



NEWS AND NOTES

April 10 & 11, 2021

“Loved by Christ, Sharing Christ’s Love”

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	9:45 am
	Worship with Communion	11:00 am
Monday	Staff Meeting	8:00 am
	Ministry Council Meeting by Zoom	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Pastor’s Seminary Class	10:15 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Bell Choir	6:00 pm
	Grade 7 & 8 Confirmation	6:30 pm
Thursday	Men’s Online Bible Study	6:15 am
Friday		
Saturday	Pastor on KFUD	9:00 am
	Nepali Fellowship – Fellowship Hall	11:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IMPROVEMENTS Renovations will soon begin in the church sanctuary. The gray stone throughout the sanctuary (such as what surrounds the windows and what is used in the niches for the altar flowers) will be cleaned. In middle to late April, scaffolding will be erected in the chancel to begin the process of refurbishing the chancel ceiling, painting the walls, and cleaning the beautiful stained glass window. Shortly after that, the altar, baptismal font, kneelers, pulpit, lectern and chancel chairs will be cleaned and refinished. Church services will continue to be held as usual, although the church will look a little strange!

WOL will be a hotbed of activity this summer. The new HVAC system, which couldn’t be installed last summer due to COVID, will be installed this summer. New energy-efficient windows will be installed in the original school building. All the windows, including the windows on the interior classroom doors, will have black-out shades installed. A new security system, which also affects the church, will begin to be installed. Also, there will be a complete remodel of the three classrooms in the early childhood wing (grades K - 2). This remodel is funded entirely by contributions over and above the monies pledged and allocated to the school through the "Sharing Christ's Love" capital campaign.

God has truly blessed Ascension. Praise be to Him!

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.)

STEWARDSHIP

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS John 20:19 – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn’t be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

Stewardship Report

For the weekend ending April 4th

In-person attendance: 252
 Online attendance: 262 (reached)

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received	\$12,812
Budgeted Amount	\$12,019
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 793

Capital Campaign Donations Since	
October 2019:	\$766,407

SANCTUARY RENOVATION UPDATE The next phase of our sanctuary renovation is underway! The stonework around our stained-glass windows, and in other areas of the sanctuary, is being cleaned. This is the first deep-cleaning our stonework has had in over 80 years, and the improvement the cleaning makes is remarkable! Painting the chancel at the front of the church is tentatively scheduled for the end of April. This will include scaffolding standing in the chancel for 2 to 4 weeks. However, worship in our sanctuary will be able to continue during this time. We are also holding brief informational meetings to share the sanctuary renovation plans with the congregation. These meetings will be held following all three worship services the weekend of April 10 and 11. These renovations are made possible by our capital campaign, “Sharing Christ’s Love—Today and Tomorrow.”

BLOOD DRIVE



**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER**
How life flows through our community.®

Word of Life & Ascension Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Sunday, April 25th 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in the WOL gym
Masks & appointments are required! To schedule call
Barb Hartung at 314-772-6651 or go to www.bloodcenter.org
and use sponsor code 10695.

LIKE US



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK Like Ascension 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"

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 **2 Chron 1–12**

Note to Worshipers

**Ascension broadcasts its worship services
via livestream on the internet.**

To find archived services.
Go to: Ascensionstl.com/stream.

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.



ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY GETS A REFRESH



Have you been crashing? Looking for a connection to God's word? Virus got you down and you need some support? Join us online each Sunday from 9:45-10:40 am for Sunday morning Bible class — right in your browser!

We're trying out a new service that offers better opportunity for real-time interaction during Bible class. Rather than streaming via Facebook, you can join by going to ascensionstl.whereby.com/meet. No Camera? No problem! You can connect with a webcam, just a microphone, or neither and use the chat! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45am to dig into God's Word together.

WHAT IS PASTOR STUDYING?

Pastor Clark is about half way through the Doctor of Ministry program at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. During the spring and summer of 2021, Pastor is taking two classes. One class is Doctoral Research and Writing, which will assist Pastor in writing his final Major Applied Project. The other class is The Missio Dei—The Mission of God, which goes in-depth into the topic of evangelism and outreach with special emphasis on our context at Ascension. Please keep Pastor's studies in your prayers.

