



## NEWS AND NOTES

July 30 & 31, 2022

*“Loved by Christ, Sharing Christ’s Love”*

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	Coffee & Donuts	7:45-10:45 am
	Worship with Communion	8:15 am
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	9:45 am
	Worship with Communion	11:00 am
	NYG Congregation Thank You Meal	12:30 pm
Monday	Staff Meeting	8:30 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday	Pastor at Concordia in Fort Wayne	
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women of the Word Bible Study	9:30 am
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 am
	Men’s In-Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closes at Noon	
Saturday	Quarter Auction Meeting	9:00 am-3:00 pm
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm

### STEWARDSHIP

**Luke 12:15 – “And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’ ”**

Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God’s purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.

#### **Stewardship Report**

For the weekend ending July 24<sup>th</sup>

In-person attendance:	192
Online views:	166
Nepali Fellowship:	22

Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love

Budgeted Amount	\$ 12,019
Amount Received	\$ 9,478
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ (2,541)

Capital Campaign Donations since  
October 2019: \$1,087,536

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

#### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

By the middle of August, new lighting will be installed throughout the sanctuary, which will give a more even lighting over the pews. And don’t worry – our beautiful pendant fixtures will be rehung after they have been cleaned and refurbished. The flooring is still on schedule to be installed the end of August.

The renovations at Word of Life will be complete by the beginning of August, in time for the start of school. Some of the work has been paid for through the Capital Campaign contributions; the classroom remodeling has been paid for by contributions over and above the Capital Campaign contributions. If you are interested in a tour of the facilities, please contact Ed Holderle at (314) 614-2103 or Jim Chambers at (314) 574-6256 by phone or text.

The pews will be restored after they have been returned to the sanctuary. We hope to have enough money to get them all restored at the same time. Thanks so much for your generosity to the Renew-A-Pew project – we’re almost at our goal!

Donations for the Capital Campaign 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 the church office for a form. All pledges are kept confidential.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS** The church office will close at **noon** on Fridays for the months of June, July, and August. The hours for the rest of the week will stay the same, **8:00 AM – 3:00 PM.**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Children in Preschool through Grade 8 are invited to meet in the sanctuary at **9:45 am** each week for a brief Sunday school opening. Details about Sunday school for all ages is on page 7 of the News & Notes.

## 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 **Rev. 14 – Rev. 19**

## 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 Worshippers

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.



## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

**MONDAY IS THE NEW TUESDAY!** Due to a number of different conflicts on Tuesday mornings, Pastor Clark's Tuesday morning Bible class will be moving to Mondays (at least for the next few months). The meeting time will still remain the same from **9:30 to 11:00 am**. All are welcome as we continue our verse by verse look at Scripture into the Book of James. Come with your Bible and a joke to share.

## THE SUMMER OF THE TREE OF LIFE

**THE SUMMER OF THE TREE OF LIFE** This summer at Ascension, we'll be focusing on The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation. Isaiah tells us, "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit" (Isaiah 11:1). This branch is Christ, our new tree of life! Beginning this weekend, **June 11/12** and going through **August 13/14**, we'll be looking at 10 key Bible accounts from the Old and New Testaments that focus us on Jesus. Our goal is to know these stories and be able to share these stories with others. The Tree of Life will be our focus for Vacation Bible School, sermons, and Sunday school. Ascension will also be providing families with a super helpful Tree of Life kit to take home so growing in faith can continue among families too.

Please join us this summer for the Tree of Life!

