

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Easter Basket Assembly	11:00 am
	Plant Order Sheet Distribution	
Tuesday	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Midweek Lent 4 Services	8:30 am & 7:00 pm
	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Lent Dinner	5:30 pm
	Handbells	6:00 pm
	NO Confirmation	6:30 pm
	Choir	8:00 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
	Cub Scouts #34	6:30 pm
	Boy Scouts #34	7:00 pm
Friday	Youth Barbie & Lego Party	6:00 pm
	Easter Egg Hunt Set Up	5:30 pm
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt	9:00 am
	Pastor on KFJO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Plant Order Sheet Distribution	

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS—EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS Pastor Clark’s Sunday morning Bible class participating in “Every One His Witness.” Every One His Witness seeks to motivate Christians to be active witnesses of the Gospel in their communities. In this Bible study we’ll seek to become better equipped to share the Good News of Jesus with people of differing religions and worldviews. The study will include, God’s Word, videos, and group discussion. The core study is 6 weeks in length and will be followed by other modules which focus on witnessing to specific groups including: Witnessing to De-churched Adult Children, Witnessing to Muslims, and Responding to Scientism. Come and become better equipped to share Christ’s love! All are welcome!

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.

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.



STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS March 31: Lent 4
Luke 15:12 – “And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them.” This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth. Give me my inheritance now! Which is to say, you are better off dead in my eyes. This is the sin at the heart of all greed – valuing things over people. This parable calls us to come to our senses to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.



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.



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”

Stewardship Report	
Through 3/24/19	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	192
Peace Center Location	41
Total	233
Live Stream Viewing	26
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$ 8,999
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ (2,290)
Sunday School	\$23.90

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

“My Song is Love Unknown”

Lent Midweek 4 Services April 3, 2019

“Upon the Cross Extended”

8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Supper 5:30 pm - Evening Guild

Beef Stew, Applesauce, Biscuit, Dessert

Lent Midweek 5 Services April 10, 2019

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Supper 5:30 pm – Christ Care Group

Pork Burgers, Tater Tots, Applesauce,
Dessert & Drinks

Note to Worshipers
Ascension Broadcasts its
Worship Services
via
Live Stream on the Internet
Go to Ascensionstl.com/stream.

WHAT IS PASTOR STUDYING? Pastor Clark continues to be a student in the Doctor of Ministry program at Concordia Seminary. He’s currently taking a course called “Exegetical Theology Today.” The course presents the current state of the study of the Bible in the Church. It helps inform the pastor’s preaching and teaching through the interpretation of God’s Word. This fall, pastor plans to take the courses “Pastoral Theology” and “Preaching Money Management.”

ASCENSION EVENING GUILD is sponsoring a collection of needed items for Lutheran Family and Children's Services for the months of February, March and April. We ask you to bring items needed in the daily lives of children, such as diapers, wipes, bibs, onesies, baby blankets, socks, and sleepers. They also have a need for underwear and socks for ages 2,3 and 4 year old children. Not sure what to get? Gift cards are always welcome and will be used only for items to replenish the shelves at the LFCS office. You may give your gift cards to any Evening Guild member. You may place your donated items in the bin in our Church lobby; look for the sign. Thank you in advance for your participation.

BOTTLES OF BLESSING Here is a simple way to help the upcoming Word of Life Lutheran School auction: each association church is donating ten bottles of wine for a wine pull. If you’d like to donate, please bring the bottle to the church office.

LENT WEEKEND & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

“Let My People Go”

4th Sunday in Lent March 30 & 31, 2019

“Mine!”

