

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Blood Pressure Screening	9:30 am-10:55 am
	Young Adult Group	6:00 pm
	2+	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Handbells	6:00 pm
	Property Committee	6:00 pm
	NO Confirmation	6:30 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
	Messenger Articles Due	
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Maundy Thursday Services	8:30 am & 7:00 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Good Friday Tre’ Ore at Messiah	
		12:00 pm-3:00 pm
	Good Friday Tenebrae at Ascension	7:00 pm
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFYO	9:00 am
	NO Saturday Service	5:00 pm
Next Sunday	Worship with Communion	
		8:00 am, 9:30 am, & 11:00 am
	Easter Breakfast	7:30 am-10:30 am

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 April 14: Palm Sunday
Luke 22:11 – “Tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ” Did Jesus really need this man’s Upper Room? If the man had refused to let Jesus use it would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this room! It is likewise with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.



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 4/7/19	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	269
Peace Center Location	00
Total	269
Live Stream Viewing	14
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$15,711
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 4,422
Sunday School	\$2.18

LENT WEEKEND & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

“Let My People Go”

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 8:30 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

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.

ASCENSION EVENING GUILD SPRING BAKE SALE is today, Saturday and Sunday, April 13 & 14, 2019 before and after services. Monies raised are poured right back into many Ascension endeavors throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support.

FREEDOM RUN! Christian Friends of New Americans’ 5K Run/Fun Walk will be held at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Sunday, May 5. Register 1:30 pm/Start 2:30 pm. Bring your family and friends. Sponsor and run with a refugee child. Wheelchair accessible. Register online by Friday, April 19 to get a t-shirt. This benefit supports CFNA’s work with refugees and immigrants from around the world. Go to www.cfna-stl.org/walk/ for all the details. PRIZES and SURPRISES GALORE!

SAVE THE DATE:

WHAT: Biannual Blood Drive

WHEN: Sunday, May 19, 2019 – 9:00 am-2:00 pm

WHERE: WOL School Gym

Sponsored by MVRBC (Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center). Blood can be safely donated every two months. Word of Life will receive a \$250 grant for donations of 20 or more pints of blood. Walk ins welcome. Call Barb Hartung for any Questions at (314) 772-6651.

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

KFUO AM850 BROADCASTS

Ascension will once again be sponsoring broadcasts from May 5 through July 28, 2019. Anyone who wishes to sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office at (314) 832-5600. The cost \$150.00 per broadcast and your name and dedication will be in the church News and Notes and aired on the radio. Please make checks payable to Ascension and write KFUE Broadcast and the date of your broadcast on the memo line. Thanks for your support!

ASCENSION FAMILY CARE MINISTRY

What is Ascension Family Care Ministry?

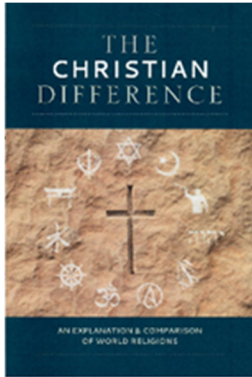
- caring for members of our Ascension family who are home bound
- making regular visits to Ascension family members that can no longer make it to church
- establishing a relationship with a home bound member
- being a Christian friend
- visiting as a family, couple, or on your own

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.

Hintze Library Book of the Month

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

April's books of the month is: Understand different religions.



Judaism • Islam • Mormonism
 Jehovah's Witnesses • Scientology
 Skepticism • Hinduism • Buddhism
 Confucianism • Shinto • Sikhism

The Christian Difference details the basic history, personalities, and beliefs of the world's major religions—not just for dead-end knowledge, but for kindly witnessing to and connecting with those who don't yet know Jesus as their Savior. Each of these world religions is compared with Christianity, providing ideas for how to talk to neighbors, family members, fellow students, or co-workers who follow one or another of these beliefs.

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

THINK SPRING! Thank you to the 71 church, school and community members who pre-ordered for the Ascension Plant Sale, an increase from last year! If you didn't pre-order, come to the sale at Word of Life school on April 27 from 8am – 2pm for a colorful selection of annuals, perennials, edibles and yard art. If you are dividing your houseplants and perennials, consider dropping off your extras for the sale to Word of Life school on Friday, April 26 after 3:30 pm. Can you help? No plant knowledge necessary, just call Karen Hilkerbaumer at 314.752.9473 or Julie Headrick at 314.849.2245.

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!

EASTER EGG HUNT Thank you all who helped to make Ascension's 2019 Easter Egg Hunt the largest one yet! Over 135 children and their families celebrated that they have a Savior who lives for them.

