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

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

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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 starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 6:00 pm and continuing on Wednesday evenings through Lent
- Wednesday Evening Church School continues for the youth at 6:30 pm
- Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship Services start on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 pm and continue through Lent

Your Church Council

Carmen Wetzel, President Lisa Wollenberg, Treasurer Cathy Thomas, Secretary Brad Schuelke, Vice President Jacob Hartlaben Mike Homan (715) 853-7101 (920) 525-2024 (920) 858-3835 (920) 659-2402 (715) 851-1904 (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 19, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Message from the Pastor ~ Bible Study Information



Merry Christmas one and all. I've been feeding my birds this winter. When we have forecasts where we are expected to have 4 or more inches of snow, I give them extra food. We had a mixture of snow and ice, which made it difficult for the birds to get to. The tenacious bird is the Slate color Juncos and they will still peck away and manage to get food. I dig out the snow as deep as I can on the platform feeder until I find ice. I just put more feed on top of the ice and when it warms up, I'll be able to take care of it.

After adding more bird seed the other birds have come back; blue jays, cardinals, the nuthatch and the downy and hairy woodpeckers. Can you tell I love my birds? They are fun to watch from the window.

I tell you this story as an illustration of the kind of care our heavenly Father gives us. Jesus teaches that we are not to worry. God takes care of us. In Matthew 6: 25-33, Jesus teaches about worrying. Jesus uses two examples; birds and flowers. I'm not the best caregiver for my birds but I try my best. Jesus cares for us perfectly.

My birds sit on the deck railing and watch over the field; they go for food and come back to the deck railing and watch over the field some more. The birds have no worries. Jesus says: "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow or reap nor do they gather into barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more valuable than they?" They are doing their "bird thing." In other words, they do what their Creator has created them to do. Birds bring beauty to the skies and sing their songs to their Creator as they are intended to do. The bird flies off to find the kernel of corn or bird seed that God has placed for each one. They do not wonder where they are going to find something to eat. They do not worry. God feeds them.

Soon, we will begin to prepare for the holy season of Lent. Everyday God watches our coming in and our going out. As Pastor Mark would say, Immanuel, God with us.

Jesus made a special feast for his children. We eat and drink his body and blood for the forgiveness of sin. We have this feast (Lord's Supper) every Sunday. Those who come and believe will be saved. This food satisfies and we will never hunger or thirst again.

Stay warm and remember, God will take care of you.

Blessings, Pastors Marcia and Mark #

Adult Bible Study

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



Children's Sunday School

March 9 & 23 at 8:30 (See Rita for more information) Wednesday Evenings at 6:30

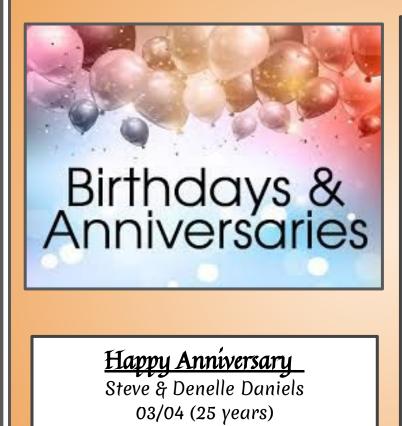
Come join us! All are welcome.

Assisting Ministers - Birthdays & Anniversaries

Assisting Ministers

March 2025 (9:30 services)	Communion Server	Reader	Money Counter
March 2	Linda Bubolz	Patty Lorenz	Ruthann Meiers
March 9	Dave Rohrer	Denise Klemp	Glen Peebles
March 16	Pastor Marcia	Toni Klemp	Phyllis Peebles
March 23	Carrie Daoust	Darrel Klemp	Rita Olson
March 30	Patty Lorenz	Chris Schley	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 Birthday 03/01 Kris Jensen 03/05 Corina Mueller 03/10 Greg Schoettler 03/12 Jake Mitchler 03/14 Toni Klemp Arnie Kloes 03/14 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

Fish Fry Flyer ~ Upcoming Events



5th

Fish Fry Friday, March 14, 2025 Annual -1:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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

Dine-In or Take-Out Pre-orders Preferred Call to order by 3/3/25

Call in or Email (IN ADVANCE) your order: 715-758-8312 / ascensionavarino@gmail.com

"Day of" call-in orders accepted while supplies last.

