

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Worship with Communion and Nepali Worship	8:15 am 9:45 am 11:00 am
Monday	Pastor attending Circuit Visitor Training at Concordia, MO	
Tuesday	Pastor attending Circuit Visitor Training at Concordia, MO Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	WOL Chapel Quilters Women of the Word Bible Study Bell Ringers Grade 7 & 8 Confirmation Choir	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study Men’s In-Home Bible Study	6:15 am 7:00 pm
Saturday	Pastor on KFYO Worship with Communion	9:00 am 5:00 pm

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

FALL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE Recently, at the church facility, the lighting in the chancel was installed and the vent covers in the sanctuary were cleaned, powder coated, and put back on the walls. The ceiling in the narthex was cleaned and new lighting was installed. Additional updates will include cleaning and replacing the outside of the stained glass window over the altar and putting refurbished handles on the Eichelberger entrance doors. The light fixtures at the doors on the Donovan side of church have been stripped of their old paint and will be rehung after they have been refurbished and powder coated. A hard surface flooring will be laid in the chancel. Other projects still on the horizon: baseboard installation, new carpeting, pew refinishing, and additional work in the narthex.

Word of Life now has a functional HVAC system and the boiler has been removed! The playground has been resealed and restriped. Attractive energy-efficient windows have been installed, and all the windows, including the windows on the interior classroom doors, have black-out shades hung. Some of the classroom doors have been stripped, sanded and restained. The computer system between the church and the school is now linked with high-speed fiber optics. A new card access system to control the access to the school and the church has been installed. Coming in November: the windows along the playground will be replaced.

Four classrooms for grade K - 3 plus the office have been remodeled. There is new furniture for these classrooms as well. These expenses have been funded entirely by contributions over and above the monies pledged and allocated to the school through the "Sharing Christ's Love, Today and Tomorrow" Capital Campaign.

To God be the glory!

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

Mark 9:32 – “But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.” The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves. We are misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples’ ears? The Gospels tell us time and again. The disciples did not expect a suffering Christ. So when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn’t listen, and they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What’s in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

Stewardship Report

For the weekend ending September 12th

In-person attendance: 200
Online attendance: 34 (reached)

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Amount Received \$10,968
Budgeted Amount \$12,019
Surplus/(Shortfall) (\$ 1,051)

Capital Campaign Donations Since
October 2019: \$863,646

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MUSIC MINISTRY

Bell ringers and choir members both practice on Wednesday evenings.

5:45 pm Bell ringers
7:00 pm Choir

Please contact Ascension's Music Director, Gabe Maichel gabe@ascensionstl.com or (314) 832-5600 if you would like to learn more about joining one of our music ministries.

LIKE US



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK Like Ascension to stay current with events, Bible studies, photos, videos and other great resources!

There are four 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

Ever want to re-watch a worship service or listen to a sermon again?

Ascension livestreams our worship services.

Go to: [Ascensionstl.com/stream](https://ascensionstl.com/stream) to find archived services.

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 Vanco Mobile app from the Apple or Google Play Store and set up an account. Please use only one email account per contribution envelope number.



2021 THRIVENT GRANTS



APPROVED THRIVENT GRANTS

Think Fall	Purchase mums
Think Fall	Food for Friday/Saturday helpers
Think Fall	Expenses
Milestone Ministry	First Time Grandparents Event
Quarter Auction	Refreshments to sell as concessions
Quarter Auction	Auction items to sell

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member of Ascension? Would you like to learn more about what Lutheran Christians believe? Are you a current member who wants a review of what you learned in confirmation class years ago? Then consider attending Ascension's new member class for adults! This 7-session class meets on Sunday mornings at 10 am beginning September 26. Class will be held in the Concordia Room and led by Pastor Clark.

WELCOME ERIN MACKENZIE!

WELCOME, MISSIONARY ERIN MACKENZIE! Erin Mackenzie is one of the LCMS missionaries that Ascension helps to support through Together in Mission. Erin serves the Lord and His people in the Dominican Republic where she works with the LCMS Latin American and the Caribbean regional mission team and its local partners. Erin will share her experiences, and extend a word of thanks, during worship September 18th and 19th as well as during our Sunday morning Bible study time that weekend.

CHURCH WORK STUDENTS SUPPORT

While the LCMS is experiencing a shortage of church workers, the Missouri District sees great opportunity in addressing this concern head on. "Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers" is a campaign with two parts: build awareness of church work vocations and alleviate student debt.

A common concern among those headed into church work is the cost associated with higher education. The Missouri District is pleased to provide scholarships for students from Missouri but recognizes the potential to do even more. All congregations throughout the state are being encouraged to hold a special offering that will be added to the scholarship endowment. Individual households and donors are invited to join the campaign, too.

