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.

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Visitation Pastor Marcia Sabin 715-340-5951-Cell

Christmas Worship Opportunities

- December 15 at 9:30 am Christmas Program "Scuba Christmas"
- December 24 at 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight
 Worship Service (only 1 service
 this year)
- December 29 at 9:30 am Lessons and Carols Worship Service





Your Church Council

 Glen Peebles, President
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 Lisa Wollenberg, Treasurer
 (920) 525-2024

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 Brad Schuelke, Vice President
 (920) 659-2402

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 Mike Homan
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The council usually meets the third Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to attend.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Message from the Pastor ~ Bible Study Information



There are about 28 days before Christmas. So much to do in such a short time. We just finished washing every kitchen utensil from Thanksgiving; now it's time for Christmas shopping. Many of us do on-line shopping. I like to do both. There was a time when our kids were young, they would give us a list of things they would like. The best gifts we ever received from our children were things they made. Our Christmas tree has all the ornaments they made in school. One year in school, Katie's class made a Christmas star out of wood. She decorated her Star

with all different shapes of noodles. She was so proud. The noodles were glued onto the big Star. I could do a commercial for Elmer's glue anytime. Only one noodle came off the Star in over 35 years. After I put up my Christmas Village, we put her Star on the wall looking over the Village.

Once the decorations are put up, the presents under the tree, we take time to be with family, call family who couldn't be with us and enjoy this time of the year. When Katie was a young girl, she would bring her pillow and blanket and sleep by the Christmas tree. One year she kissed the tree. That happened only once.

Remembering traditions that were handed down to the next generation may put a smile on your face. Remembering loved ones who are no longer with us are still in our hearts. This is a time to remember. All the presents are opened, but there is one more gift. It is a gift we could never afford.

All the Holiday festivities are woven into the real meaning of the Holy Season of the birth of the baby Jesus. He grew up to be a man and would save his people from their sin. This is the gift that lasts forever. The Messiah is born this night, yes, the Messiah is born this night. The Promise is fulfilled, the time was right. The Messiah is born this night.

"To you this night is born a child of Mary, chosen virgin mild: This newborn child of lowly birth shall be the joy of all the earth." *LBW*, page 51

We wish you a very blessed Christmas. Pastors Marcia and Mark #



There will not be Tuesday Morning Bible Studies in December.

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

December 8 at 8:30 (See Rita for more information)
Wednesday Evenings at 6:30

Come join us! All are welcome.

Assisting Ministers - Birthdays

Assisting Ministers

December 2024 (9:30 services)	Communion Server	Reader	Money Counter
December 1	Pastor Marcia	Darrel Klemp	Ruthann Meiers
December 8	Carrie Daoust	Chris Schley	Glen Peebles
December 15	No Communion	No Readings	Phyllis Peebles
December 22	Dave Rohrer	Denise Klemp	Rita Olson
Christmas Eve December 24 **4:00 pm**	Linda Bubolz	Toni Klemp	Volunteer
December 29	No Communion	No Readings	Volunteer







12/02	Julie Wilber
12/02	Debbie Hoberg
12/02	Matthew Hoberg
12/03	Dylan Mueller
12/06	Steve Daniels
12/06	Christopher Pues
12/06	Jonathan Sabin
12/08	Rosie Pues
12/11	Dean Pues
12/13	Nicholas Pues
12/13	Lucas Steinbach

12/13	Riley Allen
12/13	Marlene Westgor
12/16	Amy Krueger
12/17	Dawn Dingeldein
12/18	Faith Ehrle
12/18	Dawson Stedjee
12/20	John Mitchler
12/23	William Kuhnke Jr
12/25	Joseph Hillsberg
12/25	Dan Bubolz
12/31	Jarrett Hillsberg

Upcoming Events ~ Christmas Program Info ~ Sunday Fellowship



- Various Dates in December Christmas Program rehearsals (see below)
- December 8 Tree decorating after Worship
- **December 15** Christmas Program @ 9:30 am
- **December 24** Christmas Eve Worship @ 4:00 pm (only 1 service)
- December 29 Lessons & Carols
- January 19, 2025 Annual Meeting and Potluck
- February, 2025 Annual Pizza Sale

