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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Office hours: Tuesday 1-5 PM

In case of a Emergency call
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Pastor Mark Sabin
715-340-3670-Cell
Or 715-445-2097-Home

Visitation Pastor
Marcia Sabin
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- Sunday, March 24 - PALM SUNDAY @ 9:30 am
- Thursday, March 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY @ 7:00 pm
- Friday, March 29 - GOOD FRIDAY @ 7:00 pm
- Sunday, March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY @ 6:30 & 9:30

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 at 6:00 pm. You are welcome to attend.
Please Note: the next council meeting will be Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Message from the Pastor – Learning Opportunities

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Valentine's Day was February 14th and Ash Wednesday was the same day. It is rare that these events happen on the same day of the year. Valentine's Day is a day set aside for all loved ones to celebrate. You may go out to a restaurant, buy flowers or a special card, and don't forget the chocolates. There are three definitions of the word "love." Love between a married couple. This kind of love can be intense and extremely personal. You can share anything with your spouse most of the time and not be judged. Mark and I can be intense; just ask anyone in the Tuesday morning Bible Study.

Another definition for "love" is between friends and family. We usually just use the term friend which simply means we enjoy one another's company, and do things like going to the A&W for a root beer float, going to the movies or hanging out as a group of friends. I remember those Friday night dances at the old Elks Club.

The first two usages of the term "love" are conditional. Things can happen in a marriage or between friends. Sometimes these kinds of love are broken and cannot always be mended. The two kinds of love are of a human standard and not Divine. We can ask for forgiveness for hurting or betraying a friend, but we are not absolutely sure if they will forgive.

The third definition of "love" is the Divine love of God. God's love is unconditional and his promises are true and he is faithful. There is not one thing we can do to make God love us more, and there is not one thing we can do to make God love us less. When we come to God for forgiveness we do not have to hope he will forgive, he does.

Ash Wednesday which begins the Lenten Holy season is the one time we as the family of God, prepare our hearts for the ultimate sacrifice of the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world for everyone; past, present and future.

God does not ask us to give up anything for Lent. It is God who gave his only Son in order that we may be saved. When Jesus was hanging on the cross, we were on his mind. The weight of our sin was on his shoulders. As Jesus was dying on the cross, he prayed for us. In the Gospel of Luke 23: 34; Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing. Look at the death device of a tree and see Life.
Blessings, Pastor 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
March 10th & 24th
(See Rita for more information)
Wednesday Evenings at 6:30

Come join us! All are welcome.

Assisting Ministers – Birthdays – Anniversaries

MARCH 2024	Communion Helper	Reader	Money Counter
March 3 9:30 am	Carrie Daoust	Darrel Klemp	Glen Peebles
March 10 9:30 am	Denelle Daniels	Chris Schley	Phyllis Peebles
March 17 9:30 am	Linda Bubolz	Patty Lorenz	Rita Olson
March 24 9:30 am	Dave Rohrer	Toni Klemp	Ruthann Meiers
March 31 6:30 am	Pastor Marcia Sabin	Denise Klemp	Glen Peebles
March 31 9:30 am	Dave Rohrer	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.

Steve and Denelle Daniels
3/4 (Married 24 years)

Kris Jensen	3/01
Corina Mueller	3/05
Greg Schoettler	3/10
Jake Mitchler	3/12
Toni Klemp	3/14
Arnie Kloes	3/14
Paul Zuiches	3/14
Doug Wilber	3/15
Cathy Thomas	3/15
Everett Olson	3/17
Erik Houdek	3/19
Nataly Dominguez	3/22
Madeline Zuiches	3/23
Tina Jung	3/23
Rita Olson	3/28
Carrie Daoust	3/30

Lent Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

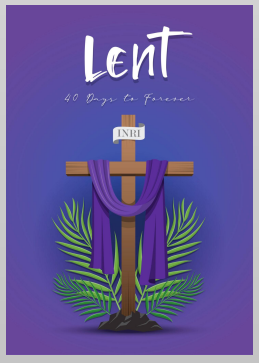
MID-WEEK LENTEN SERIES 2024

"A Despised Young Man"

Witness the voices of the ancient ancestors of a despised young man, who was revealed as God's Messiah for his people, Israel and Beyond.

Every Wednesday evening from February 21st, at 7:00 pm, you can hear about Boaz and Ruth; Isaac and Rebekah; Jacob and his wives Leah and Rachel; Zechariah and Elizabeth; and last but not least, the Servant Songs from the prophet, Isaiah. Through the voices of these witnesses, you will hear how God's plan of redemption came through the earliest of the biblical people, and including the town of Bethlehem, the "City of David".

You're also invited to share in ALC's Lenten Soup Suppers at 6 pm, before each Wednesday evening service. Please enjoy our Lenten Journey together.



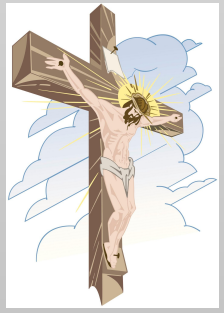
"A DESPISED YOUNG MAN"

March 6th: Jacob and his wives Leah and Rachel

March 13th: Zechariah and Elizabeth

March 20th: The Servant Songs of Isaiah

EVERYONE IS TRULY WELCOME!



Soup Supper Menu:

(Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm)

March 6 - Clam Chowder and Taco Soup
March 13 - Wild Rice and Chicken and Stuffed Pepper Soup
March 20 - Cheesy Broccoli and Cauliflower Soup

There will also be fruit, cookies, bars, cheese or sausage available each evening.

Sunday Fellowship

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

March 3 - Hotdogs
March 10 - Pizza
March 17 - Hot Dishes
March 24 - Palm Sunday
March 31 - EASTER Breakfast
7:30-9:00am

ILT deeply appreciates your prayers and financial support. We encourage you to visit our website to see the many accomplishments we have achieved with your generous giving. Thank you for your continued support of ILT.

Ascension Budget

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

Income for January $6,382.60
Expenses paid out $6,619.43
YTD We are $236.83 in the red for income vs expenses.

Home Devotionals: "Our Daily Bread"

For March, April and May

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 coast 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.

Our March Benevolence will go to:

NALC Local Support

Loaves & Fishes
FOOD PANTRY

Focus Item for March 2024:

Toilet Paper

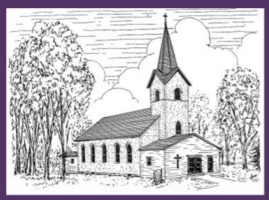
Stock the Pantry Shelves - help us stock the shelves with items that help provide for families in need in our communities.

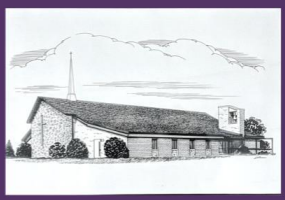
Remember... it never needs to be a brand name!

Fish Fry orders are being taken NOW! Call early so you don't miss out!

1874 2024

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Ascension Lutheran Church





Coasters are still available!

Commemorative Coasters

are now available for purchase.

$20 for a set of 4

Pick up in the office.

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.

April - Sing to the shut-ins. All are welcome to join - young and old alike! More info to come.

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

Scrip News and Thrivent Choice

JANUARY SCRIP RECAP

- $4,790 in sales
- 68 cards sold
- $249.30 profit

We realized a profit of $1695.40 in 2023. Let's see if we can top $2,000 in 2024.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS are great to use for your gift giving throughout the year.

Ascension stocks the gift cards listed below. 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 your own use.

A large order was placed for Kwik Trip Cards due to KT offering a double discount for the month of February.

- BP/Amoco - $50
- Cousins Subs - $10
- Fleet Farm - $25 / $50 / $100
- Kwik Trip Grocery - $25
- Kwik Trip - $25 / $50 / $100
- Shell/Grand Central Station - $50 / $100
- Subway - $10
- Wal-Mart - $50 / $100
- Woodman's - $50/ $100

Cards can be purchased from Denise during office hours or from Carrie after church on Sundays. Lisa Wollenberg can also be contacted at 920-676-6922 to arrange a time to meet at church. Bonnie and Rita can also help you.

All proceeds go to the Special Projects Fund.

THANK YOU for your continued support.

ATTENTION ALL ASCENSION LUTHERAN MEMBERS WHO HAVE THRIVENT INVESTMENTS:

You are able to direct your choice dollars to the charity of you choice. If you should choose to direct your choice dollars to Ascension, the money will go into our Special Project Fund. YOUR 2023 CHOICE DOLLARS MUST BE DIRECTED BY MARCH 31, 2024.

In 2023 Ascension received $2,183 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding.

Looking for Thrivent Members

Any Thrivent member is eligible to apply for two $250 Thrivent action cards per year which can be used to 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 Information – Memories at Ascension

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

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.

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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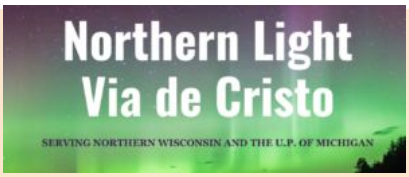
Remembered by _____



Via de Cristo News

Northern Light Via de Cristo:
Spring 2024 weekend will be March 7-10, 2024
at Forest Spring Camp, Westboro, Wi

SonRise Wisconsin Via de Cristo
Spring 2024 weekend will be April 4-7, 2024
at Camp Fairwood, Westfield, Wi

Prayers for those ill, injured or hospitalized:

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

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!

Winter Jam Feb. 2-4, 2024
Silver Birch Ranch

Carrigan- I had a lot of fun, but my favorite part was tubing and the zipline. This was my first time ziplining, and I was very nervous. The staff member asked if I wanted to be unhooked, but Quinn answered “no” for me. I wasn’t going to anyways, but I asked her to push me and she did. I was screaming the whole time, but it was worth it. I also enjoyed the songs.

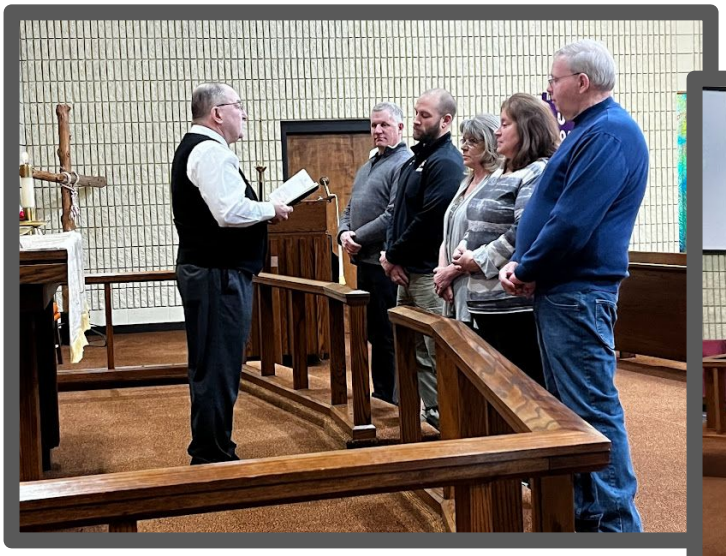
Quinn- My favorite part was the Zipline. I was scared at first, but I just did it and it was really fun.

Ava-I have attended Winter Jam about 6 times now and I think this will be my last time, since I am a Senior. The highlight of the weekend was worshipping in the chapel, we sang some really fun songs. I also enjoyed zip lining and tubing. The food was really good as always, and my favorite meal was the chicken fajita bowl.

Kris- This was my first experience at Silver Birch Ranch and I was very impressed with everything they offered. Fun to be surrounded by so many young people and watching their excitement and energy during the music and messages from the speaker. And who doesn’t love being outdoors up north!

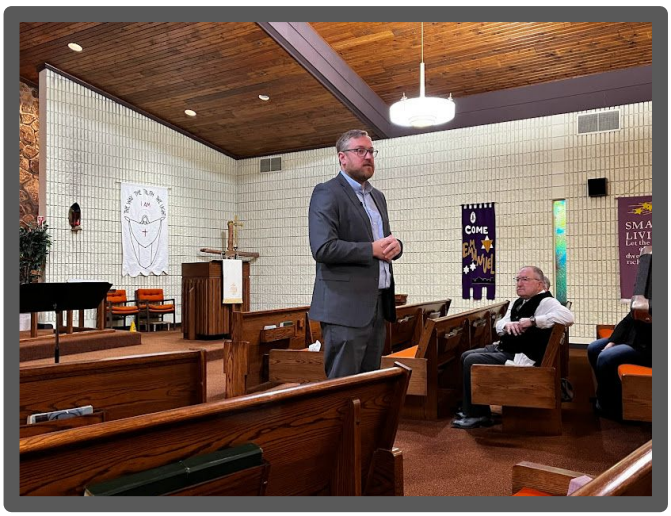
Patty-I really enjoyed being with the girls and Kris at Winter Jam this year. We played many fun board games and it was nice spending time with them and getting to know them better. The weather was very mild and I enjoyed the food and chocolate chip cookies and time up north!

February Happenings around Ascension



Council Installation - Feb 4

Leon Miles from ILT



Pizza Making

February Council Minutes

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NAVARINO
Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 21st, 2024
5:30pm Council Meeting in Classroom

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

President Glen Peebles brought Meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Prayer and devotion: by Pastor Marcia and Pastor Mark

Approval of last minutes: 1st by Lisa 2nd by Greg. Voice passed.

Pastors Report: 3 home visits with holy communion. 3 confirmation sessions bible study with preparation, Ash Wednesday worship service, and 1 funeral.

Treasure's / Finance report
Income for January $6,382.60
Expenses paid out $6,619.43
YTD We are $236.83 in the red for income vs expenses.
Project fund February: Loud offering $103.60 Thrivent Choice $163.00 Sunday fellowship $120.00 Candy Bars $74.50 Eggs $52.00
Script card sales $3,040.00 Misc. Donation $1,150.00 Total income for the Month $4,703.10. Script Card Expense $5,243.30
Total Available for Project[s] $69,449.10. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Brad,2nd Mike voice vote passed.

Committee Updates
Worship: Lent soup super 6pm before service
Easter Breakfast before services- March 31st 1st service 6:30-7:30 2nd at 9:30
Youth:
Finance: Next Finance Meeting May 8th 6pm
Property: Second Garbage Receptacle purchased
Fundraising: Next Fundraiser is the Annual Fish Fry - March 15th **Sign up sheets** to help and for donation are available.
Charlie's Brat Fry: Monday - Wednesday May 13 - 15
Monday - Wednesday September 9 - 11 **Sign up sheets** to help are available.
Miscellaneous: March 3rd - Bibles to be handed out during services and something different for lunch after church.
March 24th - Birthday Sunday also Palm Sunday

Next Meeting Date : March 20th, 2024 at 5:30pm

Adjournment : Motion to Adjourn by Greg 2nd by Mike

Respectfully submitted by: Cathy Thomas Secretary

'Way Back When by Mabel Prestrud

Do you remember…

1. *When it cost $3.00 to spend a week at Bible Camp?*
2. *The first bus driver to pick up school children in the Navarino District?*
3. *Delores Fischer Radeski's fatal accident?*
4. *Tom and Pearl Wilkinson's store in Nichols?*
5. *Harland Bankes washed windows in church?*
6. *The Velie Family?*
7. *When Bible Studies came out in "SCOPE"?*
8. *"O Brother Man" - a favorite hymn in the red S.B.H.?*
9. *Elmer Robley was Town Chairman?*
10. *Father Ed at the Ski Hill?*
11. *August Haefs liked raisin pie?*
12. *Minnie Christianson and Elizabeth Martin singing duets at conventions, funerals, weddings, etc.?*
13. *The merger in 1960 making us ALC?*
14. *The merger in 1988 making us ELCA?*
15. *All the prizes won by local 4-H members?*
16. *Inkwells in the old school desks?*
17. *Louis Hilliker (Reinke) in a Fashion Show in Stevens Point?*
18. *Francis Wilkinson singing "The Little Shirt My Mother Made for Me?"*
19. *Orville Balthazar's living in Navarino?*
20. *Two strange looking characters came to Halloween party at church? (mother and daughter)*
21. *Adolph and Emma Peterson playing Dominoes?*
22. *Trishia Peterman busy Rosemaling?*
23. *Helen Wohlfos' dog that understood only Norwegian?*
24. *Gladys Schuelke getting burned in St. Mark's basement?*
25. *"I Love Lucy"?*
26. *WHERE is the Peterson School?*
27. *Lawrence Mathison's moving to Tigerton?*
28. *Who drove the bus to FWD during World War II?*
29. *Celebrating Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kittleson's 40th Wedding Anniversary Jan. 3, 1938?*
30. *EMV? (Every Member Visit)*
31. *Rev. Gigstad?*
32. *Julie Westgor died suddenly Jan. 26, 1937?*
33. *Playing Chinese Checkers at Amundson's store?*
34. *Luther League gave a Lenten play in church. Bill Runge of Shawano assisted with the make-up?*
35. *The Orlo Mueller family providing Special Music for a Sunday service?*

