

The “Visitor”



“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:
(715) 758-8312
Office hours are: Tuesday after-
noons
In case of a Emergency call
Glen Peebles at (715)584-3029

Church E-Mail:
Ascensionavarino@gmail.com

Church website:
www.ascensionavarino.com

Pastor Mark Sabin
715-340-3670-Cell
Or 715-445-2097-Home

Visitation Pastor
Marcia Sabin



“Christmas Road Trip” Candlelight Service

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

**There will be no worship service in the morn-
ing on the December 24th.**

Your Church Council

Glen Peebles, President	(715) 584-3029
Lisa Wollenberg, Treasurer	(920) 525-2024
Dawn Dingeldein, Secretary	(920) 639-1183
Brad Schuelke, Vice President	(920) 659-2402
Greg Schoettler	(920) 984-3057
Jody Kuhn-Kauffman	(715) 584-1777



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

Please Note the next council meeting will be Wednesday, December 20th 6:00 pm.



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

11 Corinthians 5:17; *"If anyone is in Christ there is a new creation: everything old has past away; see, everything has become new!"* In Christ we have been changed. We grow in our faith through the Word and Sacraments and fellowship with like-minded brothers and sisters in Christ.

Every day is a new beginning for our mission to the world. We know that we are sinners in need of redeeming. What is this mission that Jesus calls us to proclaim? That He was crucified on the cross and rose again from the dead. We are called to share with the world what he has done for us. (Colossians 1:20) In Jesus the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things through the blood of His cross.

Deuteronomy 21:22-23 according to the Jewish Law, all who are hung on a tree is cursed by God. Jesus was not cursed by God, our sins were cursed. Our souls have been washed by the blood of the Lamb. The Lamb washed our souls white as snow, freshly fallen snow. His love snatched our souls from the evil one. We are cleansed by the washing of the Lamb.

This is the true meaning of Christmas. It is a Holy season which ushers in the age of grace. In Matthew's gospel the angel came to Joseph in a dream and tells him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife. She shall conceive a child by the Holy Spirit. You will name him Jesus because he will save His people from their sins. What do you think Joseph was thinking? Was Mary unfaithful to him? He was being told that he was to take Mary as his wife because she was carrying the Messiah! What should he do? He was faithful to the Jewish laws. He would have to bring her to the house of her father and she would be stoned to death. Joseph decided to dismiss her quietly because he loved her and did not want to bring shame to her fathers' household. But Joseph obeyed God words and took Mary as his wife.

In Luke's gospel the angel also came to Mary saying she will conceive a child by the Holy Spirit. The angel told Mary not to be afraid, for you have found favor with God. The angel told her you are to name him, Jesus. He will be called the Son of the Most High and the Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David.

God chose this peasant couple to be the earthly parents to the Savior of the world. What great news! We have come full circle. We begin at the cradle which leads us to the cross. This is why we sing; "Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Let earth receive her King."

May you and your families have a blessed Christmas.

Blessings, Pastors Marcia and Mark ☩

Adult Bible Study

Sunday Mornings at 8:30 am
Monday Nights at 6:30 pm
Tuesdays Mornings at 9:00 am



Ascension, Thank you for your recent donation. Your gift will directly benefit those in the Shawano area who are struggling with poverty and homelessness. The donation is helping fund SAM25 programs which include SAMs House Emergency Homeless Shelter, SAM25 Resource Center, SAM25 Thrift Store and Professional Clothes Closet, and SAM25 free Community Health Clinic. This work would not be possible without your support. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Thank you to Navid Kienast for her months of service as the Parish Administrator in 2023.

Thank you to Rita Olson for her service as the Chair of Finance Committee.



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

Operation Christmas



Every year Homme Youth & Family Programs gives us a list of needed items. We are asking that anyone wishing to donate to Homme Youth either direct ship their items to W18105 Hemlock Rd, Wittenberg WI 54499, get their money to Rita Olson or the Church office. See flyer in newsletter for items needed.

Youth Christmas Candy Sales

The Youth will be selling Christmas candy after worship services on December 10th and 17th. 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 or you can contact Patty at 920-519-1133 to

Sunday School Christmas Program

Our Christmas program will be at 9:30am on **Sunday the 17th**.
*Parents, note that Christmas practices for the Wednesday Group are Dec. 6th and 13th at 6:30pm and for the Sunday Group are Dec. 3rd and 10th at 8:30am. There will also be practice on Sunday Dec. 17th at 8:00 am. prior to the program for ALL.

Tree Trimming



The Youth will be trimming the Christmas tree in Church after worship on Sunday, December 3rd.

Everyone is welcome to help trim

Please consider purchasing a Poinsettia in memory of a loved one for the Altar.

They are \$20.00 each and can be picked up after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve service.

The Sign-up sheet is on the table in back of church. Payment can be included with your offering or sent to the church office.



Poinsettia Sign-Up



Lefse Sale

In honor of Ascension's 150th Anniversary
we will be making Lefse in January.

We are doing **preorders only** for our Lefse sale. If you would like to purchase lefse, please sign up at church or call the church office at 715-758-8312 and leave a message. Deadline to order is January 1st. Pickup will be available on Sunday, January 21st. It is important to have lefse available for those outside of our church so we are limiting orders to 2 pounds per family. Cost is \$10.00 per pound.

Sunday school
2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at
8:30am
See Rita Olson for information

Christmas/New Year's Break

There will be no Confirmation or Sunday School on Wednesdays, December 20th and December 27th or Sunday, December 24th. We will resume our Youth Ministry on January 3rd, 2024 at the regular time.



Home Devotionals: "Our Daily Bread"

For December, January, February

Are 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.

Annual Meeting Notice

The Ascension Lutheran Church annual meeting will be held immediately after worship on **Sunday, January 15th.**

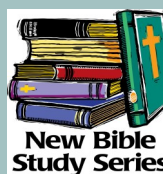
There will be a potluck meal in conjunction with the meeting. Please bring a dish to pass.



Our December benevolence will go to
Institute Lutheran Theology and
NACL Seminary

The Finance Committee is looking for additional members

The Finance Committee meets quarterly to review upcoming CDs that are maturing, current financial status and set the budget for the upcoming year. If you are interested, please contact Glen Peebles, Brad Schuelke or Lisa Wollenberg



Adult Bible Study

Sunday Mornings at 8:30 am
No study on 12/17, 12/24 & 12/31

Monday Nights at 6:30 pm
No study on 12/18 & 12/25

Tuesday Mornings at 9:00 am
No study on 12/19 & 12/26

Dartball

Mondays at 7:30 pm (New players welcome)

Dec 04- BYE Week

Dec 11- NO Dartball—Monday Night Packer Game

Dec 18- @Black Creek U.C.C

** See full schedule towards the back of the Visitor **

****See Darrel Klemp if interested in playing all or some weeks. All are Welcome!**

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

Online Worship Services

Even as Ascension offers in-person worship services, the weekly services are also broadcast live through Facebook Live and then published to Ascension's Facebook page for later viewing.

****GOOD NEWS****

YOU DO NOT NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO VIEW THE LIVE STREAM SERVICES ON THE CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE. Ascension's Facebook page is public, so anyone with internet or Wi-Fi capabilities may view it. You may use the link below:

Ascension's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Ascension-Lutheran-Church-198318243549092/>

Or you may do a Google search for "Ascension Lutheran Church Facebook" and scroll until you find the one that reads, "Ascension Lutheran Church, Shiocton, WI".

facebook
LIVE

Please feel free to check out the church website and YouTube channels below for previously recorded services. Additional services will be uploaded when possible.

Ascension's website for services online: <http://www.ascensionavarino.com/sermons.html>
Ascension's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC25u1Tcf2khrYgO70BrDILg>

The services are also audio-recorded onto CD's when possible and delivered to the homes of those without internet who are unable to attend worship.



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 Tenth month of 2023.

