

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Today	Worship with Communion	8:15 am & 11:00 am
	Bible Class	9:45 am
	Sr. Youth “Thank You Meal” & NYG Presentation	12:30 pm–3:00 pm
Tuesday	NO Bible Class	9:30 am
	Worship Team	7:00 pm
	Nepali Home Bible Study	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Quilters	9:00 am
	Women’s Bible Class	9:30 am
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study (away)	6:15 am
	Men’s Bible Study (away)	7:00 pm
Saturday	Men’s Club	8:00 am
	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
Next Sunday	Youth Disciples/Jr. Youth Amazing Race	12:30 pm-3:00 pm

**WELCOME!**

**REGARDING COMMUNION** The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at Ascension in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. All those who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ASCENSION**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS** July 31 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.

**SUMMER BIBLE CLASS - STUFF THEY DIDN’T TEACH ME IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** Over the summer months join Pastor Clark on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall for a Bible study called, “Stuff They Didn’t Teach Me in Sunday School.” Using DVD and written material, we’ll explore accounts from the Bible you may have heard as a child, but now wonder more about as an adult. This new Bible study, which will complement our summer sermon series, begins Sunday, June 12. During our Sunday school “recess” during the month of July and first part of August, feel free to bring your children with you to this Bible class too!

**OUR NURSERY** is located down the lobby hall in the Emmaus Room. It is equipped with an audio feed that enables you to participate in the service. If you need assistance, please ask an usher for help with your need

**ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ST. LOUIS, MO** has an opportunity for a Director of Music. Under the supervision of the Pastor, this position will: select LCMS worship service music/hymns, choir music and Worship Team music; During three weekend church services (Saturday at 5 p.m., Sunday at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. and Wednesday evenings during Advent and Lent) the Director will play the organ for two traditional services and lead the Worship Team during one service; plan and direct joint concerts several times per year; organize and direct the adult choir as well as the Worship Team; Plan music for special services throughout the church year including weddings and funerals; Under the supervision of the Word of Life School principal, this position will plan lessons and lead classroom music for all grade levels for approximately seven hours per week. Hours per week and benefits for this position are negotiable. The qualified candidate will have a B.S/B.A. in a music related field; a minimum of one year experience in a church music role is preferred; experience in organ, piano, church music, choir, and contemporary Christian music is strongly desired. Please submit resumes to [wellie.headrick@gmail.com](mailto:wellie.headrick@gmail.com) (subject line: Director of Music). please contact Sharon Headrick with questions or inquiries at (314) 920.7421.

<b>Stewardship Report</b> Through 7/24/2016	
Number Who Gathered Around God’s Word	
Ascension Location Worship	213
Peace Center Location	42
Total	255
Amount Received to Share Christ’s Love	
Amount Given	\$ 8,244
Budgeted Amount	\$ 10,385
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$ 2,141)
Worship Enhancement Fund Donations	
Amount Donated:	\$ 1,100
Previous Balance:	\$80,272
Total to Date:	\$81,372
Worship Enhancement amount remaining: \$46,858	

## **DID YOU KNOW? . . .**

In 1940, the international thrust of the Lutheran Laymen's League ministry began with The **Lutheran Hour** being broadcast in Spanish. In 1940, the LLL opened its first international ministry center in the Philippines. Five years later, it opened a ministry center in Australia. Today, the Int'l LLL has ministry centers located in 31 countries throughout the world, staffed almost entirely by nationals of the countries where it operates

**SIMPLY GIVING** is an easy, generous choice. The *Simply Giving Program* endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union is a simple, reliable way to make your regular contributions to our congregation through automated giving. To learn more or to enroll, pick up a brochure (form) on the library counter.

**THAT'S IN THE BIBLE!? 10 BIZARRE BIBLE ACCOUNTS** Have you ever heard a bizarre sounding account from the Bible and asked yourself the question, "That's in the Bible!?" Just because a certain Bible account seems odd, however, does not mean that there is nothing to learn from it. In our summer sermon series at Ascension, we'll be taking a closer look at the "weird" parts of the Bible, and recognizing that they are still a part of God's Word for us. If you fill out 7 of 10 sermon outlines, you'll receive your own copy of the book *Icky, Sticky, Hairy Scary Bible Stories* by Jonathan Schkade. Join us beginning the first weekend in June as we ask ourselves, "That's in the Bible!?"

