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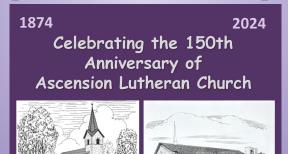
Pastor Mark Sabin 715-340-3670-Cell Or 715-445-2097-Home

Visitation Pastor Marcia Sabin 715-340-5951-Cell Ascension Lutheran Church 150th Anniversary

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Worship Service at 9:30 am

A catered chicken dinner will be provided after worship.



#### **Your Church Council**

Glen Peebles, President Lisa Wollenberg, Treasurer Cathy Thomas, Secretary Brad Schuelke, Vice President Greg Schoettler Mike Homan (715) 584-3029
(920) 525-2024
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The council usually meets the third Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to attend. The next council meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

## Message from the Pastor ~ Bible Studies



Most of the leaves have fallen off the trees. Hope you enjoyed the fall colors. Fall isn't saying goodbye, she is saying "we'll meet again next year." Soon, Winter will announce her arrival. But until then, we celebrate the time of Thanksgiving. It is a time when family and friends come together and eat their fill of Turkey and Ham with all the fixings and of course, the football games. I remember when we went to my family for Thanksgiving. Mother didn't

want anyone in her kitchen. She prepared the whole meal which included her

homemade apple pie. We told mom that we are doing the dishes and for her to sit down with the rest of the family. I think she used every dish in the cupboards.

When Mark received his first Call to Racine, it ended our get-togethers with families. Now it was my turn to make the Thanksgiving meal for my family. I added one tradition to our season. After dinner and the dishes were washed, I would set up the Christmas Village. Back in 1979, I started out with four buildings on a parlor table, with a few figurines, two battery street lights with some snow. Today, the Village covers my whole buffet. I begin to put the Village together with the lights, buildings, many figurines and plenty of trees. It takes at least two hours to put it up. Katie wanted the Village until she saw the work it took to set it up.

Thanksgiving is more than an abundance of food, deer hunting, football and Christmas Villages. The season means what it is named after... Thanksgiving. We are to be mindful of all the blessings of family, friends, food and shelter; thankful for God's grace through Jesus blood on the cross. Only Jesus could reconcile us to God our Father who gives eternal life. Thanksgiving is more than an event. We take one day out of the year to celebrate Thanksgiving, but we are called to be thankful in all things every day. To have the mind of Christ means you know you are blessed, thereby you are thankful.

"Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer. For all things living created good. Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood. Bless, Lord the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you Harvesting, milling for daily bread." *Lutheran Book of Worship* 

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving. Pastors Marcia and Mark #

#### Adult Bible Study

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



#### Children's Sunday School

Sunday Mornings at 8:30 November 10 & 24 (See Rita for more information) Wednesday Evenings at 6:30

Come join us! All are welcome.

Assisting Ministers – Birthdays – Anniversaries

## **Assisting Ministers**

November 2024 (All 9:30 services)	Communion Server	Reader	Money Counter		
November 3	Carrie Daoust	Denise Klemp	Ruthann Meiers		
November 10	Patty Lorenz	Patty Lorenz	Glen Peebles		
November 17	Linda Bubolz	Toni Klemp	Phyllis Peebles		
November 24	Dave Rohrer	Denise Klemp	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.







#### Happy Anniversary

11/02	Rodney & Barbra Hillsberg
	(50 years)
11/04	Russ & Cheryl Wilkinson
	(57 Years)
11/06	Matt & Angie Johnson
	(25 years)
11/10	Mike & Jane Shulze
	(45 years)
11/12	David & Sally Richter
	(42 years)
11/24	Ralph & Jean Mueller
	(51 years)
11/27	Steve & Navid Kienast
	(14 years)
11/30	Bruce & Betty Ladwig
	(41 years)

