

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	Coffee & Donuts	7:45-10:45 am
	Worship with Communion	8:30 am
	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study	9:45 am
	Worship with Communion	11:00 am
Monday	Staff Meeting	8:30 am
Tuesday	Pastor’s Circuit Meeting (NO Bible Study)	
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Lent Worship	8:30 am
	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women of the Word Bible Study	9:30 am
	Meal	5:00 pm
	Bell Choir	5:45 pm
	Lent Worship	6:30 pm
	Choir	7:30 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 am
	WOL Moms in Prayer	8:15 am
Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt	9:30 am-12:00 pm
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

### STEWARDSHIP

**Ephesians 2:10** – “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn’t doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord’s free salvation given to us to the good works He’s prepared for us, everything is a gift of God’s grace.

#### Stewardship Report

For the weekend ending March 3<sup>rd</sup>

In-person attendance: 5:00 – 66  
8:30 – 99  
11:00 – 44  
**TOTAL – 209**

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Budgeted Amount	\$	12,478
Amount Received	\$	13,357
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$	879

2024 Deficit through February: \$7,347

### 2024 BIBLE READING CHALLENGE!

**2024 BIBLE READING CHALLENGE!** At Ascension we strive to be people of the Word as we engage with Scripture on a regular, even daily, basis. In 2021-2022 we read through the Bible in two years. In 2023 we read through the book of Psalms. In 2024, we invite you to join with brothers and sisters in Christ at Ascension in reading through all four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The Gospels are at the heart of God’s story of salvation for us as they trace the birth, life, death, resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus our Savior. The reading schedule is available in the church library.

Each Friday, Pastor posts a video on Ascension’s Facebook page and YouTube channel highlighting a theme or insight of that week’s readings.

Our reading for **March 10 – March 16** is **Matthew 17 & 18**.

### EASTER EGG HUNT



**EASTER EGG HUNT** Ascension’s Easter Egg Hunt is next **Saturday, March 16!** There are still a few spots on the sign up board in the lobby if you would like to help. Doors open at **9:30 am**. Festivities will begin in the Word of Life gym at **10:00 am** with a message

and gift. Then there will be 3 egg hunts staggered by age. Plus, a bounce house, cotton candy, snacks, face painting & more! We ask God’s blessings on this egg hunt that also shares our resurrected Savior with our community.

### EASTER BREAKFAST

**EASTER BREAKFAST** Enjoy a delicious meal, and support our youth! Ascension’s Youth Group will be serving breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from **7:30 am to 11:00 am** on Easter morning. The menu will include muffins, sausage, fruit, and a variety of casseroles. See you there!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Children in Preschool through Grade 8 are invited to meet in the sanctuary at **9:45 am** each week for a brief Sunday school opening. Details about Sunday school for all ages are on page 5 of the News & Notes.

## LIKE US



**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK** Like Ascension to stay current with events, Bible studies, photos, videos and other great resources!

### There are four 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"

### LAST MONTH'S ONLINE VIEWS

2/04: 309

2/11: 288

2/18: 275

2/25: 269

### Note to Worshippers

Ever want to re-watch a worship service or listen to a sermon again?

**Ascension livestreams our worship services.**

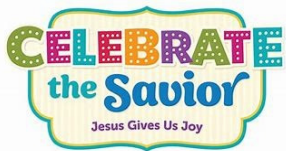
Go to: [AscensionStL.com/livestream](https://AscensionStL.com/livestream) to find archived services.

## DONATE FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE

Scan the image you see here by using your phone's QR code reader (bar code scanner) to 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. Smartphone users can also download the Vanco Mobile app from the Apple or Google Play Store and set up an account. Please use only one email account per contribution envelope number.



## VBS SAVE THE DATE



### SAVE THE DATE!

Join us this summer, **June 10-14, 2024** from **9:00 am-12:00 pm**, for Vacation Bible School. Watch for more info!

## BLESSING BAGS

**BLESSING BAGS** There are many in need in our South St. Louis City community and other parts of St. Louis. However, sometimes it's difficult to know how to best help. One simple way is by sharing one of Ascension's "Blessing Bags." These pre-made bags contain items that are meant to be of help to those who may be homeless or in need. Simply keep a bag in your vehicle, and distribute it to someone who needs help. Maybe even include a note of encouragement or Bible verse? Help yourself to a blessing bag—they are located in the basket in the lobby.

