Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino

"The Visitor"

August 2024

"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
Office hours: Tuesday 1-5 PM

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Glen Peebles at (715)584-3029

Church E-Mail:
Ascensionavarino@gmail.com

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www.ascensionavarino.com

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

Visitation Pastor
Marcia Sabin
715-340-5951-Cell

VBS
August 5-8
6:00-7:30 pm
(More info on page 4)

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, August 21, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Message from the Pastor ~ Sunday Fellowship

There is terror and despair as we read and watch what is happening in our world. The recent events have caused many to ask; why does God let these things happen? God knows what he is doing. His sovereignty over all things is perfect and true. We are to pray for hearts to be changed. You could say that the world is at war within itself. But Jesus tells us "take courage, I have conquered the world." (John 16:33).

Jesus teaches us about the futile nature of worrying. In Matthew 6:25-34 you will find that teaching. I want to share the heart of this teaching with you. **Matthew 6:26-30** *Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?*

Distractions cause us to worry about daily events because we are relying on our limited resources. Worry leads to burdens that zap our strength and we become overwhelmed. This kind of worry paralyzes us into inaction or dangerous actions.

Jesus uses humble examples of his creation to apply to his most cherished love; that's you and me. Jesus tells us to look around and observe the birds of the air. <u>They are free and have no worries</u>. They were not created to harvest crops to provide their own food, and yet they are feed. A bird cannot do the work of a farmer as we do; yet, it is not free from labor, but it <u>does the work for which it was created</u>, namely, it bears its young, feeds them and sings to our God a song for the privilege of doing this. We have all heard birds singing early in the morning the song it has learned. The bird doesn't worry about where it will find food. When it is hungry, it flies away and finds a "grain of corn," where God stored one away for it. This is a powerful example and stirs us to trust God more than we do, even during the events of the world that cause pain. Therefore Jesus asks: *"Are not you of much more value than they?"*

Jesus teaches us not to worry about our life. Your life is not yours, nor is your body (Psalm 139: 15-16). He uses another example of the flowers in the field and encourages us not to worry or be anxious. "*The flowers stand there and make us blush and become our teachers. Thank you flowers; you, who are to be devoured by the cows! God has exalted you very highly, that you become our masters and teachers. We must confess that the most insignificant flower, that the cattle tread under foot, should become our teacher."* ***Martin Luther*** Jesus goes on to say that King Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like the flowers; lilies, carnations, roses, and yes, dandelions.

What does the subject of worry have to do with the events we are witnessing now? We are called to do the good works that we are created to do in Christ Jesus to glorify our Father in heaven just as the birds and the flowers do what they are created to do. We will find peace in listening to the voice of our heavenly Father. *"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"* In a world that sees despair, God rises up against those who would want to harm us. Do not worry. God's people are the Apple of His eye. He will protect us from the ultimate carnage that humanity can impose on each other. We were not promised a life without suffering but He promises us Eternal Life where there will be no more pain, death, and crying. There will only be joy in heaven. We receive the peace from God that the world cannot give.

Blessings, Pastor Marcia Sabin

Assisting Ministers

August 2024 *(All 9:30 services)*	**Communion Server**	**Reader**	**Money Counter**
August 4	Patty Lorenz	Ava Lorenz	Rita Olson
August 11	Pastor Marcia	Darrel Klemp	Ruthann Meiers
August 18	Linda Bubolz	Chris Schley	Glen Peebles
August 25	*No Communion*	Denelle Daniels	Phyllis Peebles

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 (51 years)
08/09	Doug & Julie Wilber (27 years)
08/14	Bruce & Jody Kauffman (9 years)
08/22	Beck & Rosie Pues (65 years)
08/23	Al & Ruthann Meiers (49 years)

Happy Birthday

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

Upcoming Events

We will be collecting school supplies starting the end of August through September for schools in the Bonduel and Shawano area.

VBS

INFO

2024 Ascension Lutheran Church

Community VBS – Vacation Bible School

At *SCUBA VBS*, kids will dive deep into an amazing 4-day undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God... *diving into friendship with God!*

AGES PRESCHOOL AND UP (Kids beyond 5th/6th grade can be helpers!)
All are Welcome!

Monday, August 5 thru Thursday, August 8
Each Evening 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Closing Program – Thursday, August 8 at 6:30pm
Everyone welcome!