June 4/5: "Straight from the Donkey's Mouth"  
Numbers 22:12-23

June 11/12: "Special Delivery"  
Judges 3:12-30

June 18/19: "More than a Bad Hair Day"  
2 Samuel 18:1-17

June 25/26: "Baldy, the Boys, and the Bears"  
2 Kings 2:23-25

July 2/3: "All Torn Up"  
2 Kings 9:30-37

July 9/10: "The King Gets a Hand"  
Daniel 5:1-12

July 16/17: "Weird Mushy Stuff"  
Song of Solomon 2:3-7, 4:9-10, 8:6-7a

July 23/24: "Head on a Plate"  
Mark 6:14-29

July 30/31: "Death by Worms"  
Acts 12:21-24

August 6/7: "Bored to Life"  
Acts 20:7-12



KFUO Broadcast  
7/31/2016

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In memory of our daughter, Sheila Rossi

**8:15 AM COMMUNION** Please note that we will have a "continuous line" for communion while our Sunday 815 am service is being broadcast live on KFUO radio. This is to help ensure that as much of the service will be broadcast as possible.

**CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY PICK UP!** At long last the new Ascension photo directories are ready for pick up! Please take only one directory per family

**SHARE THE HARVEST** Do you have a home garden? Do you have more produce than you can use? Beginning the weekend of July 2 and 3, Ascension will have a special "Share the Harvest" table in our lobby throughout harvest season. Simply drop off any extra fruits or vegetables from your garden to share them with others.

**DINNER FOR EIGHT?** To date, we have had a number of people expressing interest in the Dinner for 8 Fellowship. We still need a coordinator for this ministry. If you have an interest, please contact the church office for information at (314) 832-5600. There is also a sign-up sheet on the counter in the library area for those who would like to be part of this ministry. What a great way to get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ.

**ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY** Please consider putting a bouquet of flowers on the altar, any weekend during the month of July or throughout the rest of the year. The cost of a bouquet is \$16.00. The flowers can be picked up to take home after the 11:00 a.m. service or anytime thru the following Tuesday. A special dedication of your choosing will be put in the church bulletin e.g., in honor of, in celebration of etc. The bouquets could also be given to someone you know experiencing a special event, or going through a difficult time. Your participation would be much appreciated. Please call Cathy Salini at (314) 786-5476.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** All students of any age or grade level are invited to bring their backpacks, book bags, or satchels with them to worship the weekend of August 20 and 21. At all three services, we'll bless these backpacks and pray God's blessing upon those who carry them as we begin a new school year. We'll also have a small gift for each student as well.

**OPPORTUNITY** for a high school student interested in employment at our church. Please see the youth bulletin board in the church lobby for specific duties and requirements and to pick up an application. Contact the church office with any questions at (314) 832-5600.

**COLLEGE AGE ADULTS** Please contact the church office so we can update our records for our college age adults: those attending college locally or entering the workforce, those attending a university away from home, those serving in our military. We would love to put you on our email list. If we already have your info and you are returning to the same college and address, do nothing, we will continue to send you our info.. We would love to hear from those who have recently graduated from high school so we can begin sending you emails and updates. Also, if you have graduated and are entering the work force, please contact us with update info. Email [sherry@ascensionstl.com](mailto:sherry@ascensionstl.com) with your name (address: college, military or local), phone and email address. For more information, please call the office at (314) 832-5600.

**START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT WITH LCMS U** It's back-to-school time! Do you know a student heading off to college, perhaps for the very first time? College can be tough on our young adults. They will be challenged by friends, professors and choices that are contrary to their Christian worldview. Please help your college students start the year off right by connecting them with an LCMS U chapter at their college or university. Visit [lcms.org/lcmsu/findcampus](http://lcms.org/lcmsu/findcampus) for a list of LCMS U chapters, or you may ask for help in making a connection where a chapter doesn't yet exist. Of course, you also are encouraged to contact campus ministries and congregations near colleges and universities directly. They would love to hear from you! The LCMS U website features connections to ministry partners, information on a weekly radio show for college students and other resources.

**ICKY, STICKY BOOK SIGNING** The weekend of August 20 and 21, Ascension will be welcoming writer Jonathan Schkade, author of *Icky, Sticky, Hairy Scary Bible Stories*. Jonathan will sign copies of his book which we have been using in our summer sermon series. He will also lead our children's message and speak during our adult Bible class.

**LIVING A CHOCOLATE LIFE** is the title of the new women's Bible study which will begin Wednesday, August 24, at 9:30 am in the Concordia Room. What does it mean to live a chocolate life? The chocolate-inspired lessons focus on different aspects of life as a Christian woman and remind us that we are wrapped in God's love. Won't you join us for study, prayer, and fellowship? *Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.* 2 Peter 3:18 Contact Marlene Maxfield – (314) 846-3880 – to reserve your study guide.

