

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	New Member Class	10:00 am
	Veterans Recognition	
	YAG (Young Adults 20s & 30s)	6:30 pm
	Sr. Youth Group	7:00 pm
Monday	Congregational Assembly	7:00 pm
Tuesday	NO Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
	Evening Guild	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
	Messenger Articles Due	
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Cub Scouts #34	6:30 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Sr. Youth leave for MO District Retreat	2:00 pm
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Evening Guild Bake Sale	
	Pastor on KFUE	9:00 am
	Veterans Recognition	
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	4:30 pm-4:55 pm

STEWARDSHIP

November 11 Mark 12:44 – “For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the Church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That’s the shape of true Christian generosity.

Stewardship Report Through 11/4/18

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	284
Peace Center Location	00
Total	284

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$11,367
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 78

Sunday School \$9.37

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.



HOW CLEAN SHOULD YOUR RECYCLING BE?

That Unfinished Beverage

Used beverage containers are the most valuable recyclable collected. Unrinsed cans could contaminate other recyclables like paper and attract rodents to your recycling bin and the recycling plant.

Source: David Mendelson, Donco Recycling Solutions



Hintze Library Book of the Month

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

November's books of the month are: Learning About Sex Series



When the need arises, it is good to be prepared. You can have the entire set (11 books) of the *Learning About Sex* series in your school, church, or home library. One of each title is included. Each book in the series helps children (and adults, too) see sex as a gift from God to be used responsibly. In a positive, Christ-centered manner, the *Learning About Sex* series helps teachers, parents, pastor and doctors cultivate open and honest communication about sex, present accurate, age-appropriate information, and explain physiological and socio-psychological aspects of sex. The series includes a parent's handbook to help you deal sensitively with your children through all their stages of development. [About the Learning About Sex Series](#) An honest, Christian approach to the body, relationships, and sex. This series teaches preschoolers through adults about God's great gifts to us as males and females and how we are uniquely made to love Him and serve others. The parent guide, *How to*

Talk Confidently with Your Child about Sex, takes you through all the stages of your child's development to assist you in providing biological facts; establishing behaviors, values, and attitudes of a growing Christian; and affirming the love and forgiveness of Jesus for each of us.



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

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.

THANK YOU! Our family is extremely thankful for the kindness our Ascension family has shown us during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your cards, prayers, words of encouragement, and PIE were greatly appreciated. I constantly thank the Lord that He has called me to serve at Ascension and Word of Life. Your love makes serving as a pastor, not a burden, but a joy! (Hebrews 13:17).

THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP (20s & 30s) 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)!

WANT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE? Ascension's 2+ small group Bible study is open to all couples as we seek to strengthen our marriages as 2 people "plus" God. The group meets on the third Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm in the church lobby for refreshments, fellowship, and Bible study. All couples are welcome!

CUPS As you all know, Ascension provides hot cocoa to the community during live nativity. You can be a part of helping Ascension continue its green initiative by donating funds towards purchasing earth-friendly cups. Our goal is to purchase 1,500 cups, which will cost about \$60. If you would like to donate, you can put it in the offering in an envelope marked "CUPS" or drop it by the office. Ascension is committed to preserving God's creation.

CONGREGATION ASSEMBLY

Monday, November 12, 2018, 7:00 pm

Agenda: Elections
2019 Budget
Treasurer's Report
Pastor's Report

ASCENSION EVENING GUILD will next meet on Tuesday, November 13th, at 7:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. Our activity is to take home made cookies to our local firehouse up the street on Donovan about 7:00 pm. They are expecting us. If you are able to make cookies let Darlene Wiederhold know what kind and please put them in a disposable container. Our meeting and dessert, (not cookies) will follow. Please take note of our next Bake Sale the weekend of November 17th and 18th before and after services. The first collected items for Evening Guild's Fall Service Project have been delivered to Concordia Seminary's Food Bank. As you grocery shop remember to pick up an item or two from the list in church lobby as we will be doing this through November. We have also gotten a \$250.00 Thrivent Grant which the Food Bank Coordinator will use to purchase meat for the students and their families. Monetary donations are accepted. Call Sherry Elliott for details on that.