Ascension's Board of Elders has approved a special door offering following all worship services the weekend of September 25th and 26th. The proceeds will go toward the Missouri District's church work student scholarship fund.

Gifts may be made online (<https://mo.lcms.org/donate>) or sent to the District office:

Missouri District LCMS
660 Mason Ridge Center Drive
Suite 100
St. Louis, MO 63141

By God's grace, and with His guidance, we will take steps today so that the number of students entering church work will continue to rise. Thank you for your forward-thinking ways and caring for generations to come.

READ ALONG WITH PASTOR

God's Word is our source of life and strength during pandemics and at all times. Read along with Pastor Clark as he goes through the entire Bible in two years.

Each Friday, Pastor posts a video on Ascension's Facebook page and YouTube channel highlighting a theme or insight of that week's readings. Ask an usher for a daily reading schedule or stop into the church office. The readings for next week are **Jer 15-Jer 28**.

JOIN ONE OF OUR BIBLE STUDIES!

Bible studies are a wonderful opportunity to be in God's Word and enjoy fellowship as you grow in faith and friendship. For more information on any of the Bible studies listed below, you may contact the leaders directly or our Bible Study and Small Group Coordinator Barbara Shippy at bjshippy@gmail.com or (314) 795-2568.

Sunday Morning Bible Study All are welcome!
Join us for Bible class between worship services.
Sundays from 9:45–10:30 a.m. / ongoing
Location: Ascension / Fellowship Hall
Leaders: Pastor Clark & Pastor Kobs

Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Men & Women)
Tuesdays from 9:30–11 am starting September 28th
Location: Ascension / Concordia Room
Leader: Pastor Clark
Contact: pastor@ascensionstl.com / (314) 832-5600

Women of the Word Bible Study
Wednesdays from 9:30–11 am starting September 8th
Location: Ascension / Fellowship Hall
Leader: Marlene Maxfield
Contact: marmaxfield@aol.com / (314) 221-0999

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study
Thursdays from 6:15–7:30 am / ongoing
Location: Ascension / Hintze Library in Church Lobby
Leader: Mike Gibbs
Contact: jackfan39@yahoo.com / (314) 352-1297

Thursday Evening Men's Bible Study
Thursdays from 7:00–8:00 pm / ongoing
Location: Personal residence
Leaders: Rob Bremer and Chris Thies
Contact Rob: rbjhb@sbcglobal.net / (314) 413-2603
Contact Chris: chris.thies@outlook.com

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: Deaconess 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 Gurung, and Friends

Sunday School Co-Coordinators

Lisa Clark and Deaconess Anna Johnson

ALTAR FLOWERS

PLEASE NOTE: Effective the weekend of September 4th, the cost of a bouquet of flowers for the Altar will increase from \$18 to \$20. Ascension has been very blessed to have Hi-Way Florist provide such beautiful bouquets each weekend for the past several years. Participating in our Altar Flower Ministry at Ascension has really been a labor of love for Hi-Way Florist as their profit is minimal ... and the cost includes our delivery charge.

Please consider putting a bouquet on the Altar any weekend from January through November. These bouquets and greenery bring life and color to the church and are a continual reminder of the wonder of the natural world created by God. A special dedication of your choosing will be put in the News & Notes and the flowers, if you choose, can be taken home after the 11:00 am service on Sunday through the following Tuesday.

Your participation in the Altar Flower Ministry is greatly appreciated. Please contact Cathy Salini at (314) 786-5476 or csalini@sbcglobal.net to order.

CFNA GOLF BENEFIT

CFNA Golf Benefit

Greenbriar Hills Country Club

12665 Big Bend Blvd., Kirkwood, MO 63122

Monday, October 11, 2021

11:00 Registration & Box Lunch

12:00 18-Hole Scramble/Shotgun Start

5:30 Hospitality Hour & Prizes

Register for Golf or for a Sponsorship

Go to www.cfna-stl.org/golf

Single Registration \$170

Ladies' Special Registration \$155

Church workers Registration \$130

Non-Golfer attending Hospitality Hour \$40

CFNA reaches out to refugees and immigrants

- Welcoming, caring, helping them to thrive
- Teaching English & skills for life in the US
- Sharing the good news of Jesus

Your support is needed.



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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 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.

YOUTH SUNDAY Great News! Youth Sunday is returning. The plan is that Youth Sunday will be held on the second Sunday of each month. As we are still under mask restrictions in the city of St. Louis, this event will be a bit abbreviated and will focus on outside activities.



