

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	NO Bible Class	9:30 am
	Young Adult Volunteers Leave for NYG	
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Sr. Youth Leave for NYG	
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 KFUO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Blood Pressure Screening	4:30 pm-4:55 pm

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION

3 WEEK SERMON SERIES For 3 weeks we’ll be focusing our attention on the 3-fold theme of the 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering. We’ll join along with the 25 youth and adults from Ascension attending the gathering this summer in taking a closer look at the gathering theme: Real. Present. God.

June 22/23	Real
June 29/30	Present
July 6/7	God



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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS July 7:

Luke 10:20 – “**But rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**” No one can snatch us out of the nail-marked hands of Jesus. He has redeemed us and claimed us as His own. As those whose names are written in heaven, we seek to live heavenly lives here on earth. This is the foundation of all our good works, including the good work of faithfully supporting the work of the Church. It’s our joy in having been redeemed by the Lord through the activity of the Church that motivates us to support the Church.

Stewardship Report

Through 6/30/19

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	258
Peace Center Location	45
Total	303

Live Stream Viewing 13

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$10,089
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 1,200)

Sunday School \$2.00

KFUO BROADCAST

July 7, 2019

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Jean Mueller

In memory of my husband,

Lew Mueller



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"

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING WORSHIP

The LCMS National Youth Gathering worship service will be streamed live on the internet at www.lcmsgathering.com. The service is Monday, July 15 at 9:30 am. Watch from your computer as youth from Ascension assist with the service as banner bearers. This is the largest worship service in the LCMS and something worth planning to view and participate in online!

HOST SCHEDULES for July-December 2019 were emailed/mailed this week. If you did not receive yours, please pick one up on the table outside the office in the church lobby or call the office.

WELCOME, GUEST PREACHERS! While Pastor Clark is at the LCMS National Youth Gathering serving as the Gathering's Director of Worship, we welcome *Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann*. Dr. Biermann is Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia Seminary. Over the weekend of July 13 and 14, Dr. Biermann will preach and also lead the Sunday morning Bible class at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. 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, Pastors 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!

A SUPER THANK YOU to all helpers and parishioners for their rummage contributions on June 22, 2019 for our Super Saver Fundraiser. Through joint efforts, we collected about 5,800 pounds and will receive approximately \$900. Thanks to all for their support!

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

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.

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



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.

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.

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 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? July 7

Today in Sunday School, children learn about Jesus healing a blind man (John 9). Jesus came into this world to forgive us and grant us faith—spiritual sight. He gives sight to our souls by forgiving our sins. In your family faith discussions talk about how sin blinds us in our life of faith. Consider asking, *“What ways does sin do that? How do the Word and Sacraments give us ‘eyes of faith’ so that we can believe?”*

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 - 29
Kdg-8 - 139

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.

8th GRADE TEACHING POSITION FILLED! Rebecca Bedell has accepted the offer and is very excited to be joining our staff and ministries. Her parents and in-laws live in St. Charles County. She and her husband are looking to move into the area this summer. She has 3 years of experience in teaching math and is certified in that area. God is good!

WORSHIP NOTES

LITURGIST: 1st Weekend -
2nd Weekend -
3rd Weekend – Seminarian Matt Kolden

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: 5:00 & 8:15 Gabe Maichel, organist;
5:00 Lisa Clark, vocal, Anna Kobs, vocal, Jayle Schulz, ukulele,
Joshua Maichael, bass, Gabe Maichel, keyboard
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 Kayla Loesche; 8:15 Jordan Ingrham;
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:
The Fox and Thies families--"God Bless the U.S.A.!"

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Richard & Claudia Seifert;
8:15 Tom & Barbara Eichhorst; 11:00 Marlene Maxfield
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Richard & Claudia Seifert;
8:15 Tom & Barbara Eichhorst; 11:00 Marlene Maxfield

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

HOSTS: 5:00 Walt Simpson;
8:15 The Bill A. Maxfield Family; 11:00 The Hansen Family
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 The Loesche Family;
8:15 The Brink Family; 11:00 Terry & Nancy Nickolotsky

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 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Laura Brink;
11:00 Tom Hinton
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Kayla Loesche; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield;
11:00 Marla Lopez

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK July 14
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Leviticus 19:9-18
Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

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.

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Josephine Dibble
Mackenzie Gardner
Ugyen Gurung
Emma Hansen

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

7/7 Indra Gurung, Katie O'Toole
7/8 Lily Benda, Rachael Benda, Clinton Hofer,
Jodie Ingrham
7/9 Diane Bracken, Rachel Hofman
7/10 Katie McMeans, Peggy Triska
7/11 Ian Hansen, Jerry Kassing, Andrew Passanise,
Claire Taylor
7/13 Darryl Wallach

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/7 Mark & Sarah Maxfield, Sue & David Drake Waddell
7/8 Timothy & Leslie Todd
7/10 Ronald & Ellen Hetz
7/11 Kurt & Marietta Oster

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	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