



**NEWS AND NOTES**  
**May 29 & 30, 2021**  
*“Loved by Christ, Sharing Christ’s Love”*

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship with Communion Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Worship with Communion	8:15 am 9:45 am 11:00 am
Monday	Memorial Day - Office is Closed No Staff Meeting	8:00 am
Tuesday	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
Thursday	Men’s Online Bible Study	6:15 am
Friday		
Saturday	Pastor on KFUE Worship with Communion	9:00 am 5:00 pm

**Pastor Clark will be on vacation May 31 – June 6**

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IMPROVEMENTS** The chancel has now been painted, the ceiling has been cleaned and resealed, the altar, the baptismal font, and the wood furnishings in the chancel have been refurbished, and the stonework around the windows has been cleaned. The balcony has been painted and the large stained glass windows above the altar and in the balcony are being cleaned inside and out, and new protective glass will be put on the outside. Coming soon, the sanctuary walls will be painted, a hard surface floor will be laid between the front wall and the communion kneelers, and new lights will be installed in the chancel and the narthex. (Some of these lights will be focused on the stained glass windows in the narthex and because the fixtures will use low energy LED lights, they will remain on 24/7 for constant visibility to passersby.). The cross above the altar will have new background colors made by George Lluka to exactly match the colors of our paraments. Still to come: baseboard installation, new flooring in the sanctuary and refurbishing of the pews.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS** John 3:6 – **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”** In Holy Baptism, we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, and new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense. The total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God’s math works differently – as we might expect from the Trinity! A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

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](mailto:emh200@swbell.net)) and she will supply you with a form. (All pledges are kept confidential.)

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
For the weekend ending May 23rd	
In-person attendance:	160
Online attendance:	41 (reached)
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$7,866
Budgeted Amount	\$12,019
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 4,153)
Capital Campaign Donations Since October 2019:	\$780,388

**Note to Worshippers**  
**Ascension broadcasts its worship services via livestream on the internet.**  
 To find archived services.  
 Go to: [Ascensionstl.com/stream](https://Ascensionstl.com/stream).

## COVID WORSHIP UPDATE

May 26, 2021

Dear people loved by Christ,

**There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.  
1 John 4:18a**

Ascension's elders, congregational president, and pastors recently met to discuss Ascension's plan as we begin to emerge from the threat of COVID-19. Our discussion was done with much prayer as we looked not only to CDC guidelines, but more important, to God's Word. Our conversation was shaped by words such as 1 John 4:18 as we made decisions, not out of fear, but love for neighbor—confident of God's perfect love for us in Christ our Savior.

Even if not all members of Ascension agree with decisions that were made, we pray that these differences of opinion would not become an opportunity for Satan to divide us. Instead, we ask the Lord to make each of us "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3).

As an email last week indicated, the wearing of face masks is optional for worship services and adult Bible classes at Ascension. For detailed information concerning who the CDC advises can go without a mask, please visit [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). In addition to this, please note the following updates connected to COVID procedures.

### Seating for Worship

Registering in advance for worship (online or by phone) in order to reserve a seat is no longer necessary. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in this reservation process over these past months. Moving forward, tape will be removed from the pulpit side of the church to allow for seating in every row. Every other pew on the lectern side will remain taped-off to allow for intentional social distancing. Worshipers are free to sit where they are most comfortable.

### Lobby Area

Masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be made available in the church lobby. The large self-serve urns will be used again for coffee on Sunday mornings. Tables and chairs will return to the Hintze Library area for fellowship.

### Offering

We will continue to forego passing the offering plate at this time. We ask worshipers to please place offerings and gifts in the wooden box in the narthex or consider giving online. Online giving (whether one-time or continuous) can be arranged through our website, [www.ascensionstl.com](http://www.ascensionstl.com), under the tab "online giving."

### Communion Distribution

The elements for Holy Communion will return to being placed on the altar, where the Words of Institution will be spoken. The Lord's Supper will then be distributed following Ascension's "continuous line" procedure. Those communing will come forward into the chancel to receive Christ's body and blood. Those distributing communion will sanitize their hands immediately before and also wear masks during distribution.

