

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Confirmand’s Essay Presentation Weekend	
	Worship with Communion	8:15 & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Confirmation Banquet	12:30 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	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Handbells	6:30 pm
	Cub Scout #34	6:30 pm
	Boy Scout Troop # 34	7:00 pm
	New Member Class	7:00 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
Next Sunday	Confirmation Sunday	11:00 am

**STEWARDSHIP**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS April 29: Easter 5**

John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing...and it always comes with some pruning.

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
Through 4/22/18	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	232
Peace Center Location	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$ 8,312
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 2,977)
Sunday School	\$6.16

**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 the week of May 21.



**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.

**CONFIRMATION VERSE ESSAYS** As we celebrate confirmation at Ascension, we are also assembling a binder of all past confirmation verse essays/testimonials which will be kept in our church’s Hintze Library. If you have a typed copy of your confirmation verse essay, please turn in a copy to the church office so it can be included in this special collection.

## 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 24. 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

**BAL GURUNG SUPPORT** On Sunday, April 15, one of our Nepali members, Bal Gurung, was robbed at gunpoint in South St. Louis City. Before the gunman fled, he shot Bal at close range in the left side of his chest. Thankfully, the Lord and His holy angels preserved Bal from suffering damage to any vital organs. However, Bal has now undergone three surgeries and faces a long recovery. If you would like to provide financial support to this hurting family, donations can be given to the church office. Please indicate that the gift is for the Bal Gurung Care Fund.

## KFUO AM850 BROADCASTS

**Only 2 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 KFUO 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.

**CALL DAY SERVICE** Two of Ascension's seminary field work students—Jeff Jenkins and Joshua Brakhage—received their vicarage assignment placements at Concordia Seminary's Call Day service on Tuesday, April 24 at 3 pm. Jeff will be serving Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lubbock, TX & Joshua will serve at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, in Edmond, OK *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.

**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. Spoede 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.

**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!

## VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FORM

Please return to Laura Brink at [lbrink@cfna-stl.org](mailto:lbrink@cfna-stl.org) or give to CFNA personnel

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Availability: check all that apply: days, evenings, weekends  
Interests: circle areas of interest:

Adult ESL \_\_\_\_\_ Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor \_\_\_\_\_

After School Tutoring (Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings)  
Chapel Speaker \_\_\_\_\_ Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Registrar \_\_\_\_\_  
Snack Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Special Talent \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor \_\_\_\_\_

After School Tutoring-Eritrean/Ethiopian (Monday and/or Wednesday evenings)  
Counselor/psychologist \_\_\_\_\_ Driver \_\_\_\_\_  
Mentor \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor \_\_\_\_\_

Cleaning \_\_\_\_\_

Computer \_\_\_\_\_  
Data entry \_\_\_\_\_ Tutoring \_\_\_\_\_

Cooking \_\_\_\_\_

Driver \_\_\_\_\_  
(weekdays) medical appointments \_\_\_\_\_  
(weekends) swimming lessons \_\_\_\_\_

Event Planning \_\_\_\_\_  
Golf \_\_\_\_\_ Trivia \_\_\_\_\_ Walk/Run \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Maintenance/Repair \_\_\_\_\_

Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_

Furniture Delivery \_\_\_\_\_

Grant writing \_\_\_\_\_

Health and Wellness Screening (one Saturday/month)  
Devotion leader \_\_\_\_\_ Driver \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Professional \_\_\_\_\_ Registrar \_\_\_\_\_  
Interpreter - list language(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Heart to Heart Sisters LWML  
Child Care \_\_\_\_\_

Office Support \_\_\_\_\_

Servant Events \_\_\_\_\_

Interpret or translate-list  
language(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 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!



### 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; 11:00 Matt Lorenz  
3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend - Seminarian Joshua Brakhage

**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 Liam Rabun ; 8:15 Noah Clark;  
11:00 Alyssa Hansen

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Will Moffat;  
8:15 Allyson Brink; 11:00 Jaylee Schulz

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Debbie & Mike Gibbs;  
11:00 Nancy & Doug Pfitzinger  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Jane Fryar; 8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton;  
11:00 Nancy & Doug Pfitzinger

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers that grace our altar this week  
are given by:  
Our 2018 Confirmation Class in honor of their Essay  
Presentations

**ELDERS:** 5:00 Gary Notch;  
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;  
11:00 Randy Agne, Joe Benda  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Rich Schaefer;  
8:15 Gene Bockelmann,  
Jack Pendleton; 11:00 Joe Benda

**HOSTS:** 5:00 The Clark Family;  
8:15 Mark & Barb Shaffer; 11:00 Terry & Nancy Nickolotsky  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 The Bracken Family;  
8:15Clarence & Carol Goetsch;  
11:00 John & Charlene Cook

**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;  
11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

**READERS:** 5:00 Will Moffat; 8:15 Bill A. Maxfield,  
11:00 Marlene Maxfield  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Matt Lorenz; 8:15 Nathan Decker;  
11:00 Tm Hinton

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** May 6, 2018  
Acts 10:34-48  
1 John 5:1-8  
John 15:9-17

**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.

In the hospital this past week: Bal Gurung at St. Louis, University Hospital

### HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Damber & Dahn Maya Gurung & family  
Dahn Gurung  
Gagan Gurung & Meena Rai & family  
Harka & Maina Gurung & family

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Jacob Ingrham  
Jordan Ingrham  
Sarah Stiffler  
Brad Stout

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

4/29 Anna Corvera, Eleanor Pisoni, Elberta Simpson  
5/1 Gianna Lewis  
5/2 Sajal Tamang, James Wiederhold  
5/3 Phillip Brancato, Paul Brock Jr., Mallory Mason  
5/4 Jennifer Hilkerbaumer-Yocum  
4/30 Lanora Barman, Niras Gurung

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/29 Carla & John Jurkiewicz

### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

4/29 Elizabeth Meissner, Latin America and the Caribbean

### 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	