## MIDWEEK LENT MEALS

**MIDWEEK LENT MEALS** A meal will be served starting at **5:00 pm** on Wednesday evenings before the Midweek Lent services. Below is a list of the groups serving and the menus. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers!

- **3/13** 30's & 40's Bible Study Group: serving grilled cheese, soup & salad
- **3/20** Women of the Word: serving Chicken Tetrizzini

## LENT 2024

**LENT 2024: THE PASSION OF OUR LORD** During this year's season of Lent, we'll be focusing on "The Passion of Our Lord." Reading from a compilation of all four Gospels, we will follow Jesus during the final hours before his death as we hear the entire story of Jesus' passion for our salvation. There are two opportunities for worship each Wednesday. Our **8:30 am** worship will follow the order of Matins and include the kindergarten through grade eight students of Word of Life Lutheran School. Our **6:30 pm** worship will follow an order of Evening Prayer which will include chanting as well as Lent and Evening Hymns.

- ✚ **Wednesday of Lent 1 – February 21, 2024**  
The Lord's Supper      Pastor Kobs
- ✚ **Wednesday of Lent 2 – February 28, 2024**  
Gethsemane      Pastor Clark
- ✚ **Wednesday of Lent 3 – March 6, 2024**  
Palace of the High Priest  
Seminarian Joel Her
- ✚ **Wednesday of Lent 4 – March 13, 2024**  
The Praetorium  
Seminarian Josh Wareham
- ✚ **Wednesday of Lent 5 – March 20, 2024**  
Calvary  
Seminarian Michael Winckler

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**MAUNDY THURSDAY: MARCH 28, 2024**  
Worship with Communion **8:30 am & 6:30 pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY: MARCH 29, 2024**  
Tre Ore Worship at Timothy and on KFUE AM 850  
**12:00 pm-3:00 pm**  
Tenebrae Worship at Ascension **6:30 pm**

**EASTER SUNDAY: MARCH 31, 2024**  
Sunrise Service at **6:30 am**  
Worship with Communion at **8:00 am, 9:30 am, & 11:00 am**



## ASCENSION YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



**ASCENSION YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (AYF)** is the volunteer-led youth ministry at Ascension Lutheran Church for the children of Ascension and beyond. We have two distinct groups that gather based upon their ages: The Junior Youth

is open to all youth in grades 5 through 8; and the Senior Youth is open to all youth in grades 9 through 12.



### YOUTH SUNDAYS

- **Junior Youth meet from 3:00-5:30 pm**
- **Senior Youth meet from 4:45-8:00 pm**

A meal including both Junior and Senior Youth will take place at **5:00 pm**.

### YOUTH SUNDAY DATES:

**May 19** (Youth BBQ)

### SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for these other important dates!

- The Youth will serve Easter Breakfast on **Sunday, March 31, 2024**
- The Missouri District Youth Gathering **April 5-7, 2024**
- Youth Trivia Night will be **Saturday, April 20, 2024** from **6:00-10:00 pm**. Proceeds will benefit the 2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

**QUESTIONS?** If you have any questions about Ascension Youth Fellowship, please contact Lisa Clark or Pastor at the church office.

**Lisa Clark**

(314) 659-7558

[lisamclark.lc@gmail.com](mailto:lisamclark.lc@gmail.com)

## YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT

**YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT** The Youth Trivia Night will be **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. This annual trivia night / silent auction is the primary fundraiser for participation in the tri-annual LCMS National Youth Gathering.

The youth are asking the Congregation's help with donations of themed baskets or gift cards to local businesses to be used for the silent auction. Please drop off donations to the church office by **April 7<sup>th</sup>**.

There will soon be a sign up board in the lobby for tables. \$20 per person, 8 people per table.

Text or call Kathy Thies with any questions (314) 580-2074



## EASTER LILIES

**EASTER LILIES** Donations are needed to purchase the lilies that grace our altar on Easter Sunday. With your lily purchase, you have the opportunity to honor a loved one or include a note of thanksgiving that will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

To order, please complete the following form and return it to the church office **by March 24, 2024**.

