

Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino

“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

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Summer Office Hours:
Tuesday 9 am - 1 pm

In case of an Emergency call
Glen Peebles at (715) 584-3029

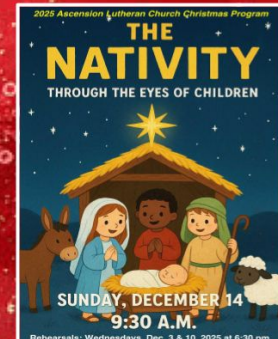
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715-340-3670-Cell
Or 715-445-2097-Home

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715-340-5951-Cell

2025 December Events at Ascension Lutheran Church



Your Church Council

Carmen Wetzel, President	(715) 853-7101
Lisa Wollenberg, Treasurer	(920) 525-2024
Cathy Thomas, Secretary	(920) 858-3835
Brad Schuelke, Vice President	(920) 659-2402
Jacob Hartlaben	(715) 851-1904
Mike Homan	(715) 853-2996



The council usually meets the third Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to attend.

**The next council meeting will be
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm.**

Message from the Pastor ~ Learning Opportunities



THE MESSIAH 2025

“The angels came to the shepherd’s hill, there proclaiming God’s Good Will; to all this day is born a child, the Son of God. Salvation comes in his holy birth; Good News will spread in all the earth. But tonight is still on the shepherd’s hill as the angels sing their song.

The Messiah is born this night. The Messiah is born this night. The promise is fulfilled; the time is right. The Messiah is born this night!

So, they journey far to Bethlehem, there the Christ child greeted them; a manger stall, surroundings bare; the cold crisp air. The Son of God laid so quietly; the hope of all humanity. As the shepherds looked at the baby child, they recalled the angel’s song.

The Messiah is born this night; the Messiah is born this night. The promise is fulfilled; the time is right; the Messiah is born his night!

Just as the prophets had been foretold; now the Christ child’s birth behold; the Prince of Peace, Almighty God, the Word made flesh. The newborn King full of truth and grace; this day we meet him face to face. Hear the angel’s raise their unending praise;

The Messiah is born this night; the Messiah is born his night now they sing to all world. The promise is fulfilled, the time is right, the Messiah is born this night.”

The shepherd’s account is found in Luke’s Gospel. The shepherds represent more to the lowly estate of Jews and Gentiles and the Gospel of Matthew is written more for educated Jews and Gentiles. Both accounts tell us that the Good News of salvation is made known to all people.

Christmas is much more than a holiday; it is a holy season in which God declares that our Messiah is born. Christmas and Easter are holy because of what they mean.

Christmas is the fulfillment of God’s Son coming to humanity in the form of a man. God’s work brings us to Jesus’ passion where he is crucified and rose on the third day. We celebrate Easter as Jesus has conquered death and he makes a pathway for us to receive the kingdom.

Without Christmas there would be no Easter.

Have a blessed Christmas and remember to invite Jesus into your celebrations.

Blessings, Pastors Marcia and Mark 

Learning Opportunities at Ascension

Adult Bible Study

Sunday Mornings at 8:30 am
Monday Evenings at 6:30 pm
Tuesday Mornings at 9:00 am



Confirmation & Children’s Sunday School

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 pm

Come join us! All are welcome.

Assisting Ministers – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Assisting Ministers

December 2025 <i>(9:30 services)</i>	Communion Server	Reader	Money Counter
December 7	Patty Lorenz	Darrel Klemp	Ruthann Meiers
December 14	<i>Christmas Program</i>	<i>Christmas Program</i>	Glen Peebles
December 21	Linda Bubolz	Chris Schley	Phyllis Peebles
December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm	Pastor Marcia	Denelle Daniels	XX
December 28	<i>Lessons & Carols</i>	<i>Lessons & Carols</i>	Rita Olson

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.



