



“The Fisher” Dec 2017

A newsletter for the members and friends of
Bone Lake Lutheran Church
 1101 255th Ave Luck WI 54853

Address Service Requested

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00a Knitting and Fellow-
3-1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00a Adult Bible Study & Sunday Sch 9:30a Mid Sch Cafe 10:30a Worship with Holy Communion 11:30a Fellowship	4 Pastor's Day Off	5	6 5:30 Confirmation	7 6:00p Council Mtg 7:00p AA	8	9
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This Fisher is sponsored by Rosemarie Reiter, in memory of Wally & Vern Reiter

Worship Services for Sunday, December 24th:
10:30 a.m. – Sunday morning worship service; Fourth Sunday in Advent
4:00 pm and 10:00 pm – Christmas Eve candlelight services with communion



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



“No matter where you’re reading in the Bible, faith is the first mystery you should recognize. Faith is

not believing that the story you’re reading is true as written; this does nothing for anyone because even unbelievers can believe that this Bible story about Jesus’ birth is true. Faith—the kind that flows from grace and that God’s Word demands—is firmly believing that Christ was born for you. His birth occurred for your benefit. For the gospel teaches that Christ was born for our benefit and that everything he did and suffered was for us. As the angel says in Luke 2: ‘I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you.’ With these words, you can clearly see that Jesus was born for all of us. The angel doesn’t say, ‘A Savior was born,’ but rather ‘A Savior has been born to you.’ In the same way, the angel doesn’t say, ‘I have good news,’ but rather ‘I bring you good news.’ For you!”* This joy of Christ coming to the world is for you! He has come for us! May this Advent

and Christmas season keep you mindful of the presence of Christ, who has come for you, in all you do. And may this season of preparation refresh and energize you as you point to the One who came to save us: Emmanuel, God with us, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, who has come FOR US!

Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas!

Pastor Ann

* Excerpt from Faith Alone (a daily devotional on writings of Martin Luther). There are still a limited number of copies of this devotional book available at the church for below cost (\$10); call the office if you are interested in getting one!

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lent comes early this year (Ash Wednesday is February 14th!). . We are ordering a set of devotions called "You Are the Way," based entirely on the Gospel of John. The cost for the small devotional book will be \$3, the large print edition will be \$6. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet found in the narthex (gathering space), send an e-mail to the office, or call Laurene in the office at 715-472-2535.

Senior High Youth are selling Se-roogy's Chocolates and calendars. Chocolates are \$1.50 each, Full size calendars are \$7 and the pocket size are free will offering. Please see any high school er or Nikki Grey, Chad Strege, or Dawn Ogilvie.

HOLIDAY BABYSITTING SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 10 12pm-7pm

The MS youth would like to extend to all parents the opportunity to drop off your kids Sunday afternoon so that you can take some time to finish up your shopping, wrap some presents, or just get some "down" time during this very busy time of year. Children will be entertained with age-appropriate movies, crafts, holiday baking, and games. We will also provide an afternoon snack and dinner. Families do not have to attend Bone Lake to utilize the service. If possible, we would appreciate a heads-up on who will be here so we can be adequately prepared. (There will be adult supervision at all times.) Please call/text Shahla Brown at 715-501-9747 or Kristin Boland 715-472-4166 or sign up at church.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Attention committee members! It is that time of year again when we will be working on the annual report. I need to get the information from you that needs to go into the annual report. Please have it to me the morning of Dec 29 at the latest! It would be best if you could email it to me so I can just cut and paste it instead of having to retype everything, that can always lead to mistakes.

RECEIPTS: If you have receipts that you want reimbursement for they need to be in to me by Dec 29. If they are not in by then it will be considered a contribution.

CONTRIBUTIONS for 2016: Your last contribution has to be received on my desk by Dec 31 in order for it to be counted as 2017 contribution (just obeying tax laws!). If you are mailing it please make sure you mail it early enough to get here. It makes no difference what the date says on the check it has to be received at the church office by December 31. Thank you for your cooperation.

Laurene Edge,
Church Secretary

Thank you to everyone who donated, helped with setup, and worked at our Deer Hunter's Widow Craft Sale on Saturday, November 18th. Although we do not have final numbers yet, we had a very successful sale this year!



SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND SERVICES



Gage Steffan	12/02
Justin Strusz	12/03
Tiffany Brown	12/04
Julie Pedersen	12/04
Mike Boland	12/05
Tony Johnson	12/05
Melissa rock	12/05
Charles Hoehne	12/06
Joe Christensen	12/07
Dianne Dueholm	12/07
Shahla Brown	12/08
Kim Erickson	12/08
Susan Gregorash	12/08
Nick Kuechenmeister	12/08
Lynda Olds	12/08
Mason Brown	12/09
Kris Mattson	12/09
Jacob Pedersen	12/09
Jaxen Pedersen	12/09
Brendan fenning	12/10
Rhonda Bazey	12/11
Broc Carter	12/11
Dorothy Roberts	12/13
LeRoy Buck	12/14
Easton Jones	12/16
Irene Ogilvie	12/16
John Denny	12/17
Cody Ince	12/18
Kristii Fenning	12/19
Lynn Albee	12/20
Kristin Jones	12/20
Sharry Swenson	12/23
Katie Pfaff	12/27
Samantha Harvey	12/28
Alayna Snider	12/28
Linda Hostrup	12/29
Brandon Meusner	12/30
Dylan Broome	12/31



Amy Aguado and family, Judy Christenson, Karen Eliason, John Freer, Larry Glenn, Lyle Johnson, Rita Kenyon, Pete Rupp, Mary Schilling, Steve Tonnar, Jim Tschudy, Martin Wies, Marie Bazey, Dorothy Roberts, Dianne Dueholm, Ray Dumire, Leonard Schandorff, Arline Swanson, Wayne Shirley, Lillian Strege, Pastor Jim & Carol Sack



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mas Eve candlelight services
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Naomi Circle will NOT meet in December or January
Faith Circle will meet Dec 13th
1:00p @ Ruth Sorenson's home
Knitting and Fellowship will meet Sat
Dec 2 @ 9:00a

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bone Lake Congregation,
How is it possible that we are in the middle of another holiday season, where does the time go?? I try not to let all the holiday fuss & rush get to me each year, but it always happens! I am sure I am not the only one that feels this way.