## Happy Birthday

11/03	Becky Wudtke
11/04	David Doucette
11/07	Cynthia Garrigan
11/08	Mason Dingeldein
11/08	Autumn Lorenz
11/09	Jessica Riebe
11/12	Vayda Doepker
11/19	Henry Mitchler
11/20	David Hillsberg
11/23	Greg Ehrle
11/23	Cade Johnson
11/25	Jason Steinbach
11/30	Devin Doucette
11/30	Brady Olson
11/30	Lloyd Allen
11/30	Jacob Schley

## Upcoming Events ~ Christmas Program Info ~ Sunday Fellowship



- November 3 150th Anniversary Service with NALC Bishop @ 9:30 am. Catered meal after worship.
- November 20 Thanksgiving/Hunter's Service @ 7:00 pm
- Various Dates in December Christmas Program rehearsals (see below)
- December 8 Tree decorating after Worship
- December 15 Christmas Program @ 9:30 am
- **December 24** Christmas Eve Worship @ 4:00 pm (only 1 service)

### **Christmas Program Rehearsals:**



Sunday, November 24 at 8:30 am Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 pm Sunday, December 8 at 8:30 am Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm Sunday, December 15 at 8:00 am



Christmas Program: Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 9:30 am

## Sunday Fellowship

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

- November 3 150th Celebration Catered Chicken Dinner
- November 10 Pizza
- November 17 Hunter's Breakfast Potluck
- November 27 Birthday Cake and Ice Cream



## Church News ~ Thank You's

#### Ascension Budget



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

Income received: \$ 61,399.99 Expenses paid out: \$62,798.78 Expenses exceeding Income (\$1,398.79)

## Our November Benevolence will go to: SAM 25



## Church Offering



Did you know you can have your weekly offering sent to the church through your bank? If you bank online, go to the Bill Pay section and click on "add a company or person" and type in the name and address of Ascension. Once the church is added as an account you can set up auto pay and your check will be sent to church automatically on a regular basis.



Focus Item for November 2024: Ketchup & Mustard

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!

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Dear Committee,

The "Remembrance" Sunday you planned for the 15th of September was absolutely perfect. I loved every part of it - it was so well organized... from the uplifting, lively music to the delicious food (recipes), pictures, slide show, hearing Mabel Prestrud, etc. And what a joy to, once again, come together with former congregants.

The entire day was a blessing! Thank you all for the very time consuming planning and execution that went into the day.

We were all blessed because of you. In Christ, Lois Bernard

Dear Ascension Family, Thank you so much for the warm welcome, wonderful worship, delicious lunch and comfortable conversations on October 6. It is a joy to see God at work in his people. I pray he continues to bless you and all you do in his name he certainly blessed me through you! Your Sister in Christ, Sonja Baumeister (Lutheran Bible Translators)

Thank You Ascension!

We wish to thank you for remembering us on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The cake, flowers and etched glass crosses were much more than we could imagine. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated!

Blessings, Pastors Mark and Marcia

## Fundraising Information – Scrip News

#### 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 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.

#### SEPTEMBER SCRIP RECAP

- Cards Sold 42
- Sales Total \$2,500.00
- Profit \$234.00
- YTD Profit \$,1,550.50
- Inventory 117 cards \$5,775.00





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

\$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.

**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.

Shop

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**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.

## VDC ~ New Website Info ~ Prayer List ~ Online Worship Service Info

## Via de Cristo News

Northern Light Via de Cristo

Northern Light Fall Camp November 7-10, 2024 Silver Birch Ranch N6120 Sawyer Lake Rd 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, Linda Ogi, Kevin Conradt





The weekly services are 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. It will appear that you will have to log in once you get to Ascension's Facebook page, but all you have to do is click the "x" on the top of the page and then you can view any service.

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

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!

