

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
Office Hours:
Tuesday 1:00-5:00 pm

In case of an 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



Wednesday Night Lenten Fellowship and Worship Opportunities:

- **Soup Suppers** continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm through Lent
- **Wednesday Evening Church School** continues for the youth at 6:30 pm
- **Lenten Worship Services** continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm through Lent

Your Church Council

Carmen Wetzel, President	(715) 853-7101
Lisa Wollenberg, Treasurer	(920) 525-2024
Jacob Hartlaben, Secretary	(715) 851-1904
Brad Schuelke, Vice President	(920) 659-2402
Bonnie Weyers	(715) 758-2488
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, March 18, 2026 at 5:30 pm.**

Message from the Pastor ~ Learning Opportunities



Recently we celebrated the holy season of Christmas. We are entering the time of Lent which brings us to the time of Jesus' passion. Jesus foretells his disciples three times in Matthew, Mark and Luke that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the Jewish elders and chief Priests and be handed over to the Gentiles to be killed and on the third day be raised. We have come from the cradle to the cross of life.

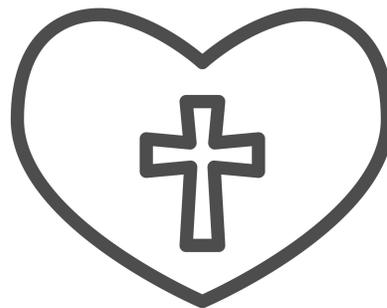
Peter couldn't hear all what Jesus was saying. Peter's Messiah could not die! He didn't hear the victory over death by his resurrection on the third day. One of the accounts in Matthew 6:23 has Peter taking Jesus aside and rebuking him that this foretelling cannot happen. Jesus rebukes Peter. Get behind me Satan. You are a stumbling block to me for you are setting your mind on earthly things and not on divine things.

Peter didn't understand at this time that Jesus is the divine servant King and not a political king. He would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey. The donkey represents humility and servanthood. Jesus is a peaceful King and Savior rather than a conquering military leader riding on a white horse.

Do you know why the religious leaders wanted Jesus crucified on a cross? Deuteronomy 21:22-23; "When someone is convicted of a crime punishable by death and is executed, and you hang him on a tree, his corpse must not remain all night upon the tree; you shall bury him that same day, for anyone hung on a tree is cursed by God..." Galatians 3:13 "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us..." There is no greater love gift than this.

Blessings,

Pastors Marcia and Mark ✚



Learning Opportunities at Ascension

Adult Bible Study

Sunday Mornings at 8:30 am
Monday Evenings at 6:00 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

March 2026 (9:30 services)	Communion Server	Reader	Money Counter
March 1	Carrie Daoust	Denise Klemp	Ruthann Meiers
March 8	Pastor Marcia	Chris Schley	Glen Peebles
March 15	Linda Bubolz	Darrel Klemp	Phyllis Peebles
March 22	Denelle Daniels	Denelle Daniels	Rita Olson
March 29	Carrie Daoust	Toni Klemp	<i>Volunteer</i>

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

Steve & Denelle Daniels
03/04 (25 years)

Happy Birthday

03/01 Kris Jensen
 03/05 Corina Mueller
 03/10 Greg Schoettler
 03/12 Jake Mitchler
 03/14 Toni Klemp
 03/14 Arnie Kloes
 03/14 Paul Zuiches
 03/15 Doug Wilber
 03/15 Cathy Thomas
 03/17 Everett Olson
 03/19 Erik Houdek
 03/22 Nataly Dominguez
 03/23 Madeline Zuiches
 03/23 Tina Jung
 03/28 Rita Olson
 03/30 Carrie Daoust





Mark Your Calendars

- **March 27, 2026** - Fish Fry
- **April 2, 2026** - Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00
- **April 3, 2026** - Good Friday Worship at 7:00
- **April 5, 2026** - Easter Sunday Worship at 6:30 & 9:30 am with breakfast in between services

A Lent Prayer

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts
may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too,
may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I may love
only what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
That I may defend
all that is holy.
Guard me, O Holy Spirit,
That I myself may
always be holy.



