

Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino

“The Visitor”



2026

“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:
Tuesdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

In case of a Emergency call
Glen Peebles at (715) 584-3029

Church Email:
Ascensionavarino@gmail.com

Church website:
www.ascensionavarino.com

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

Visitation Pastor
Marcia Sabin
715-340-5951 (Cell)

Sunday, October 18, 2026 Cheryl's Homemade Fried Chicken Dinner & Polka Service

Ascension Lutheran Church | 6106 Navarino Rd. Shiocton, WI



Service: 9:30 AM | Cheryl's Chicken Dinner to Follow

Serving 11-2 | Reservations appreciated by Friday, October 9

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Dine In
or
Carry Out

Adults: \$15.00
Kids (4-10): \$7.00
Under 4: FREE

Chicken Dinner Includes:
3-Piece Chicken, Corn,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Dressing, Cranberries, Dinner
Roll, Dessert

Your Church Council

Carmen Wetzel, President	(715) 853-7101
Brad Schuelke, Vice President	(920) 659-2402
Lisa Wollenberg, Treasurer	(920) 525-2024
Jacob Hartlaben, Secretary	(715) 851-1904
Bonnie Weyers	(715) 758-2488
Mike Homan	(715) 853-2996

Church Council



The council usually meets the third Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to attend.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

Message from the Pastor ~ Learning Opportunities



Fall has officially arrived and it is harvesting time. Farmers have been in their fields reaping the toil of their labors already. I'm just a small city kid but my father once was the bookkeeper at the granary in Baldwin. His father once owned that granary.

In my earlier years in Baldwin, most of our friends were farmers. It was there where I got the love of horses and begged my parents to let me have one. I went down to the barn where I had my first taste of milk straight from the cow. I loved visiting on the farm and I will always have fond memories.

Fall has many people traveling to see the leaves turning color. We were on our way home after spending time with friends who lived on Lake Gogebic in Michigan. As we were driving home, we were going down the hill and before us was a panorama of bright yellow maple trees glistening in the sun. Someone must have planted these trees. There were so many of them; there was no daylight between the trees. This scene inspired me to write the poem, "creation sings her song" and then set it to music.

God created an orderly world, but we take every day for granted and do not always see the beauty he has laid before us. There are regular and rare celestial events and 2026 had many of us looking at the skies. In February, there was the Planetary parade where six of the planets appeared shortly after sunset. Of these six, four planets were visible to the unaided eye. Humanity stopped and waited to see this event that they will never see again in their lifetime. God got our attention and we truly confess that "This is my Father's World."

In everything we see, God is there. In moments of awe and moments of sadness, God is there. In everything, God is present. This is why we can say; "This is the day that the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Blessings to you all,
Pastors Marcia and Mark ☩



Learning Opportunities at Ascension

Adult Bible Studies

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



Confirmation & Children's Church School

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 pm

Assisting Ministers – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Assisting Ministers

October 2026 (9:30 services)	Communion Server	Reader	Money Counter
October 4	Linda Bubolz	Chris Schley	Ruthann Meiers
October 11	Pastor Marcia	Toni Klemp	Glen Peebles
October 18	Patty Lorenz	Patty Lorenz	Phyllis Peebles
October 25	Carrie Daoust	Nathan Schley	Rita Olson

If you would like to help out with any of the above tasks, please call the church office at 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 (28 years)
 10/05 Ed & Patty Lorenz (24 years)
 10/12 Dave & Lois Rohrer (58 years)
 10/18 Merle & Rita Olson (41 years)
 10/22 Darrel & Toni Klemp (38 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 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



Mark Your Calendars

- **Sunday, October 4, 2026**
 - Amazing Grace Sunday
 - Worship Service at 9:30 am with Food and Fellowship following
- **Sunday, October 18, 2026**
 - Polka Service at 9:30 am
 - Chicken Dinner 11-2



Ascension Budget



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

Through August 2026:

YTD Income received:	\$73,534.83
Expenses paid out:	\$59,619.61
Income Exceeding Expenses:	\$13,915.22

Loaves & Fishes



FOOD PANTRY

Focus Item for October 2026:
CANNED FRUIT & JUICE

Remember...
it never needs to be a brand name!

