

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Sunday School Rally Day	9:45 am
	Bible Class	9:45 am
	Adult Confirmation	11:00 am
Tuesday	Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
	WOL/LHSS Family Mtg. (Make-Up)	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Word of Life Chapel	8:15 am
	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
	Pastors/Principal Mtg.	1:00 pm
	Budget Committee	6:00 pm
	Property Committee	6:00 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	PTL Board Committee Mtg.	6:45 pm
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Friday	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFUO	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS August 18

Luke 12:51 – “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Jesus has come to divide us out of the world, to carve out a people for Himself redeemed by His Blood and trusting His Word. The world hates this Word, but for us it is life and salvation. We seek to follow Jesus’ Word in all things because we know Him who gave us the Word. We know He always seeks to bless us.

Stewardship Report

Through 8/11/19

Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word

Ascension Location Worship	228
Peace Center Location	42
Total	270

Live Stream Viewing 16

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$10,165
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 1,124)

Sunday School \$00

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 9 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 7 out of 9 completed sermon outlines will receive a copy of the book *Celebrating the Saints* from Concordia Publishing House.

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”

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

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.

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 & its 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.

ACOLYTES All youth 5th grade and above interested in becoming a youth acolyte during worship service. Schedule runs from October 2019 through September 2020. Please let Joanne Bremer, (314) 481-5260, know if you are interested by August 31st. If you are currently an acolyte and would like off of the next schedule please contact Joanne Bremer by August 31st. Schedule will be complete by first part of September with instruction for new acolytes to be scheduled.

LAY READERS NEEDED Would you be interested in serving as a lay reader? You can choose which service you where you want to read. The next weeks scripture readings are listed in the News and Notes each week so you can be familiar with your scheduled readings. If you're interested in serving the church in this way, please contact Lisa Holderle at lholderle@yahoo.com or call (314)849-9945.

THRIVENT GRANTS APPROVED

Youth - Trivia - gift cards for balloon drawing
\$ to purchase drums for students at WOL and church
\$ to purchase additional rectangle tables at WOL for events

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY *Enough for Now. Unpacking God's Sufficiency* will begin September 11 from 9:30 to 11:00 in the Concordia Room. We'll explore how our desire for enough can drive us to God instead of propelling us toward more money, more stuff, more activity. By looking at Jesus' parable of the rich fool, we'll explore what God says about having enough. Through Scripture passages, study questions, reflection, prayer, and life application, we'll learn that we can find security and joy only in God, who is sufficient for every imaginable need. Reserve your study guide by contacting Marlene Maxfield (314) 846-3880.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION The Church office is currently seeking an Administrative Assistant. This position will report directly to Pastor Clark and is responsible for all clerical tasks related to the church office and act as the first point of contact for the Congregation and visitors. The successful candidate will have a minimum of high school diploma. B.S/B.A. in Business, Communications, or related field is strongly preferred. A minimum of one year of clerical experience and proficiency in MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, PP) is required. Experience or familiarity with Pro Presenter, Shepherd's Staff, and Lutheran Service Builder is strongly preferred. Familiar with church office procedures is strongly preferred. Membership in an LCMS church is strongly preferred. This is a full-time, Monday through Friday benefitted position. Please send resumes to wellie.headrick@gmail.com.

MUM'S THE WORD! The Fall Mum and Bulb sale will be held on September 21-22 in the church lobby before and after all services. Buy beautiful 9" mums and fall bulbs to add color to your flower gardens and ornamental pots. The order form is available in the church lobby and on the Ascension website, ascensionstl.com. Contact Karen Hilkerbaumer (314) 752.9473 or Julie Headrick (314) 258.2169 for more information or to donate bulbs for the sale. Proceeds will help replace doors at Ascension Lutheran Church as part of the ten year plan to upgrade property at Word of Life Lutheran School and Ascension Lutheran Church.

THE PLANT SALE group is proud to announce that we are spending the profits from our April 2019 event in the following ways: \$2,000 to WOL to use for their reading material. Around \$500 for purchase of a Buddy Bench installed on the WOL play ground. Take a look on the playground. The concept around this bench is the following: The buddy bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. Let's spread the message of inclusion and kindness! \$548.80 + Thrivent grant to replace 10 rectangle tables at WOL

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

SAVE THE DATE Sr. Youth Trivia Night on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm in the WOL school gym. \$20 per person/tables of 8 \$160. Contact Kathy Thies at (314) 580-2074 to reserve your table today. All proceeds will benefit the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Houston, Tx.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT will be held on SATURDAY, December 7, this year. Same time (7:00 pm), same place (WOL gym). Please stay tuned for further updates about the details of set-up, etc.