Lesson 1: The Beginning of Our Story (Genesis 3:1–15)

Lesson 2: God's Plan for Abraham (Genesis 22:1–14)

Lesson 3: The Passover Lamb (Exodus 12:1–13)

Lesson 4: Slaying the Giant (1 Samuel 17)

Lesson 5: Delivered from the Lions (Daniel 6:1–24)

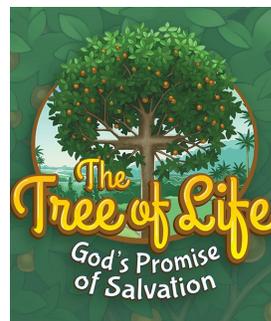
Lesson 6: Jesus Is Baptized into God's Plan (Matthew 3:13–17)

Lesson 7: Jesus Preaches the Kingdom of Heaven (Luke 4:31–44)

Lesson 8: God's Plan of Salvation Completed (Luke 23:26, 32–46)

Lesson 9: Jesus Conquers Death (John 20:11–18)

Lesson 10: The End of Our Story (Revelation 21:1–8)



## THANK YOU, TROY!

**THANK YOU, TROY!** On **Sunday, August 7** at our **11:00 am** service, we'll be recognizing Troy Hansen's service and leadership on the Word of Life School Board. For nearly 10 years Troy has represented Ascension on the school board. For over six of those years, he served as chairperson. We give thanks to God for the ways in which the Lord has worked through Troy and the many others who have served on the Word of Life School Board over the years.

## DONUTS

**DONUTS** Coffee and Donuts will be offered before and between church services, **every Sunday from 7:45 am – 10:45 am** (or until gone). Any free will offering collected will benefit the Youth Ministry.

## BACK TO SCHOOL MILESTONE

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL MILESTONE MINISTRY** Another fall is approaching. It is time for students to return to the classroom at school and at home. Ascension will be having a Blessing of the Backpacks Milestone celebration at all church services the weekend of **August 13 and 14**. Come to the service of your choice with backpacks or any kind of school bag. If you don't need a backpack or forget your backpack, no worries. Pastor Clark will invite students to the front of church for a blessing and a gift. Ascension looks forward to celebrating this important milestone with you.

## COMMUNION

**COMMUNION** As the number of COVID cases continues to decline, Ascension's elders and pastors have decided to begin again kneeling in the chancel for Holy Communion at our Saturday evening and Sunday 8:15 am services. Worshippers receiving the Lord's Supper will be invited to kneel as they are able. This kneeling is an act of reverence and worship as we receive our Savior's body and blood given and shed for us. If, due to COVID, you are uncomfortable coming to the chancel rail for Communion, the elements can be brought to you in the pew. **Pending final approval from the Board of Elders, we will plan to re-institute the use of the common cup the weekend of August 20/21.**

## WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

**WORSHIP TIME CHANGE** Thank you to the many Ascension worshipers who completed our recent worship surveys! Results have been shared with the congregation and discussed by both our Ministry Council and Board of Elders. The surveys affirmed many things that Ascension is doing well when it comes to music and worship. The surveys also identified a few changes that could potentially benefit our weekend worship and Bible study/Sunday school.

In response to survey input, one change Ascension's Council, Elders, and staff plan to implement is adjusting the time of our early service on Sundays from 8:15 am to **8:30 am**. This time change seems to work better for most of the families with younger children who attend our early service. It also allows for less "down time" between our early service and Sunday school/Bible class. KFUE radio has assured us that Ascension can still participate in broadcasting our worship live. **The 15 minute adjustment in time will begin Sunday, August 21.**

## SAVE THE DATE

### 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL QUARTER AUCTION SAVE THE DATE

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**

Doors open at **6:00 pm**

Auction starts at **6:30 pm**

## SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY



Visit our Hintze Library!

Summer Reading...  
Dive into a good book!

## PROJECT RENEW-A-PEW

**THE FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WAS OVERHEARD IN THE CHURCH LOBBY.** "Hey, fellow pews, I understand we are being held hostage out here in the lobby until enough money is raised to make us pretty as the rest of the church. I also heard that only about \$5,000 more needs to be raised before we can be released to do our jobs. Do any of you have any spare change on you that fell from someone's pockets that you can contribute?"