Venmo Giving Option

We are pleased to offer an electronic giving option through Venmo for those who prefer to give digitally. This convenient and secure option makes it easy to support our church anytime and from anywhere. Just scan or click on the QR code:



@Ascension-Navarino

Ascension Lutheran Church

AMAZING GRACE Sunday



October 4, 2026
at 9:30 am

Join us for a meaningful morning
of worship featuring a variety of
"Amazing Grace" songs followed
by Food and Fellowship.

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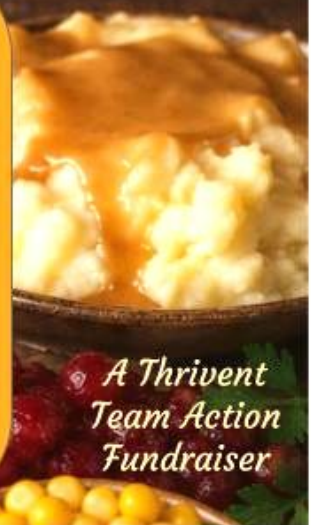
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*A Thrivent
Team Action
Fundraiser*

Fundraising & Scrip Information

August Scrip Report

Cards Sold: 57
Card Sales: \$3,320
Profit: \$127.85
YTD Profit: \$1,399.85
Inventory: 92 / \$5,915

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Fall Into New Routines with Scrip!

🍁 **Fall is here!** As the leaves begin to change and routines settle into the school year, Scrip is still here to help! You can use Scrip gift cards for all your fall and everyday needs. Buy cards for fall clothing, school supplies, groceries, Halloween treats, home projects, and those routine gas fill-ups. You receive the **full face value** of every gift card you purchase. Meanwhile, participating retailers give a percentage back to help fund our **Special Projects**. The best part? **It costs you absolutely nothing extra!** Make your everyday purchases count this fall—use Scrip and help support our Special Projects! 🍁 Thank you for supporting our ministries through your regular everyday shopping. Scrip gift cards are available to purchase after services on Sundays or anytime through the church office.



VandeWalle's
CANDIES

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

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 form for you to complete and give to the Fundraising Committee. You can pick up a copy on the back table in Church.

Committee members: Dawn Dingeldein, Ruthann Meiers, Lois Rohrer. Fundraising supports the Church's Special Projects Fund.

Our October Benevolence:



Sunday Fellowship ~ VDC ~ Prayer List ~ Online Worship Service Info

Sunday Fellowship

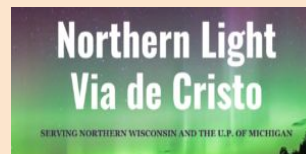
*Everyone is welcome to stay for food and fellowship after Sunday worship.
A free will donation is accepted.*

- October 4 - Hot Dogs
- October 11 - Ham & Turkey Sandwiches
- October 18 - Chicken Dinner
- October 25 - Pizza



Via de Cristo News

For information on upcoming VDC weekends please contact Denelle Daniels, Toni Klemp or Darrel Klemp



Prayers for those ill, injured or hospitalized:

- Alice Mueller
- Dave Richter
- Pat Zuiches
- Arnie Kloes
- Russell Kloes
- Beck & Rosie Pues
- Linda Ogi
- Carl Schoettler
- Dave Rohrer
- Jenifer Erb



Online Worship Services

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

OR you can find a link to our online services on our website:
<https://www.ascensionavarino.com>

To view past church services: <http://www.youtube.com/@AscensionLutheranChurch-w1l>

If you are worshipping at home and would like to follow along with a bulletin, you will find both the Bulletin and Announcement sheet on our website.

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!

