

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Blood Drive (gym)	8:00 am-1:00 pm
	Youth Disciples	12:30 pm-3:00 pm
	Jr. Youth	3:00 pm-5:30 pm
	Sr. Youth “The Gathering	4:30 pm-8:00 pm
Monday	YAG (Young Adults 20s & 30s)	6:30 pm
	Advent by Candlelight Planning Mtg.	7:00 pm
	Ministry Council	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Boy Scout Committee Mtg.	7:00 pm
	Bible Class	9:30 am
	Evening Guild	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Worship Team	7:00 pm
	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
Thursday	ABI	7:00 pm
	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 KFUD	9:00 am
	Men’s Club	8:00 am
	Brew in the Lou (Francis Park)	1:00 pm-5:00 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	4:30 pm-5:00 pm
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 7 (Mark 10:6 – “But from the beginning of creation ...”
In recent years, our country, along with most all the (formerly) Christian nations of Europe, has lost its way when it comes to marriage. We have ignored the fact that it is God who created us. We always go off the tracks when we forget that He made us and that everything good in this world comes from His hand. In big things and in small things, in the life of a nation or the life of an individual, things go dreadfully wrong when we ignore the Creator’s instructions for life.

Stewardship Report
Through 9/30/18

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	222
Peace Center Location	44
Total	266

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$10,678
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 611)

Sunday School \$18.30

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION

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 10:00 am. The first class will be on Sunday, October 21. The class will meet for 8 weeks, and all are welcome!

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.



INTERESTED IN SERVING ON MINISTRY COUNCIL?

Elections for President, Secretary, and three Members-at-Large are coming up in November. These and the rest of the ministry council meet together once a month to plan, shape, and administer the work going on at Ascension. If you’d be interested in serving at Ascension in one of these capacities, please prayerfully consider it and get in touch with a member of the nominating committee: Matt Kobs (matt.kobs@gmail.com), Laura Brink, or Jan Pendleton.



HOW CLEAN SHOULD YOUR RECYCLING BE?

That Annoying Jar of Tomato Sauce

Rinsing out glass is really important. Recycling is a 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 TODAY

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!

CUB PACK 34 is so appreciative of your support for our Pack. Thank you for your kind words and financial support at our first "Show and Sell" of popcorn. Yes, we will be back on Sunday, October 14 for anyone who missed us or wants more. The Scouts will be ready to sell you popcorn after the 8:15 am service and before and after 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. Also, individual Cub Scouts from Pack 34, chartered by Ascension, will continue to take popcorn orders until the middle of October. (This popcorn will be delivered in November.) 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. Thank you, again, for the support you have already shown us.

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 at the church office.

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

Hintze Library Book of the Month

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

October's books of the month are:

Hero of Faith Series



They were unlikely heroes. A penniless orphan becomes a brilliant musician. A young woman runs away from a convent and marries a man she barely knew. A daughter of former slaves champions Lutheran education in the segregated south. That's what makes these stories a must-read for children. Each book in the series shows how God worked in the lives of

these ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Each book includes colorful illustration and historical detail. Biographies included in the set are: Johann Sebastian Bach, Dorothea Craemer, Martin Luther, Heinrich Melchior Muhlenberg, Dr. Bessie Rehwinkel, Katharina Von Bora, C.F.W. Walther, & Rosa Young



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.

TRAILER FOR LIVE NATIVITY Ascension is looking for a 6x12 enclosed trailer to store lumber and other items for our annual Live Nativity. This would help free space in the church's crowded garage where these items are currently stored. It would also make the set up of the nativity easier as well. If you know of an available trailer, please contact the church office

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.

SAVE THE DATE Live Nativity at Ascension on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 5:00 pm-9:00 pm. Be watching future News and Notes and upcoming Messengers for more information.

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/>

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 monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. 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.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS (CFNA) – 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. Pick up a registration form in the church lobby. More information at 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 th 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 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 October are:

Rachel Hofman
Preschool 3 year olds Teacher Aide (Timothy):

Melissa Maxfield
Preschool 4-year olds (Timothy)

Kathy Thies
Preschool 4-year olds Teacher Aide (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@wordoflifefschool.net. We invite you for a tour to learn more about any of our three campuses.



INFORMATION ON EDUCATION SAVINGS PLANS Thrivent and Word of Life are hosting an evening meeting for interested parents to learn about Missouri 529 Education Savings Plans. The meeting is taking place this Thursday, October 4, 2018 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Ascension Lutheran Church. Please register at <https://529workshop.eventbrite.com> if you would like to attend.

WORD OF LIFE PTL is hosting A Restaurant Night of October 17, 2018 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-8th Grade. Thursday, October 19, 2018. More information to follow.

TRUNK OR TREAT – October 26th 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).

WOL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR Do you remember your first favorite book? Or the book that you've moved over and over but couldn't part with? Those fond memories of new adventures created by books never fade. Help start new adventures for the important children in your life. Visit Word of Life's Book Fair in person (Oct. 16-18 in the K-8 campus gymnasium) or online at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/wordoflifelutheranschool1>

ALL FOR BOOKS DONATIONS Not all children can afford books. Please donate to the All For Books campaign to help purchase books for Word of Life students. The donation boxes are located in the office of your church. For every dollar raised by Word of Life (up to \$1 million), Scholastic Books matches these donations by supplying books to 4 different reading foundations for children. Every coin or dollar helps so many. Thank you for your consideration.

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Clark

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

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

ACOLYTES: 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Anna Clark;
11:00 Alyssa Hansen

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Kayla Loesche; 8:15 Grant Maxfield;
11:00 Rebekah Rhyne

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Mike & Debbie Gibbs;
11:00 Pam & Melissa Fox

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Jane Fryar; 8:15 Mike & Debbie Gibbs;
11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar this week
are given by:
Carl Anderson in loving memory of Linda's birthday October 6
Carlos & Marla Lopez for the many blessings received in 25 years
of marriage

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

HOSTS: 5:00 Rich & Bev Schaefer;
8:15 Cathy Salini; 11:00 The Fox Family
NEXT WEEK: 5:00; 8:15 Donna Bedwell;
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 Jane Fryar; 8:15 Laura Brink;
11:00 Carlos Lopez
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Matt Lorenz; 8:15 Mike Gibbs;
11:00 Troy Hansen

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: October 14, 2018
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Hebrews 3:12-19
Mark 10:17-22

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.

Birth congratulations to The Long Family who were blessed with the gift of a son, Colton Jax Long born on October 3, 2018. God's richest blessings!

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Gabe & Emily Maichel
The Maleas Family
The Manning Family
Donna Marohn

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Makayla Welker
Aiden Zaza
Anya Stiles
Tika Gurung
Ugyen Gurung

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

10/8 Markus Heaney, Patrice Russo
10/9 Donna Bedwell, Brenden Chambers, Sara Freer,
Keegan Watz
10/10 Olivia Muhlke, Jaylee Schulz
10/12 Matt Sonderman
10/13 Christine Mueller

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/7 Rob & Joanne Bremer

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

10/8 Sheila Strozic, Eurasia
10/11 Deborah St-Onge, Latin America and the Caribbean
10/13 Duane Meissner, Latin America and the 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	Alex Jones
James Keltner	Brian Kitson
Thomas Kitson	Tony Urschler