

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



People often use clichés to help them make sense of the mystery of who God is. On the whole, I'm not big on these kinds of clichés, especially when used in times of suffering, trauma, and loss. "God has a plan" is one such cliché.

While I believe God does have a plan for us, when this phrase is used to offer comfort to someone who is suffering, it may bring more pain than it does hope. No matter how hard we try, we cannot know God's ways—God chooses not to reveal to us the whys or wherefores of our afflictions and suffering; this is the mystery of God. Part of that mystery is that there are no easy answers as to why bad things happen, especially to good people. Consider also, that evil exists on this earth: Constantly on the prowl, the devil looks for opportunities in our lives to attack our faith and belief in God. The devil loves to tell us lies about God, and is very good at making those lies sound so reasonable that we believe them and live by them.

God does have a plan—and Jesus Christ is the very basis of it! God wants us to look to Jesus to find the truth about who we are and what God does for us. It is in the Word—Jesus Christ himself—where we find the promises of God that we can rely on and trust—even cling to—in the midst of our suffering and trials. There is nothing mysterious about that!

God's plan for us stretches out through time—past, present and future. The plan is for redemption and reconciliation to come to us through Jesus Christ, who holds all things together (Colossians 1:17). The plan is that God is with us always—in tragedy and heart-ache, in trials *and* joys (Matthew 28:20). The plan is that, when our time on earth is over, we will be brought into God's loving arms, and every tear will be wiped away from our eyes (Revelation 21:4). The plan is that one day you and I will finally see Jesus Christ face-to-face (1 Corinthians 13:12). When you hear it said that "God has a plan," remember that it doesn't mean God has scripted out the suffering, tragedies, or joys of our lives, but instead that God's plan is to be present with us in all things. Remembering and trusting God to be with us is what strengthens us and sustains us in the difficult times of our lives.

In Christ,
Pastor Ann

The Bold Generosity Campaign



BOLD GENEROSITY
intentional • inspired • impactful

Our world is changing at such a fast pace that, in order to meet the needs of our changing world and to continue proclaiming Christ's message of love and hope, the

church needs to anticipate change, too. At our 2016 Synod Assembly, the voting members passed a resolution to jumpstart a three-year, 1.2 million dollar capital campaign that would involve all 199 churches in our synod coming together to support six important ministries. Most of the money raised in this campaign *will* come back to the churches in our synod. The Bold Generosity campaign includes six categories: **CONNECT**: Technology Grants to Congregations; **EQUIP**: Walking Together Ministry; **LEARN**: Leadership Development; **SUPPORT**: Financial Health of Seminary Graduates; **PARTNER**: Malawi; and **SHARE**: 10% (tithing to the Campaign for the ELCA).

About **CONNECT**: Because the internet has become a vital tool to find information

and to engage with others, a church's website is often the first place people go when they are looking for a new church. The technology grants that are a part of this Bold Generosity campaign will enable congregations to do more with their online presence and websites. As individuals and as the Church, we are called to proclaim Jesus' message of love and reconciliation. The Bold Generosity campaign is meant to expand the reach of the congregations in our synod; with 199 churches working in unity to fund these resources, we are coming together as disciples, helping each other fulfill Christ's command to tell the world who he is and how much he loves us.

There is much more to this campaign than can be written about in this short article. The deadline for congregational and individual commitments to be made is coming up on September 30, 2017. More information will be coming, but from now until then, your council asks you to consider—as well as to pray about—the financial commitment you are willing to make in order to see that this important and exciting campaign is successful. When we work together, we can do so much more than when we are left on our own! Questions? See any council member or Pastor Ann.

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Bone Lake Lutheran Church “Knowing Jesus ~ Making Jesus Known”

Council Meeting Wednesday, July 19th, 2017 at 6:00pm

Call to order: Martha Solfest

Members present: Karoline White, Martha Solfest, Jeff Pfaff, Tonya Eichelt, Tammy Brenizer, Pastor Ann, Brenda Buck. **Visitors Present:** Chris Moore

Devotions: Karoline led devotions. Matthew 12: When you take on something new, you need to let something go.

