Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino

"The Visitor"

October 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,
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Church Office:
(715) 758-8312
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Glen Peebles at (715)584-3029

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Church website: ***New Website coming soon!***

Pastor Mark Sabin
715-340-3670-Cell
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Visitation Pastor
Marcia Sabin
715-340-5951-Cell

POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE AND POTLUCK LUNCH

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 2024
AT 9:30 AM

COME JOIN US FOR A POLKA MUSIC WORSHIP SERVICE AND STAY FOR A POTLUCK MEAL AFTERWARD. SIGN UP ON THE SHEET ON THE TABLE IN BACK OF CHURCH FOR FOOD DONATIONS.

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, October 16, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Message from the Pastor

Reformation Day is the anniversary of the day Martin Luther posted his ninety-five Theses on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. October 31, 1517 was the date Luther posted the Theses and the church celebrates Reformation Day every year. The Lutheran church identifies with the Reformation as it was the beginning of breaking away from the Roman Catholic Church. Luther's intent was not to leave the Roman Catholic Church, but to reform its' practices and beliefs. An example of reform would be indulgences. In Luther's time, it required that parishioners purchase indulgences so a loved one's time in purgatory would be shortened.

Luther's reform was a direct revelation of God's grace and all-sufficient merit of Christ. When Martin Luther read Romans 1:16-17, he realized no matter what works he did would not bring Eternal Life. Luther tried everything to appease a wrathful God. He would flog himself, pray on a stone floor and starve himself. How liberating it was for Luther to read this scripture; *"For I am not afraid of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jews first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who are righteous will live by faith."*

Mark and I were in Germany in 2017 which happened to be the 500th anniversary of Luther's posting of the ninety-five Theses. We spent a day in Wittenberg and it happened to be that a worship service at Castle Church would be at 7:00 pm. in English. Castle Church was part of the tour of Luther sites in Wittenberg. The tour should have finished so that the service could begin. There was quite a good size group of people standing under the pulpit. This group actually was part of the service. These people are descendants of Martin Luther and they sang *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" i*n German. The rest of the service was in English. We were fortunate to stumble across this one-time event in the celebration of the anniversary. Martin Luther is buried in front of the Pulpit. He preached there often.

What became known as the Reformation brought a sense of peace to Luthers' soul. Matthew 11:28; *"Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest."*

We cannot do anything to appease God. God has reconciled us to himself by the blood of Jesus on the cross. God only wants our hearts. We do good works but only to glorify God the Father in heaven. We are saved by Christ alone. Ephesians 2:8a; *"by grace you have been saved through faith."*

Blessings, 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
October 13 & 27
(See Rita for more information)
Wednesday Evenings at 6:30

Come join us! All are welcome.

Assisting Ministers

September 2024 *(All 9:30 services)*	**Communion Server**	**Reader**	**Money Counter**
October 6	Linda Bubolz	Toni Klemp	Rita Olson
October 13	Dave Rohrer	Denise Klemp	Ruthann Meiers
October 20	Pastor Marcia	Darrel Klemp	Glen Peebles
October 27	Carrie Daoust	Chris Schley	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

10/02	David & Bobbie Doucette (26 years)
10/05	Ed & Patty Lorenz (22 years)
10/12	Dave & Lois Rohrer (56 years)
10/18	Merle & Rita Olson (39 years)
10/22	Darrel & Toni Klemp (36 years)

Happy Birthday

10/05	Kay Fuerst
10/05	George Peters
10/05	Luke Olson
10/06	Anthony Pues
10/07	Linda Bubolz
10/08	Nathan Larson
10/09	Marsha Lawrenz
10/09	Nora Riebe
10/11	Lisa Wollenberg
10/14	Sally Richter
10/14	Bruce Nitzske
10/14	Pearl Turnquist
10/15	Harlo Hillsberg
10/15	Pat Zuiches
10/20	Bobbie Doucette
10/25	Jean Conradt
10/25	Scott Wollenberg
10/31	Bruce Kauffman

Church News, Upcoming Events & Thank Yous

Ascension is working on designing a new website. We are aware that the old website is no longer accessible and apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

- **October 13** - Polka Service and Potluck @ 9:30 am
- **November 3** - 150th Anniversary Service with NALC Bishop @ 9:30 am. Catered meal after worship (see next page for more information).
- **November 20** - Thanksgiving/ Hunter's Service @ 7:00 pm
- **December 15** - Christmas Program @ 9:30 am

150th Remembrance Sunday Thank You's:

- Thank you to the anniversary committee for all their hard work in putting the remembrance Sunday celebration together.
- Thank you to the worship team for an uplifting worship service. It was truly an amazing celebration.
- Thank you to everyone who donated ingredients for our Norwegian meatballs and/or helped with making them.