Augustine of Hippo

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER



****Every Wednesday during Lent****
February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25
at 6:00 pm (Wednesday Lenten
Services follow at 7:00 pm)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**Ascension Lutheran Church
of Navarino**

Sunday Fellowship

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

- March 1** - Birthday Cake & Ice Cream
- March 8** - Pizza
- March 15** - Hotdish Sunday
- March 22** - Egg & Ham Salad Sandwiches
- March 29** - Surprise



Announcements ~ Loaves & Fishes ~ Budget

****ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS****

Ascension Lutheran Church has a scholarship fund that may be available to you if you are in your second year or more of college.

Applications are available in the church office and are due **March 17, 2026**.



Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Focus Item for March 2026:
Toilet Paper

The Food Pantry is requesting donations of **Canned Peas or Green Beans** in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Please bring your donations anytime before **March 17th** and place them in the grocery cart. Thank you!

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

Easter Lilies are available for purchase

Once again, we will order lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to purchase a lily to beautify the church and enjoy it at home after the 9:30 am Easter service on April 5, please email the church office at:

ascensionavarino@gmail.com.

Lilies are \$20.00.

Deadline to order is March 15.

*Humble yourselves therefore,
under God's mighty hand,
that he may lift you up in due
time. Cast all your anxiety on
him because he cares for you.*

1 Peter 5:6-7



Ascension Budget



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

Through January 2026:

YTD Income received:	\$10,361.00
Expenses paid out:	\$ 6,894.32
Income Exceeding Expenses:	\$ 3,466.68

Cheryl's Old Fashioned Fish Fry

Friday, March 27, 2026
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

6th
Annual

Menu:

Deep-fried fish (Pollock) - \$15

*Includes: Baked Potato or Potato
Salad, Coleslaw, Rye Bread and
Dessert*

****New Choice****

3-Piece Chicken Tenders Basket - \$11

*with Ranch or BBQ dipping sauce
Includes: Fries, Coleslaw and Dessert*

A Thrivent Team Action Fundraiser



Dine-In or Take-Out
Pre-orders Preferred

Call to order by 3/16/26

Ascension Lutheran Church
W6106 Navarino Rd., Shiocton
Corner of 156 & McDonald Rd

Call or Email (IN ADVANCE) your order:
Church Office: 715-758-8312 / ascensionavarino@gmail.com
Cheryl Wilkinson: 920-340-0410
"Day of" call-in orders accepted while supplies last.

2026 HOLY WEEK Worship Opportunities



PALM SUNDAY
March 29 ~ 9:30 AM



MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 2 ~ 7:00 PM



GOOD FRIDAY
April 3 ~ 7:00 PM



HE IS RISEN!

EASTER SUNDAY
April 5 ~ 6:30 AM
& 9:30 AM

Fundraising & Scrip Information



March into Savings — and Support Our Church with Scrip!

As we move into March, many of us are thinking about spring break plans, home projects, and preparing for Easter celebrations. Why not make those purchases count?

When you buy scrip gift cards for places you already shop you receive the full value of the card, and our church earns a percentage back from the retailer. It's an easy way to support our ministries at no extra cost to you.

Whether you're stocking up for spring, planning a getaway, or just doing your regular weekly shopping, scrip turns everyday spending into meaningful support for our church. Scrip cards are available after services or through the church office.

Thank you for helping our church "spring forward" this March!



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.

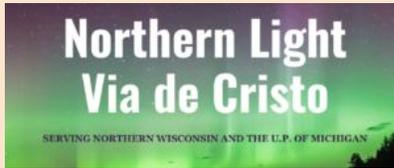
Committee members: Dawn Dingeldein, Ruthann Meiers, Lois Rohrer. Fundraising supports the Church's Special Projects Fund.



