

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
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You seek
Jesus
of
Nazareth,
who was
crucified.



He has risen!

Mark 16:6

See page 5 for Holy Week
Worship Opportunities

Your Church Council

Carmen Wetzal, President	(715) 853-7101
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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, April 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Message from the Pastor ~ Learning Opportunities



The College kids are back from their spring break. They used to call it Easter Break when I was in college. I went down to Daytona Beach, Florida with Campus Crusade for Christ my junior year. We had bible studies with all the kids that came down from many states. Obviously, we all made many friends. There were days where we separately went to witness our faith; not to convert but to share our faith with others who were enjoying a nice getaway from collage like we were doing.

There was this girl who was on the beach by herself. I came over and began talking with her. We talked about where we were attending school and other small talk; then I simply began sharing why I was in Daytona Beach this week and she was receptive to what I shared. I began sharing my relationship with Jesus. Not too long after that her boyfriend came. She introduced me to him and he said “oh, you’re one of those holy rollers.” I got up and said to him that I was not one of them. I said goodbye to the girl and left. I’m sharing this with you because I don’t know what happened after that. When you literally talk to a stranger and they listen and you begin a discussion; I wonder where that conversation could have gone.

The holy season of Easter is why we share with others our own journeys in life which include our relationship with Jesus. With the Resurrection of our Lord, we are people of victory! My story in Daytona Beach is very short but maybe I dug a hole for someone to plant the seed.

We prepared our hearts during Lent, recalling all the experiences of the Passion and waiting.... waiting until the stone was rolled away from the Tomb. Christ is Risen! The celebration of Easter morning is not an event; it is a way of life. May you all have a blessed Easter.

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

April 2026 (9:30 services)	Communion Server	Reader	Money Counter
April 5 - Easter 6:30 am	Patty Lorenz	Nathan Schley	XX
April 5 - Easter 9:30 am	Linda Bubolz	Denise Klemp	Ruthann Meiers
April 12	Pastor Marcia	Darrel Klemp	Glen Peebles
April 19	Carrie Daoust	Chris Schley	Phyllis Peebles
April 26	Denelle Daniels	Patty Lorenz	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

Scott & Lisa Wollenberg
04/24 (33 years)



Happy Birthday

04/02 Jane Shulze
 04/04 Brad Schuelke
 04/06 Helen Kienast
 04/06 Brandon Wilkinson
 07/07 Stacey Homan
 04/08 McKenzie Wollenberg
 04/08 Eric Shulze
 04/09 Betty Ladwig
 04/11 Dean Rueden
 04/12 Greycen Johnson
 04/14 Rodney Hillsberg
 04/18 Mackenzie Dingeldein
 04/18 Barbara Weissshappel
 04/19 Michael Homan
 04/19 Rosemary Kienast
 04/20 Jeff Anderson
 04/20 Jacob Wetzel
 04/21 Glen Peebles
 04/23 Ruthann Meiers
 04/26 Sean Harper
 04/30 Jody Kuhn-Kauffman



Mark Your Calendars

- **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
- **May 11 - 13, 2026** - Brat Fry at Charlie's in Shawano

Loaves & Fishes



FOOD PANTRY

Focus Item for April 2026:
Brownie & Cake Mixes

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



COMING SOON!!

In the near future, you will be able to make donations to the church using Venmo. Keep an eye out for more information in the weekly bulletins and next month's Visitor!

Ascension Budget



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

Through February 2026:

YTD Income received:	\$20,162.00
Expenses paid out:	\$13,115.51
Income Exceeding Expenses:	\$ 7,046.49

Sunday Fellowship

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

- April 5** - Easter Breakfast in between services
- April 12** - Birthday Sunday
- April 19** - Pulled Pork Sandwiches
- April 26** - Egg & Ham Salad Sandwiches

****FOOD & FELLOWSHIP****

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

Sunday, April 5

Mark 16:1-8

You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. *Mark 16:6*

RESURRECTION POWER

At one hundred dollars, Loretta’s utility bill was much higher than usual. “But the Lord will provide,” she told her son. That same day she received a text from her youngest brother: “Loretta, you’re always encouraging me, and I want to thank you. Look in your mail from something from me.” That afternoon in her mail, she found a gift card from her brother for one hundred dollars. A miracle? Not to some, perhaps. To Loretta, however, the “coincidence” felt miraculous. She always expects the living God to provide for her.