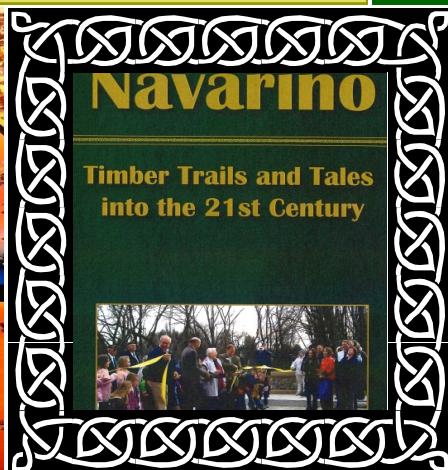
YTD Income received: \$66,615.13
YTD Expenses paid out: \$63,343.92
YTD we are \$3,271.21 in the black income vs. expenses.



Church Offering



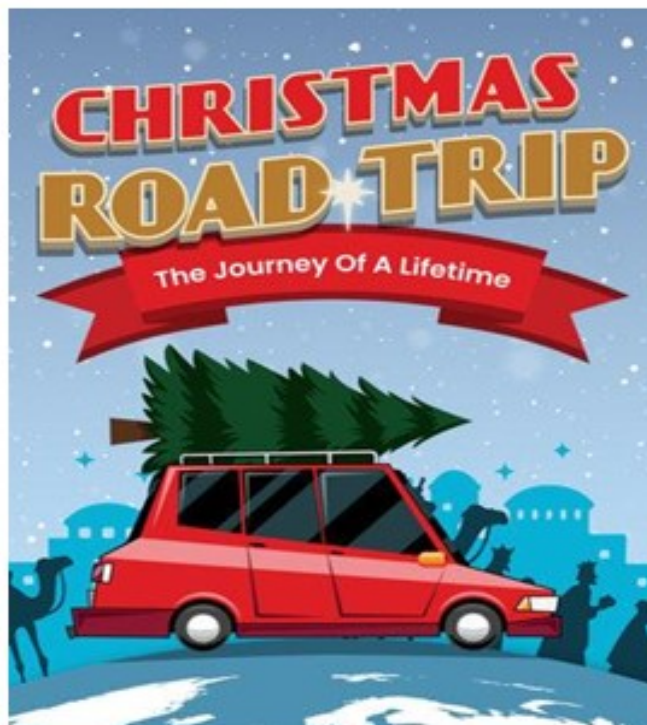
Did you know you can have your weekly offering sent to the church through your bank? If you bank online all you need to do is go to your online bank account. In the bill pay section click on add a company or person and type in the name and address of Ascension. Once we are added as an account you can set up auto pay and automatically have your bank send us a check on a regular basis.



The Navarino Timber Trails and Tales book has been updated. We have copies available for sale in the church office for \$20.00 each.



2023 ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023
DURING THE 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

REHEARSALS:

Wednesday Group: Wednesdays, Nov. 29, Dec 6, 13 at 6:30 pm

Sunday Group: Sundays, December 3, 10 at 8:30 am

Both Groups: Sunday, December 17th at 8:00 am for dress rehearsal

After the program, please
gather in the fellowship hall for



(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.)



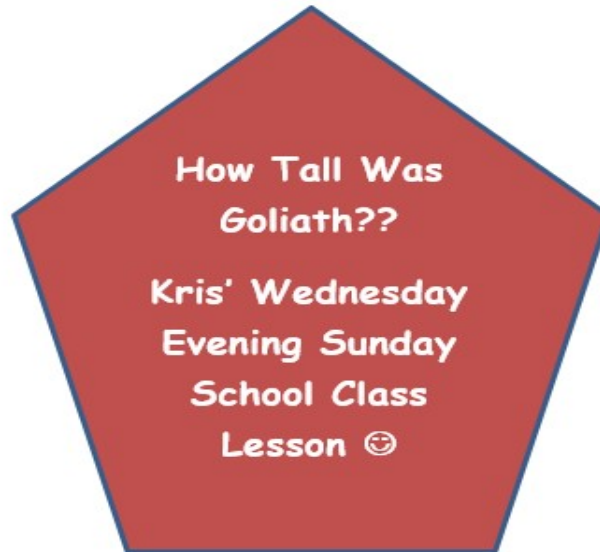
10-29-2023

Cheryl's Homemade
Fried Chicken Dinner &
Polka Service Pictures!



Some Pictures from the 2023
Hunter/Thanksgiving Worship Service Slide
Show. Great job, all!





MEN'S UNITED DARTBALL 2023-2024

NOTE: Start time 7:30 p.m.
Also, maximum of 11 innings per game Win/Lose/Tie
Host time will NOT provide food or drink.

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Oct. 23	Oneida United Methodist @ Seymour Lutheran Seymour United Methodist @ Navarino Lutheran Black Creek Lutheran @ Cicero Lutheran Black Creek U. C. C. - BYE
Oct. 30	Cicero Lutheran @ Seymour United Methodist Navarino Lutheran @ Oneida United Methodist Black Creek Lutheran @ Black Creek U. C. C. Seymour Lutheran - BYE
Nov. 6	Seymour Lutheran @ Black Creek U. C. C. Oneida United Methodist @ Black Creek Lutheran Cicero Lutheran @ Navarino Lutheran Seymour United Methodist - BYE
Nov. 13	Seymour United Methodist @ Seymour Lutheran Navarino Lutheran @ Black Creek Lutheran Black Creek U. C. C. @ Oneida United Methodist Cicero Lutheran - BYE
Nov. 20	DEER HUNTING & THANKSGIVING
Nov. 27	Black Creek U. C. C. @ Cicero Lutheran Oneida United Methodist @ Seymour United Methodist Seymour Lutheran @ Navarino Lutheran Black Creek Lutheran - BYE
Dec. 4	Cicero Lutheran @ Oneida United Methodist Black Creek U. C. C. @ Seymour United Methodist Seymour Lutheran @ Black Creek Lutheran Navarino Lutheran - BYE
Dec. 11	PACKERS - MONDAY NIGHT
Dec. 18	Cicero Lutheran @ Seymour Lutheran Seymour United Methodist @ Black Creek Lutheran Navarino Lutheran @ Black Creek U. C. C. Oneida United Methodist - BYE

Jan. 8	Seymour Lutheran @ Oneida United Methodist Navarino Lutheran @ Seymour United Methodist Cicero Lutheran @ Black Creek Lutheran Black Creek U. C. C. - BYE
Jan. 15	Seymour United Methodist @ Cicero Lutheran Oneida United Methodist @ Navarino Lutheran Black Creek U. C. C. @ Black Creek Lutheran Seymour Lutheran - BYE
Jan. 22	Black Creek U. C. C. @ Seymour Lutheran Black Creek Lutheran @ Oneida United Methodist Navarino Lutheran @ Cicero Lutheran Seymour United Methodist - BYE
Jan. 29	Seymour Lutheran @ Seymour United Methodist Black Creek Lutheran @ Navarino Lutheran Oneida United Methodist @ Black Creek U. C. C. Cicero Lutheran - BYE
Feb. 5	Cicero Lutheran @ Black Creek U. C. C. Seymour United Methodist @ Oneida United Methodist Navarino Lutheran @ Seymour Lutheran Black Creek Lutheran - BYE
Feb. 12	Oneida United Methodist @ Cicero Lutheran Seymour United Methodist @ Black Creek U. C. C. Black Creek Lutheran @ Seymour Lutheran Navarino Lutheran - BYE
Feb. 19	Seymour Lutheran @ Cicero Lutheran Black Creek Lutheran @ Seymour United Methodist Black Creek U. C. C. @ Navarino Lutheran Oneida United Methodist - BYE
Feb. 26	Make up game
March 4	Captains' meeting
March 11	PLAYOFFS (7 at 2) (6 at 3) (5 at 4) 1 - BYE
March 18	PLAYOFFS
March 25	PLAYOFFS/ CHAMPIONSHIP
April 1	BANQUET - DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Ascension's 150th Anniversary

Planning is well underway for our year-long 150th anniversary celebration in 2024!!

We will kick off the New Year with a traditional Norwegian activity of making lefse. We will be taking preorders only so an order sheet will be out sometime in November. We also have a sign-up sheet so people can help us make lefse in January.

Throughout the year we will have information in the newsletter about our history and also old articles on our bulletins boards. We also want to highlight the many benevolences we support by featuring them during the worship service on a monthly basis. We plan on having the youth and any adult members sing for shut-ins sometime in the Spring of the year so watch the announcements for that. In October during the Polka service we want to hold a reunion Sunday and invite all past and present members to attend. Since our church was officially organized on November 26, 1874 we plan to hold a special worship service on November 3rd and invite back all our past pastors. There will also be a dinner after the service with historical pictures to view. We also plan to have a memento of our 150th anniversary available for purchase. This is just an overview of the plans with more details to follow as we get closer to 2024.

1874 Ascension Anniversary Calendar of Events 2024

January 20 – Lefse making and sale. There is a sign-up sheet for orders and one if you wish to learn how to make lefse and help.

February – A mementos will be available for purchase.

April – Sing to the shut-in. Young and old in heart are welcome to come and sing. More info when we are closer to the date.

September—Will have a Remembrance Sunday where we will show videos of past years after the worship service.

October – Will be having a Polka service and a reunion Sunday. Will be inviting past & present members with a fellowship after service.

November – **November 26**, 1874 our church was officially organized. We will have a special worship service on November 3, 2024. We are inviting past pastors to join us. A chicken dinner will be served after the service to celebrate 150 years.

Other projects that will be happening during the year:

We have asked all the Benevolences we support through-out the year to come and tell us how our financial support benefits them.

In the visitor we be putting some in some “Way Back When” articles every month.

The bulletin boards will be changed every month with different pictures and articles from the past.

We are checking into putting articles in the local papers

Watch “The Visitor” for further updates.

The Committee

Bonnie, Kris, Denelle, Jean, Everett, Glen and Phyllis

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NAVARINO

**Council Meeting Minutes
Monday November 15th, 2023**

Present: Dawn Dingeldein, Brad Schuelke, Glen Peebles, Lisa Wollenberg, Pastor Mark Sabin, Jody Kauffman, Greg Schoettler, Pastor Marcia Sabin. President Glen Peebles brought the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Prayer and devotion: by Pastor Mark Sabin.

Approval of minutes: 1st by Brad and 2nd by Lisa. Voice vote passed.

Pastors Report: Three home visits with holy communion. One member phone visits. Four Tuesday morning bible studies sessions. Three confirmation sessions. Preparation of confirmation and bible study curriculum.

Treasurer's/Finance Report:

Income for October \$7,385.29

Expenses for October \$4,563.20

YTD we are \$3,271.21 in the black for income vs expenses.

Project fund for Oct: Loud offering \$79.77, Script card sales \$2,245.00, Kwik trip rebate \$4.98, Misc. donation \$80.00, Chicken dinner fundraiser \$1,618.00, Fellowship \$50.00, CD interest \$25.97. Thrivent choice \$135.00. Eggs \$90.00, Misc. donation \$80.00 Total income for month: \$4,328.72. Total available. \$63,748.62. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Brad, 2nd Jody. Voice vote passed.

Reoccurring Accumulative totals for special project June 2018

Amazon Smile rebate: \$420.93

Kwik Trip Rebate: \$526.63

Loud offering \$8,848.50

Thrivent choice: \$9,713.00

Candy Bars: \$3,676.20

CD interest: \$1,547.12

New Business:

150th Anniversary committee: Next meeting December 5th.

Office Administration position: Position has been accepted. Training will occur in December and start of position will happen in January.

Worship: Christmas Eve services 4:00pm and 7:00pm. No Sunday service on Christmas Eve. Christmas program is Sunday 12/17.

Finance: Committee met to discuss 2024 budget.

Youth: Tree decorating will happen Sunday 12/3 after service.

Fundraising: Thank you to all who volunteered and brought in desserts for the chicken dinner. Save the date for the fish fry to be on Friday March 15th.