Call, text or email to let us know you're coming!
Rita Olson 920-525-2090 H; 920-572-0583 C; molson6094@centurylink.net
Ascension Church Office 715-758-8232; ascensionavarino@gmail.com

Ascension Lutheran Church, Navarino * 3 miles west of Navarino on Hwy 156 * W6106 Navarino Rd, Shiocton, WI

Sunday Fellowship

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

August 4 - Parsley Potatoes, Pork Sandwiches & Potluck
August 11 - Ham & Egg Sandwiches
August 18 - Sloppy Joe Sandwiches
August 25 - Birthday Cake and Ice Cream

Mark your calendars for the next brat fry: September 9-11, 2024

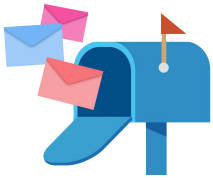
Thank You Letters ~ Church News

Ascension's Scholarship Recipients

- **Maddie Daniels** (UW Green Bay - Music & Audio Production)
- **Autumn Lorenz** (Fox Valley Technical College - Dental Hygiene)
- **Nathan Schley** (UW Platteville - Construction Management)
- **Max Sokolski** (Augsburg University - Business Management)

We are pleased to help these young adults pursue their dreams. We wish them all the best as they return to school soon!

Ascension Family,
Thank you for the Edward Johnson Scholarship fund. I finished my 3rd year of college at Augsburg University. I am studying business and had a 4.0 last year. My wrestling team also won the NCAA D3 championship for the 2nd year in a row. The scholarship money will be used for tuition next semester. I really appreciate the generosity.
God bless,
Max Sokolski



Ascension Lutheran Church,
I truly appreciate the scholarship I received by the late Edward Johnson. It will be put towards my Dental Hygiene education at Fox Valley Technical College. Thanks again!
Autumn Lorenz

Dear Pastor Mark & Ascension family -
Hello from Nairobi! Hope you are all doing well. We are so grateful to you all and your partnership with us in bringing the Gospel to East Africa. Thank you for your prayers and financial support! Recently our pilots did a medical evacuation for a couple in Uganda. Another flight flew missionaries into a remote area of Kenya. Many good things happening! Blessing to you all!
Phil & EJ Blohm

Loaves & Fishes
FOOD PANTRY

Focus Item for August 2024:

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!

Ascension Budget

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

Income received: $42,824.12
Expenses paid out: $40,565.29
Income exceeding expenses: $2,258.83
(this does not include yearly property insurance)

Our August Benevolence will go to:
Safe Haven in Shawano

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.

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

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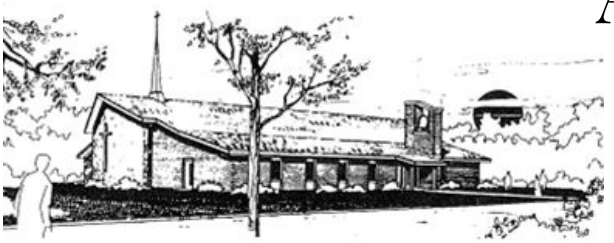
Remembered by _____

150 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Ascension Lutheran Church 150th Celebration

Remembrance Sunday

September 15, 2024 at 9:30 AM

W6106 Navarino Rd, Shiocton, WI

Come one, come all!
Everyone who has any type of connection to Ascension is invited.
Please bring a dish to pass.

POTLUCK

The Potluck Meal (immediately following worship) will include traditional Norwegian food and original member dishes from old Ascension Church cookbooks.

There will be displays of old photo albums, old church movies, slides and an original record album of the Ascension Choir.

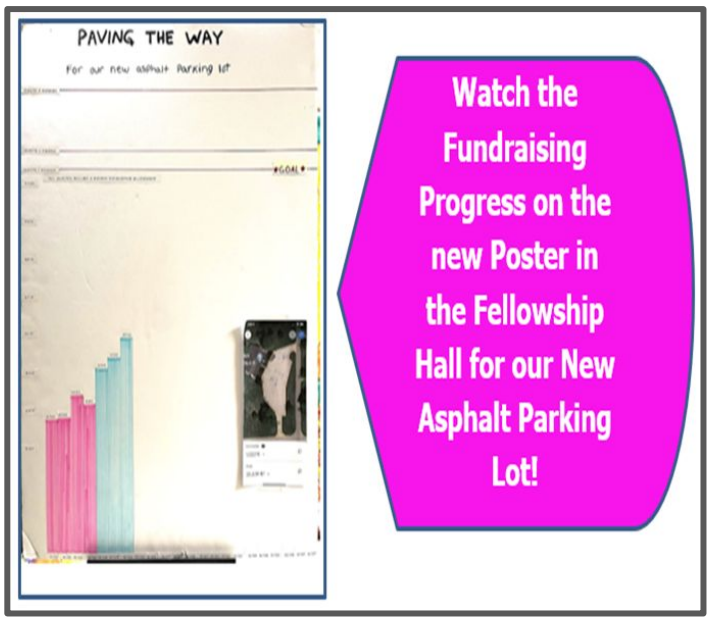
Memories

You will be encouraged to record any special memories you have of Ascension on memory cards which will be available at the event.

