

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	New Member Class	10:00 am
	Evening Guild Bake Sale	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Maichel Shower	12:00 pm-2:00 pm
	2+	6:00 pm
	Sr. Youth Group Returns	7:00 pm
Monday	ABI	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	NO Quilters	9:00 am
	NO Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	NO Handbells	6:00 pm
	NO 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	6:30 pm
	NO Choir	7:00 pm
Thursday	Thanksgiving Day Worship	10:00 am
Friday	Church Office Closed	
Saturday	Pastor on KFUE	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION

THANKSGIVING DAY OFFERING The offering collected during our Thanksgiving Day worship at Ascension at 10 am will go toward disaster response in the aftermath of hurricane Michael. The offering funds will be divided evenly between two organizations: LCMS Disaster Response and South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department. The South Gulf fire department serves the county in which Cape San Blas is located where Ascension members Gary and Sara Freer have a home. The need is still great in this Florida county. Thank you for your aid!

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.

STEWARDSHIP

November 18 (Proper 28)

Heb. 10:14 – “For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.” Our Lord Jesus has provided the one offering for sin. What we offer to the Lord is not a sacrifice for sin; we cannot buy our way into heaven with our money, works, or effort. Rather, what we give to the Lord’s work in the Church is a thank offering, a sign of our dependency on God and all He has given us.

Stewardship Report Through 11/11/18

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location	Worship	244
Peace Center Location		44
Total		288

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$11,875
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 586

Sunday School \$5.00



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.

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.

HOW CLEAN SHOULD YOUR RECYCLING BE?

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

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.

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.



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) 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)!

ASCENSION EVENING GUILD Bake Sale the weekend of November 17th and 18th before and after services. Please come and purchase some of your Thanksgiving desserts from us!

THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP is assembling care packages for college students this December, and we need your help! We are looking for donations of items to include in our care packages – candy, granola bars, pens, pencils, tea, granola bars, or anything else! Please drop off donations by December 2, 2018 in the box provided in the church lobby. Thank you!

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.

HOLIDAY FUN AND FELLOWSHIP Join us on Sunday, November 25, after the 11 o'clock service, as we decorate the church for the upcoming holiday season. We will put up the wreaths, garland and trees and afterwards will share a dinner of soup, chili and dessert. So we know how many to plan for –in terms of the dinner – please call Barb Shaffer (314) 638-1517 or Debbie Hofmann (314) 849-1207 and RSVP. Looking forward to seeing you there!

ASCENSION EVENING GUILD personally delivered dozens of homemade cookies to Engine House 31, "our" local Firemen on Tues. Nov. 13th as our way of saying "thank you" for their trained, professional service to our community. Our Annual Christmas Party will be at Pietro's Restaurant on December 11th at 6:30. Join us won't you? Just call Sherry Elliott at church, 832-5600 as we need to reserve a place for you. We are not doing gifts so your generosity can be shown elsewhere. Thank you for your continued donation of cancelled stamps for LWML Mission Projects. Remember to clip or tear your stamps leaving at least a 1/4 inch border around them and deposit in the box in front of church office. A really large box of your donated stamps was delivered to our LWML Zone President in September which she took to the District Convention. They are then sold and proceeds go towards LWML Mission projects. Also a year-end thank you to all who purchase our bake sale goodies enabling Evening Guild to put all funds raised right back into our church, school, Lutheran Family and Children's Services, Advent by Candlelight etc.

ASCENSION SOFTBALL? 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.

ASCENSION EVENING GUILD thanks all who have donated to Concordia Seminary's Food Bank Collection. One last request . There are copies of needed items on the easel in the church lobby. Please take one so you have it with you when you grocery shop. We will make our final delivery the first week of December. A Thrivent Grant of \$250.00 was received and delivered to them to purchase perishable items.

THANK YOU Ascension extends a big thank you for funds recently received from the Charles A & Lillian F Beckermann Memorial Trust. This funds will make it possible to purchase a quality trailer for the storage and transport of items used for our annual live nativity. Funds will also help to cover significant costs associated with tuition for Ascension preschool students at Word of Life Lutheran School. Thank you, Beckermann family, for making it possible for more children and adults to learn about Jesus Christ their Savior!

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?

11/18 Lesson 10

The account of "Jacob and Esau" that our children will study in Sunday School today is a story of competition and bad feelings between brothers, parental favoritism, and family squabbling. Amidst this chaos, God acted with grace toward all of them – and to us. Parents might ask, "How do these sins afflict every family? Why is forgiveness important in families?"

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.



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!

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

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 Jane Schmidt;
8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist; 8:15 Ascension Choir
11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel, piano;
Mark Maxfield guitar; Matt Bergholt, guitar/bass;
Nadia Zaza, guitar; Gary Notch, drums

ACOLYTES: 5:00; 8:15 Anna Clark;
11:00 Alyssa Hansen
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Kate Moffat; 8:15 Grant Maxfield;
11:00 Rebekah Rhyne

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Jonathan Gibbs;
11:00 Doug & Nancy Pfitzinger
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Hofmann Family; 8:15 Jonathan Gibbs;
11:00 Lopez Family

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar this week
are given by:
Brad & Marie Muhlke in honor of our wedding anniversary on
November 21
Sharon, Chris, Lori, Missy, Jim, Jack & Emily with love and a
special happy birthday wish to Randy/Pop

ELDERS: 5:00; 8:15; 11:00
NEXT WEEK: 5:00; 8:15 Jack Pendleton; 11:00

HOSTS: 5:00 Evelyn Gibbs;
8:15 John & Bee Danback; 11:00 The Brock Family
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Walt Simpson;
8:15 The Brink 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 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Matt Kobs
11:00 Sarah Hansen
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 Doug Pfitzinger
11:00 Marlene Maxfield

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: November 25, 2018
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Revelation 1:4-8
John 18:33-37

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.

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

The Robert Moore Family
Timothy Moore III
Darla Moran
Marleen Morgan

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Alyssa Hansen
Jacob Ingram
Brenden Moran
Anna Muhlke

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11/18 Elizabeth Hobson, Roger Seifert, Christine Smith
Katherine Taylor
11/20 Karol Bick, James Fox
11/21 Randy Agne
11/22 Travis Armknecht, Guman Gurung, Tiffanni Watz
11/23 Julie Brock, Grace Noll
11/24 Elle Breitenfeld
11/25 Patricia Duffy, Paul Helfrich Jr., Bryce Kamp

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/18 Joseph & Rose Helfrich
11/21 Brad & Marie Muhlke
11/23 John & Kim Kuntz

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

11/19 Erin Mackenzie, Latin America and the Caribbean
11/20 Michael Paul, Asia
11/22 Shelee Warner, Latin America and the Caribbean
11/23 Charles Cortright, Eurasia; Edward Naumann, Asia;
Stefanie Rabe, Africa

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:



