

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

Church Office:
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Pastor Mark Sabin
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Your Church Council

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Church Council



The council usually meets the third Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to attend.
Please Note: The next council meeting will be Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Message from the Pastor ~ Adult Bible Study Information ~ Sunday Fellowship

APRIL NEWSLETTER



Another year has come and gone since we prepared our hearts for what Jesus the Christ has done on our behalf. Only the blood of the Lamb could reconcile us to God by making peace on his cross. *"My soul has been washed by the blood of the Lamb. The Lamb washed my soul white as snow. His love snatched my soul from the jaws of the evil one. The Lamb washed my soul white as snow, freshly fallen snow, cleansed by the washing from the Lamb."* mas

March 31, 2024 was the day we celebrated Jesus' resurrection from the dead. The resurrection of our Lord tells us that He is victorious over sin, death and the power of evil. We are a people of victory because of Jesus' love for his children.

For our younger people, I'm guessing you colored Easter Eggs. Our children loved to color Easter eggs too. Compare a living egg to the Tomb of Jesus. When the baby chick is ready to come out of the shell, it breaks the shell open. The shell has served its' purpose. Like the shell, the tomb served its' purpose. The Tomb could no longer hold Jesus like the eggshell could no longer hold the chick. The chick is given life and Jesus gives us a new life.

We all know April 1st is known as April fool's Day where hoaxes and pranks are played on both friends and enemies. The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is no hoax; it is true.

We enter the time of warm weather and some of us have been working in their flower beds. But in the winter it looked like our trees and grass died. Spring is the time when creation wakes up. Winter death is just beauty sleep, life is renewed in spring. Speech nor word, no sound is heard, yet creation knows. Changing seasons showing their face for God ordains all living things.

Enjoy what God is doing in your life today, no matter what you face. Every season is ordained by God and his Creation is one of order. God knows all of our needs and in each day He fills it with his love and grace. This is why we can say; *"this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

Blessings, Pastors Marcia and Mark 卐



Sunday Fellowship

Please join us every Sunday after worship for food and fellowship.

April 7 - Pizza

April 14 - Sloppy Joe Sandwiches

April 21 - Meatballs

April 28 - Birthday Cake and Ice Cream

Adult Bible Study

Sunday Mornings at 8:30 am

Monday Evenings at 6:30 pm

Tuesday Mornings at 9:00 am

All are welcome!

Assisting Ministers – Birthdays – Anniversaries

April 2024	Communion Helper	Reader	Money Counter
April 7 9:30 am	Pastor Marcia	Denise Klemp	Phyllis Peebles
April 14 9:30 am	Carrie Daoust	Ava Lorenz	Rita Olson
April 21 9:30 am	Patty Lorenz	Erza Erb	Ruthann Meiers
April 28 9:30 am	Linda Bubolz	Darrel Klemp	Glen Peebles

*Serve
wholeheartedly, as
if you were serving
the Lord, not
people.
Ephesians 6:7*

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.



*Scott & Lisa Wollenberg
4/24 ~ Married 31 years*



Jane Schulze	4/02
Brad Schuelke	4/04
Helen Kienast	4/06
Brandon Wilkinson	4/06
Stacey Homan	4/07
McKenzie Wollenberg	4/08
Eric Schulze	4/08
Betty Ladwig	4/09
Dean Rueden	4/11
Greycen Johnson	4/12
Rodney Hillsberg	4/14
Mackenzie Dingeldein	4/18
Barbara Weisschappel	4/18
Michael Homan	4/19
Rosemary Kienast	4/19
Jeff Anderson	4/20
Jacob Wetzel	4/20
Glen Peebles	4/21
Ruthann Meiers	4/23
Sean Harper	4/26
Kevin Conradt	4/27
Jody Kuhn-Kauffman	4/30

Church Mail – Church News – Thank You's – Community News



Thank you to all who purchased lilies to decorate our sanctuary for Easter.



