

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	YAG (Young Adults 20s & 30s)	6:30 pm
	Sr. Youth Group	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
	Handbells	6:00 pm
	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	6:30 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	ABI	7:00 pm
Thursday	October Messenger Articles Due	
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Cub Scout #34	6:00 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFYO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP

September 16 - Mark 9:24 –

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” Haven’t we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith – as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

Stewardship Report Through 9/9/18

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	238
Peace Center Location	45
Total	283

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$ 8,948
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 2,341)

Sunday School \$5.79

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 15/16	James 3:1-12
September 22/23	James 3:13-4:10
September 29/30	James 5:13-20

WHAT’S PASTOR STUDYING? Pastor Clark is currently taking two classes in the Doctor of Ministry program at Concordia Seminary during the fall semester. One class is called “Orientation to the Doctor of Ministry Program” and covers the requirements for successful completion of the program. The second class is “Historical Theology Today.” This class is an overview of history following the Reformation and how its events shape the Church and ministry today. As pastor is enriched through these classes, he hopes to better enrich the learning of lives of God’s people 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.



Hintze Library Book of the Month

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

September's books of the month are: 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



FOUR-PART 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.

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.

CASSEROLE FUNDRAISER Order a 9 X 13 or 2- 8 X 8. Choose from: Breakfast Casserole, Hash Brown Potato Casserole or Swiss Chicken Casserole. See the display in the church lobby. Proceeds benefit youth attending the Missouri District Jr. High Youth Retreat. Order yours today!

WORD OF LIFE SINGING Under the enthusiastic and masterful direction of Mr. Gabe Maichel, the students of Word of Life will be singing at our 11 am service on Sunday, September 23. We look forward to welcoming the students, families, and teachers of Word of Life!

HOW CLEAN SHOULD YOUR RECYCLING BE?



That Annoying Jar of Tomato Sauce

Rinsing out glass is really important. Recycling is not about collection - it's economics, just like any other business. The dirtier you leave your jars, the more it needs cleaning at the plant, and that costs money. The cleaner the recyclable, the cheaper it is to recycle. Keeping the recycling process cheap makes it more efficient, in the same way that buying recycled goods increases the demand for recycled goods.

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!

DO YOU LOVE POPCORN? Do you love supporting your favorite Cub Scout(s), or our men and women in the Armed Forces? If you do, we have a great opportunity for you. Cub Pack 34, chartered by Ascension, is selling delicious popcorn. This important activity provides funds for the awards our Cub Scouts earn, camping experiences, off-site Pack activities, and the general supplies needed to complete activities during Pack meetings. You can help support Cub Pack 34 two ways. You can order popcorn from any Cub Scout, or you can purchase popcorn Sunday, September 23 and Sunday, October 14, 2018. The Scouts will be ready to sell you popcorn after the 8:15 am service and before the 11:00 am service. Cub Scouts will have a "Show and Sell" display set up in the church lobby. Popcorn prices range from \$10.00 to \$60.00, depending on size and flavor. And if you don't personally like popcorn? You can purchase popcorn for our men and women in the military! Through the military donation option, the popcorn you buy is sent to military personal, their families or select Veterans organizations.

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/>

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT TEAM 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!

ATTENTION ALL ASCENSION WOMEN! There will be an Advent by Candlelight planning meeting on Monday, Oct. 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Concordia Room. Please come to give ideas, support and help for this event, which will be held this year on Sunday, Dec. 2nd. Your input is needed! The meeting will be short - under one hour. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Holderle at (314) 849-9945.

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!

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS (CFNA) – Coming soon! Sponsor, play and/or dine. Golf Benefit, October 9, Norwood Hills Country Club, Deli Lunch, 18-Hole Scramble, Silent Auction, Hospitality Hour, Dinner and Entertainment. Hospitality Hour/Dinner only is \$30. Your generosity funds: After School Tutoring, Adult ESL, Driver's Ed, Health Screenings, furniture distribution, scholarships in Lutheran schools, Bible studies, and much more. We see the blessings of baptisms, confirmations, and active church memberships in our local churches. More information www.cfna-stl.org/golf or call (314) 517-8513.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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	YAGs (Young Adult Group-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
Gr. 9-12	Church Lobby	Lisa Clark Rob Bremer
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.

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

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

Allie O'Toole
Preschool 3/4 year olds (St. Lucas), Athletic Director

Ronda O'Toole
Teacher Aide (St. Lucas)

Lorenda Bolling
Preschool 3 year olds (Timothy):

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 mbergholt@wordofliveschool.net. or at the school office at (314) 832-1244 ext. 111

WORD OF LIFE is looking to add a few names to our substitute teacher list. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Bergholt at mbergholt@wordofliveschool.net or (314) 832-1244.

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Clark

LITURGIST: 1st Weekend -
Pastoral Assistant Trevor Freudenburg-
2nd Weekend - Seminarian Matt Lorenz
3rd Weekend -
4th Weekend - 8:15 Seminarian John Kyle

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: 5:00 Jane Schmidt, organist;
8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist; Handbell Choir
11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel, piano;
Mark Maxfield guitar; Matt Bergholt, guitar/bass;
Gary Notch, drums

ACOLYTES: 5:00 Liam Rabun; 8:15 Sophia LaBrier
11:00 Paul Brock Jr.

NEXT WEEK: 5:00; 8:15 Allison Brink;
11:00 Gavin Schulz

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Pam Scoggins; 8:15 Laura Lane;
11:00 Pam & Melissa Fox

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Laura Lane;
11:00 Pam & Melissa Fox

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

Paul Sr. & Julie Brock in honor of our 15th wedding anniversary
Jack & Cindy Winter with praise and thanks for the Worship Team

ELDERS: 5:00 Randy Agne, Gary Notch;
8:15 Jack Pendleton, Jeff Stiles; 11:00 Randy Agne, Mark Maxfield

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

HOSTS: 5:00 Randy & Sharon Agne;
8:15 Arlene Headrick; 11:00 The Muhlke Family

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Ed & Lisa Holderle;
8:15 Mary Pastor; 11:00 Bob & Lawanda Kieffer

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 Mary Pastor; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield,
11:00 Marlene Maxfield

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Matt Lorenz; 8:15 Brad Muhlke;
11:00 Tom Hinton

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK September 23, 2018

Jeremiah 11:18-20

James 3:13-4:10

Mark 9:30-37

USHERS: 5:00 Karl Hofmann, Robert Hofmann,
Ed Holderle

8:15 Gene Bocklemann, 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.

Christian sympathy is extended to Shari Hill-Stout and family at the recent death of her mother, Beverly Hill-Yost. May the comfort of the Lord be with the family

Birth congratulations to Matthew & Kira (Klein) Kamp who were blessed with the gift of a son, Clark David Kamp born on August 28, 2018. God's richest blessings!

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Laura Lane
The Larkin Family
Erika Lettner
Roland Lettner

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Monila Rai
Rebekah Rhyne
Paul Brock Jr.
Noah Clark

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

9/16 Melissa Maxfield, Cheyenne Ward
9/17 Dolores Kesel, Joe Manning
9/20 Tristan Rabun
9/21 Alton Morris
9/22 Erika Zaza

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9/16 Steven & Julie Headrick
9/17 Tammy & William Meyer
9/18 Ralph Jr & Dawn Brancato
9/20 Paul Sr. & Julie Brock

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

9/19 Charles 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