

Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino

“The Visitor”

August
2025

“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
Summer Office Hours:
Tuesday 9 am - 1 pm

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

Church EMAIL:
Ascensionavarino@gmail.com

Church website:
www.ascensionavarino.com

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

Visitation Pastor:
Marcia Sabin
715-340-5951-Cell

Ascension Lutheran of Navarino

Bring Your Tractor
to Church



Sunday,
August 3, 2025
Worship Service at
9:30 am
Food and Fellowship
following worship



COMING
SOON

SADDLE UP AND GET READY FOR
VBS 2025!!



AGES PRESCHOOL & UP
(GRADES 5 & UP CAN BE HELPERS)
ALL ARE WELCOME!!
TO RSVP CALL: (920) 572-0583

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
AUGUST 4-7, 2025
6:00-7:30 PM
CLOSING PROGRAM:
AUGUST 7 AT 6:30 PM

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

Church Council



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

The next council meeting will be
Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Message from the Pastor ~ Bible Study Information



What does it mean to grieve? We all have our own way of grieving. It can become a way where we are paralyzed and we cannot move on in life. Our loss can also be a catalyst to bring hope to others going through a similar circumstance.

How long should someone grieve over a lost loved one? There is no time limit on grief. I always believed my loved one is still with me in my memories. As family, we would occasionally share memories of that loved one. We would laugh which sometimes led into tears. For me these were cleansing tears, which leads into healing. When my grandmother on my mother's side passed away it was devastating for a 23-year-old granddaughter. We had a wonderful relationship. She was in hospice care in the hospital until her death. Everyday I would call her from work or stop by to see her. For a number of years after her death, I had a few tears that ran down my cheek. I knew it was grandma. She was the one who inspired me to become a Chaplain. To this day, I have fond memories of grandma and I'm sure you have similar stories.

As a Christian, we were not promised a life without adversity. But Jesus did promise that he is always there for us in any circumstances that we face. I wrote a simple song based on Isaiah 40:28-31 "Eagle's Wings" You know that I have been with you from the start. Remember I am here. I dwell in your heart. When you grow weary in your time of despair; My promise to you I will always be there. I understand that there are times when you feel the pain of hurt, the times of doubt that are real. Remember that my steadfast strength I impart. I come to you on Eagle's Wings. I am your God, Creator of all things. Just call on me and I will see you through. On Eagle's Wings I come to you."

Blessings, Pastors Marcia and Mark ☩

For He shall give His
angels
charge over you, to
keep you
In all your ways.
Psalm 91:11



*And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Adult Bible Study

Sunday Mornings at 8:30 am
(No Bible Study Aug. 10 or 17)
Monday Evenings at 6:30 pm
Tuesday Mornings at 9:00 am
(The Monday Evening and
Tuesday Morning Bible Studies
will not meet May-August)



Children's Sunday School

Will resume in September

Come join us! All are welcome.

Assisting Ministers – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Assisting Ministers

August 2025 (9:30 services)	Communion Server	Reader	Money Counter
August 3	Pastor Marcia	Toni Klemp	Ruthann Meiers
August 10	Carrie Daoust	Chris Schley	Glen Peebles
August 17	<i>No Communion</i>	Denise Klemp	Phyllis Peebles
August 24	Linda Bubolz	Denelle Daniels	Rita Olson
August 31	Pastor Marcia	Toni Klemp	<i>Volunteer</i>

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.



Happy Anniversary

08/04 Mark & Marcia Sabin (52 years)
 08/09 Doug & Julie Wilber (28 years)
 08/14 Bruce & Jody Kauffman (10 years)
 08/22 Beck & Rosie Pues (66 years)
 08/23 Al & Ruthann Meiers (50 years)

Happy Birthday

8/01 Nancy Peters
 8/03 Layla Houdek
 8/05 Russ Wilkinson
 8/07 Jon Zuiches
 8/08 Nathan Schley
 8/09 Amy Wudtke
 8/14 Janessa Olson
 8/14 Phyllis Peebles
 8/19 Wesley Hartlaben
 8/19 Marcia Sabin
 8/19 Bonnie Weyers
 8/23 Emily Schley
 8/25 Alice Mueller
 8/26 Mark Sabin
 8/26 Erin Schley
 8/27 Misty Michler
 8/28 Terry Conradt
 8/28 Joseph Wilkinson
 8/29 Amelia Hartlaben



Mark Your Calendars

- **August 3, 2025** - Bring Your Tractor to Church
- **August 4-7** - Vacation Bible School 6:00-7:30 pm
- **August 7, 2025** - VBS Closing Program at 6:30 pm
- **September, 10, 2025** - Confirmation and Wednesday evening Church school resumes
- **October 19, 2025** - Polka Service



Sunday Fellowship

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

- August 3** - BBQ Pork & Parsley Potatoes
August 10 - Turkey & Ham Subs
August 17 - Pizza
August 24 - Hot Dogs
August 31 - Birthday Cake and Ice Cream

Loaves & Fishes



FOOD PANTRY

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Focus Item for August 2025:
Ramen (Beef & Chicken)

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!