WOL RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER



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Tuesday, April 13th
Corner of Eichelberger & Hampton
3:00 pm - 10:00 pm

20% of all Drive Thru Sales and Mobile Orders
THIS FLIER MUST BE PRESENTED
Go to: <https://wordoflifeschool.net>

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

COMMUNICATIONS POSITION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR Ascension's Ministry Council recently approved of the creation of a part-time Communications Coordinator staff position at Ascension. In cooperation with the pastors, Communications Team, and administrative assistant, the Communications Coordinator will oversee Ascension's communication through website, social media, and print material. The position is approximately 10 hours a week. If you are interested in a more detailed job description, please contact Ascension's Communication's Team: commteam@ascensionstl.com.

HINTZE LIBRARY NOTES

STATUS OF HINTZE LIBRARY WORK



Hello Hintze Library patrons. Let me share with you the status of the work on our library collection.

The inventory is basically complete and new titles are being incorporated into the collection. I hope that next month, I can share with the congregation the process for checking out these volumes and will have a monthly Library Look to review various interesting titles.

Thank you for your patience and I look forward to opening the library collection for use.

Claudia Seifert, Parish Librarian

KITCHEN APPLIANCES NEEDED

Ascension members Eric & Flora Mukindi are in need of a working stove. The stove is currently gas, but electric would be preferred. This switch would require gas and electric work to be done. If you have a "gently used" appliance, or could help convert the stove from gas to electric, please contact the church office at (314) 832-5600 or pam@ascensionstl.com.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

THINK SPRING! Did you forget to pre-order your annual flowers and hanging baskets? No problem. We are ordering extra plants and hanging baskets for first come/first serve on the WOL playground starting at 9 am on Saturday, April 24. Please contact Karen Hilkerbaumer at 314-378-2977 or gbomber@swbell.net or Julie Headrick at 314-258-2169 or hea102@sbcglobal.net with questions.

See you there!

LESA VIRTUAL DINNER AUCTION



The LESA Cooking for Kids Tribute Dinner Auction will be virtual, and is scheduled for April 17, 2021 @ 7:00-8:30 pm. The program is produced by Geniecast and is FREE to participate. Save the date and join this event virtually to share in the joy of helping to advance Lutheran education. For more information and/or to RSVP: <https://lesastl.org/cooking-for-kids-2021/>

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Clark

LITURGIST: Seminarian Joel Her, 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 Bella Bracken; 8:15 George Morris;
11:00 Alyssa Hansen

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Matthew Hofman; 8:15 Grant Maxfield;
11:00 Jayvyn Sawyer

EASTER LILY: Deepest apologies to Carl Anderson.
The following dedication was omitted by mistake from the Easter bulletin:

In loving memory of Linda Anderson and her parents
Gil & Bernice Willerding.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Roy & Kathy Migneco with thankfulness
to God for our children & grandchildren & the blessing they
are.

Roger & Rose Seifert for the gift of "Life".

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Debbie Hofmann & Family; 8:15 Nancy
& Doug Pfitzinger; 11:00 Marcia Passanise

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Diane & Mark Bracken; 8:15 Melissa
Maxfield; 11:00 Cheryl & Jim Chambers

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

READERS 5:00 Debbie Meyer
8:15 Brad Muhlke; 11:00 Troy Hansen

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Jane Fryar
8:15 Mary Pastor; 11:00 Dianne Thies

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: April 18, 2021 –
Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 3:11-21

Epistle 1 John 3:1-7

Holy Gospel Luke 24:36-49

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

TOGETHER IN MISSION MISSIONARIES

Dr. Daniel and Joan Jastram-Asia
Erin Mackenzie-Dominican Republic
Rev. Matthew & Kali Wood-Indonesia
DCE Krista & Joel Young-Africa

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

4/11 Allison Colloton

4/12 Elyse Gihozo

4/13 Kevin Keller

4/14 Melissa Bergholt, Michael Passanise

4/15 Blake Rabe

4/17 Daniel Bohlmann, Lexi Lopez, David Slatin

Please contact the church office if your birthday has been omitted by mistake.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

4/12 Gene & Patricia Bockelmann

4/16 Mark & Diane Bracken

4/17 Richard & Claudia Seifert

Please contact the church office if your anniversary has been omitted by mistake.