The cost of the lily is \$14.

Make checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church.

Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Total at \$14 each \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up \_\_\_\_\_ I will not pick up \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication \_\_\_\_\_

**Lilies may be picked up after the 11 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.**

**Please note: lilies will be discarded on April 4<sup>th</sup>.**



## WORD OF LIFE NEWS



**THANKFUL FOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL GROWTH!** The Sunday, February 25 cover of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch featured a story that highlighted the significant growth of Lutheran schools in the St. Louis area. Since 2019, overall enrollment at Lutheran schools in the St. Louis area has increased by 19%. Our own school, Word of Life has also seen a trend in increased enrollment growing from approximately 175 students in 2019 to 224 students in 2024. We give thanks to God that more children and youth are hearing about their Savior Jesus Christ each and every school day! You can access the Post-Dispatch article at [stltoday.com](http://stltoday.com). The article is also displayed on our lobby bulletin board.

## TIMOTHY EASTER EGG HUNT

### TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, March 23**

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

at Lindenwood Park

- Egg Hunt Fun, Easter
- Bubble Eggstravaganza
- Face Painting
- Games & Crafts
- Easter Bunny
- Family Photo Op

Register at [www.timothystl.org/egghunt](http://www.timothystl.org/egghunt)

## ST. LUCAS EASTER EGG HUNT

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**Saturday, March 30**

**12:30 – 2:00 pm**

7100 Morgan Ford Rd

St. Louis, MO 63116

- Registration begins at 12:30 pm
- Crafts, Games & other activities
- Generous prizes and drawings
- Easter Egg Hunt begins at 1:00 pm



## LUTHERAN SOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

**LUTHERAN SOUTH SUMMER CAMPS** Does your child enjoy shooting hoops? Love creating and drawing? Want to try a new sport like football or field hockey? LuSo Summer Camp offers a variety of athletic and enrichment activities with morning and afternoon sessions available. From playing tennis to the trombone, we have coaches and instructors who offer positive reinforcement. Your campers will have fun while learning a new skill. Register today at [LSlancers.org/summer](http://LSlancers.org/summer)



## VOCATIO: HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

**VOCATIO: HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT** Thinking About Serving as a Pastor or Deaconess? If you are in high school and thinking about a vocation as a pastor or deaconess, then consider attending this summer's "Vocatio" retreat at Concordia Seminary. Vocatio is a retreat that encourages high school students to find God's calling for their lives through experiencing many aspects of the Seminary including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation. Vocatio takes place from **June 22 to June 29, 2024**. The cost is only \$100 per person. Register at [www.csl.edu/register/VocatioHighSchool](http://www.csl.edu/register/VocatioHighSchool)

## VOCATIO: RETREAT

**VOCATIO: RETREAT** Interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that provides the space to rest in God's Word, time to spend in prayer and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend *Vocatio: Retreat* — a three-day retreat (**April 14-16, 2024**) geared toward college students and second-career men and women who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain. Registration is free and includes lodging and meals. To register visit [www.csl.edu/vocatio-retreat](http://www.csl.edu/vocatio-retreat) Hurry! Registration closes March 29.

## CFNA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**CFNA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** Looking for ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus to refugees in St. Louis? CFNA is seeking volunteers to drive refugee clients to medical appointments. Transportation to appointments is the last and most crucial link to accessing needed medical care. Appointments are mostly on weekdays during normal business hours. Interested? Reach out to Paige Bernau, RN at [pbernau@cfna-stl.org](mailto:pbernau@cfna-stl.org). More information can be found on the bulletin board in the lobby.



**Christian Friends of New Americans**  
4019 SOUTH GRAND, ST. LOUIS, MO 63118 | 314-351-1740

## CFNA TRIVIA NIGHT

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**April 6, 2024**

Doors open at **5:15 pm**

Trivia begins at **6:00 pm**

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church  
4355 Butler Hill Road  
St. Louis, MO 63128

\$30 per person, \$200 per team of eight  
All information, including how to register, sponsor, and donate, can be found at the CFNA website.  
<https://www.cfna-stl.org/trivia>