**WHAT DO WE LUTHERANS BELIEVE?** What are the hallmarks of our Lutheran identity? The well-known author and engaging teacher, Rev. Al Schmidt, will help class participants understand which teachings are foundational for Lutherans, and how and why they are important to us as Lutherans. Discussions will be based on his newest book, "Hallmarks of Lutheran Identity." Class will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 14, and run from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**SR YOUTH THANK YOU!** The Sr. Youth invite you to attend a "Thank You" to our congregation meal on Sunday, July 31, 2016 from 12:30 pm-3:00 pm. Come see the video and hear from our youth about their experiences at the NYG.

**TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE** - Christian Friends of New Americans will host a Tutor Workshop for its After School Tutoring program on Tuesday, August 16, at 5:00 p.m. at the Peace Center, 4019 S. Grand. As our congregation has committed to focus efforts working with CFNA, the after school tutoring program is a great ministry to be involved with. Come learn more about it. No previous teaching experience required. The program is held from 5:00-7:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year. Volunteers do not have to come both days of the week. Questions: contact Laura Brink at [lbrink@cfna-stl.org](mailto:lbrink@cfna-stl.org), (314) 249-9219 or Pastor Stanish Stanley at [stanish9@gmail.com](mailto:stanish9@gmail.com), (314) 724-4664.

**DRIVERS NEEDED** - Do you have 2-3 hours of time free each month? Christian Friends of New Americans is in need of volunteers to take new Americans to their medical appointments on weekdays. This is an easy way to help people still learning to navigate a new city and country. As our congregation has committed to serve in connection with CFNA, this is a great opportunity to be involved! For further details and to express interest in driving, please contact Laura Brink at [lbrink@cfna-stl.org](mailto:lbrink@cfna-stl.org), (314) 249-9219.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**ASCENSION HAS A DEDICATED GROUP OF PERSONS** who serve as Sunday School teachers. Occasionally, a teacher is not able to be with their class. In order to ensure that our Sunday School classes serve children well, we would like to have substitute teachers on those occasions. To help make that work, we would like to maintain a list of substitute teachers we can call on when needed. Persons on the list would have the option whether to serve when called. Our classes are staffed by two persons, so substitutes would not have to serve alone. On most occasions there would not be any preparation that would be required. Please consider this opportunity to serve. If you would like to serve, or have questions, please contact John Brink – (314) 265-4844; [john.brink@tblawfirm.com](mailto:john.brink@tblawfirm.com).

### BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL

<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher(s)</u>
Toddlin' to Jesus	Bethany C	Michelle Brown/ Mary Pastor
Pk3-Kdg	WOL Kindergarten	Ellen Hetz
Gr. 1-3	Bethany A & B	Jane Fryar/ Nicole Jordan
Gr. 4-5	Dorcas	Carl Anderson/ Rich Schaefer
Gr. 6-8	Youth Room	Trevor Freudenburg
Gr. 9-12	Connections Café	Chris Thies/ Lisa Clark
Adult Bible Class	Concordia Room	Jeff Jenkins
Adult Bible Class	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Clark
Nepalese Bible Class	Fellowship Hall 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month	Pastor Clark/ Gagan Gurung
Sunday School Superintendent		John Brink

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ADULTS** Join us for a Sunday school class for adults. Perfect for parents of Sunday school children, the lessons will correspond with the Bible account learned in our children's Sunday school. It's a great way for parents to continue the conversation about God's Word after coming home from church. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Concordia Room

**PLEASE NOTE:** Sunday School will not be in session after June 26. We will resume on Rally Day, August 14. Mark your calendar now! Children are welcome to attend Pastor Clark's Sunday morning Bible class with their families over the Sunday school break.

## WORD OF LIFE



**WORD OF LIFE 2016-2017 THEME** Word of Life recently announced the theme for next school year. It's "Anchored in Christ" and comes from Hebrews 6:19 which says, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Just as an anchor holds in a storm, Christ holds our students secure in all circumstances of life. Children are prepared for life when they are anchored in Christ!

The Accreditation Team who recently visited Word of Life identified four "outstanding school strengths." The four strengths are:

- Diverse student body
- Authentic, caring student-teacher relationships
- Teachers and administrator display God's love for one another
- Administrator is an effective, optimistic Communicator
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We thank God for Word of Life's accreditation and look forward to continued improvements to strengthen our school.

**JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE** at the St. Lucas preschool location on Thursday, July 21 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet the teacher and principal as well as tour the classroom. Openings are still available for the 16/17 school year in all classes preschool through eighth grade. To schedule a tour contact Megan Arnold at (314) 832-1244, ext. 12.

**THERE ARE STILL OPENINGS** in all grade levels at Word of Life. For more information visit [www.wordofliveschool.net](http://www.wordofliveschool.net) or call (314) 832-1244 ext 12.