12/02	Julie Wilber	12/13	Riley Allen
12/02	Debbie Hoberg	12/13	Marlene Westgor
12/02	Matthew Hoberg	12/16	Amy Krueger
12/03	Dylan Mueller	12/17	Dawn Dingeldein
12/06	Steve Daniels	12/18	Faith Ehrle
12/06	Christopher Pues	12/18	Dawson Stedjee
12/06	Jonathan Sabin	12/20	John Mitchler
12/08	Rosie Pues	12/23	William Kuhnke Jr
12/11	Dean Pues	12/25	Joseph Hillsberg
12/13	Nicholas Pues	12/25	Dan Bubolz
12/13	Lucas Steinbach	12/31	Jarrett Hillsberg

Upcoming Events ~ Financials ~ Miscellaneous



- **December 3, 2025** - Christmas Program rehearsal @ 6:30
- **December 7, 2025** - Tree decorating after worship
- **December 7 & 14** - Candy Sale after worship
- **December 10, 2025** - Christmas Program rehearsal @ 6:30
- **December 14, 2025** - Christmas Program during worship @ 9:30 am
- **December 25, 2025** - Christmas Eve Service @ 4:00 pm
- **December 28, 2025** - Lessons & Carols Worship Service @ 9:30 am
- **January 18, 2026** - Annual Meeting after worship
- **January 31, 2026** - Pizza Making & Annual Pizza Sale



Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Focus Item for December 2025:
Jello & Pudding Mixes

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

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

Ascension Budget



Council would like the membership to be aware of our financial status on a month to month basis.

YTD Income received: \$64,770.00
(\$4,325.46 below budgeted income)

Expenses paid out: \$71,403.46

Expenses Exceeding Income: \$ 6,633.46

Sunday Fellowship

Everyone is welcome to stay for food and fellowship after worship every Sunday. A free will donation is accepted.

- December 7** - Pizza
- December 14** - Hot Dogs
- December 21** - Ham Spread & Egg Salad Sandwiches
- December 28** - Birthday Cake and Ice Cream



Christmas Program Flyer

2025 Ascension Lutheran Church Christmas Program

THE NATIVITY

THROUGH THE EYES OF CHILDREN



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
9:30 A.M.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, Dec. 3 & 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Fundraising & Scrip Information



Presents with purpose: A percentage of each gift card purchased goes directly to our organization. The gift card is worth face value, just like your thoughtfulness.

Ways to spread more cheer: Whether you give the gift cards as presents or use them to buy gifts, your order immediately raises funds for our organization.

Share the giftspiration: Find gifts for everyone on your list. And your sister's list. And your neighbor's list. The more, the truly merrier.



There are VandeWalle's candy bars on the table by the library for sale. The candy bars are now \$1.50 each. Please put your money in the envelope in the box.

If you'd like to sell a box at your place of employment or another business, please see Toni Klemp. All profits will go to the Special Projects Fund.

HOMME HOME

Every year Homme Youth & Family Programs gives us a list of needed items. We are asking that anyone wishing to donate to Homme Youth give their money to Rita Olson or the Church Office by December 7. Rita will purchase the items via Amazon and direct ship to them. Contact Rita Olson (920 572-0583) with questions. A Thrivent Action Card will be requested for this event.

Looking for Thrivent Members

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

Fundraising Committee

Do you have a fundraising idea? We have a form for you to complete and give to the Fundraising Committee. You can pick up a copy on the back table in Church.

Committee members: Dawn Dingeldein, Ruthann Meiers, Lois Rohrer. Fundraising supports the Church's Special Projects Fund.



Our December
Benevolence
will go to: ILT &
NALC Seminary



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LUTHERAN
SEMINARY

Dartball Schedule ~ VDC ~ Prayer List ~ Online Worship Service Info

Ascension's Dartball Schedule 2025-2026

Start Time 7:30 pm



Oct. 20 - Ascension BYE
Oct. 27 - Black Creek U.C.C @ Ascension
Nov. 3 - Ascension @ Seymour Methodist
Nov. 10 - No Dartball

Nov. 17 - Oneida Methodist @ Ascension

Nov. 24 - Deer Hunting & Thanksgiving

Dec. 1 - Ascension @ Cicero Lutheran

Dec. 8 - Black Creek Lutheran @ Ascension

Dec. 15 - Ascension @ Seymour Lutheran

Dec. 22 - Make-up Game

Jan. 5 - Ascension BYE

Jan. 12 - Ascension @ Black Creek U.C.C.