## JOIN ONE OF OUR BIBLE STUDIES

Bible studies are a wonderful opportunity to be in God's Word and enjoy fellowship as you grow in faith and friendship. For more information on any of the Bible studies listed below, you may contact the leaders directly or our Bible Study and Small Group Coordinator Barbara Shippy at [bjshippy@gmail.com](mailto:bjshippy@gmail.com) or (314) 795-2568.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** All are welcome!  
Join us for Bible class between worship services.  
Sundays from 9:45–10:30 am / ongoing  
Location: Ascension / Fellowship Hall  
Leaders: Pastor Clark & Pastor Kobs

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** (Men & Women)  
Tuesdays from 9:30–11 am / ongoing  
Location: Ascension / Concordia Room  
Leader: Pastor Clark  
Contact: [pastor@ascensionstl.com](mailto:pastor@ascensionstl.com) / (314) 832-5600

**Women of the Word Bible Study**  
Wednesdays from 9:30–11 am / ongoing  
Location: Ascension / lower level classroom  
Leader: Marlene Maxfield  
Contact: [marmaxfield@aol.com](mailto:marmaxfield@aol.com) / (314) 221-0999

**Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study**  
Thursdays from 6:15–7:30 am / ongoing  
Location: Ascension / Hintze Library in Church Lobby  
Leader: Mike Gibbs  
Contact: [jackfan39@yahoo.com](mailto:jackfan39@yahoo.com) / (314) 352-1297

**Thursday Evening Men's Bible Study**  
Thursdays from 7:00–8:00 pm / ongoing  
Location: Personal residence  
Leaders: Rob Bremer and Chris Thies  
Contact Rob: [rwbjhb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rwbjhb@sbcglobal.net) / (314) 413-2603  
Contact Chris: [chris.thies@outlook.com](mailto:chris.thies@outlook.com)

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**FAST FORWARD** We have begun a new Sunday morning Bible study topic. Each Sunday we'll be "fast forwarding" to the Scripture readings that will be used in worship the *next* weekend. As we look ahead at God's Word together, our discussion might even help inform and shape the sermon for the next weekend. Come join Pastor Clark on Sundays at **10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall to be a part of the conversation and be a week ahead!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

At Ascension, we strive to engage with EVERY person at EVERY age in learning more about our Savior, Jesus.

On Sunday mornings, we have a class for YOU!

Students in Preschool through Junior High meet in the church sanctuary at 9:45 am for Sunday School opening.

### Toddlers & Parents

If you are ready to get your family in a Sunday morning Bible class habit, join us in the nursery for a special Sunday School option just for you. Singing, activities, and stories focused on God and his love for his littlest learners (and their caregivers). Contact Brittany Schelp at (417) 438-7860 for more details.

### Preschool and Kindergarten

Teachers: Marcia Passanise, Dan Passanise & Cathy Kramer

### Grades 1 through 3

Teachers: Emily Jones, Brittany Schelp, Mary Pastor, and Aubrey Blank

### Grades 4 through 5

Teachers: Rich Schaefer and Carl Anderson

### Junior High

Teachers: Deaconess Anna Johnson, Lisa Clark, and seminary students

### Senior High

Teachers: Rob Bremer, Jeremy Johnson, and seminary students

### Adults

Teachers: Pastor Clark, Pastor Kobs, Gagan Gurung, and John Gurung

### Nepali Fellowship

Teachers: Pastor Clark, Gagan Gurung, John Gurung, and Friends

### Sunday School Coordinator

Deaconess Anna Johnson

### Assistant Coordinator

Brittany Schelp



## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

### WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

#### March 10, Lesson 9

As we gather today, we will study "The Chosen King." Desiring to be like all the other nations, the elders come to Samuel asking him to appoint a king over Israel. Samuel vainly tries to warn them against their plan, telling them the consequences the people will face. God reveals to Samuel that he will encounter the handsome Saul, whom Samuel anoints as king over Israel.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**PREACHER:** Pastor Matthew Clark

### LITURGIST:

Vicar John Gurung: Sundays at 11:00am  
Seminarian Joshua Wareham (2<sup>nd</sup> year): 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month  
Seminarian Joel Her (4<sup>th</sup> year): 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month  
Seminarian Michael Winckler (4<sup>th</sup> year): 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month  
Pastor Matthew Kobs: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month  
Seminarian Kurtis Polodna (1<sup>st</sup> year): 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Gabe Maichel, organist

**ACOLYTES:** 5:00p open  
8:30 Marianne Blank; 11:00 Carolyn Her  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00p open  
8:30 Micah Stiles; 11:00 Viento Hernandez

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The flowers that grace our chancel have been provided by:

Anonymously in thankfulness for life-saving medical professionals and life-giving grace through faith.

