

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Worship with Communion Urschler Baptism	8:15 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 12:45 pm
Monday	Office Staff Meeting Ministry Council Meeting	8:00 am 7:00 pm
Tuesday	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters Pastor/Principal Meeting Bell Choir Grade 7 & 8 Confirmation	9:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm
Thursday	Men’s Online Bible Study	6:15 am
Friday		
Saturday	Pastor on KFYO Worship with Communion	9:00 am 5:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS January 10 – Mark 1:7 “And (John) preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’ John is right. Jesus is immensely greater than any of us yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner’s place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

Stewardship Report

For the weekend ending January 3rd

In-person attendance:	102
Online attendance:	164 (reached)
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$16,733
Budgeted Amount	\$12,019
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 4,714
Capital Campaign Donations Since October 2019:	\$558,034

Note to Worshipers

Ascension broadcasts its worship services via livestream on the internet. You can also find archived services. Go to: Ascensionstl.com/stream.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

PASTOR KOB'S INSTALLATION On Sunday, January 24 at 3 pm Ascension will be hosting a special service of Installation for Pastor Matt Kobs. At this service, Pastor Kobs will be installed as Assistant Pastor at Ascension. This is a part-time position as Pastor Kobs continues to serve full-time at Concordia Publishing House. The congregation is invited to attend, as well as pastors from area LCMS congregations. Sadly, due to COVID, we will be limiting the number of those in attendance to 60. There will be an opportunity to reserve a space for the service the week prior to the event. Congratulations to Pastor Kobs, his wife Anna, and their son, Hunter!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IMPROVEMENTS Over the past several months, contributions to the capital campaign have funded various improvements to the church and to the school. The sanctuary windows on the south side have been cleaned, all broken glass has been replaced, and plate glass protection has been installed on the outside of the windows. The metal casements on all the windows have been scraped, repaired and painted. Tuck-pointing was done on the outside of the building, and inside the building the plaster has been repaired and restored to get it ready for painting. The baseboards have been removed in expectation of new baseboards that will be installed. In the school, new hallway lighting has been installed in the ceiling, new fire doors were installed to replace the old ones, and new roller windows that divide the gym from the kitchen were installed.

Donations can be made using a designated yellow-bordered envelope that is in your envelope box. Envelopes are also available outside the church office. The envelope can be placed in the locked wooden box on the table in the narthex. Donations can also be made online. If you would like to make a pledge, please contact Elaine Hilgeman (at 314-918-1434 or emh200@swbell.net) and she will supply you with a form. (All pledges are kept confidential.)

LIKE US



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”

DONATE FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE

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. Smartphone users can also download the GIVE+Mobile app from the Apple or Google Play Store and set up an account. Please use only one email account per contribution envelope number.



SERMON SERIES

In 1 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul writes to a city, and church, with a diverse population that has divided interests. Sound a little like our city today? What does Paul share with the people of Corinth to create unity, and can this same message create unity among us today? Is God's Word for His people in the past really any different than His Word for His people today? We'll be shedding light on 1 Corinthians during the season of Epiphany, that time in the Church Year when we focus on the one who is the Light of the World for people of the past and present.

January 16/17 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
January 23/24 1 Corinthians 7:29-35
January 30/31 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
February 6/7 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

READ ALONG WITH PASTOR

Feel like you need some hope, peace, and joy during COVID-19? God's Word is our source of life and strength during pandemics and at all times. Pastor Clark will be reading God's Word daily using a plan that will go through the entire Bible in two years. Pastor would love for you to read along with him! Printed reading schedules are available from the usher's pre-worship, or in the church office. Every Friday Pastor will also post a video on Ascension's Facebook Page and YouTube Channel that will highlight a theme or insight for that week's readings. The readings for next week are **Judges 19-28**.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday morning adult Bible class is meeting again! Join us each Sunday from **9:45 am - 10:40 am**, either in-person or virtually online. You don't have to be a Facebook member to join in the fun. If you choose to connect online, visit <https://www.facebook.com/AscensionLutheranChurchLCMS> to participate in our live stream Bible study as we continue our study of some of the most important Bible accounts to know.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Since March and the onset of COVID-19, Ascension's small group Bible studies have been on hold. Now that we have become accustomed to wearing masks and social distancing, some of our small groups will resume meeting in-person. Whether a small group meets in person or not, will be determined by small group leaders, and the members of the group, in consultation with Pastor Clark. Whether or not groups resume meeting in-person depends on factors such as the risk level of those who participate and the location of the Bible study. Please contact your small group Bible study leader, or Pastor, for details or to learn more about joining a group.