CHRISTMAS WISHES Lutheran Family & Children's Services is asking for your help again this Christmas Season. The Christmas Tree will be put up in the lobby Tuesday, November 20, with name tags attached for 55 of the 162 children who are being cared for in the foster care and nurturing program at LFCS. Each tag will show the child's name, age and special gift wish. Please take a tag and return your gift in a gift bag, or wrapped, with the tag attached. Also, please write the child's name on the bag or package in case the tag comes off in transporting. These gifts to the children are so appreciated! If you wish you can also attach a little note from you for the case manager to read to the child. PLEASE bring your gift to church by Sunday, December 16, as this will allow time for gifts to be delivered to the case managers before Christmas. For questions, contact Cathy Salini at (314) 786-5476.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT offers an opportunity for Christian women to set aside some peaceful time to focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. It is an evening of caroling, devotion and prayer spent with old and new friends. The tables are beautifully decorated and the room glows with candles and Christmas lights. Sunday, December 2 is the date, WOL gym is the place; doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program lasts from 7:00 - 8:30 (with a brief intermission for dessert!). To reserve a spot for yourself, or multiple spots for yourself and your guests, please contact Katrina Brundage at 314-467-0442. Or email her at k.brundage.13@gmail.com. Babysitting will be provided. When you make your reservation, please let Katrina know how many children you will be bringing.

SAVE THE DATE Live Nativity at Ascension on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 5:00 pm-9:00 pm. Donations are needed for the Nativity Animal rental. Please see the poster in the church lobby beginning November 3 and take an animal part to pay for. Please return your animal part with your payment. Thank you.

ASCENSION SOFTFBALL? Ascension was recently approached by the Lutheran Softball League asking if we would like to form a team to play with other Lutheran churches in the St. Louis area. The league plays at Officer Blake Snyder Park (formerly Clydesdale Park) in South County on Thursday nights starting mid-May and running through early-August. If you are interested in playing, please contact Pastor or the church office at (314) 832-5600.

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, Kim Schave And Friends
Gr. 4-5	Music Room	Carl Anderson/ Rich Schaefer And Friends
Gr. 6-8	Youth Room	Sem. Matt Lorenz Sem. Matt Kolden Dcs. Anna Johnson
Gr. 9-12	Church Lobby	Lisa Clark Trevor Freudenburg Rob Bremer
Adult Bible Class	Fellowship Hall	Matt Kobs Pastor Matt Kobs
Nepalese Bible Class	Fellowship Hall 1 st Sunday of Month	Matt Kobs/ 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.

WHAT DID WE LEARN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

11/11 Lesson 9

Today in Sunday School, the children will study the efforts Abraham made to ensure that his son Isaac would marry a person who loved God in the account of "Isaac and Rebekah." As a family discuss, *"Why is it important to marry someone who shares your Christian faith? What are the blessings of sharing your beliefs with your spouse?"*

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

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

Jill Moormann
Kindergarten

Sarah Tanurchis
1st Grade

Sara Poppitz
2nd Grade

WHAT CHILD IS THIS? is the title of the children's Christmas program scheduled for **Sunday, December 23** at the **11:00 a.m.** service. All children of Ascension, toddlers through eighth grade, are welcome and encouraged to help lead this special service. Whether speaking, singing or playing a musical instrument, there is an important role for every child. Songs will be taught and practiced in the sanctuary from 9:45 – 10:10 a.m. starting in November. Full practices will be held during the Sunday school time, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. December 16th and 23th. We will also have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Please complete and return a participation form and place it in the tray located in the church office. And please call Rachel Hofman at (314)832-1476 with any questions you may have.

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 - 44

Kdg-8 - 143

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.



WOL PTL NOVEMBER DINE OUT NIGHT will be November 13th at the Sunset Hills Chick Fil A from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm. A Flyer must be presented at the time of your order. Please pick one up from the church lobby bulletin board. Thank you.

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 AUCTION NEWS: Would you like to get a jump on your Christmas shopping while supporting Word of Life families at the same time? The Word of Life auction committee has the perfect opportunity for you as they will be hosting a vendor event at Word of Life on the day of the school Christmas programs. On December 9th, 12:15-3:30, come shop from vendors such as Perfectly Posh, Pampered Chef, and Tupperware to name a few. Purchase Christmas gifts or even donate an item to the upcoming Word of Life auction. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!