The Youth Disciples will meet from 2-3:30 pm and the Jr./Sr. Youth will meet from 4-6 pm. Watch your email inbox for details.

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.



As a reminder, you are eligible to be a participant if you are currently in the 8th through 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.

GATHERING INFORMATIONAL MEETING If you are interested in attending the Gathering, then get Sunday, September 26th at 2:00 pm on your calendar. We will be holding an informational meeting about this wonderful event and our plans for getting us there. Financing the trip along with upcoming fundraisers will be a part of the discussion.

The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will run for about 1-1/2 hours.

MO DISTRICT SR HIGH RETREAT We just learned that the Missouri District has now scheduled a Sr. High Retreat for the weekend of November 5-7. It will be held at the Cross Pointe Retreat Center on the north side of Lake of the Ozarks. There are no additional details announced yet as to theme, cost, etc. We will pass along that information when it is made available. Ascension is considering attending but will be watching how the COVID variants progress once school starts this fall.

STUFF THE TRUCK

STUFF THE TRUCK – THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL EDITION!

When: Saturday, September 25th (9:00 am to 1:30 pm)

Where: Back parking lot of church

Why: To continue to raise funds for the ongoing Capital Campaign

The new school year is a great time to declutter. Please remember to donate your previously-loved clothing, shoes, boots, backpacks, belts, purses, as well as towels, sheets, rugs and curtains. Donated items will be taken to Savers, who will reimburse us per pound of collected items. **SOFT GOODS only** are accepted at this time!

Consider this your first homework assignment. Get busy, get ready for school and clean out those closets - Mom and Dad this includes you as well!

QUESTIONS? Please contact Debbie Hofmann at (314) 849-1207 or Kahof@sbcglobal.net

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

09/26 Gathering Informational Meeting
10/10 Youth Sunday
11/14 Youth Sunday
11/5-7 MO District Sr. High Retreat
07/09-13/2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering

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

Kathy Thies

(314) 580-2074 voice & text
Kathy.Thies@Hotmail.com

Chris Thies

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ASCENSION

OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT The Church office is currently seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant. This position is responsible for all clerical tasks related to the church office and acts as the first point of contact for the Congregation and visitors. The successful candidate will have a minimum of high school diploma. B.S/B.A. in Business, Communications, or related field is strongly preferred. A minimum of one year of clerical experience and proficiency in MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, PP) is strongly preferred. Experience or familiarity with Pro Presenter, Shepherd's Staff, and Lutheran Service Builder is strongly preferred. Membership in an LCMS congregation is strongly preferred. This is a full-time, Monday through Friday (7:30 am to 3:30 pm daily) benefitted position. Please send resumes to pam@ascensionstl.com.

OFFICE WORKER NEEDED Ascension is looking to add an office worker to our team. This part-time position includes nights and weekends. If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please contact the office (314) 832-5600 or marie@ascensionstl.com

ASCENSION OFFICE HOURS

There will be a temporary change in the church office hours. The office will now be closed on Fridays beginning September 24, 2021

WOL RESTAURANT NIGHT



Word of Life Restaurant Night

Tuesday, September 28th
All Day

Come support the school and enjoy some great pizza!

CPH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Concordia Publishing House (St. Louis, MO) currently has several full-time job openings.

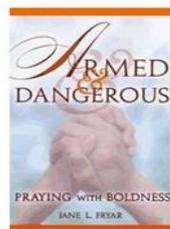
- Developer
- Human Resources Generalist
- Maintenance Technician
- Manager, E-Commerce
- Software Support Technician
- Graphic Designer
- Account Specialist
- Order Filler/Packer

If you are interested in applying or would like more information on a specific position, please go to <https://about.cph.org/careers.html>. Resumes or questions about a job can be emailed to cphresume@cph.org.

CPH offers competitive pay and a generous benefit package that can be tailored to your specific needs and wellbeing.

- A chance to work in a Christ centered, family-friendly environment.
- Health benefits including medical, dental, vision, wellness and tax-advantaged savings and spending accounts.
- Life insurance, accidental death, survivor death benefits, and disability income protection.
- Generous paid time off policy and holiday pay, as well as paid parental leave, Christian mission trips, and jury duty.
- 403(b) retirement savings option with a company-match contribution and a pension plan with all contributions made by CPH.
- Tuition reimbursement for advanced degrees for yourself and for dependents attending a LCMS elementary school or high school.
- Hybrid work environment.
- Weekly chapel services

SEPTEMBER LIBRARY LOOK



This month's featured library book is by parishioner Jane Fryar and is titled **Armed & Dangerous**. With this book, you'll learn how prayer works, the importance of prayer, the nature of praying for others, how to pray in keeping with the will of God, and how to do it all with greater attention and devotion.