INTERESTED IN PLAYING SOFTBALL this summer on our newly formed men's team? Know someone who might be interested in playing softball this summer? Come to a short team meeting on Sunday, April 28th at 9:30 A.M. (in-between services) in the Concordia room. We'll discuss the schedule for this summer and hopefully schedule a few practices beforehand. You do not need to be at the meeting to play this summer, but if you are interested please let me know so I can put you on the list! Questions? Contact Trevor Freudenburg at tfreudenburg@gmail.com or 314.238.6759.

CONGREGATION ASSEMBLY Monday May 13th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Items on the agenda include: the facilities update and minor constitutional updates. Additional details will be forthcoming.

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

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

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	Rev. Matt Kobs Pastor Matt Clark
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? April 14

Students in Sunday School today explore the story "Jesus Clears the Temple." Jesus' cleansing of the temple carries a twofold message for the Jews and for us: first, that the true Lord of the temple was here in the flesh, and second and more important, that Jesus is the true temple, who houses and perfects us, raising our bodies to be like His. Parents could ask, "Why did Jesus clear the temple? How is Jesus our temple?"

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

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

Devri Davis - Office Administrator
Judy Ruf – Financial Business Manager

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 pm-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. 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 website. You are invited to create an account and donate your "loose change" to Word of Life. Please go to <http://wordoflifeschool.donateyourchange.com> to sign up. If you would like additional information or instructions, please visit our school site at www.wordoflifeschool.net, scroll down to "Announcements" and click on "Donate Your Change". You are also welcome to call the school office at (314) 832-1244 with questions. Thank you for your support of our school ministry!

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

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;
5:00 Bell Choir
11:00 Worship Team Gabe Maichel, piano;
Sunday School Children Mark Maxfield guitar;
Matt Bergholt, guitar/bass; Nadia Zaza, guitar;
Gary Notch, drums; Jason Fletcher, drums

ACOLYTES: 5:00 Kayla Loesche/Noah Clark; 8:15 Anna Clark/Grant Maxfield; 11:00 Alyssa Hansen/Rebekah Rhyne
NEXT WEEK: 8:00 Olivia Muhike/Grant Maxfield;
9:30 Kate Moffat/Matthew Hofman 11:00 Anna Clark/Tyler Kern

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Lisa Holderle & Tracy Middleton;
8:15 Mike & Debbie Gibbs; 11:00 Cindy Winter
Maundy Thursday: 8:30 Jack & Jan Pendleton
7:00 Richard & Claudia Seifert/The Hofmann Family
NEXT WEEK: 8:00 Jack & Jan Pendleton;
8:15 Mike & Debbie Gibbs; 11:00 Cindy Winter

ELDERS: 5:00 Rich Schaefer; 8:15 Jack Pendleton
11:00 Randy Agne
Maundy Thursday: 8:30 Jack Pendleton, 7:00 Randy Agne
NEXT WEEK: 8:00 Jack Pendleton;
9:30 Rich Schaefer; 11:00 Randy Agne

HOSTS: 5:00 Evelyn Gibbs;
8:15 John & Bee Danback; 11:00 The Hansen Family
NEXT WEEK: 8:00 The Bill A. Maxfield Family;
9:30 The Bremer Family; 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 Tom McCain; 8:15 Mary Pastor;
11:00 Debbie Schmidt
NEXT WEEK: 8:00 Mike Gibbs; 9:30 Lisa Holderle;
11:00 Carlos Lopez

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK Easter – April 20 & 21, 2019
OT: Exodus 15:1–18
EP: 1 Corinthians 15:55–58
GO: Matthew 28:1-20

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
Maundy Thursday: 8:30 Volunteers;
7:00 Gary Freer, Dave Jones, Carlos Lopez
Good Friday: 7:00 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. In the hospital:
Received into the Kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism on Monday, April 8, 2019 at Children's Hospital was Neala Grace Tanurchis, daughter of Marcus & Sarah Tanurchis (Headrick). May God's promise to Neala Grace today remain her confidence through her life. God's blessings!

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Anish Gurung
Bhumika Gurung
Brenden Moran
Anna Muhike

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

4/14 Melissa Bergholt, Michael Passanise
4/16 Jena Bagot
4/17 Daniel C. Bohlmann, Lexi Lopez, David Slatin
4/18 David Jaenke, Victoria Pisoni
4/19 Evan Meyer, Zachary Meyer

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/17 Richard & Claudia Seifert

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