Hintze Library Book of the Month

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

August's books of the month is:

Hello, My Name is Single by Adriane Heins



Whether you have chosen your singleness or whether the Lord has given it to you, whether you are content with your current situation or hate it with a deep and intense loathing, whether you long for relationships that no longer are or simply remember them with a quiet joy, you feel. You feel deeply. You are, perhaps, more in tune with your feelings than most. Because you reflect on what it would mean to have a spouse. Hello, My Name Is Single is a witty book that challenges and encourages single men and women to live secure in Christ, whether they're searching for Mr. or Mrs. Right or completely content living the single life. Author Adriane Dorr Heins treats her readers to a delightful conversation of practical and personal issues many singles face. She offers a historical, biblical approach that reminds readers that their identities are found in Christ, not in relationship statuses on Facebook.

TOP 40 BIBLE CLASS! What are the top 40 Bible accounts that every Christian should know? Beginning Sunday, August 25, join Pastor Clark on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall as we take a closer look at 40 key accounts from Genesis to Revelation. The study will coincide with what our Sunday school children are learning so our congregation will be on the same page and conversations about God's Word can continue at home. This is a great opportunity for people who may have never attended a Bible class in the past. All are welcome!

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

Bell Choir and Ascension Choir meets on
Wednesdays beginning August 28

Bell Choir:	6:00 pm
Ascension Choir:	7:00 pm

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!

Class/Day	Time/Location	Teacher/Leader
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	Youngish Adults (30s & 40s) 5:00 pm Maxfield Home	Pastor Clark

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS

Parents & Little Ones	Dorcas Room	Jasmine Duerr & friends
Pk3-Kdg	WOL Kindergarten	Ellen Hetz & Friends
Gr. 1-3	Bethany Room C	Cheryl Chambers, Kim Schave & 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 - 36
Kdg-8 - 149

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).

WORD OF LIFE VOLLEYBALL CAR WASH: The Word of Life volleyball program is purchasing a complete new net system which will provide a safer and more reliable system for the players. Thanks to a very generous donation, we are well on our way to meet the need, but we need your help to close the gap! On Saturday, August 24th, 9 AM-12 PM, the volleyball teams will host a freewill donation car wash. Support this exciting opportunity and bring your car to St. Lucas Lutheran Church, 7100 Morganford Road. Busy on the 24th, but still want to contribute? Go to wordoflifeschool.net and click on the DONATE button at the top of the page or drop an envelope with your donation by the school office. Thank you very much for your support!

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Clark

LITURGIST: 1st Weekend - Joshua Brakhage
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 Matthew Hofman; 8:15 Olivia Muhlke;
11:00 Aiden Zaza
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Kate Moffat; 8:15 Jordan Ingrham;
11:00 Nathanael Mays

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar are given
by:
Aunt Julie in love & with thanks for Taylor, Sophia, Kate,
Patrick, Carter and Aiden

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Rich & Bev Schaefer;
8:15 Elizabeth Nease; 11:00 Carlos & Marla Lopez
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Rich & Bev Schaefer;
8:15 Elizabeth Nease; 11:00 Marcia Passanise

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

HOSTS: 5:00 The Bracken Family;
8:15 Arlene Headrick; 11:00 The Thies Family
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Rich & Bev Schaefer;
8:15 Mary Pastor; 11:00 The Brock 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 Randy Agne; 8:15 Matt Kobs;
11:00 Debbie Schmidt
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Ted Cox; 8:15 Brad Muhlke;
11:00 Sarah Hansen

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK August 25 – Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost
First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-23
Epistle: Hebrews 12:4-24
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

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.

Received into the Kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism on Saturday, August 17, 2019, at was Everleigh Mae Sullens, daughter of Gabriella Elliott & Royce Sullens. May God's promise to Everleigh today remain her confidence through her life. God's blessings!

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Grace Maleas
William Maxfield
Anna Muhlke
Carly Munoz

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

8/18 Rachel Gabriel
8/19 Paul Helfrich Sr., James Hoover, Alex Jones,
Dan Passanise, Tek Rai
8/20 Lisa Holderle, Maria Urschler
8/21 Karl Hofmann, Roy Migneco
8/22 Lois Peek, Tony Urschler
8/23 Sarah Coleman, Benton Duerr, Adele Gaertner,
Will Maxfield, Debbie Schmidt, Ryan Steffens
8/24 Tyler Wiederhold

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/19 Jim & Pam Fox
8/21 Tom & Joyce McCain

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