Christmas Program Rehearsals:



Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 pm Sunday, December 8 at 8:30 am Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm Sunday, December 15 at 8:00 am



Christmas Program: Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 9:30 am

Sunday Fellowship

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

December 1 - Sloppy Joes and Tater Tots

December 8 - Pizza

December 15 - Hot Dogs and Mac & Cheese

December 22 - Ham Salad and Egg Salad Sandwiches

December 29 - Birthday Cake and Ice Cream



Christmas Program Flyer

2024 ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024 DURING THE 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

REHEARSALS:

Wednesday Group: Wednesdays, December 4 & 11 at 6:30 pm Sunday Group: Sundays, November 24, Dec. 1(?) & 8 at 8:30 am Both Groups: Sunday, December 15th at 8:00 am for dress rehearsal

> After the program, please gather in the fellowship hall for



(If you would like to bring a dish to pass, please contact Phyllis at 715-584-3894 or the church office at 715-758-8312.)

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: \$ 70,342.99 Expenses paid out: \$68,271.61

Income exceeding Expenses \$2,071.38



Ascension Lutheran
Church
2025 Annual Meeting
and Potluck

Sunday, January 19, 2025

There will be a potluck immediately following the 9:30 am Worship Service. Please sign up to bring a dish to pass. The meeting will begin shortly thereafter.

Loaves & Fishes

Focus Item for December 2024: Jello & Pudding Mixes

Stock the Pantry Shelves - help us stock the shelves with items that help provide for families in need in our communities.

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

THANKYOU!

Ascension Lutheran Church Thank you so much for your generous
donation of school supplies! So many of
our students utilize the supply of school
supplies. It was so kind of you to think
of us when donating! Brener School is
forever grateful!
Thank you again!
Olga Brener students and staff.

Dear Ascension Lutheran,

I pray this message finds you well. On behalf of the students and staff at St paul Lutheran Church, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of school supplies. Your support plays a vital role in helping our students succeed and we are truly thankful for your thoughtfulness.

The supplies you collect will make a significant difference in the lives of our students, ensuring they have the tools they need to thrive in education. It is inspiring to see our community come together in support of our children. Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity.

Warm regards, St. Paul Lutheran School

Thank you members of Ascension Lutheran for your donation of school supplies to Bonduel Elementary School. Our students are blessed to have your support. We'll be able to help many kids with your donation.

Thank you, take care and GO Bears! Kari Groeneveld

Fundraising Information - Scrip News

Coming in 2025 A New, Easy & Fun Fundraiser!!

"Give a little, give a lot, Give for our new parking lot"

Each month in 2025 there will be a numbers question. Your answer then becomes the total you would donate. For example: the January 2025 Question is: What is the total of your birth year numbers added up? (If I was born in 1971, I would add up the numbers - - 1+9+7+1=18. Therefore I would give \$18.) You can choose to give or not. Or you can choose to donate another amount if you'd rather. There will be a box out on the back table for donations all month. On the last Sunday of each month we will reveal the total

collected.





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.

Our December Benevolence will go to: ILT & NALC Seminary

OCTOBER SCRIP RECAP

- Cards Sold 31
- Sales Total \$1,950.00
- Profit \$114.00
- YTD Profit \$1,664.50
- Inventory 88 cards \$3,925.00



Some extra cards were ordered for our Christmas needs. The order will be here and available Sunday, December 8th. Some new cards include \$50 Amazon cards plus some \$10 cards for Culver's, Cousins and Dairy Queen. We regularly carry a good selection of gas cards including BP, Fleet Farm, Kwik Trip & Shell.

Presents with purpose: A percentage of each gift card purchased goes directly to our organization. The gift card is worth face value, just like your thoughtfulness.

Ways to spread more cheer: Whether you give the gift cards as presents or use them to buy gifts, your order immediately raises funds for our organization.

Share the giftspiration: Find gifts for everyone on your list. And your sister's list. And your neighbor's list. The more, the truly merrier.

VDC ~ Homme Home ~ Prayer List ~ Online Worship Service Info

Via de Cristo News

Watch the upcoming Visitors for information about Spring Via de Cristo weekends.

For more information contact Denelle Daniels, Darrel or Toni Klemp.



