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

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

**Church EMail:** 

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

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



#### **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

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

## Message from the Pastor ~ Learning Opportunities



**Ecclesiastes 3:1** "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Here we are in November already. The harvest has begun in late October and into November. The farmer knows when to sow his crops in spring and harvest in the fall. How fortunate we are to have dedicated farmers to work the land and raise farm animals so we have an abundance of food.

Thanksgiving Day is a unique holiday to America. Our kids are taught that the first pilgrims to land on the shore (that we call the United States) and the Indigenous people came together at some point. These people have been called Indians; but the term should be identified to those who are from India. The Indigenous people existed in America long before the Colonists arrived. They taught the pilgrims how to crop the land. We have been told that the Native Americans and the Pilgrims had a feast of the abundance from their harvest. The Native Americans do not celebrate Thanksgiving the way we do. They only remember the bloodshed as the land was taken away as the new settlers came to shore.

We celebrate Thanksgiving Day with an abundance of food that requires every dish in the house to be used and also to watch football games. Remember that Jesus is the Lord of the harvest. "Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because of Jesus Christ His only Son. Give Thanks"

We also look forward to the colorful leaves on the trees this time of year. Many of us drive to places where we think the color is most beautiful. In winter, it seems as though our trees have died because they are stripped of their leaves and lay bare. Of course, we know they are not dead. In winter, the trees are having their beauty sleep, and life will be renewed in spring. The cycle of renewal begins again. God created his world in an orderly way.

Remember, we are to be thankful every day; not just on Thanksgiving Day. Enjoy November and the snow it will bring.

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

Come join us! All are welcome.

## Assisting Ministers - Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Assisting Ministers

November 2025 (9:30 services)	Communion Server	Reader	Money Counter
November 2	Denelle Daniels	Darrel Klemp	Ruthann Meiers
November 9	Carrie Daoust	Patty Lorenz	Glen Peebles
November 16	Linda Bubolz	Toni Klemp	Phyllis Peebles
November 23	Pastor Marcia	Nathan Schley	Rita Olson
November 30	Carrie Daoust	Denise Klemp	Volunteer

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**

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11/02	Rodney & Barbra	Hillsberg (51 years)
11/04	Russ & Cheryl Wi	Ikinson (58 Years)
<i>11/06</i>	Matt & Angie Joh	inson (26 years)
<i>11/10</i>	Mike & Jane Shu	lze (46 years)
<i>11/12</i>	David & Sally Ric	hter (43 years)
<i>11/24</i>	Ralph & Jean Mu	eller (52 years)
11/27	Steve & Navid Kie	enast (15 years)
<i>11/30</i>	Bruce & Betty Lac	dwig (42 years)

## Happy Birthday

11/03	Becky Wudtke
11/04	David Doucette
11/07	Cynthia Garrigan
11/08	Mason Dingeldein
11/08	Autumn Lorenz
11/09	Jessica Riebe
11/12	Vayda Doepker
11/19	Henry Mitchler
11/20	David Hillsberg
11/23	Greg Ehrle
11/23	Cade Johnson
11/25	Jason Steinbach
11/30	Devin Doucette
11/30	Brady Olson
11/30	Lloyd Allen
11/30	Jacob Schley

## Upcoming Events ~ Financials ~ Miscellaneous



- November 9, 2025 Veteran's Recognition and display of Military items
- November 19, 2025 Thanksgiving/Hunter's Service @ 7:00 pm
- December 7 & 14 Candy Sale
- December 14, 2025 Christmas Program during worship @ 9:30 am
- December 25, 2025 Christmas Eve Service @ 4:00 pm



## Sunday Fellowship

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

November 2 - Pizza

November 9 - Scalloped Potatoes and Ham

November 16 - Hunter's Breakfast

November 23 - Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches

November 30 - Birthday Cake and Ice Cream

Our November Benevolence will go to:





#### **Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry**

Focus Item for November 2025: Ketchup & Mustard

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!

