



NEWS AND NOTES
October 9 & 10, 2021
“Loved by Christ, Sharing Christ’s Love”

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	Worship with Communion Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Worship with Communion Winkler Baby Shower Youth Sunday	8:15 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm
Monday	Staff Meeting CFNA Golf Benefit	8:30 am 11:00 am
Tuesday	Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:30 am
Wednesday	WOL Chapel Quilters Women of the Word Bible Study Bell Ringers Grade 7 & 8 Confirmation Property Committee Choir	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study Men’s In-Home Bible Study	6:15 am 7:00 pm
Friday	Office closed	
Saturday	Men’s Club Pastor on KFUD Worship with Communion	8:00 am 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.

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

Hebrews 3:18-19 – “And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.” Unbelief leads to disobedience – that is, every sin expresses the opposite of faith. True and living faith guides us into the Lord’s way and the Lord’s plan. And when we fall into sin it’s because we are not trusting the Lord’s goodness and provision.

Stewardship Report	
For the weekend ending October 3 rd	
In-person attendance:	193
Online attendance:	30 (reached)
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Received	\$ 4,292
Budgeted Amount	\$12,019
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 7,727)
Capital Campaign Donations Since October 2019:	\$869,371

LIKE US

f 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 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 26th. Class will be held in the Concordia Room and led by Pastor Clark.

GRANDPARENT MILESTONE BLESSING

This news milestone recognition is for someone who has become a new grandparent in 2021.

The role of grandparent is an important one. From hearing the news about an addition to your family for the first time, the news is life changing for both you and your children.

Ascension invites you to join us at any church service the weekend of October 23rd and 24th for a special blessing and gift.

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 **Lam 2 – Ezek 9**.

WOL RESTAURANT NIGHT



Word of Life Restaurant Night

Tuesday, October 19th
3:00 p.m. – 10:00 pm
Corner of Eichelberger and Hampton

20% of all Drive-thru sales and mobile orders with flier

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE JOY IN MINISTRY



MISSOURI DISTRICT PASTORS' CONFERENCE - JOY IN MINISTRY

Pastor Clark will be attending the Missouri District Pastors' Conference "JOY IN MINISTRY" October 17th-19th at Lake of the Ozarks, MO. This event will have speakers from Lutheran Hour Ministries, Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne and Concordia Seminary—Saint Louis.

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

ASCENSION AND WORD OF LIFE SNOW REMOVAL

It's barely fall, but winter will be here before we know it! Ascension is in need of a team of volunteers to help with snow removal this winter. Duties include snow removal and spreading salt on both Ascension and Word of Life campuses to ensure everyone's safety.

We are also in need of a person to head up the team and coordinate volunteers on days when snow removal is needed. If you are interested in serving in either of these capacities, please contact the church office.

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.



**Christian Friends
of New Americans**

A Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

10/10 Youth Sunday

11/14 Youth Sunday

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

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.

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.

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.

GRANT MATCHING OPPORTUNITY FOR CFNA

The Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis is offering to match dollar-for-dollar financial donations raised by area Lutheran congregations in support of Christian Friends of New Americans' Refugee Outreach and Response efforts. To give now, please donate directly to Ascension through Sunday, October 17th, and designate the funds to CFNA.

Only funds donated by Ascension to CFNA are eligible for the foundation's match; individual donations sent directly to CFNA are not eligible. For the congregation that raises the most funds, an additional \$10,000 donation will be made to CFNA in its name, and each congregation that participates will also be entered into a random drawing for another \$10,000 contribution in its name.

Please note that non-cash donations (i.e., supplies, food, or volunteers) are not eligible for matching funds.

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.

NEW LOOK FOR ON-LINE GIVING PAGE

The Online Giving link on our website has a new look. The functions remain the same but instead of a list of funds, you will see pictures with brief descriptions of each fund available for online contribution.

If you have already signed up for online giving, your existing login credentials (email address and password) and payment information (credit card or banking numbers) were transferred to the new page along with your giving history. Also, if you had any recurring payments set up, they will continue unchanged.

If you wish to start online giving, select the Sign Up option from the Online Giving link on the Ascension website and set up an account. Please use only one account per contribution envelope number. Questions about online giving should be referred to Elaine Hilgeman at (314) 918-1434 or emh200@swbell.net.

WORSHIP NOTES

PREACHER: Pastor Matthew Clark

LITURGIST: Seminarian Joel Her, 1st Sunday of month
Seminarian Ben Wescoatt, 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 Tyler Kern; 8:15 Anya/Kiera Stiles
11:00 Lila Hyde/Rain Hernandez

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Sean Wescoatt; 8:15 Allie Johnson;
11:00 Blake Patzius

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

Carl Anderson in memory of Linda.

Mary Pastor in honor of my granddaughter Jamie's graduation from Air Force Basic Training, and in gratitude to God for all the answered prayers concerning her military journey to this point.

ALTAR GUILD: 5:00 Diane & Max Bracken;
8:15 Janet Rathgeber; 11:00 Julie Krapf

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Bev and Rich Schaefer;
8:15 Marlene Maxfield; 11:00 Marla & Carlos Lopez

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

READERS: 5:00 Mark Hofman; 8:15 Matt Kobs;
11:00 Tom Hinton

NEXT WEEK: 5:00 Tom McCain; 8:15 Brad Muhlke;
11:00 Ted Cox

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: October 17, 2021 –
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Old Testament Reading *Proverbs 27:11-14, 17*
Epistle Reading *Galatians 6:1-10*
Holy Gospel *Luke 8:49-55*

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
John & Erica Tape, Latin American & Caribbean Region

PRAYER REQUESTS

We want to thank everyone for the cards and prayers after Jim's heart attack. Having such a caring church family means so much. We are truly blessed!

The Fox family

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

10/12 Matt Sonderman
10/13 Christine Mueller
10/14 Aaron Nickolotsky, William Taylor
10/15 Jordan Arand, Gavin Coleman, Kurt Dickerhoff,
Kathleen Komorech, Robert Moore
10/16 Matthew Kobs

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

10/11 Patricia & Gary Notch
10/15 Carrie Guenzler-Heaney & Greg Heaney
10/16 Barb & Frank Gaal

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

YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Isabella McMeans
George Morris
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	

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