Jan. 19 - Seymour Methodist @ Ascension

Jan. 26 - Ascension @ Oneida Methodist

Feb. 2 - Cicero Lutheran @ Ascension

Feb. 9 - Ascension @ Black Creek Lutheran

Feb. 16 - Seymour Lutheran @ Ascension

Feb. 23 - Make up game

Mar. 2 - Captain's Meeting

Mar. 9 - PLAYOFFS

Mar. 16 - PLAYOFFS

Mar. 23 - PLAYOFFS/CHAMPIONSHIP

Apr. 6 - BANQUET



Prayers for those ill, injured or hospitalized:

- Alice Mueller
- Dave & Sally Richter
- Pat Zuiches
- Arnie Kloes
- Russell Kloes
- Beck & Rosie Pues
- Carl Schoettler
- Dave Rohrer
- Jen Erb



Via de Cristo News

Watch the upcoming Visitors for information about Spring Via de Cristo weekends.

For more information contact Denelle Daniels, Darrel or Toni Klemp.

Online Worship Services

Ascension's website for online services: <https://www.facebook.com/AscensionNavarino>

OR you can find a link to our online services on our website:

<https://www.ascensionavarino.com>

If you are worshipping at home and would like to follow along with a bulletin, you will find both the Bulletin and Announcement sheet on our website also.

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.

If you have something you would like to be included in the "Visitor", please have the information to the church office by the third Sunday of the month. Thank you!

2025 December Events at Ascension Lutheran Church

CHRISTMAS CANDY SALE

★ December 7
and
★ December 14

Prices are \$9 a pound or
\$5 for $\frac{1}{2}$ pound.

All proceeds will go towards
our Special Projects Fund.

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Ascension Lutheran Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship Service
with Communion and
Candlelight

December 24, 2025
at 4:00 pm

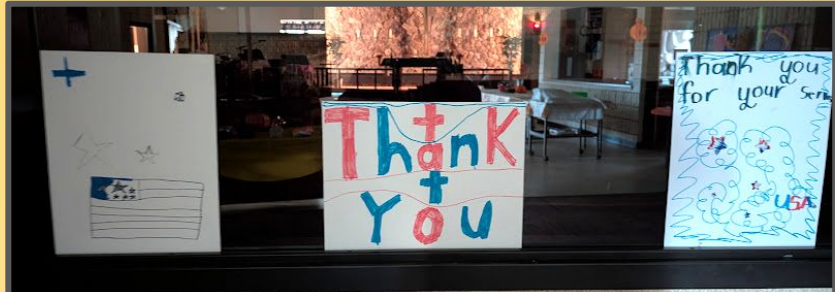
A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS



AT
ASCENSION
LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 28, 2025
AT 9:30 AM

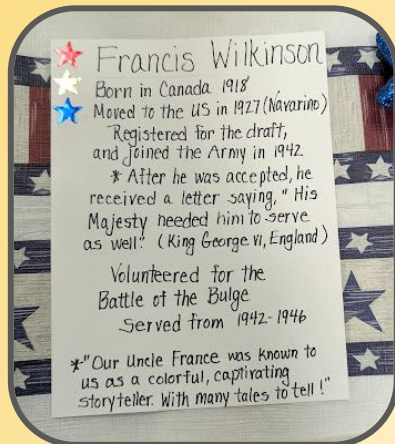
Honoring Veterans ~ Wednesday Evening Church School Pictures



The Wednesday evening group of students made cards and posters for our Veterans. Ascension honored the Veterans on November 9, 2025.

