

# 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: (715) 758-8312  
Summer Office Hours:  
Tuesday 9 am - 1 pm

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

Visitation Pastor:  
Marcia Sabin  
715-340-5951-Cell

## Fall Programming Starts the Week of September 8!!

- Monday, Sept. 8
  - ◆ 6:30 pm Bible Study
- Tuesday, Sept. 9
  - ◆ 9:00 am Bible Study
- Wednesday, Sept. 10
  - ◆ YOUTH NIGHT
  - ◆ 6:30 pm Confirmation
  - ◆ 6:30 pm Church School

### Your Church Council

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Carmen Wetzel, President      | (715) 853-7101 |
| Lisa Wollenberg, Treasurer    | (920) 525-2024 |
| Cathy Thomas, Secretary       | (920) 858-3835 |
| Brad Schuelke, Vice President | (920) 659-2402 |
| Jacob Hartlaben               | (715) 851-1904 |
| 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, September 17, 2025 at 5:30 pm.**

## Message from the Pastor ~ Learning Opportunities



“See you in September, see you when the summer’s through.” If you were born in the 60’s or 70’s you would be familiar with this song. Pastor Mark and I met at the U.W. Eau Claire. We began dating our freshmen year. Would I see him in September? Would our relationship continue when we returned in September? We would periodically call each other. Our phone calls were short, we didn’t have cell phones then. One time he did make that four-hour drive to see me in Hudson. Both of us had a boy/girl friend at home. In our Junior year, Mark gave me his school ring and I gave him mine. That’s when the hard breakups happened in our hometowns.

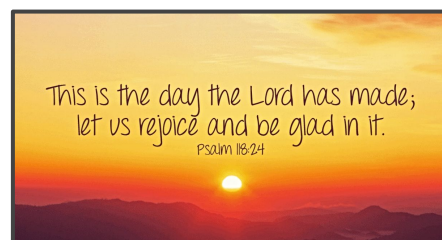
After the summer break we returned to our routine. Taking time to go on vacation is something we look forward to. Unfortunately, many of us think we can take a vacation from God also.

I thought I had a vacation from God too. I was about eight years old at the time when I said “I didn’t have to go to church in the summer.” All mother said “yes you do.” She understood the need to go to church to hear the Word and receive the gift of Holy Communion. Parents and adults, your children are learning from you, just as I learned from my mother.

Isn’t it comforting to know God is with us all the time? God does not go on vacation. When Mark’s mother passed away this August, God was there. Caring for a loved one can be stressful and God is there. We are to fully rely on God (FROG).

I know it is easy to say this and yet we all have experienced it in our lives at one time or another. But remember, God is there; therefore, we can say, “This is the day the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Blessings, Pastors Marcia and Mark ☩



### **Learning Opportunities at Ascension**

#### **Adult Bible Study**

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



#### **Confirmation & Children's Sunday School**

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 pm  
beginning September 10

***Come join us! All are welcome.***

## Assisting Ministers – Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Assisting Ministers

| September 2025<br>(9:30 services) | Communion<br>Server | Reader        | Money Counter   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| September 7                       | Carrie Daoust       | Nathan Schley | Ruthann Meiers  |
| September 14                      | Denelle Daniels     | Denise Klemp  | Glen Peebles    |
| September 21                      | Linda Bubolz        | Darrel Klemp  | Phyllis Peebles |
| September 28                      | Pastor Marcia       | Chris Schley  | Rita Olson      |

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

09/01 Steve & Joy Daebler (46 years)  
 09/08 Glen & Phyllis Peebles (41 years)  
 09/13 Terry & Jean Conradt (50 years)  
 09/15 Chris & Erin Schley (24 years)



#### Happy Birthday

9/06 Emily Houdek  
 9/09 Kyle Olson  
 9/10 Bruce Ladwig  
 9/12 Katie Sabin  
 9/14 Darrel Klemp  
 9/14 Ed Lorenz  
 9/16 Madalyn Sokolski  
 9/16 Sam Christianson  
 9/19 Mike Shulze  
 9/20 Joanne Johnson  
 9/23 Nick Zuiches  
 9/23 Steve Daebler  
 9/23 Jacob Hartlaben  
 9/24 Cheryl Wilkinson  
 9/25 Dylan Hillsberg  
 9/25 Sean Klemp  
 9/26 Christy Morris  
 9/28 Allura LeRoy  
 9/29 Carrigan Hartlaben  
 9/30 Angie Johnson  
 9/30 Dennis Fuerst



# Mark Your Calendars

- **September 8, 2025** - Monday evening Bible Study resumes @ 6:30 pm
- **September 9, 2025** - Tuesday morning Bible Study resumes @ 9:00 am
- **September 10, 2025** - Confirmation and Wednesday evening Church school resumes @ 6:30 pm
- **October 19, 2025** - Polka Service @ 9:30 am



## Sunday Fellowship

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

**September 7** - Egg or Ham Salad Sandwiches

**September 14** - BBQ

**September 21** - Fall Harvest Potluck: Cheesy Potatoes and Meatballs provided

**September 28** - Birthday Cake and Ice Cream



## Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

*Focus Item for September 2025:*  
**Hamburger Helper**

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!

