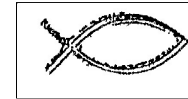


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“The Fisher” January 2019

A newsletter for the members and friends of



Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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Luke 2:14

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A Boy asked his Dad; "What is the size of God?"

Dad pointed to a plane in the sky, "How big is that?" Tiny, I can Hardly see it.

Then the Dad took the son to see a plane. "Now what size is the plane?"

"Wow Dad, it is huge!"

The size of the plane is determined by how far you are from it...

Likewise, the size of God depends on how close or far you are from Him.

So the closer you are to God, will increase his size in your life. Take time out to connect to God today... see God increase in size in your life... your peace will follow!

It's a new day, a New Year, 2019 to call upon the Lord in EVERY way... see how God grows in size in your life. Will you have to do drastic things for this to happen? NO! it's like isometric exercise... it is a static position, staying in one place, pushing muscles against itself, to build strength. Likewise, praying, meditating, talking to God will build strength and faith in our relationship with God. And the size of God in your life will increase.

The apostle Paul, wrote it so elegantly in Ephesians 2:

⁸⁻⁹ For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can boast about it. ¹⁰ God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us

to do.

See God does the work, we just need to open the channels to hear it. By taking time out, resting in God, willing to listen to God that God grows in our life. WE are his beloved children, made perfect in His image, arise each morning as a perfect child of God. It's just hard to hold onto that perfection as our own egos and agendas get in God's way.

God has created a life of good deeds; find out what they are! Strive to do one more positive activity for the New Year. Seek God's direction..for he has prepared a path for you to follow. Open your mind, heart and body to walk with God; begin the New Year with this new life in Christ. AMEN

Blessings, Pastor D. Sandahl,
651-442-6770

THE STORY

By Max Lucado * Randy Frazee

When I was in seminary, a great theologian said, "All we have is the story". So during interim, it is important that we share the whole story. Beginning Jan. 1, 2019 we will be using this book, The Story, each week for the service, incorporate it into Bible Study, talking about and processing the whole story in 33 weeks. WE invite each person to pick up a copy of The Story in the office. If you would like to donate to the cost of them that would be great. It is important that we all are on the same 'page' of opening the book... little joke there!

BISHOP LAURIE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

I'm writing this the day after I get home from my first ever trip to the Holy Land. My husband Randy and I decided that after three decades as pastors we should make a pilgrimage to all the places we've been preaching about for so many years. I was excited to see Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Temple Wall, and Athens, Corinth and Rome and all the other landmarks of our Spiritual Geography. I was especially excited to see Bethlehem.

Bishop's Christmas Message 2018

While I was in Bethlehem, I heard Pastor Lori Ruge-Jones, a gifted story teller recite from heart, Luke 2, the Christmas story. We were in a beautiful chapel on the site where according to tradition; the angels announced to the Shepherds the good news of Jesus' birth. Imagine these familiar words, spoken from the heart, echoing off the stones of the Shepherd's Field chapel.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

The group of pilgrims I was with sat in silence for a few moments before we sang Christmas carols: *O Little Town of Bethlehem, Angels we have heard on High, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Silent Night, Away in the Manger...* It was a holy moment and highlight of our trip to the Holy Land. It was simple, beautiful, goose bump, Hallmark Card moment...

BUT the undercurrent of that moment is more complicated. As tourists we were well aware that Bethlehem in 2018 is a city controlled by the Palestinians and the surrounding area is controlled by Israel. It is a land that has been fought over throughout known history by those who considered it Holy; Jews, Muslims and Christians. It is a place that builds walls to separate, and struggles with daily violence and conflict.

The Shepherds of first century were well aware that Bethlehem was under foreign occupation by Rome. The Roman Caesar, Augustus sent out a decree that Jews were to be enrolled in their hometown to be taxed. There were uprisings and revolts against Roman rule of the Jews. It was and is complicated and there is no quick fix.

But all of that is far away or long ago. How about the here and now? Is your life like a beautiful peaceful Hallmark card wishing season's greetings or is your life more complicated like a major geopolitical conflict? Or is it somewhere in between? Regardless, there is one thing that is true, in the midst of it all God put on flesh and came down to us, to live among us. In the midst of it all, Jesus was born. ~ Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson



Baby Jesus Song



Candy Cane story



Thank You to all of the youth who participated in the Christmas program!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
As we are bidding 2018 a farewell, we start to look at what 2019 will have in store for our lives.

Bone Lake Lutheran will be looking to call a new Pastor, God has a plan and we ALL will be a part of that plan.

The Council met with Pastor Randy Olson, he gave us information on how we will move forward in the Call process. In January the council will be forming a 6-7 member Transition Team, they will gather information as to what makes Bone Lake Lutheran work well and what might need to improve in the future and what we need/want in a new pastor. Please pray for the Team to work for God's plan for us.

After a few months, the Transition Team and Pastor Randy will present their findings/recommendations to the congregation. Then a Call Committee will be formed and presented to the Congregation for a vote at a Congregational meeting. Both of these Teams will have a range in age of members, what input from all ages of Bone Lake-- youth to mature members.

My Wish for Bone Lake Lutheran & all our church family members is that 2019 brings happiness, success, healthy decisions and blessings to ALL. Bring on 2019!!!!

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

JANUARY NOISY OFFERING MINISTRY

The Noisy Offering on Sunday, January 20, 2019 will be a "Pay it Forward", designated for the school lunch programs. The students have their own account for their lunches and sometimes their accounts get low and they are not able to eat lunch. We have talked to Unity, Luck & Frederic school offices and they told us they have a reserve fund to draw from when a child's account gets low or has no money in it. So, we want to give each school money to help add money to the reserve fund, so no child goes without a lunch. Make NOISE on January 20th to help PAY IT FORWARD to the children's lunches. THANKS

Thank you for your continued support for the Noisy Offerings, so if any of you have an idea for an outside our walls ministry that could benefit from the Noisy Offering, please let the office or a council member know. Appreciate your support & help with the Noisy Offering.

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Bone Lake Lutheran Church

'Knowing Jesus--Making Jesus Known'
Council Meeting Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Call the meeting to order: Martha Solfest

Council Present: Martha Solfest, Brenda Ysen-Buck, Ben Buck, Jeff Pfaff, Pastor D, Tonya Eichel, absent Karoline White

Guest: Pastor Randy Olson-Synod Coordinator

Devotions: Pastor D-"Agile Church" introduction. Having meaning and purpose in Church; may include risk (good mistakes). Be a Spirit lead Church!

Brenda to read from chapter one next month.

Pastor Randy Olson Call Process: "Moving into the Future" the call process manual. Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Website/Call Process.

First phase: What to do when your pastor leaves. Interim Pastor called.

Second phase: "Transition Phase" Self-study by utilization of Transition Team setting the ground for the Call Committee. Coming to terms with history; Discovering a new identity for the Church; Managing shifts in leadership; Strengthen the sense of the Church together. Listen to the community as it shapes and develops the Church.

Third phase: "The Call Process" Transition Committee should be developed and implemented. The Transition Committee should have at least 6 members. Once developed, Call Committee is in charge of utilizing this group as a reflection of the congregation's vision. Candidate interviews could take 12 to 18 months. Pastor Olson will give orientation to Call Committee.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept report made by Brenda seconded by Tonya, motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation/Youth: Set up Confirmation program, Biblical material is sketchy.

Adapted Sermon notes, getting to know their names!!!!

Officially gave Bibles to 7th graders (been using for 6 months)

Working with volunteers to coordinate meals, activities. Coordinating the youth in the area, Bentleyville on Dec 16, after church.

Nikki is doing a fabulous job with the Youth and SS leaders are available every Sunday even if the kids don't come. Mini retreat was fun!

Talking with other churches about VBS

Middle School Gathering is March 9, same as Walking Together in Eau Claire. Trying something new this year.

Youth Sundays are not being well attended by Youth so having them sign up ahead of time this week.

Create committee to evaluate and reinvent for the future: 'rally for the kiddos'

Worship: Will Schedule regular meetings to evaluate changes

Setting up schedule for "Walking through the Bible" beginning Jan 6th

Need to have coverage for Jan 13th and 20th. No Communion.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Sara and Bentley Route lit the Advent Candles



" Away in a Manger"



" Do You Hear What I Hear?"

January BIRTHDAYS

Kaiden 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
Mande Kuechenmeister	01/18
Marilyn Berg	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
Karen Eliason	01/30
Charlotte Nord	01/30



New Beginnings



HEADS UP FEBRUARY TEAM

Andy and Shahla Brown

Jim and Lynn Albee

Susan and Lynn Gregorash

Aubre and DeeJ Snider

Christina and Nathan White

Bob and Martha Solfest

Chad purchased computer, set up, coordinating the PP processes for the Christmas services when he is gone (but still working online) Kris Mattson to assist when Chad is unavailable, would like more volunteers.

Visitation/member contacts; People are coming in to talk as needed... seems to be going well. Visited all on the list of Home Bound. Coordinating with Lynn Albee

Comprehensive Review: Financial evaluation: utilize the accountant that does year end to fortify position of qualification if all checking accts are covered by 501c3.

Mutual Support Committee: for the first year, use the transition committee

Working with Admin on the Webpage to update on a regular basis.

The Pulpit was used last Sunday! Chad may need to turn up the volume on Pastor's Mic.

Beginning Jan 2019 we will use the 4th setting for a month.

Regarding the Youth Sunday, they will be signed up prior to the weekend to assure they are there to lead on those services. We are looking into SS, developing a group: Where did all the young ones go (?)... or reaching and seeking the kids.