Below left to right: Everly Homan, Brooklyn Olson and Emily Bushie, the craft the students made that went along with the King Jehoshaphat story, and Tori lost her tooth just before class.

Honoring Veterans – November 9, 2025 ~ Display of Military Items



Ascension honored our Veterans on November 9, 2025. Several brought memorabilia to display.



Ascension's Veterans were honored on November 9, 2025 ~ Newest Member of Ascension



Ascensions' Veterans:
Phil Daoust (Navy 64-68),
Russell Wilkinson (Army
(68-70), Brad Schuelke (Army
90-93), Pastor Mark's father
and both grand- fathers
served in the military, Tom
Wilkinson (Army 59-66). Not
pictured: Bob Westgor (Army
66-68, died in 2006)

Bottom: our newest member,
Rebecca Jean Duhm, daughter
of Joshua Duhm and Kendra
Trost, was baptized after
worship on November 16.



Council Minutes

Ascension Lutheran Church Of Navarino Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Present: Carmen Wetzel, Lisa Wollenberg, Brad Schuelke, Jake Hartlaben, Mike Homan, Cathy Thomas, Glen Peebles, Pastor Mark Sabin and Pastor Marcia Sabin

President Carmen Wetzel called the Meeting to order at 6:00

Prayer and Devotion: Pastor Mark Sabin

Approval of last month's revised minutes: 1st by Lisa, 2nd by Brad, voice vote passed

Pastor's Report: (5) Tuesday Bible Studies (5) Member Visits (4) confirmation sessions.

Treasurer's Report:

Income for October \$4,765.00, YTD \$64,874.00 (\$10,958) below budgeted income (annualized)
Expenses for October \$5,464.41, YTD \$71,403.46 (\$4,325.46) Below budgeted expenses (annualized) YTD Income Received: \$64,770.00 Expenses paid out \$71,403.46 Expenses Exceeding Income \$6,633.46

Project Fund Income received for the Month:

Loud offering : \$40.00, Fellowship: \$125.00, Candy Bars \$1,150.00, Scrip cards sold \$4,380.00, Parking lot fundraiser \$145.00, Towels \$19.00, Misc. Donations \$50.00
Total Income for the Month \$5,509.00

Candy Bar expenses \$960.00, Scrip Card Expense \$5,071.75 Total available for project(s) \$41,695.74 Motion to accept treasurer's report: 1st by Jake 2nd by Brad, voice vote passed

Old Business: Update on New Computer: One computer was purchased for the office \$615.00
Motion was made to increase the wifi and voicemail 1st by brad 2nd by Mike Voice vote passed
Upgrade play/area outside/ new swing set.

New Business: Discussion/approve budget for 2026

Fish Fry- March 27, 2026

Committee Updates:

Worship: Christmas Eve, 1 service @ 4:00 pm

Youth: Christmas Program - December 14th @ 9:30 am

Finance:

Property:

Fundraising: Pizza Making & Sale January 31, 2026

Miscellaneous: November 30th Birthday Sunday (moving to the 1st Sunday of the month)

Annual Meeting Date: January 18, 2026

Next Meeting date: December 17 at 6:00 pm

Adjournment 1st by Mike 2nd by Jake, voice passed

Respectfully Submitted by Cathy Thomas (Secretary)



Church Council
Meeting Minutes

Recipe ~ Annual Meeting Notice ~ My Thoughts in Words

Slush (Non-alcoholic)

Submitted by Denise Klemp

6 oz can frozen pineapple juice
12 oz can frozen lemonade
6 oz Real lemon juice
2 cups sugar
1 small raspberry jello dissolved in 6 cups
boiling water

Mix all ingredients and freeze. To serve: Mix
2 scoops of Slush mix with 7-up and enjoy!

My mom, Sue (Schuelke) Olson, used to
make this for our holiday family events. I
remember **LOVING** this! We only got it for
special occasions and us kids could have it
because there wasn't any alcohol added.