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.

JUNE SCRIP RECAP

- Cards Sold - 42
- Sales - $2,680.00
- June Profit - $267.85
- YTD Profit - $1,123.75
- Inventory - $7,425.00

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.

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 who has been supporting the SCRIP Program.

Via de Cristo News

SonRise Wisconsin Fall Weekend
October 17-20, 2024
Camp Fairwood,
W7905 S Pleasant Rd
Westfield, WI 53964

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

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.

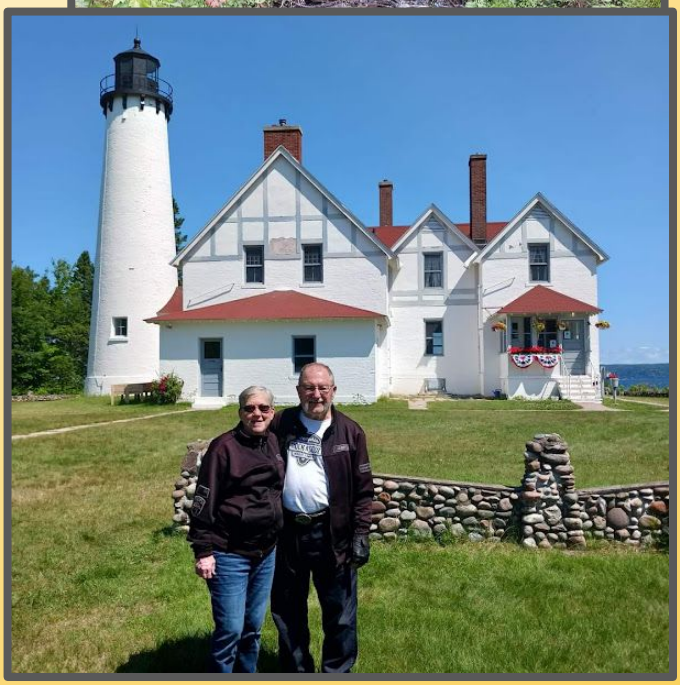
Ascension's website for online services: http://ascensionnavarino.com/sermons.html

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.

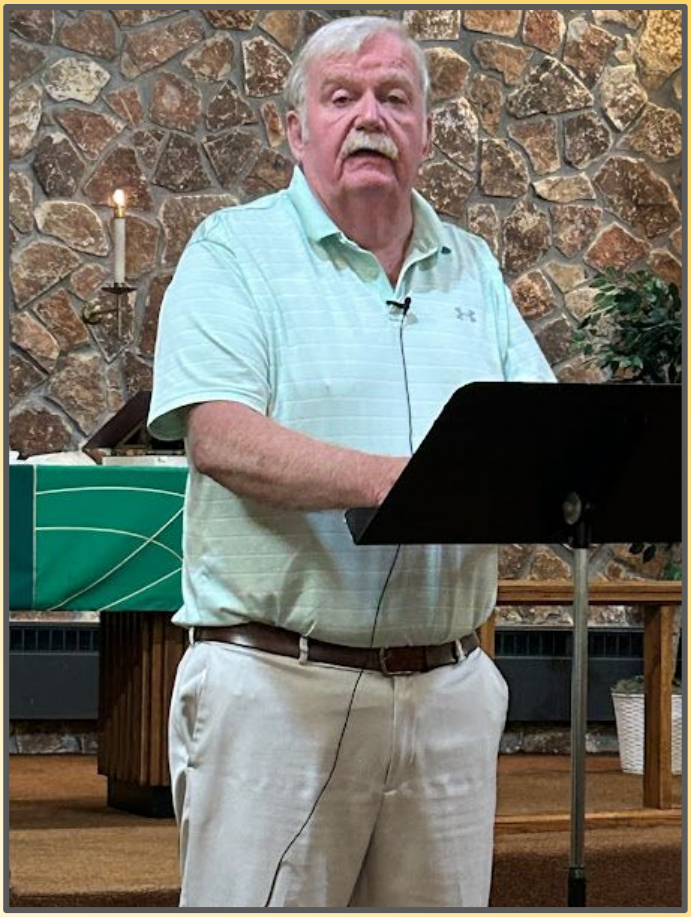
If you have something you would like to be included in the "Visitor", please have the information to the church office by the third Sunday of the month. Thank you!

