

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Mother’s Day- Muffins with Mom	
	Blood Pressure Screening	9:30 am- 10:55 am
Monday	Staff Meeting	10:30 am
	Boy Scout Commissioners	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
	Messenger Articles Due	
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Handbells	6:30 pm
	Cub Scout #34	6:30 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	New Member Class	7:00 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFJO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS May 13: Easter 7

1 John 5:12 – *“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”* Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. And we are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world. But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

Stewardship Report	
Through 5/6/18	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	338
Peace Center Location	00
Total	338
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$10,805
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 484)
Sunday School	\$.00

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



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.



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.

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.

Hintze Library Book of the Month

May's book of the month is
Without This Ring: Surviving Divorce
 by Donna Pyle

Does God hate me for getting a divorce?

A survival guide for Christians who are navigating the minefield of divorce. Author Donna Pyle has been through it. She knows what it's like, dealing with the anger, struggling with the idea of forgiveness. From a firm biblical standpoint, she gives clear steps on how to deal with the trauma and grief, helping readers understand that though they are wounded, they are not defeated.



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	NO Class-8 th Grade Graduation
May 31	Introduction to Ascension Lutheran Church

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.

KFUO BROADCAST

May 13, 2018



SPONSORED BY

Ascension Elders

To the glory of God and for the continued ministry at Ascension

MOTHERS DAY TODAY May 13, 2018. Again this year our Men's Club will sponsor Muffins with Mom both Saturday and Sunday, May 12 & 13, 2018 in the Hintze Library area. Please join us in celebration of all mothers everywhere!

BOOK SIGNING: YOU'RE INVITED! Thank you, Ascension family, for all of your love and support these past few years as I tried something new: writing fiction. Your encouragement has been overwhelming! The Messengers trilogy comes to a close as the final book, Revealed, is released this week. I would love to celebrate with you! The release party is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at The Novel Neighbor on Big Bend. Snacks, books, and fun will be available. Love, Lisa Clark



The Green Team challenge is on!
Is your group up for it?
Tell us how you're going green!

Calling ALL Ascension groups - Men's Club, Women's Guild, Youth Groups, Bible Studies, Young Adult, Adult Choir, Worship Team, Alter Guild, Elders, Ministry Council, Church Staff, Confirmation Class, Sunday School, etc.-The GREEN TEAM wants to know: **HOW ARE YOU DEMONSTRATING GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S CREATION?**

Tell us how you are *going green* at your events such as the plant sale, Easter Egg Hunt, Live Nativity, Trivia Nights, VBS, etc. and you could be featured on Ascension's website, FB, Twitter, in our newsletter and Bulletin, with Word of Life, and on the message board. Also, share your ideas with us on additional ways to help Ascension go green. Many of you already have!

Questions? No worries - we have answers! Contact Sharon Headrick at wellie.headrick@gmail.com or 314-920-7421

THANK YOU to all who supported and worked at the Plant Sale. We had nearly 30 volunteers, filled 60 pre-orders and sold lots of garden art and plants donated from gardens. Thanks also to the Men's Club who provided a delicious breakfast. Please patronize the businesses that donated to the plant sale: Bayer's Garden Shop, Botanical Designs, the Bug Store, Dierbergs, Plant Haven Farms, Greenscape Gardens, Home Depot, Kirkwood Material, Lowes, Rolling Ridge Nursery, Sugar Creek Gardens, and Walmart in Shrewsbury.

MUSIC MINISTRY CONCERT ON JUNE 2 Ascension's music ensembles will be hosting a concert on Saturday, June 2 2018, at 6:30 pm. The Bell Choir, the Choir, Worship Team, and the congregation will explore the repertoire that Christians have sung throughout the centuries. Each group will perform old and new favorites giving praise to the Giver of music. The groups will also combine for the first time to collectively perform musical arrangements that are unique to Ascension. Join us for a night celebrating the gift of Christian song, where emotion meets and aligns with the truth of God's Word.

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. Go to our website at www.ascensionstl.com for more information or to register under the events tab today!

PASTOR CLARK was recently admitted to the Doctor of Ministry Program at Concordia Seminary in Clayton. The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree is a professional doctoral degree intended to equip pastors in the parish ministry for a higher level of competence in the practice of pastoral ministry. The program promotes professional growth and vocational renewal. Pastor will begin classes this fall as he continues to serve as full-time pastor at Ascension.