Pizza Fundraiser

A huge thank you to all who purchased pizzas and those who worked to make this fundraiser happen. Approximately \$3600 was raised and will go towards the special project fund. Kudos.

To everyone at Ascension Lutheran - Thank you so very much for the wonderful opportunity to join you all for your church service and meal on March 3rd. It was so nice of you all to welcome us. We were deeply moved by your kindness. Thank you for the generous donation, the eggs and the blankets! We are grateful for your support. It means so much to us all! God bless you - keep doing your great work!
Jen Bisterfeldt (Safe Haven)



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.



Loaves & Fishes



FOOD PANTRY

***Focus Item for April 2024:
Brownie & Cake 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.

Income for February \$15,682.60
Expenses paid out \$12,888.89
Income exceeding expenses \$2,793.71



Our April Benevolence will go to:

NALC National Support

Memories at Ascension ~ Miscellaneous

150th Anniversary

The 150th Anniversary committee has planned a Remembrance Sunday for September 15th. All past and present members are invited to attend the worship service at 9:30 am. In addition to a special worship service there will be a potluck fellowship afterward including recipes from past members. Part of this celebration will include past memories from our current and past members. Below is form you can complete with your special memories at Ascension. Please complete as many as you would like and forward to the church prior to September 15th. Memories cards will also be available at the church.

Memories at Ascension

Remembered by _____



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BONDUEL

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST

2023 - 2024

Wednesday Oct. 11th: Admin team and Polkas
Friday, Nov. 10th: Veteran's Day Assembly
Wednesday Dec. 13th: Band and Chorus
Wednesday Jan. 10th: Raquel Strayer and ESports
Wednesday Feb. 14th: 5K
Wednesday Mar. 13th: All Things Technology!
Wednesday Apr. 10th: 4K
Wednesday May 8th: First Grade

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

**\$3.00 PER
PERSON**

**HIGH
SCHOOL
COMMONS**

You are invited to a:

SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

at Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville

Tickets:
\$7.50 in
advance
or \$8 at
the door

TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2024
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Salads,
desserts,
bars,
cookies,
milk &
coffee

Coasters are
still available!



150th Anniversary Information

Ascension's 150th Anniversary

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

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

February - A set of 4 Commemorative Coasters will be 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. All are welcome to join - young and old alike! Please consider joining us and spreading joy to several special members of our congregation.

September 15 - Remembrance Sunday - videos of past years will be shown after the worship service.

October 13 - Polka Service

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

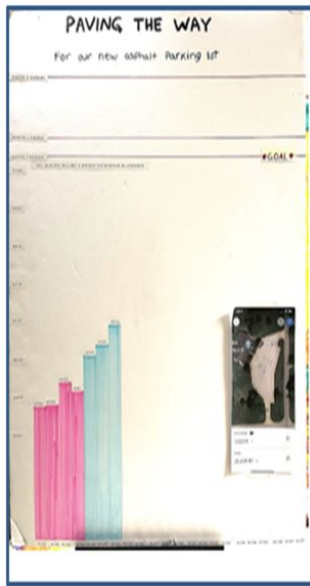
Other projects that will be happening during the year:

- We have asked all the Benevolences we support throughout the year to come and tell us how our financial support benefits them.
- We will be putting some “Way Back When” articles in the Visitor each 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:
Bommie, Kris, Denelle, Jean, Everett, Glen and Phyllis

Fundraising Information – Scrip News



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

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.

VandeWalle's
CANDIES

There are VandeWalle's candy bars on the table by the library for sale. They are \$1.25 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.

FEBRUARY SCRIP RECAP

- Cards sold - 32
- Sales - \$1,950
- Profit - \$113.00



Scrip Cards continue to be available for purchase. This program has been a good source of revenue for Ascension. Ascension stocks the following cards: BP, Cousins Subs, Fleet Farm, Kwik Trip, Shell/Grand Central Station, Subway, Walmart and Woodman's. Other cards listed on the sheet in the narthex can be obtained via special order. Please consider a purchase next time you are considering buying a gift for a loved one or for you own use. All proceeds go to the Special Projects Fund.