Pastors Mark & Marcia's Recent Trip Photos

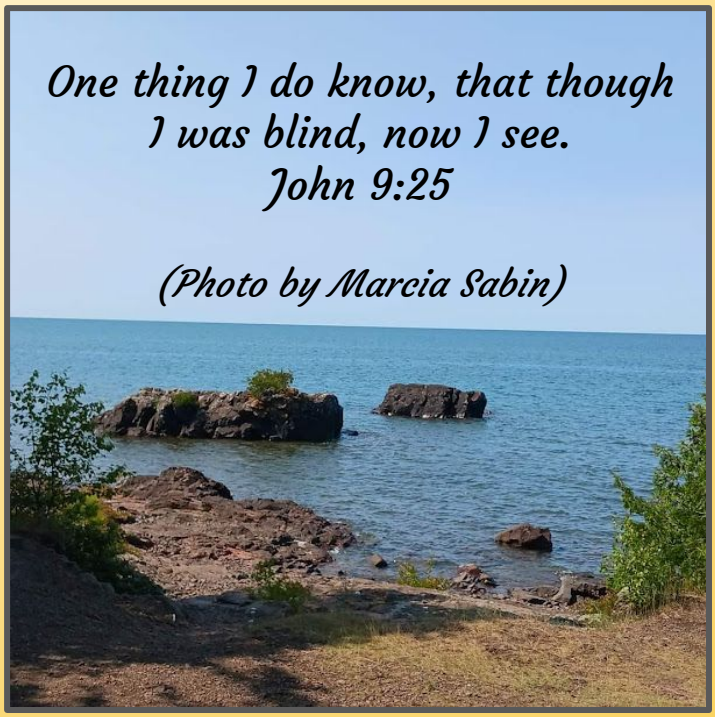
Above left: High Falls of the Magpie River
Above right: Aguasobon Falls and Gorge
Right: Munising Falls
Below left: Thomson Strawberry Farm and Winery
Below right: Point Iroquois Lighthouse in Upper Michigan



July Photos



While Pastors Mark and Marcia were on vacation around Lake Superior, Pastor David Eisele (above left) and Steve Conradt (above right) shared the messages. Below left: Pastor Lisa Stafford and her husband Dean Wheeler visited Ascension on July 14. Below right: The western shoreline of the Keweenaw Peninsula (photo by Pastor Marcia Sabin.)



Community Events

SAM25
Hope • Health • Housing

Save the Date!

SAM25 Annual
Empty Bowls-Caring Hearts
Fundraiser

Saturday, September 7, 2024
11 a.m. until 2 p.m.
Shawano Community High School
220 County Road B Shawano, WI

See you there!

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

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

1-855-492-2372
Ask for Ericka or Johanna
Johanna@adrcwolfriver.org
Ericka@adrcwolfriver.org
www.adrcwolfriver.org
W7327 Anderson Ave.
Shawano, WI 54166

The VOICES OF PEACE 19th Annual Gospel Fest

2024

Friday, August 16th from 11:00AM until 7:00PM
Saturday, August 17th from 10:00AM until 7:00PM

Hilbert Civic Park
Hwy 57/32
Hilbert, WI 54129

Council Minutes

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

PRESENT: Glen Peebles,Lisa Wollenberg, Brad Schuelke
ABSENT: Greg Schoettler, Mike Homan, Cathy Thomas, Pastors Mark and Marcia Sabin
President Glen Peebles brought the meeting to order at 5:38.
Prayer and devotion: Luke 6:43-49 read by Brad Schuelke
Approval of last minutes: 1st by Lisa 2nd by Brad Voice passed.

Pastors Report: 2 Members Home Visits w/Holy Communion and 2 member phone visits

Treasure's / Finance Report:
Income received: $42,824.12
Expenses paid out: $40,565.29
Income exceeding Expenses: $2,258.83 (this does not include yearly property insurance)
Project Fund Income Received for the Month: Loud offering, 88.63, Thrivent Choice 51.00, Fellowship 50.00.
Scrip Program Card Sales 2830.00, CD Interest 71.92, Misc. Donation 80.00 Total income for the month $3,171.55
Scrip card expense $1,911.80 Total available for Project[s] $84,070.15
Cumulative Totals: Amazon Smile Rebate $420.93,Kwik Trip Rebate $526.63,Loud offering $9,778.42, Thrivent Choice $12,229.00
Candy Bars $4,450.70, CD Interest $3,216.88.Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report 1st by Brad, 2nd by Glen voice vote passed.

