

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship with Communion 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am
	NO Bible Class/Sunday School 9:45 am
	Easter Breakfast 7:30 am-10:30 am
Monday	Church Office Closed
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
	Confirmation 6:30 pm
	Choir 7:00 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away) 6:15 am
	Men’s Bible Study (away) 7:00 pm
Friday	Plant Sale Set-Up 3:15 pm-9:00 pm
	Nepali Home Bible Study 7:00 pm
Saturday	Confirmation Essay Weekend
	Plant Sale (WOL) 8:00 am-2:00 pm
	Pastor on KFUE 9:00 am
	Saturday Service 5:00 pm

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS April 21: Easter**  
**Luke 24:6-7 – “He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”** So Jesus is risen, but is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, and for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen but that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen; He is risen indeed!

**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.



**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 4/14/19

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	260
Peace Center Location	42
Total	302
Live Stream Viewing	21

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$10,744
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 545)

Sunday School \$

## 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!

**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."

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** Do you want to become a member of Ascension? Do you want to have a better understanding of what Lutherans believe? Are you already a Lutheran but want a review of what it is we believe? If so, please consider participating in our New Member Class! We will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in the Concordia Room on the main level of the Church. Classes begin May 19 and run for approximately 8 weeks. Please contact Pastor Clark if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

**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.

**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/](http://www.cfna-stl.org/walk/) for all the details. PRIZES and SURPRISES GALORE!

## CONGREGATION ASSEMBLY

Monday May 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Agenda: Presentation of  
Facilities Improvement Team's  
10 Year Plan  
Minor Constitution Updates.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:lvbrink@gmail.com), (314) 249-9219.

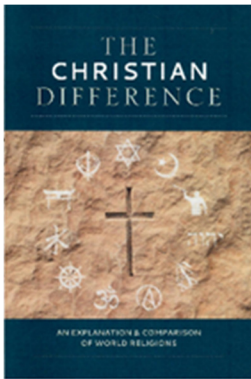
**THANK YOU, KRATZER FAMILY!** Many Ascension members fondly remember Darrell and Flo Kratzer and their family who were long-time members of Ascension and friends of Word of Life. Daryl and Flo recently passed away and went to be with their Savior, Jesus. Before their death, the Kratzers included Ascension in their estate planning. Our congregation recently received a bequest of approximately \$35,000 from their estate. We give thanks to God for the blessing Daryl and Flo were to Ascension during their life and even in their passing. May the Lord use this gift to bless people for now, and eternity, as we share Christ's love in word and deed!

Note to Worshipers  
Ascension Broadcasts its  
Worship Services  
via  
Live Stream on the Internet  
Go to [Ascensionstl.com/stream](http://Ascensionstl.com/stream).

## 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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:tfreudenburg@gmail.com) or 314.238.6759.

**VBS REGISTRATION** is now open online. Go to [Ascensionstl.com](http://Ascensionstl.com), go to the events drop down, click on VBS 2019 and follow the prompt. 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 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? April 21**  
**No Sunday School on April 21, 2019**

### FACULTY OF THE MONTH

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

Devri Davis - Office Administrator  
 Judy Ruf – Financial Business Manager

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

## 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](mailto: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/](http://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](http://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!

## WORSHIP NOTES

### 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:** 8:00, 9:30 Gabe Maichel, organist;  
Ascension Choir, Bell 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:** 8:00 Olivia Muhlke/Grant Maxfield;  
9:30 Kate Moffat/Matthew Hofman 11:00 Anna Clark/Tyler Kern  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Kate Moffat; 8:15 George Morris;  
11:00 Tyler Kern

**ALTAR GUILD:** 8:00 Jack & Jan Pendleton;  
9:30 Mike & Debbie Gibbs; 11:00 Cindy Winter  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 The Moffat Family  
8:15 Mike & Debbie Gibbs; 11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen

**ELDERS:** 8:00 Jack Pendleton;  
9:30 Rich Schaefer; 11:00 Randy Agne  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Rich Schaefer; 8:15 Jack Pendleton  
11:00 Mark Maxfield

