

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	35s-45s Adults (away)	5:30 pm
	Young Adult Group	6:30 pm
	Senior Youth Bible Study	7:00 pm
Monday	Staff Meeting	10:00 am
	Board of Elders	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Pastors/Principal Mtg.	1:30 pm
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm
	ABI	7:00 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Handbells	6:30 pm
	New Member Class	7:00 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
	Choir	7:30 pm
Friday	Plant Sale Set Up	
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Plant Sale	8:00 am-2:00 pm
	Confirmands Essay Presentation Weekend	
	Pastor on KFYO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
Next Sunday	Confirmands Essay Presentation Weekend	
	Confirmands Banquet	12:15 pm

**STEWARDSHIP**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS April 22: Easter 4**

John 10:14 – “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.” What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him...and in knowing Him we learn to imitate Him. And that is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace.

<b>Stewardship Report</b> Through 4/15/18	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	228
Peace Center Location	42
Total	270
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$ 9,189
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 2,100)
Sunday School	\$3.44

**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.



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

**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!

## 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.

**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



### APRIL 22 IS EARTH DAY! This year's campaign is: End Plastic Pollution.

Did you know:

- ❖ It can take up to 20 years for a plastic bag to decompose in the ocean
- ❖ It takes three times the amount of water in the bottle to produce a plastic water bottle
- ❖ As of 2015 only 9% of the plastic produced in the U.S. has been recycled
- ❖ Only 22 states have at least one mandatory recycling law
- ❖ Americans use 5 million drinking straws per day

Let's help end plastic pollution!  
Source: earthday.org

## KFUO AM850 BROADCASTS

**Only 3 slots left!** 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 THANK YOU** for your pre-orders. Although the deadline for pre-orders is past, **you can still purchase annuals, perennials, edibles and herbs the day of the sale. Spring IS coming!** We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 28 at Word of Life! *(If all the plants are not sold on Saturday, we will be open for sale again on Sunday, April 29 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)*

**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.

**CALL DAY SERVICE** Two of Ascension's seminary field work students—Jeff Jenkins and Joshua Brakhage—will receive their vicarage assignment placements at Concordia Seminary's Call Day service on Tuesday, April 24 at 3 pm. You can watch the service live online at [callday.csl.edu](http://callday.csl.edu). *Please keep Jeff, Joshua, and their families in your prayers as they prepare to serve the Lord and His people during their vicarage/internship year.*



**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.

**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!

**HUMANTRI PRESENTS TRIVIA NIGHT** on May 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm) at Villa Duschesne and Oak Hill School Auditorium, 801 S. Spoeede Rd, Frontenac, MO. Join us for a night of fun and tease your brain at the same time. Bring your food and drinks. Light refreshments will be available. \$200 table of 8/\$25 per person. To register, please contact Val Ferlis at (314) 772-7720, ext. 1009 or visit [www.humantri.org/events](http://www.humantri.org/events). You can make a difference by having an impact on the lives of families facing homelessness and bringing hope to jail inmates!

**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.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who made the VBS Trivia night a success! Thanks to everyone who donated items for our silent auction and came to support our event. We had a record breaking number of tables and money raised. We are so excited to see how God uses our Vacation Bible School to reach the families in our community.

**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 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!

**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:** Trevor Freudenburg, Pastoral Assistant

**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;

8:15 Ascension Choir, Bell Choir

11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel, piano;

Mark Maxfield guitar; Matt Bergholt, guitar/bass;

Gary Notch, drums

**ACOLYTES:** 5:00 Kayla Loesche;

8:15 Will Maxfield; 11:00 Nathanael Mays

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Liam Rabun ; 8:15 Noah Clark;

11:00 Alyssa Hasen

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 Jane Fryar; 8:15 Debbie & Mike Gibbs;

11:00 Nancy & Doug Pfitzinger

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Debbie & Mike Gibbs;

11:00 Nancy & Doug Pfitzinger

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

Gloria Bender to Carolyn with love and friendship

Jean Mueller in thankfulness for the blessings of my family

**ELDERS:** 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 Gene Bockelmann,

Jack Pendleton; 11:00 Mark Maxfield

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Gary Notch;

8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton; 11:00 Randy Agne

**HOSTS:** 5:00 The Keller Family;

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

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

8:15 Mark & Barb Shaffer; 11:00 Terry & Nancy Nickolotsky

**MULTIMEDIA ROOM:** 5:00 Noah Clark; 8:15 Matt Bergholt;

11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Bill A. Maxfield;

11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

**READERS:** 5:00 Mark Hofman; 8:15 Mike Gibbs;

11:00 Sarah Hansen

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Will Moffat; 8:15 Bill A. Maxfield,

11:00 Marlene Maxfield

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** April 29, 2018

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:1-11

John 15:1-8

**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

**NEXT WEEK:** 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

## 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: Bal Gurung at St. Louis, University Hospital

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of our sister in Christ, Carolyn Schwaninger, who recently passed away. May the comfort of the Lord be with the family.

Christian sympathy is extended to our sister in Christ, Charlene Cheney & family at the recent death of Charlene's son. May the comfort of the Lord be with the family.

### HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Cindy Grover

Ambur & Bi Gurung

Arun & Doma Gurung

Bal & Dill Gurung & family

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Sabit Gurung

Tika Gurung

Samuel Reeves

Andrew Roussin

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

4/24 John Danback, William Gebhart, Karen Houts

4/25 Jeanne McLaughlin, Bev Schaefer

4/26 Leslie Sonderman

4/28 Thomas Hinton, Emma Nickolotsky

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/22 Walter Scoggins & Pamela Todd

4/28 Walt & Barbara Simpson

### 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