

## ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NAVARINO

# The “Visitor”



**December  
2020**

***“Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ’s love”***

The Mission Statement of Ascension Lutheran Church.

**Ascension Lutheran Church  
W6106 Navarino Road,  
Shiocton, WI 54170**

**Church Office:**  
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**Office hours are: Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday 8 am –12 pm**

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Marcia Sabin  
715-340-5951-Cell

Mark Sabin  
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Or 715-445-2097-Home



### **Christmas in the Country Candlelight Service**

**We will be having Christmas Eve  
candlelight services at  
4:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
on Thursday, December 24th.**

George Peters, President  
Dave Klemp, Vice President  
Rita Olson, Treasurer  
Dawn Dingeldein, Secretary  
Glen Peebles  
Greg Schoettler

### **Your Church Council**

(920) 419-1415  
(920) 450-3716  
(920) 525-2090  
(920) 639-1183  
(715) 584-3029  
(920) 984-3057



The council usually meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm You are welcome to attend.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, December 16th at 6:00pm.



**Matthew 2:1-2** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” **Luke 2:8-11** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

In our Sunday School Christmas program we blend the two accounts of the birth of Jesus. I want to compare the audiences the writers are speaking to. Do the Christmas stories contradict each other? No.

Matthew's audience is mainly written to the Jewish people. Matthew begins with the genealogy of Jesus, beginning with Abraham to Joseph and his wife Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. This was necessary to show the lineage from Abraham to the birth of Jesus that the promise to the Jewish people has been fulfilled.

Matthew's account has wealthy, influential or high positioned men representing foreign kings to ask king Herod of Judea where the king of the Jews was born. Herod calls the scribes and Chief priests together and asks; where would this Messiah be born? Micah 5:2 is the prophecy that now has come to fruition. Herod and all of Jerusalem were afraid. Herod was an earthly king who was afraid this king of the Jews (Jesus) would depose him as king over Judea. The Religious leaders were afraid that God's Messiah has come.

The Religious leaders were concerned about their stature among the people of whom they oppressed for many years. Jerusalem is the heart of Judaism. Jerusalem represented the Religious leaders who were afraid. The divine king is born. We have a clash between two kingdoms; political/earthly and the divine.

Luke's account of the announcement of the birth of Jesus is focused on other classes of people. The Shepherds were not part of the social mainstream. Shepherds were considered thieves, and despised. They smelled like the sheep they cared for. Who could have imagined those who were despised would see the brilliance in the sky which came to them by the angels to show God's glory? “*They were afraid but the angel assured them of the Good News to all people. Do not be afraid I am bringing Good News: Born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.*” This holy child was born in Bethlehem and this will be a sign for you; “The angel told them the child is wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” They went and saw the child and then went out to make known to others what they witnessed; the promised Messiah has come.

The accounts of the birth Jesus are very familiar. May I say maybe too familiar? It's like reading a novel many times knowing what the outcome is. How do we keep the story of God's love that brings us joy and blessings?

God tells us constantly how much he loves us. He only wants to bless us and be with him forever. This can only happen by the birth of the Anointed One sent by God. Without Advent there is no Lent. If there is no cradle there is no cross. Jesus is Emmanuel, Prince of Peace, Almighty God. The birth of the holy child named Jesus means; he will save us from our sins.

Blessings, Pastor Marcia



### Drive through Communion

We have started drive through communion which is the second Thursday of the month. December 10<sup>th</sup> is the next time this is being offered. The time is 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

**If you have something you would like to have included in the “Visitor”, please have the information to the church office by the third Sunday of the prior month.**

**MAILBOX**

Thank You for all who sent cards, brought food, made phone calls or visited. So much love from so many people. I am on the road to recovery.

Pat Zuches

Dear Ascension,  
On behalf of Shawano Area Matthew, Inc. (SAMS25), Thank You for your recent donation in the amount of \$400 received November 9, 2020. Your gift will directly benefit SAM25 and its programs, including SAM's House Emergency Homeless Shelter and Resource Center. Our work would not be possible without your support. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. SAM25 recently moved into a new location and is in the process of expanding its programs to include a larger shelter, resource center, thrift store and medical clinic, helping those in need in the Shawano area. For more information or to follow our progress, please visit our website at sam25.org or follow us on social media. Once again, thank you for your generosity. Please know that your continued support is very much appreciated.  
We are grateful.

Sincerely, Jennifer Laude Bisterfeldt  
Executive Director SAM25

Dear Ascension Lutheran Church,  
I am truly grateful for your partnership with the International House of Prayer. Your generosity has helped fuel 21 years of unbroken prayer with worship! The crises and social outrages happening around the world and a most important US presidential election about to take place are sober reminders of the urgency of the times. Therefore, we remain as resolved as ever to our primary mandate of 24/7 prayer with worship. What joy it brings me to know that the prayers being lifted up from our Global Prayer Room and its live broadcast around the world are hastening an unparalleled harvest of souls and the glorious return of our Lord. Thank you for standing with us in this most crucial hour! I am convinced we will never regret the time, energy, and finances we sowed into this movement.

With much gratitude,  
Mike Bickle , Director IHOP-KC



Thank you to Heather for videoing the service and making sure it is available for those who view online. Also thanks for the Christmas wreath in the entry way.

**THANK YOU'S**

Thank you to Dean Rueden for installing the motion light in the church entry way.

Thank you to Patty Lorenz for our Christmas bulletin board display.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the fall clean up of the church and cemetery grounds.

Thank you to Brad Schuelke and Darrel Klemp for trimming the branches on the large maple tree on the north side of Church.

Thank you to Glen and Phyllis Peebles for continuing to decorate the fellowship hall and other areas of the church.



**Praise with Passion  
Will be scheduled on a week by week basis.**

5:00 pm Fellowship followed by 6:00pm Praise with Passion

(Gathering for informal, spirit-filled praise and prayer)

**Please listen for announcements at church or call Toni (715-853-9461) to be sure we are meeting.**

**Location:** Ascension Lutheran Church  
The 'Church on the Corner'  
3 miles west of Navarino on Hwy 156

**Ascension Budget**

Council would like the membership to be aware of our financial status on a month to month basis. Below is where we are at after the first ten months of the year.

**Income received: \$61,068.90**

**Expenses Paid out: \$60,011.33**

**Income exceeding expenses by \$1,057.57**

**CHURCH NEWS**



Poinsettia Sign-Up

Poinsettia's for the altar will be available for purchase at a cost of \$17.00 each. The Sign-up sheet is on the table in back of church.

You may pick up your flowers after the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve service.



### Tree Trimming

The Youth will be trimming the Christmas tree in Church after worship on Sunday, December 6th. Anyone is welcome to help them. Food and drink will be provided.



### Youth Christmas Candy Sales

The Youth will be selling Christmas candy after worship services on December 13th and 20th. Prices are \$8 a pound and \$4 for 1/2 a pound. All profits will go towards the Youth Retreat at Silver Birch Ranch. If you would like to donate candy there is a sign up list on the table in back of church.



### Operation Christmas

**Every year Homme Youth & Family Programs give us a list of needed items. In**

**previous years we would deliver the items along with some quilts to the Wittenberg office. This year we are asking that anyone wishing to donate to Homme Youth either direct ship their items to W18105 Hemlock Rd, Wittenberg WI 54499 or get their money to Rita Olson or the Church Office by December 13<sup>th</sup>. Rita will then go to the Church's Amazon Smile account to purchase items and directly ship them. Contact the Church office or Rita for a list of needed items or pick up on the table in back of Church.**

### Christmas Cards



Just a reminder that ALCW has a nice selection of cards for all occasions including Christmas cards. They are located on the shelf to the right as you enter church. Prices are marked on the box and you can put your money in the can or pay in the office.



### Safehaven Giving Tree

Due to this not being a typical year, Safehaven has requested in lieu of giving gifts for

Christmas that we purchase gift cards from local Shawano businesses in \$5 and \$10 increments instead. We already have a variety of gift cards through the SCRIP program that you can purchase. Just put your check or cash in an envelope marked Safehaven along with your name and put in the offering basket or church office. I will process them and get the cards to Safehaven. All money is due by December 13<sup>th</sup>. Any questions call the Church office.

### Christmas/New Year's Break

There will be no Confirmation or Sunday School on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>. We will resume our Youth Ministry on January 6, 2021 at the regular time.

### Annual Meeting Notice

The Ascension Lutheran Church annual meeting will be held immediately after worship on Sunday, January 17th. We will be voting on a NALC resolution of which copies will be made available on the table in back of church. There will be a potluck meal in conjunction with the meeting. Please bring a dish to pass.

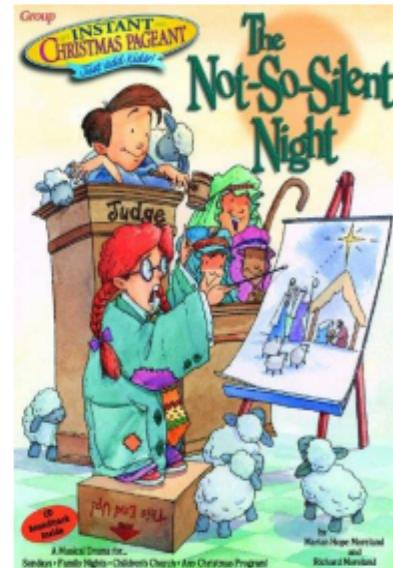
## 2020 Ascension Lutheran Church Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
@ the 9:30 am  
Worship Service**



### ***"THE NOT-SO-SILENT NIGHT"***

**Follow three young shepherds who joyfully shout God's praises after visiting the baby Jesus. How were they to know they were "disturbing the peace"?**



**You'll join them in a Bethlehem courtroom for a hilarious trial and a surprising verdict!**

### **Rehearsals:**

**Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16 at 6:30 pm  
Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am for dress rehearsal**



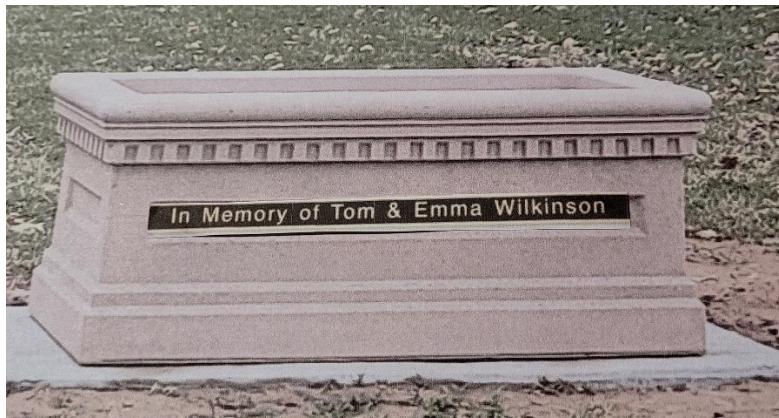
### **PIZZA PARTY!**

**After the program,  
join us for a  
PIZZA PARTY  
in the fellowship hall.**

(If you would like to bring a dish to pass, please contact Phyllis at 715-584-3894 or the church office at 715-758-8312.)

