

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	New Member Class	10:00 am
	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
	YAG (Young Adults 20s & 30s)	6:30 pm
Monday	Ministry Council	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 <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	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Men’s Club	8:00 am
	Pastor on KFYO	9:00 am
	Veterans Recognition	
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	4:30 pm-4:55 pm

**STEWARDSHIP**

**November 4 (All Saints’ Day)**

**“With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven ...”** When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His House we pray and praise God with “all the company of heaven.” Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us – they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away – everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

**Stewardship Report**  
Through 10/28/18

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	233
Peace Center Location	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>278</b>

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$ 9,366
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 1,923)

Sunday School \$13.50

**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 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)!

**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!

### CONGREGATION ASSEMBLY

Monday, November 12, 2018, 7:00 pm

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

**CALLING ALL VETERANS!** Please join us as we recognize all our Veterans (past and present) on November 10 and 11, 2018 at all services. Please fill out the form below and return to the church office by November 5, 2018. Optional: please include a small picture. We thank ALL for your service! God bless!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

**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. Evening Guild is sponsoring the LWML Zone Rally here at Ascension on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are coming, arrive at 8:45 for breakfast type refreshments in church fellowship hall. Our speaker, Ben Vanderhyde, Missionary to Sri Lanka, will begin at 9:30 am. 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.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS STOCKING** on November 4, 2018. Our youth disciples will be filling Christmas stockings for the homeless to be distributed at Trinity Lutheran Church. The stockings will be filled with shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream/razors, hats/socks, gloves/hand warmers, toothpaste/tooth brush, soap and a small box of candy to gift wrap. We are asking the congregation for donations of these items. Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Questions, call Kathy Thies (314) 580-2074.

**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](mailto: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.

**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

**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 <sup>st</sup> 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 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.

### WHAT DID WE LEARN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

#### 11/4 Lesson 8

In Sunday School this week, students will study the account of "Abraham and Isaac." By God's grace, Abraham didn't have to make his sacrifice, but God did. He sacrificed His own Son so that we could have salvation. Discuss, "How do the sacrifices we make compare with the sacrifice God made to save us from sin's punishment?"

**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 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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](mailto:marnold@wordoflifeschool.net). We invite you for a tour to learn more about any of our three campuses.



**WOL KINDERTGARTEN KALEIDOSCOPE** Kindergarten information night on Thursday, November 8, 2018. Dinner & Tours: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. Classroom Meeting: 7:00 pm. For questions, contact the school at (314) 832-1244.

**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).

### TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

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

Jill Moormann  
Kindergarten

Sarah Tanurchis  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Sara Poppitz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

## 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 – Seminarian Matt Kolden  
4<sup>th</sup> 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 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Olivia Muhlke;  
11:00 Aiden Zaza

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Kayla Loesche; 8:15 Jordan Ingrham;  
11:00 Nathanael Mays

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield;  
11:00 Doug & Nancy Pfitzinger

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield;  
11:00 Doug & Nancy Pfitzinger

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers that grace our altar this week  
are given by:

Diane, Chris, Kathy, Katlyne & Emily Thies in loving memory  
of husband, father & grandfather, Gerald Thies.

Cathy Salini in thanksgiving and with gratitude for the blessing  
of grandchildren

**ELDERS:** 5:00 Rich Schaefer; 8:15 Gene Bockelmann;  
11:00 Jeff Stiles

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

**HOSTS:** 5:00 Shari Hill-Stout;  
8:15 Gerry & Karen Hilkerbaumer;  
11:00 Dan & Marcia Passanise

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Ed & Lois Peek;  
8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton; 11:00 The Thies 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 Rich Seifert; 8:15 John Brink  
11:00 Paul Brock

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Jerry Kassing;  
11:00 Debbie Schmidt

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** November 11, 2018  
1 Kings 17:8-16  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

**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

The Ralph McMeans Family  
Joyce Meckfessel  
Scott Meeker  
The Meyer Family

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Anish Gurung  
Bhumika Gurung  
Kayla Loesche  
Nathanael Mays

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11/4 Kate Headrick  
11/5 Mark Bracken, Arbor Foppe, Douglas Pfitzinger,  
Laurie Quinn  
11/6 Samuel Gurung  
11/7 Allison Benda, Arun Gurung  
11/8 Jasmine Duerr  
11/9 Ryan Komrska, Fred Remmert  
11/10 Roger Beckermann, Noah Clark, Abigail Orde

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/4 Gerry & Karen Hilkerbaumer,  
Joseph & Kendra Loesche  
11/6 Sarah & Scott Coleman, Christine & James Mueller  
11/9 Lucas & Kathryn Smith

### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

11/6 James Neuendorf, 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.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Names of Attendees:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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