Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino

"The Visitor"

2025

"Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's love"
The Mission Statement of Ascension Lutheran Church.

Ascension Lutheran Church
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Marcia Sabin
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Ascension Lutheran Church
2026 Annual Meeting and Potluck

Sunday, January 19, 2025

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.

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Your Church Council

Glen Peebles, President	(715) 584-3029
Lisa Wollenberg, Treasurer	(920) 525-2024
Cathy Thomas, Secretary	(920) 858-3835
Brad Schuelke, Vice President	(920) 659-2402
Greg Schoettler	(920) 984-3057
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, January 15, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Message from the Pastor ~ Bible Study Information

Happy New Year! Where did the time go? Time seems to pass me by faster each year but that may be because of my maturity. We made many memories in 2024, some good and some not so good; but that is how life works. We will not know what the next day brings or even minutes from now. So enjoy the day and don't worry about tomorrow. This is the reason we remember *"This is the day the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it"* Take one day at a time.

Did you make a New Year's' Day resolution in 2024? How did that work for you? It can be fun if you want to make a resolution like, "I'm giving up chocolate for 2025," knowing it wouldn't last a week.

I don't know if people even do that anymore; but in 2025 we can make an effort to make our country a more kind and civil society. That would make a great resolution. Kindness begins with us and that isn't easy because we are part of the problem. Grace which comes from God, changes hearts. This is a noble resolution and God is the only source of power that could accomplish this through us.

A new year can reset our lives. How? By focusing on the reason we come to worship. A friend once said "in America we have the freedom to go to worship openly. Our mindset is towards I GOT to go church instead of I GET to go to church! The right to worship our faith openly is taken for granted.

Mark and I went on a missionary trip to Turkey which is an Islamic state. We had a six-month orientation to know some of their culture.

One day we were walking down a street when I mentioned to the missionary how they kept the street gutters clean and they did it with a broom. He told me they do this is so a small bomb or explosive could not be easily planted. I was going to take a picture until he said that to me. On the other side of the of the street, there was a Deutsche Bank where explosives went off a couple of years earlier.

We couldn't worship openly. The name of the place we worshiped was called St. Paul's Café. We knew the authorities were aware of what we were doing. As long as we were discreet, they didn't bother us.

In 2025, may we all take inventory of our relationship with God and ask him for guidance to make this world a better place. This would be a great resolution.

May you all have a blessed New Year.
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

January 12 & 26 at 8:30
(See Rita for more information)
Wednesday Evenings at 6:30

Come join us! All are welcome.

Assisting Ministers

January 2025 *(9:30 services)*	**Communion Server**	**Reader**	**Money Counter**
January 5	Pastor Marcia	Denise Klemp	Ruthann Meiers
January 12	Carrie Daoust	Darrel Klemp	Glen Peebles
January 19	Patty Lorenz	Chris Schley	Phyllis Peebles
January 26	Linda Bubolz	Denelle Daniels	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

01/13 Francis & Ioline Nitzske
(Married 64 years)

Happy Birthday

01/04	Everly Homan
01/06	Steve Thomas
01/11	Sarah Wilber
01/15	Helga Kuhnke
01/15	Xander Pues
01/17	Dean Hillsberg
01/17	Mandy Hartlaben
01/17	David Richter
01/19	Lon Hilliker
01/20	Hayden Ehrle
01/21	Jack Johnson
01/22	Lois Rohrer
01/24	Merle Olson
01/25	Beck Pues
01/27	Gregg Christianson
01/29	Denise Klemp
01/29	Jodi Hoberg

Mark Your Calendars

- **January 12, 2025** - Tree Un-Trimming
- **January 19, 2025** - Annual Meeting and Potluck
- **February 1, 2025 -** Annual Pizza Making & Sale
- **March 14, 2025 -** 5th Annual Fish Fry

Ascension's New Website News

Have you checked out Ascension's new website? I have been working hard on keeping it updated each week. Some features include:

- *A link that takes you right to our Facebook page where you can watch our services online*
- *A link to the current week's bulletin*
- *A link to the current month's Visitor*
- *Upcoming Events are listed on the home page*
- *A link to Ascension's online calendar*

I'm still working on getting a photo gallery started. Stay tuned! ~Denise

Sunday Fellowship

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

January 5 - Scalloped Potatoes & Ham
January 12 - Pizza
January 19 - Hot Pork Sandwiches & Potluck
January 22 - 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 YTD: $76,890.33
Expenses paid out YTD: $74,249.66
Income exceeding Expenses $2,640.67

