

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Confirmation Sunday	11:00 am
	Young Adult Group	6:30 pm
	Senior Youth Bible Study	7:00 pm
Monday	Ministry Council	7:00 pm
Tuesday	NO Bible Class	9:30 am
	Evening Guild (away)	6:30 pm
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Ascension Day Service	7:00 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Sr. Youth Lock-In Begins	8:00 pm
Saturday	Sr. Youth Lock-In Ends	8:00 am
	Pastor on KFYO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	4:30 pm-4:55 pm
	Muffins with Moms	
Next Sunday	Muffins with Moms	

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS May 6: Easter 6

1 John 5:3 – *“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”* God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord: for the love of God is that we keep His commandments.

Stewardship Report	
Through 4/29/18	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	294
Peace Center Location	45
Total	339
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$10,599
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 690)
Sunday School	\$10.00

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.



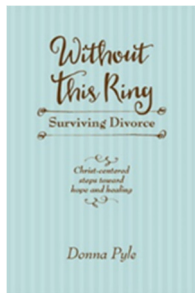
CONFIRMATION VERSE ESSAYS As we celebrate confirmation at Ascension, we are also assembling a binder of all past confirmation verse essays/testimonials which will be kept in our church’s Hintze Library. If you have a typed copy of your confirmation verse essay, please turn in a copy to the church office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

KFUO AM850 BROADCASTS

Only 1 slot 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!

KFUO BROADCAST

May 6, 2018



SPONSORED BY

Larry & Pearline Degenhardt

For the many blessings received

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.

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.

MOTHERS DAY 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!

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. Keep your eyes open for more information in the weeks ahead!



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.

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.

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!

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!



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;
5:00 Ascension Choir
11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel, piano;
Mark Maxfield guitar; Matt Bergholt, guitar/bass;
Gary Notch, drums

ACOLYTES: 5:00 Will Moffat;
8:15 Allyson Brink; 11:00 Jaylee Schulz
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Kate Moffat ; 8:15 Anna Muhlke;
11:00 Henry Brink

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Jane Fryar; 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:
Our 2018 Confirmation Class in honor of their Essay
Presentations

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

HOSTS: 5:00 The Bracken Family;
8:15Clarence & Carol Goetsch;
11:00 John & Charlene Cook
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Bev & Rich Schaefer;
8:15 The Bill A. Maxfield Family; 11:00 The Benda Family

MULTIMEDIA ROOM: 5:00 Noah Clark; 8:15 Bill A. Maxfield
11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15;
11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

READERS: 5:00 Matt Lorenz; 8:15 Nathan Decker;
11:00 Tm Hinton
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Ted Cox; 8:15 John Brink,
11:00 Marla Lopez

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK May 13, 2018
Acts 1:12-26
1 John 5:9-15
John 17:11-19

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.

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Nanda & Ran Gurung & family
Nari Gurung
Pahal & Chandra Gurung & family
Purna & Devi Gurung & family

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Jacob Ingrham
Jordan Ingrham
Sarah Stiffler
Brad Stout

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

5/6 Ralph McMeans
5/9 Dawn Brancato, Marie Muhlke
5/10 Arlene Headrick, Jonah Maxfield
5/11 Emily Maichel
5/12 Jake Bremer, Sarah Cooney, Paxton Yocum,
Donna Mueller, Barbara Schwarz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5/8 Scott & Wendy Gardner, Karl & Deborah Hofmann
5/9 Mark & Barbara Shaffer
5/10 Jerry & Arleen Kassing
5/11 Matthew & Allison Maxfield,
William L. & Marlene Maxfield

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Barbara Bush, Asia
5/3 Hans Trinklein, Asia
5/4 Gema Schuller, Latin America and the Caribbean
5/6 Stephanie Schulte, Africa
5/7 Mary Anne Rall, Asia
5/9 Todd Roeske, Asia
5/10 Dorothy Glenn, Ferguson, MO
5/12 Krista Young – 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	