HOMME HOME

Every year Homme Youth & Family Programs gives us a list of needed items. We are asking that anyone wishing to donate to Homme Youth either direct ship their items to W18105 Hemlock Rd Wittenberg WI 54499 or give their money to Rita Olson or the Church Office by December 3. Rita will purchase the items via Amazon and direct ship to them. Contact Rita Olson (920 572-0583) with questions. A Thrivent Action Card will be requested for this event.

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, Kevin Conradt



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!

150th Anniversary Celebration ~ November 3, 2024

















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Top Right: Pastors Mark and Marcia Sabin with NALC Bishop Dan Selbo

Middle Left: 150th Anniversary Committee











150th Anniversary Recap

Ascension Anniversary Calendar of Events 1874 2024

January 20 - Lefse making and sale

February - A set of 4 Commemorative Coasters were and still are available for purchase for \$20. There are many sets of coasters still available. Purchase a set for yourself or to give as a gift.

April 21 after fellowship - Sing to the shut-ins.

September 15 - Remembrance Sunday - videos of past years were shown after the worship service. Members made dishes from recipes collected from old church cookbooks. The church bell was rung for the first time in years. During the service we sang "Lead On, O King Eternal" with the recording made in 1974 for the 100th Anniversary. We also listened to a recording of Mabel Prestrud reciting "The Lord's Prayer" in Norwegian.

October 13 - Polka Service

November 3 - Special Worship Service. Our church was officially organized on November 26, 1874. We invited former pastors to join us. A chicken dinner was catered in.

Other projects that happened during the year:

- We had several speakers from the Benevolences we support throughout the year tell us how our financial support benefits them.
- We put some "Way Back When" articles in the Visitor each month.
- The bulletin boards were changed every month with different pictures and articles from the past.
- We put 2 articles in the local papers.

The Committee:

Bommie, Kris, Denelle, Jean, Everett, Glen and Phyllis

Benevolence Speakers:

January - Phil & E.J. Blohm from AIM Air

February - Leon Miles from ILT

March - Jennifer Bisterfeldt from Safe Haven

April - Mona Ashenbrener from Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

May - Hung Nguyen from SAM25 and Ken and Marcella Nelson from NALC Missions

It was an amazing year-long celebration! Hours and hours went into planning and implementing those plans and we extend many, many thanks to the anniversary committee. We look forward to the next 25, 50, 100+ years as a congregation dedicated to serving our community as well as worshiping our most omnipotent God!



Council Minutes

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NAVARINO

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 5:30pm Council Meeting in Classroom

PRESENT: Glen peebles, Lisa Wollenberg, Greg Schoettler, Pastor Marcia, Pastor Mark Sabin, Cathy

Thomas Absent: Mike Homan

President Glen Peebles called meeting to order at 5:30s **Prayer and Devotion:** Psalm 27: 1-6 by Pastor Mark

Approval of last month minutes: 1st by Greg 2nd by Brad voice vote passed

Pastors Report: 4 home visits with holy communion, 5 Tuesday Bible Studies, 4 JR. High Confirmation

sessions

Developing Curriculum for both

No Tuesday morning Bible Study for the month of December

Treasurer's Report: Income received: \$70,342.99

Expenses paid out: \$68,271.61

Income exceeding Expenses \$2,071.38

Project Fund received for the Month:

Loud Offering	\$108.99	Accumulative Tools	
Fellowship	\$133.00	Loud offering	\$10,201.82
Script card sales	\$2,015.00	Thrivent Choice	\$12,382.00
Misc. donations	\$1,200.00	Candy bars	\$4,450.70
Total Income for the month	\$3,456.99	CD	\$3,821.67

Scrip card expense \$0.00

Total Available for project(s) \$95,001.39

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

New Business:

2025 Budget Annual meeting in January Council members who are up for election

Motion was made to give Denise Klemp a gift card for all her hard work getting our website up and running THANK YOU Denise. 1st by Lisa 2nd Greg Voice vote passed

Old Business:

Anniversary dinner, Website Transition to Ascension-Up and running, Parking Lot update (lighting-olson elec.) In Process

Committee Updates:

Worship: Christmas Eve Service-December 24th 4pm

Youth: Confirmation and Sunday School Xmas Program- December 15th

Candy Sale-December 8th and 15th No Confirmation classes for December

Finance: Next Meeting Jan. 8th 6pm

Property: Outside lightning

Miscellaneous: November 24th Birthday Sunday

December 29th Birthday Sunday, Lessons and Carols Service

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 5:30

Respectfully submitted by: Cathy Thomas (Secretary)

Parking Lot Update ~ Miscellaneous Information

PARKING LOT UPDATE 11/24

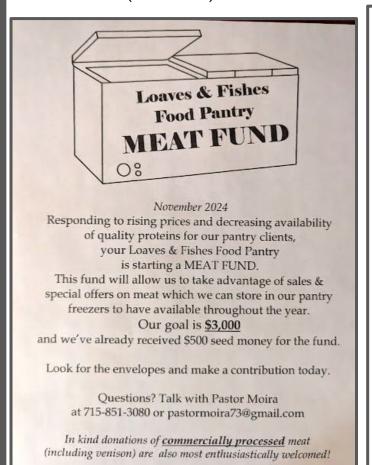
During September and October, NE Wisconsin saw very little rain, causing drought conditions and fire warnings. The weather pattern changed abruptly to rain when Olson's Rural Electric was scheduled to start, causing some initial delays. Digger's Hotline marked all the public underground utilities in early Nov. Olson's poured the (2) light pole concrete bases on 11/13 and have buried the wires underground. After the concrete has cured sufficiently, the poles will be set.

The small existing concrete sonatubes and lights shining up at the cross have been removed. The electricians chose to walk the trusses in the attic space and stub out a new wire on the south ridge, in lieu of rerouting the existing underground wire up the wall and under the soffit.

Another bullet light will be added near the south pole base, shining up at the US Flag, which needs to be lit at night if the flag is kept up. Thanks to Dean R. for bringing this to my attention.

We will start the remaining phases a week sooner, tentatively 7/21/25, with completion anticipated for 8/1/25.

Thank you, Brad Schuelke (Council VP)





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





Congratulations to the Bonduel
Bears football team on making it to
the State Championship last month.
The Bear's quarterback, high
school senior Cade Johnson, is an
Ascension member and son of Matt
and Angie Johnson. While the
Bears did not win at State, the
honor of representing Bonduel High
School will remain a lifelong
memorable event for these players.
Great Job!





This & That



Away in a Manger Choir of the Bells Dominick the Donkey Frosty the Snowman Holly Jolly Christmas Jingle Bell Rock Jingle Bells Let it Snow Little Drummer Boy Little St Nick O Holy Night Rudolph Santa Baby Silent Nigh Silver Bells The Christmas Song The First Noel Winter Wonderland

Chicken Scratch NY





The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

A special wish for a season filled with joy, peace and God's Sweet blessings



Do snow globes ever get scared?

No, but occasionally they get shaken.





December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - Sloppy Joes & Tater Tots	2 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Dartball at Ascension	3 9:00am NO Bible Study	4 6:30pm Christmas Program Practice	5	JESUS IS THE REASOI	7
8 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30am Bible Study 8:30am Sunday School/ Christmas Program Practice 9:30am Worship After Worship - Tree Decoration/Candy Sale/Fellowship Meal - pizza	9 6:30pm Bible Study NO Dartball	10 9:00am NO Bible Study	11 6:30pm Christmas Program Practice	12	FOR THE SEASON	
15 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:00am Christmas Program Practice 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship with Christmas Program After Worship - Candy Sale Fellowship meal - Hot dogs and Mac & Cheese	16 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Dartball Make up Game	17 9:00am NO Bible Study 5:30pm Council Meeting	18 4-6pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution 6:30pm NO Confirmation or Church School	19 Loaves Fi		9-11 am Loaves and Fishes
22 4th Sunday of Advent 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship Fellowship meal - Ham & Egg Salad Sandwiches	23 6:30pm NO Bible Study NO Dartball	24 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Service	25 Christmas Day Christmas	26	27	28
29 1st Sunday of Christmas 8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Worship/ Lessons & Carols Birthday Sunday	30 6:30pm NO Bible Study NO DARTBALL	31 9:00am NO Bible Study		99%		