

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
Monday	Congregational Assembly	7:00 pm
Tuesday	NO Bible Study	9:30 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Pastors/Principal Meeting	1:00 pm
	Handbells	6:00 pm
	Property Committee	6:00 pm
	Choir	7:00 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Cub Scout #34	6:30 pm
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFUE	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Graduation Milestone	
Next Sunday	Blood Drive (WOL Gym)	9:00 am-2:00 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 May 12: Fourth Sunday of Easter John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” On their own, sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out, let us follow Him!

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 5/5/19

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	279
Peace Center Location	00
Total	279
Live Stream Viewing	2

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$ 7,249
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 4,040)

Sunday School \$00

KFUO BROADCAST

May 12, 2019
SPONSORED BY

Ascension Women's Evening Guild

**In Honor of All
Mothers Everywhere**

KFUO AM850 BROADCASTS All sponsorships are filled! 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!

EVENING GUILD YEAREND GET TOGETHER on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Dianne Thies' at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP and/call for directions to Dianne at (314) 802-7969. All are welcome! Hope to see you there.

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.

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!

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.

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.

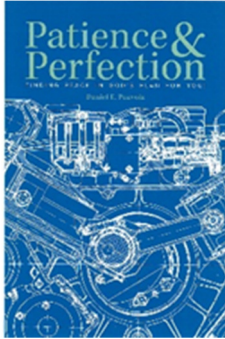
MUSIC MINISTRY CONCERT ON JUNE 8 Ascension's music ensembles will be hosting a concert on Saturday, June 8 2019, at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary. The Bell Choir, Ascension Choir, Worship Team, and the congregation will explore the repertoire that Christians have sung throughout the centuries. Each group will perform old and new favorites giving praise to the Giver of music. The groups will also combine to perform musical arrangements that are unique to Ascension. Join us for a night celebrating the gift of Christian song, where emotion meets and aligns with the truth of God's Word. A free will offering will be collected to help support the Music Ministry at Ascension. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE Youth Trivia Night, September 7, 2019, 6:30 pm-10:00 pm. All proceeds benefit the National Youth Gathering 2022.

Hintze Library Book of the Month

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

May's books of the month is: Patience & Perfection: Finding Peace in God's Plan for You!
by Daniel Paavola



In this life, we'll never be perfect.

We take one step toward perfection and two steps back, losing confidence in ourselves with each movement. We might lose patience with ourselves—can't we just be perfect already!?—but God gently smiles and continues walking with us. While you can't know all that God plans to do with and for you, you can trust in His perfect plan and His will for you in this life. God is slowly but consistently sanctifying you. He is patient with you. He loves you. And He declares you perfect in Christ.



As of April 30, 2019, our deficit was eliminated! We now have a surplus of \$11,017. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Total Cash received year-to-date in 2019 was \$321,378, not including the \$26,345 endowment fund distribution received on January 15, 2019. In 2019, there have been several larger donations and bequests to support our ministry, including \$10,000 contributed to the Capital Improvement Fund in April. Through April 2018, we had received \$229,126 in cash. Total Expenses year-to-date in 2019 was \$224,385, while it was \$211,413 in 2018. In 2019, contributions were \$52,574 over budget, and expenses were \$11,393 over budget (primarily due to boiler and heater repairs at Word of Life).

If you have any questions or comments about our financial position, please do not hesitate to speak to anyone on the Ministry Council.

Note to Worshipers
Ascension Livestreams & Archives its
Worship Services
Via the Internet
Go to Ascensionstl.com/stream.

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? May 12

"Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth" is the Sunday School lesson today. In Nazareth, throughout His ministry, and even today, Jesus is rejected by people who do not have faith in Him. God's Word clearly shows that Jesus is God's Son, and in faith, we believe. With your family, discuss, *"How does sin blind our eyes to the Savior and cause us to suffer from sin's effects with sickness, trouble, and even physical death?"*

**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. 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).

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!

FACULTY OF THE MONTH

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

Melissa Bergholt, Principal
Joel Akridge, Director of Marketing and Admissions

WORSHIP NOTES

LITURGIST: 1st Weekend -

Pastoral Assistant Trevor Freudenburg-

2nd Weekend - Seminarian Matt Lorenz

3rd Weekend – Seminarian Matt Kolden

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 Kayla Loesche; 8:15 Jordan Ingrham;

11:00 Jaylee Schulz

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Matthew Hofman; 8:15 Olivia Muhlke;

11:00 Aiden Zaza

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

Jerry & Arlene Kassing with thanksgiving for 61 years of marriage

David & Barb Hartung in praise & thanksgiving for 51 years of marriage

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 The Moffat Family

8:15 Melissa Maxfield; 11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Jane Fryar

8:15 Melissa Maxfield; 11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen

ELDERS: 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 Gene Bockelmann;

11:00 Mark Maxfield

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Rich Schaefer; 8:15 Jack Pendleton

11:00

HOSTS: 5:00 Ed & Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Mary Pastor;

11:00 The Thies Family

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Keller family;

8:15 Jerry & Arleen Kassing;

11:00 The Kuntz 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 Mark Hofman; 8:15 Bill A. Maxfield;

11:00 Troy Hansen

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Richard Seifert; 8:15 Nathan Decker;

11:00 Carolyn Arnold

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

May 19 – Fifth Sunday after Easter

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Epistle: Revelation 21:1-7

Gospel: John 16:12-22

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.

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Grace Maleas

Will Maxfield

Sarah Stiffler

Keegan Watz

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

5/12 Jake Bremer, Sarah Cooney,
Paxton Hilkerbaumer-Yocum, Donna Mueller,
Barbara Schwarz

5/13 Cheryl Chambers, Nancy Lotz

5/14 Marianne Pott

5/15 Julie Ferranto, Jacob Ingrham, Erika Lettner,
Jeff Stiles

5/16 Sweta Gurung

5/17 Ella Bagot

5/18 Samuel Bower, William Depew, Alyssa Hansen,
Makayla Welker

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5/16 James & Kathleen Komorech, Nancy & James Lotz,
Karen & Michael Watz

5/17 Randy & Gina Breitenfeld,
David & Barbara Hartung Sr.

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