

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship No Communion No Bible Class/Sunday School	9:30 am
Monday	Staff Meeting	8:00 am
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Communion Services Please contact Marie Muhlke in the church office to schedule an appointment. marie@ascensionstl.com or 314-832-5600	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Thursday	Communion Services Please contact Marie Muhlke in the church office to schedule an appointment. marie@ascensionstl.com or 314-832-5600	9:00 – 11:00 am
Friday		
Saturday	Pastor on KFUP Worship No Communion	9:00 am 5:00 pm

Please Note: Pastor will be on vacation July 2-8, 2020

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS Luke 16:19 – **“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.”** There is another rich man in this story – Abraham. Obviously, these two men used the gift of riches that God gave them in very different ways. The life and decisions of Abraham flowed from faith; the rich man’s life and choices flowed from disbelief and self-centeredness. So Abraham was kind and generous, reflecting his trust in a kind and generous God. And the rich man? Well, you saw what happened to him and what god he served.

Stewardship Report
For the weekend ended June 7th

In-person attendance: 81
Online attendance: 82

Capital Campaign Donations Since October 2019: \$337,216

Total offering to General Fund June 6/7: \$22,024

Weekly Budgeted Amount: \$12,687

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS Ascension’s capital campaign “Sharing Christ’s Love” continues! Over the summer months, many improvements to our church and school facilities are planned including: new exterior doors at Ascension, new exterior and interior signs at Word of Life, and touchless toilets, sinks, soap dispensers, and paper towel dispensers in the restrooms. Thank you for your continued support of this important care of our facilities for the sake of sharing Christ!

Donations can be made using a designated gift envelope or a plain envelope; be sure to clearly mark “Capital Campaign” on the envelope. The envelope can be placed in the offering basket or in the locked wooden box on the shelf in the narthex. There are yellow-bordered envelopes in the offering envelope boxes that can be used for Capital Campaign contributions. Thank you for your participation!

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.



ASCENSION ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE

As some of you know, in 2010 and 2011, \$62,000 was withdrawn each year from Ascension’s Endowment Fund to support church operations. **Thanks to God’s provision, and the leadership of Ascension’s present (and past) Ministry Councils, the total \$124,000 amount that was withdrawn has been paid back!** The interest from these funds are used each year to fund non-operation areas of ministry. This enables the gifts given in offering to have an even bigger impact.



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**.

THE LORD'S BLESSINGS

BLESSINGS DURING COVID-19 Even in the midst of pandemic, the Lord has blessed our congregation, and worked through us to love our neighbors. Here are just a few of the ways in which our congregation has shared Christ's love during the Coronavirus. Thank you!

Online worship Sundays at 8:15 am and 11 am
Online Sunday school "opening" Sundays at 9:45
Three online devotions every weekday

Ascension's Family Care Ministry checking in with our in-home members

Parades for Ascension's graduating 8th graders, high school seniors, and Joshua Brakhage's family

Holy Week in a bag kits distributed to 100 families

Passages of Peace shared to give comfort through verses in Scripture

Small group Bible studies meeting online

- \$5,000 in grant money from CFNA distributed to Nepali families who have experienced lay-offs
- \$5,000 in grant money from The Lutheran Foundation to Ascension families who send their children to Word of Life and needed tuition support
- Food baskets distributed to Word of Life families in need
- Care packages distributed to medical professions including nurses
- Significant funds repurposed from Thrivent Grant money to help families in need

PASSAGES OF PEACE Thank you to those who were able to share their favorite "Passage of Peace"—a Bible verse that has given them peace and comfort during COVID-19. These verses have been shared over social media and are also on display in the church lobby and gym.

WORSHIP UPDATES

WEEKEND WORSHIP For the month of June, Ascension will be holding worship at 5 pm on Saturdays in the church sanctuary and 9:30 am on Sundays in the Word of Life gym. Reservations are required for worship. Seating can be reserved on Ascension's website: ascensionstl.com or by contacting the church office.

Please DO NOT attend in person if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or if you are experiencing symptoms. According to CDC guidelines, if you are over 65 or in a group that is at high risk for infection, you are encouraged to not attend in person. Worship will also be streamed online Sunday mornings at 8:15 am and 11 am as well as broadcast on KFUE Radio AM 850 at 8:15 am.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SERVICES Ascension will continue to offer brief services of Holy Communion on Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:30 PM and Thursdays 9 to 11 AM. Sessions are 15 minutes in length. Reservations are required. Please contact the church office to reserve your spot. 314-832-5600 or marie@ascensionstl.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL Keep growing in Christ—especially during COVID-19! Resources for Sunday school are available for families. If you would like a take-home packet of Sunday school materials for your home, please contact the church office. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to teach the faith to their kids! At this point, we plan for in-person Sunday school to resume at the end of August.

VBS

VBS SAVE THE DATE

Ascension will be hosting Vacation Bible School the week of July 27—31. Plan A is to hold VBS in-person with a limited number of children attending. If it is not possible to hold an in-person VBS safely, then Plan B is to hold a "virtual VBS" where children can learn at home with their families. We will make a final decision as to whether we follow Plan A or Plan B by July 1. Stay tuned!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION



STUFF THE TRUCK ... AGAIN

Clean up and help support the Capital Campaign with your unwanted items. Stuff the Truck III Savers Collection has been scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2020. The March Saver's event generated a little over \$600.00 towards the Capital Campaign.