Our August Benevolence
will go to:

**SAFE
HAVEN**

Ascension Budget



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

YTD Income received:	\$39,816.00
Expenses paid out:	\$42,631.13
Expenses Exceeding Income:	\$ 2,815.13

Fundraising & Scrip Information

PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

*Give a little, give a lot,
Give for our new parking lot!*

August Challenge

What is your waist size?
Divide it in half and
donate the total.



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 SCRIP table in Church.

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



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.



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.

JUNE SCRIP REPORT

- * Cards Sold - 94
- * Sales - \$5,520.00
- * Profit - \$366.35
- * YTD Profit - \$989.70
- * Inventory - 67 Cards / \$3,150.00

JULY SCRIP REPORT

- * Cards Sold: 28
- * Sales: \$1340.00
- * Profit: \$84.85
- * YTD Profit: \$1074.55
- * Inventory: 39 Cards / \$1,810.00

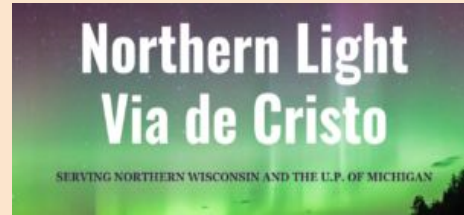
These gift cards can be used for everyday expenses such as groceries, gas, or dining out. The result? Families spend money as they normally would, while the organization earns funds without asking supporters to buy products or services they don't need.

VDC ~ Prayer List ~ Online Worship Service Info

Via de Cristo News



**SonRise Co-Ed #19:
October 16-19, 2025**



Northern Light Fall Camp
November 6-9, 2025
Silver Birch Ranch
N6120 Sawyer Lake Road
White Lake, WI 54491

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



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!

Bring Your Tractor to Church Flyer

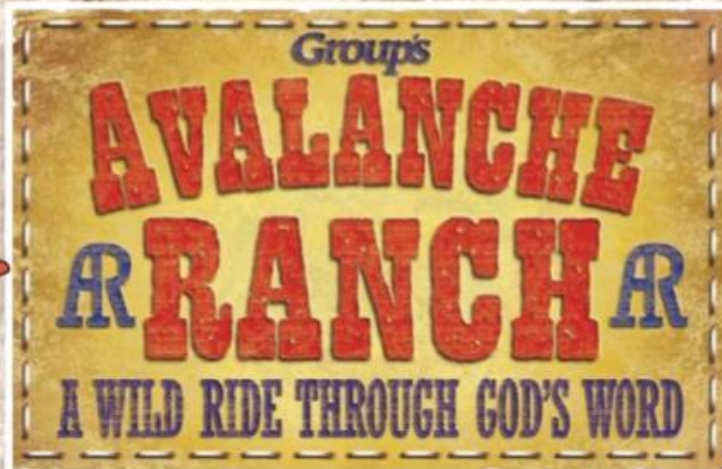
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Parking Lot Update

PARKING LOT UPDATE

Starting bright and early on Monday, 6/30, Northeast Asphalt pulverized the old asphalt, and Wilkinson Excavating started right behind them, removing the old concrete and light pole base. On Tue, 7/1, as excavating progressed, DTR Concrete poured the curb and gutter. On Wed, 7/2, Wilkinson dug out the soft spots at both entrances, added the Geo-grid, and started laser grading. DTR completed their phase by pouring the main entrance and both sidewalks. By Thursday afternoon, 7/3, excavating was 95% completed. On Mon, 7/7, Wilkinson touched-up some areas and Northeast completed final grading. Due to several heavy storms, the parking lot was extremely saturated. Fortunately, Tuesday and Wednesday were good drying days. On Thu, 7/10, Northeast completed paving both the binder base coat and top coat. On Tue, 7/15, the line striping was painted. Since then, dirt work has been progressing, sod has been laid, and the first section of grass seed is turning green. I'm anticipated the rest of the grass seeding and landscaping will be completed in the next month or so.

All told, 35 quad-axle loads of new gravel, 27 loads of asphalt, and 6 loads of dirt were placed. If you include concrete, that equates to just over 3M pounds!