New Business:

Church Council Minutes

Old Business:
150th Anniversary, Next Meeting August 20th at 6pm
Website Transition and updates

Committee Updates: Worship:
VBS: August 5th-8th 6pm-7:30pm
Youth: Confirmation and Sunday School starting September 11th
Finance: Next Meeting August 7th 6pm
Fundraising: Brat Fry September

Miscellaneous:
July 28th Birthday Sunday
August 4th - Bring your Tractor to Church day (Potluck)
Will start collecting school supplies week of Aug 12th - watch for baskets.

Next Meeting Date: August 21st at 5:30

Meeting Adjourned 6:27pm 1st b**y Lisa 2nd by Brad Voice passed**

Respectfully Submitted by: Lisa Wollenberg

'Way Back When by Mabel Prestrud

From the Past

While looking through old church records to shed some light on cemetery boundary lines, I found an old Ladies Aid record book that was most enlightening. The following are tidbits from that book.

February 1940 - Had an apron sale. Made quilt. Each lady brought 16x20 inch square.
June 1940 - Aid paid $5.00 for one week's boarding of parochial teacher.
July 1940 - Aid agreed to pay $10.00 for parochial teacher's salary. Purchased 5 gallons of ice Cream for social for $4.75.
October 1940 - Paid janitor's salary of $20.00. Decided to have Norwegian Dinner. Advertising cost $1.00. Charge for meal 20¢ for children 6-12, 40¢ for adults.
February 1941 - Making plans for an oyster supper.
August 1941 - Bought oilcloth for tables in church basement, total cost 60¢.

Expenses for Norwegian Dinner in 1941:

1 cow	$65.00	25 lbs pork	$6.50
Cream	6.50	Milk	.25
Kerosene	.50	Groceries	4.13
Advertising	1.05	Bones	1.00
Butter	2.22	Cigars	.90

Income on same dinner:	$281.70
Sold cowhide for	4.20
Cigars	2.05
Leftover meat	21.25

April 1942 - Bought 50 serving trays for $5.00.
September 1942 - Paid Rev Evenson $5.00 for cleaning sewers. Aid paid $20.00, the balance due on cemetery.
December 1942 - Christmas party, 10¢ gift exchange.
February 1943 - Paid for new linoleum for parsonage kitchen. Cost $10.38. Paid $2.00 to August Haefs to lay it.
March 1943 - Each member to bring as many pennies as their waist measurement in inches.
October 1945 - Norwegian Dinner, adults 75¢, children 40¢. Paid $26.60 for 28 chairs; $17.00 for 28 more chairs. Basement Day dinner, adults 35¢, children 20¢
December 1945 - Exchange gifts 25¢
From 1945 annual report - The Aid paid for new roofing for the parsonage, $162.75. Aid paid $30.00 for baptismal font.
August 1946 - Purchased steam table for $8.00 from Louisa Christianson.
October 1947 - Norwegian Dinner, $1.50 for outsiders, $1.00 for adults members, 50¢ for children.
All during these years the Aid served the lunch at auctions in the area, and there were many auctions.
1953 - Income from fish pond, $5.25.
1956 - Extra meatballs from Norwegian Dinner sold for 60¢ a quart.

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4 *11th Sunday after Pentecost* **Drive Your Tractor to Church** **9:30am** Worship **Fellowship meal after Worship -** Pork Sandwiches & Parsley Potatoes with Potluck	**5** **6:00-7:30pm** VBS	**6** **6:00-7:30pm** VBS	**7** **6:00-7:30pm** VBS	**8** **6:00-7:30 pm** VBS **6:30 pm** Closing Program	**9**	**10**
11 *12th Sunday after Pentecost* **9:30am** Worship **Fellowship meal after Worship -** Ham & Egg Sandwiches	**12** *Pastor on vacation*	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**
18 *13th Sunday after Pentecost* **9:30am** Worship with Guest Preacher Pastor David Eisele **Fellowship meal after Worship -** Sloppy Joes	**19** *Pastor returns from vacation*	**20**	**21** **4-6pm** Loaves and Fishes Distribution **5:30pm** Council Meeting	**22** *Pastor on vacation*	**23**	**24** **9-11 am** Loaves and Fishes
25 *14th Sunday after Pentecost* **9:30am** Worship with Guest Preacher Steve Conradt *(No Communion)* **Birthday Sunday**	**26** *Pastor returns from vacation*			**29**	**30**	**31**

Vacation Bible School

Loaves & Fishes
FOOD PANTRY

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