God's word is foundational for both the individual and the church. Thank you for partnering with LBT so that others may have scripture in a language they understand.

God's Blessings,
Connie M.
(from LBT - Lutheran Bible Translators)

Sunday Fellowship

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

October 6 - Egg Salad & Ham Sandwiches
October 13 - Potluck with Meatballs & Scalloped Potatoes
October 20 - Hot Dogs
October 27 - Birthday Cake and Ice Cream

Church News

Home Devotionals:
"Our Daily Bread"

Are available on the table by the library. Large print books are also available.There is a box for a monetary donation if you'd like to contribute towards the cost of the book.

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 October 2024:
Canned Fruit

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!

The Brat Fry in September brought in $2900.00. We had Thrivent cards to off set costs and a generous anonymous donor that covered the rest. Thank you to all who volunteered!

Ascension Budget

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

Income received: $ 54,488.99
Expenses paid out: $57,508.44
Expenses exceeding Income ($3,019.44)

Our October Benevolence will go to:
Don Shire Ministries

Join us for the continuation of our year-long celebration on November 3, 2024 at 9:30 AM

On November 26, 1874, the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Navarino was officially organized. Ascension has grown and thrived in its 150 years. We hope you can join us for this special day!

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

150TH ANNIVERSARY

1874-2024

You are invited to help Ascension Lutheran church celebrate 150 years

Worship Service at 9:30 am

Sunday, November 3rd

With NALC Bishop Dan Selbo giving the message.

A catered chicken dinner will be provided after service.

If you plan to stay for the meal please

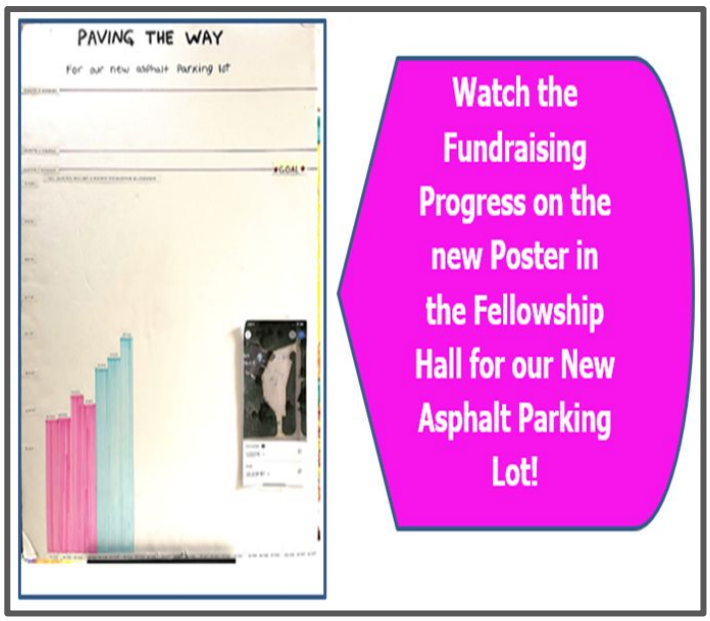
*RSVP by **October 21st** to 715-758-8312 or*
e-mail to ascensionavarino@gmail.com
or sign up at church with
family name and number attending.

Please come help us celebrate this special day

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.

AUGUST SCRIP RECAP

Shop With Scrip®

- August Cards Sold - 57
- August Sales - $3,775
- August Profit - $192.75
- YTD Profit - $1,316.50
- Inventory - $6,025.00

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.

It's not too early to start putting together your Scrip Order for Christmas. Please complete a sheet found in the back of the church and return it to Carrie, Rita or Denise. Please also indicate the date you need the cards if possible. Our Christmas order will be placed in early October.

We continue to stock a variety of cards, however, those are usually larger denominations of $50 and $100. Most $10 and $25 cards will need to be special ordered and the time it takes to get a special order can be 2-3 weeks.