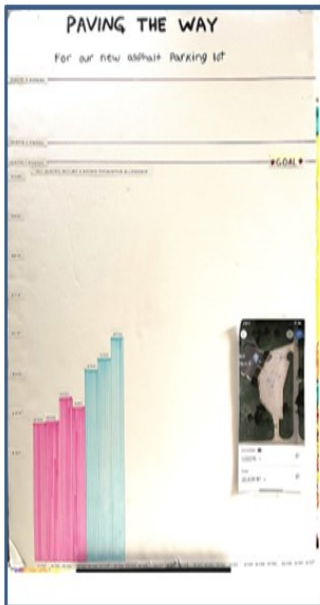
Food pantry will be held a week earlier in December. (2nd week of December)

Next meeting: Wed December 20th. 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 6:20 pm Motion to adjourn: Brad, Lisa 2nd.

Respectfully Submitted by: Dawn Dingeldein, Secretary

Fundraising Corner



Watch the Fundraising Progress on the new Poster in the Fellowship Hall for our New Asphalt Parking Lot!



Save the date
For the 4th Annual Fish Fry!
Friday March 15th.

VandeWalle's

There are VandeWalle's candy bars on the table by the library for sale.

They are a \$1.25 each. Please put your money in the envelope in the box.

If you want to sell at your place of employment or another business, please see Toni Klemp. All profits

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, Lois Rohrer. Fundraising supports the Church's Special Projects Fund.



ShopWithScrip®

Powered by Great Lakes Scrip Center

With Christmas on the way, Scrip Cards can be a great stocking stuffer! Please fill out a sheet or let Carrie Daoust know what special cards you'd like ordered by November 12th. There are sheets in the back of the church with the cards Available.

Shell cards are our most profitable at 10% profit. Woodman's & Fleet Farm, 5% and Kwik Trip 5-10%. There are now \$25 Grocery Cards available for purchase for which we received 15% rebate.

All proceeds go to the Special Projects Fund

Thank you for supporting this program. You are making a difference!

If you would like to purchase cards during the week please call or text Lisa Wollenberg at 920-676-6922 to arrange a time to

Looking for Thrivent Members

Any Thrivent member is eligible to apply for two \$250 Thrivent action cards per year 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.

ASSISTING MINISTERS

December 2023	Ush-ers	Greeters	Communion Helper	Readers	Money Counters
December 3 9:30 am			Marcia Sabin	Darrel Klemp	Ruthann Meiers
December 10 9:30 am			Carrie Daoust	Ava Lorenz	Glen Peebles
December 17 9:30 am			Patty Lorenz	Toni Klemp	Phyllis Peebles
December 24-- 4pm December 24--7pm			Carrie Daoust Marcia Sabin	Denelle Daniels Darrel Klemp	Rita Olson
December 31 9:30am			Dave Rohrer	Ava Lorenz	Ruthann Meiers

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.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary

DATE NAME

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
12/16	Amy Krueger
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



Via de Cristo News

Northern Light Via de Cristo:

- Spring 2024 weekend will be March 7-10, 2024 at Forest spring camp, Westboro, WI

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 Mark or Marcia.



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 Pastor Mark or Marcia.



Prayers for those ill, injured or hospitalized:

Russ Wilkinson, Alice Mueller, Janice Waush, Dave & Sally Richter, Linda Ogi,
Pat Zuiches, Mark Mueller, Dave Ort, Dylan Mueller, David Doucette,
Allan Berreitter, Beck & Rosie Pues,
Bob Singler, Arnie Kloes, Reba Power, Tim Rohrer, Jackson Kloes, Geri Anderson,
Mark Stevens

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 month.