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Loaves & Fishes

Focus Item for January 2025:

Saltine Crackers

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

****The Food Pantry is in need of plastic and paper grocery bags.****

Dear Ascension Lutheran Church -
Thank you so much for the scholarship and all your support and encouragement throughout my schooling. Hard to believe it's almost over!
Again, I greatly appreciate everyone and all you've done for me.
Thanks, Maddie Daniels

Dear Ascension Lutheran,
On behalf of Shawano Area Matthew 25, Inc. (SAM25), thank you for your recent donation in the amount of $400, received November 19, 2024. Your gift will directly benefit those in the Shawano area who are struggling with poverty and homelessness. This donation is helping fund SAM25 programs which include SAM's 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. Please know that your continued support is very much needed and appreciated. We are grateful.
With thanks,
Kendra Bresewitz, Executive Director

Thank you for opening the church for the celebration of life for Leo Bahr. I appreciate your willingness to support us as the weather got so cold.
Signora Bahr
Connie & Jeff Boerst
Sue & Alex Stepp

Fundraising Information – Scrip News

2025 FUNDRAISER

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

January Question:

What is the total of your birth year numbers added up? (If I was born in 1971, I would add up the numbers - - 1+9+7+1=18. Therefore I would give $18.)

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.

Our January Benevolence will go to:

Martin Lutheran Congregation of Saldus, Latvia

Looking for Thrivent Members

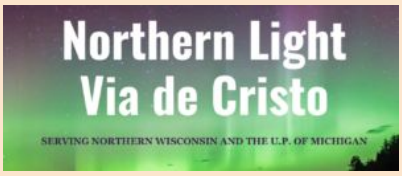
Any Thrivent member is eligible to apply for two $250 Thrivent action cards per year which can be used as seed money for our fundraisers or for community service projects. We will help you with the application process and completing your final report for any project you may be involved with.

NOVEMBER SCRIP RECAP

- Cards Sold - 33
- Sales Total - $1,725.00
- Profit - $154.50
- YTD Profit - $1,819.00
- Inventory - 55 cards - $2,100.00

There are sheets on the table in back of church listing the gift cards available. Current stock is based on the top selling cards, however, anything on the sheet can be obtained in two weeks or less. Just fill out the sheet and let Carrie Daoust or Denise in the office know what you would like and an order will be placed. Cards can be purchased Sundays after church or anytime during office hours.

Via de Cristo News



Northern Light Spring Camp
March 6-9, 2025
Camp Forest Springs
N8890 Forest Ln,
Westboro, WI 54490

SONRISE
WISCONSIN VIA DE CRISTO

Sonrise Spring Camp
April 24-27, 2025
Camp Fairwood
W7905 S Pleasant Rd,
Westfield, WI 53964

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

Online Worship Services

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!

Trimming the Tree

Tree Trimming -
December 8, 2024

Scuba Christmas Program

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Scuba Christmas Program on December 15, 2024

150th Anniversary Recap

1874 Ascension Anniversary Calendar of Events 2024

January 20 - Lefse making and sale

February - A set of 4 Commemorative Coasters were and still are available for purchase for $20. There are many sets of coasters still available. Purchase a set for yourself or to give as a gift.

April 21 after fellowship - Sing to the shut-ins.

September 15 - Remembrance Sunday - videos of past years were shown after the worship service. Members made dishes from recipes collected from old church cookbooks. The church bell was rung for the first time in years. During the service we sang "Lead On, O King Eternal" with the recording made in 1974 for the 100th Anniversary. We also listened to a recording of Mabel Prestrud reciting "The Lord's Prayer" in Norwegian.

October 13 - Polka Service

November 3 - Special Worship Service. Our church was officially organized on November 26, 1874. We invited former pastors to join us. A chicken dinner was catered in.

Other projects that happened during the year:

- We had several speakers from the Benevolences we support throughout the year tell us how our financial support benefits them.
- We put some "'Way Back When" articles in the Visitor each month.
- The bulletin boards were changed every month with different pictures and articles from the past.
- We put 2 articles in the local papers.

The Committee:
Bommie, Kris, Denelle, Jean, Everett, Glen and Phyllis

Benevolence Speakers:

January - Phil & E.J. Blohm from AIM Air
February - Leon Miles from ILT
March - Jennifer Bisterfeldt from Safe Haven
April - Mona Ashenbrener from Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry
May - Hung Nguyen from SAM25 and Ken and Marcella Nelson from NALC Missions

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It was an amazing year-long celebration! Hours and hours went into planning and implementing those plans and we extend many, many thanks to the anniversary committee. We look forward to the next 25, 50, 100+ years as a congregation dedicated to serving our community as well as worshiping our most omnipotent God!