## September & October Happenings at Ascension



Above: Wednesday night Church School learn about Lazarus on September 25, 2024

Below: 3rd graders receive their Bibles during worship on October 27, 2024



## October Happenings at Ascension



Polka Service Musicians on October 13, 2024





Below: Pastors Mark and Marcia are honored on Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 20, 2024







## Council Minutes

#### ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NAVARINO Wednesday, October 17, 2024 5:30pm Council Meeting in Classroom

Present: Glen Peebles, Lisa Wollenberg, Greg Schoettler, Pastor Mark Sabin, Pastor Marcia Sabin, Brad Schuelke, Mike Homan Council members not present: Cathy Thomas
President Glen Peebles called meeting to order at 5:32
Prayer and devotion: Matthew Chapter 6 verses 25-27 and Chapter 7 verses 7-8 By: Pastor Mark
Approval of last month's minutes: 1st by Greg, 2nd by Brad voice passed
Pastors report: 3 Home visits with Holy Communion , 5 Adult Tuesday Bible Study sessions and 5 Jr.
High Confirmation sessions.

Treasurer's Report: Income received: \$61,399.99

Expenses paid out: \$62,798.78

Expenses exceeding Income (\$1,398.79)

#### Project Fund Income received for the month:

Loud offering	\$ 201.37	Scrip card expense	\$3,000.50 <b>\$91,544.40</b>		
CD Interest	\$ 676.71	Available for Project(s)			
Brat Fry	\$2950.00	Accumulative Totals			
Fellowship	\$ 300.00	Loud offering	\$10,092.83		
Scrip card for the month	\$2975.00	Thrivent Choice	\$12,382.00		
Misc. Donation	\$ 668.00	Candy Bars	\$ 4,450.70		
Total Income for the month:	\$7,.771.08	CD Interest	\$ 3,821.67		

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: 1st by Brad 2nd by Greg voice vote passed

**New Business:** Snow Plowing Contract for 2024/2025 Winter Season signed with Wilkinson Excavating LLC; Yearly Copier Contract has been renewed

**Old Business:** 150th Anniversary Committee met on October 15th at 6pm; November 3rd - Anniversary Dinner after 9:30 service for members

Church Website is Under Construction, an updated Website using a new webtool will be revealed soon. Parking lot/lighting update - Olson Electric is planning to do the outside lighting updates late October/early November. We are aiming for the Parking Lot to be start late July 2025 and take approx. 2 weeks to complete, more details to come as we get closer

#### **Committee Updates**

**Worship:** Nov. 20th Hunter/Thanksgiving Service 7pm. Send your hunting pictures to ascensionavarino@gmail.com no later than Nov.11th

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Service: There will only be one Christmas Eve Service this year, time to be announced.

**Youth:** Sunday School will be held every other Sunday at 8:30am, next Sunday school is Oct. 27th **Property:** 

#### Fundraising:

Miscellaneous : Last Sunday of the month is Birthday Sunday

Next meeting Date: November 20th at 5:30

Adjournment: 1st by Greg, 2nd by Mike voice vote passed

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Wollenberg

## Special Congregational Meeting Minutes ~ Parking Lot Update

A Congregational meeting was held Sunday, September 29th to vote on the parking lot and lighting surrounding the church,

Vice President Brad Schuelke led the meeting informing the congregation on the council recommendation for the parking lot. Brad explained that the parking lot has been deteriorating for the past 45 years. Along with pictures Brad showed areas of concern - there is a minimal slope that has created areas of standing water which drains through the cracks in the asphalt. That creates soft spots in the base of the asphalt. He also discussed other concerns, such as concrete replacement in areas that are needed. A vote is needed to hold supplier's prices and materials. Tentative start date would be the summer of 2025.

Brad also discussed the lighting recommendation by the council for the parking lot and entrance areas. Brad opened up Question and Answer time to the congregation. After all the questions were answered the ballots were passed out.

36 voting members were present,

The Congregation voted Question 1 36 Yes 0 no

Question 2 35 Yes 1 no

We want to thank all members for their attendance in this matter.

