

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:
Tuesdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

In case of a 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)

Sunday, October 18, 2026 Cheryl's Homemade Fried Chicken Dinner & Polka Service

Ascension Lutheran Church | 6106 Navarino Rd. Shiocton, WI



Service: 9:30 AM | Cheryl's Chicken Dinner to Follow

Serving 11-2 | Reservations appreciated by Friday, October 9

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Dine In
or
Carry Out

Adults: \$15.00
Kids (4-10): \$7.00
Under 4: FREE

Chicken Dinner Includes:
3-Piece Chicken, Corn,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Dressing, Cranberries, Dinner
Roll, Dessert

Your Church Council

Carmen Wetzel, President	(715) 853-7101
Brad Schuelke, Vice President	(920) 659-2402
Lisa Wollenberg, Treasurer	(920) 525-2024
Jacob Hartlaben, Secretary	(715) 851-1904
Bonnie Weyers	(715) 758-2488
Mike Homan	(715) 853-2996

Church Council



The council usually meets the third Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to attend.
The next council meeting will be Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Message from the Pastor ~ Learning Opportunities



“CONNECTING SOME DOTS”

Our United States is a unique culture – because we respect the rights of everyone to worship in whatever faith they have from their country of origin – within their local ethnic community in the U. S. One very influential consequence of our religiously plural society is this notion that all religions all point to the same result, whether we call it “paradise”, “godhood”, some sort of “higher consciousness”, “or heaven. Regardless, we have one basic decision to make. Do we place our eternal security in the “hands” of human imagination/wisdom or in the revelatory nature of God’s Word as expressed through the frailty of human language, as found in the Bible?

Both Pr. Marcia and I have taught over the years, that the Bible is not so much its own compact library of 66 different books, but rather that, all of these books are woven together through the inspiration of God’s Spirit, leading us into the LIGHT of GOD’S TRUTH of Grace and Salvation in JESUS, alone! Furthermore, the Old and the New Testaments are mutual compliments of one another because they “cross-reflect” the greatness of God the Father as ultimately seen through the life and ministry of Jesus – God’s Son and therefore our Savior. So, let’s look at what might appear to be three loosely connected biblical books. They are Psalm 119:105; I John 1:1-2; and John 20:30-32.

Let’s explore the reality and the imagery expressed in Psalm 119:105. This verse, along with many other complimentary verses, reveal to us the very nature of God’s personal relationship with us. Listen for the ultimate reality that is exposed in this one simple but powerful verse. “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” In other words, God’s Word shows us the true “Path” of God’s promises and God’s Word is “The Guardrail” that also keeps us walking in God’s path of Life – now and always. We might think that there are other paths for our own personal preferences, but they truly won’t lead us anywhere, except into the death of our sin.

Now, let’s explore how John in his first letter to his Christian students, expresses the impact of physically walking and living with Jesus during his earthly ministry in I John 1:1-2. “We (12 disciples) declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands concerning The Word of Life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – “. Islam teaches that Mohammed ascended into “heaven”, but no one was an eye-witness. “Faithful Mormon men”, that is men who have reached the rank of Mormon perfection, become gods and inherit their own planet with their family. But, no one has ever seen this transformation. But real human eyes saw, and human fingers touched, Jesus’ crucifixion wounds. John and Peter saw Jesus’ empty tomb, and in a few days, they saw Jesus ascend with the other disciples. Need I say any more?

John 20: 30-31: “Now Jesus did many other signs (miracles) in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is The Messiah, and that through believing you may have life in his name.”

Blessings to you all,
Pastors Marcia and Mark ☩



Learning Opportunities at Ascension

Adult Bible Studies

Sunday Mornings at 8:30 am

Monday Evenings 6:30 pm

Tuesday Mornings 9:00 am

Confirmation & Children’s Sunday School

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 pm

Assisting Ministers – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Assisting Ministers

September 2026 (9:30 services)	Communion Server	Reader	Money Counter
September 6	Pastor Marcia	Nathan Schley	Ruthann Meiers
September 13	Carrie Daoust	Darrel Klemp	Glen Peebles
September 20	Patty Lorenz	Patty Lorenz	Phyllis Peebles
September 27	Denelle Daniels	Denelle Daniels	Rita Olson

If you would like to help out with any of the above tasks, please call the church office at 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 (47 years)
 09/08 Glen & Phyllis Peebles (42 years)
 09/13 Terry & Jean Conradt (51 years)
 09/15 Chris & Erin Schley (25 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