Council Minutes

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NAVARINO
Tuesday, December 17, 2024
5:30 pm Council Meeting

Present: Glen Peebles, Lisa Wollenberg, Greg Schoettler, Brad Schuelke, Cathy Thomas, Denise Klemp
Absent Mike Homan
President Glen Peebles called the meeting to order at 5:30
Prayer and Devotion:
Old Business: Discussion on wage increase for staff.
Parking lot update (Olson Electric) Brad reports Lightning in progress
Approval of last month minutes:
1st by: Lisa, 2nd Greg, Voice vote passed
Pastor's Report:
Treasurer's Report: Income received: $76,890.33
Expenses paid out: $74,249.66
Income Exceeding Expenses $2,640.67
Project Fund Received for the Month:

Loud Offering	$105.79
CD Interest	$303.56
Candy Bar Sales (Yearly)	$1,348.00
Plant Sale	$11.00
Thrivent Choice	$271.00
Fellowship	$311.00
Scrip Program Card Sales	$1800.00
Misc. Donations	$150.00
Total Income for the Month:	**$4,300.35**
Scrip Card Expense	$5,467.23 Scrip cards and candy bars
Total available for Project(s)	**$93,834.51** <1166.88

Accumulative Totals

Loud Offering	$10,307.61
Thrivent Choice	$12,653.00
Candy Bars	$5,798.70
CD Interest	$4,125.23

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report 1st by Cathy 2nd by Brad Voice vote Passed
New Business
Council Members up for election Glen and Greg. Brad is running for 3rd term
Committee Updates

Worship	Christmas Eve Service - one service Dec. 24th at 4pm
Youth	Confirmation and Sunday School after the 1st of the year
Finance	Next Finance Meeting Jan.8th 6pm
Fundraising	Pizza Sale Feb. 1st (youth)
Miscellaneous	December 29th Birthday Sunday and Xmas Carol Service
	January 19th Annual Meeting
	January 26th Birthday Sunday

Next Meeting Date January 15th at 5:30

Adjournment 1st by Greg 2nd by Lisa Voice vote Passed

Respectfully submitted by: Cathy Thomas (Secretary)

Church Council Minutes

Parking Lot Update ~ My Thoughts in Words

PARKING LOT UPDATE 12/24
On Mon, 12/16, the (2) new light poles were set on the concrete footings, and the existing light pole was taken down. After a couple very dark nights, I asked the Olson's foreman on site if he could get the new parking lot lights operating by the Christmas Eve service. He said there would be light, and by Wednesday 12/18, there was light!

The foreman from Olson's also said the balance of their electrical work will be finished soon.

If anyone from the church would like to purchase the old 25' pole, please let me know by our annual meeting in January.

Thank you,
Brad Schuelke (Council VP)

My Thoughts in Words
By The Church Lady

It's hard to believe that the Y2K scare was already 25 years ago. I remember not being overly concerned. We had and continue to hear over and over again the predictions of when the world is going to end. Obviously, none of the predictions have come true – yet. We all know, as stated in the book of Revelations, that the world as we know it will end. How and when it will end is up for debate and will continue to be until the end is upon us. Fortunately, those us of who know where we are going when we leave this world don't have to worry about the end times. Just like 25 years ago, when the clock turned to 12:00 am on January 1, 2000 and the world didn't implode, we can continue our lives now as we did back then. I know for me, 2025 will be another year filled with good times and bad. I will continue to try to improve on my last 53 years on this earth all the while looking up to my God and Savior who's been with me through all my ups and downs. I can hold on, always trusting in where He's leading me all the while enjoying the ride. This year, may you also feel the gentle touch of your Lord and Savior. May you remember to trust His lead so you have the freedom to live the best life you can!