Visitor: Chris Moore from Thrivent. He explained a little of the history of the money market account; how we acquired it and how this type of fund works. The account is through Fidelity earning at a rate less than the rate of inflation, so is actually losing value. Currently balance about \$25,000. As a council we asked a lot of questions and agreed we will discuss again next month.

Secretary’s report: Brenda presented the secretary’s report from June meeting. Karoline made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor’s report: Pastor Ann. We reviewed pastor’s report. June included a training, Confirmation Camp, pre marriage counseling, a funeral, visitations at homes and the U of M hospital as well as a few vacation days. July and August will include some vacation, the Polk County Fair, a wedding, a funeral, and the Lego Lutheran Rose visiting Bone Lake.

Worship report: Karoline: Worship team will be meeting in August.

Education report: Karoline: Vacation bible School is coming up the week of August 6th. Education team will probably also have more info for August meeting.

Property update: Jeff presented the Property report. The coffee pot timer has been installed and used. Jeff shared the results of the energy audit. Andy Brown met with an audit expert and he gave us several good suggestions. Through an anonymous donation, Andy has already been able to replace several of our lights to LED to save energy. Overall, considering the age of our building, the expert said we did very well on the energy audit. Most of his suggestions are not to difficult or costly.

Old Business:

Update on Fund 1/Money Market: Amendment to treasurer's report motion from April council mtg. corrected to reflect that funds were taken from Money Market fund and not Fund 1.

Update for Bold Generosity: We discussed including a letter/info about the synod’s Bold Generosity Campaign with the quarterly statements which will be going out soon. Using some of Pastor’s write up from the newsletter, Karoline would like to write something up.

Culligan follow-up: Karoline made motion for Culligan to install High Efficiency Softener Cleer System to replace the old system, following the recommendations made by Culligan last month. There is no cost for the replacement. The monthly cost will go up \$4 per month, but is expected to save us more than that in energy savings and salt. Tonya seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Amendments need to be updated from Synod Gathering: We need to make sure we have any changes out for 30 days for the congregation to review before we can add the synod amendments to our constitution. Karoline will do that, so at next annual meeting we can approve.

Lakes propane pre-buy contract: \$1.249 per gallon, 600 gallons. Tonya made a motion to go with the Lake pre buy contract for 600 gallons. Tammy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auction Fundraiser: The council would like to have more time for thought and planning before taking on such a large event. This fall feels too soon so we’ll consider a later time.

Treasurer’s report: Tammy/ Tonya

Portico Payment: Correction for past payment shortage has been taken care of.

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP MINISTRY

Reserve Fund : Discussion about eliminating the reserve fund. It is part of the general fund and the name reserve implies there is excess, which there really isn't. Theologically speaking, holding on to the extra funds implies a distrust that God will provide. We will continue to pray on this and revisit next month. We all reviewed the treasurer's reports. Some discussion of the number of designated funds we currently have and if we may want to consider if any of them are repetitive or inactive and should be merged to simplify the reports. Jeff made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Karoline seconded. Motion carried.

Counters for August

6 Tammy & Tonya

13 Jeff & Karoline

20 Martha & Brenda

27 Tammy & Jeff

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 17 @ 6PM~ Potential September date Wednesday 9/6.

Tonya will lead study next month with the introduction and chapter one from book, Lasting Impact.

Closing Prayer: Pastor closed the meeting with prayer

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

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Buck, Council Secretary

WE STILL NEED HELP!

We still need help for worship in August. If you can help out at all the sign up sheets are in the fellowship hall.

