

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
Monday	Church Office Closed	
Tuesday	Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Handbells	6:00 pm
	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation.	6:30 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	ABI	7:00 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Cub Scout Troop #34	6:30 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Men’s Club	8:00 am
	Pastor on KFYO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	4:30 pm-4:55 pm
	Sr. Youth Trivia Night (gym)	6:00 pm-10:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS Sept. 9

Deuteronomy 4:6 – “Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’” There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us; so all His Word is meant to bless us.

Stewardship Report Through 8/26/18

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	225
Peace Center Location	47
Total	272

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$ 7,527
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 3,527)

Sunday School \$00

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION

JAMES: WISDOM FOR LIFE Come to worship at Ascension during the month of September for a new SERMON SERIES as we look at God’s wisdom for our lives. We’ll be studying the book of James (written by Jesus’ half-brother!) as we explore practical issues faced by Christians in the past and still today. “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all...” James 1:5a

September 1/2	James 1:1, 16-27
September 8/9	James 2:1-10, 14-18
September 15/16	James 3:1-12
September 22/23	James 3:13-4:10
September 29/30	James 5:13-20

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.



FOUR-FOLD FOCUS Who are we as a congregation? What are Ascension’s priorities? Where do we focus our stewardship of time, talents, and treasure? How do we live out our mission “Loved by Christ, Sharing Christ’s Love?” To help answer these questions, Ascension has adopted a Four-Fold Focus: 1. Outreach through Word of Life 2. Christian Friends of New Americans Partnership 3. Worship and Spiritual Life 4. Multigenerational/Intergenerational Ministry.

Hintze Library Book of the Month

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

Septembers book of the month is: God I Need to Talk to You About . . .



24 Child-friendly text and illustrations help children think and pray about behaviors they encounter in daily life. The books express that all sinful behaviors are forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice on

the cross and encourage children to go to God in prayer any time they feel tempted or troubled. Scripture examples help children apply what they learn to their lives.

Bad Manners, Bad Words, Bedtime, Being a Bad Sport, Bullying, Cheating, Disrespect, Feeling Sad, Greed, Healthy Eating, Homework, Hurting Others, Laziness, Lying, My Bad Temper, My Parents, Paying Attention, School, Sharing, Stealing, Talking Back, Vandalism, Video Games, Whining

ASCENSION YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT - Saturday, September 8, 2018 7:00 pm-10:00. Doors open at 6:00 pm. \$20.00 per person, 8 to a table. Call Kathy Thies (314) 580-2074 for ticket information.

THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP (20s & 30s) is starting up again! This session we will look at the book *Being Lutheran* by A. Trevor Sutton. We'll meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm in the Concordia Room, starting on September 9th. Join us for food and fellowship as we dive into what it means to be Lutheran (it's really all about Jesus)!

ABI (ASCENSION BIBLE INSTITUTE) resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Classes will run through November 14, 2018. Our classes will focus on theological concepts as expressed in the Book of Concord. The teacher will be our pastoral assistant, Trevor Freudenberg. Don't let the topic fool you; the class will be taught at a level that is appropriate for all in attendance, and it will deepen your understanding of Scriptural truths.

WELCOME, LANCER SINGERS! The Lancer Singers, the premier vocal choir at Lutheran High School South, will be visiting Ascension at our 11:00 am service on Sunday, September 9, 2018. Consider attending this service to show support for the Lancer Singers and to also enjoy some remarkable vocal worship music. It should be awesome, and we're honored to host this group!

THE PLANT SALE COMMITTEE is pleased to announce that profits from 2018 plant sale are helping with the following youth areas. We are thankful to be able to make these funds available to these groups. Thank you to all who purchased from our plant sale event. Keep April 27, 2019 available for the next Plant Sale.

Vacation Bible School
Easter Egg Hunt
Confirmation Banquet
Jr and Sr High Youth Gatherings
Word of Life Lutheran School

HOW CLEAN SHOULD YOUR RECYCLING BE?



That Little Bit of Sour Milk

Much of recycling is still sorted by humans and those jugs will cause a miserable smell if too many people fail to rinse them out. If too much contamination happens, it may end up in the landfill because it's too much trouble to clean.

Source: David Mendelson, Donco Recycling Solutions

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

When: Sunday, October 7, 2018
Where: Word of Life Lutheran School Gym
Time: 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Sponsored by Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Drive Center

If we collect 20 units of blood Word of Life Lutheran School will receive a grant of \$250. Won't you please consider this opportunity! Walk-Ins are welcome!. For questions, or more information call Barbara Hartung, Parish Nurse at (314) 772-6651. Thanks in advance for your support!

ST. LOUIS HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HOUSE TOUR will take place on Sunday, October 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets sold in advance are \$20 and \$25 on the day of the tour. PLEASE NOTE: For all tickets purchased in advance of the Tour, you can get your Tour booklet (which serves as your "ticket") at the registration tent at Eichelberger and Childress any time after 9:00 a.m. on October 14. Advance tickets can be purchased in several ways:

Check made payable to SLHNA
Mail to: SLHNA, P.O. Box 190314, St. Louis, MO 63119-6314
PayPal via the form below

Russo's Gourmet Food Truck, located near the registration tent on Eichelberger at Childress, will have breakfast and lunch items available for purchase from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

For additional information or questions please e-mail housetour@stlhills.com.