## CHURCH NEWS

The family of Tom and Emma Wilkinson recently replaced the planter that was constructed in their honor in the 1970's. The planter was located on the southeast corner of the church property and was originally part of the church sign. The old planter had become in disrepair and needed to be replaced. Tom & Emma had 10 children Margaret, Tom, John, Mildred, Marion, France, Mabel, Margie, Nora and Katherine. The new planter was purchased from Wausau Tile. Schneider Monument of Shawano provided the base and the bronze plaque. Thank-you to all of Tom & Emma's grandchildren and family that contributed to this project.



Thank you to the families of Tom and Emma Wilkinson (many who are current members here) for donating this beautiful new planter for the church grounds. I can't wait to see it in summer with the flowers planted.

### ***Videoed Worship Services***

Even as Ascension has resumed in-person worship services, portions of the weekly services are still being videoed. Please feel free to check out the church website and YouTube channels below for previously recorded services:

Ascension's website for services online: <http://www.ascensionavarino.com/sermons.html>

Ascension's Youtube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=ascension+lutheran+church+of+navarino](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ascension+lutheran+church+of+navarino)

The services are also being recorded when possible and audio CD's are being delivered to the homes of those who are unable to attend worship.

## COUNCIL MINUTES

### ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NAVARINO Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday November 18th, 2020

**Present:** George Peters, Glen Peebles, Dave Klemp, Dawn Dingeldein, Pastor Mark and Marcia Sabin, Rita Olson, Greg Schoettler. Guests: Phyllis Peebles, Dave Rohrer  
President George Peters brought the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**Prayer and devotion:** led by Pastor Mark Sabin

**Approval of minutes:** 1st by George and 2nd by Dave K. Voice vote passed.

#### **Pastors Report:**

Led four bible studies on American Cults. Seven member phone visits. Two home visits. Four youth ministry evenings. Monthly drive up communion held on 2nd Thursday. 5 communicants attended.

#### **Treasurer's/Finance Report:**

Income for October \$4,908.92                  Expenses for October \$5,493.31

YTD we are \$1,057.57 in the black for income vs expenses.

Project fund for October: Loud offering \$87.68, Script card sales \$200.00, (scrip purchases \$1,250.00) Kwik trip rebate \$3.80, AA donation \$100.00, Misc. donations \$90.00, Candy bars \$800.00, Polka Service \$107.00. (polka service cd expense \$10.00). Total for the month: \$1,388.48. Total available. \$36,206.80.

#### Reoccurring Accumulative totals for special project 2020:

Amazon Smile rebate: \$97.05

Kwik Trip Rebate: \$124.34

Loud offering \$4,280.68

Thrivent choice: \$4,486.00

Candy Bars: \$1,900.00

Scrip card earnings: \$852.82

Loud offering: \$4,280.68

Report approved by Glen, 2nd Dave. Voice vote passed.

#### New Business:

Finance committee is reviewing any budget changes for 2021. By-laws to discuss money that is in the "InFaith" account. Pastor Marcia Sabin submitted a letter to council to officially start her retirement effective 1/1/2021. Pastor Mark Sabin will continue to be Ascensions pastor going forward. Thank you to Pastor Marcia for her years of service to the Lord and Ascension. Pastor Marcia started her ministry with Ascension in 2015! Many blessings to Pastor Marcia on her full retirement.

#### **Property:**

The large maple tree on the north side of the church has been trimmed. I will be contacting a plumber to look at the valve on the urinal in the men's bathroom. Has stuck running a few times now. Air conditioning units are covered for the winter. John Wilkinson is fine with working with being on call to plow if volunteers are available.

**Youth:** Will be looking at possibly attending Silver Birch camp in February 2021. Youth will be doing Christmas candy sales in December after service.

**Worship:** A big "thank you" to Heather Goodacre for video taping service and making sure it is available online for viewing. Christmas program will be held on 12/20.

#### **Old Business:**

**Community Dinner: On hold.**

**Projects:** (Roof) est. \$29,700-\$58,000), + Solar removal \$12,000 +/-

Upcoming Fundraisers: on hold

Continued Fundraisers:

Script program:

Script cards can be purchased from Bonnie at any time and also after each service. Ascension receives a percentage back after the cards are used.

VandeWalle Candy Bars:

Candy Bars are available in the social hall. If you would like to sell a box at your workplace, please see Heather Goodacre.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 16th, 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm Motion to adjourn: Glen P. 1st, Dave 2nd.

