

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 900a Adt Bible Study 9:00 Book Study 10:30aWorship 11:30 Fellowship 1st Sunday of Advent	2 Reflections of Grace 6:00@ Church— Lynn Albee	3	4 Confirmation Homewk ~530 , 6pm Dinner, worship, class 6:20- 7:45Closing	5 1:00pm Dorcas Circle Lil W	6	7 Youth Pie Making Tree Set- up
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“The Fisher” December 2019

A newsletter for the members and friends of



Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello Dear Saints of Bone Lake Lutheran!

Advent always catches me off guard. First of all, it seems strange to me that the church year starts at the end of our calendar year. Here we are, in worship welcoming a new baby and the start of a new year of journeying through our faith, all the while we concentrate on finishing out our years well outside of the church walls.

But Advent is also one of my favorite seasons of the church. It marks the start of this journey toward new beginnings, it brings us peace as we remember the Christ child and his glorious entry into the world, it helps us to refocus on our faith in a time of striving toward the "perfect Christmas celebration". But Advent also challenges us. Not only is Advent a season of excited anticipation, but it's a season of revolution. As one hymn puts it "the world is about to turn" (ELW 723). Advent reminds us of the lesser focused on message of Jesus. Advent reminds us that the baby we celebrate the coming of, grows up to be a pretty radical man. A man who preaches love for God and neighbor, who brings attention to the marginalized, who tells us to focus on others before ourselves. But mostly, that we, even though we are sinners, are still loved by God, no matter what.

So this Advent, as we prepare ourselves to welcome the infant Christ, let us also focus on the radical love that comes along too. As we wait with hope for new beginnings, let us also focus on the hope that we can bring to a weary world through our witness to God. As we look to the entry of Jesus into the world, let us also look for Christ's presence in the world here and now.

Advent Blessings to All,
Pastor Mikayla

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month when I sat down to write my message, the leaves were falling in the wind, today snow is falling in the wind!!! Winter is early this year☹️

According to the ads & the decorations in the stores we are in the Christmas Season, it seems to come earlier & earlier each year!

Maybe it seems like that to me because I am getting older & slower?!!!!

As we all start to decorate, bake favorite goodies & shop for gifts & writing on cards, we need to stop and remember why we are doing these many things before Christmas--- The Birth of JESUS is the Reason.

Please take time to enjoy Christmas—forget about making that last batch of cookies and sit down with a cup of tea & reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. Let's not put so much pressure on ourselves that this time of year becomes a dreaded time of year.

REJOICE in the birth of Jesus & what that means in our lives & the lives of family & friends.

My Wishes to you & your Family--- Enjoy a Joyous & Blessed Christmas.

God's Work ---Our Hands

Martha Solfest,
Council President

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK ~~ It's time to think about the end of the year !

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 your reports to me the morning of Dec 28 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 30. If they are not in by then it will be considered a contribution.

CONTRIBUTIONS for 2019: Your last contribution has to be received on my desk by Dec 30 in order for it to be counted as 2019 contribution . 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 30. Thank you for your cooperation.

Laurene Edge, Church Secretary



THANK YOU to everyone who helped with, and donated to the Deer Hunter Widow's Craft and Bake Sale. We are happy to report that we made \$2018!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND SERVICES



- 2/02 Gage Steffan
- 12/03 Justin Strusz
- 12/04 Julie Pedersen
- 12/04 Tiffany Brown
- 12/05 Tony Johnson
- 12/05 Melissa Rock
- 12/05 Mike Boland
- 12/06 Charles Hoehne
- 12/07 Dianne Dueholm
- 12/07 Joe Christensen
- 12/08 Susan Gregorash
- 12/08 Kim Erickson
- 12/08 Lynda Olds
- 12/08 Shahla Brown
- 12/08 Nick Kuechenmeister
- 12/09 Kris Mattson
- 12/09 Mason Brown
- 12/09 Jacob Pedersen
- 12/09 Jaxen Pedersen
- 12/10 Brendan Fenning
- 12/11 Rhonda Bazey
- 12/11 Broc Carter
- 12/13 Dorothy Roberts
- 12/14 LeRoy Buck
- 12/16 Easton Jones
- 12/16 Irene Ogilvie
- 12/17 John Denny
- 12/18 Cody Ince
- 12/19 Kristi Fenning
- 12/20 Lynn Albee
- 12/20 Kristin Jones
- 12/23 Sharry Swenson
- 12/27 Katie Pfaff
- 12/28 Samantha Harvey
- 12/28 Alayna Snider
- 12/29 Linda Hostrup
- 12/30 Brandon Measner
- 12/31 Dylan Broome

Dec 5th Dorcas Circle @ 1pm Lil W
 Dec 2nd Reflections of Grace 6:00pm
 @ church, Lynn Albee hosting

No Naomi Circle Dec or Jan
 Dec 9th 10am Faith Circle @ Church



Heads Up January Team ****Roger and Pat Neumann Leads**

- Seth-David Maack
- Craig & Paulette Adair
- Nancy Beduhn
- Melissa Runnels
- Paul & Lori Denny
- Gary Ehrich
- Tammy Brenizer
- Nikki & Ryan Grey
- Kris Mattson
- Darla Nick
- Donna Asper
- Dough & Laura Ramich



**ALTER GUILD FOR
 DECEMBER**
 Sherri Schaffer
 Jill Route

If anyone is interested in being on the Worship Committee or the Alter Guild, here is some of the info about these committees. Anyone and everyone are welcome to join.

