

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	New Member Class	9:45 am
	Bi-Annual Blood Drive WOL Gym	9:00am-2:00 pm
	All Youth BBQ	12:00 pm-3:00 pm
	Piano Recital	3:00pm-5:00 pm
	2+	6:00 pm
Monday	Board of Elders	6:30 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
	Kindergarten Graduation	7:00 pm
	Choir	8:00 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation	7:00 pm
Friday	Word of Life-Last Day	
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFUO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	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.

**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 Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Rev. 21:1 – “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.”** The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth that has been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use “unrighteous mammon” for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?



**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 5/12/19

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	263
Peace Center Location	43
Total	306
Live Stream Viewing	21

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$ 9,097
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 2,192)
Sunday School	\$14.25

**KFUO BROADCAST  
May 19, 2019**

**SPONSORED BY**

**Darleen Wiederhold**

**In memory of husband, Gene,  
parents, Wilbert & Erna Richterkessing  
and brother, Larry Richterkessing**

**KFUO AM850 BROADCASTS** All sponsorships are filled!  
Thanks for your support!

**NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS TODAY!** 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 will run for approximately 8 weeks. Please contact Pastor Clark if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

**BLOOD DRIVE TODAY!!!**

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.

**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.

**PLANT SALE THANK YOU!** Once again we'd like to thank everyone who supported the Ascension Plant Sale fundraiser. We were blessed to raise \$3,000.00 to benefit the youth of our church, school, and community. A big thank you to all who volunteered to help, including Word of Life and Ascension youth! If you have any suggestions for next year's sale, please contact Karen Hilkerbaumer or Julie Headrick.

Note to Worshipers  
Ascension Livestreams & Archives its  
Worship Services  
Via the Internet  
Go to [Ascensionstl.com/stream](http://Ascensionstl.com/stream).

**MUSIC MINISTRY CONCERT ON JUNE 8, 2019** 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.

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

### 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? May 19

Today in Sunday School, the lesson is, "Jesus Calls Disciples." Jesus preached, taught, and healed, and He called His first disciples to do the same. The children learn that Jesus chose ordinary, sinful men to follow Him and be His disciples. In Baptism, Jesus chooses us to be His children. Underscore that in Jesus' forgiveness we find peace and favor with God, whose Word testifies repeatedly and consistently that Jesus is His Son and our Savior. Ask your children, "Through whom does Jesus continue His saving work where His Word is preached and His Sacraments are administered today?"

### 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

## 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).

### 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!

**USED BOOK SALE COMING TO WORD OF LIFE SCHOOL!** Start putting aside your gently used children's books to donate. Word of Life School will have a Used Book Sale at the beginning of school year. More information to come...Thanks! WOL PTL

**PART TIME FINANCE ASSISTANT POSITION** Word of Life Lutheran School is seeking a Finance Assistant. Applicants should have prior bookkeeping experience. It is preferred that applicants have a minimum of an Associate's Degree and experience with QuickBooks. The position is 20 hours a week. We are hoping to hire for a June 24th start date. Interested applicants can send their resume to Melissa Bergholt at [mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net) or fax it to (314) 832-0195.

**THANK YOU!** Our heartfelt thanks to our church family. Word of Life Lutheran School had tremendous support with donations, sponsorships and attendance from members of our three association congregations at our "Off to the Races" dinner auction on Friday, May 3. Our event guests generously bid on a wide variety of baskets, gift certificates, and unique experiences to help us raise \$41,624, netting \$33,469.34, to benefit our students with vital technology upgrades. We couldn't have done it without you!

## 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

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** 5:00 & 8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist;  
8:15 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 Matthew Hofman; 8:15 Olivia Muhlke;  
11:00 Aiden Zaza  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Kate Moffat; 8:15 Anna Muhlke  
11:00 Nathanael Mays

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers that grace our altar are given  
by:  
Anonymously  
Cathy Salini in honor & in celebration of Vic's birthday

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 Jane Fryar  
8:15 Melissa Maxfield; 11:00 Troy & Sarah Hansen  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Jane Fryar  
8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton; 11:00 Doug & Nancy Pfitzinger

**ELDERS:** 5:00 Rich Schaefer; 8:15 Jack Pendleton  
11:00  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Rich Schaefer;  
8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;  
11:00 Joe Benda

**HOSTS:** 5:00 The Keller family; 8:15 Jerry & Arleen Kassing;  
11:00 The Kuntz Family  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Jim & Cheryl Chambers; 8:15 Cathy Salini;  
11:00 Dan & Marcia Passanise

**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 Richard Seifert; 8:15 Nathan Decker;  
11:00 Carolyn Arnold  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Matt Lorenz; 8:15 John Brink;  
11:00 Dianne Thies

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

May 26 – Sixth Sunday of Easter  
First Reading: Acts 16:9-15  
Epistle: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27  
Gospel: John 16:23-33

**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  
**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.

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

George Morris  
Olivia Muhlke  
Cody Wheeler  
Keerstin Wiederhold

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

5/19 Anya Stiles  
5/20 Robert Urschler  
5/21 Jason Gurung, Ellen Hetz  
5/22 Ed Holderle, Karen Moffat  
5/23 Sharon Agne, Joe Benda, Allison Chambers,  
Matt Kamp  
5/25 Aleece Keller, Lucas Smith Sr.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5/20 Diana & Matthew Pisoni  
5/21 Matt & Leslie Sonderman  
5/25 Jason & Mila Fletcher 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	