Respectfully Submitted by: Dawn Dingeldein, Secretary

# Fundraising Corner



## Special Projects Fund

Estimates for the church roof are between \$29,700-\$58,000 and Solar removal is estimated at \$12,000 more or less. Since June of 2018 the Loud Offering has raised \$4,280.00, the candy bars sales raised \$1900.00, KWIK Trip rebates were \$124.34 & Amazon Smile rebates were \$97.05, Thrivent Choice raised \$4486.00 and Script card earnings as of 12/31/19 were \$852.82.

## VandeWalle's

There are VandeWalle's candy bars on the table by the library for sale. They are a dollar each. Please put your money in the envelope in the box. If you want to sell elsewhere, please see Heather Goodacre. All profits will go to the Special Projects Fund.

## Looking for Thrivent Members

Please let the office know if you have an insurance policy or investment funds with Thrivent. Any Thrivent member is eligible to apply for two \$250 Thrivent action cards which can be used to as seed money for our fundraisers or for community service projects. We will help you with the application process and completing your final report for any project you may be involved with.



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2. Add a charity
3. In search bar, type: **Ascension Church, Shiocton**
4. Select **Ascension Lutheran Church, Shiocton**



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## SCRIP PROGRAM:

You can purchase SCRIP (gift cards) and the rebates (income) supports Ascension Church. SCRIP cards available (in the following denominations: \$25, \$50, or \$100) for immediate purchase are: **Fleet Farm, Kwik Trip, Walmart, Woodman's**.

Other cards that can be ordered (but need a week's notice): *Mary's Family Restaurant* (8%), *McDonald's* (5%), *Culver's* (10%), *Good Company* (10%), *Tom's, Manderfield's Bakery* (5%), *Cedar Creek Meat Market* (5%), *Mark's East Side Restaurant* (10%), *Bulk Food Shoppe* (5%). The percentage of income back to Ascension is in the parenthesis ()�.

Contact Nancy Peters to order any of the specialty cards.

Sales available during weekday office hours.  
Contact office first for pick up times.



## POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE CD'S

THE WORSHIP TEAM HAS MADE EXTRA POLKA CD'S FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND OR PEOPLE WHO WISH TO LISTEN AGAIN TO THE SERVICE. THEY ARE ON THE TABLE TO YOUR LEFT AS YOU EXIT CHURCH. ANY DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE PUT TOWARD THE CHURCH ROOF FUND. THE POLKA SERVICE POTLUCK RAISED \$107.00 FOR THE CHURCH ROOF.

## Fundraising Committee

Do you have a fundraising idea? We have a new form for you to complete and give to the Fundraising Committee. You can pick up a copy on the SCRIP table in Church. Committee members: Dawn Dingeldein, Ruthann Meiers, Nancy Peters, Lois Rohrer. Fundraising supports the Church's Special Projects Fund.



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**POLKA  
WORSHIP SERVICE,  
OCTOBER 18th**



# ASSISTING MINISTERS

December 2020	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Helper	Readers	Money Counters
December 6 9:30 am			Dave Klemp	Darrel Klemp	Phyllis Peebles
December 13 9:30 am			Patty Lorenz	Ava Lorenz	Ruthann Meiers
December 20 9:30 am			_____	_____	Glen Peebles
December 27 9:30 am			_____	Heather Goodacre	Phyllis Peebles

## Christmas Eve Assisting Ministers

<u>4:00 pm</u>	<u>Communion Helper</u>	<u>Reader</u>
???????	Darrel Klemp	Ava Lorenz

<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>Communion Helper</u>	<u>Reader</u>
	Patty Lorenz	Ava Lorenz

If you would like to help out with any of the above tasks, please call the church office (715-758-8312) and we will add your name to the list. If you are unable to be here on the date you are assigned, please find a replacement. Thank you.



November Benevolence  
went to Shawano Area  
Matthew 25 (SAM 25)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
12/02	Debbie Hoberg
12/02	Matthew Hoberg
12/02	Julie Wilber
12/03	Dylan Mueller
12/06	Steve Daniels
12/06	Christopher Pues
12/06	Jonathan Sabin
12/08	Rosie Pues
12/11	Dean Pues
12/13	Riley Allen
12/13	Nicholas Pues
12/13	Lucas Steinbach
12/17	Dawn Dingeldein
12/18	Faith Ehrle
12/20	John Mitchler
12/23	William Kuhnke Jr
12/25	Joseph Hillsberg
12/31	Jarret Hillsberg



## Pray for Amy Barrett



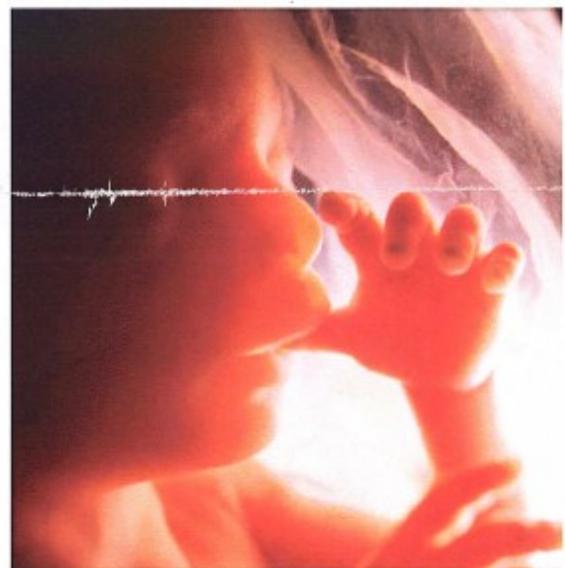
**Judge Amy Barrett with her two Haitian adopted children**

overturning Roe vs. Wade. Whether Donald Trump is elected for another four years or not, this will be a significant shift for the Supreme Court. This is what we have been giving ourselves to praying for so many years.