### Materials in the Pews

We are discontinuing the use of "Fellowship Books" in order to record attendance in worship. We will instead soon be utilizing attendance cards for individuals and families. Our hymnals, *Lutheran Service Book*, will be placed back in the pews. However, for the immediate future, words to hymns/songs will also be printed in the bulletin.

### Mask Wearing for Children in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School

Ascension has made in-person Sunday School and VBS a top priority. We believe it is vital for children to learn God's Word, and the Gospel of Jesus, both in the home and at church. To allow for this in-person learning to take place as safely as possible, we are requesting that children (following CDC guidelines) wear masks while at Sunday School and VBS for the immediate future.

This decision was guided by two main reasons:

This request follows the operational guidelines set by the CDC ([cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)), to which the City of St. Louis is requesting we comply. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment and its meaning, we are called to "honor" and "obey" earthly authorities, recognizing that God Himself has put these authorities in place (see Romans 13:1-2; 7).

While transmission of COVID among children may be very unlikely, Ascension's leadership still has concern for the safety of the youngest among us. We encourage parents to partner with us in helping children see masks not as objects of fear, but as a way they can show love for their neighbor.

**I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
Ephesians 4:1-3**

In the verses above, the apostle Paul urges the Church in Ephesus to be characterized by humility, gentleness, patience, love, unity, and peace. I pray that these same godly qualities are demonstrated by each of us at Ascension as we heal from this time of COVID.

In Christ,  
Pastor Matthew Clark

## PASTOR IS ON VACATION

**PASTOR CLARK IS ON VACATION** Pastor Clark and family will be spending time with Lisa's parents at Big Cedar Lodge in southern Missouri. Pastor will be out of the office May 31 to June 6. If you need pastoral care while he is away, Ascension's Assistant Pastor, Rev. Matt Kobs, will be on-call.

## READ ALONG WITH PASTOR

Feel like you need some hope, peace, and joy? 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 also posts 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 **Job 15-31**.

## ASCENSION T-SHIRTS



Summer is coming and we've got you covered! Ascension T-shirts in two designs and several sizes are still 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.

## 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 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.



## KFUO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP



Ascension's 8:15 am worship services will be broadcast on Lutheran owned and operated, **KFUO Radio AM 850** during the months of May, June and July.

Thank you to all who sponsored a broadcast. **All dates have been filled.**

## THIS WEEK'S KFUO BROADCAST SPONSOR & DEDICATION



5/30/21 Ascension Board of Elders

In honor of all who serve our country.

## CARE BAGS FOR THOSE IN NEED

**CARE BAGS** Don't know what to do when you see someone on the street asking for help? Consider keeping one or two of our Care bags handy in your car to share with someone in need, when it's safe to do so. The bags contain snacks, a disposable mask, disinfecting wipes and a religious tract. The care bags will be located in the Narthex, so pick up one or two as you leave church this weekend.

## 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"

## 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 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

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Congratulations to Nancy and Terry Nickolotsky!

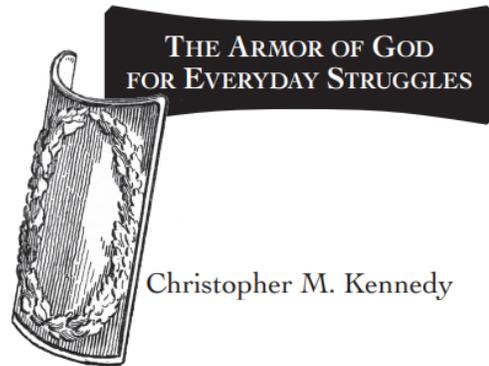


On May 24, Nancy and Terry will be receiving the Julie and Bill Gerlach award from the St. Louis Zoo. This is a lifetime achievement award given to outstanding volunteers - and Nancy and Terry are certainly that! Nancy and Terry are docents at the zoo every Wednesday from 12:00 - 3:00 pm, and they take continuing education classes to be sure that the information they share with visitors is current. In addition to on-site tours, they also give presentations about the zoo at off-site locations. They have both served as officers of various committees, they volunteer for special events held at the zoo, and Nancy schedules and co-ordinates the volunteers at the First Aid Station.