Wednesday Night Soup Suppers

Starting Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 6:00 pm



Menu: Deep-fried fish (Pollock) Baked Potato or Potato Salad Coleslaw Fresh Baked Rye Bread Dessert

\$15 per plate

A Thrivent Team Action Fundraiser



Nednesday

March 5, 2025

Upcoming Events ~ Lent Information ~ Sunday Fellowship



- March 5, 2025 Soup Suppers Begin at 6:00 pm and continue through Lent; Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm
- March 14, 2025 5th Annual Fish Fry
- April 8 & 22, 2025 CPR Classes
- May 19-21, 2025 Brat Fry at Charlie's in Shawano

Sunday Fellowship

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

March 2 - Hot Dogs
March 9 - Pizza
March 16 - Hot Dish Potluck
March 23 - Ham & Egg Salad Sandwiches
March 30 - Birthday Cake and Ice Cream



Dear Friends at Ascension, Thank you so much for your special benevolence gift towards our ministry! Together with you, we get to labor for God's plans and purposes for our nation and also for the Great Commission in all the nations! We hope you are well and staying warm. We so miss beautiful Wisconsin! We are busy preparing for the soon arrival of baby boy #5! We often think and pray for you. Praying today that you would be filled with all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that you would have a walk worthy and eyes fixed on Jesus, and that you would be strengthened with all might Colossians 1:9-11. Blessings, Jonathan and Theresa Baldwin

Dear Ascension Church Family -Hello from Africa! Thank you for all the ways you have loved on us, supported us, and prayed for us this year. We will be in Waupaca for only 2 weeks over the holidays, so I don't think we can manage a visit - but we'll be back next summer! Blessings to you all! Phil & EJ Blohm & Sons

Fundraising Information - Scrip News

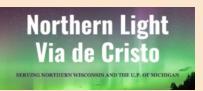


Scrip Cards were restocked in February, and we are now carrying inventory on \$25 and \$50 Amazon. A larger than normal purchase of Kwik Trip cards was made in February due to the extra discount made available.

We have a number of \$10 cards available for your smaller gift giving, donations, and rewards. Stop in the office and make a purchase.

VDC ~ Prayer List ~ Online Worship Service Info

Via de Cristo News



Northern Light Spring Camp March 6-9, 2025 Camp Forest Springs N8890 Forest Ln, Westboro, WI 54490



Sonrise Spring Camp April 24-27, 2025 Camp Fairwood W7905 S Pleasant Rd, Westfield, WI 53964

Prayers for those ill, injured or hospitalized:

Alice Mueller, Dave & Sally Richter, Pat Zuiches, Arnie Kloes, Russell Kloes, Beck & Rosie Pues, Carl Schoettler, Linda Ogi



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: <u>https://www.ascensionavarino.com</u>

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!

With our eyes on Jesus, we journey through Lent trying to understand and accept what God has in store for us. Jesus did this and he is our example. Even as he died, Jesus gave himself over to whatever God wanted of him. Help us Lord to do your will. Amen.

Sunday School - February 9, 2025















Pízza making ~ February 1, 2025

















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Council Minutes

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NAVARINO Wednesday, February 19, 2025 5:30 pm Council Meeting

Present: Carmen Wetzel, Lisa Wollenberg, Jake Hartlaben, Brad Schuelke, Mike Homan, Glen Peebles, Pastors Mark and Marcia Sabin and Cathy Thomas

Call Meeting to Order: Glen Peebles @ 5:30

Prayer and Devotion: Pastor Mark Sabin

Old Business: None to Report

Approval of last month's meeting minutes: Motion made by Lisa 2nd by Brad, voice vote passed **Pastor's Report:** 2-member home visits,3 Tuesday Bible Studies 5 Confirmation Studies and Writing **Midweek Lenten Dialogues:** "Fisherman's Friends"

Lent services stat March 5th 7:00 pm along with soup supper

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	Lent starts March 5th					
Treasurer's Report:	Income Received:	\$9,617.00				
	Expenses paid out:	\$6,447.94				
Income Exceeding Expenses: \$3,169.06						
Project Fund Income for the Month:						
Loud Offering:	\$72.21					
Towel Fundraiser:	\$58.00					
CD Interest:	\$191.86					
Parking Lot Fundraise	er: \$274.00					
Fellowship:	\$109.00					
Scrip program card sales: \$1995.00						
Misc. Donations:	\$31,750.00 (4	donations)				

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Loud offering:	\$10,596.21					
Thrivent Choice:	\$12,859.00					
Candy Bars:	\$5,798.00					
Interest on SP Accounts: \$5032.04						
Olson Rural Electri	c Paid: \$12,950.00A					
Script card Expens	e: \$3,007.00					
Total Available for projects: \$116,490.58						
>\$18,493.07						

Motion to Approve Treasurer's report: 1st by Carmen 2nd by Cathy voice vote passed **New Business:** 2025 New Council Members: Carmen Wetzel and Jake Hartlaben

New members: Ken and Melissa Tish

\$2,500 donation towards a refrigerator

Brat Fry Selection Dates: May19th- May 21st

Thank you to Steve Jensen for doing a great job snowplowing!!!!!!