## **Ascension Budget**



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

YTD Income received: \$60,005.00

(\$2,185.00 below budgeted income)

Expenses paid out: \$65,970.00 Expenses Exceeding Income: \$5,965.00

## Fundraising & Scrip Information



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## September Scrip Report

- \* Cards Sold 46
- \* Sales \$3,475.00
- \* Profit \$174.50
- \* YTD Profit \$1,377.50
- \* Inventory 107 Cards / \$5,555.00

#### October Scrip Report

- \* Cards Sold 53
- \* Sales \$3,610.00
- \* Profit \$173.30
- \* YTD Profit \$1.550.85
- \* Inventory 132 Cards / \$6,995.00

Please think about submitting your Christmas order as soon as possible. The deadline for special order Scrip Cards is Sunday, November 9. That order should be available December 7th. That will be the last order for the year.





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.

#### **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.

## **Looking for Thrivent Members**

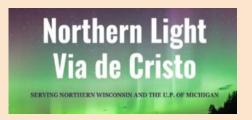
Any Thrivent member is eligible to apply for two \$250 Thrivent action cards per year which can be used as seed money for our fundraisers or for community service projects. We will help you with the application process and completing your final report for any project you may be involved with.

## VDC ~ Prayer List ~ Online Worship Service Info

## Via de Cristo News



Stay tuned for the Spring Weekend information coming soon!



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:

- Alice Mueller
- Dave & Sally Richter
- Pat Zuiches
- Arnie Kloes

- Russell Kloes
- Beck & Rosie Pues
- Carl Schoettler
- Dave Rohrer



## **Online Worship Services**

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

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!

## 2025 December Events

# 2025 December Events at Ascension Lutheran Church









## Wednesday Evening Church School Pictures







Top left: the students learned about sin in the Garden of Eden. They made apples with a pipe cleaner snake.





Top right: the students built their towers after hearing about the Tower of Babel.

Middle: Noah's Ark project

Bottom: Noah's Ark

## Ongoing Landscape work ~ 3rd Grade Bible Distribution









Top: Brad Schuelke continues to volunteer his time as he puts the finishing touches on the church's landscape.

Above and right: The third graders received their Bibles on October 19th.
Left to right: Luke Olson, Emily Bushie, Brooklyn Olson and Everly Homan with Pastor Mark Sabin and Kris Jensen



## Polka Service ~ Art Fest – Dartball Schedule





The Praise Team shared their talents at our recent Polka Service on October 19th.

Maddie Daniels surprised us all when she showed up with a banjo! Other musicians were: Jerry Wetzel on drums, Toni Klemp on keyboard and vocals, Denise Klemp on vocals, John Wudtke on accordion and vocals and Darrel Klemp on quitar and vocals.





#### Ascension's Dartball Schedule 2025-2026 Start Time 7:30 pm



Oct. 20 - Ascension BYE

Oct. 27 - Black Creek U.C.C @ Ascension Nov. 3 - Ascension @ Seymour Methodist Nov. 10 - No Dartball

Nov. 17 - Oneida Methodist @ Ascension

Nov. 24 - Deer Hunting & Thanksgiving

Dec. 1 - Ascension @ Cicero Lutheran Dec. 8 - Black Creek Lutheran @ Ascension

Dec. 15 - Ascension @ Seymour Lutheran

Dec. 22 - Make-up Game

Jan. 5 - Ascension BYE

Jan. 12 - Ascension @ Black Creek U.C.C.

Jan. 19 - Seymour Methodist @ Ascension Jan. 26 - Ascension @ Oneida Methodist

Feb. 2 - Cicero Lutheran @ Ascension

Feb. 9 - Ascension @ Black Creek Lutheran

Feb. 16 - Seymour Lutheran @ Ascension

Feb. 23 - Make up game

Mar. 2 - Captain's Meeting

Mar. 9 - PLAYOFFS

Mar. 16 - PLAYOFFS

DARTBALL

Mar. 23 - PLAYOFFS/CHAMPIONSHIP

Apr. 6 - BANQUET

## 1,800 Yanks Feared Lost In Jap Prison Ship Sinking

Navarino Sergeant, One of Five Survivors, Tells Story

BY VIOLA HELLERMANN

The sinking of a Japanese ship carrying 1,800 shied prisoners, mostly Americans, was revealed to-day in the story of Sergeant Avery Wilber, 32, son of Edward Wilber, Navarino, one of the five known survivors.

