

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
Tuesday	NO Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Jr. Youth-Camp Wartburg	4:30 pm-10:15 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Messenger Assembly	
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFUD	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Steve Schave	

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION

CLOUD OF WITNESSES SERMON SERIES

“Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith...” Hebrews 12:1-2a

We'll examine the lives of 10 men and women from the 20 centuries following Jesus' earthly ministry. We remember these saints, however, not to honor them for their own sake, but as examples of those who lived their lives in Jesus their Savior. Christ's saving work has been made manifest in their lives to His glory. May we be encouraged by this cloud of witnesses! Also, during this sermon series, anyone who turns in at least 8 out of 10 completed sermon outlines will receive a copy of the book *Celebrating the Saints* from Concordia Publishing House.

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS July 21

Luke 10:40 – “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?” Martha is doing the right thing but in the wrong order. Her service to the Lord is good, but she has let it get ahead of hearing His Word. Mary has placed the Word first, which is good. Is there any doubt she will rise once she has heard the Word and get to serving as well? Isn't that what hearing the Word always leads us to do? We listen, then respond. We believe, and thus we act.

August 3/4	Augustine (and Monica), Theologian, 4 th Century
August 10/11	Emperor Constantine (and Helena), Christian Ruler 4 th Century
August 17/18	Lucia, Martyr, 4 th Century
August 24/25	Boniface, Missionary to the Germans, 7 th Century
August 31/Sept 1	Katharina von Bora Luther, Wife of Martin Luther, 16 th Century
September 7/8	Paul Gerhardt, Musician & Hymn Writer, 16 th Century
September 14/15	Lucas Cranach and Albrecht Durer, Artists 16 th Century
September 21/22	C. F. W. Walther, Theologian, 19 th Century
September 28/29	Martyrs of Libya, 21 st Century

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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 7/14/19	
Number Who Gathered Around God's Word	
Ascension Location Worship	187
Peace Center Location	44
Total	231
Live Stream Viewing	20
Amount Received to Share Christ's Love	
Amount Received	\$ 9,496
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 1,793)
Sunday School	\$00

**KFUO BROADCAST
July 21, 2019**

**SPONSORED BY
The Lopez Family**

**Thanksgiving and Celebration
of 65 years of marriage for
Wayne & Marlene Maschhoff**

Pastor Clark and family will be on vacation
July 22- July 28, 2019
He will return to the office on July 29, 2019

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.



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.

WELCOME, GUEST PREACHER! While Pastor Clark is on vacation, we welcome *Rev. Dr. Steve Schave* the weekend of July 27 and 28. Rev. Schave is director of LCMS Urban & Inner-City Mission (UICM) and director of LCMS Church Planting for the Office of National Mission. Rev. Schave and his family are members of Ascension. Thank you, Pastor, for sharing the Word!

HOSTS NEEDED We could really use a few more greeters/hosts: singles, couples and families for this ministry. This is such an easy way to serve. All you need is a welcoming smile! At this time, folks are serving an average of 3 times in the six month schedule. Our goal is to have enough people to serve only one time every six months. Wouldn't that be great! If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter/host, contact the church office at (314) 832-5600. Thank you!

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

JULY WORK DAYS! Would you like to help be a part of improving the facilities at Ascension and Word of Life? Ascension is teaming up with parents and teachers for two work days this month. On Saturday, July 20 and July 27 at 8 am, we will meet to tackle some jobs on our church and school campus. This is a great opportunity to contribute to our ministry together...and there will be donuts! Some of the opportunities to serve include:

- Clean store room next to stage
- Outside weeding and mulching
- Re-painting lines on playground
- Paint music classroom
- Install new carpet tiles in two classrooms
- Replace ceiling tiles

CALLING ALL STUDENTS! Another fall is approaching. **It is a time for students (young children, youth and adults)** to return to the classroom. **Ascension** will be having a **Blessing of the Backpacks Milestone** celebration the weekend of **August 3 and 4**. We are asking that **all students (young children, youth and adults)** come with backpacks or another kind of school bag to any church service on August 3 or 4. The Ascension Family cares deeply about you and the important events in your life. We have a gift and special blessing for you as you start your new school year.