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.

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, 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****

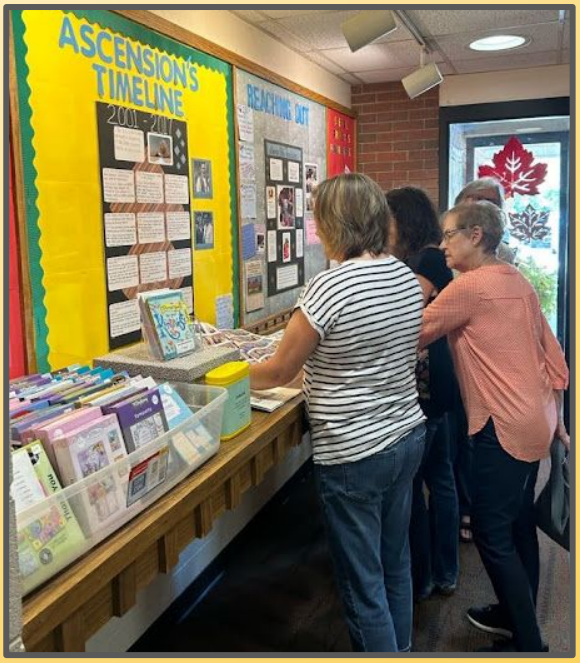
YOU **DO NOT** NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO VIEW THE LIVE STREAM SERVICES ON THE CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE. Ascension's Facebook page is public, so anyone with internet or Wi-Fi capabilities may view it. It will appear that you will have to log in once you get to Ascension's Facebook page, but all you have 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: http://ascensionavarino.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!

Ascension's Remembrance Sunday, September 15, 2024



Ascension's Remembrance Sunday, September 15, 2024

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Happy Anniversary

150th Anniversary Committee

Everett Olson

Denelle Daniels

Thank You

Glen Peebles, Kris Jensen & Phyllis Peebles

Bonnie Weiers

Council Minutes

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NAVARINO
Wednesday, September 18, 2024
5:30pm Council Meeting in Classroom

Present: Glen Peebles, Lisa Wollenberg, Greg Schoettle, Pastor Mark Sabin, Pastor Marcia Sabin, Cathy Thomas and special guest Denise Klemp
Not present: Brad Schuelke and Mike Homan
President Glen Peebles called meeting to order at 5:30
Prayer and devotion: 1st Thessalonians chapter 1 verse 2 By: Pastor Mark
Approval of last month's minutes: 1st by Lisa 2nd by Greg voice passed
Pastors report: 3 Home visits, 1 phone visit, Tuesday AM bible study and 1st Wednesday confirmation.
Treasurer's Report: Income received: $ 54,488.99
Expenses paid out: $57,508.44
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Project Fund Income received for the month:

Loud offering	$105.34		**Accumulative Tools**	
Thrivent Choice	$204.00		Loud offering	$9,891.46
Fellowship	$134.00		Thrivent Choice	$12,382.00
Scrip card for the month	$3500.00		Candy Bars	$4,450.70
Misc. Donation	$50.00		CD Interest	$3,144.96
Total Income for the month:	**$3,993.34**			
Scrip card expense	$4,119.00			
Available for Project(s)	**$86,773.82**	**<125.66**		

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: 1st by Cathy 2nd by Greg voice vote passed
New Business: Denise Klemp reports old website is down. Our new website is under construction. Stay tuned for updates.
The **Brat Fry** brought in $2900.00. We had Thrivent cards to off set costs and a **generous** anonymous donor hat covered the rest.
Old Business: 150th Anniversary went well
October 6th- Speaker from Bible Translators
October 15th at 6pm- Next committee Meeting
November 3rd - Anniversary Dinner after 9:30 service (sign up sheet in the back)
Parking lot update - Congregation meeting scheduled for Sept. 29th
Committee Updates
Worship: Polka Service - Oct, 13, 2024
Youth: Confirmation and Sunday school started September 11, 2024
Property:
Fundraising:
Miscellaneous : September 29th Birthday Sunday
We are still collecting for school supplies
Next meeting Date: October 16th at 5:30
Adjournment: 1st by Cathy 2nd by Greg voice vote passed

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Thomas

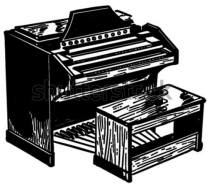
Church Council Minutes

And Mabel Played the Organ ~ by Marjorie Wilbur

[This article was originally published in the March 1982 Visitor]

As we think of thirty years or more
That Mabel has been playing
As we have joined together
In worshipping and praying
Our thoughts go back those many years
And all that's come to be
Yes, thirty years of history
Has gone by you and me
Since Mabel's been at the organ - -

Wars in Korea and Vietnam
Were close to all of us
As our boys were fighting
To help settle all the fuss
I'm sure that many of these boys
Gave thoughts to God and home
Of services in the old church
And pastors they had known
And Mabel at the organ - -



We've had assassinations
In our country and across
We've had good times and bad times
We have suffered from the loss
We've shuttled to the moon and back
We hardly could believe
The exploration into space
Not easy to conceive
And as those things have happened
There was always this to know
That come next Sunday morning
To services we'd go
And Mabel would be at the organ - -

We think of all the loved ones
Who have left us o'er these years
And as the memories linger
We wipe away the tears
But our friends were there to help us
As we walked the long sad mile
And they were there to cheer us
As we picked up with a smile
And through nearly every funeral
That was conducted here
Mabel was at the organ - -

We think of happy times we've had
Receptions, dinners, showers
One wedding when the current went off
And stopped the organ's power
But Mabel wasn't daunted
As the thunder rolled about
She was playing the piano
As the couple marched back out
Another wedding comes to mind
At Lunds, it did take place
Mabel played the wedding march
The bride and groom kept pace
But no pastor came to marry them
It seems, he had hit a deer
So, the bride and groom went out to wait
For the pastor to appear
As as everybody wondered
What was going on out there
Mabel kept playing the organ - -

We've gone through several pastors
In these thirty years or so
And Mabel's had her trials
With some of them, we know
We've changed our hymn books a few times
Which isn't always easy
But she's kept right on playing
Though the singing's a bit queasy
And the organ's always ready
On that we can depend
When the preacher's sick of preaching
And says a quick "Amen"
Cause Mabel's at the organ - -

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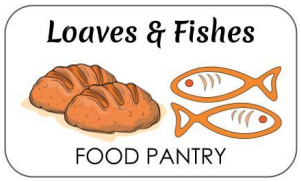
Not just Sunday services
But rehearsals by the score
For choirs, weddings, funerals
Sunday School and so much more
Though she flits around the country
As a District officer
From here to California, Texas or St Paul
We know that Sunday morning
When the bell begins to toll
That Mabel will be at the organ - -

Yes, thirty years and more have passed
How quickly they did go
Since Mabel started playing
On that day, so long ago
We all extend our thanks today
For all those many times
The happy and sad ones
We have heard the music chime
As Mabel played the organ - -

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 **9:00am** Bible Study	**2** **6:30pm** Confirmation and Sunday School	**3**	**4**	**5**
6 *20th Sunday after Pentecost* **8:30am** Sunday School **9:30am** Worship **Fellowship meal after Worship -** Egg Salad & Ham Sandwiches	**7** **6:30pm** Bible Study	**8** **9:00am** Bible Study	**9** **6:30pm** Confirmation and Sunday School	**10**	**11**	**12**
13 *21st Sunday after Pentecost* **9:30am** Polka Service Worship Potluck Meal with Meatballs and Scalloped Potatoes provided after Worship	**14** **6:30pm** Bible Study	**15** **9:00am** Bible Study	**16** **4-6pm** Loaves and Fishes Distribution **5:30pm** Council Meeting **6:30pm** Confirmation and Sunday School	**17**	**18**	**19** **9-11 am** Loaves and Fishes
20 *22nd Sunday after Pentecost* **8:30am** Sunday School **9:30am** Worship **Fellowship meal after Worship -** Hot Dogs	**21** **6:30pm** Bible Study	**22** **9:00am** Bible Study	**23** **6:30pm** Confirmation and Sunday School	**24**	**25**	**26**
27 *Reformation Sunday* **9:30am** Worship **Birthday Sunday**	**28** **6:30pm** Bible Study	**29** **9:00am** Bible Study	**30** **6:30pm** Confirmation and Sunday School	**31**		



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