Well...the pews have some of their information correct. We only need around \$5,000 more to reach our goal! Thank you so much for all of your contributions so far. And – the pews will be reinstalled to do their jobs when the floor is ready. Any contribution of any size is welcome to help us get the pews refinished. Feel free to use an envelope in the lobby display, or use a designated gift envelope clearly marked for the pew restoration project.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL QUARTER AUCTION

### ATTENTION ALL ASCENSION MEMBERS!

**JOIN THE FUN!** We are asking for your support for our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quarter Auction**. **All proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign, which continues to provide updates and restoration to Ascension Lutheran Church and Word of Life Lutheran School.** By donating gift cards, wine, beer, handmade items, new/used items, or cash, you can support the Capital Campaign to update our facilities so we can share Christ's love now and in the future. You can drop off your donation in the Quarter Auction Box in the church lobby, or you can contact any committee member by phone, text or email and we will be happy to pick it up at your convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

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Cheryl Chambers (314) 306-8837, [jachalbr@gmail.com](mailto:jachalbr@gmail.com)

## ASCENSION YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**ASCENSION YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (AYF)** is the volunteered 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.



**THANK YOU MEAL!** The Youth that went to the NYG will be hosting a Thank You Meal for the Congregation on **July 31, 2022 at 12:30 pm**. Come share a meal and hear about the experiences from the 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](mailto:Kathy.Thies@Hotmail.com)

**Chris Thies**  
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[Chris.Thies@Outlook.com](mailto:Chris.Thies@Outlook.com)

## THRIVENT GRANTS

Four Thrivent grants were used for the WOL Spring Musical

- Props and Costumes
- Concession stand items for purchase (fundraiser)
- T-Shirts for chorus, cast, crew & teachers
- Flowers for purchase at musical (fundraiser)

ALC – Ad for STL Hills for Quarter Auction

ALC – Ad for STL Hills for Think Fall Event

## IN SEARCH OF PIANO

**PIANO SEARCH** Ascension is excited to begin a search for another piano. A piano upgrade would serve congregational singing from the front of the church. Our current piano would be moved to the organ loft to support the choir.

Please contact Gabe Maichel if you know of a quality upright or grand piano that would serve the church for years to come. Specifications include:

- Manufactured since 1990.
- An upright piano at least 50" tall.
- A grand piano at least 5' 6" long.
- Reputable manufacturer.

Thank you,  
Gabe Maichel  
Office # (314) 832-5600

## KFUO SPONSORSHIP

**KFUO RADIO WORSHIP BROADCASTS** Our LCMS radio station, KFUO AM 850, has invited Ascension to broadcast its Sunday morning early service from May through July. These broadcasts are listened to by many both locally on the radio and world-wide via the internet. Thank you to all that have signed up to sponsor, all dates have been filled. See below for a list of current sponsors.

**May 1:** Bob Praechter in memory of Dee Praechter

**May 8:** Karl & Debbie Hofmann – in honor of our grandson, Jackson Grote's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday

**May 15:** Donald Sprinz

**May 22:** Ascension Elders in thanksgiving for Christ's love

**May 29:** The Gibbs Family in honor of Evelyn Gibbs on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

**June 5:** Dan & Marcia Passanise to the Glory of God

**June 12:** Larry & Pearlina Degenhardt --

**June 19:** Randy & Sharon Agne to God be the Glory in Celebration of our 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary June 22, 2022

**June 26:** Clarence & Carol Goetsch Thanks be to God for health and life together

**July 3:** Peggy Triska – Blessings for friends & family

**July 10:** Karl Hofmann – in memory of my father, Earl Hofmann

**July 17:** Kathy Driskill & Ralph Simon – in memory of our sister, Patti Hoeft

**July 24:** Richard & Claudia Seifert -- To the Glory of God

**July 31:** "Retiring" Evening Guild -- with thanksgiving to our God for the many, many years of His abundant Blessings



## MEAL TRAIN

**MEAL TRAIN.** There are times when our brothers and sisters in Christ could use some extra love and help. One way we can show them compassion is providing a meal during a time of need. If you would be open to providing a home cooked meal to someone who recently experienced the death of a loved one, or who recently celebrated the birth of a child, then please contact the church office. Ascension's staff is working to compose a "Meal Train" list of people who would be willing to help in this way.