EVENING GUILD BAKE SALE Come and purchase our home made "goodies" on August 10 & 11, 2019 before and after all services. There is something for everyone! Thanks in advance for your support.

SAVE THE DATE The Men's Club will host at BBQ on Saturday, August 31, 2019, 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Be watching future News & Notes, Ascension News Flash and August Messenger for more details.

Hintze Library Book of the Month

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

**July's books of the month is: **Embracing Godly Character:
The Christian Community's Response to a Godless Culture**
by Kenneth Kremer**



We live in a godless culture. What are we to do when the faith of the next generation is threatened and challenged? We respond by embracing godly character.

Embracing godly character means exploring how to center our lives on God's Word and promises. It means learning how the Christian community of old responded to similar cultural challenges. And it means being rooted in the identity God has given us through Christ.

Parents and other faith leaders within the Christian community are essential to raising godly families, and that begins with starting a conversation about the role that character formation plays in equipping the next generation to stand firm in the faith—for now and for generations to come.

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	
4 th Sunday Young Adults (30s & 40s)	5:00 pm Maxfield Home	Pastor Clark

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS

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 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?

Yes, Sunday School is still on! Meet us in the youth room from now through August 11. Kids from preschool through high school will meet together as we enjoy crafts, snacks, and even a movie. Join us as we continue to learn of Jesus' love in a summer-style format.

WORD OF LIFE

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR THEME: This year's school theme is based on
"Our faith can move mountains"
Matthew 17:20



ENROLLMENT FOR THE 19/20 SCHOOL YEAR
Enrollment is still open!

PreK - 31
 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).

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.

WORSHIP NOTES

LITURGIST: 1st Weekend -
2nd Weekend -
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 Anna Clark; 8:15 Grant Maxfield;
11:00 Rebekah Rhyne
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Kate Moffat; 8:15 George Morris;
11:00 Tyler Kern

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar are given by:
Donna Arrigo in loving memory of her mother and for God's many daily blessings
Roy & Kathy Migneco with "gratitude to God for our many blessings"

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Pam Todd-Scoggins;
8:15 Tom & Barbara Eichhorst; 11:00 Carlos & Marla Lopez
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Pam Todd-Scoggins;
8:15 Tom & Barbara Eichhorst; 11:00 Marlene Maxfield

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

HOSTS: 5:00 Ed & Lisa Holderle;
8:15 Mike & Debbie Gibbs; 11:00 The Benda Family
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Keller Family;
8:15 Gary & Pattie Notch; 11:00 The Muhlke 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 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Bill A. Maxfield;
11:00 Troy Hansen
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Mark Hofman; 8:15 Nathan Decker;
11:00 Carolyn Arnold

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK July 28
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Genesis 18:20-33
Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

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.

Birth congratulations to Corbin & Emma Foppe who were blessed with the gift of a daughter, Lenora Aletta Foppe born on March 2, 2019. God's richest blessings!

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Anish Gurung
Bhumika Gurung
Aleece Keller
Kate Labrier

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

7/21 Kate Labrier
7/24 Matt Bergholt, Betty Jean Mueller
7/26 Joey Loesche, Brad Muhlke, Andrew Roussin

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/23 Mark & Rachel Hofman, Jason & Kori Lewis
7/27 Troy & Regina Komrska

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
Tristan Rabun Tony Urschler

LCMS CONGREGATION IN OUR SOUTH ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT

Ascension	Emmaus	Epiphany
Holy Cross	Hope	Messiah
Mt. Olive	St. Johns	St. Lucas
St. Luke's	St. Trinity	Timothy
Trinity		

TOGETHER IN MISSION MISSIONARIES

Rev. Adam & Deac. Melissa DeGroot- New Mexico
Erin Mackenzie-Dominican Republic
Rev. Matthew & Kali Wood-Indonesia
DCE Krista & Joel Young-Africa