- **Fall Programming Begins the week of September 14**
- **Monday, September 14, 2026** - Bible Study at 6:00 pm
- **Tuesday, September 15, 2026** - Bible Study at 9:00 am
- **Wednesday, September 16, 2026** - Confirmation and Church School at 6:30 pm
- **Sunday, October 18, 2026**
 - Polka Service at 9:30 am
 - Chicken Dinner 11-2



Ascension Budget



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

Through July 2026:

YTD Income received:	\$62,605.83
Expenses paid out:	\$53,932.86
Income Exceeding Expenses:	\$8,672.97

Loaves & Fishes



FOOD PANTRY

Focus Item for September 2026:
HAMBURGER HELPER

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

Venmo Giving Option

We are pleased to offer an electronic giving option through Venmo for those who prefer to give digitally. This convenient and secure option makes it easy to support our church anytime and from anywhere. Just scan or click on the QR code:



@Ascension-Navarino



2026 Dates:

June 19 | July 17 |

August 21 | September 18

Serving 4-7 p.m.

E7475 Rawhide Road
New London, WI 54961

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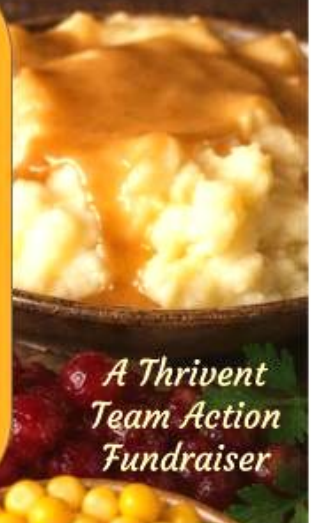
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*A Thrivent
Team Action
Fundraiser*

Maddie's Ministry Update

August, 2026



Me at my desk in the office!



The roommates and I exploring an Ice Cream shop in downtown Indy!

He who forms the mountains, who creates the wind, and who reveals his thoughts to mankind, who turns dawn to darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth – the Lord God Almighty is his name.
Amos 4:13

First of all, thank you all so much for joining my team of partners for this year of ministry! I appreciate each and every one of you so much, and I would not be sitting at my desk in the Cru Indianapolis office right now typing this if it wasn't for you all. I can't wait to see how the Lord will use me to impact students for Christ as I serve on the Cru Music and Production team. And I really look forward to keeping you all updated on how I see God moving!

So, I've been in Indy for almost a month now! The time has seemed to fly by. On the 2nd of August, my parents and I traveled 6 hours south from small-town Shiocton, WI to Indianapolis, IN. The first few weeks, my roommates and I explored the city before starting in the office on August 17th. Now that I'm in the office, it has been a lot of information, meeting the team, and getting a better idea of what the year ahead looks like! For now, our team has some down time before conference season really kicks off in October; so in the meantime I'll be training on the equipment and gear we will be using and settling into a routine at the office.

Needless to say, there's been a lot of changes! New house, new city, new job, new friends. New noises... the cicadas are really loud ;). But I've been holding tight to the verse above from the book of Amos. It's a great reminder that I serve a God who has formed the mountains. He's created the wind. I need to remember that this all-powerful creator of the universe has already gone before me and his plans are good!



My fellow Conference Operations interns and I as we leave for our first day in the office!

Prayer Requests

- Prayers for homesickness
- Prayers that I would prioritize my time with the Lord
- Prayers that I would continue to settle into Indy and intentionally grow relationships here!

Fundraising & Scrip Information

July Scrip Report

Cards Sold - 31

Cards Sales - \$2,770

July Profit - \$141.00

YTD Profit - \$1,272

Current Inventory - 73 cards / \$4,065

Shop
With
Scrip®



Support Our Church this Fall with Scrip

As we head into September and settle back into our fall routines, don't forget about **Scrip**! It's an easy way to support our church while purchasing the things you already need.

Think about all the places you'll be shopping this fall: groceries, gas, clothing, home improvement, school supplies, dining out, and more. Instead of simply using your credit or debit card, consider purchasing a Scrip gift card and letting your everyday spending help support our church.

Every Scrip purchase makes a difference! Whether you purchase a gift card once in a while or make Scrip part of your regular shopping routine, those small amounts add up.

🍁 **This fall, let your shopping do more!**

Thank you for supporting Ascension Lutheran Church through Scrip!



VandeWalle's
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.