## SORA PRODUCTS

### HANDWOVEN RECYCLED PRODUCTS

It was on a trip to the Philippines where Craig Mattes' wife, Amy, met a group of women who were weaving wallets and purses out of single-use beverage wrappers such as coffee, coco, and tea from local businesses and government buildings. She was impressed with the quality craftsmanship and innovative design of the products. When Amy heard their story and learned that they didn't have a local market for their products, she was compelled to help.

In 2015, SORA Products was formed in partnership with two Filipina friends. SORA Products is a Chicago Fair Trade local business which provides the market for our SORA artisans in two communities in the Philippines. It is giving them enough income to help provide for their children's basic needs, plus family medical, education, and home improvement income.

We are seeing these talented women's lives transformed by the opportunity to bring their products to the marketplace. We thank you for your interest in this important business venture. However, there are many more families that need our help. You can make this growth a reality by buying a SORA product or helping us find creative ways of selling SORA Products near you.

There will be a display up in the church office with more information and a few items for sale.

[www.soraproducts.com](http://www.soraproducts.com)  
[sorawallets@gmail.com](mailto:sorawallets@gmail.com)

## NIV SELF STUDY BIBLES

**NIV SELF-STUDY BIBLES NEEDED** Have you transitioned to The Lutheran Study Bible so that your NIV Self-Study Bible (published by Concordia Publishing House) is now collecting dust? Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf would love to brush off that dust and put your bible to use in their outreach to the deaf. If you have a copy of the NIV Self-Study Bible to donate to Holy Cross, drop it off at the church office at your convenience.

## LHSS CLASS OF 2002 REUNION

**ATTENTION LHSS CLASS OF 2002!** We look forward to celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> reunion this fall and we would love for you to attend! Please email your contact information to Chris Walleman at [CW4369@yahoo.com](mailto:CW4369@yahoo.com) or contact the Alumni Association. Visit our Facebook page at: LHSS Class of 2002 for more information



## WOL OPEN POSITIONS

### Preschool Aide

Word of Life is seeking a caring and compassionate aide to work specifically with a preschool student attending WOL at the Timothy campus. The student has special learning needs and the person in this position will be there to support the student in her learning and development. The position is 20 hours per week (full days Tuesday and Thursday, half days Wednesday and Friday). There is also the potential to combine this position with the Extended Care Director position to create a full-time position. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Principal Melissa Bergholt at (314) 832-1244 or [mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net).

### Extended Care Director

Word of Life is seeking a qualified candidate to lead the extended care program on the main campus for Grades K-8. The position includes registering students, posting charges, purchasing snacks as well as supervising students in the after school part of the program from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm Mondays - Fridays. There is potential for this position to be combined with the Preschool Aide position to make a full-time position. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Principal Melissa Bergholt at (314) 832-1244 or [mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net).



## WOL VOLLEYBALL CAR WASH

### WORD OF LIFE VOLLEYBALL CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Need a car wash? Want to support a great group of middle schoolers and their pursuit of volleyball? Join us on **Saturday, August 27th** from **9:00 am – 12:00 pm** at St. Lucas Lutheran Church. The 5th-8th grade girls' volleyball players are ready to wash your car! Donations are accepted and will directly support the program.

Thank you!

## THE COUGAR CLOSET

### THE COUGAR CLOSET – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have time to do a load of wash, you can help prep The Cougar Closet for the coming school year! We have a big pile of gently used uniform shirts and other uniform clothing items that need to be washed and folded in time for Word of Life's Open Houses and the start of school. Items can be picked up and returned to the main campus.

Contact Mrs. Poppitz at [spoppitz@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:spoppitz@wordoflifeschool.net) or Caitlin Dinger at [cmdinger@gmail.com](mailto:cmdinger@gmail.com) to volunteer!

Want to make a BIG IMPACT? Help us make a connection with a laundromat or commercial laundry to keep on top of the donations that come in each quarter. If you know someone who has a laundry and would like to generously donate time or space in their machines, help us get in touch!