BAPTISM

Join us in celebrating a Baptism.
Please welcome into God's family
Penelope Jane Urschler.

Daughter of Anna Marie Payne and Anthony Urschler
Penelope will be baptized during a private service this
Sunday at 12:45 pm



ASCENSION T-SHIRTS ARE HERE

ASCENSION T-SHIRTS Looking for a chance to show off your church? Invite someone to worship? Share Christ's love? Then we've got the shirt for you! The newest versions of Ascension T-shirts are now available. There are two T-shirt designs to choose from. Shirts are available in the church lobby for the suggested donation of \$10. Donations can be placed in the locked drop box mounted on the wall outside the church office.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

2021 Contribution envelopes are available for pick up. They are located in alphabetical order on the table in the lobby. If you are unable to attend service in person, please call the church office to make arrangements to pick up your envelopes during office hours or to have them mailed to you. Thank you

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Renewals for the 2021 Lutheran Witness are due by January 31, 2021. Please use the envelope provided in your 2021 contribution envelope box or place in a separate envelope clearly marked "Lutheran Witness." Subscriptions are \$15.96 yearly for 12 issues.

THANK YOU MRS. HETZ



Hello love bugs,
Thanks to all who contributed to the thank-you video for Mrs. Hetz! And thank you, Mrs. Hetz, for your love for God's children!

Visit the link below to see the video and share your own thoughts and comments.

<https://share.vidday.com/t-6fcs0s>

In Christ,
Ascension's Sunday School

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!

Parents and Littles

Teachers: Jasmine Duerr and Friends

Preschool and Kindergarten

Teachers: Marcia Passanise and Friends

Grades 1 through 3

Teachers: Emily Jones, Brittany Schelp, and Lisa Clark

Grades 4 through 5

Teachers: Rich Schaefer and Carl Anderson

Junior High

Teachers: Anna Johnson, Joel Her, and Friends

Senior High

Teachers: Rob Bremer, Matt Lorenz, and Friends

Adults

Teachers: Pastor Clark, Pastor Kobs, and Friends

Nepali Fellowship

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

Sunday School Co-Coordinators

Lisa Clark and Anna Johnson

WORD OF LIFE 2021 AUCTION

Our next WOL School Auction is scheduled to take place in May. Due to COVID-19, we are planning for this event to take place online.

This school auction takes place every other school year and raises funds to support Word of Life in various ways that are determined by the school principal and auction planning committee. Our last auction supported the purchase of Chromebooks and tablets for our K-8 students.

WOL OPEN HOUSE - DATE CHANGE

WORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Learn more about our school...*SAFELY*

Open House - By Appointment

Sunday, January 31st | 1 - 3 p.m.

*K-8th grade Ascension Lutheran Church 6535 Eichelberger
Pre-K (ages 3-5) St. Lucas Lutheran Church 7100 Morganford
Pre-K (ages 3-5) Timothy Lutheran Church 6704 Fyler*

To schedule your visit:
admissions@wordoflifeschool.net or 314-832-1244
wordoflifeschool.net

RETIREMENT MILESTONE CELEBRATION

TO ALL WHO RETIRED IN 2019 OR 2020 As a community of faith, we mark various milestones in life with prayer and blessings. We celebrate births with gifts and mark baptisms with water. We provide backpack blessings for those starting school. We acknowledge graduates. We bless marriages.

We also want to mark another important rite of passage, a time of occupational endings and new beginnings called retirement. We wish to honor you and your work and assure you that we welcome your gifts, your wisdom, life experiences and faith as you embrace a new role in the next stage of your life and journey of faith. Please join us for worship at any service the weekend of Jan. 30/31, as we celebrate this milestone in your life with a blessing and a gift.