Communion Service 5:00 pm, 8:15 am & 11:00 am

5th Sunday in Lent April 6 & 7, 2019

“Digging Ourselves into a Hole”

Communion Service 5:00 pm, 8:15 am & 11:00 am

Palm Sunday April 13 & 13, 2019

“A New Beginning”

Communion Service 5:00 pm, 8:15 am & 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday April 18, 2019

“Access”

Communion Services 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service April 19, 2019

Tre Ore 12:00 - 3:00 pm. at Messiah Lutheran Church

“Agnus Dei”

Tenebrae - 7:00 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church

Easter Communion Services April 21, 2019

“Against All Odds”

8:00 a.m., 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast – Sr. Youth 7:30 am-10:30 am

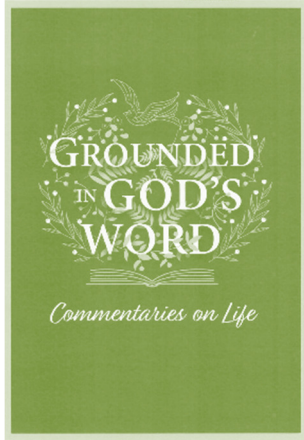
**CHURCH
IS NOT SOMETHING
YOU GO TO,
IT’S A FAMILY
YOU
BELONG TO.**

Hintze Library Book of the Month

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

March's books of the month is:

Grounded in God's Word: Commentaries on Life



God's Word gives life. God's Word concerns life. God's Word of life reveals what He has done, how every human life has value and dignity, and how everything God created was for the sake of His children—for us! We cannot consider this without awe.

The fallen, broken world, however, does not acknowledge this. It promotes instead the self above all, champions an "anything goes" theology, and brings hurt and confusion. Bad things happen. People are deceived. Lives are destroyed.

Collected here are easy-to-read commentaries concerning topics such as moral worth, abortion, evolution, suffering, life and death decisions, biblical manhood and womanhood, and other sanctity of life issues. Grounded in Scripture, these relevant essays explore what is revealed in God's Word and discuss a wide array of topics pertaining to human life, God's grace, and His perfect love for us in Christ Jesus.

THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP has started up again! We meet each Sunday at 6:00 pm. Come and join us! As always, we will have food! Questions? Contact Trevor Freudenburg at trevor@ascensionstl.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Annual Easter Egg Hunt on 4/6/19 from 9:00 am-11:30 am. See future News and Notes, Friday News Flash or visit <http://ascensionstl.com/eeh> to register online.

YOU ASKED FOR IT! Growing season permitting, **the Ascension Plant sale** will offer zinnias and lantana on sale day only. Come to the sale on April 27 to see all the beautiful plants and yard art. Funds raised benefit youth activities. Don't forget to turn in your pre-order by April 7, only week left. Did you know: we need your help to set up and on sale day. No plant knowledge necessary! Contact Karen Hilkerbaumer or Julie Headrick.

HELP MAKE THE PLANT SALE A SUCCESS As you divide your perennials and bulbs, please drop extras off to Word of Life School on Friday, April 26 between 3:30pm and 7:00pm. Can you help at the sale? We need help with set-up on Friday after school on April 26 and at the Plant Sale. No knowledge of plants necessary. Questions? Contact Karen Hilkerbaumer or Julie Headrick. Did You Know: we will have zinnias and lantana available on sale day, but not for pre-order.

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS If anyone has items to still donate to church for the Easter baskets scheduled for April 6, please bring your items to church and put in coat closet and mark 'EEH - Karen'. We assemble the baskets a week before the event.

ST. LOUIS SOUTH ZONE LWML SPRING RALLY will be held April 6 at Timothy Lutheran Church, 6704 Fyler. Refreshments at 8:45am and devotions and program at 9:30am. The featured Mission Speaker will be from the Prison Ministry at Timothy, and Bible study will be led by Pastor Lonie Eartherton. Election of Zone officers and information on the 2019 National LWML Convention in Mobile, AL will also be on the agenda. The Ingathering will support the Food Pantry at Timothy. Donations of laundry products, paper towels, bathroom tissue, or any canned or non-perishable foods will help local families in need. All ladies welcome! Please bring a friend. No RSVP needed.

CALLING ALL 2019 GRADUATES! Ascension cares about you! If you are graduating from 8th grade, high school, trade school, or college Ascension would like to celebrate your accomplishment. You are invited to any church service the weekend of May 18 and 19 for a special blessing and gift. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by contacting Marcia Passanise via email at mpassan4520@earthlink.net, or by phone/text at (314) 677-7737. We look forward to celebrating with you!

ASCENSION FAMILY CARE MINISTRY

What is Ascension Family Care Ministry?