We all need to remember the "REASON" for the "SEASON", the birth of Jesus. When Jesus was born, all they needed was a stable & manger. Wondering if we can take a step back and make the "SEASON" a little less stressful?

Let's rejoice in the BIRTH of JESUS and relax in the moment to realize that we have been given a great gift to celebrate.

May you all enjoy a Blessed Christmas Season.

God's Work -- Our Hands
Martha Solfest, Council President

Middle School Café & Youth Group

We are up to SO many fun and faith-filled activities these days. Middle school aged youth (grades 6-8) meet every Sunday from 9 - 10:15 in the kitchen. We cook together, share with each other, and learn to live our faith out in the world. Please join us if you have not yet come. Below are some dates to remember and to put on your calendar:

Sun, Dec 3: Trip to Bentleyville to see the lights (time TBD)

Sun, Dec. 10: Calling all MS and HS youth to serve as baby-sitters at church any time 12-7

Sat, Dec. 16: Come to church to bake pies for our Christmas pie sale.

Sun, Dec. 17: Pies to be handed out/delivered

Please sign up for these events with Kristin and Shahla as soon as possible.

SUNDAY READINGS DEC 3

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

DEC 10

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2,8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

DEC 17

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11
Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

DEC 24

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

DEC 31

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Bone Lake Lutheran Church
“Knowing Jesus ~ Making Jesus Known”
Council Meeting Tuesday Nov., 7th, 2017 at 6:00pm

Call to order: Martha Solfest,

Those present : Jeff Pfaff, Karolline White, Tammy Brenizer, Martha Solfest, Brenda Buck and Pastor Ann. Member absent: Tonya Eichelt.

Devotions: All~~Discuss Conversation 2 questions.

Secretary’s report: Brenda presented. Jeff made a motion to accept it as presented. Karoline seconded it. Motion carried.

Pastor’s report: Pastor Ann shared her monthly report. October included Confirmation and continuing education. November will include a Centering Prayer retreat in Chetek and the Apple River Conference Assembly. Thanksgiving service will be at Milltown with a soup supper, Bone Lake was asked to bring soup. We discussed the schedule for December 24.- There will be three services on the 24th, the regular 10:30, fourth Sunday in Advent Service and then two Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 and 10:00.

Worship report: Karoline shared that the worship committee worked on reformation Sunday and All Saints Day services. They will be starting to work on Lent soon.

Education report: Karoline shared that Sunday School is up and running. Nikki Grey and Jeannie Fisher have been giving the congregation weekly Sunday School updates, which has been nice. They are hoping to get a few more kids involved as the year goes on. We talked about coming up with creative ideas to invite more kids.

Property update: Jeff is in the process of contacting Wayne Boatman about snow plowing. Hopefully the electrical updating will be done in the kitchen before Thanksgiving.

Old Business: Update on Fundraisers Committee meeting. Tonya and Brenda had a meeting last week. They will continue to work on this, the first meeting was not as well attended as we’d hoped.

Quarterly Update - will be either November 12 or 19th

New Business: Nominating committee--Martha reminded us that the nominating committee for upcoming council elections in January will be Jim Albee, Sharon Johnson, Tammy Brenizer and Brenda Buck This years Auditing committee will be LeRoy Buck, Jill Route and Dale Vlasnik.

Request to use church parking lot, June 2018. Martha contacted Church Mutual regarding insurance. A form needs to be filled out by the homeowners for where the wedding is at. Karoline made a motion to approve it once insurance form is complete and that we suggest they make a donation and Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

2018 Annual meeting date Sunday, January 28th with potluck.

.Brenda made a motion that we give Mike Wilson a check for \$200 as a gift in appreciation for mowing our lawns. Karoline seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report: Tammy presented the treasurer's report. Our printing contract is up Nov 18, 2018. Discussed merging some accounts and removing some no longer active accounts when working on next year's budget. Brenda made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Karoline seconded it. Motion carried.

Tammy and Tonya are working on the budget for next year.

Counters for December

3 Brenda & Tammy

10 Martha & Jeff

17 Jeff & Martha

24 Karoline

26 Martha & Karoline

31

Next Meeting: Plan ahead for December meeting:Thursday, Dec. 7th @ 6PM

Closing Prayer

Adjourn: Karoline made a motion that we adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

Opportunity to help the CRA House

Faith Circle is collecting paper products for the CRA House in Milltown. This home is a safe place for adults & children to stay to get out of an unsafe situation. They would appreciate toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, color books/activity books for the children. There will be a box in the narthex from Sunday, Nov. 19th – Sunday, Dec. 17th for you to put the paper products in. As we are all blessed, let’s help to bless someone else too. Faith Circle THANKS you for your support in this ministry.

POLK COUNTY OPERATION CHRISTMAS

The **NAOMI CIRCLE** is sponsoring the “Polk County Operation Christmas.” We will be collecting new toys, games, blankets, pajamas, hats, mittens, snow pants, snow boots, etc., or gift cards and/ or gift certificates for 13-18 year olds. Volunteers are needed to help at the distribution site, United VFW on Hwy 46 (north of Unity School).