Sergeant Wilber, who is visiting now at the home of his fiancee, Miss Marjorie Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilkinson, 308 E. Franklin street, was on Corregidor when it fell to the Japs almost three years ago, and when the Americans returned to the islands last fall he and the 1,800 others, including a handful of British and Dutch prisoners, were crowded into the prison ship and headed for Japan.

Containing prisoners from a number of different Philippine camps, the ship sailed Oct. 11. At 5 o'clock the afternoon of Oct. 24 a torpedo roared into it, breaking it in two. Shrapnel hit a few of the prisoners in the hold, including Sergeant Wilber, but the direct hit was on the other side of the bulkhead, and most of the Americans were able to run for the deck.

"We were able to walk right off the ship into the water because the back end of the deck was under water," Wilber said. "I floated around in the water for three or four hours and then a life boat that got away from the Japs came drifting by."

Already in the boat was Robert S. Overbeck, Baltimore, Md., who had been a civil engineer on Corregidor and who is now a lieutenant in the army. Wilber climbed in, and shortly thereafter they picked up Corporal Antone Cichy, New York Mills, Minn. It wasn't until the next morning that they found the other two, Corporal Don E. Meyer, Wilmington, Calif., and Master Sergeant Calvin Graef, Silver City, N. M., who had spent the night floating on a raft.

The Japanese had used all the other life boats to transport themselves to one of their destroyers



#### Sergeant Avery Wilber

standing nearby. The Jap destroyer didn't shell the Yanks in the water, but neither did it help them, Wilber said.

During the night the life boat carrying the three Americans bumped into a box. It was hauled aboard, and the large piece of canvas in it was used as a blanket. The night was cold, and a strong wind was blowing. When morning came, the men discovered to their delight that the canvas was a sail that fit their boat.

So, with only the stars, sun and moon to guide them, and three gallons of water and a can of cookies that they found in the boat to sustain them, they sailed for China. Aided by a strong wind, they made the 250-mile trip in three days landing on the China coast Oct. 27. En route they encountered no enemy opposition. Some Japanese bombers flew over but didn't bother them. Because they thought the trip would take longer, they had carefully rationed out their water and cookies and still had some left when they reached China.

Gets Purple Heart
Who helped them in China they
can't say, but they were soon with
the Flying Tigers of the 14th Air
Force and were transported to the

United States by plane.
In Washington, D. C., there was a conference with General Marshall, who pinned the Purple Heart on Sergeant Wilber's blouse. The medal carries a cluster with it for

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## 1,800 Yanks Believed Lost

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the sergeant was wounded twice, on Corregidor and on the prison ship.

Where the torpedo came from that sank the prison ship Sergeant Wilber doesn't know.

He has gained 40 pounds since his escape from the Japs, but the soldier said he had received no rough treatment from the enemy. "But they did starve us like the devil,"

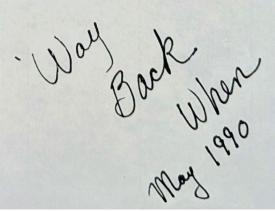
he remarked.
Sergeant Wilber was in several different camps in the Philippines, including that at Cabanatuan, from which the remaining Americans were freed in the daring Ranger attack of last month. More recently he was in a Manila camp, and saw the American planes come over.

"It was like a bee-hive kicked over," was the way he described the large Yank air fleet that bombed the city Sept. 21.

All the prisoners knew that they were being transferred to Japan because the Americans were coming back to the Philippines.

Sergeant Wilber entered the service Feb. 5, 1941, and sailed from San Francisco for the Philippines June 6, 1941. Before entering the army he worked in a garage at Navarino.

Arriving in the United States early in December, he got home before Christmas. Before he reports March 15 in Florida, he and Miss Wilkinson will be married. They have set March 3 as the date.