Committee Updates:

Worship:

Youth: Confirmation and Sunday School

Total Income for the Month: <u>\$34,450.07</u>

Finance: Next Finance Meeting will be in June--Date TBD Property:

Fundraising: Fish Fry---March 14th sign-up sheets available Miscellaneous: February 23rd birthday Sunday

Next meeting Date: March 19th 5:30

A motion to Adjourn made by Mike 2nd by Lisa voice vote passed Respectfully submitted by Cathy Thomas Secretary

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Dartball Schedule ~ Community Events

Ascension's Dartball Schedule 2024-2025 Start Time 7:30 pm



Nov 4 - Ascension @ Oneida Methodist Nov. 11 - Cicero Lutheran @ Ascension Nov. 18 - Ascension @ Black Creek Lutheran Nov. 25 - Deer Hunting & Thanksgiving Dec. 2 - Seymour Lutheran @ Ascension Dec. 9 - Ascension BYE Dec. 16 - Make up game

Jan. 6 - Black Creek U.C.C @ Ascension Jan. 13 - Ascension @ Seymour Methodist Jan. 20 - Oneida Methodist @ Ascension Jan. 27 - Ascension @ Cicero Lutheran Feb. 3 - Black Creek Lutheran @ Ascension Feb. 10 - Ascension @ Seymour Lutheran Feb. 17 - Ascension BYE Feb. 24 - Make up game Mar. 3 - Captain's Meeting Mar. 10 - PLAYOFFS Mar. 17 - PLAYOFFS Mar. 24 - PLAYOFFS/CHAMPIONSHIP Mar. 31 - BANQUET

Loaves & Fishes **Food Pantry** MEAT FUND 0%

November 2024 Responding to rising prices and decreasing availability of quality proteins for our pantry clients, your Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry is starting a MEAT FUND. This fund will allow us to take advantage of sales & special offers on meat which we can store in our pantry freezers to have available throughout the year. Our goal is \$3,000 and we've already received \$500 seed money for the fund.

Look for the envelopes and make a contribution today.

Questions? Talk with Pastor Moira at 715-851-3080 or pastormoira73@gmail.com

In kind donations of commercially processed meat (including venison) are also most enthusiastically welcomed!



This & That

Lenten Word Search



ASHES PENANCE GOOD FRIDAY GIVING CROSS FORTY PREPARE HOLY WEEK FORGIVENESS FISH PRAYER PURPLE SACRIFICE SEASON FASTING STATIONS





My Thoughts in Words By The Church Lady

I was busy working in the office one Tuesday afternoon. Pastors Mark and Marcia were also there working. After awhile I noticed Pastor Marcia standing near the back corner door of the Sanctuary. She asked me, "Does that cross always have a light on it?" I didn't know what she was talking about so she told me to come and look. Looking into the dark sanctuary, the gold cross near the pulpit appeared to be glowing. Upon closer inspection, we realized it was just reflecting the lights from the narthex. I returned to the office but thought about that cross for the remainder of the afternoon. Before I left I took a couple pictures. I realized I had to be standing at just the right spot in the sanctuary to get the cross reflecting the light. (Above left picture) I am often in awe at how beautiful our sanctuary is. When the lights are off, the side windows in the front of church cast just enough light that the sanctuary isn't completely dark. The sunlight shines through those windows and very dimly illuminate the large cross behind the altar. It's beautiful and peaceful. If you ever have a chance to peer into the sanctuary during the day with the sanctuary lights off, you will see what I mean. I'm thankful that our All-Knowing God continues to bless me with these little surprises. I pray that you keep an eye out for the big and little ways God finds to bless you.

God Bless, Denise



March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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 2 7th Sunday after Epiphany 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - Hot Dogs 	3 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Dartball Captain's Meeting	4 9:00am Bible Study	5 Wednesday 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Church School 7:00pm Lenten Worship	6	7	8
 9 1st Sunday in Lent 8:30am Sunday School 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - Pizza 	10 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Dartball Playoffs	11 9:00am Bible Study	12 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Church School 7:00pm Lenten Worship	13	14	15
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