

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Senior Youth Bible Study	7:00 pm
Tuesday	NO Bible Class	9:30 am
	Evening Guild Board Mtg.	7:00 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
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Messenger Assembly	
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFYO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS July 29

Ephesians 3:20 – “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. . .” We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His word? Isn’t it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at his Word and live according to it.

Stewardship Report
Through 7/22/18

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	245
Peace Center Location	43
Total	288

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$11,057
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 232)

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.



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



PASTOR CLARK will be attending a LCMS National Youth Gathering 2019 meeting in Minneapolis, MN from Monday through Wednesday this week (7/30-8/1). He is serving as one of the planners for the Gathering. He will be back in the office on Thursday 8/2.

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) 306-8837 or Jan Pendleton (314) 353-5412.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION MEETING Does your family have a child who is entering 7th or 8th grade this fall? If so, we invite you to an informational meeting for students and their families on Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm in the lower-level Fellowship Hall. At this meeting, we’ll go over the new curriculum we’ll be using, introduce online resources for learning in the home, and talk about requirements to be confirmed. Thank you for your support in this exciting time in the faith life of our youth!

THIS WEEK’S BULLETIN COVER: Thank you, Rose Seifert for drawing this week’s bulletin cover!

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.



How Clean Should Your Recycling Be?

That Greasy Pizza Box

Be sure to empty out the box: A little bit of pizza grease will dilute the recycling process, but leaving melted cheese or pizza crust in your box could contaminate a whole bail of recycled paper.

Source: David Mendelson, Donco Recycling Solutions



TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY Ascension is in need of a volunteer who would help serve as “Transportation Coordinator” of Nepali students attending Word of Life Lutheran School. This individual would not need necessarily need to drive students to school, but simply ensure that rides are lined up for students to and from school. At this point, we have a total of 5 Nepali students (only 4 need rides). Two attend preschool at the St. Lucas campus, and two attend elementary school at the Ascension campus. Please speak to Pastor or Office Manager, Pam Fox, if you are interested in serving in this way.

KFUO BROADCAST

July 29, 2018



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BEST LOVED HYMNS/SONGS TO DATE

- 1.
- 2.
3. **In Christ Alone**
4. **A Mighty Fortress is Our God**
5. **Go, My Children with My Blessing**
6. **I Know That My Redeemer Lives**
7. **On Eagles' Wings**
8. **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**
9. **Lift High the Cross**
10. **Abide With Me**



HYMN SERMON SERIES ENCORE! Have you liked our summer sermon series, “Songs of Ascension?” If so, you’ll be happy to hear it’s coming back for an encore performance! Join us the weekend after we announce our #1 hymn when we’ll sing stanzas of all 10 of our top hymns in each of our three services! The sermon that weekend will also focus on a mystery hymn that came in at #11 in our surveys. This “encore performance” will be the weekend of August 11 and 12.

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!

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.

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

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 Room 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. Matt Lorenz Dcs. Anna Johnson
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 learning in Sunday and continue the conversation in your home!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS Through Sunday, August 12, Ascension Sunday school students in preschool through junior high, will meet in the Youth Room. Toddling to Jesus families will continue to meet in their regular space. Pastor's adult Bible class will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a study of the 4-Part DVD series, "Christ or Caricature?" featuring Dr. Paul Maier.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Class/Day</u>	<u>Time/Location</u>	<u>Teacher/Leader</u>
Tuesday	9:30 am/Concordia Rm	Pastor Clark
Wednesday	Women's Bible Study 9:30 am/Concordia Rm	Marlene Maxfield
Thursday	Men's Bible Study 6:15 am/Bread Co.	Mike Gibbs
Thursday	Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm/Bremer Home	Chris Thies
Sunday	Young Adults (20s & 30s) 6:00 pm/Concordia Rm	Trevor Freudenburg
4 th Sunday	Young Adults (30s & 40s) 5:00 pm/Maxfield Home	Pastor Clark

**CHURCH
IS NOT SOMETHING
YOU GO TO,
IT'S SOMETHING
YOU
BELONG TO.**

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. 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 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 8th 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 Clark

LITURGIST: 1st Weekend –

Pastoral Assistant Trevor Freudenburg-
3rd Weekend - Seminarian 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 Liam Rabun; 8:15 Anna Muhlke;
11:00 Henry Brink
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Will Moffat; 8:15 Sophia LaBrier;
11:00 Paul Brock/Saraswoti Gurung

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 The Moffat Family;
8:15 Elizabeth Nease 11:00 Carlos & Marla Lopez
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Moffat Family;
8:15 Elizabeth Nease; 11:00 Carlos & Marla Lopez

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar this week
are given by:
Elaine Hilgeman in memory of loved ones
Roy & Kathy Migneco with gratitude to God for our many
blessings

ELDERS: 5:00 Rich Schaefer;
8:15 Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Joe Benda, Jeff Stiles,
NEXT WEEK: 5:00;
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;
11:00 Jeff Stiles

HOSTS: 5:00 The Bracken Family;
8:15 Gloria Bender; 11:00 John & Charlene Cook
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Rich & Bev Schaefer;
8:15 Mike & Debbie Gibbs; 11:00 The Benda Family

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 Ted Cox; 8:15 Nathan Decker,
11:00 Carlos Lopez
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 John Brink;
11:00 Troy Hansen

READINGS FOR NEXT August 5, 2018

Exodus 16:2-15
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:22-35

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.

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

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Andrew Jensen
Roger Jensen
Jeremy & Anna Johnson
The Jones Family

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Abigail Green
Abashak Gurung
Carly Munoz
John Powers IV

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

7/29 Barbara Shaffer
7/30 Margaret Gregory, Chandra Gurung, Samuel Reeves,
Donald Sprinz
8/1 William Moffat
8/2 Carl Bergman, Mitchell Renfrew, Erika Schulz
8/3 Barbara Eichhorst, Abigail Green, Katie Moeller,
Karen Reeves, Garret Schulz
8/4 Sue Logan

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/1 Carolyn & John Matlick

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

7/29 Emily McDermott, Africa
7/30 Kathryn Conrad, Latin America and the Caribbean
7/31 Connie Cortright, Eurasia; Jean Hoffman, 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