If you'd like to purchase tickets online via PayPal follow this link to our site: <http://stlhills.com/stlhills-events-2/house-tour/>

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT TEAM (FIT) At our most recent Congregational Assembly meeting, it was decided that Ascension assemble a team of people to evaluate the physical needs of both our church and school. This Facilities Improvement Team will work to determine the approximate cost of meeting needs, as well as prioritizing needs. We're anticipating this being a comprehensive 10 year plan. We're thankful for the many individuals who have already volunteered to serve on this team. It looks to be a group that has both the skill, and heart, for improving our facilities for outreach and ministry. The congregation has requested that this team report back with their recommendations by March 1, 2019. Please keep the Facilities Improvement Team in your prayers!

ASCENSION EVENING GUILD AND LWML Since January 1, 2018, \$101 in mites for missions has been donated by Ascension members. Please consider adding your loose change, a check, or love gift to the mites collected. Deposit your donation in the large Mite Box on the shelf in the lobby. Evening Guild ladies can bring their mites to the Evening Guild meeting on September 11. Let's contribute our mites to reach the LWML Mission Goal of \$2,306,450 which will be distributed to 38 ministries. A large quantity of stamps has been donated for missions from Ascension friends. Clip used postage stamps leaving a 1/4" border, single thickness, and place them in the box on the table in the lobby. The stamps are processed and sold to a broker with all proceeds going to the ministries of LWML. The LWML St. Louis South Zone Fall Rally will be at Ascension on the morning of November 3. All ladies are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments at 8:45 followed at 9:30 with an opening devotion by Pastor Clark. The program will include a Bible Study, business meeting, and a mission speaker. More information will be coming soon.

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR COFFEE AREAS? If you guessed a coffee donation can, you would be right! We are running a bit of a deficit in our coffee fund and are asking for your extra change (or dollars) to help with this expense. Or you could make a donation using a designated envelope, clearly marked "Coffee Fund". Thanks to all for your support!

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!

<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	Youngish Adults (30s & 40s) 5:00 pm/Maxfield Home	Pastor Clark

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

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.

WORD OF LIFE

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

ENROLLMENT FOR THE 18/19 SCHOOL YEAR

PreK - 39
Kdg-8 - 141

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.



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@wordofliveschool.net to volunteer. We hope to make some headway in planning over the summer. Thank you

LONG TERM SUB(S) NEEDED AT WOL Our PreK 3 teacher at Timothy, Mrs. Bolling is expecting her second child this October. We are looking for one or two qualified teachers to cover her maternity leave. The dates for this position are October 5 - December 21. Mrs. Bolling teaches a small group of PreK 3 year olds in the morning and then teaches most of our K-8 art classes each afternoon. We are looking for either someone to cover both aspects of her position or two people to split these teaching responsibilities. Qualified and interested applicants can contact Mrs. Bergholt at the school office 832-1244 ext. 111 or mbergholt@wordofliveschool.net.

WORD OF LIFE PTL is hosting our first Restaurant Night @ JJ Twigs on Hampton Ave ALL DAY Tuesday September 11th. Mention -Word of Life to your server and a % of your bill will be donated to support our students and staff at Word of Life. Carry out and dine in orders both qualify. We hope to see you there!

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Clark

LITURGIST: 1st Weekend –
Pastoral Assistant Trevor Freudenburg-
2nd 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 Aleece Keller; 8:15 Jordan Ingrham;
11:00 Henry Brink/Saraswoti Gurung
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Kayla Loesche; 8:15 Anna Muhlke;
11:00 Jaylee Schulz/Tyler Kern

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Pam Scoggins;
8:15 Heather Riebel & Tyler Potter; 11:00 Marcia Passanise
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Pam Scoggins;
8:15 Heather Riebel & Tyler Potter; 11:00 Marcia Passanise

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar this week are given by:
David & Barb Hartung in celebration of the 2018-2019 school year
Vernon & Debbie Schmidt in honor of our grandson's 1st birthday

ELDERS: 5:00 Rich Schaefer;
8:15 Jack Pendleton; 11:00 Randy Agne
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Rich Schaefer;
8:15 Jack Pendleton; 11:00 Randy Agne

HOSTS: 5:00 Walt Simpson;
8:15 Clarence & Carol Goetsch; 11:00 Dianne Thies
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Loesche Family;
8:15 The Bill A. Maxfield Family; 11:00 Bill L. & Marlene Maxfield

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 Rich Seifert; 8:15 Doug Pfitzinger,
11:00 Debbie Schmidt
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Mary Pastor;
11:00 Sarah Hansen

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

September 9, 2018
Isaiah 35:4-7
James 2:1-10, 14-18
Mark 7:31-37

USHERS: 5:00 Karl Hofmann, Robert Hofmann,
Ed Holderle
8:15 Gene Bockleemann, 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

Teresa Knot & Sarah Stiffler
The Kobs Family
James & Kathleen Komorech
The Komrska Family

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Will Maxfield
George Morris
Nadia Zaza
Jordan Arand

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

8/26 Jan Pendleton. Jashu Rai, Rose Seifert
8/27 John Headrick, Joseph Loesche, Diana Pisoni
8/28 Clara Loesche, Jacob Loesche
8/29 Kristin Arand, Marian Bergman, Carol Goetsch,
Helen Todd, Ronnie Todd
8/30 William Bauer, John Cook
8/31 Lisa Edinger, Luke Manning, Suzanne Shaffer,
Miles Yocum
9/1 Charlene Cheney, Dave Jones, Robert Morton Jr.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/26 Darryl & Laurie Wallach
8/28 Erin & Brian Franceschi, Thomas & Donna Hinton
8/30 Michael & Karen Reeves

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

8/27 Lenita Campbell, Gary, Ind; Maggie Oliver, Asia;
Elizabeth Warren, Latin America and Caribbean 8/28
Douglas Thompson, Africa
8/29 Michael Ritzman, Asia
9/1 Jamie DiLiberto, Latin America and Caribbean

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