She has been accused of being aligned with racist philosophy. They are afraid she's going to overturn Obamacare completely. They are afraid she will overturn homosexual marriage. They have over and over again tried to trap her and make her say something that would disqualify herself. Through it all she has remained calm and refused to answer questions that would be inappropriate for her to answer because they are concerning future cases she will hear. Pray for continued strength for her and her family. Pray that she would continue to stand firm against all of this scrutiny this final week.

We have never had such an open window for the overturning of Roe vs. Wade and the returning of abortion laws to the states as we do right now! A few months ago, I (Jonathan) had to give you the disappointing news that the Supreme Court ruled against Louisiana's law to limit abortion in their state. We brought them a 5ft x 125ft scroll of over 240,897 names of Americans that want abortion to end. Unfortunately, Chief Justice John Roberts did not rule the way we hoped and prayed he would.

Now a door stands open for the church to pray like never before! Amy Barrett is likely the most Christian Supreme Court justice in the last thirty years that has had the opportunity to serve on the Supreme Court for the rest of her life. If she is confirmed to the Supreme Court the balance will shift radically in favor of



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**Jonathan & Theresa Baldwin**  
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## MINISTRY REPORT



OCTOBER 2020

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don@dsminternational.org



*Psalm 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.*



**OUR HOUSE OF HOPE NEWS:** We want to congratulate Michael and Reese Spencer on the birth of their daughter, Selah! They are excited to return to Haiti soon. Please pray for them as they adjust to parenting as well as getting all the necessary paper-work for Selah's international travel to her home in Haiti.

We continue to praise God for His provision, especially for the purchase of Our House of Hope. Some contributions for our final payment have already come to us. Will God provide? Of course He will! We just don't know how yet. Get ready for an exciting year as God touches hearts to get this Haiti ministry center paid for. God is already using it and we see His handiwork in all of this. The borders are open for travel to Haiti and we are scheduling mission teams. We welcome any of you to contact us to talk about your church's mission trip to Haiti in 2021!

**INDIA:** Slowly we are seeing our older children going back to school. The younger children remain under lockdown. We are so thankful that as of this writing none of our children or adults have contracted COVID-19! Thank you for your continued prayers!



**DON AND KATHY:** Construction has begun on our home in Virginia. This is an exciting, but scary time for us as we seek God's plan. There are a lot of decisions about the house to be made now—decisions that we will have to live with for many years to come. Please pray we make good decisions. Hey, that is a lot like life! Decisions you make today you will need to live with the rest of your lives. Let's all make good decisions today!



**VENTURE** is our newest "Venture"! It is an intern ministry based in Haiti at Our House of Hope. Do you know any young people seeking to be discipled in their faith as well as stretched in cross cultural ministry? We are still accepting applications for our first term beginning in January. Go to our ministry website to learn more.

**CONCERTS:** In recent months, many concerts have been canceled as a result of COVID-19. Fortunately the schedule is beginning to fill for the remainder of the year. Don would love to come to your church and share exciting updates on the ministry as well as lead worship. We are now scheduling for next year. Please contact Laura at [concerts@dsminternational.org](mailto:concerts@dsminternational.org) to secure a date.

**CURRENT NEEDS**

- Because of inflation, costs for food, utilities, and supplies continue to increase. Thank you to those who help us meet these needs!
- Become a sponsor to one or more of our children in India or Haiti. (See the website for details)
- Help us make our final payment toward the purchase of Our House of Hope due in September, 2021.
- Financially support one of our full time staff serving our Haiti ministry. (See our website)
- Pray we will be Spirit led as we look to the Lord for his guidance as we plan for the years and decades to come.
- Please pray for Don and our DSM leadership team as we must make very difficult decisions quite often. Pray we will have God-given wisdom.

DSM International, N6052 Bombinski Lane, White Lake, WI 54491



"Like" our Don Shire Ministries/DSM International FB page to stay well informed on ministry news and prayer requests.



Thanksgiving is the perfect time to acknowledge God's presence in our lives and thank Him for the countless blessings He gives us. As you share this Thanksgiving holiday with those around you this year, please take a few moments to thank God for His goodness. We appreciate you so much! Happy Thanksgiving Day to you and your loved ones.

Dear members of Ascension Lutheran Church,

November 2020

Have you ever given thought to why "Google" cannot be used to translate the Bible? Complex is a good word to use for the work of Bible Translation. This requires teams of talented and passionate individuals working daily through unique scenarios. Below are several real-life reasons why humans are needed for translating for clear, accurate translation, not computer programs.

A question to ask would be "What is the longest English word you can think of?" It probably can't compare with this one: *yanataycačhayalpachi.wshillacmanlātacchučhcansi*. A single grammatical word in the Wanca Quechua language of Peru, South America. It is made up of 46 letters with a root and series of suffixes. This one word roughly translates (although not grammatically correct in English) meaning: "Furthermore, I'm not sure I'll even be able to be helping you turn it completely black or not, sir."

