

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:45 am
	Back Pack Blessing	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Youth “Thank You” Meal to Congregation	12:30 pm-3:00 pm
Monday	Ministry Council	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
	WOL/LHSS Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	WOL Faculty Worship	9:00 am
	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	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	Men’s Club	8:00 am
	Pastor on KFUD	9:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
	Evening Guild Bake Sale	

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

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS August 4

Luke 12:15 – “And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’ ”

Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold – thankfulness to God and generosity toward God’s purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.

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”

Stewardship Report	
Through 7/28/19	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	193
Peace Center Location	45
Total	238
Live Stream Viewing	13
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$ 8,464
Budgeted Amount	\$11,289
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 2,825)
Sunday School	\$00

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

A SPECIAL “THANK YOU” to all who sponsored a KFUD Broadcast. Your support ensures the spreading of the gospel throughout the world! Thanks also to Ascension member , Roland Lettner, for serving as announcer and the voice of Ascension during our broadcasts.

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 & 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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

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	Youngish Adults (30s & 40s) 5:00 pm Maxfield Home	Pastor Clark

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.

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).

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 Kayla Loesche; 8:15 Will Maxfield;
11:00 Henry Brink
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Anna Muhlke;
11:00 Jaylee Schulz

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that grace our altar are given by:
Robert & LaWanda Kieffer with thankfulness for God's blessings in our marriage and in celebration of our anniversary, August 11.
Richard & Kim Calegero

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

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

HOSTS: 5:00 Jim & Cheryl Chambers;
8:15 The Bremer Family; 11:00 The Kuntz Family
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Randy & Agne;
8:15 Clarence & Carol Goetsch; 11:00 Dan & Marcia Passanise

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 Rich Seifert; 8:15 John Brink;
11:00 Dianne Thies
NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Joshua Brakhage; 8:15 Nathan Decker;
11:00 Paul Brock

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 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.

Christian sympathy is extended to the Keller family at the recent passing of our sister in Christ, Sharon Keller. May the comfort of the Lord be with the family.

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Shresti Gurung
Alyssa Hansen
Nathanael Mays
Katherine Moffat

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

8/4 Sue Logan
8/5 Marleen Morgan, Paige Renfrew, Hanna Schulz,
Dianne Thies, David Wiederhold
8/6 Micah Stiles
8/7 Leah Schave, Kathy Thies
8/8 Christine Agnew-Danback, Rosalina Maxfield,
Heather Stiles

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/4 Kim & Richard Calogero
8/5 Bill & Melissa Maxfield
8/7 Douglas & Nancy Pfitzinger

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