The subcontractor's portion of the project was started and completed on time. And here's some more good news, we're under budget, (albeit very slightly.)

Thanks to our subcontractors for doing a fine job, Cindy Scott and Kenny Duhm from Lena Sod for donating 4 pallets of sod, and Mark Reece for donating straw to protect the new grass seed areas. And finally, thanks to those who helped fund this large project over the past 4 years. With all the improvements to improve drainage, we certainly hope the new parking lot will have a lifespan that exceeds the 42 years that the old parking lot lasted.

Thank you,

Brad Schuelke (Council VP)



Parking Lot Project ~ July 2025

Mon, 6/30, 8:51am
Curb and light pole base demo-ed



Mon, 6/30, 10:07am



Mon, 6/30, 11:58am
Main walkway demo-ed



Mon, 6/30, 11:59am
North sidewalk demo-ed



Tue, 7/1, 9:15am
Removed old base material



Tue, 7/1, 6:39pm



Parking Lot Project ~ July 2025

Tue, 7/1, am



Thu, 7/3, 11:42am
After more rain!



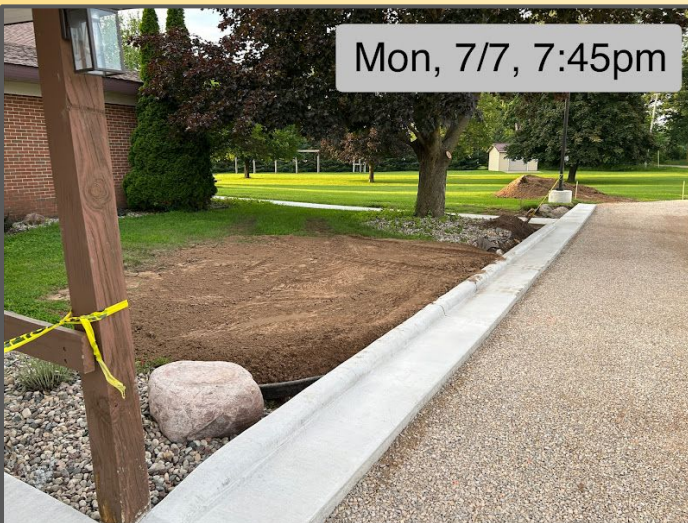
Thu, 7/3, 11:43am
Laser grading new gravel



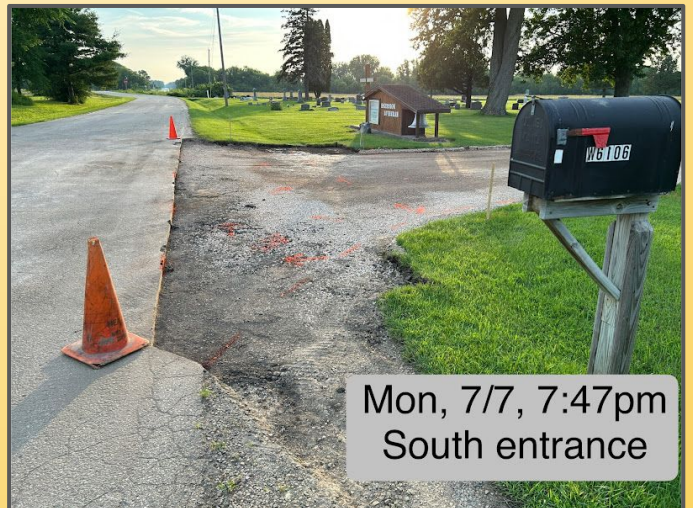
Thu, 7/3,
5:25pm
North
sidewalk



Mon, 7/7, 7:45pm



Mon, 7/7, 7:47pm
South entrance



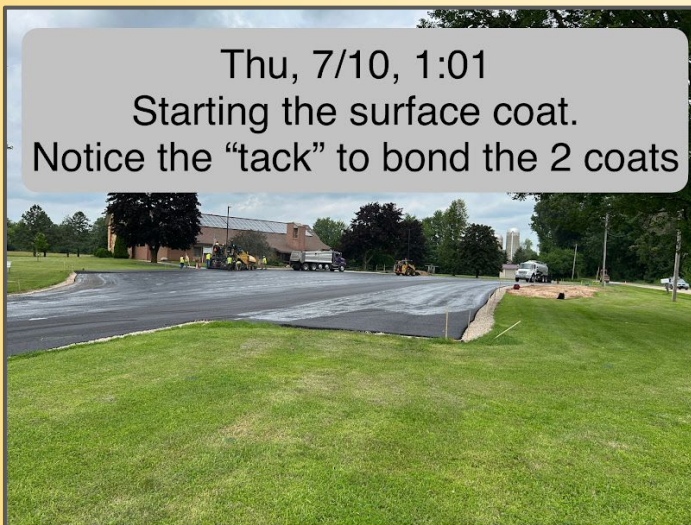
Parking Lot Project ~ July 2025



Mon, 7/7, 7:48pm
Raised the grade
about 1 foot to
improve drainage.