HEADS UP SEPTEMBER TEAM

Dale & Sharon Johnson

David & Brenda Buck

Sarah & Adrian Mattson

Bob & Linda Jones

Gwen Strege

Chad Strege

Kris Mattson

Cora Bunge-Eliason

Karen Eliason

Rick & Pam James

Pete & Pat Rupp

Jim & Rita Kenyon

Cassie Moore

Pat & Kristin Jones

PEOPLE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

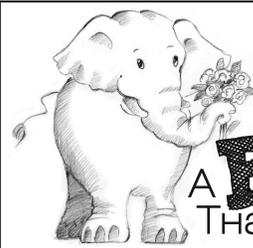


Amy Aguado and family, Tim Bradwell and family, Tiffany Brown, John Freer, Kelly Randall Gardner, Larry Glenn, The family of Deb Johnson (Kenny's wife), The family of Arlene Johnson, Pete Rupp, Mary Schilling, Lillian Strege, JoAnn Tyler, Steve Tonnar, Sue Vlasnik, Martin Wies, Marie Bazey, Karen Eliason, Dorothy Roberts, Dianne Dueholm, Ray Dumire, Mabel Jenssen, Leonard Schandorff, Arline Swanson, Wayne Shirley, Pastor Jim & Carol Sack

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH MINISTRY



William White	08/01
Harlan Sorenson	08/02
Wayne Shirley	08/05
Betty Schandorff	08/06
Bill Schilling	08/06
David Broome	08/06
Tammy Ince	08/06
Lynette Johnson	08/07
Dominic Caroon	08/08
Elaine Dueholm	08/09
Aubre Snider	08/11
Carson Johnson	08/12
Chase James	08/20
Cindy Sorenson	08/20
Carly Ince	08/21
Kelsey Harvey	08/21
Ramsey Livingston	08/22
Shirley Hallquist	08/23
Jada Nick	08/23
Linda Jones	08/26
Mary Richter	08/26
Jerry Thompson	08/27
Edna Tonnar	08/28
Peggy Schilling	08/28
Kylie Buck	08/28
Curtis Ysen	08/29
Barry Schaffer	08/29
Jonn Dinnies	08/30
David Richter	08/30
Cora Bunge - Eliason	08/31
Susan Matusiak	08/31



A **BIG**
Thank You To

A HUGE THANK YOU!!

On behalf of the church council and the entire Bone Lake Congregation, I want to **THANK** Lil Wilson and her committee that worked so hard to get the congregation to sign up to have their pictures taken for our new picture directory. Lil put in hours on her computer and on her phone to make sure all was done! **THANKS** for your dedication to this mission. God Bless.
Martha Solfest Council President



Tiffany Brown would like to thank everyone for the cards and letters that were sent to her. They have really helped and are very much appreciated! Please keep writing!



RECYCLING

SHY is recycling aluminum. Just bring your cans in. There is a can in the room off of the fellowship hall where you can put them. Thanks

WOMEN OF THE ELCA MINISTRY



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Thank you to everyone who brought food, helped to prepare food, made pies, cookies and bars, cleaned and worked at the church's food booth! Without everyone's help we would not of had a successful fair!!



Stay
in the
Word



Women's
Circles

Dorcas : not meeting until Sept

Faith: not meeting until Sept

Naomi: Aug 14th 7pm @ church

Reflections of Grace: Not meeting
until Sept



JOIN US!

Please join us on Saturday, Aug 12 to prepare corn for the church. Watch for more information. If you have questions please call Gloria Rolstad at 715-857-1954.

We Need Your Help... THE GIFT OF WARM CLOTHES OUTREACH MINISTRY

Every October, The Bone Lake Lutheran Church Gift of Warm Clothing program has their winter outerwear give-away.

Here's how you can help...

Gift of Warm Clothing



You and your friends, relatives, and co-workers can keep an eye out for great deals on outerwear at garage sales this summer. As folks clean out closets, look for outerwear you or your children have outgrown and put them away for this ministry.

We need new or gently used outerwear only...

Jackets, hats, mittens, boots, and snow pants, especially in children's sizes. Extended size jackets are needed for men and women.

Please make sure everything is laundered and in good shape. If a zipper needs "help", please make note of it on the garment. **Thanks for your help with this outreach**

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH'S W/ELCA

June 19th, 2017 @ 7p.m.