THANK YOU!

## MATCHING FUNDS TO SUPPORT LIFE

### \$1 MILLION IN MATCHING FUNDS TO SUPPORT LIFE

The people of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) love children and families, and they demonstrate this love through many acts of mercy in their communities. To support these local pro-life efforts — both big and small — the LCMS is offering \$1 million in matching grants to LCMS congregations. The funds are meant to help, support, and encourage women whose children may be vulnerable to abortion. Examples of the use of these matching funds include, but are not limited to:

- Congregational efforts in pregnancy and infant support outreach (examples: Swaddling Clothes, Breakfast with Baby)
- Congregational partnership with LCMS Recognized Service Organizations in adoption services and maternal and family material good supports (examples: Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Place of Refuge, Shepherd's Hand)
- Congregational partnership with Christian pregnancy resource centers (such as centers affiliated with the networks Care Net, Heartbeat International and the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates).

If you would like to help coordinate efforts to support mothers, and fathers, of unborn children, please contact the church office.

## HELP FOR UKRAINE

**HELP FOR UKRAINE** You can help those suffering in Ukraine through a gift to the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Gifts to the LCMS are restricted to providing aid and assistance to persons displaced by the war in Ukraine. The LCMS will issue grants to/through our Lutheran partners in the region best positioned to provide compassionate care in Christ's name to those fleeing conflict. The situation is developing, and the LCMS pledges to use every gift wisely to accomplish the greatest good possible in ways that deliver the Gospel as human needs are met. Please donate at [www.lcms.org/ukraine](http://www.lcms.org/ukraine).



## CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS

**CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS** Due to the overwhelming generosity from Lutheran congregations and the St. Louis community at large, Christian Friends of New Americans has received more coats, shoes, and blankets than we ever could have imagined! We have been blessed to be able to give these items to the newly arriving Afghan families, and will continue to do so. However, we are at the point where we need to suspend the collection of these items due to volume and storage capacity issues. We will no longer be able to accept any coats, shoes, blankets, or clothing. And, while we understand the well-meaning intentions of so many, we are not in a position to accept any clothing, bedding, dishes, pans, etc.

Please know we will continue to collect household items like paper towels, toilet paper, detergent, dish soap, cleaning supplies, soap, and personal care items.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in welcoming our new Afghan friends!

Contact Gary Schaefer at [gschaefer@cfna-stl.org](mailto:gschaefer@cfna-stl.org) or (314) 348-8010

A list of drop-off sites for collection of these donations is on the bulletin board in the lobby.



Christian Friends of New Americans

## CFNA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**CFNA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** Please join us in sharing Christ's love! Whether helping to sort or deliver donated items, taking someone to the grocery store or appointment, assisting International Institute with meeting families at the airport and helping take them to their hotel, etc., we have many opportunities for volunteers to serve the newly arriving Afghan families and other refugees. And we continue to welcome volunteers in our program ministries, including After School Tutoring, Adult ESL, Driving Lessons, Health and Wellness screenings, Sewing classes, and more. Interested? Questions?

Please contact Gary Schaefer at [gschaefer@cfna-stl.org](mailto:gschaefer@cfna-stl.org) or complete/submit a [Volunteer Recruitment Form](#) online.

## 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](mailto: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 am / ongoing  
Location: Ascension / Fellowship Hall  
Leaders: Pastor Clark & Pastor Kobs

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** (Men & Women)  
Tuesdays from 9:30–11 am / ongoing  
Location: Ascension / Concordia Room  
Leader: Pastor Clark  
Contact: [pastor@ascensionstl.com](mailto:pastor@ascensionstl.com) / (314) 832-5600

**Women of the Word Bible Study**  
Wednesdays from 9:30–11 am / ongoing  
Location: Ascension / Fellowship Hall  
Leader: Marlene Maxfield  
Contact: [marmaxfield@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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: [rwbjhb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rwbjhb@sbcglobal.net) / (314) 413-2603  
Contact Chris: [chris.thies@outlook.com](mailto:chris.thies@outlook.com)

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**SUNDAY MORNING APOLOGETICS BIBLE STUDY** What is "apologetics?" The word apologetics means "to make a defense." When Christians study apologetics, they are referring to defending the faith. Join Pastors Clark and Kobs on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall at **9:45 am** to consider questions like: What is a world view? How do we know there is a God? Is the creation account true? Why do bad things happen? What does God say about gender identity? When does human life begin and end? This study will begin **Sunday, August 28** and run for 25-30 sessions. Hope to see you there!