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;
11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel, piano;
Mark Maxfield guitar; Matt Bergholt, guitar/bass;
Nadia Zaza, guitar; Gary Notch, drums

ACOLYTES: 5:00 Kayla Loesche; 8:15 Jordan Ingrham;
11:00 Nathanael Mays
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Olivia Muhlke;
11:00 Aiden Zaza

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield;
11:00 Doug & Nancy Pfitzinger
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Jonathan Gibbs;
11:00 Doug & Nancy Pfitzinger

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar this week
are given by:
Jack & Jan Pendleton in memory of all Veterans, past, present
& future
The Schaefers in memory of Doris Kerr, our dear mother,
mother-in-law & grammy

ELDERS: 5:00 Gary Notch, Rich Schaefer;
8:15 Jack Pendleton; 11:00
NEXT WEEK: 5:00; 8:15; 11:00

HOSTS: 5:00 Ed & Lois Peek;
8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton; 11:00 The Thies Family
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Evelyn Gibbs;
8:15 John & Bee Danback; 11:00 The Brock 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 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield;
11:00 Debbie Schmidt
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Matt Kobs
11:00 Sarah Hansen

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: November 18, 2018
Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-13

USHERS: 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
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 the Barbara Corvera and family at the recent death of husband, Gonzalo Corvera. Christian sympathy is extended to the Thompson family at the recent death of our brother in Christ, Bill Thompson. May the comfort of the Lord be with these families.

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Roy & Kathy Migneco
The Moffat Family
The Monaghan Family
The Timothy Moore Family

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Sabit Gurung
Saurab Gurung
Kate Moffat
Mackenzie Moore

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11/11 Brad Stout
11/12 Maura Rabun
11/13 Cindy Grover
11/14 Mary Vanderheyden
11/15 Cindy Winter
11/16 Cathy Salini
11/17 Jonathan Gibbs, Marlene Maxfield

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

If your anniversary should be here, please contact the church office

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

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



Ascension Members and Friends
 Christmas Luncheon at the Missouri Athletic Club
 Thursday, December 6, 2018

Members and friends of Ascension have organized an Advent luncheon for all who would like to participate. The date is Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in the fourth floor Veterans Room at the historic Missouri Athletic Club (MAC) at 405 Washington Avenue in downtown St. Louis. Validated parking is included for the multi-level garage directly behind the MAC on Lucas Street. The surface parking lots next to the MAC and the parking garage are not included for validated parking. Those who wish can carpool from Ascension.

After lunch, Christmas Carols will be led with Gabe Maichel, our Director of Music Ministry, at the piano. Bring your camera and enjoy the elaborate Christmas tree, gingerbread village and the display of trains in the lobby of the MAC before or after lunch.

You will select a meal from the superb buffet. This includes three soups, six entrees, two potato or other starch dishes, two vegetables, three to four vegetable, meat or fruit salads plus ingredients for an elaborate green salad, a selection of house-made breads, a variety of sandwich makings, and a dessert buffet where everything tastes as good as it looks. Also included are coffee, tea and soft drinks.

Join us in celebrating the Advent season leading to Christ's birth. Complete the form below and mail it to Judith Hanses at 6700 Eichelberger St., 63109 along with your check for \$22.00 for each luncheon reservation. Charlene Cook will be happy to take your reservation by phone or answer any questions. Her phone number is 752-3843.

Make checks payable to Judith Hanses. Reservations and payment must be received by Sunday, December 2.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____
 Cell: _____

Number of Reservations: _____
 X \$22.00 per attendee = \$ _____

Names of Attendees:



**Poinsettias and Decoration Donations
 Needed for the Church Christmas
 Decorations**

If you would like to order a poinsettia and/or contribute to the decorations for our church during the holiday season, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with your donation. Each poinsettia ordered is \$8.25. Please indicate if you will pick up your poinsettia. All plants will be discarded on 1/7/2018.

Name _____

Poinsettia # _____ Amount \$ _____

Decoration Amount \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

I will _____ I will not _____ pick up my poinsettia after 1/1/2018

Dedication:



