

Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino

“The Visitor”

February

2025

“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 1-5 PM

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

Church E-Mail:
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

Thank You!

Ascension received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$30,000 for Special Projects in January.

“To our generous, unseen supporter - a heartfelt thank you. This donation puts us over the top of our goal. We are deeply grateful. Your thoughtful contribution, though anonymous, makes a world of difference. Thank you!”

This donation enables us to start our long-awaited parking lot project by the end of June 2025!

Your Church Council

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Glen Peebles, President | (715) 584-3029 |
| Lisa Wollenberg, Treasurer | (920) 525-2024 |
| Cathy Thomas, Secretary | (920) 858-3835 |
| Brad Schuelke, Vice President | (920) 659-2402 |
| Greg Schoettler | (920) 984-3057 |
| 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, February 19, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Message from the Pastor ~ Bible Study Information



In February we have the holiday of Presidents' Day, Groundhog Day, and yes! The Super Bowl. February is really a busy month.

February is also known for Valentine's Day. The Ancient Roman world viewed February as a month of purification. February comes from the Roman festival of purification called Februa. February truly has many dimensions to it. We have taken this month and emphasized the romantic side. At least 30 years ago Mark accepted a call to serve the church in Scandinavia. I stayed in Mt Horeb to sell the house and continued to work. I came to Scandinavia every weekend. We spent one Christmas where we had two and a half days together. It was a long five months. I finally came home to Scandinavia on February 14, Valentine's Day.

As young children, Valentine's Day was really a fun time. I can't remember how many hearts we had to cut out to decorate our classroom. Of course, each child had a decorated shoebox and we all had Valentine cards that we secretly put in our classmate's box. February is known for love and affection. For Christians, every day of the year should reflect our love to all in Christ.

As a family, we occasionally went to the boat show in Milwaukee. We would peruse all the boats of every size. Then Mark stopped and went over to get a closer look at this pontoon boat. It allegedly could hold five people and the price was something we could afford; at least that's what he said. To make a long story short; we didn't come home with a boat.

It seems to me that this is the month when we turn our attention away from skiing/snowboarding and snowmobiling to think about summer sports and vacations.

Well, February 2nd is Groundhog Day. Will our little friend see his shadow and predict six more weeks of winter? We'll see and feel it.

All stay warm and safe and always remember "This is the day that the LORD has made. let us rejoice and be glad in it."

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

January 12 & 26 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

| February 2025 (9:30 services) | Communion Server | Reader | Money Counter |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| February 2 | Dave Rohrer | Toni Klemp | Ruthann Meiers |
| February 9 | Pastor Marcia | Denise Klemp | Glen Peebles |
| February 16 | Carrie Daoust | Darrel Klemp | Phyllis Peebles |
| February 23 | Denelle Daniels | Chris Schley | 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

Jeff & Laurie Anderson
02/04 (22 years)

Dennis & Kay Fuerst
02/13 (26 years)

William Jr & Helga Kuhnke
02/10 (65 years)

Happy Birthday

02/01 Ioline Nitzske
 02/02 Alexandria Wilber
 02/04 Ralph Mueller
 02/05 Julie Pues
 02/07 Haley Ehrle
 02/09 Laurie Anderson
 02/09 Francis Nitzske
 02/10 Navid Kienast
 02/14 Mark Christianson
 02/15 Chris Pues
 02/19 Mark Mueller
 02/20 Wallace Duhm
 02/23 Pat Nitzske
 02/23 Hoyt Doepker
 02/24 Ava Lorenz
 02/26 Carl Schoettler
 02/27 Debora Wilber
 02/28 Lloyd Allen
 02/28 Phil Daoust
 02/29 Mark Wilkinson

Upcoming Events ~ Sunday Fellowship



- **March 5, 2025** - Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm
- **March 5, 2025** - Wednesday Night Soup Suppers and Lenten Services begin
- **March 14, 2025** - 5th Annual Fish Fry
- **April 8 & 22, 2025** - CPR Classes

Cheryl's Old Fashioned



5th Annual

Fish Fry

Friday, March 14, 2025
11:00 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.

Menu:

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

\$15 per plate

A Thrivent Team Action Fundraiser

Wednesday Night Soup Suppers

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



Soup Supper

March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

Sunday Fellowship

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

- February 2 - Sub Sandwiches
- February 9 - Pizza
- February 16 - Chili Lunch
- February 23 - Birthday Cake and Ice Cream



Church News ~ Thank You's

Ascension Budget



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

Income received: \$ 84,971.33

Expenses paid out: \$ 84,462.80

Income exceeding Expenses \$ 508.53

Dear Friend,
Thank you for your recent gift in support of Africa Inland Mission's ministry and missionaries. It is always a great encouragement to me when I see that our mission and our members are fully supported at the end of the year. Your participation with us has added to that encouragement from the Lord in 2024.

Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift!
Colin McDougall, U.S. Director

*Ascension Lutheran Church,
Thank you for supporting Lutheran Bible Translators. Your gift invests in the Bible translation movement around the world. More people will experience the hope, life, and transformation that Scripture brings. It is more than words.*

*God's Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Rich Rudowske, Executive Director*

Loaves & Fishes
Focus Item for February 2025:
Cereal

****The Food Pantry is in need of plastic and paper grocery bags.****

THANK YOU!

Dear Ascension Lutheran Church -
Thank you for your donation of \$280 to Safe Haven during this holiday season. Your gift is a powerful reminder that compassion and kindness can change lives, especially for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Because of you, hope and safety are within reach for individuals and families who need it most.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to provide not only immediate assistance but also long-term hope. Whether it's a survivor finding safety for the first time, a child experiencing the joy of the holidays without fear, or a family rebuilding their future, your gift has made a lasting impact. On behalf of all of us at Safe Haven and the many lives touched by your kindness, thank you for standing with us. Together, we are making our community a safer and more compassionate place for everyone.

With gratitude,
Mindy Lohff, Executive Director

Dear Ascension Lutheran,
On behalf of shawano Area Matthew 25, Ic. (SAM25), thank you for your recent donation in the amount of \$280. Your gift will directly benefit those in the Shawano area who are struggling with poverty and homelessness. Please know that your continued support is very much needed and appreciated. We are grateful.

With thanks,
Kendra Brusewitz, Executive director

Fundraising Information - Scrip News

PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

***Give a little, give a lot,
Give for our new parking lot!***

February Question:

**How many letters are in
your last name?**

(Give \$1 for each letter)



VandeWalle's
CANDIES

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 SCRIP table in Church.

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

Our February Benevolence
will go to:

Ascension Agape Fund

JANUARY SCRIP RECAP

- Cards Sold - 31
- Sales - \$1,920.00
- Profit - \$114.30
- Inventory - 53 Cards - \$3,235.00

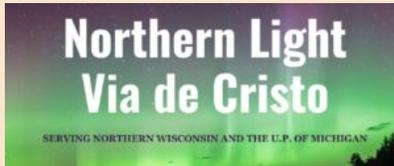


ShopWithScrip®

There are sheets on the table in back of church listing the gift cards available. Current stock is based on the top selling cards, however, anything on the sheet can be obtained in two weeks or less. Just fill out the sheet and let Carrie Daoust or Denise in the office know what you would like and an order will be placed. Cards can be purchased Sundays after church or anytime during office hours.

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



The weekly services are broadcast live through Facebook Live and then published to Ascension's Facebook page for later viewing.

****GOOD NEWS****

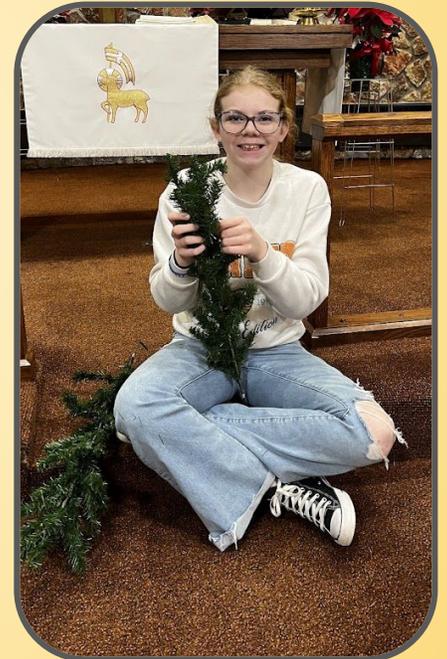
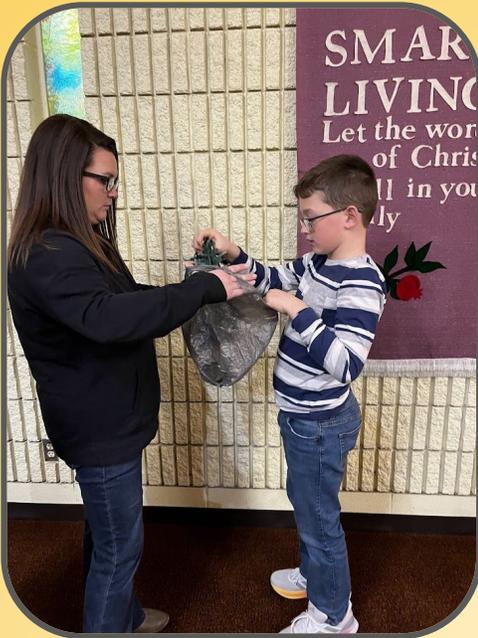
YOU **DO NOT** NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO VIEW THE LIVE STREAM SERVICES ON THE CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE. Ascension's Facebook page is public, so anyone with internet or Wi-Fi capabilities may view it. It will appear that you will have to log in once you get to Ascension's Facebook page, but all you have to do is click the "x" on the top of the page and then you can view any service.

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

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!

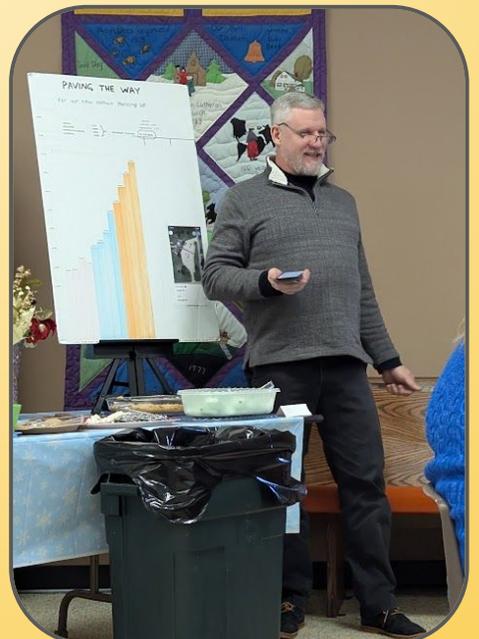
Un-Trimming the Tree ~ January 12, 2025



Annual Meeting - January 19, 2025



Clockwise starting
at top right -
Glen Peebles,
Cathy Thomas,
Brad Schuelke,
Pastor Mark Sabin,
Carmen Wetzel,
Lisa Wollenberg



In and Around Ascension



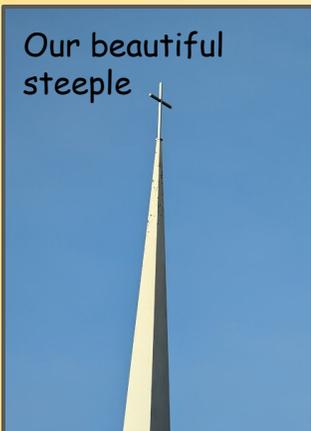
Ascension's new lights - shining on the flag and lighting up the parking lot.

Valentine decor in the office

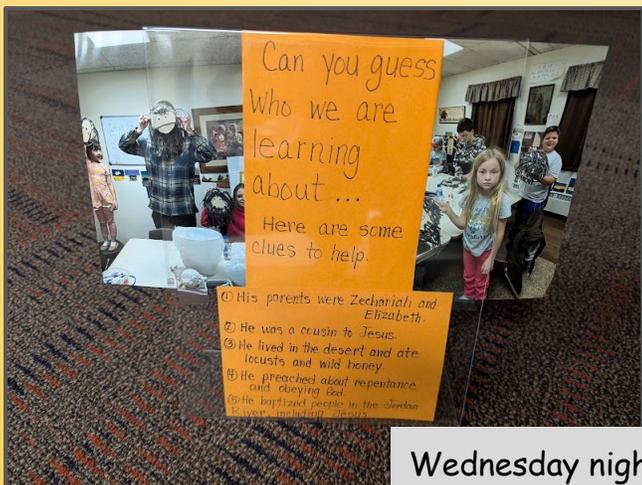
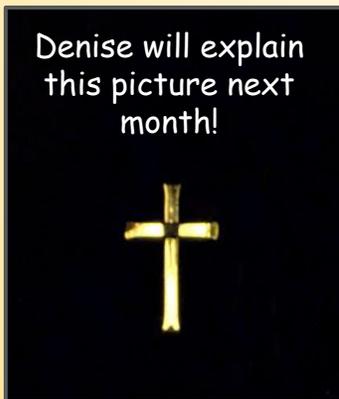


Snowman decor in the Fellowship Hall

Our beautiful steeple



Denise will explain this picture next month!



Wednesday night church school project



Council Minutes

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NAVARINO

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

5:30 pm Council Meeting

Present: Glen Peebles, Lisa Wollenberg, Brad Schuelke, Mike Homan, Greg Schoettler
Cathy Thomas, Pastor Mark and Pastor Macia Sabin

Call Meeting to order: Glen Peebles @ 5:30

Prayer and Devotion: Pastor Mark Sabin 1st Corinthians 12 4-13

Approval of last month's minutes: motion made 1st by Greg 2nd Mike voice vote passed

Pastors Report: 5 member visits-phone, hospital, home visits with Holy Communion

1 Funeral for Kevin Conradt Family

1 Confirmation session

2 TBS sessions (During Pastors December recess he was able to accomplish the TBS Curriculum goals & established for this period of time.)

Project Fund Income received for December:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Loud Offering: | \$ 128.06 |
| Plant Sale: | \$ 10.00 |
| Money Market Interest: | \$ 992.59 |
| Thrivent Choice: | \$ 155.00 |
| Fellowship: | \$ 142.00 |
| Script card sales: | \$ 7680.00 |
| Misc. Donations: | \$ 1000.00 |
| Total Income for the Month: | <u>\$ 10,107.65</u> |
| Scrip Card Expense: | \$ 5,944.65 |
| Total available for Projects: | \$ 97,997.51 > \$4163.00 |

plus a \$30,000 anonymous donation made early Jan.

Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report: 1st by Brad 2nd Mike Voice vote passed

New Business: Council Members up for election: Greg Schoetter, Brad Schuelke and Glen Peebles

Old Business: Parking Lot Lighting update (olson Electric) (Brad) lights are done.

Final 2025 Budget (Lisa)

We Energies (Lisa) We are still producing and selling energy back to WE energies just at a lower rate.

Per the code: The inverter is what is bad and needs to be replaced. Panels/connection is good.

ROI was achieved a year ago..> 2023 even though 2/3 of the system is functioning we are only down 18% of energy production.

Committee Updates

Worship:

Youth: Confirmation and Sunday School

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

Property: Tentative Date for doing the parking lot June 30th- July 11th

Fundraising: Pizza Sale Feb. 1st (Youth)

Miscellaneous: January 19th Annual Meeting

January 26th Birthday Sunday

Next Meeting Date: February 19th 5:30

Adjournment: Motion made 1st by Greg 2nd by Lisa Voice vote passed

Respectfully submitted by: Cathy Thomas (Secretary)

Annual Meeting Minutes

[Annual Reports Link](#)

[Financial Overview Link](#)

[Budget Details Link](#)

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NAVARINO

Sunday, January 19, 2025

The 2025 Annual Meeting was called to order by President Glen Peebles at 11:25 am following regular worship service and potluck dinner. Pastor Mark delivered the **prayer and devotion**. 31 voting members were in attendance.

2024 Annual Minutes were published and read by secretary Cathy Thomas and upon a motion by Denelle Daniels, 2nd by Mike Homan and a voice vote the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was presented by Lisa Wollenberg highlighting a year to date ending of \$508.53 of income exceeding expenses. 2024 Expenses budgeted \$86,820.04 Expenses paid \$84,462.80 difference \$2,357.24 below budget. Budget for 2025 will be \$90,874.00 as expected income and expected expenses budgeted. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Dave Rohrer, 2nd by Rita Olson voice vote passed.

Benevolence: none to report.

Old business: Pastor Mark reported and read Pastor Dan's letter from NALC

New Business:

Nominations for 2 council members were needed to replace Glen Peebles and Greg Schoettler. Carmen Wetzel and Jake Hartlaben were nominated. Voting members used a show of hands to elect Carmen Wetzel and Jake Hartlaben. Unanimous voice vote passed to accept nominations to the council.

Other Business: Carmen Wetzel reports on the Budget for 2025. Salary increases, education, Sunday school increase in attendance and office expenses. Motion to accept by Dave Hoberg, 2nd by Bonnie Weyers

Brad Schuelke presented special project funds on the graph chart. Reported lights were done, \$12,950 for lights as quoted. Brad highlighted the completion of the parking lot. A tentative date was set to start June 30th ending July 11th. He discussed past projects and future project maintenance on the new parking lot and gave an estimate of \$6,000 for seal coating.

Cheryl Wilkinson brought up the Kitchen could use a new commercial grade refrigerator. Brad will check into it.

Next Year's Annual meeting date will be January 18th, 2026

Closing prayer by Pastor Mark.

Motion to close the meeting made by Rita Olson 2nd by Dave Rohrer at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Cathy Thomas (Secretary)

Parking Lot Update ~ My Thoughts in Words

PARKING LOT UPDATE 1/25

The exterior lighting project was completed just before the Christmas Eve service, and there have been a number of positive remarks. If you watch when you're driving near the church at night, the steeple can be seen from (literally) a mile away.

With the final numbers in from 2024, our Special Projects Fund has increased \$6444 from Sept, even with no fundraisers scheduled. The total is currently 87% of what is needed. We have been averaging an increase every quarter of approximately 6-7%, so by this July, when we were scheduled to start the excavating, concrete, and asphalt, we would be right there, depleting nearly all of our SP Fund. However, thanks to a VERY GENEROUS anonymous donation of \$30,000, we have surpassed our goal! What an amazing gift! A special shout-out to this anonymous supporter, and to everyone else who has contributed.

Our church is truly blessed!

Thank you,
Brad Schuelke (Council VP)



My Thoughts in Words *By The Church Lady*

I just recently started collecting gnomes. I have a few gnomes at home sitting on the stairs of my bi-level house. They greet all our visitors with their plump bodies, fluffy white beards, round noses and tall pointed hats. They don't have any visible eyes or mouths, but they are super cute nonetheless.

Three of the gnomes have long legs. An interesting phenomenon has been happening with their legs. Every now and then the legs get moved. Out of the 3 people who live in my house - my husband, Doug; our adult son, Josh; and myself, no one admits to moving the legs. I should mention that we also have 2 cats - Honey and Mo. Of course, they don't admit to moving the legs either, but I think it's safe to say one or both of them are doing it. I find it rather peculiar that if I straighten the legs one day, by the next they have already been moved. If I leave them "moved" they'll stay like that for weeks.

You may wonder what my gnomes and their mysterious legs have to do with anything. I'm sharing this story because the mystery of my gnomes' legs bring me joy. I could choose to be annoyed that someone/something keeps messing with their legs, or I can choose to smile and find joy in the mystery. Just like so many things in our lives, we each have the power to choose how to react to it all. When you start looking for the joy in everything, it gets easier to find, even in the bad things. "Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again - rejoice!" Philippians 4:4 NLT

God Bless, Denise

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



Let's Talk About Death

Making plans for end of life is a gift to your loved ones. Join us for a continuing conversation about what options are available and how to express your wishes.

**Wednesday February 12th
 at 6pm**

with representatives from
ThedaCare Hospice

Learn what hospice is (& isn't) and how it can help you and your loved ones.

Upstairs in the sanctuary
 (our church is accessible)

Light refreshments will be served

St. John's U.C.C. Black Creek
 (corner of Clark & Burdick Streets)



Questions? Please call 920-984-3845

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BONDUÉL
SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST
 2024 - 2025

Wednesday, June 12th (Brunch 10:00 a.m.): Summer School
 Wednesday, July 10th (Brunch 10:00 a.m.): Summer School
 August Date TBA:
 Wednesday, Sept. 11th: Admin Team and Fall Cleanup Sign up
 Wednesday Oct. 9th: TBA
 Monday, Nov. 11th: Veteran's Day Assembly
 Wednesday Dec. 11th: TBA
 Wednesday Jan. 8th: TBA
 Wednesday Feb. 12th: TBA
 Wednesday Mar. 12th: TBA
 Wednesday Apr. 9th: TBA
 Wednesday May 14th: TBA

R.S.V.P.
 Amber Laude
 715-758-4850 ext. 820
 laudeamb@bonduel.k12.wi.us

\$3.00 PER PERSON

HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

COME JOIN US!

ADRC
 Aging & Disability Resource Center
 Wolf River Region

SUPPORT GROUP
 We are here to help

DO YOU CARE FOR A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER W/ DEMENTIA OR MEMORY CONCERNS?

- Shawano: 4th Wed./month @ 1-2pm at Beans & Books-Expresso ~215 Main Street
- Bonduel: 4th Tues/month @ 2-3pm at the Village Hall
- Oconto: 1st Mon./month @ 10-11am at the Bond Center
- Gillett: 1st Mon./month @ 2-3pm at the Community Center
- Lakewood: 1st Wed./month @ 2-3pm at Lakes Country Public Library
- Tigerton: 4th Wed./month @ 10-11am at the Senior Center

FOR MORE INFORMATION

1-855-492-2372
 Ask for Ericka or Johanna
 www.adrcwolfriver.org

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 Ericka@adrcwolfriver.org

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February Word Search



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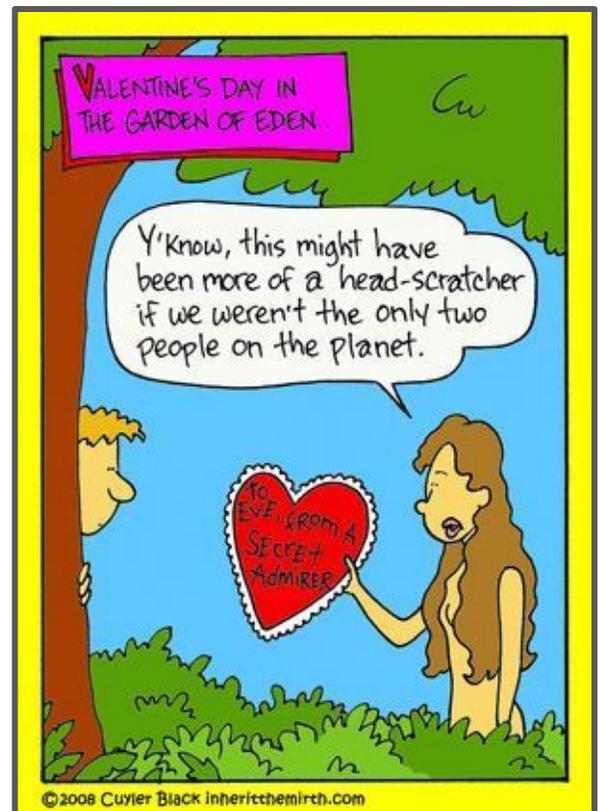


Strawberry Jello Salad



- 2 small pkgs Jello
- 2 c. boiling water
- 3 Bananas sliced thin
- 1 small can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 pkg frozen strawberries
- 1 pint sour cream

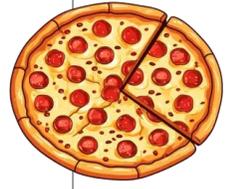
Dissolve jello in boiling water. Add fruit. Pour half of the mixture into a dish. Put in refrigerator until set.
Spread sour cream ¼ inch thick over set jello.
Gently put rest of jello mixture over sour cream layer. Chill until set.





February 2025



| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|
|  | | | | | |  1 8:00am Pizza Making & Sale |
| 2 4th Sunday after Epiphany 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - Subs | 3 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Dartball at Ascension | 4 9:00am Bible Study | 5 6:30pm Confirmation and Church School  | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Transfiguration 8:30am Sunday School 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - Pizza | 10 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Dartball at Seymour Lutheran | 11 9:00am Bible Study  | 12 6:30pm Confirmation and Church School | 13 | 14  | 15 |
| 16 5th Sunday after Epiphany 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - Chili | 17 6:30pm Bible Study NO Dartball  | 18 9:00am Bible Study | 19 4-6pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution 5:30pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Confirmation and Church School | 20  | 21 | 22 9-11 am Loaves and Fishes  |
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