## Council Minutes

#### Ascension Lutheran Church Of Navarino Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 15, 2025

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

Peebles, Pastor Mark Sabin and Pastor Marcia Sabin

Not present: Mike Homan

President Carmen Wetzel called meeting to order at 5:30

**Prayer and Devotion** by Pastor Mark Sabin, John 6:61-69 Approval of last Month's Minutes: 1st by Lisa 2nd by Brad

**Pastor's Report:** (3) Home Member Visits, (1) Hospital visit, (4) Confirmation Sessions, (4) Tuesday Bible Study Sessions. November 19th Thanksgiving/Hunter's Service

**Treasurer's Report:** Income for September \$5,263.00, YTD \$60,005.00 (\$8,151.00 below budgeted Income annualized). Expenses for September \$5,899.06. YTD \$65,970 (\$2185.00 below budgeted expenses annualized). Expenses exceeding Income \$5,965.00.

**Project Fund Income Received for the Month:** Loud Offering \$60.00 Fellowship: \$100.00 Scrip Cards Sold \$3,625.00 Candy Bar Sales \$79.00 Towels \$91.00 Misc. Donations \$50.00 **Total** 

Income for the Month: \$4,005.00 Scrip Card Expense \$5,522.00

**Total Available for Project(s)** \$41,818.49 <\$1,517.00

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: 1st by Brad 2nd By Jake

**Old Business:** Office Computer update: Lisa discussed her research on purchasing computers for office and Sanctuary. 1 computer will be purchased and set up in the Sanctuary. If all goes well a second will be purchased for the Office.

**New Business:** December 24th Christmas Eve Service 4:00pm, As of January 1st, Birthday Sundays will move to the 1st Sunday of the month.

Snow Plowing set for winter. \$100.00 gas card for Pastor's compensation per month starting in January.

#### **Committee Updates:**

**Worship:** Past: Polka Service October 19th, 3rd Grade Bible Handouts. Coming up: Veterans Day Recognition November 9th Veterans. Veterans may bring items to display to the church on Saturday, November 8th 9am - 12 pm

Youth:

**Finance:** Will have a group conversation in October for CD then will schedule a meeting for budget purposes.

Property: Fundraising:

Miscellaneous: November 16th Hunter's Brunch

**Next Meeting Date:** November 19th 6:00pm **Motion to Adjourn:** 1st by Brad 2nd by Lisa

Respectfully Submitted by Cathy Thomas (Secretary)



## My Thoughts in Words ~ Thanks You's

My Thoughts in Words
By The Church Lady

#### Hello Friends!

I recently heard the song "Greater" by MercyMe and these words just came to mind: In today's world, where there's so much noise, where do you find the truth? How do we know what's true and what's a lie? There is one book that we know is true. It's the Bible. God has so many promises inside that have come true time and time again. We can believe that everything in the Bible is true. So when we listen to this song and we hear the words, "I hear a voice and he calls me redeemed" - we are saved. "When others say I'll never be enough" - As you continue living in this world, you are going to hear a lot of messages and some of those messages might be bad. You're too short, you're too tall, you're too slow, you're too fat, etc. God made you and you are perfect. In His eyes you are always enough. "Greater is the one living inside of me than he who is living in the world" - So, when you hear those negative messages, tune them out and listen instead to the voice in your heart. You are forgiven. You are saved. You are enough. You are loved. To all you reading this, I'll say it again: You are forgiven. You are saved. You are enough. You are loved.

God bless you all! Denise

#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Pastor Marcia and I send all of you our heart-felt appreciation for your Pastors' Appreciation Month recognition of our ministry with all of you of Ascension. Thank you all for your gracious thoughts, prayers, friendships, and the gift which gracefully decorates our living room. Marcia and I thank all of you also, for your support and friendship in all of our work as God's children - HIS disciples.

Your Friends in Christ always;

Prs. Mark and Marcia



Ascension Vacation Bible School & Benevolent Society -

Thank you as always for your generous donations to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. We so appreciate you!