Christmas eve service reviewed. 4:00 p.m. led by the Glenn Family. 10:00 p.m. regular service. .

December 23rd, service with lots of Christmas Songs... suggestions for at least 10 of them.

Property Committee:

Electrician still needed for the parsonage projects.

Education Report:

Property Report: Presented by Jeff Pfaff. The lawnmower was serviced by Jeff Pfaff. Nate Bell will be taking care of plowing the church and the parsonage. Ben Buck to take care of sidewalks. Ben will be talking to Sylvan Erickson about taking over as head of the property committee.

Old Business: Noisy offering-January- Paying it forward to school lunch programs

Printer update: Brenda and Laurene met with Metro Sales to discuss quotes for new printer. Contract to include calls from representatives. Church may own current copier. Could lease used copier. Decision to be made in January, 2019.

Budget Team-Brenda and Tonya, would like to include those items in the budget for next year so we won't be having sponsorship sign ups for those items next year. An article to stop support in newsletter will be written by Brenda and Tonya. Church Doorbell- Tabled till next month.

Craig's Job Review-Jeff. Craig was happy with increase. Property Chair resignation- Sylvan Erickson would like more information on the duties and responsibilities.

New Business: Discussed a laptop computer for office. With current discount electronic sales, the council is considering purchasing a laptop for Laurene, this would allow privacy for Laurene with her duties as many people use her desk top computer. We would like one that she could lock in the safe. Discussed guidelines to cancel worship due to weather.

Nominating Committee-Jeff, Tonya, Jill R- Audit Committee LeRoy B, Jill R, Dale V. Dawn Ogilvie is no longer interested as she has moved.

Set Date for annual meeting-Sunday, January 27th 2019 with Potluck? Agenda

Mabel Jenssen Memorial Request-Monitor for AV

Church Policies were presented and discussed.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND SERVICES

Treasurer's Report:

Brenda and Tonya met with Laurene and they feel they are pretty close to being on budget. Martha had a question on \$13,000.00 line item and it was explained that it was on the books and off the books.

Looking to streamline accounts; too many small accounts with little or no money.

Proposal to hire Tax accountant for year end,

McLane Accounting, Taylor's Falls

Jeff makes motion to approve Treasurer's report, seconded by Ben. Motion passed.

Counters for December:

16 Brenda and Martha

23rd and 24th Count together Martha and

30 Jeff and Ben

January 2019

6 Ben and Tonya

13 Martha and Jeff

Next Meeting: Monday, January 7th, 2019, 6:00 pm.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer by Council

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn by Tonya, seconded by Jeff. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Ben Buck, Council Secretary

THANK YOU to all who donated to the dinner at Thanksgiving. Also, all who donated part of their Thanksgiving to help prepare, serve and clean up after the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. Additionally, we are grateful to those who brought items for the food shelf to extend the love and caring beyond our walls.



JANUARY 6

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

JANUARY 13

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

JANUARY 20

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

JANUARY 27

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for your help setting up and tearing down for the Deer Hunter's Widow Craft Sale. Also, thank you to everyone for your craft and bake sale donations. We brought in a total of \$2260.27. Again, many thanks!!!

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH MINISTRIES

WHERE HAVE ALL THE YOUNG ONES GONE

Where have all the Young Ones gone, long time passing?

Where have all the children gone, long time ago?

Where have all the children gone?

Young ones missing at Sunday School

Oh, how will they ever learn?

Oh, how will they ever learn?

We are starting a committee to review, evaluate and create a **New Vision for Sunday School** not to renew what used to be but create what is relevant and applicable today! If you are interested in sharing ideas and wonder where the kiddos are, come to our **first meeting Jan 2nd, 6:00.**

TRANSITION COMMITTEE

We are beginning to formulate the committee to evaluate, review and bring together information to input into the Mission Site Profile (MSP) During this time, we have outlined some areas that need to be reviewed, analyzed and addressed. In particular, we are looking at how we are doing children's/youth ministry, what can that look like? So we will be gathering a group together to look into this area. In addition, we are addressing the organizational and financial reporting and assuring that we are in compliance with all rules and standards. And finally, we will review the comprehensive evaluation that was done last year to determine the progress on that. WE begin this time of Transition, searching, evaluating

Reflections of Grace will meet Mon Jan 7th @ 6:30 PM at Gloria Rolstad's
Naomi Circle will meet Mon. Jan 14th @ 7:00pm at church
Dorcas Circle will not meet in January
Faith Circle will meet Jan 9th @ 1:00pm at Ruth Sorenson's
WELCA meeting Jan 12th @ 9:30am

IN OUR PRAYERS

Ben Buck, Bonnie Fjorden, Rose Reiter, Mary Schilling, Arline Swanson, Steve Tonnar, Marie Bazey, Karen Eliason, Dorothy Roberts, Thelma Hendricks .