Her outlook highlights a lesson in the resurrection story of Jesus. After the Sabbath, three women bought spices to anoint Jesus’ body in the tomb. But walking there after sunrise, the women expected not a miracle but a problem: “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?” (Mark 16:1-3)

Embedded in their question was a curious doubt, especially from these women - including Mary Magdalene - who had traveled with Jesus and witnessed His power. All of them, however, were looking that morning for a dead Jesus.

Instead, “He has risen! He is not here,” they were told (v. 6). That declaration explains what we can expect from the living Jesus: His miraculous resurrection power. He is alive. When we face “heavy stones” that need moving, He will be with us and help us. He’s not in a tomb. He is risen, indeed!

Patricia Raybon

**How have you witnessed God working in an amazing way?
What does it mean to you to live out Jesus’ resurrection power?**

You’re alive, Jesus, and You possess the resurrection power I need!

Fundraising & Scrip Information

JANUARY Scrip Report

Cards Sold - 44
Sales - \$3,000
Profit - \$137.25
YTD Profit - \$137.25
Inventory 110 Cards / \$8,610.00

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CANDIES

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.

FEBRUARY Scrip Report

Cards Sold - 42
Sales - \$3,150
Profit - \$181.85
YTD Profit - \$319.10
Inventory - 168 Cards / \$10,335

Support our church this April with Scrip!

April brings Easter celebrations, spring gatherings and everyday shopping. When you purchase scrip gift cards for groceries, gas, dining and gifts, you receive the full value of the card and our church earns a percentage back from the retailer. It's a simple way to make your regular spending support our ministries at no extra cost to you.

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.

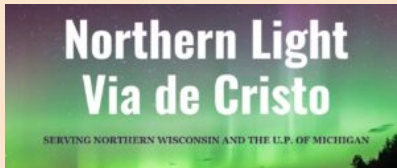


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**Our April Benevolence
NALC National Support**

VDC ~ Prayer List ~ Online Worship Service Info

Via de Cristo News



Northern Light Ultreya
Saturday April 18, 2026
St. John's Lutheran Church
210167 State Highway 13
Spencer WI 54479



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-w1>

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!

Miscellaneous Photos



Council Installation



Pastors Mark and Marcia with Beck and Rosie Pies



Pastor Mark as Old-Testament Prophet Ezra during the Wednesday evening Lenten Services



The aftermath of Snowstorm Elsa



Soup Supper ~ March 18, 2026



Everett Olson's 85th Birthday was on March 17, 2026

The Wednesday night Church School group shared a table prayer and helped greet and serve at the Lenten Soup Supper on March 18th



Congratulations!!



Congratulations to Scott Daniels and the Shiocton Wrestling team who ended their season at State!



Congratulations to Darrel Klemp who recently received an award for 30 years of service on the Navarino - Lessor Fire Department



Council Minutes

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM by President Carmen Wetzel.
Devotion and Prayer led by Pastor Mark Sabin. Parable of the Sower Matthew 13:1-9

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

Pastors Report: 4-member home visits. 3 Mid-week Lenten Services. 2 Tuesday Bible Studies. Revising Youth Confirmation Studies. First Communion Group meeting on Saturday March 21 st at 9:30am

Treasurer's report: for February 2026; Income Received \$9,801.00 (this includes a Memorial giving) YTD: \$20,162. Income exceeding Expenses \$7,046.49 through February
Project Fund Income \$9,199.00 received from Pizza Sales, Script Cards sold. Fellowship, eggs, Misc. Donation.

Project Fund Expense: \$6,316.46 Pizza Expenses and Scrip Cards.

**The Pizza Fundraiser profit after expenses was \$3,915.54. Thank you to all that purchased Pizzas and helped either Friday night or on Saturday.

Total available in the project fund \$44,366.05

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

Old Business:

1. Online giving options. Venmo will be setup for online giving with the goal to have up and running by Easter. Need to have a mobile number to be tied to the account to receive the digital code, the landline is not an option. It was agreed to purchase a pay as you go phone with a 1 yr. service card for under \$100. The cost of the phone will offset itself by not incurring fees for the online giving option.
2. Upgraded play area outside/ new swing set (tabled until April/May-weather pending). This will come out of the special projects fund.
3. Building Insurance Review. Requesting a Quote from Brothers Mutual as well as talking with our current carrier on what insurance rates for the 2026-2027 cycle are looking like.