- caring for members of our Ascension family who are home bound
- making regular visits to Ascension family members that can no longer make it to church
- establishing a relationship with a home bound member
- being a Christian friend
- visiting as a family, couple, or on your own

Interested in being a part of this ministry? Learn more about the Ascension Family Care Ministry at the general information meeting – Monday – April 29 at 7:00 p.m. Questions? Please contact Laura Brink at lvbrink@gmail.com, 314-249-9219.

SAVE DATE Join us this summer, June 10-14, 9:00 am-12:00 noon for Miraculous Mission Vacation Bible School.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS

HONOR FOR LISA CLARK Save the date for a prestigious awards ceremony and luncheon where Ascension's own Lisa Clark will be honored. Lisa has been selected from many St. Louis region candidates as a Missouri Athletic Club Woman of Distinction for her selfless work supporting her church and the St. Louis community.

What: Missouri Athletic Club
Women of Distinction Luncheon
When: Friday, April 12, 2019
Where: 405 Washington Avenue,
Downtown St. Louis
11:15 a.m. Reception
First Floor Art Lounge
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
Second Floor Missouri Ballroom
Price: \$50.00 per person
Includes MAC garage parking,
refreshments at the reception,
and a three-course luncheon
Parking tickets will be validated at the registration desk
Reservations: Call the MAC catering office at
(314) 539-4470
Pay by credit card
Ask to sit at Lisa Clark's table

Make a reservation and celebrate with Lisa and Pastor Clark.

<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 Clark
Nepalese Bible Class	Fellowship Hall 1 st Sunday of Month	Matt Kobs/ Gagan Gurung
Sunday School Coordinator		Lisa Clark

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

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. His Bible study will be based off the materials "Everyone His Witness." This bible study will help members be better equipped to witness to people of all religious backgrounds.

WHAT DID WE LEARN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

March 31-Lesson 13

Today in Sunday School we study the calling of Jesus' first disciples with "Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael." In Jesus, access to heaven is given to all who believe. *You might discuss, "How did Philip and Nathanael know that Jesus was the Christ? How do we learn that Jesus is the Christ?"*

Easter Lily Order Form

EASTER LILIES 10 MORE NEEDED Donations are needed to purchase the lilies that grace our altar on Easter Sunday. The cost of the lily is \$10.00. Please use the form below to order and return to the church office with your payment or call the church office with your order. Make checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Name _____

Number ordered _____ Total @ \$10.00 _____

I will pick up _____ I will not pick up _____

Dedication _____

Lilies may be picked up after the 11 am service on Easter, April 21, 2019

Please note: Lilies will be discarded on April 26



TASTE AND VOTE FOR THE BEST CHILI IN SOUTH ST. LOUIS ON MARCH 31. Come to St. Gabriel's cafeteria at 4711 Tamm from 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to taste chili prepared by chefs from popular South St. Louis restaurants. Vote for your favorite! Restaurants include Joey B's on The Hill, Bobby's Place, Chris' Pancake & Dining, Southtown Pub, River's Edge Social, The Mack Bar & Grill, Salt & Smoke, and Dos Reyes Orgullo Azteca. The price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 10 and under. See the Real Time Crime Center and live neighborhood safety camera demonstrations. Proceeds go toward purchasing safety cameras for installation at intersections. The special cameras spot criminals and stolen cars by reading license plates. The camera at Hampton and Chippewa is already yielding arrests!

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

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

- Gabe Maichel – Music Teacher & Choir Director
- Jennifer Porath – Band Instructor
- Paula Albrecht – After Care Director

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 Joel Akridge at (314) 832-1244 ext. 112 or admissions@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 Joel Akridge (Word of Life's Director of Admissions and Marketing).

OFF TO THE RACES! Join us on Friday, May 3, from 6:30-10:30 PM, for Word of Life's Dinner Auction at Orlando Gardens, 4300 Hoffmeister Ave, St. Louis, MO 63125. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, dessert, open bar, fellowship time with your Word of Life family, and shopping in the silent and live auction! Tickets are on sale now for \$45, with tables of 8 available. Make your reservation on our website or call Melissa Maxfield at (314) 283-4461. Proceeds from the event will benefit our students with vital technology improvements including new Chromebooks. To make a donation to the event (monetary, new & handcrafted items, antiques, gift certificates, etc.), please drop items off in the school office or call Renee Ott at (314) 402-8614 to coordinate donation pick up. To make reservations, download donation & sponsor forms, visit www.wordoflifeschool.net/auction/.



