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

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Church E-Mail: Ascensionavarino@gmail.com

Church website: New Website coming soon!

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

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 Lisa Wollenberg, Treasurer Cathy Thomas, Secretary Brad Schuelke, Vice President Greg Schoettler Mike Homan (715) 584-3029 (920) 525-2024 (920) 858-3835 (920) 659-2402 (920) 984-3057 (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*" in 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 – Birthdays – Anniversaries

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Kay Fuerst
George Peters
Luke Olson
Anthony Pues
Linda Bubolz
Nathan Larson
Marsha Lawrenz
Nora Riebe
Lisa Wollenberg
Sally Richter
Bruce Nitzske
Pearl Turnquist
Harlo Hillsberg
Pat Zuiches
Bobbie Doucette
Jean Conradt
Scott Wollenberg
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.

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.



- 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

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.



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!



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



- August Sales \$3,775
- August Profit \$192.75
- YTD Profit \$1,316.50
- Inventory \$6,025.00

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.







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.

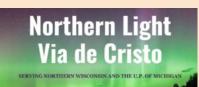
If you'd like to sell a box at your place of employment or another business, please see Toni Klemp. All profits will go to the Special Projects Fund.

VDC - Prayer List - Online Worship Service Info

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



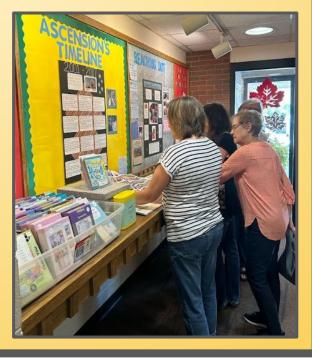






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150th Anniversary Committee



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

Expenses exceeding Income (\$3,019.44)

Project Fund Income received for the month:

Loud offering	\$105.34	Accu	mulative 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

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 h

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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And Mabel Played the Organ continued ~ Community Events

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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 Loaves		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 EMINDER	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	November 3, 2024 150th Anniversary Celebration at 9:30 am		