New Business:

1. Survey from NALC – we received the yearly survey from the NALC, Bonnie assist Denise on filling it out for this year.
2. Scholarship Applications – Council reviewed the applications that been received. Payout will be June 2026. Council will be reviewing/discussing going back to a yearly scholarship payout vs. 18 months. The finance committee will look at CD rates along with other investments options when the CD matures in the next couple of months 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 27, 2026

There will be two services on Easter, 6:30am and 9:30am.

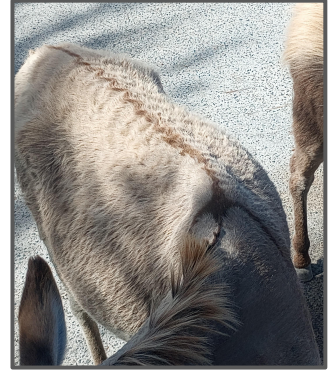
Next Council Meeting April 15, 2026 at 6:00pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Wollenberg on behalf of Jake Hartlaben, Secretary.

Thank You Letter ~ My Thoughts in Words

Phil and I were recently on a cruise that took us to the Island of Grand Turk in the Caribbean. Grand Turk is a very small historical island where salt was once mined. The Jerusalem Donkey was originally brought over from Israel to pull the salt carts and was instrumental in the salt trade. Salt is no longer mined on Grand Turk but you can see the original salt ponds and more than 300 donkeys and 200 horses roaming free on the island.



The donkey Jesus likely rode into Jerusalem was a Nubian donkey, a common breed in the region at the time. These donkeys naturally carry a dark, cross-shaped marking along their back and shoulders. It would have seemed ordinary then, but now it is striking. Christ entered into humanity on an animal already marked by the cross.



*Submitted by:
Carrie Daoust*

My Thoughts in Words *By The Church Lady*

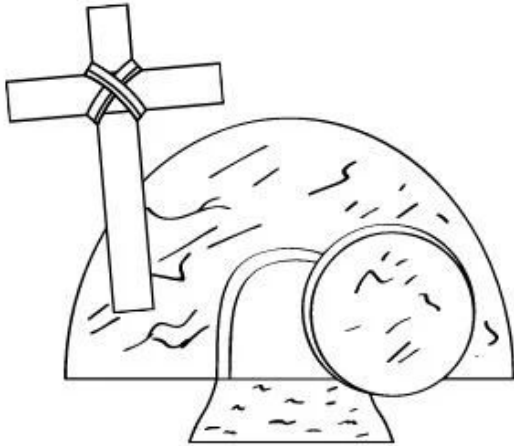
My husband, Doug, and I just celebrated our 30th anniversary. In those 30 years we have learned that a good marriage takes a lot of work. Neither of us can just sit back and expect the other to do it all. I think most married couples will agree that whoever said marriage is 50-50 really didn't know anything. Marriage is 100-100. Both parties have to be 100% in the marriage to make it work. Now, I will add that I believe there can be days when you or your partner don't or can't give it 100%. I don't believe that is detrimental to the relationship unless it continues to happen.

In order for a relationship to thrive both partners have to be committed to each other. This is also what's needed when you're in a relationship with Jesus. It's obvious that Jesus is committed - after all, he died for each one of us. How committed are you? The easiest way to commit to Jesus each day is through prayer. Spending a few moments here and there throughout your day is a great start. Think of prayer as a two-way conversation. Share your daily joys and struggles, and also incorporate some silence to listen for guidance. The next step is reading scripture. Ascension has "Our Daily Bread" devotional books available to you for free on the table by the candy bars. Spending a couple minutes a day reading scripture and a devotional will not only make your heart happy, it'll make Jesus happy as well! And there you have it - 2 easy steps to grow your relationship with Jesus! Wishing you all a happy spring!

Denise

EASTER

WORD SEARCH



- CELEBRATION
- CROSS
- EASTER
- GOOD FRIDAY
- JESUS
- LENT
- MIRACLE
- PASSOVER
- PURPLE
- REJOICE
- RESURRECTION
- RISEN
- SACRIFICE
- SAVIOR
- SUNDAY
- TOMB