Our September Benevolence will go to:



## Ascension Budget



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

YTD Income received: \$45,361.00  
(\$7,649.00 below budgeted income)

Expenses paid out: \$53,499.62

Expenses Exceeding Income: \$ 8,138.62

## Fundraising & Scrip Information

### PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

*Give a little, give a lot,  
Give for our new parking lot!*

### August Challenge

What is your waist size?  
Divide it in half and  
donate the total.



### 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 SCRIP table in Church.

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

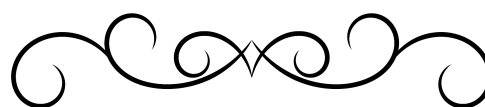


There are VandeWalle's candy bars on the table by the library for sale. The candy bars are now \$1.50 each. Please put your money in the envelope in the box.

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.

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.

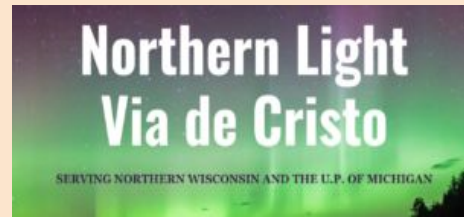
Your purchase of these SCRIP cards costs you nothing yet your purchase earns money for Ascension. THANK YOU to everyone who has been supporting the SCRIP Program.



### Via de Cristo News



**SonRise Co-Ed #19:  
October 16-19, 2025**



**Northern Light Fall Camp**  
November 6-9, 2025  
Silver Birch Ranch  
N6120 Sawyer Lake Road  
White Lake, WI 54491

### Prayers for those ill, injured or hospitalized:

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| • Alice Mueller        | • Russell Kloes     |
| • Dave & Sally Richter | • Beck & Rosie Pues |
| • Pat Zuiches          | • Carl Schoettler   |
| • Arnie Kloes          | • Dave Rohrer       |



### 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>

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 also.

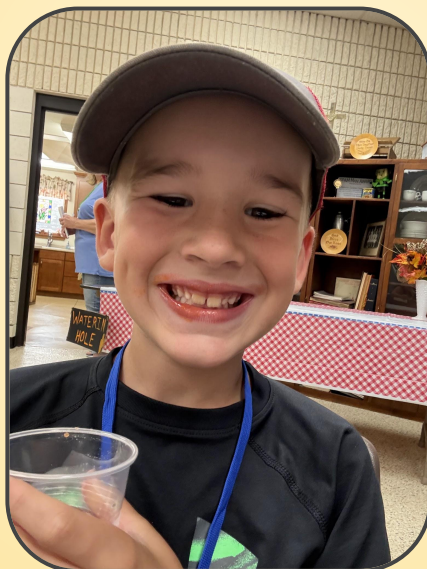
The services are also audio-recorded onto CD's when possible and delivered to the homes of those without internet who are unable to attend worship.

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!

# Bring Your Tractor to Church ~ Pastor Appreciation ~ VBS



# VBS ~ August 2025



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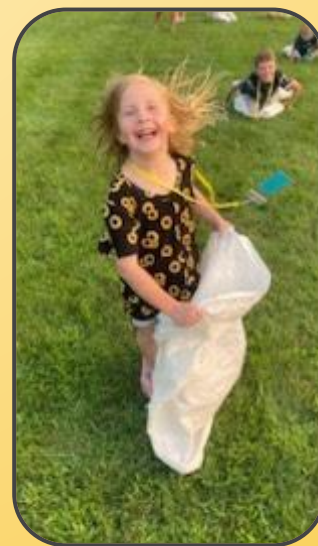


YEE-HAW!



The Walls of  
Jericho

# VBS ~ August 2025



## Council Minutes

### Ascension Lutheran Church Of Navarino Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 20, 2025

**Present:** Carmen Wetzel, Lisa Wollenberg, Brad Schuelke, Jake Hartlaben, Cathy Thomas and Glen Peebles.

**President Carmen Wetzel** called meeting to order @ 5:30

**Approval of last month's minutes:** 1st by Lisa 2nd by Jake voice vote passed.

**Pastor's Report:** 2 home visits with holy communion

**Treasurer's report:** income for July: \$5,545.00 YTD: \$45,361.00 (\$7,649.00) below budgeted income (annualized).

**Expenses paid out for July:** \$10,868.49 YTD \$53,499.62

**Expenses exceeding Income:** \$8,138.62

**Project Fund Received for the Month** (All Funds Grouped Together): **\$4,770.39**

**Misc. Donations:** \$ 50.00

**Total Income for the Month:** \$4,820.39

**Parking Lot Expense:** \$25,400.00 \$5000-Cement work,\$20,400 excavating

**Scrip Card Expense:** \$3,957.80

**Total Income for Projects:** \$76,148.69

**Accumulative Tools:** No Change from last month- General Ledger not broken out

**Loud Offering:** \$10,963.38

**Thrivent Choice:** \$14,161.00

**Candy Bars:** \$5,798.70

**Interest on SP accounts:** \$6,548.93

**Motion made to approve Treasurer's report:** 1st by Brad 2nd by Cathy voice vote passed

**Old Business:**

1. Update on landscaping around parking lot and sidewalks. Brad is checking into the finishing touches with decorative stone.