Happy New Year & God Bless, Denise

Dartball Schedule ~ Community Events

Ascension's Dartball Schedule 2024-2025

Start Time 7:30 pm

Nov 4 - Ascension @ Oneida Methodist
Nov. 11 - Cicero Lutheran @ Ascension
Nov. 18 - Ascension @ Black Creek Lutheran
Nov. 25 - Deer Hunting & Thanksgiving
Dec. 2 - Seymour Lutheran @ Ascension
Dec. 9 - Ascension BYE
Dec. 16 - Make up game
Jan. 6 - Black Creek U.C.C @ Ascension
Jan. 13 - Ascension @ Seymour Methodist
Jan. 20 - Oneida Methodist @ Ascension
Jan. 27 - Ascension @ Cicero Lutheran
Feb. 3 - Black Creek Lutheran @ Ascension
Feb. 10 - Ascension @ Seymour Lutheran
Feb. 17 - Ascension BYE
Feb. 24 - Make up game
Mar. 3 - Captain's Meeting
Mar. 10 - PLAYOFFS
Mar. 17 - PLAYOFFS
Mar. 24 - PLAYOFFS/CHAMPIONSHIP
Mar. 31 - BANQUET

November 2024

Responding to rising prices and decreasing availability of quality proteins for our pantry clients, your Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry is starting a MEAT FUND.

This fund will allow us to take advantage of sales & special offers on meat which we can store in our pantry freezers to have available throughout the year.

Our goal is **$3,000**

and we've already received $500 seed money for the fund.

Look for the envelopes and make a contribution today.

Questions? Talk with Pastor Moira at 715-851-3080 or pastormoira73@gmail.com

*In kind donations of **commercially processed** meat (including venison) are also most enthusiastically welcomed!*

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BONDUEL

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST

2024 – 2025

Wednesday, June 12th (Brunch 10:00 a.m.): Summer School
Wednesday, July 10th (Brunch 10:00 a.m.): Summer School
August Date TBA:
Wednesday, Sept. 11th: Admin Team and Fall Cleanup Sign up
Wednesday Oct. 9th: TBA
Monday, Nov. 11th: Veteran's Day Assembly
Wednesday Dec. 11th: TBA
Wednesday Jan. 8th: TBA
Wednesday Feb. 12th: TBA
Wednesday Mar. 12th: TBA
Wednesday Apr. 9th: TBA
Wednesday May 14th: TBA

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

$3.00 PER PERSON

HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

COME JOIN US!

ADRC
Aging & Disability Resource Center
Wolf River Region

SUPPORT GROUP

We are here to help

DO YOU CARE FOR A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER W/DEMENTIA OR MEMORY CONCERNS?

- **Shawano**: 4th Wed./month @ 1-2pm at Beans & Books-Expresso ~215 Main Street
- **Bonduel**: 4th Tues/month @ 2-3pm at the Village Hall
- **Oconto**: 1st Mon./month @ 10-11am at the Bond Center
- **Gillett**: 1st Mon./month @ 2-3pm at the Community Center
- **Lakewood**: 1st Wed./month @ 2-3pm at Lakes Country Public Library
- **Tigerton**: 4th Wed./month @ 10-11am at the Senior Center

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Ask for Ericka or Johanna
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Ericka@adrcwolfriver.org

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Shawano, WI 54166

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 **6:30pm** NO Confirmation or Church School	**2**	**3**	**4**
5 *Epiphany* **8:30am** Bible Study **9:30am** Worship **Fellowship meal -** Scalloped Potatoes & Ham	**6** **6:30pm** Bible Study **7:30pm** Dartball at Ascension	**7** **9:00am** Bible Study 	**8** **6:30pm** Confirmation and Church School	**9**	**10**	**11**
12 *Baptism of the Lord* **8:30am** Sunday School **8:30am** Bible Study **9:30am** Worship **Fellowship meal -** Pizza	**13** **6:30pm** Bible Study **7:30pm** Dartball at Seymour Methodist	**14** **9:00am** Bible Study	**15** **4-6pm** Loaves and Fishes Distribution **5:30pm** Council Meeting **6:30pm** Confirmation and Church School	**16** 	**17**	**18** **9-11 am** Loaves and Fishes
19 *2nd Sunday after Epiphany* **8:30am** Bible Study **9:30am** Worship **After worship -** Annual Meeting and Potluck (Hot Pork Sandwiches will be provided) 	**20** **6:30pm** Bible Study **7:30pm** Dartball at Ascension	**21** **9:00am** Bible Study	**22** **6:30pm** Confirmation and Church School	**23**	**24**	**25**
26 *3rd Sunday after Epiphany* **8:30am** Bible Study **8:30am** Sunday School **9:30am** Worship **Birthday Sunday**	**27** **6:30pm** Bible Study **7:30pm** Dartball at Cicero Lutheran	**28** **9:00am** Bible Study	**29** **6:30pm** Confirmation and Church School	**30** 	**31**	

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