

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship No Communion No Bible Class/Sunday School Confirmation Service	9:30 am  11:00 am
Monday	Staff Meeting	9:00 am
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Communion Services Please contact Marie Muhlke in the church office to schedule an appointment. <a href="mailto:marie@ascensionstl.com">marie@ascensionstl.com</a> or 314-832-5600	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Thursday	Communion Services Please contact Marie Muhlke in the church office to schedule an appointment. <a href="mailto:marie@ascensionstl.com">marie@ascensionstl.com</a> or 314-832-5600	9:00 – 11:00 am
Friday	Office closed in observance of July 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Saturday	Pastor on KFUE Worship No Communion	9:00 am 5:00 pm

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS** Matt. 10:42 – **“And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”** The tithes and offerings you give to the Lord’s work in His church go to supporting all manner of discipleship. They provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach, and conduct the Sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord. The Lord is pleased with this work, and He wants to bless you through supporting it.

**Stewardship Report**

For the weekend ended June 21<sup>st</sup>

In-person attendance: 80  
Online attendance: 103

Capital Campaign Donations Since October 2019: \$343,636

Total General Fund offering June 20/21: \$7,391

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 is 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](http://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

## WORSHIP UPDATES

**WEEKEND WORSHIP** During 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](http://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](mailto: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

### JOIN US FOR RAINFOREST EXPLORERS VIRTUAL VBS

Ascension is hosting our first virtual VBS, July 27-31. To register, go to Ascension's website and find the VBS page under the Events tab. Click on the registration link and it will take you to the online registration website. Registration is open now and will close Monday, July 13 to give us time to ensure that we have all of the supplies that are needed. Keep your eyes open for more information in the weeks ahead.

**PRAYERS AND DONATIONS FOR VIRTUAL VBS** Since we were not able to have our annual trivia night to raise money, we are short of funds to host a VBS. Please prayerfully consider making a monetary donation to this year's virtual VBS. Please send your donation to the church office labeled VBS 2020. Thank you in advance for your prayers and your donation. The VBS team is thankful for the support from Ascension for our VBS ministry and we cannot wait to have another successful VBS!

## 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

**6/28/20** Broadcasts Sponsor: An anonymous sponsor in thanks and praise for God's love.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION

## SUMMER SERMON SERIES



### 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.

## RIDE FOR GEORGE

Ascension member, and Word of Life 8th grade student, George Morris, is in need of a ride to and from school beginning this fall. George lives with his mother, Stacey Claseman. Their home is located near Loughborough and Interstate 55. If you can help provide a ride, please contact the church office.

## ASCENSION OFFICE WORKER OPENINGS



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Ascension Office Workers, Ally Brink and Paul Brock will be leaving us to attend college. Ascension is accepting employment 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. We are hoping to train the new hires before Ally and Paul's departure, so **don't delay in contacting the church office to request an application. 314-832-5600 or [marie@ascensionstl.com](mailto:marie@ascensionstl.com).**

Conquering Catastrophes, Calamities, and the Coronavirus! Ascension has begun 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. 1:11-19

### 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 LISA

Lisa Clark (pastor's wife) was recently accepted into the PhD program of study at the University of Bristol, United Kingdom. She will be working online toward a degree in creative writing, focusing primarily on hymnody. The program is part-time and will likely take six years to complete. Please keep Lisa and the Clarks in your prayers.



**STAY INFORMED** Please contact the church office if you have had a change to your address, phone or contact info.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**PREACHER:** Pastor Clark

**LITURGIST:** Matt Kobs

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The flowers that grace our altar are given by: Terry & Nancy Nickolotsky in loving memory of our son Craig

Pastor & Lisa in thanksgiving to God for 18 years of marriage, forgiveness & love  
Jan Pendleton in honor of my wonderful husband Jack's 75th Birthday

**ELDERS:** No elders are assigned to services at this time.

**HOSTS:** No hosts at this time

**MULTIMEDIA ROOM:** Vernon Schmidt & Mark Maxfield

**READERS:** 5:00 Jane Fryar; 9:30 Bill A. Maxfield

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Rich Seifert; 9:30 Nathan Decker

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** July 4-5, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jer. 7:1-17

Epistle: Romans 7:14-25a

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

**USHERS:** 5:00 Ed Holderle

9:30 Gene Bockelmann, Nathan Decker

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Abigail Green

Anish Gurung

Jaylee Schulz

Sarah Stiffler

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

6/28 Erin Armknecht, Jacqueline Lewis, Michael Reeves

6/29 Anish Gurung, Dil Gurung, Julie Headrick

6/30 Quinn Franceschi

7/1 Meghan Dibble

7/2 Henry Brink, Douglas Pritchard

7/3 Lauren Gardner, Carly Munoz

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

6/29 Matthew & Lisa Clark; Darla & Shawn Moran;

Bill & Diane Muhlke

6/30 Cathy & Vic Salini

7/1 Gary & Sara Freer

## 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.

### 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 AND FRIENDS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Alex Jones	James Keltner
Brian Kitson	Thomas Kitson
Tristan Rabun	Tony Urschler

### 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

## CONGRATULATIONS 2020 CONFIRMANDS

Congratulations to our 2020 confirmands! Each catechumen wrote an essay based on their confirmation verse. They will be reading these essays, explaining the special meaning of the following verses as it pertains to them. You can participate in the Rite of Confirmation by watching the service on Ascension's You Tube channel and by keeping them in your prayers.

**Isabella Bracken      1 Peter 1:3**

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**Abigail Green      1 Corinthians 13:4**

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant.

**Isabella Johnson      Revelation 2:10**

Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

**Tyler Kern      Psalm 23:1**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**William Maxfield      Jeremiah 29:11**

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**Olivia Muhlke      Genesis 50:20**

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

**Rebekah Rhyne      John 8:12**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**Aidan Zaza      Psalm 69:6**

Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me,  
O Lord GOD of hosts.