My Thoughts in Words *By The Church Lady*

Christmas Greetings!

Many of you know that I am an elementary music teacher. This is my 28th year teaching which means my 28th time leading a Christmas Program. I often wonder how many times and in how many different ways do we have to tell the Christmas story before it sticks? Well, I'll tell you, working with kids for so many years, I have realized that they need to hear it **EVERY YEAR** in order to actually know the story. Since I teach at a Catholic school, the story of Jesus' birth is told in various ways every year. Even so, the story remains the same every year. Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem. While they were there Baby Jesus was born in a stable and placed in a manger. The angels descended on the shepherds watching their flock of sheep in a field and were told to go and find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. The wise men followed the star which rested over the place where Jesus was and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The facts remain the same. Jesus was born for a purpose - to save us all from our sins. So, I ask you, how many times do you have to hear this story before you truly believe it? "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and goodwill to men."

God bless you all! Denise



Ascension Lutheran Church **2026 Annual Meeting and Potluck**

Sunday, January 18, 2026

***There will be a potluck
immediately following the 9:30 am
Worship Service. Please sign up to
bring a dish to pass. The meeting
will begin shortly thereafter.***

This & That



Christmas Trees From Germany

Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition—as we now know it—by the 16th century, when sources record devout Christians bringing decorated trees into their homes. Some built Christmas pyramids of wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles if wood was scarce.

It is a widely held belief that Martin Luther, the 16th-century Protestant reformer, first added lighted candles to a tree. According to a common version of the story, walking home one winter evening, Luther was awed by the stars twinkling amidst evergreens. To recapture the scene for his family, he erected a tree in the main room and wired its branches with lighted candles.

Holiday Tunes

Away in a Manger
Choir of the Bells
Dominick the Donkey
Frosty the Snowman
Holly Jolly Christmas
Jingle Bell Rock
Jingle Bells
Let it Snow
Little Drummer Boy
Little St Nick
O Holy Night
Rudolph
Santa Baby
Silent Nigh
Silver Bells
The Christmas Song
The First Noel
Winter Wonderland

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CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across

1. One of Santa's Reindeer
3. Santa's Helpers
5. December 25th is _____.
7. Christmas Drink
10. The name of a popular snowman.

Down

2. Christmas Month
4. He hates Christmas!
6. You hang them by the chimney.
8. On Christmas morning we unwrap our _____.
9. _____ to the world!



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CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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ELF
RED
NOEL

JOY
BELL
BOW

TOY
TREE
STAR

THIS CHRISTMAS...

INSTEAD OF JUST
MAKING A LIST
OF THE THINGS
YOU WANT...
MAKE A LIST OF
ALL THE THINGS
YOU'RE GRATEFUL
THAT GOD HAS
GIVEN YOU
ALREADY!



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December 2025



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 NO Bible Study 7:30pm - Dartball at Cicero Lutheran	2 NO Bible Study	3 6:30pm Christmas Program Rehearsal	4	5	6
7 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship After Worship - Decorate the Christmas Tree After Worship - Candy Sale Fellowship meal - Pizza	8 NO Bible Study 7:30pm Dartball at Ascension	9 NO Bible Study 	10 6:30pm Christmas Program Rehearsal	11 		
14 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:00am Christmas Program Rehearsal 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Service with Christmas Program Fellowship meal - Hot Dogs	15 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Dartball at Seymour Lutheran	16 NO Bible Study	17 4-6pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution 6:00pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Church School	18 	19	20 9-11 am Loaves and Fishes
21 4th Sunday of Advent 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Service Fellowship meal - Ham Spread & Egg Salad	22 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Dartball make-up game	23 No Bible Study	24 Christmas Eve 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Service with Communion & Candlelight NO Church School	25 Christmas Day 	26	27
28 First Sunday of Advent 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Lessons & Carols Worship Service Birthday Sunday	29 NO Bible Study NO Dartball	30 NO Bible Study	31 NO Church School			