise Morgan

Chris, Kathy, Katyne & Emily Thies for blessings received

**ELDERS:** 5:00 Gary Notch;

8:15; 11:00 Joe Benda

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack

Pendleton; 11:00 Mark Maxfield

**HOSTS:** 5:00 Ed & Lisa Holderle;

8:15 John & Bee Danback ; 11:00 The Hansen Family

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 The Keller Family;

8:15 Gary & Pattie Notch; 11:00 The Fox Family

**MULTIMEDIA ROOM:** 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Matt Bergholt;

11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Noah Clark;

8:15 Matt Bergholt; 11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

**READERS:** 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Brad Muhlke,

11:00 Debbie Schmidt

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Mark Hofman; 8:15 Mike Gibbs;

11:00 Sarah Hansen

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** April 22, 2018

Acts 4:1-12

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

**USHERS:** 5:00 Karl Hofmann, Robert Hofmann,

Ed Holderle

8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Nathan Decker, Mark Shaffer

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.

### HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Arthur Graudin

The Green Family

Margaret Gregory

The Grote Family

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Bhumika Gurung

Chhitiz Gurung

John Powers IV

Tristan Rabun

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

4/16 Jena Bagot

4/17 Daniel Bohlmann, Lexi Lopez

4/18 David Jaenke, Victoria Pisoni

4/19 Jo Enders, Evan Meyer, Zachary Meyer

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/17 Richard & Claudia Seifert

### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

4/16 Melissa DeGroot, Albuquerque, N.M

4/19 Carl Cecil, Eurasia, Valerie Sue Stonebreaker, 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