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Alyssa Hansen

Rain Hernandez

Jacob Ingrham

Jordan Ingrham

Aleece Keller

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

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 three distinct groups that gather together based

upon their ages: The Youth Disciples is open to all youth in grades 1 through 4; 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.

Did you know that there are approximately 100 Ascension children from first grade to seniors in high school that AYF tries to reach through this ministry? Did you know there are another 14 youth on our rolls that are active in AYF but are not members of Ascension? Did you know, before COVID, we had 50-60 youth regularly involved in our activities? And now that we are starting activities again we are still seeing strong numbers in participation. This would not be possible without the love and care that Ascensionites regularly show these youth through your personal interaction, prayers and financial support. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY COMMUNICATION The primary communication method used by the youth ministry is email. We will also use the monthly Messenger and the weekly News & Notes to communicate but the most up to date information is handled via email. If you do not receive emails from our Ascension Youth Fellowship email account at ayflcms@outlook.com, please email us at that address and request to be added to the mailing list. You can also like our Ascension Youth Fellowship Facebook page as we update that regularly.

EGG MY YARD FUNDRAISER The Egg My Yard fundraiser was so much fun with more than 30 Eggings completed. Looks like we raised right at \$1,000 and blessed many Easter celebrations. Thank you for your help and participation!



take heart

TAKE HEART – JR & SR YOUTH MO DISTRICT VIRTUAL RETREAT

The combined Jr & Sr Youth MO District Virtual Retreat is happening this weekend. We hope you are able to attend and join us for the theme TAKE HEART based on John 16:33 – “I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world”. Thanks to the generosity of a few Ascensionites, there was no cost to attend.

ASCENSION PLANT SALE The annual plant sale is being held April 24th and the youth of Ascension get heavily involved in volunteering at the event as much of the plant sale proceeds gets donated to this ministry. We will be targeting this year's donation from the plant sale to our efforts to attend the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering. An email has gone out to the potential Gathering participants requesting their assistance on April 22, 23 and 24 for the setup and sale of the plants. Check your inbox for the details.

YOUTH ROOM FRIDGE Now that things are starting back up on youth activities, we have regrettably found that our beverage refrigerator in the youth room is extremely bare. The next time you visit your local grocer, can you grab some beverages and drop them off to us in the church office? We could use bottled water, juice packs, and soda. And please, for the sake of your volunteer youth workers, no energy drinks or Dew!



2022 LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING The planning at the national level for the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston on July 9-13, 2022 is proceeding full steam ahead with full anticipation of no or only minor restrictions related to COVID-19 by the time of the Gathering. The planning at Ascension to get a group of youth to this event is also still underway.

As a reminder, you are eligible to be a participant if you are currently in the 7th through 11th/12th grades. For those of you that will be 19 or older at the time of the Gathering, you can also participate as a Young Adult Volunteer as a helper in the day to day activities of the Gathering.

More information will be forthcoming about this wonderful event and various fundraisers will be held to help offset the trip costs.

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions about Ascension Youth Fellowship, please contact Kathy or Chris Thies, or Pastor at the church office.

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Kathy.Thies@Hotmail.com

Chris Thies
(314) 910-3148
Chris.Thies@Outlook.com

WORD OF LIFE AUCTION 2021

WORD OF LIFE AUCTION 2021: PAJAMA PARTY!

What's better than a weeklong party? A weeklong party in your jammies! This year, celebrate Word of Life Lutheran School by participating in an online auction the week of May 7–14. Then, round out the fun with a special LIVE virtual celebration on Friday, May 14. Here's how you can get started:

- Save the date! Tickets will go online soon.
- Spread the word! Tell your friends and family.

Stay informed! Find our event page on Facebook, or email auction@wordoflifeschool.net if you have any questions.

Let's support the last Lutheran school in South City and give thanks to God for its Christian environment, cultural diversity, and academic excellence. See you there!



SAVE THE DATE

Grab your slippers and comfy pants: our biannual spring event and auction has moved online this year!

We will be hosting a weeklong online auction, culminating in a LIVE online event to celebrate with our Word of Life community.

Tickets for the live event will be on sale soon!

MAY 7-14: ONLINE AUCTION OPEN
MAY 14: LIVE PAJAMA PARTY EVENT

