

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

|           |                           |                    |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Today     | Worship with Communion    | 8:15 & 11:00 am    |
|           | Bible Class/Sunday School | 9:45 am            |
|           | Ascension BBQ             | 12:00 noon-7:00 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            |
|           | Messenger Articles Due    |                    |
| Thursday  | Men’s Bible Study (away)  | 6:15 am            |
|           | 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 July 15**

Amos 7:8 – “And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.” One of the sins for which the Lord condemned the people through Amos was a disregard for the call of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. We can see here how seriously the Lord sees this! And that’s no surprise when we consider how God’s activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. To act otherwise is to act against the Lord’s own nature.

| <b>Stewardship Report</b>              |            |
|--|------------|
| Through 7/8/18                         |            |
| Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word  |            |
| Ascension Location Worship             | 238        |
| Peace Center Location                  | 47         |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>285</b> |
| Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love |            |
| Amount Received                        | \$ 7,284   |
| Budgeted Amount                        | \$11,289   |
| Surplus/(Shortfall)                    | (\$ 4,005) |
| Sunday School \$1.10                   |            |

**THIS WEEK’S BULLETIN COVER:** Thank you, Peggy Triska for drawing this week’s bulletin cover!

**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.



**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 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 BBQS Sponsored by our Men’s Club** Save the Dates! Again this year Ascension Men will host BBQs on July 15 and July 22, from 12:00 noon-7:00 pm. Menu includes:

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|--------------|--------------|
| Pork Steaks  | Brats        |
| Pulled Pork  | Burgers      |
| Mac & Cheese | Potato Salad |
| Baked Beans  | Slaw         |
| Watermelon   | Cold Drinks  |

Live music from 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm, courtesy of Gabe Maichel

**CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS CLIENT NEEDS WORK.** CFNA is working with a needy family that has been here for 13 months. A widowed, Arabic speaking refugee father of four young children desperately needs work to supplement his government assistance. Landscaping, gardening, cleaning jobs that require little English are possibilities. This in an amazing opportunity to share Christ’s love with a family that is bravely facing many challenges. Contact Carol at (314) 517-8513.

**HELP WANTED:** The Altar Guild is looking for people who would like to serve the Lord in a very simple but vital way. We are looking for people (individuals or families) who would like to set-up and take down the communion ware for Holy Communion. You will be thoroughly trained in the procedures. If interested, please contact Cheryl Chambers (314) 306-9837 or Jan Pendleton (314) 353-5412.

## Hintze Library Book of the Month

Each Book of the Month is a new addition to our library and is available for check out.

**July book of the month is**  
**Living Life Backward** by David Gibson

**What if it is death that teaches us how to truly live?**

Keeping the end in mind shapes how we live our lives in the here and now. Living life backward means taking the one thing in our future that is certain—death—and letting that inform our journey before we get there. Looking to the book of Ecclesiastes for wisdom, *Living Life Backward* was written to shake up our expectations and priorities for what it means to live “the good life.” Considering the reality of death helps us pay attention to our limitations as human beings and receive life as a wondrous gift from God—freeing us to live wisely, generously, and faithfully for God’s glory and the good of his world.



**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](mailto:wellie.headrick@gmail.com) or 314-920-7421

**ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTINUES TO BE BLESSED WITH THE RECENT THRIVENT GRANT APPROVALS.**

Youth - movie night for DVD with subtitled for deaf  
Senior Youth - Kindness crawl expenses  
Hintze Library - to order youth books/DVD  
Jr Youth - offset cost for ingredients for casserole making for the Mo District retreat

## KFUO BROADCAST

July 15, 2018



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**Ed & Lois Peek**

With gratitude to God for sending  
His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us

**POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS** As we seek to care for, and continuously improve, our church and school facilities, there are two possible future projects are being explored by Ascension's Ministry Council. One is the replacement of many of the windows in the classroom and office space at Word of Life. By God's grace the student body at Word of Life continues to grow and we want to make sure that our students and teachers have a high quality classroom environment. A second project is renovating the kitchen facilities in Ascension's lower-level Fellowship Hall. Our kitchen is used throughout the year for many events. However, a number of items are in need of repair and updating to meet our current needs. Please keep our congregation in your prayers as we investigate these possible projects!