All are welcome!

## 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!

Students in Preschool through Junior High meet in the church sanctuary at 9:45 am for Sunday School opening.

### 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, Mary Pastor, and Lisa Clark

### Grades 4 through 5

Teachers: Rich Schaefer and Carl Anderson

### Junior High

Teachers: Deaconess Anna Johnson, Joel Her, and Ben Wescoatt

### Senior High

Teachers: Rob Bremer, Ben Wescoatt, and Friends

### Adults

Teachers: Pastor Clark, Pastor Kobs, Gagan Gurung, and John Gurung

### Nepali Fellowship

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

### Sunday School Coordinator

Deaconess Anna Johnson

### Assistant Coordinator

Lisa Clark



## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

### WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

#### July 31, Week 8

Today, we follow Jesus to the judgment hall of Pontius Pilate and to the tree of death, the cross, which He has made into our tree of life. We will watch Jesus fulfill each of the Old Testament prophecies discussed in weeks one through five of The Tree of Life.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**PREACHER:** Pastor Matthew Clark

**LITURGIST:**

Seminarian Ben Wescoatt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month  
Pastor Matthew Kobs, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month

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

**ACOLYTES:** 5:00p open

8:15 Allie Johnson; 11:00 Viento Hernandez

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00p open

8:15 Noah Maxfield; 11:00 Tyler Kern

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

The Altar Guild in thankfulness for Ascension's many blessings.

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00p Bev & Rich Schaefer;

8:15 Debbie & Mike Gibbs; 11:00 Julie Krapf

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00p Debbie Hofmann;

8:15 Becky Harman; 11:00 Jones Family

**MULTIMEDIA ROOM:** 5:00 Bella Bracken, Anna Clark;

8:15 Bill Maxfield, Grant Maxfield;

11:00 Vernon Schmidt, Jason Fletcher, Julie Krapf

**READERS:** 5:00p Robert Hofmann;

8:15 Jack Pendleton; 11:00 Carlos Lopez

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00p Rich Seifert;

8:15 Nathan Decker; 11:00 Marla Lopez

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** August 7, 2022 –

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading *Genesis 15:1-6*

Epistle Reading *Hebrews 11:1-16*

Holy Gospel *John 20:11-18*

**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 & Carribean Region

## 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**

07/31 Allie Huggett

08/01 Sabit Gurung, William Moffat

08/02 Mitchell Renfrew, Erika Schulz

08/03 Katie Barton, Barbara Eichhorst, Abigail Green, Karen Reeves, Garrett Schulz

08/05 Marleen Morgan, Paige Renfrew, Hanna Schulz Dianne Thies, David Wiederhold

08/06 Micah Stiles

Please contact the church office if your birthday has been omitted in error.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

07/31 Rebecca & Jamie Rodgers

08/04 Kim & Richard Calogero

08/05 Jeff & Fadia Jenkins, Bill & Melissa Maxfield

Please contact the church office if your anniversary has been omitted in error.

**ASCENSION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING AS FIRST RESPONDERS**

Kevin Keller

Phil Green

Ross Hetz & Firehouse

Gary Steffens

Denise Strittmatter

**LCMS CONGREGATIONS IN OUR SOUTH ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT**

Ascension

Messiah

St. Luke's

Emmaus

Mt. Olive

St. Trinity

Epiphany

St. Johns

Timothy

Holy Cross

St. Lucas

Trinity

Hope