KFUE RADIO WORSHIP BROADCASTS



Ascension Lutheran Church will be broadcasting its 8:15 am worship on the radio through Lutheran owned and operated, KFUE Radio AM 850 during the months of June, and July. Special thanks to all who sponsored a broadcast or made a special donation. As you know, during this time when we do not have the ability to meet in person for worship, broadcasting our service over the radio and internet is more important than ever! More people may be listening with open ears to the Gospel than ever before. Thank you for your support and participation

KFUE RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS & DEDICATIONS

6/14/20 Broadcasts Sponsors: Julie & Craig Krapf in honor of their 23rd Wedding Anniversary.

LWML MISSOURI DISTRICT CONVENTION



MISSOURI DISTRICT 2020 CONVENTION

The LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) Missouri District has cancelled the physical coming together for convention because of the coronavirus pandemic. The convention originally scheduled in Springfield, MO will be replaced with an online convention to be launched on missourilwml.org on Saturday, June 13, 2020.

Business will be conducted electronically, and information and inspiration will be offered on the website for all to access starting June 13 and beyond. Links will enable viewers to watch or read much of the convention schedule including the keynote address, mission speakers, and Bible studies. Deb Burma, author of Joy, a Study of Philippians, is one of the scheduled speakers.

The theme of the convention is 2020 Faith Vision – Walk by Faith – Not by Sight 2 Corinthians 5:7. What an appropriate theme during this unique time!

ASCENSION OFFICE WORKER OPENINGS



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Ascension Office Workers, Ally Brink and Paul Brock will be leaving us soon for college. Ascension will begin accepting applications to fill these two vacancies. Ideal candidates are high school students looking to learn while gaining professional office experience in a fun and flexible environment. **Please contact the church office to request an application. 314-832-5600 or marie@ascensionstl.com.**



A letter from Pastor is in the mail. Please contact the office if you have had a change to your address or contact info.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Conquering Catastrophes, Calamities, and the Coronavirus! June 13 and 14, Ascension will begin a new sermon series on the Old Testament Book of Jeremiah as we see how the Lord makes it possible to conquer not just COVID-19, but other bad stuff too! Pastor Clark will be sharing some insights he gained from his most recent Doctor of Ministry class which dealt with the Old Testament Book of Jeremiah. Often called “The Weeping Prophet,” God still works through Jeremiah to equip us to conquer! Romans 8:37, “In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

June 13/14

Conquering Through God’s Word Jer. 1:1-10

June 20/21

Conquering Through God’s Strength Jer. 1:13-19

June 27/28

Conquering Through Confession and Absolution Jer. 2:1-12; 26-29

July 4/5

Conquering Through Right Worship Jer. 7:1-17

July 11/12

Conquering Through God’s Trials Jer. 12:1-5

July 18/19

Conquering Through Listening Jer. 13:1-11

July 25/26

Conquering Through Humility Jer. 18:1-12

Aug 1/2

Conquering Through Shalom Jer. 29:1; 4-14

Aug 8/9

Conquering Through Perseverance Jer. 36:1-3; 20-24

Aug 15/16

Conquering Through the Resurrection Jer. 38:1-13

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO SEMINARY GRADUATES

Ascension has the privilege of serving as a “learning congregation” where seminary students do field work to gain experience for ministry. Three seminary students connected to Ascension graduated this spring, and we rejoice that our congregation was able to contribute to their formation as pastors.

Joshua Brakhage, Ordination and Installation
June 28, 3 pm at Holy Trinity in Edmond, OK

John Kyle, Ordination and Installation June 28, 4 pm
at Grace Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg, FL

Rev. Samuel Fuhrmann, Earned his Phd. and is
serving in Sao Paulo, Brazil

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Clark

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Gabe Maichel, organist

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers that grace our altar are given by: Doug & Ruth Pritchard in honor of our 46th wedding anniversary, June 15.

Rich & Bev Schaefer with thanks & praise to God for the gift of marriage and all blessings.

ELDERS: Randy Agne, Rich Schaefer; Gene Bockelmann

HOSTS: NO HOSTS AT THIS TIME

MULTIMEDIA ROOM: Vernon Schmidt & Mark Maxfield

READERS: 5:00 Tom McCain; 9:30 Olivia Muhlke

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Lisa Holderle; 9:30 Laura Brink

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: June 20-21, 2020

Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jer. 1:13-19

Epistle: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21-23

USHERS: 5:00 Ed Holderle, Walter Scoggins

9:30 Gene Bockelmann, Nathan Decker, Dave Jones

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Isabella Bracken

Anna Clark

Samuel Reeves

Andrew Roussin

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

6/14 Angelica Ferranto, Henry Hyde

6/15 Carl Fadler, Tony Gabriel, Marla Lopez, Peggy Rabun, Sarah Stiffler

6/19 Kelsey Matlick, Rana Tamang

6/20 Laura Brink, Jaime Gaal, Layla Manning, Mark Pfaff, Mary Pfaff, Linda Slatin, Sue Waddell

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

6/14 Robert & Carol Moore, Rich & Bev Schaefer

6/15 Doug & Ruth Pritchard

PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

LCMS CONGREGATIONS 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

Dr. Daniel and Joan Jastram-Asia

Erin Mackenzie-Dominican Republic

Rev. Matthew & Kali Wood-Indonesia

DCE Krista & Joel Young-Africa



WELCOME BACK **TO OUR**
FATHER'S HOUSE