

**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 (Orders Due)	
	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
Monday	Ministry Council	7:00 pm
Tuesday	NO Bible Study	9:30 am
	Evening Guild	7:00 pm
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Midweek Lent 5 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
	Cub Scouts #34	6:30 pm
	Boy Scouts #34	7:00 pm
	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 KFUD	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	4:30 pm-4:55 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.

**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 7: Lent 5**  
**Luke 20:16 – “He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!”** The crowds were shocked at Jesus’ parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take “the vineyard” away from them. But we only have access to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom. Let us not take it for granted, but instead let us respond with humble thanksgiving.



**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”

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
Through 3/31/19	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	252
Peace Center Location	40
Total	292
Live Stream Viewing	21
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$15,594
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 4,665
Sunday School	\$9.20

**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** will be next 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/](http://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.

## LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### "My Song is Love Unknown"

#### 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

## LENT WEEKEND & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### "Let My People Go"

#### 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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

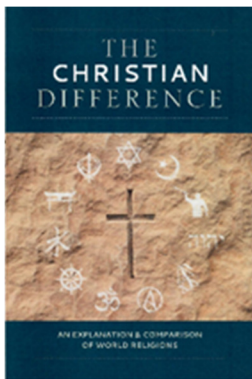
Easter Breakfast – Sr. Youth 7:30 am-10:30 am

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.

**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](mailto:trevor@ascensionstl.com)

**ASCENSION PLANT SALE PRE-ORDERS** are due to the church office by Sunday, April 7. Not placing a 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. Dividing your houseplants or perennials? Donate extras to the Plant Sale. Drop them off at the school gym on Friday April 26th after 3:30 pm. Visit [ascensionstl.com/plants](http://ascensionstl.com/plants) for more information or call Karen Hilkerbaumer or Julie Headrick. **DID YOU KNOW:** Much of the hand-painted yard art was done by members of our Ascension family!

**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.

### 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.

**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!

**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.

**SAVE DATE** Join us this summer, June 10-14, 9:00 am-12:00 noon for Miraculous Mission Vacation Bible 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 KFUO Broadcast and the date of your broadcast on the memo line. Thanks for your support!

## 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	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 7

Today in Sunday School, the children learn the story of "Jesus Changes Water into Wine" at the wedding in Cana. Through His first miracle, Jesus revealed Himself to be true God. God uses His Word and physical means—water, bread, and wine—to reveal to us that Jesus is our Savior. Discuss the story with your children: "How we are like the disciples, not sure just who Jesus is? How do we sometimes doubt Him and His Word?"

**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 6:30-10:30 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.** 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

## TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

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

Devri Davis - Office Administrator  
Judy Ruf – Financial Business Manager

## 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:** 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; Jason Fletcher, drums

**ACOLYTES:** 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Jordan Ingrham; 11:00

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Kayla Loesche/Noah Clark; 8:15 Anna Clark/Grant Maxfield; 11:00 Alyssa Hansen/Rebekah Rhyne

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

Elizabeth Nease in loving memory of her father, Robert Nease Ed & Lisa Holderle with Glory to Jesus Christ for the gift of His life

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

8:15 Melissa Maxfield; 11:00 Cindy Winter/Julie Krapf

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Lisa Holderle & Tracy Middleton;  
8:15 Mike & Debbie Gibbs; 11:00 Cindy Winter

**ELDERS:** 5:00;

8:15 Gene Bockelman; 11:00 Randy Agne

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Rich Schaefer; 8:15 Jack Pendleton  
11:00 Randy Agne

**HOSTS:** 5:00 Ed & Lois Peek;

8:15 Gary & Pattie Notch; 11:00 The Fox Family

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Evelyn Gibbs;

8:15 John & Bee Danback; 11:00 The Hansen 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 Tracy Middleton; 8:15 Doug Pfitzinger;

11:00 Sarah Hansen

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Tom McCain; 8:15 Mary Pastor;

11:00 Debbie Schmidt

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** Palm Sunday –

April 13 & 14, 2019

OT: Exodus 34:1–8

EP: 2 Corinthians 5:14–6:2

GO: Matthew 21:1–11

**USHERS: 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

**Midweek Lent 5 4/10:** 8:30 Volunteers;

7:00 Gene Bockelmann, Nathan Decker, Mark Shaffer

**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:

Christian sympathy is extended to Elaine Hilgeman and family at the recent death of Elaine's sister-in-law. May the comfort of the Lord be with the family

Birth congratulations to Marcus & Sarah Tanurchis (Headrick) who were blessed with the gift of a daughter, Neala Grace born on March 14, 2019. God's richest blessings!

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Abigail Green

Abashak Gurung

Katherine Moffat

McKenzie Moore

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

4/7 Michael Lotz, Sinjin Watz

4/9 Isabella Bracken, Karen Rogier

4/10 Ronald Hetz, Nathanael Mays, Lucas Smith Jr.

4/11 Allison Colloton

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/10 Matt & Melissa Bergholt

4/12 Gene & Patricia Bockelmann

### 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