

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	New Member Class	10:00 am
Monday	Ministry Council	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
	VBS Meeting	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
	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 KFUE	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Music Ministry Concert	6:30 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 June 2 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 1:16 – “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.”** Judas sold out our Lord for 30 pieces of silver. That is, he sold out his friend, Master, and teacher for the sake of greed. That is a sharp reminder for us to search our own hearts for greed and to pray that the Lord would help us turn away from greed before it consumes us.

**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”

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
Through 5/26/19	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	212
Peace Center Location	43
Total	255
Live Stream Viewing	19
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$14,342
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 3,053
Sunday School	\$3.50

**KFUO BROADCAST**  
**June 2, 2019**

**SPONSORED BY**  
**Ed & Lois Peek**

**In gratitude to God for the unspeakable  
gift of His one and Only Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord**

**NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGAN 5/19/19.** 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](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.

**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!

**CONFIRMATION PICTURES** are ready for pick up in the church office.

**LCMS NATIONAL OFFERING "JOY TO THE WORLD"** This summer is the triennial convention of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). In preparation for this convention, the LCMS is requesting that congregations gather a special offering which will be combined with other contributions from across the country. This national offering will go directly to the mission of the LCMS to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ, joy incarnate, to the world. Offering envelopes for this collection will be distributed in worship the weekend of June 8 and 9. You can submit your special offering in the offering plate, or to the church office, any time before July 1. Please make checks out to "The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod." Please keep our synod in your prayers as we prepare to meet under the theme: "JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN."

**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 Souard. 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

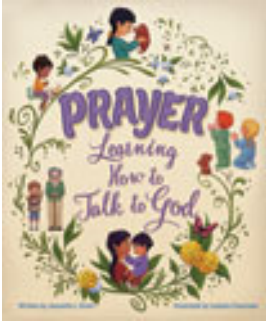
**A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL USHERS, GREETERS AND OTHER INTERESTED WORSHIPERS** Police Sgt. Donny Walters of community Engagement and Recruitment will present an "Active Shooter Training Class" Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Meet in the sanctuary at Trinity Lutheran Church in Souard. This presentation is to help us observe and react to potential emergencies.

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

**June's books of the month is:** Prayer: Learning How to Talk to God  
by Jeanette Groth



Nurture the habit of regular, confident conversation with God in your children, helping your family grow in faith together! God invites His children to talk to Him about anything, anywhere, anytime. This is what “pray without ceasing” is all about! God is a loving Father, who promises to listen and to answer our prayers in ways He knows are best for us.

### 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 <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? June 2

"Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Paralyzed" is the lesson for Sunday School today. The miracle of healing the paralytic confirms that Jesus, the Son of Man, has authority on earth to forgive sins, and it confirms what the Son of Man chiefly came to do: deliver us and all believers from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Consider discussing, *"In addition to healing the paralyzed man, what else does Jesus tell him? How has Jesus healed us from our sickness of sin?"*

## 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;

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 Anna Clark;

11:00 Alyssa Hansen

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Kayla Loesche/Matthew Hofman;

8:15 Grant Maxfield/George Morris

11:00 Rebekah Rhyne/Tyler Kern

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

Altar Guild in thanksgiving for many blessings received

**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 Rich Schaefer; 8:15 Gene Bockelmann;

11:00 Joe Benda

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Rich Schaefer;

8:15 Jack Pendleton; 11:00

**HOSTS:** 5:00 Randy & Sharon Agne;

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

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 The Bracken Family; 8:15 Donna Bedwell;

11:00 Bill L. & Marlene Maxfield

**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 Randy Agne; 8:15 Jerry Kassing;

11:00 Paul Brock

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Ted Cox 8:15 Matt Kobs;

11:00 Debbie Schmidt

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** June 9 –

The Day of Pentecost

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel: John 14:23-31

**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. In the hospital this week: Jim Wiederhold at Barnes

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Christina Rosenberg

Grace Rosenhofer

Allison Brink

Paul Brock

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

6/2 William Arand Sr., Emma Foppe, Darleen Wiederhold

6/3 David Hartung Sr., Addison Sonderman

6/4/ Miller Hinton, Janice Sheets

6/5 Judith Edmister, Brandon Steffens

6/7 Lisa Clark

6/8 Pearline Degenhardt, Jennifer Fox, Matthew Hofman, Richard Seifert

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6/5 Robert & Maria Urschler

### 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