**HOSTS:** 8:00 The Bill A. Maxfield Family;  
9:30 The Bremer Family; 11:00 The Brock Family  
**NEXT WEEK:** : 5:00 Walt Simpson;  
8:15 Clarence & Carol Goetsch;  
11:00 Terry & Nancy Nickolotsky

**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:** 8:00 Mike Gibbs; 9:30 Lisa Holderle;  
11:00 Carlos Lopez  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Kayla Loesche; 8:15 Laura Brink;  
11:00

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** April 28 –  
Second Sunday of Easter  
First Reading: Acts 5:12-20  
Epistle: Revelation 1:4-18  
Gospel: John 20:19-31

**USHERS:** 8:00 Walter Scoggins, Walt Simpson, Karl Hofmann,  
Robert Hofmann, Ed Holderle  
9:30 Jake Bremer, Rob Bremer, Jonathan Gibbs,  
Jack Pendleton, Gene Bockelmann, Nathan Decker,  
Mark Shaffer  
11:00 Gary Freer, Dave Jones, Carlos Lopez, 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:  
God's blessings to Roger Darrell Jensen & Barbara Marie Lee who were joined in holy matrimony at our altar on Thursday, April 18, 2019.

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Sabit Gurung  
Saurab Gurung  
Carly Munoz  
Liam Rabun

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

4/24 John Danback, William Gebhart, Karen Houts,  
Max Kuhl  
4/25 Jeanne McLaughlin, Bev Schaefer  
4/26 Leslie Sonderman

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/22 Walter Scoggins & Pamela Todd  
4/24 Eric & Natalie Bower

### 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	

***Easter Lilies beautifying the chancel today are given by:***

***With thanks for God's many blessings received:***

*Don & Eileen Cognata  
The Fox Family  
The Krapf Family  
Dan & Marcia Passanise  
Vernon & Debbie Schmidt  
The Thies Family*

***To the Glory of God:***

*Steve & Julie Headrick  
Jack & Jan Pendleton*



***And by:***

*Randy & Sharon Agne – Praise and thanksgiving for blessings and gifts, especially the gift of our Savior  
Carl Anderson in loving memory of Linda Marie Anderson  
Carolyn Arnold in loving memory of Gary Arnold and the Arnold and Milcic families  
Mary & Dennis Bartz in memory of dear husband & father, Kenneth Bartz  
Joe Benda in loving memory of Charles Benda and Katie Bibbins  
Diane Broughton & Ed Shimamoto – Easter blessings to our families  
Katrina Brundage in celebration of the engagement of Katrina Brundage and Rev. Roger Drinnon  
Jim & Cheryl Chambers – He is risen! Alleluia!  
Betty Clark in memory of my husband, Dennis  
John & Charlene Cook— Thanks be to God for family, friends and Ascension  
Kathy Driskill with thanks to the Risen Lord for His many blessings!  
Tom & Barb Eichhorst in memory of loving parents and grandparents  
Evelyn Gibbs in loving memory of my parents, John & Ruth Good  
Clarence & Carol Goetsch to the glory of the Risen Christ  
The Ingrham Family  
Jerry & Arleen Kassing in memory of our son, John and our parents  
Roberta & Tyler Kern in memory of Joseph J. Dietrich Sr. You are loved and missed beyond words. Dad/Papa  
Bob & Lawanda Kieffer in honor of our loving children, Doris, Susan & Rob  
Jean Mueller in thankfulness of my children, grandchildren & great grandchildren  
The Nickolotsky Family in loving memory of son and brother, Craig  
The Pfaffs to the glory of God. He is Risen  
Doug & Ruth Pritchard in memory of Ruth & Doug's parents  
Cathy Salini with joy at the beauty of the resurrection  
The Schelp Family  
The Seifert Family for blessings received and answered prayers  
Melvin Sheets in memory of my parents, Melvin Sr. & Maxine Sheets  
Darleen Wiederhold in loving memory of Gene Wiederhold  
Jack & Cindy Winter – for a special friend's recovery as she undergoes chemotherapy*