Thu, 7/10, 10:06
Turning black!



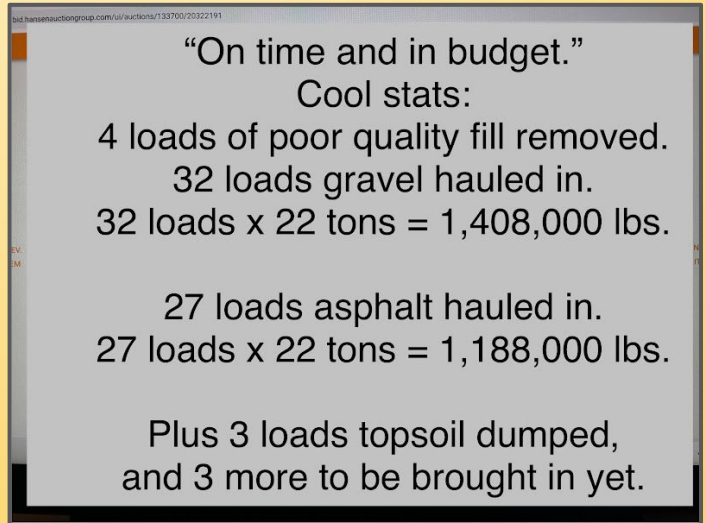
Thu, 7/10, 1:01
Starting the surface coat.
Notice the "tack" to bond the 2 coats



Tue, 7/15, 12:20pm
Painting the parking
line striping.



Thu, 7/24, 4:31pm
Laying sod to
stabilize the edges.
Huge thanks to Cindy
Scott and Kenny Duhm
for donating 4 pallets.



Council Minutes

Ascension Lutheran Church Of Navarino Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Present: Carmen Wetzel, Lisa Wollenberg, Cathy Thomas, and Glen Peebles

Not present: Brad Schuelke, Mike Homan and Jake Hartelaben

President Carmen Wetzel called meeting to order at 5:30

Prayer and devotion:

Approval of last month minutes 1st by Carmen 2nd by Lisa Voice vote passed

Pastor's Report:

Treasurer's Report: Income for June \$7,297.00 YTD \$39,816.00. Expenses paid out for June \$10,765.25 YTD \$42,631.13. Expenses exceeding Income \$2,815.13

Project fund received for the Month: Loud offering \$62.00, Interest \$317.29 (money market) Towel fundraiser \$27.00 Egg fundraiser \$3.00 Thrivent Choice \$54.00 Parking Lot Fundraiser \$96.00 Script card sales \$4,920.00 Misc. donations \$50.00 Total income for the month \$5,529.29 Parking Lot expense \$37,007.50 (Northeast Asphalt Paid) Scrip Card Expense \$57.60 Total Available for projects \$100,686.10

Accumulative Totals: Loud Offering \$10,963.38 Thrivent Choice \$14,161.00 Candy Bar Sales \$5,798.70 Interest on SP Accts, \$6,548.93. Motion to accept treasurer's report 1st by Carmen 2nd by Cathy, Voice vote passed.

Old Business: Commercial refrigerator was delivered Tuesday, July 15 from Heins Appliance. The parking lot was finished on Thursday, July 10. Landscaping will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Office Computer upgrade tabled until a later date.

Cleaning of the overhead vent in the kitchen is being worked out with Glen and Darrel.

New Business: Received resignation letter from Bonnie Weyers on 6/17/2025. Bonnie plans on retiring from her financial secretary position on 7/15/2025. Carmen made a motion to accept Bonnie's resignation 2nd by Lisa, voice vote passed

Air conditioning was discussed and the air is on in the fellowship hall all the time and in the sanctuary on Sunday.

Garrow oil contract for 2025-2026 heating season pre pay price \$1.49 per gal. 3500 limit.

Motion was made to continue with Garrow oil 1st by Carmen, 2nd by Lisa voice vote passed

Committee updates: Bring your Tractor to Church - August 3, 2025

Polka service - October 19, 2025

Veteran's Day Service - November 9, 2025 - there will be a display of military items.