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 September Benevolence:



Sunday Fellowship ~ VDC ~ Prayer List ~ Online Worship Service Info

Sunday Fellowship

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

- September 6** - Birthday Sunday
September 13 - Scalloped Potatoes & Ham
September 20 - Fall Harvest (Hot Turkey Sandwiches & Cheesy Hash Browns provided)
September 27 - Egg & Ham Salad Sandwiches

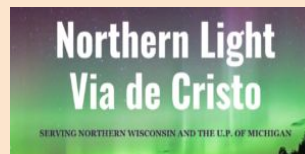


FOOD & Fellowship



Via de Cristo News

For information on upcoming VDC weekends please contact Denelle Daniels, Toni Klemp or Darrel Klemp



Prayers for those ill, injured or hospitalized:

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| • Alice Mueller | • Beck & Rosie Pues |
| • Dave Richter | • Linda Ogi |
| • Pat Zuiches | • Carl Schoettler |
| • Arnie Kloes | • Dave Rohrer |
| • Russell Kloes | • 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-w1l>

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!

Photos from Galaxy VBS 2026



Photos from Galaxy VBS 2026



Photos from Galaxy VBS 2026 ~ Newsworthy Photos



Beck and Rosie Pues celebrated their 67th Anniversary with their children



Elaine Krull celebrated her 99th Birthday at Ascension on August 4th



Ascension honored Pastors Mark and Marcia as they celebrated their 53rd Anniversary

Council Minutes

Ascension Lutheran Church Of Navarino Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Present: Carmen Wetzel, Brad Schuelke, Jake Hartlaben, Lisa Wollenberg, Bonnie Weyers, Pastors Mark and Marcia Sabin

Absent: Mike Homan **Guest:** Glen Peebles

The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by President Carmen Wetzel.

Devotion and Prayer led by Pastor Mark Sabin. 2nd Timothy 3:1-5, 10-7

June Meeting minutes approved. Motion to accept by Brad and 2nd by Jake. Voice vote Passed

Last Month's meeting minutes approved (July). Motion to accept by Bonnie and 2nd by Lisa. Voice vote passed.

Pastors Report: 4-member home visits and 2 nursing home visits with Holy Communion. 1 Hospital visit. Youth Confirmation sessions will begin on Sept. 16th. Tuesday Bible Studies will begin on Sept. 15th.

Treasurer's report: for Aug 2026; Income Received \$5,650.00 YTD income: \$62,605.83. \$8,672.97 Income exceeding expenses through July.

Project Fund Income: \$5,617.10 received from Eggs, Scrip Cards sold, candy bar income, Misc. donations, Donations, Investment Interest.

Project Fund Expense: \$0.00

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

Old Business:

1. Maintenance Items, Handrails for stage. 30Amp outlet, Gravel for parking lot. Septic tank. Library and office chair table replacement.
2. Pastors Retirement. October 2nd and 3rd is District annual meeting looking for delegates to go.
3. Scholarship applications – revisit the bylaws to clarify requirements. \$250 max payout per applicant, any extra interest goes in the checkbook earmarked for future scholarships, must be enrolled in 2nd or 4th year of school, Apply in May and receive in June. Fox Communities Credit Union holds the CD.

New Business

- 1 New LP tank for church. 1000 gal. LP tank refurbished from J&S Construction is \$3,000. Installation estimate by Garrow will be \$400.00 Project total will be \$3400. Motion by Lisa to purchase and install. 2nd by Brad. Voice vote all in favor. Tank will be delivered in the week of Aug. 24th and Garrow will hook up on Sept. 1st.

Committee Updates:

Worship: Oct 18th is the polka service and chicken dinner.

Pastor appreciation dinner, and birthday Sunday Oct. 4th.

Youth: Great job by the VBS leaders and helpers for another successful year of VBS. 28 kids were signed up. Sunday school and confirmation to begin on Wed. Sept. 16th.

Next Council Meeting: Sept. 16th 2026

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

Respectfully submitted by Jake Hartlaben, Secretary

**Church Council
Meeting Minutes**

Thank You's ~ My Thoughts in Words

*Dear Friends at Ascension,
Thank you so much for your timely special gift of your benevolence gift. We had several larger needs arise around the same time this summer, so it was timely! Thank you for co-laboring with us in prayer and missions. The elderly and many other with forgotten voices are finding dignity and purpose in prayer, and we have seen an increase of salvations! Praise Jesus! You remain in our thoughts and prayers. We are praying for you today that Colossians 1:9-11, that you would not grow weary of seeking Jesus and running your race well. Thank you, Jonathan & Theresa Baldwin.*

*Dear Ascension Family,
Thank you for the generous scholarship. This will help me as I continue my education in school.
Sincerely, Cade Johnson*

thank you!

