

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>7 9:00a Adult Bible Study & Sunday Sch 9:30a Mid Sch Cafe 10:30a Worship with Holy Communion 11:30a Fellowship Bentleyville trip</p>	1 8 Pastor's Day Off 6:30p Reflection of Grace @ Gwynne Wisse's	2 9	3 NO CONFIRMATION	4 11 6:00p Council Mtg 7:00p AA	5 12	6 13 9:00a WELCA
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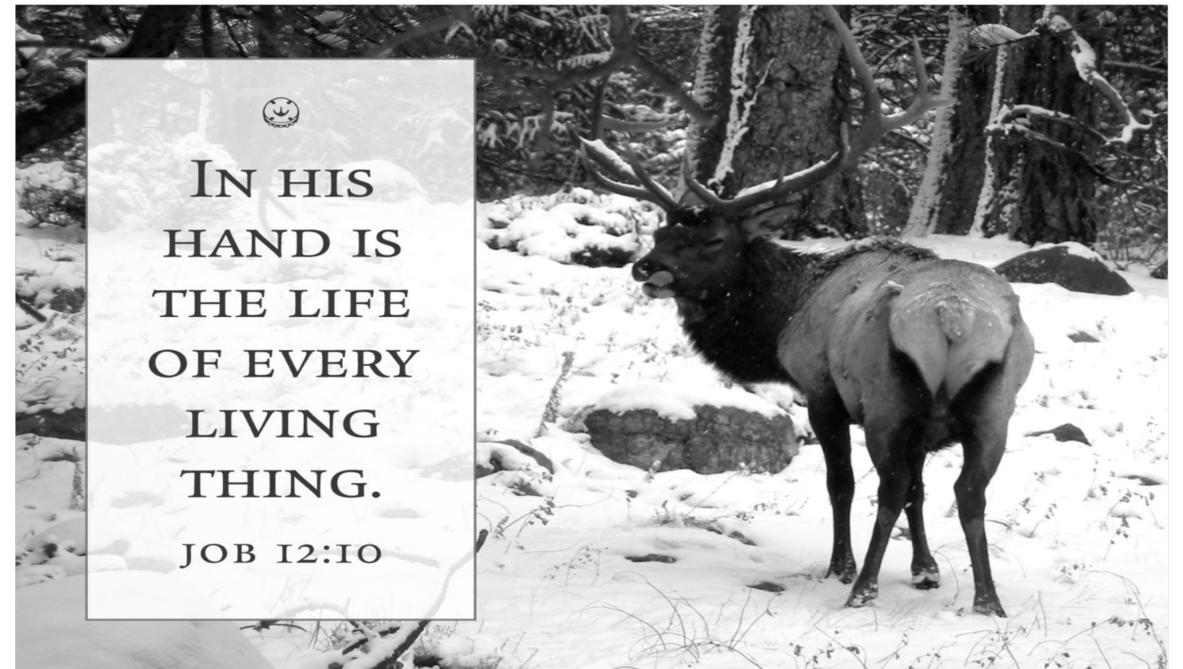


"The Fisher" Jan 2018

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

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This Fisher is sponsored by Dick Vilstrup in memory of wife Donna, brother Bob, and parents George & Mabel Vilstrup



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



This week, I heard a thud that could only mean one thing: a bird had flown into the glass deck door. When I went to check, I found a chickadee sitting there, one leg out to the side (was it broken?) and breathing very fast. I love chickadees because they are so bold—they've taken peanuts from the palm of my outstretched hand! It was very cold outside and I knew I needed to do something. So I grabbed a small cardboard box, went outside, gently grabbed it and placed it in the little box, which I closed and took inside. Now what?? I said a prayer for the little creature and then went online for information. Turns out, I was on the right track; it may need up to an hour to recover (unless it was more severely injured). After about 30 minutes, I heard scratching noises from the box—it was clear the bird was moving! So I took it outside and the moment I opened the box, it flew off into the tree and chirped. I was relieved and thankful—a small miracle! But the next day, it happened again—only this time it was a little goldfinch. I knew what to do, but even so, I was worried the bird wouldn't recover. I kept returning to the box to listen for the tell-tale scratching noise that would assure me it had recovered, but there was nothing. It SEEMED as though 30 minutes had passed, but had it? I was impatient for the bird to recover. I set a timer got online again. This

time, I found a website that said a stunned bird has a better chance of recovering if it is kept warm and in a quiet area while it rests. When the timer went off, I still didn't hear anything from the box. I needed to at least check on the bird. The rustle of my jacket as I put it on prompted the bird to react; relieved, I knew it was okay! Outside, the bird immediately flew from the box and into the tree. I gave thanks!
From these back-to-back experiences, I took away two things: 1) I need something more effective at keeping birds from hitting the window, and 2) We ALL need rest and recovery. We have gotten so busy and rushed that we do not take enough time to rest. It takes an obstacle—one that stuns us—to force us to take a time out. I don't believe God intends for us to live like that. Not only have we come off a busy Christmas season, but of late, our community has been impacted by serious illness and loss. We could all use some quiet time—time to recover and to remember who God is. While I don't advocate sitting in a small cardboard box, it is important to be intentional about it: Set a timer, be patient, get quiet, and know that God is present and wants to renew us. God's loving command for this is found in Psalm 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God!" How might God find new ways to work in and through us, how might the Holy Spirit transform and renew us when we set aside even just 5 minutes each day? Set a timer and ask God to help you see even the smallest miracles. Or just give thanks. Or simply **be still**. Blessings,
Pastor Ann

Sunday School Announcement!

We would like to inform families with children ages preschool through 6th grade there will be a change in Sunday school hours. We are starting out the fresh new year with a fresh new start to Sunday school. Starting at 10:00 children can feel free to join us in the art room for some songs and fun, around 10:30 when service starts we will be starting a lesson with the kids. We will return the kids for the rest of service around 11:15 or whenever communion begins. On the off communion days they will come in during a hymn around that same time. If there is a children's message during service they will come in for that as well. We will be reading stories from the bible, learning more about prayer, and doing some fun projects. We are very excited to see how this will work and to help our young ones grow in faith learning the word of the Lord! Thank you!

Sunday School Teachers:

Nicole Grey, Sarah Mattson, and Jeanne Fisher



Thank you to the awesome people who stepped up to help at the Thanksgiving Dinner!!



Thank you to all who helped give the Nativity Scene a new coat of paint!



Finding Christmas Under the Sea!



SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND SERVICES

january 

BIRTHDAYS

Kiran Ogilvie	01/01
Scott Roberts	01/04
Duane Wisse	01/04
Doug Ramich	01/07
Melissa Runnels	01/09
Tammy Peterson	01/10
Sierra Fjorden	01/12
Joel Bengtson	01/15
Randy Hostrup	01/16
Danielle Tonnar	01/16
Connie Rich	01/17
Marilyn Berg	01/18
Mande Kuechenmeister	01/18
Nikki Carter	01/19
Larry Glenn	01/22
Mickey Vilstrup	01/24
Brent Hostrup	01/25
Denise Nelson	01/29
Roger Neumann	01/29
Karoline White	01/29
Heather Dueholm	01/30
Karen Eliason	01/30
Charlotte Nord	01/30

Heads Up February Team

Andy Brown
 Jim and Lynn Albee
 Susan and Lynn Gregorash
 Aubre and DeeJ Snider
 Christina and Nathan White
 Bob and Martha Solfest

IN OUR
 Thoughts and Prayers

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, Pastor Jim & Carol Sack

THANK YOU!

The Faith Circle wants the THANK all that brought paper products for the CRA house. They appreciate all that we donate to them.

We hope you all have a Blessed 2018. ~ Faith Circle



Naomi Circle, Dorcas Circle, and Knitting and Fellowship will NOT meet in January

Faith Circle will meet Wed. Jan. 10 at 1:00pm at Nancy Beduhn's house.

Reflections of Grace will meet on Jan 8th at 6:30p at Gwynne Wisse's

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bone Lake Congregation,
 We celebrated the Birth of Jesus just a few weeks ago, now we are welcoming a new year 2018! As the saying goes "where does the time go?"
 A new year is a time to start fresh, I am sure we all think, this year I will try to be more patient, listen before I speak, communicate better, be a kinder person and the list goes on.
 My New Years wish for Bone Lake is that we grow spiritually through our actions and words. As we all journey into 2018, know that God is with us at all times, knows our needs and listens to all our prayers.
 May 2018 be a year of good health and happiness for all.
 God Bless



God's Work -- Our Hands
 Martha Solfest
 Council Pres.

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:

SUNDAY READINGS

JAN 7

Genesis 1:1-5
 Psalm 29
 Acts 19:1-7
 Mark 1:4-11

JAN 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10
 Psalm 139:1-6,13-18
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 John 1:43-51

JAN 21

Jonah 3:1-5,10
 Psalm 62:5-12
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Mark 1:14-20

JAN 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Psalm 111
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
 Mark 1:21-28

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

The Bone Lake Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be on January 28, 2017 right after worship service. This is an important meeting so please be sure to stay. There will be reports available before the meeting.



SEE YOU THERE!

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Bone Lake Lutheran Church "Knowing Jesus ~ Making Jesus Known" Council Meeting Thursday Dec., 7th, 2017 at 6:00pm

Call to order: Martha Solfest,

Those present : Tammy Brenizer, Karoline White, Jeff Pfaff, Martha Solfest, Tonya Eichelt, Brenda Buck, Pastor Ann.

Guest: Janet Brandt from Luther Point camp came as part of LPBC's church outreach committee. She wanted to express gratitude and thanks for what Bone Lake does to support Luther Point.

Devotions: Conversation 3, Are Our Leaders Healthy....Really? We discussed what it means to be healthy. Next month we'll discuss the article Pastor forwarded to us by email.

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

Pastor's report: Pastor Ann shared her pastors report.

Worship report: Karoline shared the worship teams report. The Christmas tree has been put up. It has gotten wobbly and unsafe so just used the top half and it looks good, and doesn't interfere with the screen.

Education report: Karoline presented the education report. Sunday School numbers are still low, they're currently getting ready for the Christmas program.

Property update: Jeff shared the property report. There had been a few concerns about the temp at church running cooler than normal. The thermostat has been adjusted and this seems to be corrected.

Old Business: We will wait on the next quarterly update until the annual meeting. Usage of church parking lot for a wedding in June 2018 update: the couple will provide all the requested documents and information by the first of June.

Update on the Fundraiser Committee -. Tonya made a motion that: In an effort to be more transparent and share with the congregation all the great things we have going on for the glory of God at Bone Lake, all groups within the church that are involved in ministry, education or fundraising are required to provide both a financial and a narrative report to be included in the annual meeting report. Starting with the new year, all these groups are also required to provide a quarterly fiscal and narrative report to council, these will be due to the council president by March 30, June 30, Sept. 30 and December 31, 2018. Karoline seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Martha will work with Laurene to contact these groups and let them know what info should be included.

New Business: Martha created an agenda for the Annual meeting and shared it.

Goals that we want to set as a council for 2018 - Communication and transparency are goals we continue to work on. We would like to spend time nurturing our spiritual growth as a council and as a congregation as a whole. We will continue to pray about this.

Review of 2018 budget --Tammy & Tonya

Sunday school considerations - Pr Ann - Discussion with the Sunday School volunteers and they have asked about using some church service time to invite the kids to leave and participate in a "kids church". They'll be starting that after the new year. Once they start Sunday School volunteers along with Pastor will continue to evaluate what will work the best without being disruptive.

The safe isn't working correctly. Tammy is going to make some calls to see about having it looked at. Pastor also found some info with ideas for how to keep it on track after it's been moved to try before we call in professionals..

AED training will be offered again after the holidays. It was suggested that we do it after a service on a Sunday so it's easier for people to attend.

Computer concerns in office were brought up. We all need to make sure that if any of us are using anything in the office that we clean it up, turn it off, or put it away when we're done.

Pastor's Job Review and council review will be January 11.

Council will meet briefly after church on January 21st to prepare for the annual meeting.

Closed Session:

Open Session.

Treasurer's report: Tammy/ Tonya presented the treasurer's report . Brenda made a motion to accept. Karoline seconded. Motion carried.

Counters for January

7 Jeff & Karoline

14 Martha & Tonya

21 Tammy & Jeff

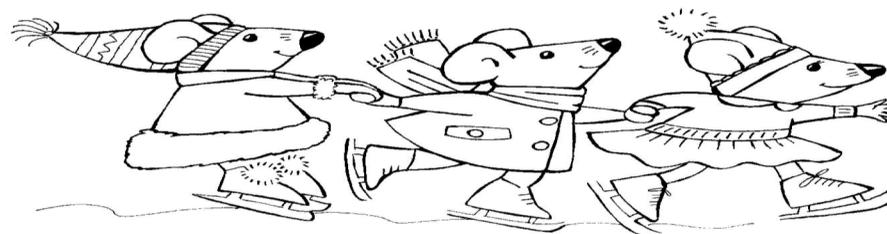
28 Martha & Brenda

Next Meeting: Plan for January meeting Thursday 11th @ 6PM

Closing Prayer

Adjourn:

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Buck



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