**DO YOU KNOW THAT ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH** is going to be on the StL Hills Home Tour on Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 10:00 am-5:00 pm? In the past, over 1,000 tickets for visitors to see homes have been sold. This year our church has been included. About 8-10 helpers are needed the day of the tour, (4-5 persons for each 2½ hour shift, from 12:00 noon - 2:30 or 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm. ) to greet the visitors, answer questions about the church and possibly pass out flyers about upcoming events held at our church. The STL Hills Association will allow volunteer helpers to visit houses that are on tour that day free of charge during the hours of 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Pre-sale tickets for the home tour are \$20, the day of the event \$25. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen Hilkerbaumer – (314) 752-9473 or [gbomber@swbell.net](mailto:gbomber@swbell.net)

## MEETING FOR WORD OF LIFE AND LUTHERAN SOUTH FAMILIES

On Wednesday, August 1 at 7 pm, families of Word of Life and Lutheran South students are invited to a required meeting where we will review tuition support from Ascension, and opportunities for your child to grow in faith at church and at home. We'll also talk about how Ascension families can serve as Christian witnesses as they reach out to families at Word of Life who do not have a church home. There are some wonderful opportunities for outreach at Word of Life! Ascension cares deeply about equipping families for raising their children in Christ and this meeting is one of the many ways we strive to do just that.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS

| <u>Class</u>              | <u>Room</u>  | <u>Teacher(s)</u>   |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Parents & Little Ones     | Dorcas Room  | 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<br>Sem. Matt Lorenz<br>Dcs. Anna Johnson |
| Adult Bible Class         | Fellowship Hall                                    | Pastor Clark  |
| Nepalese Bible Class      | Fellowship Hall<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month | Pastor Clark/<br>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@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:marnold@wordoflifeschool.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.

**JOIN THE AUCTION COMMITTEE** Plans are under way for Word of Life's spring auction in May 2019. We are looking for individuals to join the auction committee and help with the planning and execution of the event. Do you like decorating? Join the auction decorating committee. Have a knack for soliciting auction items? Help the solicitations committee. Have an eye for design? Offer your talents to create invitations, posters, etc. Is basket making your niche? We've got a job for you too! It takes many hands to put on an event like this and we need you. Contact Melissa Maxfield at [mmaxfield@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:mmaxfield@wordoflifeschool.net) to volunteer. We hope to make some headway in planning over the summer. Thank you

**2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR THEME:** Next year's school theme is based on 2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight:"

**GRADE 8 TEACHER UPDATE** Please continue to keep the search for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at WOL in your prayers.

**WOL VOLLEYBALL CAR WASH:** On Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 10:00 am-12:00 noon, you have the opportunity to get your car washed and help support the Word of Life volleyball program! The car wash is at St. Lucas, 7100 Morganford Rd. The free will offering funds will help support the volleyball team and program. Thank you for your amazing support! We hope to see you on the 25th!  
- Coach Sarah Maxfield



## WORSHIP NOTES

**PREACHER:** Pastor Matthew Cark

**LITURGIST:** 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend –  
Pastoral Assistant Trevor Freudenburg-  
8:15 & 11:00 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: Noah Clark;  
11:00 Alyssa Hansen  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00; 8:15 Will Maxfield;  
11:00 Nathan Mays

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 Cheryl Chambers;  
8:15 Janey Rathgeber; 11:00 Marlene Maxfield  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 The Moffat Family;  
8:15 Janey Rathgeber; 11:00 Carlos & Marla Lopez

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers that grace our altar this week  
are given by:  
Ron & Ellen Hetz to the glory of God for 53 years of marriage  
blessings, Matthew Hofman's 9<sup>th</sup> baptismal anniversary and in  
honor of our daughter, Rachel's birthday  
Major Donald & Eileen Cognata with thanks to God for our many  
blessings

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

**HOSTS:** 5:00 Randy & Sharon Agne;  
8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton; 11:00 The Fox Family  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 The Clark Family  
8:15 The Brink Family; 11:00 Terry & Nancy Nickolotsky

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

**READERS:** 5:00 Will Moffat; 8:15 Mike Gibbs,  
11:00 Tom Hinton  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Matt Lorenz; 8:15 Bill A. Maxfield;  
11:00 Marla Lopez

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK July 22, 2018**  
Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-44

**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.

Received into the Kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at the 11:00 am service is Zane Edward William Norris, son of James Edward Norris & Reneé Marie Ott. May God's promise to Zane today remain his confidence through his life. God's blessings!

### HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

The Hofmann Family  
Ed & Lisa Holderle  
The Hoover Family  
Karen Houts

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Isabella Bracken  
Henry Brink  
Kayla Loesche  
Kate Moffat

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

7/15 Pamela Fox, Emma Hartung, Steven Headrick  
7/16 Meena Rai, Gary Freer, Barbara Gaal,  
Elias Nickolotsky  
7/17 Emily Jones, Erica Jones, Patricia Notch  
7/19 Monika Rai  
2/20 Gene Bockelmann, Shayne Spiros  
7/21 Kate LaBrier

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/17 Donald & Eileen Cognata, Karen & Mark Moffat  
7/18 Vernon & Debbie Schmidt

### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

7/15 Angela Thompson, Africa  
7/17 Stephen Oliver, Asia  
7/19 Roy Askins, Asia

### ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Kevin Duffy Phil Green  
Ross Hetz & Firehouse 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