Words that do not even exist! Languages do not always share the same words. *Mencolek* is a word from Indonesia used to describe an action of tapping someone on the opposite shoulder to get them to look in the wrong direction. In Scotland, they use the word *tartle* for a moment of hesitation before introducing someone because you cannot remember their name.

Editing is used to verify the text, that it is grammatically correct, everything makes sense and the sentences are well structured. In Nigeria, Africa, the Mbe translation team were reviewing Luke 2:7 where Jesus is lying in a manger. The word used by the team was *ókpáng* (cradle that every Mbe mother wants her newborn to be placed in). Then a translator spoke up and said their animals are fed in an old worn-out basket only used to feed animals called '*édzábrí*'. When the team read the story of Jesus' birth to individuals and church groups in surrounding Mbe villages, people listened and were visibly moved. In their minds they could picture the newborn baby lying in the animal's feeding basket, they then understood that Jesus was willing to do whatever it took to reach them.

We attended Jungle Camp in the state of Chiapas in Southern Mexico, where Tzeltal is spoken. The Tzeltal language has 26 very specific verbs for "to carry." Three options are: *lat* (carry on a plate or container), *cats* (to carry tightly gripped between two objects) and *tuch* (to carry in a vertical position). Only three of the options!

Bible translators are blessed with skills and perseverance for their work. One day the last work of the last bit of Scripture for the last language will be translated, and then everyone will be able to understand the story of God's love. Let us remember to thank God daily for giving translators the unique gifts and passions they need to participate in the task of giving people the correct meaning of God's Word in their mother tongue language.

The Linguistics Center is open to limited personnel on various days. Planning is in progress for the Annual Day of Prayer this month which will be via computer on "Zoom." Please pray for Marshall and the team as they plan the program and work with the Computer Department to prepare the day's virtual program.

Our heartful thanks to you for your partnership with your prayers and gifts of love in support of giving God's Word to the Bibleless peoples of the world.

Marshall & Vanice  
Schultz



Marshall & Vanice Schultz  
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Duncanville, TX 75116



## Via de Cristo News

Northern Light upcoming Ultreya will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Big Falls , N10685 Petersen Rd., Marion, WI 54950 on **Sunday Dec. 6th starting at 2:00 PM** with our Worship service followed by a fellowship Pot Luck Supper. The kitchen team is asking everyone to bring their own drinks or water bottle etc..

Please wear your VdC cross and nametag. We are looking forward to seeing all SonRise and Northern Light Members who are able to join our reunion.

Reminder: The annual NLVdC meeting for 2020 will be held immediately following our Worship service. We have been blessed with a full slate of candidates for the NL Council and you will be asked to vote for those you believe can best guide God's NL movement forward.

If you are not well, have a fever, have other Covid symptoms or are under quarantine, please stay home and request prayer. Masks are optional at this event; you are welcome to wear one.

### Prayers for our Congregation

The Ascension Champions of Prayer are inviting you to join us in praying for every member of our Ascension Family. Each Sunday a list the names of those you should hold up in prayer for the week will be posted in the bulletin. The power of prayer is amazing and we know we will see and feel the love of others on the day we are prayed for. If you would like to submit a special request for you , a family member or friend, please use the form below and submit it to Pastor Marcia or Kay Fuerst.



The Champions of Prayer are waiting to pray for your concerns. If you would like to share a confidential prayer request with a small group of fellow Christians who are willing and waiting to pray for your concerns, please take a moment and let us know how we can help. Please briefly list your concern, request or praise below. Your request will remain confidential, no need to even sign your name.

Place the form in with your offering or give it to Kay Fuerst.

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### Prayers for those ill, injured or hospitalized:

Kathy Paquette, Pat Zuches, Denelle Daniels, Mark Mueller, Dean Pues,  
Dave Ort, Dylan Mueller, David Doucette, Allan Berreitter, Rick Meyer  
Brittany (Klemp) Schumacher, Beck & Rosie Pues, Jim & Alice Mueller, Tim Rohrer,  
Betty Hillsberg, Bob Singler, Arnie & Carol Kloes, Terri Rapp, Jill Krohlow,  
David Nesberg, Reba Power, Jackson Kloes, Geri Anderson, Mark Stevens

### Prayers for our Military:

Jonathan Sabin—son of Pastor Sabin


**COMMUNITY  
DINNER**

Given our unusual circumstances due to the COVID virus, the Food Pantry is only allowing one participant at a time in the church to receive their distribution. Due to not having participants group together and for the health and safety of everyone we will be suspending the Community Dinner until further notice. We will notify you when we are able to once again congregate for a meal.

Thank you for understanding.



## Fall Focus Items for Oct -Dec 2020

- ♦ **Canned Veggies** (green beans, corn, peas, carrots)
- ♦ **Stuffing Mix**
- ♦ **Boxed Potatoes**
- ♦ **Canned Cream Soup**
- ♦ **Cereal**

\* *Cash donations always welcome*

Thank you for your continued support.