Your purchase of these SCRIP cards costs you nothing yet your purchase earns money for Ascension. THANK YOU to everyone that has been supporting the SCRIP Program.

VDC – Prayer List – Online Worship Service Info



Via de Cristo News

SonRise Wisconsin Via de Cristo

Spring 2024 weekend will be April 4-7, 2024
at Camp Fairwood, Westfield, WI

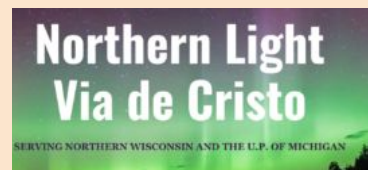
Northern Lights Spring Ultreya

Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 10:00 am

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

N10685 Peterson Road, Marion, WI 54950

Worship service/Annual meeting followed by potluck



Prayers for those ill, injured or hospitalized:

Alice Mueller, Dave & Sally Richter, Pat Zuiches, Arnie Kloes,
Russell Kloes, Beck & Rosie Pues, Everett Olson



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: <http://ascensionnavarino.com/sermons.html>

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!

Counting Change ~ 3rd Grade Bible Presentation



Above: The Wednesday night youth group counting up all of the change they have collected for the missionaries.

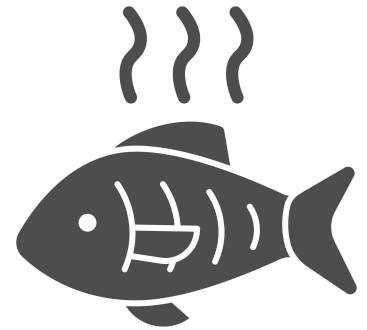
Side and Below: The 3rd graders received their bibles at the March 24th Worship Service.



Ascension's Fish Fry



The Olson bread buttering crew. (above)



**Fish Fry
Fundraiser**



Just some of the amazing volunteers who volunteered at the Fish Fry on March 15. Cathy celebrated her birthday on the day of the fish fry. Thank you to all who volunteered in any way to make this fundraiser a success!

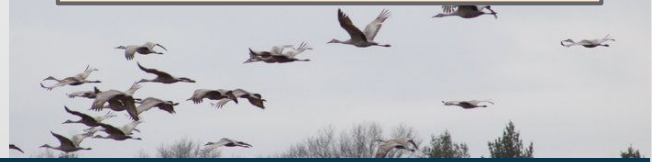


Navarino Nature Center Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 6
9:00am-12:00pm - Crafts with NNC: Fairy House Workshop.
 Nature center staff will teach adults and youth 14 and over, younger may come with an adult, how to build a fairy house. Registration required.
 There is a fee for this event.



Thursday, April 4 6:00pm -
Evening with the Sandhill Cranes.
 Register by April 2nd.



Go to www.navarino.org for more information and to register for the upcoming events.

Wednesday, April 17
10:00-11:30 am -
Storytime: Fun with Eric Carle.
 We will be enjoying crafts and activities based off of his various books such as Brown Bear, Brown Bear, and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Open to babies and up! There is a \$3.00 fee for this event.



CELEBRATE SPRING WITH PAW PATROL



Come and join the Paw Patrol themed fun at Navarino Nature Center for Spring.