Between the two of them, they donate 800 - 1000 hours of their time every year to the Zoo. Way to go, Nancy and Terry!!

## SUMMER 2021 SERMON SERIES

# EQUIPPED



Christopher M. Kennedy

**SUMMER 2021 SERMON SERIES! "EQUIPPED: THE ARMOR OF GOD FOR EVERYDAY STRUGGLES"** Pastor Clark and Pastor Kobs are planning a sermon series this summer on the Armor of God from Ephesians 6:10-20. We will feature a new book from CPH entitled: Equipped: The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles, by Christopher M. Kennedy. Those who fill out and return at least 7 sermon outlines will receive a free copy of the book.

June 5/6	Unmasking the Enemy
June 12/13	Belt of Truth
June 19/20	Breastplate of Righteousness
June 26/27	Shoes of Peace
July 3/4	Shield of Faith
July 10/11	Helmet of Salvation
July 17/18	Sword of the Spirit
July 24/25	Prayer Warfare

## CFNA'S LEARN & EARN SEWING PROJECT



**CFNA'S LEARN & EARN SEWING PROJECT** gives refugees the opportunity to acquire job skills, earn money, learn English, socialize, and most importantly learn more about Jesus' love for them.

Please visit the display in the church lobby featuring handmade items available for purchase.

CFNA is also in need of volunteers to help with this project. Sewing experience is welcomed, but not necessary. For more information, please contact Carol Buckman (314) 517-8513. Thank you for your support.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**PREACHER:** Pastor Matthew Clark

**LITURGIST:** Seminarian Joel Her, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month  
Seminarian Michael Winckler, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month  
Pastor Matthew Kobs, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month

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

**ACOLYTES:** 5:00 open; 8:15 Anya Stiles; 11:00 Mackenzie Gardner

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Bella Bracken; 8:15 Grant Maxfield;  
11:00 Jayvyn Sawyer

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

Jack & Jan Pendleton in memory of all Veterans, especially those who made the supreme sacrifice.

Jim & Cheryl Chambers in celebration of 38 years of blessings and the support of the Lord.

Mike & Debbie Gibbs wishing Evelyn a Happy Birthday on May 31.

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 Brittany & Stephen Schelp; 11:00 Marla & Carlos Lopez

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Tracy Middleton; 8:15 Laura Lane;  
11:00 Cheryl & Jim Chambers

**MULTIMEDIA ROOM:** 5:00 Bella Bracken, Anna Clark;  
8:15 Bill Maxfield, Grant Maxfield, Matt Bergholt;  
11:00 Vernon Schmidt

**READERS:** 5:00 Debbie Meyer

8:15 Matt Kobs; 11:00 Tom Hinton

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Randy Agne

8:15 Mary Pastor; 11:00 Troy Hansen

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** June 6, 2021 –

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Old Testament Reading** *Genesis 3:8-15*

**Epistle Reading 2** *Corinthians 4:13-5:1*

**Holy Gospel** *Mark 3:20-35*

**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.

### MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Grant to us grace, O Lord, on this Memorial Day weekend to remember fallen men and women in the Armed Forces of our land. Guide us toward a harmonious existence as we honor those who were willing to give up their lives that we may gather here today freely. On this Memorial Day weekend, we pray for peace and thank you for those who gave their all.

### ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Alex Jones

James Keltner

Brian Kitson

Thomas Kitson

Tristan Rabun

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

5/31 Evelyn Gibbs

6/1 Amber Gurung, Regina Komrska, Sarah Maxfield

6/2 William Arand, Emma Foppe, Darlene Wiederhold

6/3 David Hartung, Addison Sonderman

6/4 Miller Hinton, Janice Sheets

6/5 Judy Edmister, Brandon Steffens

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

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

5/30 Gagan Gurung & Meena Rai

5/31 Travis & Erin Armknect

6/3 Jill & Daniel Munoz

6/5 Robert & Maria Urschler

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

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Makayla Welker

Aiden Zaza

Liam Rabun

Monila Rai

Ella Haywood

### ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Kevin Duffy

Phil Green

Ross Hetz & Firehouse

Kevin Keller

Adam Notch

Gary Steffens

Denise Strittmatter

### 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

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT WORD OF LIFE



### PART-TIME FACILITATOR POSITION AT WORD OF LIFE

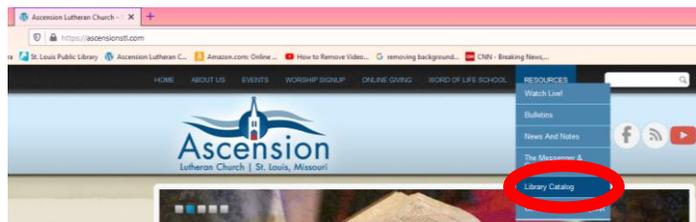
Word of Life is blessed to have a diverse student population that includes representation of 10 different countries. Many of these families are immigrants to the St. Louis area and WOL wants to support the families of these English language learners in understanding and supporting all aspects of their child's Christian education. To do this, we are seeking a ministry-minded person to serve as a facilitator to these families. The position is part time, an average of 10 hours per week during the school year. However, hours vary each week based on what the school needs. Strong communication and relationship skills are needed as well as an appreciation for WOL's mission and its diversity. In addition, applicants should have a bachelor's degree in Counseling, Social Work, Education, Communications or a related field.

For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Word of Life Principal, Melissa Bergholt at [mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net) or 314-832-1244 x 111. We are hoping to fill this position prior to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

## ASCENSION LIBRARY CATALOG

### THE ASCENSION LIBRARY CATALOG IS NOW ONLINE!

You can easily access the library's catalog from the comfort of your home by going to the Ascension website [ascensionstl.com](http://ascensionstl.com), selecting **Resources** from the header and clicking **Library Catalog** from the drop-down list which will display the catalog.



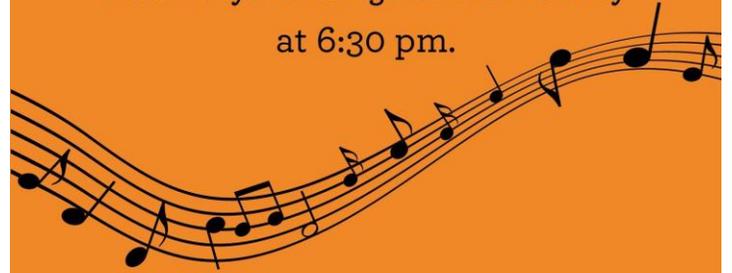
By simply clicking **View larger version** in the lower right corner you can view the library's listings in a very organized and user-friendly grid view. Some titles also have a copy of the cover and a short review of the book.

The catalog is in alphabetical order and each book is categorized by both classification and title making it easy to search and browse. The classifications are highlighted in colors that correspond with the colored dots that illustrate the theological sections of the library shelves at church. Whether you browse the catalog online or come in and look at the shelves, you are sure to find a title that interests you!

## SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

# Free SUMMER CONCERTS

Join us outdoors on the church lawn!  
Saturdays during June and July  
at 6:30 pm.



Watch our Facebook page for  
more information!

[www.ascensionstl.com](http://www.ascensionstl.com)  
@AscensionLutheranChurchLCMS



**MUSIC ON THE LAWN** Ascension's Free Outdoor Concert Series Saturdays in June and July at 6:30 pm. The following is a **tentative** schedule of concerts. A big thanks to our Music Director, Gabe Maichel, for organizing this series!