**ATTENTION WORD OF LIFE FAMILIES:** Look for summer packets in the mail in the next few days. If you don't receive yours by August 1, please contact the school office.

**SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 17!** We are thankful for the support and prayers of the Ascension congregation!

**WOL SCHOOL NITE IN MINIATURE** August 29, 2016 for grades Kdg.-4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

**WOL SCHOOL NITE IN MINIATURE** August 30, 2016 for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**LITURGIST:** Pastor Clark

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

5:00 & 8:15, Sean Carpenter, organist;  
11:00 Wanda Kuntz, worship team director; Worship Team,  
Emily Thies & Anna Johnson, keyboard;  
Mark Maxfield, guitar; Russ Baade, drums;

**ACOLYTES:** 5:00 Will Moffat;

8:15 Keegan Watz; 11:00 Jaylee Schulz

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Mackenzie Moore;

8:15 Andrew Roussin; 11:00 Jonathan Todd

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers that grace our altar this week are given by:

Denise & Ryan Strittmatter in loving memory of Ronald Strittmatter

**ALTAR GUILD:** 5:00 The Moffat Family;

8:15 The Brown Family; 11:00 The Lopez Family

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 The Moffat Family;

8:15 Mike & Debbie Gibbs; 11:00 The Lopez Family

**A/V BOOTH:** 5:00 Noah Clark; 8:15; Matt Bergholt

11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Noah Clark; 8:15; Matt Bergholt

11:00 Vernon Schmidt/Chris Thies

**ELDERS:** 5:00 Randy Agne, Rich Schaefer;

8:15 Jack Pendleton; 11:00 Gary Notch

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

8:15 Gary Notch, Jack Pendleton; 11:00 Mark Maxfield

**HOSTS:** 5:00 Walt Simpson; 8:15 Donna Bedwell;

11:00 The Thies Family

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 The Loesche Family;

8:15 The Ingrham Family;

11:00 Carl & Marian Bergman

**READERS:** 5:00 Sharon Agne; 8:15 John Brink;

11:00 Carolyn Arnold

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Mark Hofman; 8:15 Laura Brink;

11:00 Carlos Lopez

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2016*

*First Reading Acts 20:7-12*

*Epistle Hebrews 11:1-16*

*Holy Gospel Luke 12:22-34*

**USHERS:** 5:00 Karl Hofmann, Robert Hofmann,

Ed Holderle

8:15 Gene Bockelmann, Jack Brown, Jeff Brown,

Nathan Decker, Mark Shaffer;

11:00 Paul Brock Sr., Paul Brock Jr., Roger Jensen

**NEXT WEEK:** 5:00 Keith Marsh, Al Pfeuffer

8:15 Jake Bremer, Rob Bremer, Jonathan Gibbs,

Jack Pendleton;

11:00 Gary Freer, David Jones, Carlos Lopez, J. Schulz

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Our In-Home Ministry members are designated with an \*

The Church Staff prays for you during their bi-weekly staff meetings. If you have a specific prayer request, please contact the church office or fill out a note from the Rite of Fellowship folder and place it on the bulletin board in the Narthex. In the hospital this past week: Emmeline Schmidt at Reach Rehab, Jim Thielker at Mercy Rehab, Virginia Bude at St. Mary's,. In hospice care: Kenneth Bartz.

### HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

The Hansen Family

Judith Hanses

Marion Hares

Beth & Emma Hartung

### YOUTH OF THE WEEK

Kayla Loesche

Nathanael Mays

Santos Gurung

Tirtha Gurung

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

7/31 Jason M. Lee

8/1 William Moffat, George Sweeny, Olivia Windmiller

8/2 Carl Bergman, Renfrew, Wesley Schnitzmeier,  
Erika Schulz

8/3 Barbara Eichhorst, Abigail Green, Susan Hutchings,  
Karen Reeves, Garret Schulz

8/5 Paige Renfrew, Hanna Schulz, Dianne Thies

8/6 Casey Griffin, Olive Linton

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/1 Carolyn & John Matlick

8/5 Bill & Melissa Maxfield

### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

7/31 Jean Hoffman, South Korea

8/2 Steven Nurre, Asia;  
Beth Ritzman, Papua New Guinea

8/3 Roger James, Sri Lanka

8/4 Britt (Anderson) Odemba, Kenya

8/6 Michael Kersten, Hong Kong

### ASCENSION MEMBERS & FRIENDS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Andrew Jensen

Brian Kitson

Thomas Kitson

Sean Siering

Tony Urschler



ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST  
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN  
PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

# Rally Day

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH  
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

GUESTS SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY AS THERE WILL BE A  
SPECIAL KNIGHTED GUEST YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS

**COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED!**

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109