Our March Benevolence NALC Local Support

VDC ~ Prayer List ~ Online Worship Service Info

Via de Cristo News



Northern Light Spring Camp

March 5-8, 2026
Camp Forest Springs
N8890 Forest Ln.
Westboro, WI 54490



Sonrise Spring Camp

April 23-26, 2025
Camp Fairwood
W7905 S Pleasant Rd.
Westfield, WI 53964

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
- Jen Erb
- 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-w11>

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!

Pizza Making - January 31, 2026



Pizza Making ~ January 31, 2026



**500
pizzas
made!**



Council Minutes

Ascension Lutheran Church Of Navarino Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Present: Carmen Wetzel, Brad Schuelke, Jake Hartlaben, Lisa Wollenberg, Bonnie Weyers, Mike Homan, Pastor Mark Sabin. **Absent:** Pastor Marcia Sabin **Guest:** Glen Peebles

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by President Carmen Wetzel.

Devotion and Prayer led by Pastor Mark Sabin. Mark chapter 1 verse 14-15

Last Month's meeting minutes approved. Motion to accept by Brad and 2nd by Mike. Voice vote passed.

Pastors Report: 3-member home visits. 4 Youth Confirmation sessions, 4 Tuesday Bible Studies. 1 Hospital visit. Annual Council Installation. 1 Funeral- TBS member. Composing mid-week Lenten series "Old men of the Bible". Sunday April 19th- Annual Gideon message- mission update.

Treasurer's report: for January 2026: Income Received \$10,361, YTD: \$10,361. Income exceeding Expenses \$3,466.68 through January

Project Fund Income \$2,550.00 received from Script Cards sold. Fellowship, Misc. Donations.

Project Fund Expense: \$7199.98 Sanctuary Computer and Scrip Cards.

Total available in the project fund \$41,483.51

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

Old Business:

1. Pizza making update. Had 10ish people help for set-up. 15 people help on Saturday. Thank you to all the volunteers. Discussed if there was a need for having a tarp on the floor, Decided epoxy floor would be easy to clean and not stain. Could also use plastic instead that could go in garbage.
2. Discussed online giving options. Decided to go with Venmo for online giving, as it is the only free option. Not sure if fees would be worth the amount of online giving for the other options.
3. Discussed the laptop for Secretary. Jake said he would be able to go without.
4. Upgraded play area outside/ new swing set (tabled until March 2026)
 - A. this would come out of special projects fund.

New Business

1. Fish Fry. Chicken tenders will be added to the menu. Date is March 27th 2026
2. Lenten Season and Easter service.
3. Building insurance will be due in June or July. Discussed checking around to see what else is out there. Meet with Brothers Mutual at April council meeting to discuss options
4. Because the a scholarship interest is distributed every 18 months and 2 year program students need to be in their second year when applying for the scholarship, the timing may not allow all eligible students to apply during their second year, it has been suggested for the scholarship committee to look at revising the distribution for 2 year college students to be eligible to apply after completing their first semester. The scholarship CD will be maturing in the next couple months. The finance committee will look at CD rates along with other investments options to maximize the accumulated interest for the scholarship distribution.

Committee Updates:

- Worship: Soup Suppers at 6, Lenten Service at 7pm every Wednesday during Lent.
- Fundraising: Fish fry is March 27th

Next Council Meeting March 18th at 5:30 pm.