2. Office computer upgrade. Lisa will be checking into what is needed

Committee Updates:

**Worship:** Polka Service October 19th

**Veterans Day Recognition:** November 9th-display of military items

**Youth:** Youth Night Returns Wednesday, September 10,2025

**Finance:** Will have a group conversation beginning of October for CD,  
Then will schedule a meeting for budget purposes.

**Property:**

**Fundraising:**

**Miscellaneous:** August 30th-Birthday Sunday

**Next Meeting Date:** September 17th @ 5:30

**Adjournment:** 1st by Brad 2nd by Lisa

**Respectfully Submitted by Cathy Thomas(Secretary)**

**Church  
Council  
Minutes**

## My Thoughts in Words

Hello Friends!

We all know that life can be very difficult at times. Just when everything seems to be going great, something happens that puts a damper on it. Hard times are inevitable. No matter what we do or how we live our lives, we can't avoid or prevent difficult times. Fortunately, we all have the power inside each of us to find the good in all situations. Training your brain to turn bad situations into good takes daily practice. It's not easy at first, but if you keep at it, you will find yourself living a more joyful life as you start to turn your thoughts around.

I recently found this article about September 11 and thought it was appropriate to share here. It's a good reminder that there can always be something good that comes from something bad.

"You may have heard about the CEO of a major company who survived the attacks simply because it was his turn to take his child to preschool.

Another man lived because it was his day to bring donuts.

One woman was late because her alarm clock didn't go off.

Someone got stuck in traffic on the New Jersey Turnpike.

Another missed the bus.

One spilled coffee on her blouse and had to change.

One person's car wouldn't start.

Someone returned to answer a phone call.

Another's child took too long getting ready.

One simply couldn't catch a cab.

But what struck me most — was a man who survived because that morning, he wore new shoes. They gave him a blister, so he stopped at a pharmacy to buy a bandage. That's why he lived."

And now, when I find myself stuck in traffic, missing an elevator, going back home for keys, or answering a phone call at the last second...

I pause and think: Maybe I'm exactly where I'm meant to be. Maybe this delay is protection I'll never understand.

So next time your morning doesn't go as planned —

The kids are slow to get ready.

You can't find your keys.

You hit every red light...

Don't get angry. Don't panic.

God might be at work. Protecting you in ways you'll never see."

God bless you all! Denise

*My Thoughts in Words*  
*By The Church Lady*



THE LORD HIMSELF  
GOES BEFORE YOU  
AND WILL  
BE WITH YOU; HE WILL  
NEVER LEAVE  
YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU.  
DO NOT BE AFRAID,  
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED.  
-DEUT. 31:8



# September 2025



| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Mon                                                                                                                              | Tues                         | Wed                                                                                                         | Thurs                                                                                           | Fri | Sat                             |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1<br><br>HAPPY Labor DAY                        | 2                            | 3                                                                                                           | 4                                                                                               | 5   | 6                               |
| 7 13th Sunday after Pentecost<br><br>8:30am Bible Study<br>9:30am Worship<br>Fellowship meal -<br>Ham or Egg Salad<br>Sandwiches                                                                                    | 8<br><br>6:30pm Bible Study<br><br> Bible Study | 9<br><br>9:00am Bible Study  | 10<br><br>YOUTH NIGHT<br>6:30pm Church School & Confirmation                                                | 11<br><br>   | 12  | 13                              |
| 14 14th Sunday after Pentecost<br><br>8:30am Bible Study<br>9:30am Worship<br>Fellowship meal -<br>BBQ                                                                                                              | 15<br><br>6:30pm Bible Study                                                                                                     | 16<br><br>9:00am Bible Study | 17<br>4-6pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution<br>5:30pm Council Meeting<br>6:30pm Church School & Confirmation | 18<br><br> | 19  | 20<br>9-11 am Loaves and Fishes |
| 21 15th Sunday after Pentecost<br><br>8:30 am Bible Study<br>9:30am Worship<br>Fellowship meal -<br>Fall Harvest Potluck<br><br> | 22<br><br>6:30pm Bible Study                                                                                                     | 23<br><br>9:00am Bible Study | 24<br><br>6:30pm Church School & Confirmation                                                               | 25                                                                                              | 26  | 27                              |
| 28 16th Sunday after Pentecost<br><br>8:30am Bible Study<br>9:30am Worship<br>Birthday Sunday                                                                                                                       | 29<br><br>8:30am Bible Study                                                                                                     | 30<br><br>9:00am Bible Study |                         |                                                                                                 |     |                                 |