- June 5 The Original Knights of Swing (18 Piece Big Band)
- June 12 Two Times True (Jazz Quartet)
- June 19 Caroline Cinema (Ensemble showcasing soundtrack music)
- June 26 SideXSide Percussion Ensemble
- July 3 Dave Black (Jazz Trio)
- July 10 Ascension Worship Team and Bell Choir
- July 17 Hart Strings Quartet (String Quartet)
- July 24 Grafted (Ascension members Christian folk quartet)
- July 31 Gerard Ekert (Folk/Bluegrass Trio)
- August 7 Rain Date\*

## 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.

**IDENTITY SUMMER 2021** STL Identity Youth is back in action for 2021! Epiphany, our neighboring congregation at the corner of Holy Hills & Leona, hosts this annual event. Registration is open and is for youth entering 7th - 12th Grade in the fall of 2021.

This year's event consists of a group of service projects during the month of June designed to help you see your Identity in Christ! Choose the event you want to be involved in and sign up! Invite a friend to be a part of these ministries. Want to do two events? Because space is limited at each event, we ask that you wait until May 25 to sign up for a second event so that others have a chance to participate. A link to register can be found on the Identity page of Epiphany Lutheran Church's website: [www.elcstl.org](http://www.elcstl.org).

**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 in the church office? The kids like bottled water, juice packs, and soda. Just no energy drinks or Mountain Dew please.

## GRADUATION MILESTONE CELEBRATION

**CALLING ALL 2021 GRADUATES!** Ascension cares about you! Are you graduating from 8th Grade, High School, Trade School, or College? Ascension would like to celebrate your accomplishment. Pastor Clark will invite graduates at all three services the weekend of June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> to come forward to receive a special blessing and gift. We look forward to seeing you on June 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> and recognizing this special milestone in your life!

## 2022 LCMS NYG

**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.

**YOUTH MINISTRY COMMUNICATION** The primary communication method used by the youth ministry is email. We will also use 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](mailto: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.

**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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(314) 580-2074

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## CONFIRMATION ESSAYS



Ascension's Hintze Library has a binder that contains the confirmation verses essays/testimonials of our recent confirmands. Unfortunately, we're missing quite a few! If you were confirmed at Ascension and have the confirmation verse essay that you shared in worship, please email a copy to Pastor Clark, or drop off a paper copy at the church office.

We would love for your words of witness to be included!

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## **GOD'S WONDER LAB: JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE**

A science lab is full of fascinating things that help explain how things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, He did things that cannot be explained. He turned water into wine, walked on water, and His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead for our salvation. Discover that Jesus does the impossible for us at this year's in-person Vacation Bible School at Ascension.

**VBS DATE CHANGE** Ascension has moved the VBS dates by one week due to a conflict with neighboring VBS schedules. Please make note of the new dates listed below.

**Dates:** June 14-18

**Time:** 9am-12pm

**Grades:** Pre-K through 6

**REGISTRATION** In order to have an in-person VBS this year, we will be limited to Ascension and WOL families only. Children must be Pre-K (potty trained) through 6th grade for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration will be done online only with no new registrants allowed as walk-ins.

**Online registration is now open.** Please go to [ascensionstl.com/vbs-registration-2021](http://ascensionstl.com/vbs-registration-2021) and get registered.

**VOLUNTEERS** A successful VBS runs on volunteers and volunteer registration is now open. See the display in the church lobby for the open positions and put your name on the list.

**COVID-19 PROTOCOLS** We will be following the current protocols used by Word of Life for the day school and will adjust those to match the local COVID-19 protocols in place at the time of VBS. More information will be available closer to the start of VBS.

**DONATIONS** One of the primary funding sources for our annual VBS is a Trivia Night we hold each spring. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were not able to hold this fundraiser. If you would like to donate to help cover the cost of this year's VBS, please drop off your donation to the church office. Mark your envelope "VBS 2021" and include that wording on your check comment line.

**QUESTIONS?** If you have any questions about our Vacation Bible School, please contact Katlyne Thies, or Pastor at the church office.

**Katlyne Thies**

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**Pastor Clark**

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