PRAYERS FOR SHERRY Ascension's Administrative Assistant, Sherry Elliott will be having hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers at home over the 4-6 weeks following the procedure. The Lord is with our, Sherry!

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED WITH CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS: Ever wonder how you can volunteer at CFNA? The following lists various opportunities. Feel free to ask Laura Brink for more details; 314-249-9219, lbrink@cfna-stl.org. You can also find a more detailed form at Ascension's website, as well as at www.cfna-stl.org.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FORM

Please return to Laura Brink at 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 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.

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. 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.

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY – Timothy Lutheran Church is looking for licensed drivers to pick up and drop off Word of Life students before and after school beginning in mid-August when the 2018-19 school year begins. A vehicle is provided for use and there is also a stipend. Hours would be from approximately 7:00 – 8:00 AM and 3:00 – 4:00 PM. This position could be shared between two individuals if desired. Please contact Timothy's church office at 314-781-8673 if you are interested in learning more. Thanks for considering it!

PTL'S LAST RESTAURANT NIGHT of the school year will be on Monday, May 14, 2018 from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Fuzzy's Taco Shop located at 8073 Watson Road. There will be brownies and ice cream for sale, as well. Please join us for good food and fellowship. Thanks



TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

Our Word of Life teachers of the month for May are:

Alicia Klug, Principal

Megan Arnold, Marketing and Outreach Director

Devri Davis, Office Administrative

Paula Albrecht, After Care Director

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Clark

LITURGIST: 1st Weekend –

Seminarian Trevor Freudenburg- Pastoral Assistant;
2nd Weekend 8:15 - Seminarian Jeff Jenkins; 11:00 Matt Lorenz
3rd Weekend - Seminarian Joshua Brakhage

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 Kate Moffat; 8:15 Henry Brink;
11:00 Tyler Kern

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Mackenzie Moore/Noah Clark;
8:15 Sophia LaBrier/Jordan Ingrham;
11:00 Paul Brock/Gavin Schulz

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton;
11:00 Nancy & Doug Pfitzinger

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton;
11:00 Nancy & Doug Pfitzinger

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

Bill & Marlene Maxfield in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on May 11th, & with gratitude for faith, family, and friends
Bill & Melissa, Mark & Sarah, Matt & Ally & families in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Bill & Marlene Maxfield on May 11th, and with thankfulness for your loving example to us all
Jerry & Arleen Kassing with thanksgiving for 60 years of marriage
David & Barb Hartung in praise & thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage
John & Charlene Cook with thankfulness for our daughters & our grandchildren

ELDERS: 5:00 Gary Notch;
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Mark Maxfield

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Rich Schaefer;
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton; 11:00 Randy Agne

HOSTS: 5:00 Bev & Rich Schaefer;
8:15 The Bill A. Maxfield Family; 11:00 The Benda Family

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Ed & Lois Peek;
8:15 Arlene Headrick; 11:00 Dan & Marcia Passanise

MULTIMEDIA ROOM: 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15

11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Noah Clark; 8:15;
11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

READERS: 5:00 Ted Cox; 8:15 John Brink,
11:00 Marla Lopez

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 Laura Brink;
11:00 Carlos Lopez

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK May 20, 2018

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

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

Ram & Santa Gurung & family
Ramu Gurung
Ran & Laxchhai Gurung & family
Shiva & Chattra Gurung & family

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Tyler Kern
Kate LaBrier
Keegan Watz
Cody Wheeler

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

5/13 Cheryl Chambers, Nancy Lotz
5/14 Marianne Pott
5/15 Julie Ferranto, Jacob Ingrham, Erika Lettner,
Jeff Stiles
5/16 Sweta Gurung
5/17 Ella Bagot
5/18 William Depew, Alyssa Hansen, Makayla Welker
5/19 Anya Stiles

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5/16 James & Kathleen Komorech, Nancy & James Lotz,
Karen & Shawn Watz
5/17 Randy & Gina Breitenfeld, David & Barbara Hartung

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

5/13 Kim Roeske, Asia
5/15 Stuart Freese, Africa
5/19 Jamielynn Tinkey, 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	