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Easter-Mark 16:6

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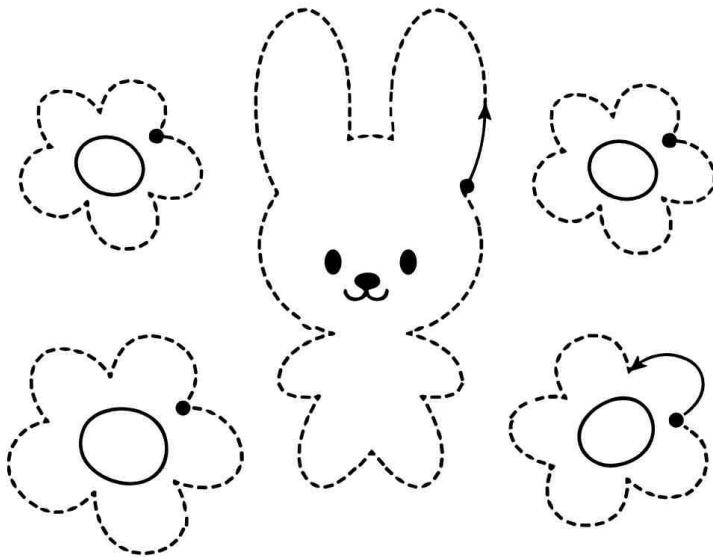
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GOSPEL
 to every creature.
 Mark 16:15

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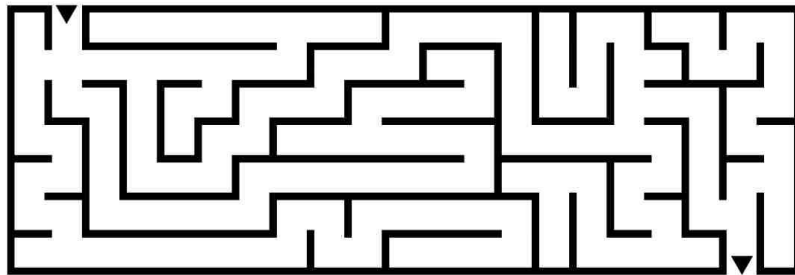


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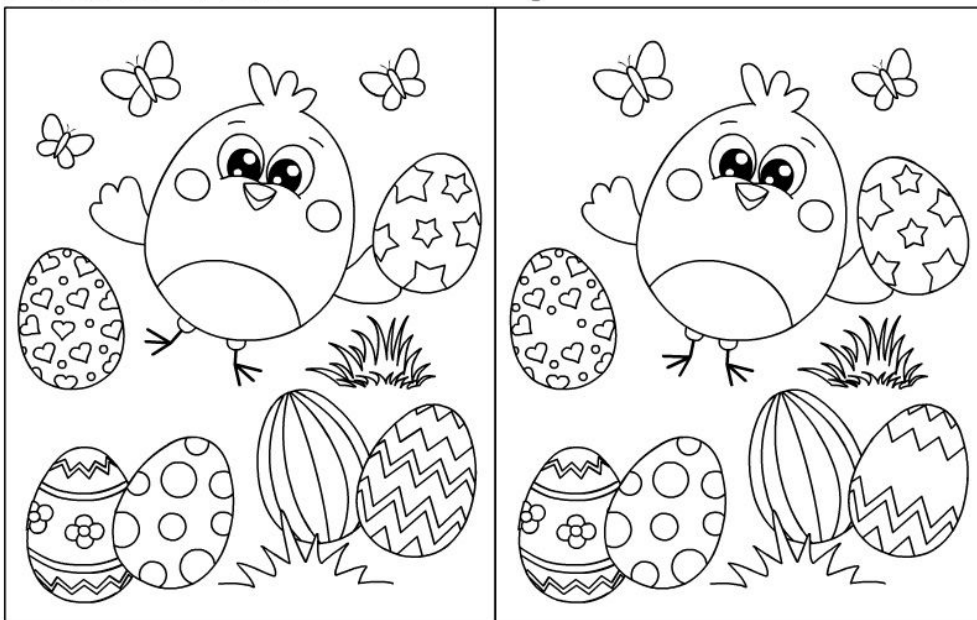
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Easter

Spot 5 differences!



*How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?

EGG-xercise and HARE-robics!

*Why can't a rabbit's nose be 12 inches long?

Because then it would be a foot!



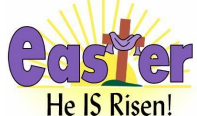



*Why did the Easter egg hide?

Because he was a little chicken!



April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30pm Church School	2 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Worship	3 Good Friday 7:00pm Worship 	4
5  6:30am Worship 7:30-9:00am Easter Breakfast 9:30am Worship	6 6:00pm Bible Study	7 9:00am Bible Study	8 6:30pm Church School	9 	10	11
12 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal -	13 6:00pm Bible Study 	14 9:00am Bible Study	15 4-6pm Loaves and Fishes 6:00pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Church School & Confirmation	16 	17	18 9-11 am Loaves and Fishes
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