

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Men’s Softball Team Mtg.	9:30
	Confirmation Essay Weekend	
	Confirmation Luncheon	12:30 pm
	30s & 40s Group (away)	5:00 pm
	Young Adult Group	6:00 pm
Monday	Board of Elders	7:00 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
	Choir	7:00 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Cub Scout #34	6:30 pm
	Boy Scouts #34	7:00 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Word of Life Dinner Auction (Orlando Gardens)	6:30 pm-10:30 pm
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFYO	9:00 am
	Saturday Service	5:00 pm
Next Sunday	Confirmation	11:00 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 28: Easter 2
John 20:19 – “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” Fear is the opposite of faith; that is the cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.



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 4/21/19	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	520
Peace Center Location	00
Total	520
Live Stream Viewing	16
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$32,629
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$21,340
Sunday School	\$4.52

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!

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!

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.

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.

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

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.

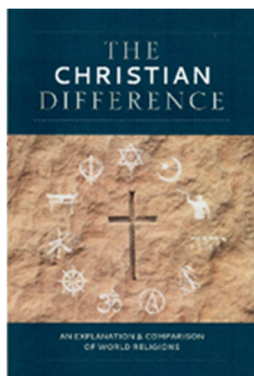
THANK YOU, KRATZER FAMILY! Many Ascension members fondly remember Darrell and Flo Kratzer and their family who were long-time members of Ascension and friends of Word of Life. Daryl and Flo recently passed away and went to be with their Savior, Jesus. Before their death, the Kratzers included Ascension 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!

EASTER EGG HUNT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! Our Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 6th, and about 146 children attended. There was a bounce house, crafts, games, face painters, cotton candy, snacks, and live bunnies, chicks, and ducks. Each child in attendance received a basket of goodies, and there were 2,388 eggs filled with goodies from our church family. Most importantly, the children and their families heard Pastor Clark tell the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection for all of us. About 1/3 of the children do not attend WOL or Ascension, so this was an incredible outreach program for them and their families. The cost to put on this large of an event cost our congregation about \$0. Our church family donated items for the Easter baskets for the children, and some very sharp and thrifty shoppers kept our expenses very low. Ted Drewes, Dairy Queen and Texas Roadhouse also provided gift cards for the children. All of the other expenses were covered by about 6 Thrivent grants applied by members of our congregation totaling about \$1,500. Thank you for all who applied for these grants. We couldn't have kept this event totally free if not for all of YOUR help. Thank you very much for your contributions, prayers, and support!

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.

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.

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!

VBS REGISTRATION is now open online. Go to 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 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	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 28

Today in Sunday School, we learn about Jesus teaching the Pharisee Nicodemus under the cover of night. Since the fall into sin, all are born spiritually blind, sinful, and unclean. We are like Nicodemus and cannot see our sin or understand who Jesus truly is for us. As children of God, born of water and the Spirit, we can see our sinfulness and the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. Discuss with your children, *"How did Baptism change you? What does Baptism do?"*

FACULTY OF THE MONTH

Our Word of Life faculty 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!

WE GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE as we welcome Mrs. Dawn Schlesselman who has accepted the position of 6th Grade Homeroom and Middle School Science teacher. She has had experience teaching high school Biology and Chemistry and has been subbing for us over the last year. We look forward to her joining our WOL family in the fall!

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;
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: 5:00 Kate Moffat; 8:15 George Morris;
11:00 Tyler Kern

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Will Maxfield;
11:00

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar are given
by:
The 2019 Confirmation Class

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 The Moffat Family
8:15 Mike & Debbie Gibbs; 11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Moffat Family
8:15 Mike & Debbie Gibbs; 11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen

ELDERS: 5:00 Rich Schaefer; 8:15 Jack Pendleton
11:00 Mark Maxfield
NEXT WEEK: 5:00; 8:15
11:00

HOSTS: 5:00 Walt Simpson; 8:15 Clarence & Carol Goetsch;
11:00 Terry & Nancy Nickolotsky
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Loesche family; 8:15 Arlene Headrick;
11:00 The Benda Fmaily

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 Kayla Loesche; 8:15 Laura Brink;
11:00
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield;
11:00 Marla Lopez

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK May 5 – Third Sunday of Easter
First Reading Acts 9:1-22
Epistle Revelation 5:8-14
Gospel John 21:1-14

USHERS: 5:00 Walter Scoggins, Walt Simpson, Karl Hofmann,
Robert Hofmann, Ed Holderle
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. In the hospital: Mark Pfaff at Barnes

Christian sympathy is extended to John & Laura Brink and family at the recent death of Laura's father, Arthur Vogel. May the comfort of the Lord be with the family

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Shresti Gurung
Alyssa Hansen
Tristan Rabun
Samuel Reeves

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

4/28 Thomas Hinton, Emma Nickolotsky
4/29 Anna H. Corvera, Elanor Pisoni, Elberta Simpson
4/30 Lanora Barman, Nirus Gurung
5/1 Gianna Lewis
5/2 Sajal Tamang, James Wiederhold
5/3 Phillip Brancato, Paul Brock Jr., Mallory Mason
5/4 Jennifer Hilkerbaumer- Yocum

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/28 Walt & Barbara Ann Simpson

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