25 present ?

Joan started out with a prayer. The Purpose Statement was read by all.

Judy Randall did a Devotional reading.

Secretary and Treasurer's report read and accepted

Covering Old Business

"Ouch House" has been done. Thank you to Sharon Johnson, Mel Moore,

Mary Brown, & Judy Caroon

Fair Booth Roof - Tabled until people look at the roof while at the fair.

New Thank-you's read from: Mauers-Baptism, Student in Napal, Tiffany Brown

for quilt, Georgetown Lutheran - the help with their luncheon,

Brenda & David Buck - lunch, Polk Burnett Retired Teacher - luncheon

Paige Runnels - quilt

Before the New Business - Judy Randall read 'Stewardship in times of Transition'

Dawn Ogilvie - Lay Ministry - requested help with her going into Lay Ministry

Judy Randall made motion to start with **\$700**, Gloria Rolstad 2nd it,

Will revisit in 2018

Lil Wilson - Photo Directory - Needed to know where the payment to Life Touch

was coming from. It was voting on being paid by the **Church**. The 5%

from the photo orders will go back to the Church.

Tonya Eichelt and other Council Members discussed ways to **raise money for the**

Church, because they are not meeting their bills. Everyone had good ideas

about what might work in the future, but would not help with their

immediate needs. Lil Wilson made a motion to give **\$1500** beyond the

\$4000 already allotted, one time. Karoline White 2nd. Carried.

It was also discussed to give the Church their **\$2000** that is coming to them

before the fair.

Gloria Rolstad made motion in September to revisit uping what we give

the Church.

Fair Business: Thrivent gave **\$250** to help repalce or repair the **screen doors**.

Sharon Johnson requested money to replace the **pie cooler** in the booth.

It was voted on to purchase it.

Upcoming Events

Luther Point Bible Quilt Auction - August 6th, 2007 (Sunday)

United Pioneer Home Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social - August 6th, 2017

Request for 4 pies: Judy Randall, Mickey Vilstrup, Lynn Albee & Dana Paulsen

NEXT MEETING: Sept 18th (Monday) 7 p.m. with Grace serving

Bone Lake Church Family

Bone Lake Congregation,

As a Bone Lake Church Family, we are a Community.
As a Bone Lake Church Family, we Commune together.
As a Bone Lake Church Family, we communicate-- not well,
let's improve!

Communication is a very important part of what makes any group/organization work well and effectively together. As a church council, we talk often about ways to get better communication between the various groups, ministries and congregation.

It always seems like negative communications (assumptions/thoughts/opinions) make their rounds at a fast pace, while the positive communication is slower to navigate.

If your committee, ministry team or group has an event planned, please let the office know so it can be put on the big calendar and give the council a heads up, so we have an idea of activities happening at Bone Lake Lutheran. We all are quick to assume what might be going on or what we think is happening, but assuming isn't always accurate. Sometimes the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing. 😊😊

In this world that we all live in, with all the fast ways to communicate, (text, e-mail, Etc.) we still need to improve those skills to be helpful & convey to others in a positive way at Bone Lake.

God's Work -- Our Hands

Martha Solfest
Council Pres.

We are a Golden Rule Church.
*Do unto others as you would have
them do unto you.*
Matthew 7:12

SUNDAY READINGS

Aug 6

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

AUG 13

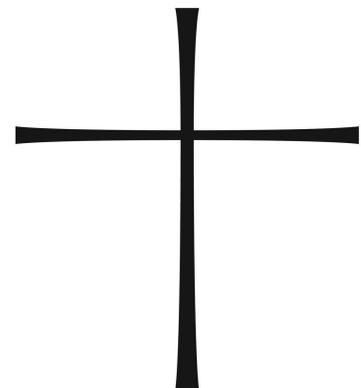
1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

AUG 20

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: 10-20(21-28)

Aug 27

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:18
Matthew 16:13-20



Knowing
Jesus
Making
Jesus
Known