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Clark

LITURGIST: Seminarian Joel Herr, 1st Sunday of Month;
Seminarian Matt Lorenz, 2nd Sunday of Month
Seminarian Michael Winckler, 3rd Sunday of Month
Pastor Matthew Kobs, 4th Sunday of Month

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Gabe Maichel, organist

ACOLYTES: 5:00 Matthew Hofman; 8:15 Will Maxfield;
11:00 Tyler Kern

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 open; 8:15 open; 11:00 Bella McMeans

ALTAR FLOWERS: To the glory of God

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Bracken; 8:15 Pfitzinger;
11:00 Lopez

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Hofmann; 8:15 Melissa Maxfield;
11:00 Fox

MULTIMEDIA ROOM: 5:00 Bella Bracken;
8:15 Bill Maxfield, Grant Maxfield
11:00 Vernon Schmidt

READERS: 5:00 Mark Hofman; 8:15 Mary Pastor;
11:00 Troy Hansen

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Tom McCain; 8:15 John Brink;
11:00 Ted Cox

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: January 17, 2021 –
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Old Testament 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Holy Gospel John 1:43-51

USHERS: 5:00 Walter Scoggins, Walt Simpson; Karl Hofmann, Robert Hofmann, Ed Holderle
8:15 Jake Bremer, Rob Bremer, Jonathan Gibbs, Jack Pendleton, Gene Bockelmann, Nathan Decker, Mark Shaffer
11:00 Dave Jones, Carlos Lopez, Paul Brock Sr., Roger Jensen

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 or fill out a note from the Record of Fellowship folder and place it on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

1/10: Brian Haywood
1/11: Savannah Breitenfeld, George Morris
1/12: Gabrielle Ferranto
1/13: Manoj Gurung, Becky Harman, Ava Morton
1/14: Melissa Fox, Brian Hilkerbaumer
1/15: Jill Munoz, Melvin Sheets, Leslie Todd
1/16: Sandi Kitson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

1/13: Troy & Sarah Hansen

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Abigail Green
Anish Gurung
Carly Munoz
Liam Rabun

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

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

2020 THRIVENT GRANTS

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN HELPING ASCENSION WITH THRIVENT GRANT FUNDS IN 2020.

Thrivent Grants helped our congregation, Word of Life Lutheran School as well as other organizations throughout 2020. BIG thank you to all who generously agreed to take about 10-15 minutes and apply for these 51 grants, valued at about \$12,750. They were used to help many different places and people. Note that Thrivent allowed us to 'repurpose' these grants for functions that were canceled, to help our 'church family and school families'.

THRIVENT GRANTS APPROVED IN 2020

Ascension LC inside sign upgrade
Ascension LC replace alter candles/supplies
Purchase newer easels for church functions
EEH- Bounce house – I think they returned our \$ since event was cancelled or applied to next years event
EEH Cotton candy/supplies (repurpose to Nepalese during coronavirus)
EEH food for Friday set-up and Sat light breakfast w/coffee (repurpose to Nepalese during coronavirus)
EEH refreshments - re-purposed to WOL free breakfast/lunch
EEH basket/attendance prizes - saving for next EEH event
EEH - Face painting supplies - re-purpose for church families
EEH craft kits – savings for next EEH event
VBS Virtual purchase CD from CPH
VBS Virtual snacks/crafts
VBS Trivia supplies
VBS - Virtual bags
WOL Black History refreshments event
WOL DJ/photo booth for father/daughter dance
WOL father/daughter dance-refreshment
WOL scenery supplies/paint-Beauty & the Beast
WOL musical refreshments
WOL- musical for publicity/printing
WOL-lighting for musical -Beauty & the Beast
WOL-Musical snacks for helpers
WOL spirit bracelet supporting 8th grade trip
Replace LED light bulbs at WOL
LESA auction basket items
Scout troop 331 - Spaghetti dinner
Quarter Auction Decorations – saving for next event
Quarter Auction refreshments – saving for next event
Quarter Auction basket items – saving for event
Think Fall – Stl Hills advertisement in their newsletter
Think Fall - purchase kale plants/food for helpers
Think Fall – purchase mums/flower bulbs
Think Fall – truck rental for mums
Youth – mask fund raiser
Youth- purchase turkey for Bethlehem LC donation
Youth-Thanksgiving side dishes for Bethlehem LC donation
Stuff the Truck rental
Stuff the Truck – STL Hills ad and refreshments for helpers
Think Spring – Stl Hills advertisement in their newsletter
Think Spring – set up/take down refreshments (repurposed)
Think Spring Plant sale flowers- Re-purpose to Nepalese during coronavirus
Outside Nativity purchase Silhouette

Outside Nativity – Dulcimer musician
Outside Nativity – flute musician (2)
Outside Nativity – food for set-up/take down display
Outside Nativity – spot light
Upgrade WOL signage
Advent by Candlelight – decoration
Advent by Candlelight - Supplies
Donation of food to medical personnel at SSM as Thank You