*My Thoughts in Words
By The Church Lady*

I recently heard this question on the Family radio station - if you could switch bodies with someone you admire, how would you treat it knowing you have to return it after a year?

I asked AI to expand on this question and here's what it came up with:

If you knew you could borrow the body of someone you admire for a year, but had to return it, you'd probably treat it with a kind of reverence you don't always show your own.

- **You'd care for it well.** You'd rest when it was tired, fuel it when hungry, move it with gratitude. You wouldn't abuse, because it isn't really yours—and because you respect the person to whom it belongs.
- **You'd be attentive.** You'd notice limits instead of resenting them. You'd listen to pain as information, not an inconvenience. You'd protect the heart, the mind, and the reputation attached to that body.
- **You'd use it purposefully.** You wouldn't waste the year on trivial things. You'd ask, *What good can I do while I'm here? Whose life can I lighten? What words should be spoken, what work is worth doing with this gift of time and ability?*
- And maybe the most important part: **You'd live in a way that makes returning it an act of honor.** You'd want to hand it back stronger, wiser, and unburdened by regret.

That question quietly turns back on us, doesn't it?

What if *your* body is also borrowed—entrusted to you for a time? What if care, patience, discipline, and grace aren't vanity or self-indulgence, but stewardship? Seen that way, the invitation isn't to imagine becoming someone else for a year—but to ask: How would I live differently if I treated my own life as something precious I've been entrusted with, not something to rush through or wear down?

It's a gentle but challenging way to rethink how we care for ourselves, our time, and the good we're meant to do while we're here.

I shared this because it really made me think. I'll share more on this subject next month. Until then, God bless you all! Denise



★ My doctor told me I'm going deaf.
The news was hard to hear.

★ I named my dog "Five Miles" so I can tell people I walk five miles every morning.

★ Last night someone stole my limbo stick.
I mean, how low can you go?

- Jokes by Danny Capel
- dannycapel.com

FALL WORD SEARCH

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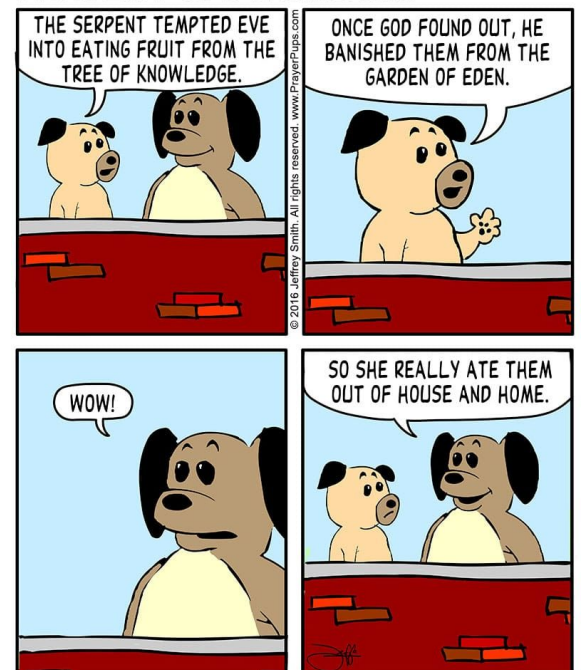
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PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH

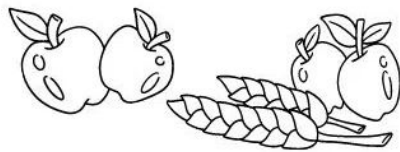


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WORD SEARCH



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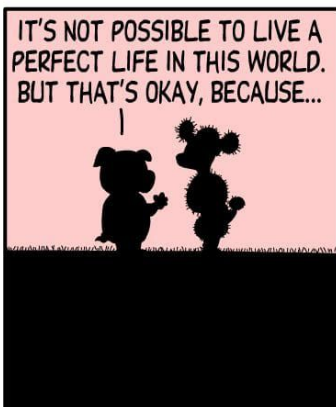


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PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



Find the path that Jesus walked on water to the boat.

START



END



September 2026



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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6 15th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Service Birthday Sunday	7 	8 Fall programs begin September 14th!	9 			12
13 16th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Service Fellowship Meal - Scalloped Potatoes & Ham	14 6:00pm Bible Study 	15 9:00am Bible Study	16 4-6pm Loaves and Fishes 6:00pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Church School & Confirmation	17 Loaves & Fishes  FOOD PANTRY	18 	19 9-11 am Loaves and Fishes
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