## Silver Society Club Virtual Cafes

Upcoming dates include:

December 11, 2020  
January 8, 2021  
February 12, 2021



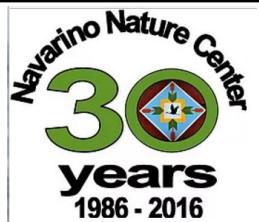
Imagine your loved one engaging in activities, having fun and participating in conversation. Virtual cafés provide an innovative form of social engagement for people living with dementia, cognitive decline or other memory loss. The event is intended to be enjoyed by those with memory loss as well as their care partner, family and friends.

The ADRC of the Wolf River Region and the Wolf River Dementia and Caregiver Network will host these free virtual cafés using Zoom on the second Friday of each month from 10:00 am - 11:30 am.

Please contact Mary Jo, Dementia Care Specialist with the ADRC of the Wolf River Region, at 715-526-4712 or [maryjo@adrcwolfriver.org](mailto:maryjo@adrcwolfriver.org) to register or ask any questions.

## The Navarino Nature Center

Below are a list of December events. You can RSVP at [navarinonc@gmail.com](mailto:navarinonc@gmail.com).



Wreath Making Thursday, December 3rd, 6pm or Saturday, December 5th, 9am.

Learn how to create a wreath using natural materials from the wildlife area. Choose from 20" or 30" wreath frame. 20" Wreath Cost \$25 members/\$30 non-members. 30" Wreath Cost is \$30 members, \$34 non-members. *Register by Tuesday, December 1.*

**Christmas Tree Sale Saturday, December 5th, Sunday, December 6th or Saturday, December 12th, 11am-3pm**

Cut your own Christmas tree. Trees are untrimmed, ranging from 8 to 20 feet. Cost is \$20 per tree. Pick out your own tree on Wildwood road, just south of Townline Road.

**Storytime @ Navarino** Wednesday, December 16th, Session 1: 10 am-11:30 am OR Session 2: 1-2:30pm OR

**Session 3: Thursday Dec 17th**, 10:30-11am. Registration is required and space is limited to 8 children per session.  
Fee: \$3 per child. Register by calling 715-758-6999 to guarantee spot. No walk-ins allowed at this time.

FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

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# DEMENTIA CAREGIVER EDUCATIONAL SERIES



**Offered by ADRC of the Wolf River Region & the Wolf River Dementia and Caregiver Network**

To Register or ask questions please contact Mary Jo/ Dementia Care Specialist at 715-526-4712 or 1-855-492-2372. You may also email Mary Jo at [maryjo@adrcwolfriver.org](mailto:maryjo@adrcwolfriver.org)

### **4-week (one hour) series topics:**

## **Week 1: Caregiver Resource**

Week 2: Dementia 101

## Week 3: Common Dementia Behaviors

## **Week 4: 300 Activities/Holiday tips**



## **Aluminum Cans for Youth**





During the holiday season please remember the youth are still collecting aluminum cans. Lakeland Recycling will only accept CLEAR bags with CLEAN DRY cans. Store bags are okay to use but remember they do not accept pet food cans. Please deposit your cans in the cage in back of church.



# New Home Devotionals

## “Our Daily Bread”

*For December, January  
& February*

Is now available on the table by the library. Large print books are also available.

There is a box for a monetary donation to contribute toward the cost of the book.



**Check out the Cup O Joy brochure on the table by the library for Christian entertainment in December.**

**Dementia 101 - Virtual Presentation**

This free presentation is regarding the basics of dementia. Individuals may attend via Zoom or over the phone. To register, please contact Mary Jo at 715-526-4712. This class will be offered on the following dates:

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| - Wednesday, October 14 (10-11 am) | Monday, October 26 (4-5 pm)    |
| - Tuesday, November 10 (10-11 am)  | Thursday, November 19 (3-4 pm) |
| - Tuesday, December 8 (5-6 pm)     | Tuesday, December 15 (6-7 pm)  |

**Dementia Caregiver Book Club**

This free book club is open to all caregivers, professionals, anyone wanting to learn and discuss dementia in a new light for the purpose of building dementia friendly communities. To register for the time that works best for you, click [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo at 715-526-4712. Click [here](#) to view the informational flyer.

**Dementia Live - A Virtual Experience**

Dementia Live is a high impact, dementia simulation experience that immerses participants into life with dementia, resulting in a deeper understanding of what it is like to live with cognitive impairment and sensory change. This is a free program and open to anyone wishing to attend via Zoom or over the phone. [Dementia Live can only be attended from a PC, smart phone or tablet that has sounds. \(not via calling in on a phone line\)](#) Attendees will need to have some items ready prior to beginning the simulation. Click [here](#) for a list of materials needed. If you have any questions, or would like to register for this presentation, contact Mary Jo at 715-526-4712. Dementia Live will be offered on the following dates and space is limited:

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| - Thursday, October 15 (1-2 pm)   | Wednesday, October 28 (11 am-12 pm) |
| - Wednesday, November 11 (3-4 pm) | Monday, November 23 (11 am-12 pm)   |
| - Wednesday, December 9 (3-4 pm)  | Thursday, December 17 (3-4 pm)      |

**Wisconsin Telephone Support Group****Presented by:****Alzheimer's Association****Wisconsin Chapter**

Mondays from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. Open to all caregivers of persons with memory impairment living in Northeast WI. This support group will be led by local Dementia Care Specialists Teresa Clement (Marinette Co), Liza Steffek (Oconto/Shawano/Menominee Co & Stockbridge-Munsee Community) and Kristin Waukau (Menominee Tribe).