Look for this book on the library display shelf and check it out to learn more about how you are armed and dangerous!

QUARTER AUCTION

WHAT'S MORE FUN THAN A BARREL OF MONKEYS? Why, a Quarter Auction, of course! Mark your calendar for Saturday evening, October 2nd at 7:00 pm. (Doors open at 6:15.) What is a Quarter Auction? It's not exactly like Bingo, although you do need to buy a paddle and there will be a cage with balls that are numbered. It's not exactly like a regular auction, because the bid price is already set, but you do get choose whether or not to bid on a particular item. It's definitely not like trivia - no intelligence required!

The paddle price is \$10, which allows you to bid on each item. The bids are one, two or more quarters per item, depending on the value of the item. A Golden Paddle is \$40, and automatically gives you a bid on each and every item at no additional cost. **IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND BUT STILL WANT TO PARTICIPATE:** Make arrangements to buy a Golden Paddle in advance, and then your paddle number will be eligible to win all items offered all evening long. If you would like to participate in that way, please contact Lisa Holderle at lholderle@yahoo.com or call her at (314) 962-9979.

Items to be auctioned include toys for kids, restaurant gift cards, Cardinals and Blues memorabilia, books, household goodies, holiday decor, wine and beer baskets, woodwork custom made by Bob Kieffer, and lots more!

You do need to register in advance because spaces are limited. There is a sign-up board in the church lobby, or you can contact Lisa (contact info is above). Invite friends and family, come as a group or come on your own, but be sure to come! Proceeds benefit "Sharing Christ's Love" Capital Campaign.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT PLANNING MEETING



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT will be held on Sunday, December 5th.

There will be numerous changes this year, and to help us in making plans, please come to a planning meeting to be held at church on Wednesday, Sept. 29th, at 7:00 pm.

Questions? Call Lisa Holderle at (314) 962-9979 or email her at lholderle@yahoo.com.

WOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



PART TIME POSITIONS OPEN AT WORD OF LIFE Word of Life is seeking qualified individuals with a heart for working with young children for the 2021-2022 school year. Interested applicants can contact Mrs. Melissa Bergholt, Principal, for more information or to submit a resume at (314) 832-1244 x111 or mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net.

TEACHER AIDE POSITIONS AVAILABLE WOL is seeking a teacher aide for 2-3 days a week at our Timothy campus from 7:00 am - 1:30 pm.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE WORKER: This position is on the Ascension campus with Kindergarten – 8TH grade students from about 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Aftercare ends at 6:00 pm, however, workers can leave shortly after the last student has been picked up.

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Clark

LITURGIST: Seminarian Joel Her, 1st 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 open; 8:15 Jacob Ingrham;
11:00 Aidan Zaza

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Anna Clark; 8:15 Will Maxfield;
11:00 Tyler Kern

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

Steven & Julie Headrick to the Glory of God.

Mark, Diane & Bella Bracken for those who have lost their lives to COVID-19 and for the medical professionals who work tirelessly to save the lives of those infected with the illness.

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Tracy Middleton;
8:15 Melissa Maxfield; 11:00 Thies Family

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Jane Fryar;
8:15 Jack & Jan Pendleton; 11:00 Cheryl & Jim Chambers

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

READERS: 5:00 Lisa Holderle; 8:15 Mary Pastor;
11:00 Troy Hansen

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Debbie Meyer; 8:15 Marlene Maxfield;
11:00 Rain Hernandez

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: September 26, 2021 –
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Old Testament Reading *Exodus 35:21-29*
Epistle Reading *1 Corinthians 12:12-26*
Holy Gospel *Luke 2:46-52*

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

TOGETHER IN MISSION MISSIONARIES

Dr. Daniel & 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.

ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Alex Jones	James Keltner
Brian Kitson	Thomas Kitson
Tristan Rabun	Jamie Federhofer

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

9/19 Andrew Rai
9/20 Tristan Rabun
9/22 Erika Zaza
9/23 Matthew K. Maxfield, Mark Maxfield, Regina Schwartz
9/24 Charlotte Bohlmann, Philip Green, Ricci Moore
9/25 Marcus Tanurchis

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

9/20 Eric & Teresa Rell, Paul & Julie Brock
9/23 Allen & Sandra Pfeuffer
9/24 Paul & Amy Hyde
9/25 Tim & Laurie Quinn

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

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Alyssa Hansen
Rain Hernandez
Jacob Ingrham
Grace Maleas
Nathanael Mays

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