Youth: Vacation Bible School to be held August 3 - August 7, Time: 6-7:30 pm

Closing Program: Thursday, August 7 at 6:30

Youth night will resume Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Finance:

Property:

Fundraising:

Miscellaneous: July 27th Birthday Sunday

Next Meeting Date: August 20, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn: 1st by Carmen 2nd by Lisa

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Thomas (Secretary)

**Church Council
Meeting Minutes**

Rawhide Fish Fry ~ My Thoughts in Words



My Thoughts in Words *By The Church Lady*

Hello Friends!

I recently just finished watching the TV series "This Is Us." I heard many good comments about it when it aired and I enjoy watching a series rather than movies. The show did not disappoint! The show centers around a family - a mom, dad and their 3 children. Two are their biological children who actually came from a set of triplets (one of the triplets died at birth). The 3rd child was adopted the same day as the triplets' birth. He was left at the firestation shortly after his birth and subsequently taken to the hospital which was where he was found by these parents who were expecting to take home 3 babies but only had 2.

This family reminds me a lot about God's family. I didn't mention above that the adopted child was black. Despite being loved unconditionally by his adoptive parents and siblings, he struggled with finding his place in the family, in the town where he lived and in the world. Don't we all have the same struggles? How often are we just flailing about, not knowing which way to go? We all have the same heavenly father who loves and guides us along the way, if we will just accept it. Maybe life is supposed to be a struggle so that when it's over and we get to heaven it will be even more blissful after a difficult life on earth. It's hard to know. What I do know, and hope you do as well is this: we all belong to the same family. We may not all look alike but we are loved and accepted for who we are. And that gives us all a reason to praise God!

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." Ephesians 2:19-22

God bless you all! Denise

This & That

IF THE PERSON WHO NAMED WALKIE
TALKIES NAMED EVERYTHING
STAMPS = LICKIE STICKIE
DEFIBRILLATORS = HEARTY STARTY
BUMBLE BEES = FUZZY BUZZY
PREGNANCY TEST = MAYBE BABY
BRA = BREASTIE NESTIE
FORK = STABBY GRABBY
SOCKS = FEETIE HEATIE
HIPPO = FLOATIE BLOATIE
NIGHTMARE = SCREAMY DREAMY

Taco Salad Submitted by Phyllis Peebles

Brown 2# hamburger. Drain and add taco seasoning. Cool.

- 1 bag of shredded lettuce
- ¼ c. red onion
- 2 c. shredded colby cheese
- ½ c. sliced black olives
- 3-4 diced tomatoes



Dressing -
½ to ¾ c. mild taco sauce
½ c. salad dressing or mayo

When ready to serve add dressing and 1 bag Taco chips. Makes a large batch.

Name: _____ Date: _____

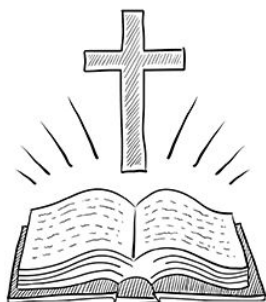
DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

Books of the Old Testament Word Search



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CHRONICLES
DANIEL
DEUTERONOMY
ECCLESIASTES
ESTHER
EXODUS
EZEKIEL
EZRA
GENESIS
HABAKKUK
HAGGAI
HOSEA
ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
JOB

JOEL
JONAH
JOSHUA
JUDGES
KINGS
LAMENTATIONS
LEVITICUS
MALACHI
MICAH
NAHUM
NEHEMIAH
NUMBERS
OBADIAH
PROVERBS
PSALMS
RUTH
SAMUEL
SONG OF SOLOMON
ZECHARIAH
ZEPHANIAH



PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



FINDING GOD IS EVEN EASIER
THAN USING A SEARCH ENGINE.

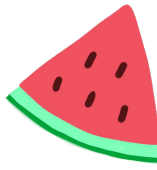
The 4 Stages of a Day Off:

1. I will do so much stuff.
2. Later I'll do lots of stuff.
3. Eventually, I'll do some stuff.
4. Oh, no.



August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 8th Sunday after Pentecost *Bring Your Tractor to Church* 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - BBQ Pork & Parsley Potatoes	4 6-7:30pm VBS	5 6-7:30pm VBS	6 6-7:30pm VBS	7 6:00pm VBS 6:30pm VBS Closing Program	8 	9
10 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - Turkey & Ham Subs	11 Pastors on vacation	12	13 	14	15	16
17 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Worship with Guest Preacher Steve Conratt Fellowship meal - Pizza	18 Pastors return from vacation	19	20 4-6pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution 5:30pm Council Meeting	21  FOOD PANTRY	22	23 9-11 am Loaves and Fishes
24 11th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - Hot Dogs	25	26 	27	28	29 	30
31 12th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Birthday Sunday						