Respectfully, Cathy Thomas, Secretary

#### PARKING LOT UPDATE 10/24

With the completion of the 3rd quarter this year, our Special Projects Fund has been growing nicely. We are at about 81% of the total needed to fully cash flow the parking lot repavement. Of course, more than new asphalt will be required. An excavator will place and compact 32 dump truck loads of gravel to replace soft areas at both entrances, and to increase the slope throughout the parking lot for improved surface water drainage. Also, new concrete will be required in some areas to transition to the new grades.

The special congregational meeting also approved exterior lighting upgrades. To improve safety for snow plowing and general parking, the main yard light in the center of the parking lot will be eliminated, and (2) new light poles will be installed along the West edge. These 2 LED lights will be brighter, lessen shadows, and cost less to run. Also, (2) pendant lights will be installed on the East corners of the covered walkway. And finally, we will improve lighting on the South cross and add a light to shine up at our beautiful steeple. Everyone rounding the curve on the highway will see our church!

The lighting phase is starting already, and will be completed in early Nov. The remaining phases will tentatively start on 7/28/25, with completion anticipated for 8/8/25.

We are excited that the congregation voted to approve these projects. We ask for your continued support, as the finish line is in sight.

Thank you, Brad Schuelke (Council VP)

## Dartball Schedule ~ Community Events



## 'Way Back When ~ Thanksgiving Word Search

[This was originally published in the July 1976 Visitor]

"Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth." Isaiah 42:10

This month we raise unto God 'new sounds' of praise and service. July 4 we gather to break ground after our worship service. In the weeks to follow the 'new songs' of bulldozer and trucks, saws and hammers, drills and cement mixers will be heard. Because all of creation can lift its voice in praise of God, we are reminded that machines and workmen can also raise their notes of praise.

As we dedicate the ground on which our new church building will stand, let's dedicate ourselves to searching for new ways to praise and witness. The Lord has blessed our church and brought us to this new day of congregational life. Let's respond to His leading with joy and Thanksgiving, with praise and testimony.

The schedule of events for Groundbreaking Day will be: Worship......9:30 am Service of Groundbreaking......10:30 am



Let's gather to unite our muscles in turning the soil for our new church building and to unite our voices in renewed praises to God.

#### Pastor Steve

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## Word Bank:

Beans Blessings Corn Cornucopia Cranberry Dinner Fall Family Feast Football Gratitude Harvest Leaves

Mayflower November Pilgrims Plymouth Rock Pumpkin Stuffing Thankful Thursday Turkey Turkey Turtle Island Wampanoag Yams





November



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<b>3</b> All Saints Sunday <b>8:30am</b> Bible Study <b>9:30am</b> 150th Anniversary Worship <b>After Worship -</b> Catered Chicken Dinner	<b>4</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> Dartball at Oneida Methodist	<b>5</b> 9:00am Bible Study	<b>6</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Confirmation and Church School	7	8	9	
<b>10</b> 25th Sunday after Pentecost <b>8:30am</b> Bible Study & Sunday School <b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>Fellowship meal -</b> Pizza	<b>11</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> Dartball at Ascension	12 9:00am Bible Study	<b>13</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Confirmation and Church School	14	15	16	
<b>17</b> 26th Sunday after Pentecost <b>8:30am</b> Bible Study <b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>After Worship</b> - Hunter's Breakfast Potluck	<b>18</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> Dartball at Black Creek Lutheran	<b>19</b> 9:00am Bible Study	20 4-6pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution 5:30pm Council Meeting 6:30pm NO Confirmation or Church School 7:00pm Thanksgiving/ Hunter's Worship Service	21 Loaves		23 9-11 am Loaves and Fishes	
<ul> <li>24 Christ the King</li> <li>Sunday</li> <li>8:30am Bible Study &amp;</li> <li>Sunday School</li> <li>9:30am Worship</li> <li>Birthday Sunday</li> </ul>	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Bible Study NO DARTBALL	<b>26</b> 9:00am Bible Study	27 6:30pm NO Confirmation or Church School	Happy Thanksgiving Day	29	30	