Things to experience:

-  Interact with local police\K9, firemen, ambulance, and other entities
-  Trolley Rides
-  Pond Study
-  Visit with Paw Patrol Characters
-  Playscape Fun
-  Bird House Building (\$10 each)
-  Tons of Fun
-  Crafts
-  Outdoor Games



DATE:
APRIL 27TH, 2024

TIME:
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT EVENT

WHERE:



**W5646 LINDSTEN ROAD,
 SHIOCTON, WI 54170**



2024 Senior Safari Lunch & Learns

Working collaboration with Shawano County Human Services & Navarino Nature Center

Where:
 Navarino Nature Center
 W5646 Lindsten Road
 Shiocton, WI 54170

Time:
11:00am to 1:00pm

Program Fee: Suggested \$4.50 per person donation for meal.
 Donations are also welcomed to support of Navarino Nature Center

April 4
 Leaders in Conservation:
 John Muir

May 2
 Frog/ Toads/
 Salamanders

June 6
 Leaders in Conservation:
 Roosevelt and Pinchot

July 11
 Porcupines & Fishers

August 1
 Leaders in Conservation:
 Aldo Leopold

September 5
 WI DNR

October 3
 Fall Trolley

November 7
 To Be Determined

*Dates and topics may be subject to change
 Registration is required by calling Heidi at 715-526-4686

2024 FUN RUN & WALK

START & FINISH AT THE
Navarino Nature Center
 W5646 Lindsten Road, Shiocton, WI 54174

10K RUN | 5K RUN | 5K WALK | 1 MILE KIDS FUN RUN

START DATE:
SATURDAY
27TH APRIL

START TIME:
9:00AM ONWARDS

REGISTRATION ONLINE:
WWW.NAVARINO.ORG/TRAIL-RUNS

ENTRY FEE:
 PRICES VARY BY RACE & INCREASE AS
 START DATE APPROACHES

CONTACT NNC AT (715) 758-6999

**SELF
 TIMED
 WITH
 PARTICIPATION
 MEDALS**

February Council Minutes

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NAVARINO

Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 20, 2024

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

Glen Peebles brought the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Prayer and Devotion : by Pastor Mark Sabin

Approval of last month's minutes: 1st by Lisa 2nd by Mike Voice vote passed

Pastors report: [4] Midweek Lenten Services, [3] Hospital visits, [2] Home visits with Holy Communion [3] Tuesday Bible Studies, [1] Baptism and wrote each Lenten dialogue.

Treasure's / Finance Report

Income for February \$15,682.60

Expenses paid out \$12,888.89

Income exceeding Expenses \$2,793.71

Project fund income received for February: Loud offering \$100.64, Thrivent choice \$774.00, Sunday/fellowship \$89.00. Pizza Fundraiser \$5297.00 **[NET PROFIT] \$2727.77**, CD interest \$385.87, Eggs \$89.00, Script program cards \$1950.00. Misc. donations \$110.00,

TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH \$8795.51.

Pizza Fundraiser expense \$2,569.23 Script card expense \$4,437.50.

TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS \$71,237.88.

Reoccurring Accumulative Tools: Amazon smile rebate \$420.93, Kwik Trip Rebate \$526.63, Loud Offering \$9,348.96. Thrivent Choice \$10,783.00, Candy Bars \$4,450.70, CD Interest \$2,091.56. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Mike 2nd by Cathy Voice vote passed.

New Business: Town of Navarino to re-zone the areas including Ascension. Cecil Clothes Closet has reached out. They are in need of Kid's clothes especially but adults are great too. There will be a basket set out, any and all donations are appreciated.

Old Business: 150th Anniversary: next meeting April 2nd
Loaves and Fishes: will be guest speaker on April 14th
Website: update to come

**Church Council
Meeting Minutes**

Committee Updates

Worship: Easter Breakfast services March 31st

Youth: Bibles will be handed to our 3rd graders this Sunday March 26th

Finance: Next Finance Meeting May 8th 6pm.

Property:

Fundraising: Next Fundraiser is the Brat Fry at Charlies: Monday - Wednesday May 13-15 **Sign up sheets to help will be available.**

Miscellaneous: March 24th - Birthday Sunday also Palm Sunday

Next meeting Date: April 17th, 2024 at 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned around 6:00. Motion to adjourn by Brad 2nd Mike voice vote passed.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cathy Thomas, Secretary

'Way Back When by Mabel Prestrud

*Congratulations to Rev. G. O. Halvorson on his 50th. Anniversary in the Ministry, beginning **with** Ascension!*

Pastor G. O. Halvorson was ordained February 25, 1945 at First English Church (since, the church name has been changed to Trinity) at Stevens Point, Wisconsin. He had grown up in that city. and this was his home church.

He attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, and sang in the Seminary Choir. He was ordained 50 years ago by T. F. Gullixson, who was President of Luther Seminary.

He accepted a call to the Navarino Parish in April, 1945 and was installed at an all day service/celebration at Ascension. That was the time of year the roads in Navarino were very muddy, and the new young pastor experienced them during his first days in the parish.

There was a mimeograph in the parsonage and the pastor was in charge of doing the bulletins each week. When one looks at copies of his Sunday Bulletins we are aware of how different things were "Way Back Then"! Under the heading of all bulletins:

NAVARINO LUTHERAN PARISH

St. John's Lutheran

Jerusalem Lutheran

Navarino Lutheran

St. Mark's Lutheran

The Rev. Gilbert O. Halvorson, pastor

Among these 4 congregations there was an assortment of 3 Hymnbooks. The pastor noted in the bulletins for the 2 churches served on Sunday morning under (1) and (2), also the choral anthems for (1) and (2). The hymns were usually the same tune and words for both service in all books, just a different number, 'tho sometimes he had to change to a different hymn. The service always went on without a "hitch".

An attendance record was kept for each church and reported in the next Sunday's bulletin. Such as shown in one for March 24, 1946: St. John's 37, Navarino 91, Midweek (Lenten) service Jerusalem 37, Navarino 64, March 31-St. Mark's 64, Jerusalem 54, followed with a remark "Watch your attendance!"

One week's announcements went like this:

Navarino and St. Mark's Luther League will meet at Navarino Church. Raymond Christianson is in charge of the program. Topics will be given by Harvey Pues, Mrs. Bernice Svetnicka and Arlene Peterson. Ruth Thompson will lead in devotions. The pastor continues the Bible Study of Genesis. A good attendance is greatly desired. Confirmation class at St. John's at 10:30

Navarino worship at St. Mark's at 9 and Jerusalem at 11 A.M.

Leeman Ladies Aid meets with Mrs. Arthur Olson

St. John's Luther League meets at 8 P.M.

Young people, don't forget Bible Camp begins July 28 and continues until August 4. Among things to bring include a sunny disposition.

We're sure Pastor Halvorson considers his wedding at Ascension June 5, 1947 the highlight of his ministry here. Esther, her sister Clara, and mother, Mrs. Martin Amundson owned and operated the grocery and general store in the heart of the village of Navarino. Pastor Halvorson, being a bachelor, found it very convenient to shop for groceries there after he parked his car across the street to pick up his mail at the Post Office. It was during this time the Amundsons sold the store and moved to Clintonville.

Pastor had calls to make in Clintonville, too, which made it convenient to call on his former storekeepers. Ascension is proud -- the only pastor to ever be married in the church. The church was filled and overflowing. A former Pastor, Axel Blom and a close friend Rev. Alf Romstad performed the late afternoon service. A reception followed in the church parlors.

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This and That

'Way Back When continued

It was good having a Pastor's wife in the parsonage again.

In 1948 he resigned to accept a call to Eau Claire. They, along with baby daughter Lusanne would be missed.

Folks in the congregation look forward to visits from them, and occasionally having him conduct a service in the absence of the pastor.

He has also served parishes in Chicago and Oshkosh. Has been active on the County Board in Winnebago County, on the City Council in Stevens Point and is now serving as Interim Mayor there. Upon retirement they returned to Stevens Point, to live in the home where he grew up and to be members of the church he had attended 'til he came to Navarino.

