

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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| Today | Worship with Communion | 8:15 am & 11:00 am |
| | Bible Class/Sunday School | 9:45 am |
| | Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Steve Shave | |
| Tuesday | 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 |
| | St. Louis Hills Tea Committee Mtg. | 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 | Pastor on KFYO | 9:00 am |
| | Worship with Communion | 5:00 pm |
| | Back Pack Blessing | 5:00 pm |
| Next Sunday | Back Pack Blessing | 8:15 am & 11:00 am |
| | Youth “Thank You” Meal to Congregation | 12:30 pm-3:00 pm |

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.

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| 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 |

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS July 28

Luke 11:11 – “What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?” A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the Church, and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas – home, Church, and society – the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.

Stewardship Report

Through 7/21/19

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

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| Ascension Location Worship | 259 |
| Peace Center Location | 47 |
| Total | 306 |

Live Stream Viewing 14

Door Collection for St. Luke’s \$788.00

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

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| Amount Received | \$ 8,657 |
| Budgeted Amount | \$11,289 |
| Surplus/(Shortfall) | (\$ 2,632) |

Sunday School \$8.70

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.



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
July 28, 2019**

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Ascension Quilting Ladies

**In honor of Grace Noll,
long-time quilting member**

Pastor Clark and family are on vacation
July 22- July 28, 2019
Pastor 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.

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!

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.

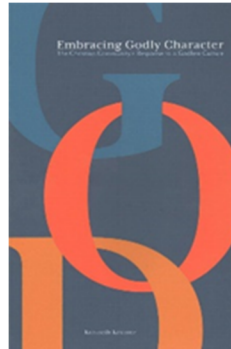
YOUTH "THANK YOU" MEAL on Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 12:30 pm-3:00 pm. for all congregation members. Come and hear the Sr. youth speak about their experience at the NYG 2019 in Minneapolis and see a video presentation.

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 and Ascension News Flash 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS Effective the weekend of August 3 & 4, 2019, the cost of a bouquet of flowers for our altar will increase from \$16 to \$18. This is a modest increase as a bouquet has been \$16 for at least the past 8-10 years. Please consider putting a bouquet on the altar any weekend from January through November. These bouquets and greenery reflect the seasons of the Church & it's message. A special dedication (eg. in honor, in memory, in celebration, in thankfulness for, etc.) of your choosing will be put in the bulletin on the weekend of your choice and the flowers can be taken home after the 11:00 am service on Sunday up through the following Wednesday. Your participation in the altar flower ministry is greatly appreciated. Please contact Cathy Salini at (314) 786-5476 to order.

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

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> |
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| 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

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| 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 Kate Moffat; 8:15 George Morris;
11:00 Tyler Kern
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Kayla Loesche; 8:15 Will Maxfield;
11:00 Henry Brink

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar are given
by:
Dave & Laurie Jones in thankfulness to God for many
blessings received
Jean Mueller in loving memory of my parents, Ed & Laura
Schumann

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

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

HOSTS: 5:00 The Keller Family;
8:15 Gary & Pattie Notch; 11:00 The Muhlke Family
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Jim & Cheryl Chambers;
8:15 The Bremer Family; 11:00 The Kuntz 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 Mark Hofman; 8:15 Jerry Kassing;
11:00 Carolyn Arnold
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Rich Seifert; 8:15 John Brink;
11:00 Dianne Thies

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK August 4
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26
Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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.

God's blessings to Joy Emmanuel and Max Guilford who were joined in holy matrimony at our altar on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 2:00 pm. God's richest blessings.

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Sabit Gurung
Saurab Gurung
Sophia Labrier
Kayla Loesche

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

7/28 Adam Pfaff, Emily Thies
7/29 Brenden Moran, Barbara Shaffer
7/30 Margie Gregory, Chandra Gurung, Samuel Reeves,
Donald Sprinz
8/1 Sabit Gurung, William Moffat
8/2 Carl Bergman, Mitchell Renfrew, Erika Schulz
8/3 Barbara Eichhorst, Abigail Green, Katie Moeller,
Karen Reeves, Garrett Schulz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*If your anniversary should be here,
please contact the church office*

ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

SERVING AS FIRST RESPONDERS

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| Kevin Duffy | Phil Green |
| Ross Hetz & Firehouse | Kevin Keller |
| Adam Notch | Gary Steffens |
| Denise Strittmatter | |

ASCENSION MEMBERS & FRIENDS

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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| Alex Jones | James Keltner |
| Brian Kitson | Thomas Kitson |
| Tristan Rabun | Tony Urschler |

LCMS CONGREGATION IN OUR SOUTH ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT

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| 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