

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
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
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Handbells	6:15 pm
	Choir	6:30 pm
	Ascension Day Service	7:00 pm
Friday	Messenger Assembly	
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFUE	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.

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS May 26: Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 16:9 – “And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’” God does all the saving of the Macedonians, but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul, who was called to go and help them. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

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 Report
Through 5/19/19

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	215
Peace Center Location	45
Total	260
Live Stream Viewing	27

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$12,040
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 751

Sunday School \$3.50



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”

KFUO BROADCAST
May 26, 2019

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**With thanks to God for our wonderful
church staff and their families**

NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGAN 5/19/ It's not too late. 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!

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, 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!

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

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY Want to help raise funds for much needed school facility improvements?? Here's a painless way to do so, which is easy on the pocketbook and organizes your home at the same time. Collect sellable clothing, bed/bath/shoes/accessories and household items, bag them up and bring them to the parking lot area behind Ascension Church on Saturday, June 22 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Items donated will be taken to Savers on Watson Road where they will be weighed and we will receive a designated amount per pound. So get cleaning and gather items and remember-- the bigger the bag(s) the more money it generates for the school facility improvements.

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT UPDATE Over the past few months, Ascension's Facilities Improvement Team has been investigating the physical needs at Ascension and Word of Life. The result of this team's work is a 10-year plan that is divided into three phases. At Ascension's most recent Congregational Assembly Meeting, this ten-year plan was presented and approved unanimously. We're excited to improve our facilities in a proactive way that will enable us to share Christ with our church, and community, now and for generations to come. The congregation also approved of the formation of a Facilities Improvement Funding Team. This group of people help communicate the facility improvement needs to the congregation at large and work to raise funds to help make these improvements a reality. If you would like a copy of the facilities 10-year plan, please contact the church office. Keep this exciting endeavor in your prayers!

SERVICE PROJECT FOR VBS This year's VBS will have a couple of different service projects throughout the week. One of them offers the opportunity for the congregation to help. This project involves the assembly of Homeless kits that will be provided to the outreach ministry at Historic Trinity in Souldard. How the congregation can help is by supplying the items that go into the homeless kits. There is a box in the lobby to place your donations and we will be collecting all the way up to June 9th, when VBS starts. Here is a list of items that are needed: Combs; tooth brushes; socks; snacks like protein bars, tuna salad snack kits, trail mix, beef jerky, etc.; and trial sizes of bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, and tooth paste. This year's VBS crew and kids thank you in advance for your support.

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.

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? May 26

Today in Sunday School, the lesson is "Jesus Heals Many." Through many miracles, Jesus shows us His power over sin. Ask your children to tell you, "Who did Jesus heal? What were some of the sicknesses the people had?" Talk about sin—yours, theirs, and the world's—and how Satan holds the world in bondage, causing sickness and death. Assure them that Jesus is the Holy One of God, who defeats Satan and frees us from his hold, granting us eternal life in paradise. Emphasize that Jesus has power over sin and sickness, saving the lost by His death and resurrection.

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. 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!

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 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: 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 Kate Moffat; 8:15 Anna Muhlke

11:00 Nathanael Mays

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Anna Clark;

11:00 Alyssa Hansen

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

Mike & Debbie Gibbs wishing Evelyn a Happy Birthday

Jack & Jan Pendleton in memory of all Veterans, especially those who made the supreme sacrifice

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Jane Fryar

8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton; 11:00 Doug & Nancy Pfitzinger

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Jane Fryar

8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton; 11:00 Doug & Nancy Pfitzinger

ELDERS: 5:00 Randy Agne;

8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Pendleton;

11:00 Joe Benda

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Rich Schaefer; 8:15 Gene Bockelmann;

11:00 Joe Benda

HOSTS: 5:00 Jim & Cheryl Chambers; 8:15 Cathy Salini;

11:00 Dan & Marcia Passanise

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Randy & Sharon Agne;

8:15 Gerry & Karen Hilkerbaumer; 11:00 Dianne Thies

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 Matt Lorenz; 8:15 John Brink;

11:00 Dianne Thies

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 Jerry Kassing;

11:00 Paul Brock

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK June 2 –

Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26 English

Epistle: Revelation 22:1-6; 22:12-20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

USHERS: 5:00 Walter Scoggins, Walt Simpson,

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 this week: Jim Wiederhold at Barnes, Katlyne Thies at Barnes

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Monila Rai

Rebekah Rhyne

Nadia Zaza

Savanah Breitenfeld

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

5/26 Jill Hintze, Liam Rabun

5/27 Shirley Thompson

5/28 Sean Cooney, Jordan Ingrham

5/31 Evelyn Gibbs, Nick Wood

6/1 Amber Gurung, Regina Komrska, Sarah Maxfield,

Krishna Rai

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5/26 Matt & Kira Kamp, Mark & Susan Pfaff

5/28 Jim & Cheryl Chambers, Rachel & Brian Grote,

Larry & Patricia Loveless, Joe & Shanna Manning

5/30 Gagan Gurung & Meena Rai

5/31 Travis & Erin Armknecht

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