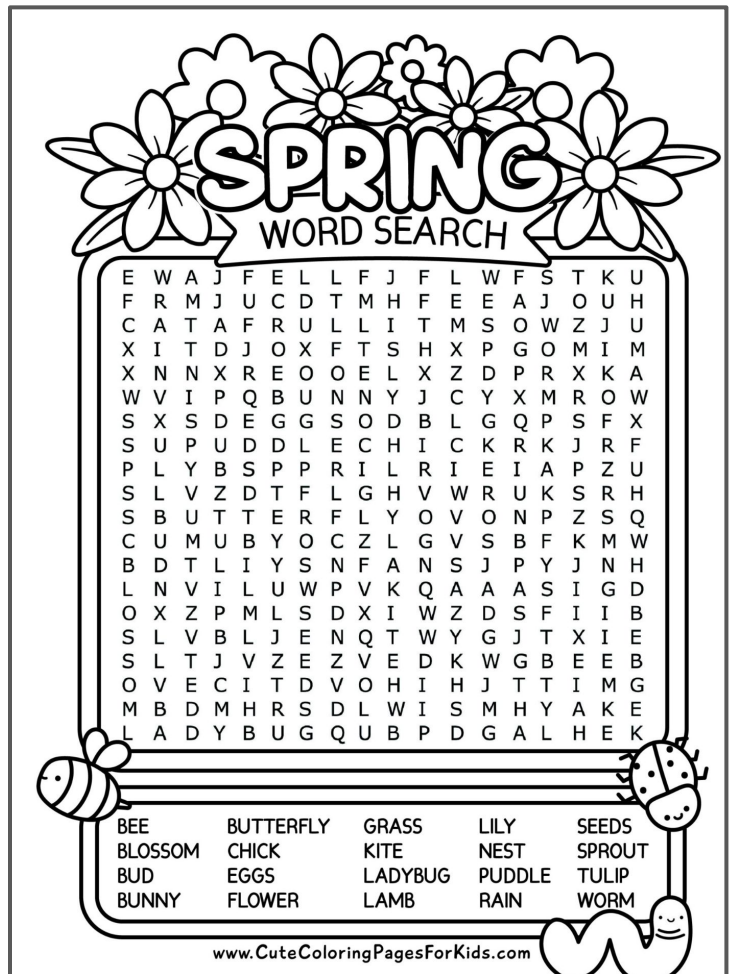
Congratulations to the Halvorson's on this important Anniversary, and Thank You for the strength you have given to Ascension.

Randy, the painter, often thinned his paint to make it go further.

The Baptist Church decided to restore its biggest building. Randy put in a low bid and got the job. He bought the paint, and, yes, thinned it with turpentine.

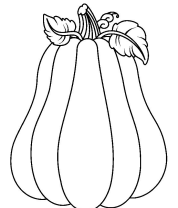
Well, Randy was painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a clap of thunder. The sky opened, and the rain poured down. It washed the thinned paint off the church. Randy fell from the scaffold, landing among the gravestones. He was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty. Randy raised his voice to the heavens, crying, "Oh, God, forgive me; what should I do?"

And from above, a mighty voice roared: "Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"



God's Garden -

- Lettuce be kind
- Squash gossip
- Turnip for church





April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Men's Dartball Banquet	2 9:00am Bible Study 6:00pm 150th Anniversary Meeting	3 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Sunday School	4	5 	6
7 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship	8 6:30pm Bible Study	9 9:00am Bible Study 	10 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Sunday School	11	12	13
14 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:30am Bible Study 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship with Speaker from Loaves & Fishes	15 NO Bible Study	16 9:00am Bible Study	17 4-6pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution 5:30pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Sunday School	18 	19	20 9-11 am Loaves and Fishes
21 4th Sunday of Easter 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship with Speaker from Gideon After Fellowship Sing to Shut-ins	22 NO Bible Study 	23 9:00am Bible Study	24 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Sunday School	25	26	27
28 5th Sunday of Easter 8:30am Bible Study 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship	29 6:30pm Bible Study	30 9:00am Bible Study				