2023 OPERATION CHRISTMAS LIST

HOMME YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS W18105 Hemlock Rd
Stephana Andres stephana.andres@lsswis.org Wittenberg, WI 54499
715/253-2116 ext. 220 Preferred Delivery by 12/15

Population: Boys ages 10 thru 18

Athletic Shoes sizes: 8-13mens

New Clothing sizes: M through XL men's

Remote Control Cars

Board Games

Rubik's Cubes

Snow Gloves

Snow boots sizes 8-13 mens

Slippers

Dollar general gift cards

Sweatshirts

Subway gift cards

Art Supplies

Teenage/Adult Coloring Bks

Fishing Gear

McDonald's gift cards

Word Find/Crosswords

Taco John's

Watches

Car Air Fresheners (for rooms)

Wallets

DVD – G or PG movies

Mens necklaces

Hygiene

Snow boots mens 8-13

winter gloves

Snow pants m- xxl mens

Children's & young adult books (*age appropriate*)

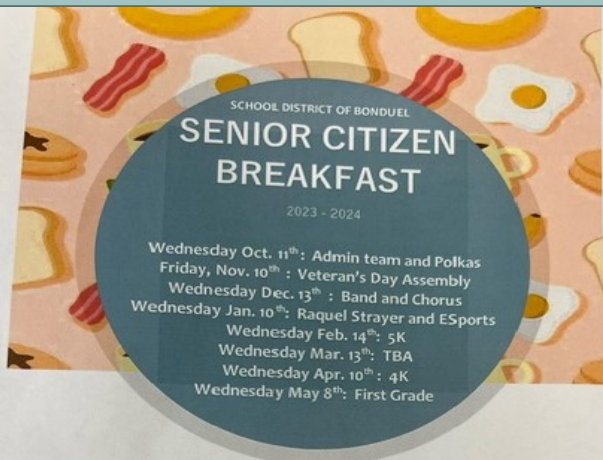
Handheld game with built in games (normally 250 games built in)

Water bottles no metal one plastic only

Gift Bags are welcome; please leave gifts unwrapped.

*** No Bathrobes, Food or Glass items, please.**

Thank you Stephana



COME JOIN US!

The Senior Citizen Breakfast will be held the second Wednesday of the month with school district Superintendent Joe Dawidziak. Starting from 8:30-9:00 a.m., coffee will be served along with an informal Q and A. Breakfast will be cooked and served by students at 9:00 a.m. At 9:15 a.m., Bonduel students will be performing for our senior citizens. Above you will find the dates of the breakfast for the 2023 - 2024 school year. We hope to see you there!

R.S.V.P.
Amber Laude
715-758-4850 ext. 820
laudeamb@bonduel.k12.wi.us

\$3.00 PER PERSON

HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

Early-Stage Dementia Support Group - Shawano Area -

This support group is designed for those in the early stages of dementia. Individuals can connect with others going through similar situations.



The Early Stage Support Group meets at the Shawano Library (128 South Sawyer Street) the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. This support group is led by Mary Jo Rueleau (Dementia Care Specialist/ADRC). If you are unable to attend in-person, please contact us for a link to attend the support group virtually or by phone.

Questions? Contact:
Mary Jo with the ADRC at 715-526-4712 or
maryjo@adrcwolfriver.org



Focus Items for December 2023

Jello & Pudding

Stock The Pantry Shelves - help us stock the shelves with items that help provide for families in need in our communities.

Red & Orange Jello
Chocolate & Vanilla Pudding
Regular or Sugar-free

Remember... it never needs to be a brand name!

January will be Saltine Crackers



ADRC of the Wolf River Region Caregiver Support Group

Our caregiver support group provides a way to share stories, get tips and strategies from other caregivers, and discover that you are not alone in your caregiving journey.



The Caregiver Support Groups meets at the ADRC office in Shawano (W7327 Anderson Ave) and Oconto Falls (229 Van Buren St) the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. A joint meeting with the two locations will be held via Zoom.

Questions? Contact:
Mary Jo at 715-526-4712
Johanna at 715-526-4708





Shooting Plead Their Case Short Film

Since Roe was overturned last year, all 50 states now have to decide whether they will align themselves with how God sees life in the womb. We have written a song to bring God's heart to the nation, Plead Their Case.

Lately, I have been describing what we are doing as a short film because it helps people grasp the scope of what we are doing a little better. We have entire film crew ready to capture our scenes: a court scene, a woman distressed finding out that she is pregnant, and a judge struggling with his decision how to rule in favor of life or not.