This and That

Pepperoni Bread - *Submitted by Bonnie Weyers*

1 loaf frozen Bread dough –thawed
1-8 oz. package sliced mozzarella
or provolone cheese
4-6 oz. sliced pepperoni
2 eggs
2 Tablespoons water

½ cup parmesan cheese
1 Tablespoon Parsley Flakes
1 Tablespoons Italian seasoning
1/8 tsp. garlic salt
1/8 tsp pepper

Let dough thaw in the fridge for a couple of days. (I spray a quart freezer bag with pam before putting it inside.) Take out when thawed and roll to an 8' x 18" rectangle (can heat in microwave for 1 minute to roll easier.) Spread with mixture of 1 well beaten egg, parmesan cheese, parsley flakes, Italian seasoning, garlic salt and pepper. I use a fork to spread on the bread. Layer the cheese, then the pepperoni on the bread leaving a little space on the edge. Roll the long edge then connect in a circle and put in an 8 inch round greased cake pan. Pinch ends together. Beat the second egg with the water and brush on top. Sprinkle with Italian seasoning. Cook at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

A man, his wife, and his cranky mother-in-law went on vacation to the Holy Land. While they were there, the mother-in-law passed away.
The undertaker told them, "You can have her shipped home for $5,000, or you can bury her here in the Holy Land for $150".
The man thought about it for a while and told the undertaker he would just have her shipped home.
The undertaker asked, "Why…. why would you spend $5,000 to ship your mother-in-law home when it would be wonderful to be buried here and spend only $150?"
The man said, "A man died here about 2,000 years ago. He was buried here and three days later, he rose from the dead."
"I just can't take that chance."

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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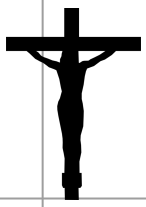
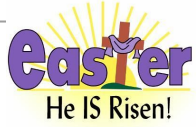
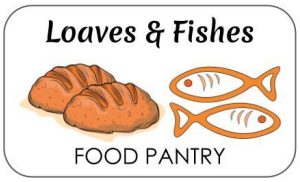
3 *3rd Sunday in Lent* **8:30am** Bible Study **9:30am** Worship with speaker from Safe Haven	**4** **6:30pm** Bible Study **7:30pm NO** Men's Dartball	**5** **9:00am** Bible Study	**6** **6:00pm** Soup Supper **6:30pm** Sunday School **7:00pm** Worship Service	**7**		**9**
10 *4th Sunday in Lent* **8:30am** Bible Study **8:30am** Sunday School **9:30am** Worship	**11** **6:30pm** Bible Study **7:30pm** Men's Dartball Playoffs TBD	**12** **9:00am** Bible Study 	**13** **6:00pm** Soup Supper **6:30pm** Sunday School **7:00pm** Worship Service			
17 *5th Sunday in Lent* **8:30am** Bible Study **9:30am** Worship	**18** **6:30pm** Bible Study **7:30pm** Men's Dartball Playoffs TBD	**19** **9:00am** Bible Study	**20** **4-6pm** Loaves and Fishes Distribution **6:00pm** Soup Supper **6:30pm** Sunday School **7:00pm** Worship Service	**21**	**22**	**23** **9-11 am** Loaves and Fishes
24 **8:30am** Bible Study **8:30am** Sunday School **9:30am** Worship	**25** **6:30pm** Bible Study **7:30pm** Men's Dartball Championship TBD	**26** **9:00am NO** Bible Study	**27**	**28** **Maundy Thursday** **7:00pm** Worship	**29** **Good Friday** **7:00pm** Worship	**30** 
31  **6:30am** Worship **7:30-9:00** Breakfast **9:30am** Worship	**April 1** **6:30pm** Bible Study **7:30pm** Men's Dartball	**April 2** **9:00am** Bible Study				

Help decorate the sanctuary with Easter Lilies! Call the church office or the sign up sheet is available in the narthex at church.