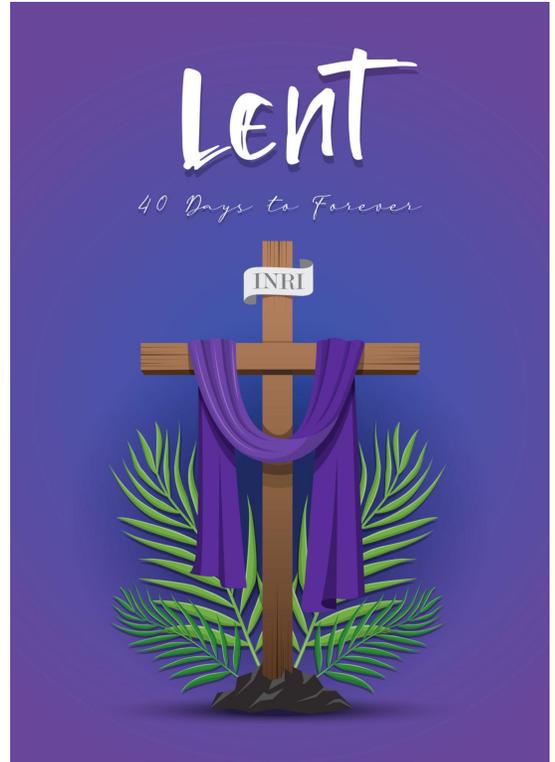
Adjournment- Motion made by Mike 2nd by Lisa. Voice vote passed

Respectfully submitted by Jake Hartlaben, Secretary

**Church Council
Meeting Minutes**

Thank You Letter ~ My Thoughts in Words

Dear Friends at Ascension Lutheran -
Thank you for your recent gift to our ministry with Africa Inland Mission and AIM AIR. We are so grateful for your prayers and support! Our pilots recently did a flight for World Vision and Voice of the Martyrs. Phil and I have been mentoring new families and trying to invest in our team as much as we can. The Lord knows our path! Many blessings to you all,
Phil and EJ Blohm



My Thoughts in Words By The Church Lady

I wrote this 10 years ago when I was a member of a different church. Many things have changed in my life in these 10 years, but one thing remains - God's love and perfect timing.

I was on my way to church at 7:00 am this morning to practice with the praise team before the 8:15 service. I was feeling a bit "flat." (Yesterday was solo/ensemble and between my 3 kid's events and those I had to accompany, I attended about 20 events.) Listening to a Christian radio station, I remembered the praise team was going to sing, "Holy Spirit" by Francesca Battistelli today. I've heard the song on the radio before and knew Francesca won a Grammy award for the song, but I didn't know it well. I thought, *"Boy, it would be really cool if 'Holy Spirit' came on so I could hear it one more time before I have to sing it."* The current song ended, a new song started, and tears welled up in my eyes when I realized it was "Holy Spirit."

When people ask me how I know there's a God, I share stories like this. The thought that followed after "Holy Spirit" started was, *"God loves me so much that He knew what I needed when and He provided."* It was that overwhelming sense of the most pure, most infinite LOVE that brought tears to my eyes. God is good, all the time!

Love to you all! Denise



March 2026



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 2nd Sunday of Lent 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Birthday Sunday	2 6:00pm Bible Study	3 9:00am Bible Study	4 6:30pm Church School	5 	6	7
8 3rd Sunday of Lent 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Fellowship Meal - Pizza	9 6:00pm Bible Study	10 9:00am Bible Study 	11 6:30pm Church School	12 13 		14
15 4th Sunday of Lent 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - Hot Dish Sunday 	16 6:00pm Bible Study	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 9:00am Bible Study 	18 4-6pm Loaves and Fishes 5:30pm Council Meeting 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Church School 7:00pm Worship Service	19 	20	21 9-11 am Loaves and Fishes
22 5th Sunday of Lent 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Service Fellowship Meal - Egg/Ham Salad	23 6:00pm Bible Study	24 9:00am Bible Study	25 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Church School 7:00pm Worship Service	26	27 FISH FRY 11am - 7pm 	28
29 Palm Sunday 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Service Fellowship Meal - Surprise 	30 6:00pm Bible Study	31 9:00am Bible Study	April 1 6:30pm Church School	April 2 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service	April 3 7:00pm Good Friday Worship Service	