Photos from Tractor Sunday ~ August 30, 2026



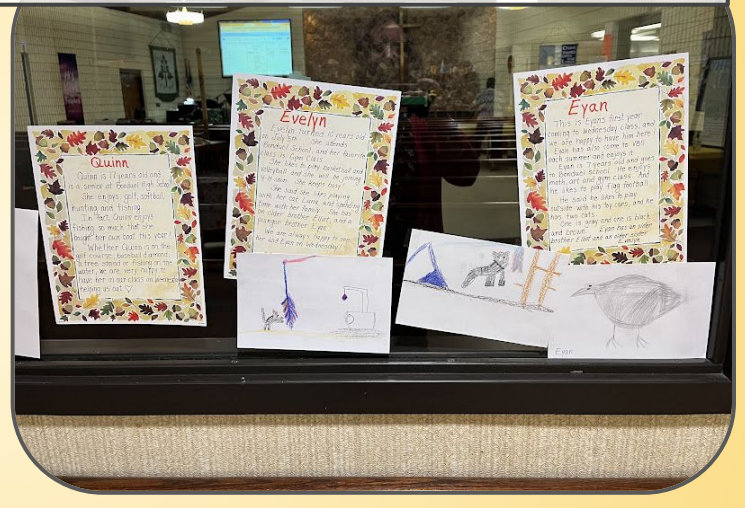
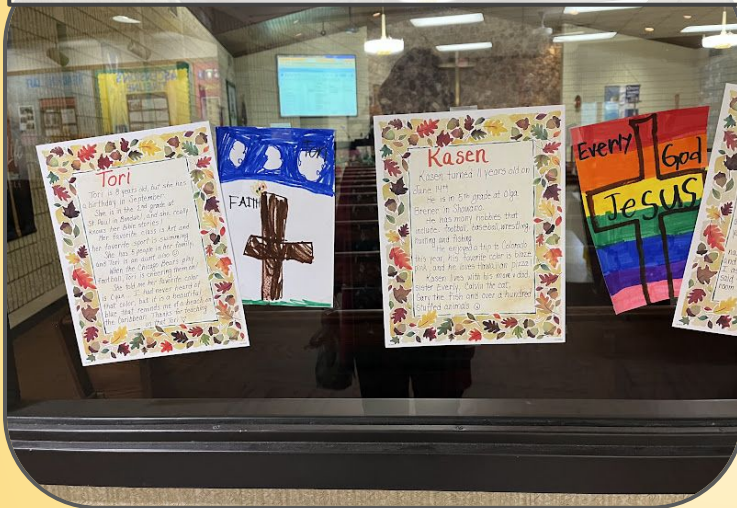
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Wednesday Evening Church School Student Profiles ~ Recipe



The Wednesday evening church school students wrote their profiles and Kris hung them on the windows at the back of the sanctuary for all to read.



Spaghetti-Corn Hot Dish Submitted by Carrie Daoust

- 2 cups frozen cream corn
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 1/2 cup cream
- 2 cups broken spaghetti noodles, boiled (about 2" long)
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Instructions:

Combine all ingredients and bake for 1 hour, or heat in a Crock-Pot until hot.

Note: If you don't have cream corn, you can use frozen corn (slightly mashed) and add more cream to reach the desired consistency. Canned corn works as well. Enjoy!



Council Minutes

Ascension Lutheran Church Of Navarino Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 19, 2026

Present: Carmen Wetzel, Brad Schuelke, Jake Hartlaben, Lisa Wollenberg, Bonnie Weyers, Mike Homan, Pastor Mark Sabin, Pastor Marcia Sabin **Absent:** None **Guest:** Glen Peebles

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 by President Carmen Wetzel.

Devotion and Prayer led by Pastor Mark Sabin. Revelation 1:1-2 “What must soon take place” “This prophecy” /teaching the consequences.

Last Month’s meeting minutes approved. Motion to accept by Lisa, and 2nd by Brad. Voice vote passed.

Pastors Report: 6 Shut in visits home visits with Holy Communion. 1 Shut in phone visit. 1 funeral- Bill Kuhnke. 1 Tuesday Bible Study Session – Revelation. Youth Confirmation classes begin tonight.

Treasurer’s report: for Sept. 2026; Income Received \$10,929.00, YTD: \$73,534.83. \$13,915.22 Income exceeding expenses through August.

Project Fund Income: \$3,692.00 received from Eggs, Script Cards sold, Misc. Donations.

Project Fund Expense: Propane tank purchase \$3,000 and scrip card purchases \$4,966.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Bonnie and 2nd by Mike. Voice vote passed.

Old Business:

- 1. Maintenance items, Brad, Electrical work in kitchen is complete, 30A outlet for fryer installed. 10’ table for library and chairs for offices and library. And still checking into sanctuary railings.
- 2. Pastors retirement. NALC district meeting is in Caroline @ Zion Lutheran church, on OCT. 3rd 9:30. Carrie Daoust is going and looking for 1 more person to go. Attendees should be on the upcoming Call Committee. The church will pay for the \$30 fee to go.
- 3. Scholarship Applicants. Revisit bylaws to clarify requirements. Bonnie provided a timeline of the Church Scholarship Requirements with the latest clarifications.
- 4. 1000 gal LP tank has been installed.

New Business

- 1 LP tank has been installed. \$3,000 for tank. Garrow installed @ \$150/hr.
- 2 Table/Office furniture.
- 3 Posters for Polka Service/Chicken dinner.

Committee Updates:

Worship: Oct. 4 - Pastor appreciation Sunday Oct. 18 – Polka service and chicken dinner.

Youth: Wednesdays at 6:30 – Confirmation class and Sunday School.

Next Council Meeting: Oct. 21st at 5:30 PM.

Adjournment- Motion by Mike 2nd by Lisa. Voice vote passed

Respectfully submitted by Jake Hartlaben, Secretary.

**Church Council
Meeting Minutes**

Thank You's ~ My Thoughts in Words

*To the people of Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino,
Thank you so much for your thoughts kindness, prayers and gift of \$570.00. It is truly appreciated and will help with the rebuild of our house.
May God Bless You All.
Mark & Diane Engel*

*Ascension Lutheran Church -
Thanks so much to your Benevolent Group for the wonderful donation!! It is so needed in these days of high food prices. So many people will be helped!
Loaves & Fishes*

thank you

*To Vacation Bible School at Ascension -
What a wonderful gift to our food pantry. It is very much appreciated and will be put to such good use in feeding our clients.
Thank you!!
Navarino Loaves & Fishes*

*My Thoughts in Words
By The Church Lady*

**"You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies." —
1 Corinthians 6:19–20**

(Continued discussion from last month: If you could switch bodies with someone you admire, how would you treat it knowing you have to return it after a year?)

What if we treated our bodies the way we would treat someone else's body that had been entrusted to us for a year?

We'd probably be more careful with it. We'd be less likely to say, *"It's my body; I'll do whatever I want with it."* Instead, we'd think, *"Someone I deeply respect has entrusted this to me. I need to take good care of it."*

And Christianity says that's essentially what God has done. **Our bodies, our time, our abilities, even our lives are gifts entrusted to us by God.** We don't own them absolutely; we're stewards of them.

That changes the question from:

"How do I make my body look the way I want?"

to:

"How can I take good care of what God has entrusted to me so that I can use it for Him?"

And there's another beautiful part to the analogy. If you borrowed the body of someone you admire, you wouldn't expect it to be perfect. You'd know it might have scars, limitations, aches, or things you wished were different. But you'd still treat it with respect because **you know whose it is.**

Maybe that's part of the Christian lesson, too. We can be frustrated with our bodies, wish they looked different, wish they worked differently, or wish we had someone else's abilities. But God isn't asking us to have somebody else's body. **He's asking us to faithfully care for and use the one He gave us.**

And someday, we give it back.

That's a pretty powerful thought: **"Lord, You entrusted this body to me for a while. I want to take care of it, use it, and honor You with it—and when my time here is finished, I want to be able to give it back to You."**

Until then, God bless you all! Denise

Bible Word Search: CALLED TO BE MERCIFUL

N C O Q B T X D T P S U J L S
 O E O O F F N U B A J C J N T
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BRETHREN	COURAGE	COMPASSION
ENEMIES	FORGIVENESS	JUDGMENT
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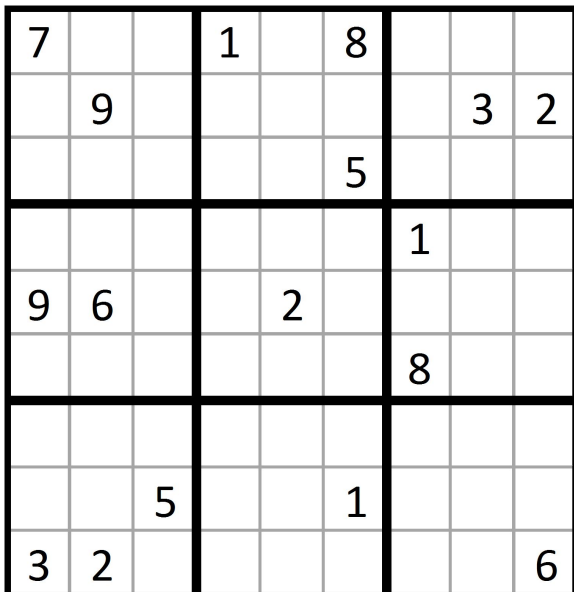
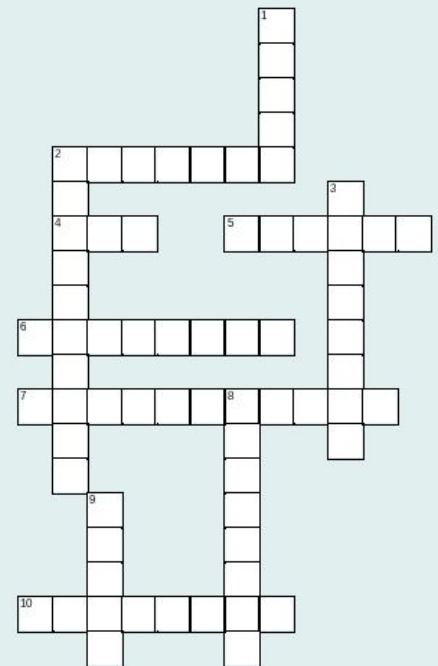
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I WILL PRAISE HIM



Psalm 146:2

Who Am I In Christ



Across

- 2 Genesis 1:27
- 4 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 5 Genesis 2:7
- 6 Isaiah 44:22
- 7 Psalms 139:14
- 10 John 15:5

Down

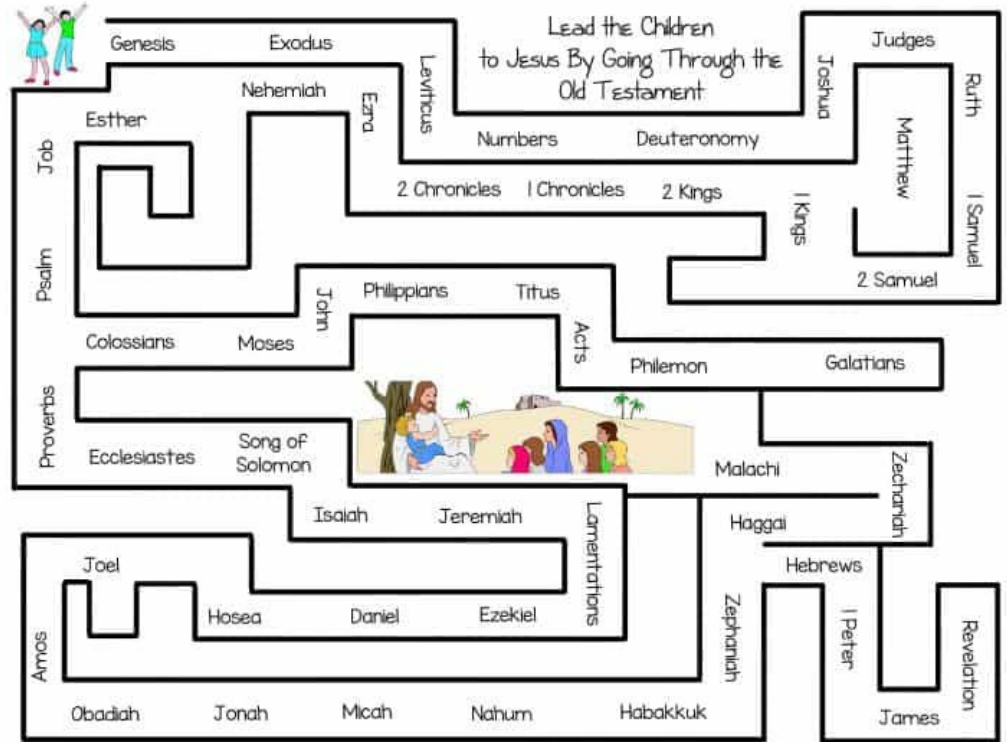
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- 2 Romans 8:37
- 3 Luke 12:24
- 8 1 John 1:9
- 9 1 Peter 2:9





What do ghosts
serve for dessert?
I-scream.

How do you fix a
broken Jack-O-
Lantern?
*With a pumpkin
patch.*



GOD Word Search

Find The Names of GOD In This Puzzle

G	O	D	A	B	C	G	O	D	G
O	D	E	F	G	O	D	G	H	O
D	I	G	O	D	J	K	L	M	D
G	O	D	N	O	G	O	D	P	G
O	Q	R	G	O	D	S	T	N	O
D	L	M	N	O	G	O	D	P	D
G	O	D	Q	R	S	T	U	V	G
O	W	X	G	O	D	Y	Z	A	O
D	B	C	D	E	G	O	D	F	D
G	O	D	G	G	O	D	H	I	J

Creation: Day 1

Use this code to find out what God created on the first day of creation.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z

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20 8 5 12 9 7 8 20 23 1 19 7 15 15 4 1 14 4 7 15 4

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Autumn Puzzle Fun

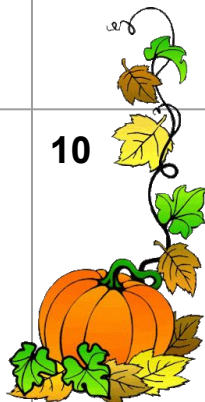
Cut out the inside of the puzzle and put it together.





October 2026



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 19th Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Appreciation Birthday Sunday 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Service Fellowship Meal - Hot Dogs	5 6:00pm Bible Study	6 9:00am Bible Study	7 6:30pm Church School & Confirmation	8	9	10 
11 20th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Service Fellowship Meal - Ham & Turkey Sandwiches	12 6:00pm Bible Study  Bible Study	13 9:00am Bible Study	14 6:30pm Church School & Confirmation	15	16	17
18 21st Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Polka Worship Service Fellowship Meal - Chicken Dinner 	19 6:00pm Bible Study	20 9:00am Bible Study	21 4-6pm Loaves and Fishes 5:30pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Church School & Confirmation	22 Loaves & Fishes  FOOD PANTRY	23	24 9-11 am Loaves and Fishes
25 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Service Fellowship Meal - Pizza	26 6:00pm Bible Study	27 9:00am Bible Study	28 6:30pm Church School & Confirmation	29	30	31 