

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
	30s & 40s (away)	5:00 pm
	Sr. Youth Group	7:00 pm
Monday	Bd. Of Elders`	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
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Cub Scout #34	6:30 pm
	Men’s Bible Study	7:00 pm
Friday	Messenger Assembly	
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFUE	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
Next Sunday	Advent By Candlelight Fellowship	6:30 pm
	Program 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION

A GREAT TIME TO EXTEND AN INVITATION As a number of special events approach at Ascension including Advent by Candlelight, Live Nativity, and Christmas Eve/Day worship, it’s a wonderful time to extend an invitation to someone who may not have a church home. We encourage you to invite people to hear about a Savior born for them. Even better, bring them with you and make an effort to sit with them. Coming to an event at a church for the first time can be intimidating, but God can work through us as we can invite and welcome first time guests at Ascension this Advent and Christmas season!

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 25 (Last Sunday of the Church Year)
Isaiah 51:6 – “For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.” The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord: they are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord’s purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the Kingdom that has no end.

Stewardship Report Through 11/18/18

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location	Worship	242
Peace Center Location		42
Total		284

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$10,058
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 1,231)

Sunday School \$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!

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.

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!



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)!

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 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.

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?

11/25 Lesson 11

Our children will study "Jacob's Dream" in Sunday School today, a story that shows God renewing His promise to bless all people through Jacob's family. God kept His promise by giving Jesus to be our Savior. Your family could discuss, "What reminders does God give us of His promises to us?"

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

ACOLYTES: 5:00 Kate Moffat; 8:15 Grant Maxfield;
11:00 Rebekah Rhyne
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15 George Morris;
11:00 Tyler Kern

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Hofmann Family; 8:15 Jonathan Gibbs;
11:00 Lopez Family
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Richard & Claudia Seifert;
8:15 Janey Rathgeber; 11:00 Lopez Family

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar this week
are given by:
John & Laura Brink in thankfulness to God for 19 years of
marriage
Darryl & Laurie Wallach with thanks and praise to God for
blessings received

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

HOSTS: 5:00 Walt Simpson;
8:15 The Brink Family; 11:00 Bill L. & Marlene Maxfield
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Loesche Family;
8:15 Gloria Bender; 11:00 The Muhlke 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 Randy Agne; 8:15 Doug Pfitzinger
11:00 Marlene Maxfield
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Mark Hofman; 8:15 Mary Pastor
11:00 Tom Hinton

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: December 2, 2018
Jeremiah 33:14-16 14
1 Thessalonian 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

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

Janet Morton
Regina Morton & Family
Robert Morton Sr.
Jean Mueller

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Aleece Keller
Kate LaBrier
Monila Rai
Rebekah Rhyne

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11/25 Patricia Duffy, Paul Helfrich Jr., Bryce Kamp
11/27 Jean Mueller, Monila Rai
11/27 Nicole Claseman, Joseph Helfrich
11/29 Robert Morton Sr., Kurt Oster
11/30 Pat Helfrich
12/1 Kim Calogero, Bee Danback, Kurt Hummel,
Carlos Lopez

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/27 John & Laura Brink

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

11/26 Daniel Jastram, Asia; Monica Naumann, Asia
11/30 Jana Inglehart, 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



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:



