

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Confirmation	11:00 am
	Confirmation Photos	12:30 pm
	Young Adult Group (away)	6:00 pm
Monday	Ministry Council	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
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Men’s Club	8:00 am
	Pastor on KFYO	9:00 am
	Saturday Service	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.

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS May 5: Third Sunday of Easter
John 21:6 – “He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.” Won’t the disciples ever learn? Jesus pulled this same trick before. When the odds seemed completely against it, the Lord gave them a command to let down the nets, a command that seemed crazy. But they complied, and He blessed their obedience. When will we learn this lesson, too?

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 4/28/19	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	223
Peace Center Location	44
Total	273
Live Stream Viewing	16
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$15,112
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 3,823
Sunday School	\$10.00

KFUO BROADCAST

May 5, 2019
SPONSORED BY

Larry & Pearline Degenhardt

In memory of our parents,
Reinhold & Tekla Deggenhardt
and
Alvin & Paula Meyer

KFUO AM850 BROADCASTS 3 SPONSORS STILL NEEDED Ascension is 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!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2019

Henry Frederick Hung Brink
Jaltee Kate Schulz

GOD'S BLESSING TO OUR SEMINARY STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED CALLS/VICARAGES ON MAY 1, 2019

Our Seminary students who received calls/vicarages
Trevor Freudenburg received call to Calvary Evangelical Lutheran in Sioux City IA,
Matthew Lorenz received vicarage assignment to Holy Trinity in Edmond, OK,
John Kyle received vicarage assignment to Grace Lutheran Church, St. Petersburg, FL
Jeff Jenkins received a call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lubbock, TX (where he has served his vicarage).

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.

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.

THE PLANT SALE WAS VERY BLESSED THE WEEKEND

OF APRIL 26-27 with lots of customers and about 87 pre-order of flowers among all the perennial plants, and accessories that we sold. Thank you all to those that help set-up on Friday and worked on Saturday as we could not possibly do this large of an event without YOU. Thank you Mrs Bergholdt and WOL for the gym as we have grown so large we need the gym for all our flowers and accessories.

The following companies donated to the plant sale so please keep them in mind when you shop.

Bayer's Garden Shops, Inc

The Bug Store - Kirkwood

Colors of Spring Nursery

Dierbergs Market

Fendler Nursery * Garden Center

Gateway Greening

Greenscape Gardens and Gifts

Home Depot

Kirkwood Material Supply South

Lowes

Rolling Ridge Nursery - Webster Groves

St Louis Ornamental Stone

Sugar Creek Garden - Kirkwood

Thrivent Financial

Walmart

Walter Knoll

Wiethop Greenhouses

Note to Worshipers
Ascension Livestreams & Archives its
Worship Services
Via the Internet
Go to 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.

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



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.

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.

**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 learning 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 5

Today's Sunday School lesson is the account of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. In this lesson, we learn that Jesus gives the Spirit, who cleanses us from sin and unrighteousness in the living water of Holy Baptism. Talk with your children about how sin causes us to have guilt and shame before God. Emphasize that through the water and Word of Holy Baptism all guilt and shame are removed. Discuss, *"Jesus comes for all people, no matter what race or color they are. Ordinary water leaves us thirsting for more, but the living water of Jesus, which flows from His Word and the font of Baptism, quenches our spiritual thirst forever."*

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!

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!

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
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 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Will Maxfield;
11:00

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Kayla Loesche; 8:15 Anna Muhlke;
11:00 Jaylee Schulz

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

The 2019 Confirmation Class in honor of their confirmation

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 Joe Benda

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Randy Agne; 8:15 Gene Bockelmann;
11:00 Mark Maxfield

HOSTS: 5:00 The Loesche family; 8:15 Arlene Headrick;
11:00 The Benda Family

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Ed & Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Mary Pastor;
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 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield;
11:00 Marla Lopez

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Mark Hofman; 8:15 Bill A. Maxfield;
11:00 Troy Hansen

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

May 12 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 20:17-35

Epistle Revelation: 7:9-17

Gospel: John 10:22-30

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,
Karl Hofmann, Robert Hofmann, Ed Holderle

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.

Christian sympathy is extended to Daniel Friel and family at the recent death of Daniel's cousin, Barbara Friel. May the comfort of the Lord be with the family

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of our sister in Christ, Jeanne McLaughlin who passed away on April 25, 2019. Christian burial was given on Friday, May 3, 2019. May the comfort of the Lord be with her family.

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Jacob Ingrham

Tyler Kern

Andrew Roussin

Gavin Schulz

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

5/6 Ralph McMeans

5/9 Dawn Brancato, Marie Muhlke, Jennifer Roussin

5/10 Arlene Headrick, Jonah Maxfield

5/11 Emily Maichel

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5/8 Scott & Wendy Gardner, Karl & Deborah Hofmann

5/9 Mark & Barbara Shaffer

5/10 Jerry & Arlene Kassing

5/11 Matthew & Allison Maxfield,
William & Marlene Maxfield

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