This final video will show the power of prayer to turn abortion! God has done incredible things over the past month! Many have given and a few have offered to donate food and their time. However, we still need \$4,600 by November 10th. Would you consider partnering with us mobilizing the church to cry out NOW in this final push state by state? Let's fight together agreeing with Jesus, "on earth as it is in heaven", Let there be no abortion!

\$11,500.00

\$8,625.00

\$5,750.00

\$2,875.00

\$0.00



We are halfway to covering the upcoming costs for our music video! Thank you for those who gave!! It's not too late to give if you want to be a part of this with us!

Second Anna Club Nursing Home Ministry

A year ago, a nursing home director reached out to me, "Can you start an Anna Club in my nursing home?" It felt like a Macedonian Call (Acts 16:9). My heart leapt at the possibility but at the time no one on my team was willing to take on an additional commitment.

My heart was broken. As I was praying I suddenly understood Jesus exhortation to His disciples, "the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." My heart was ready to leap but I had no one to help. I had done everything possible. IHOPKC had opened many doors to me to share: I pulled people aside, cast the vision over and over etc etc, but still there was no one to help. I realized there really was only one thing left to do: "Therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers." I began to cry out to God, "Jesus, please stir hearts for the elderly! And please stir hearts to help me fight abortion." (I was in the throws of recruiting actors for my short film at the same time.)

Sure enough after several weeks of prayer, God began to stir hearts both to act in my music video and for the nursing home! A staff member of IHOPKC approached me saying, "God has told me to make the ministry of Anna Club the priority of my schedule above anything else." Wow!! God did it! I thought to myself, "It is so much better when God brings me leaders than me recruiting."

So, two months ago, we began our second Anna Club at Luthern nursing home in Kansas! It is so incredible being in an atmosphere where most of the staff are believers and want us to preach the Gospel!

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Sloppy Joes

2 LBS GROUND BEEF
 1/2 CUP ONION, DICED
 1/2 CUP GREEN PEPPER, DICED
 1 TSP GARLIC POWDER

2 TSP YELLOW MUSTARD
 1 1/2 CUP KETCHUP
 2 TBSP BROWN SUGAR
 SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE



In a skillet over medium heat, brown the ground beef, onion and green pepper; drain off liquids.

Stir in the garlic powder, mustard, ketchup and brown sugar; Mix thoroughly.
 Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

A Christmas Story

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AIR RIFLE
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 LINE
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 MISS SHIELDS
 OH FUDGE
 ORPHAN ANNIE
 OVALTINE
 PARADE
 POLE

RADIO
 RALPHIE
 RANDY
 RED RYDER
 SANTA
 SHOOT YOUR EYE OUT
 SLIDE
 SNOW
 SOAP
 TONGUE
 TURKEY

December 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Christmas Cards



3 First Sunday of Advent

8:30am- Small Bible Study
8:30am- Xmas Prog Practice
9:30am- Worship
Decorate Tree after Worship



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6:30pm- Bible study
7:30pm- Men's Dartball- BYE

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9:00am- Bible study
6:00pm- 150th Anniversary Committee Mtg.

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6:30pm- Christmas Program Practice

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Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am- Small Bible Study
8:30am- Xmas Prog Practice
9:30am- Worship
Candy Sale after Worship

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6:30pm- Bible study
No Men's Dartball

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9:00am- Bible study

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4-6pm Loaves & Fishes food pantry
6:30pm- Christmas Program Practice

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9-11am Loaves & Fishes food Pantry
11am-4pm Zuiches Family Xmas

17 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am- Dress Rehearsal
No Bible study
9:30am- Christmas Program
Candy Sale after Worship

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7:30pm- Men's Dartball @ Black Creek U.C.C

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No Bible study

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6:00pm- Council Mtg.
No Sunday School or Confirmation

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Winter

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

No Bible study
4pm Christmas Eve Service
7pm Christmas Eve Service

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No Men's Dartball



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No Bible study

27

No Sunday School or Confirmation

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31 New Years Eve

9:30am- Worship (Lessons and Carols)
Birthday Sunday