## This & That

## Chocolate Zucchini Cake Submitted by Sarah Olson

#### Cake:

2 C Sugar

4 Eggs

1 1/2 C Vegetable Oil or Applesauce

2 C Flour

3/4 C Cocoa Powder

2 tsp Baking Soda

1 tsp Baking Powder

1/2 tsp Cinnamon

1/2 tsp Salt

3 C Shredded Zucchini



#### Frosting:

6 Tbsp Cocoa Powder 1/4 C Butter, melted 2 C Powdered Sugar 1/4 C Milk

1/2 tsp Vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 cake pan or Bundt pan. In a large mixing bowl, beat sugar, eggs and oil or applesauce until smooth. In a small mixing bowl, combine the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Gradually beat in the flour mixture to the sugar mixture. Fold in zucchini. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 50-60 minutes, or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean. Cool completely before frosting.

Melt the butter. Combine with cocoa powder and set aside to cool. In a medium mixing bowl, blend together the powdered sugar, milk and vanilla. Stir into the cocoa mixture. Spread over cooled cake.

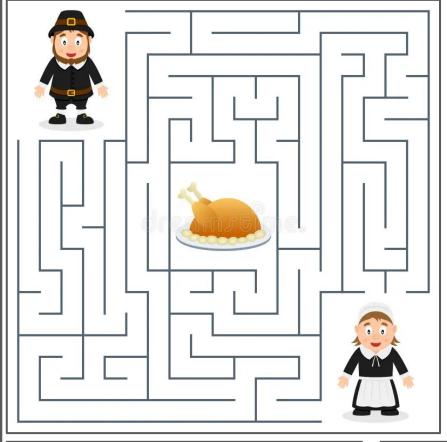


APPLE PIE AUTUMN BUTTER CORN CRANBERRIES DESSERT DINNER FALL FOOTBALL. GRAVY HOLIDAY **INDIANS NEW WORLD** NO SCHOOL NOVEMBER PARADE PILGRIM POTATOES PUMPKIN PIE ROAD TRIP STUFFING THANKFUL TURKEY YAMS

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## Kids Korner



Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?

-The outside

Which part of the turkey is the most musical?

-The drumsticks

What ringtone does a turkey have on its phone?

-Wing, wing, wing

Can a turkey jump higher than a 10-story building?

-Yes because buildings can't jump!

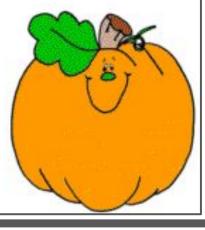
Why do turkeys lay egg?

-Because if they threw them they would break.

## **Thanksgiving Word Search**

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

corn gravy pumpkin squash stuffing



## THANKSGIVING



WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words to solve the puzzle.



ABERD SEFAT YRTUEK . YMA NPMKUIP\_ KUSDCRTIM **IPGIRLM** TEOTPSOA EEVMNORB \_\_\_ UYTHADSR VGRYA . NPATUIR NOCR . RBYNRECRA LGOBEB\_ **FGTSIFNU** AINACMER \_ SUASHQ MRCIAAE **GGTKINNSHAIV** 



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## November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 All Saints Day 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - Pizza	<b>3 6:30pm</b> Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> - Dartball at Seymour Methodist	9:00am Bible Study	<b>5 6:30pm</b> Church School & Confirmation	6	7	8 9am-12pm Veterans military items drop-off
9 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Bible Study 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - Scalloped Potatoes & Ham	6:30pm Bible Study No Dartball	9:00am Bible Study  Bible Study	6:30pm Church School & Confirmation	13	14	15
16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost  8:30 am Bible Study 9:30am Polka Service Fellowship meal - Hunter's Breakfast	6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Dartball at Ascension	9:00am Bible Study	4-6pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution 6:00pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Church School 7:00pm Thanksgiving/ Hunters Service	Qaves FOOD P		9-11 am Loaves and Fishes
23 Christ the King Sunday 8:30am Bible Study 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches	6:30pm Bible Study No Dartball	25 No Bible Study	26 6:30pm Church School & Confirmation	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
30 First Sunday of Advent 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Birthday Sunday				happy THANKS GIVING		