Altar Guild in memory of all who have gone before us to be with Jesus.

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00p Lisa Holderle  
8:30 Melissa Maxfield; Julie Brock & Lisa Schrum  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00p Lisa Holderle  
8:30 Marlene Maxfield; Julie Brock & Lisa Schrum

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

5:00p Rich Schaefer & Randy Agne  
8:30 Joel Her & Steele Shippy;  
11:00 Joel Her  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00p Rich Schaefer  
8:30 Michael Winckler & Jack Pendleton;  
11:00 Michael Winckler & Rudy Blank

**A/V ROOM:** 5:00p Bella Bracken, Anna Clark, Matthew Hofman;  
8:30 Bill Maxfield, Grant Maxfield;  
11:00 Vernon Schmidt, Jason Fletcher, Julie Krapf, Kyan Sawyer

**READERS:** 5:00p Tom McCain  
8:30 Nathan Decker; 11:00 Marla Lopez  
**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00p Melissa Bergholt  
8:30 Mike Gibbs; 11:00 Troy Hansen

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading *Jeremiah 31:31-34*  
Second Reading *Hebrews 5:1-10*  
Holy Gospel *Mark 10:35-45*

**USHERS:** 5:00 Karl Hofmann, Robert Hofmann, Ed Holderle, Walter Scoggins, Walt Simpson;  
8:30 Gene Bockelmann, Jake Bremer, Rob Bremer, Nathan Decker, Jack Pendleton;  
11:00 Paul Brock Sr., Dave Jones, Carlos Lopez, Rain Hernandez

## PRAYER REQUESTS

The Church Staff prays for you during their weekly staff meetings. If you have a specific prayer request, please contact the church office.

### ASCENSION MEMBERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Alex Jones	James Keltner	Daniel Harms
Brian Kitson	Thomas Kitson	Tristan Rabun
	Jamie Federhofer	

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

03/11 Deb Lowes  
03/12 Ran Gurung, Charlotte Hamilton  
03/13 Barbara Corvera, Clarence Goetsch, Anabel Her  
03/14 Lindsey Beasley, Mike Gibbs, Nancy Pfitzinger, Neala Tanurchis  
03/15 Ronald Danback  
03/16 Nicholas Mueller

Please contact the church office if your birthday has been omitted in error.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

03/14 Mike & Debbie Gibbs

Please contact the church office if your anniversary has been omitted in error.

### ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Kevin Keller	Phil Green	Gary Steffens
Ross Hetz & Firehouse		Denise Strittmatter

### ASCENSION ELDERS and the families they serve

**Rich Schaefer** – Agne to Broughton  
**Rudy Blank** – Brumback to Freer  
**Mark Maxfield** – Fryar to Hill  
**Jeff Stiles** – Hill-Stout to Komrska  
**Randy Agne** – Krapf to Moffat  
**Carlos Lopez** – Monaghan to Pogue  
**Jack Pendleton** – Preston to Simpson  
**Steele Shippy** – Sittmann to Zaza  
**Paul Brock Sr.** – Elder at Large  
**Gene Bockelmann** – Elder at Large  
**Joe Benda** – Elder at Large  
**Gagan Gurung** – Nepali Members

### LCMS CONGREGATIONS IN OUR SOUTH ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT

Ascension	Hope	St. Luke's
Concordia	Messiah	St. Trinity
Epiphany	Mt. Olive	Timothy
Holy Cross	St. Johns	Trinity
Jefferson Avenue Mission		

### ASCENSION'S WOL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Doug Pfitzinger – President	Rick Anderson
Jim Fox – Treasurer	Vernon Schmidt

### TOGETHER IN MISSION MISSIONARIES

Dr. Daniel & Joan Jastram - Asia  
Erin Mackenzie - Dominican Republic  
Rev. Matthew & Kali Wood – Indonesia