To register, please call 800.272.3900.  
Once registered, you will receive dial-in instructions.

Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) to learn more about caregiver programs and resources.

**800.272.3900 | alz.org\*****Build a support system with people who understand.**

Alzheimer's Association\* telephone support groups provide emotional, educational and social support for caregivers through regularly scheduled meetings. Held via telephone to accommodate individuals who are unable to travel to a meeting site, these groups help participants develop coping methods and encourage them to maintain their personal, physical and emotional health.

Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the place,  
 Not a creature was praying, not one on their face.  
 Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care,  
 In hopes that Jesus would not come there.  
 The children were dressing to crawl into bed,  
 Not one ever kneeling or bowing a head.  
 And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap,  
 Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.  
 When out of the East there arose such a clatter,  
 I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!  
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
 But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.  
 With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray,  
 I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!  
 The light of His face made me cover my head,  
 It was Jesus returning just like He had said.  
 And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,  
 I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.  
 In the Book of Life which He held in His hand,  
 Was written the name of every saved man.  
 He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;  
 When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame.  
 The people whose names had been written with love,  
 He gathered to take to His Father above.  
 With those who were ready He rose without a sound,  
 While all the rest were left standing around.  
 I fell to my knees, but it was too late,  
 I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.  
 I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;  
 Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.  
 In the words of this poem the meaning is clear,  
 The coming of Jesus is drawing near.  
 There's only one life and when comes the last call,  
 We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

*Thank you to Dawn for forwarding this gem.*

Why go to Church? ~

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!  
 If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.  
 If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!  
 A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a  
 newspaper and complained that it made no sense to  
 go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that  
 time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons,  
 but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one  
 of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time. The  
 preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at  
 all".

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the  
 Editor' column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for  
 weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time  
 my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for  
 the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a  
 single one of those meals. But I do know this: They  
 all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed  
 to do my work. If my wife had not given me these  
 meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourish-  
 ment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to  
 something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and  
 receives the impossible!

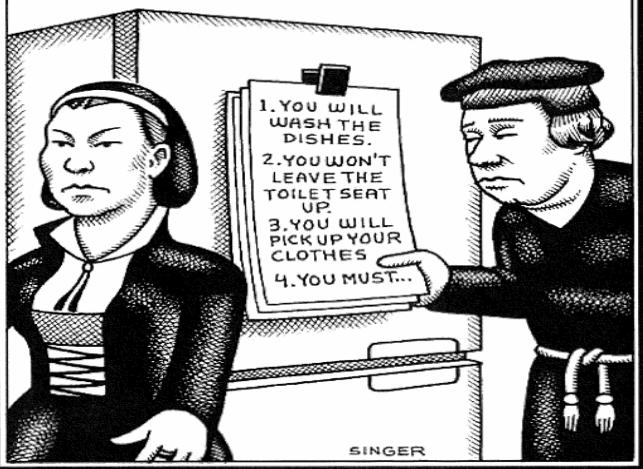
Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nour-  
 ishment!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU  
 CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

B. I. B. L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions  
 Before Leaving Earth!

*Thank you Rita for forwarding this gem.*

### LUTHER'S WIFE POSTS HER 95 THESES TO THE FRIDGE



SINGER



"... And he was born in a stable, 'cuz there was  
 no room for him in the church."

# December 2020

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	<b>1</b> 9:00 am—Bible Study	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm—Christmas Program Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:00 pm—AA/Alanon	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 8:30 am Small Group Bible Study 9:30 am Worship <i>Tree decorating after worship</i> 	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm- Bible Study	<b>8</b> 9:00 am– Loaves and Fishes Board Meeting 9:00 am—Bible Study	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm—Christmas Program Practice	<b>10</b> 1-2 pm— Drive Through Communion	<b>11</b> 8:00 pm—AA/Alanon
<b>13</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 8:30 am Small Group Bible Study 9:30 am Worship-Missionaries Phil & EJ Blohm  <i>Youth Candy Sales</i>  <i>Giving Tree and Operation Christmas Deadline</i>	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm-Bible Study	<b>15</b> 9:00 am—Bible Study	<b>16</b> 5-7 pm-L& F Distribution 6:00 pm-Council Meeting 6:30 pm-Christmas Program Practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:00 pm—AA/Alanon
<b>20</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 am Christmas Program Rehearsal 9:30 am Christmas Program  <i>Youth Candy Sales</i> 	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm-Bible Study  <i>Winter Begins</i>	<b>22</b> 9:00 am—Bible Study	<b>23</b> No Sunday School or Confirmation Class	<b>24</b>  <i>Christmas Eve SERVICE</i> 4:00 pm-Worship 7:00 pm-Worship	<b>25</b> 8:00 pm—AA/Alanon  <i>JESUS CHRIST Is Born</i> <b>26</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>
<b>27</b> <i>First Sunday after Christmas</i> 8:30 am Small Group Bible Study 9:30 am Worship-Lessons & Carols 	<b>28</b> No Bible Study	<b>29</b> No Bible Study	<b>30</b> No Sunday School or Confirmation Class	<b>31</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<b>WINTER</b> 