

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	30s & 40s Small Group (away)	5:00 pm
	YAG (Young Adults 20s & 30s)	6:30 pm
	Sr. Youth Group	7:00 pm
Monday	Elders	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
	Live Nativity Planning Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Handbells	6:00 pm
	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	6:30 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	ABI	7:00 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Youth Casserole Assembly	6:00pm–9:00pm
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFYO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

### STEWARDSHIP

September 23 - Mark 9:32 –

“But they did not understand the saying and were afraid to ask him.” The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples’ ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering they plugged their ears and didn’t listen, and so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What’s in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear.

#### Stewardship Report Through 9/16/18

##### Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	228
Peace Center Location	40
Total	268

##### Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$13,223
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 1,934

Sunday School \$0

### 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 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.



**WELCOME WORD OF LIFE FAMILIES** This weekend we welcome students from Word of Life and their families to our 11 am service. Thank you, students, for sharing the gift of music and singing with us! If you don’t have a church home, we would love for you to join us again at Ascension.

## 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) has started up again! This session we are looking at the book *Being Lutheran* by A. Trevor Sutton. We meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm in the Concordia Room, which began on September 9<sup>th</sup>. 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!

### HOW CLEAN SHOULD YOUR RECYCLING BE?



#### That Annoying Jar of Tomato Sauce

Rinsing out glass is really important. Recycling is 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.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Ascension is sponsoring an afternoon in the upcoming 40 Days for Life Campaign from 1 pm to 7 pm on Monday, October 22. Members are invited to sign up to spend one or two hours in prayer on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood on Forest Park Parkway. If you would like to participate in this effort to support life, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** Are you interested in becoming a member of Ascension? Would you like to learn more about what Lutheran Christians believe? Would you like a “refresher” on the basic teachings of the Bible? Please join Pastor Clark for Ascension’s Fall new member class on Sunday mornings at 10 am. The first class will be on Sunday, October 21. The class will meet for 8 weeks, and all are welcome!

**ASCENSION T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE** A limited amount of T-shirts are available for purchase for \$15.00. Please see the table in the church lobby. Please use the envelopes provided for payment and turn in the at the church office.

**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](mailto: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/>

**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 ¼” 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.

**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](http://www.cfna-stl.org/golf) or call (314) 517-8513.

**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!

**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 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Youngish Adults (30s & 40s) 5:00 pm/Maxfield Home	Pastor Clark

**HOLY LAND PRESENTATION** On Sunday, October 14 at 9:45 am, John and Sharon Headrick will be presenting pictures and stories from their recent trip to Israel. Come and learn about the places where Jesus lived, ministered, died, and rose!

**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 <sup>st</sup> 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 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.

### 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@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:marnold@wordoflifeschool.net). We invite you for a tour to learn more about any of our three campuses.



**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@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.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@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net) or (314) 832-1244.

**WORD OF LIFE PTL** is hosting A Restaurant Night at **Fuzzy's Taco Shop**, 8073 Watson Rd 5-8pm. Join us for dinner and purchase \$5 brownie treat in support of WOL

**WOL GRANDPARENTS DAY** Kdg-8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Thursday, October 19, 2018. More information to follow.

**TRUNK OR TREAT – October 26<sup>th</sup>** at St Lucas on Morganford 6:00 pm -8:00 pm  
Please sign up to bring Chili or Decorate car for the event  
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0849aaae29a75-trunk1>.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** We are looking for graduates of Ascension Lutheran School/Word of Life Lutheran School who are interested in helping further develop an Ascension/Word of Life Alumni Association. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity to connect with former classmates, please contact Pastor Clark or Megan Arnold (Word of Life's Director of Admissions and Marketing).



## WORSHIP NOTES

**PREACHER:** Pastor Matthew Clark

**LITURGIST:** 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend -

Pastoral Assistant Trevor Freudenburg-

2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend - Seminarian Matt Lorenz

3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend -

4<sup>th</sup> Weekend - 8:15 Seminarian John Kyle

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** 5:00 Jane Schmidt, organist;

8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist; Ascension Choir

11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel, piano;

Mark Maxfield guitar; Matt Bergholt, guitar/bass;

Gary Notch, drums, WOL Singers

**ACOLYTES:** 5:00; 8:15 Allison Brink;

11:00 Gavin Schulz

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Kate Moffat; 8:15 Will Maxfield;

11:00 Nathaneal Mays

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 Sharon Agne; 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:

John & Charlene Cook wishing Happy Birthday to our grandson, Nathan on 9/28, with love always

Kathy Driskill to the Glory of God & in memory of my parents, Ralph & Audrey Simon

**ELDERS:** 5:00 Rich Schaefer;

8:15; 11:00 Randy Agne

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Gary Notch, Randy Agne;

8:15 Jack Pendleton, Jeff Stiles; 11:00 Randy Agne, Joe Benda

**HOSTS:** 5:00 Ed & Lisa Holderle;

8:15 Mary Pastor; 11:00 Bob & Lawanda Kieffer

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 The Keller Family;

8:15 Jerry & Arleen Kassing; 11:00 The Hansen 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 Matt Lorenz; 8:15 Brad Muhlke;

11:00 Tom Hinton

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Dianne Thies; 8:15 Nathan Decker;

11:00 Marla Lopez

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** September 30, 2018

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

**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

Jacqueline Lewis

The Jason Lewis Family

The Joseph Loesche Family

The Logan/Moeller Family

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Christina Rosenberg

Grace Rosenhoffer

Jamie Falbe.

Chhitiz Gurung

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

9/23 Mark Maxfield, Matthew Maxfield, Regina Morton, Buddha Rai

9/24 Charlotte Bohlmann, Richelle Moore

9/25 Delores Fadler, Marcus Tanurchis

9/27 Paul Brock, Sr., Alexis Kaber

9/28 Brenden Brock, Nathan Mueller, Jon Roussin

9/29 Ugyen Gurung, James Komorech

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9/23 Allen & Sandra Pfeuffer

9/24 Paul & Amy Hyde

9/25 Timothy & Laurie Quinn

9/27 Bill & Jodie Ingrham

### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

9/26 Karen Cecil, Eurasia

### 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