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE START OF A NEW ONGOING FUNDRAISER CALLED DONATE YOUR CHANGE. This program allows you to "round up" your purchases made on credit or debit cards every day. When you sign up, you set the limit on your per day round up. Donate Your Change is a web based platform. You are invited to create an account and donate your "loose change" to Word of Life. If 200 people sign up with a round up amount of \$1 a day, the school will raise \$73,000 annually! **DYC RoundUp Giving** meets the highest of internet-banking security protocols. The web based platform was developed and integrated with the Finicity® database network of banks/credit card companies. Security screening was conducted by Cigital, Inc., a leading, global software security and consulting firm. **DYC RoundUp Giving** offers complete control. It's a secure, convenient, flexible giving platform and you have complete control and opportunity for real-time review. Our new **DYC RoundUp Giving** system is not meant to replace the critical funds you already give. By stewarding "loose change," you participate with other roundup givers to significantly impact our mission and work. Will you sign up today to make a difference every time you spend? Will you join our campaign to engage every single one of our organizational friends? Thank you for your support of our school ministry and the education we offer here

WORSHIP NOTES

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

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

ACOLYTES: 5:00; 8:15 Olivia Muhlke; 11:00 Aidan Zaza

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Jordan Ingrham;
11:00

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

Roger & Rose Seifert in thankfulness for answered prayers
Jean Mueller in loving memory of my sister, Margaret Gould

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Lisa Holderle & Tracy Middleton;

8:15 Melissa Maxfield; 11:00 Cindy Winter

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Lisa Holderle & Tracy Middleton;
8:15 Melissa Maxfield; 11:00 Cindy Winter

ELDERS: 5:00 Rich Schaefer; 8:15 Jeff Stiles, Jack Pendleton 11:00 Joe Benda, Randy Agne

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Randy Agne
8:15 Gene Bockelman, Jeff Stiles; 11:00

HOSTS: 5:00 Rich & Bev Schaefer;

8:15 Michael & Debbie Gibbs; 11:00 The Muhlke Family

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Ed & Lois Peek;
8:15 Gary & Pattie Notch; 11:00 The Fox 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 Jane Fryar; 8:15 Matt Kobs;

11:00 Marlene Maxfield

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Tracy Middleton; 8:15 Doug Pfitzinger;
11:00 Sarah Hansen

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK 4th Sunday in Lent

April 6 & 7, 2019

OT: Exodus 32: 1-14

EP: 1 Corinthians 10: 5-8

GO: Matthew 5: 27-30

USHERS: 5:00 Karl Hofmann, Robert Hofmann, Ed Holderle

8:15 Gene Bockelman, Nathan Decker, Mark Shaffer

11:00 Paul Brock, Sr., Paul Brock, Jr., Roger Jensen

Lent 4/3: 8:30 Volunteers;

7:00 Rob Bremer, Jake Bremer, Jonathan Gibbs, Jack Pendleton

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. In the hospital :

Christian sympathy is extended to Graced Noll and family at the recent death of Grace's sister, Ruth Smid and brother-in-law, Marvin Hulse. May the comfort of the Lord be with the family

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Josephine Dibble
Mackenzie Gardner
Kayla Loesche
Nathanael Mays

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

3/31 Bonita Benda, Katherine McMeans
4/1 Dahn Maya Gurung, Til Gurung
4/2 Debbie Hofmann
4/3 Robyn Niemann, John Rabun
4/4 Janet Morton, Dominique Nocito
4/5 Beth Hartung, Renee Ott, Olivia Urschler

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*(If your wedding anniversary should be here,
please contact the church office.)*

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

Alex Jones James Keltner
Brian Kitson Thomas Kitson
Tony Urschler

LCMS CONGREGATION IN OUR SOUTH ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT

Ascension St. Johns
Emmaus St. Lucas
Epiphany St. Luke's
Holy Cross St. Trinity
Hope Timothy
Messiah Trinity
Mt. Olive