The Worship Committee

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm. Works hand in hand with Pastor Mikayla to develop what is in the service in each week, such as the various settings and liturgies. They facilitate and coordinate musicians and musical groups for special services, work with young people to acolyte, coordinate decorations and activities appropriate for the season. In fact: **the Christmas tree will be set up on Saturday Dec 7th at 9:30. Help with this is welcome!!** For further information or to discuss joining this committee contact **Karoline White or Leora Dueholm.**

The Alter Guild

Prepare and care for the worship space, Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, prepare for special services such as weddings and funerals, place flowers in the chancel, care for vases and oversee distribution of flowers to the sick, nursing homes, and homebound, oversee any needlework in making of paraments, vestments, linens, etc. Continue to grow in understanding and appreciate worship life of the church. Alter Guild members take turns in completing the necessary tasks and setup. For further information, or to discuss joining this committee, contact Jill Route or Sherri Shaffer.



THANK YOU to everyone at Bone Lake Lutheran Church for helping to provide Kits to people around the world to improve their life. We were able, with your help to provide 42 School Kits giving children the opportunity to get an education in many cases where they would not be able to otherwise. Eleven Baby Care kits were collected and packed to help welcome newborns to the world. Ten Personal Care Kits, 2 Fabric kits plus 40 bars of soap were also shipped to new homes. These kits plus the Noisy Offering which was sent to pay for shipping of these kits and more overseas show your abundance care for your fellow people around the world.

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Bone Lake Lutheran Church "Knowing Jesus--Making Jesus Known" Council Meeting Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Call the meeting to order: Martha Solfest

Council Present: Martha Solfest, Jon Erickson, Karoline White, Brenda Ysen-Buck, Ben Buck, Pastor Mikayla, Tonya Eichelt

Devotion: Ben- Philippians 4: 6-7 "Finding encouragement in adversity." "November Fruits of the Spirit"

Highs and Lows were shared by council members. Jon to conduct devotion in December

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept report made by Jon seconded by Karoline. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pete Rupp and Pastor Mikayla visited Dianne Dueholm, Elaine Dueholm, Thelma Hendricks, and Marie & John Bazey on October 23, 2019. Pastor Mikayla is also having discussions with Lynn Albee how these visits will be conducted when Pete is wintering in the south. Pastor Mikayla contacted Pastor Bridget in Superior to make sure that Betty Bohn is getting communion. Pastor Mikayla is working with the Altar Guild to streamline Communion set-up and to establish responsibilities between the Altar Guild and Worship Committee. She is also working with the Worship Committee and the Wednesday evening Table Talks. Pastor Mikayla will be at the First Call Theological Event November 10-13. Karoline White will be teaching Confirmation Wednesday, November 13.

Worship: Worship committee met and took care of Reformation Sunday and will be meeting to discuss the Christmas season services. Everlasting Candle will remain lit during the week. Discussion on acolyte procedures

Wednesday night services will be called "table talk" and all are welcomed.

Education: Communion discussion on keeping it every Sunday.

Property Committee: Marked some of the lines in parking lot. Nate Bell will be plowing snow in the lot and at the parsonage. Cleaned out the shed at the parsonage. A curtain has been installed in the men's restroom to block the reflection in the mirror

Old Business: Custodial reviews for Mareks-Nov 6 month. Martha and Jon to conduct reviews. An appropriately deserved amount of an increase was discussed with Brenda making a motion to offer and increase, seconded by Tonya. Motion carried. Jon, Pastor Mikayla and Martha met with Laurene for her annual job review. We are happy with Laurene and she is happy at Bone Lake. A curtain has been hung in the men's urinal area.

Noisy offering November 17 will go to Kinship of Polk County. Discussion on other sites that could benefit from this giving. Martha will speak with "Home and Away Ministries" to talk about donations. Discussion on nominating team consists of Martha Solfest, Karoline White, Darrell Frandson, and Kris Mattson Audit Team consists of Dale Vlasnik, Jill Route, with Darrell Frandson a possible member. Budget Team consists of Brenda Buck, Tonya Eichelt and another to be named.

,New Business: Reiter Donation: Given with the request to be used for gas cards for those who have hospital treatments. Council agrees Rita Frandsen and Nancy Bradwell should have input into creating a policy for issuance.

Gift of Warm Clothing-Looking for ways to raise funds. They suggested 50/50 raffle, clothing a mannequin with envelopes, silent auction, etc. Council had discussions on other ways to help raise funds for this important event. The council recommends having the group request funds from WELCA and possibly having the mannequin fundraiser. Jon was approached about possible misuse of the Church's food handling license.

A discussion on having council assist with Wednesday night meals. All agreed this is a good idea and names were added to the sign-up sheet. The youth is in need of space and a discussion on the original plan for the class rooms was had. Other rooms (pre-school and tent rooms) were discussed and possible ideas shared. The council agrees to meet on Wednesday, November 13, with the confirmants and the middle school group to get their ideas for a space for them. Martha, Jon and Pastor Mikayla put the wall back in place in the chapel, we feel the chapel is just as much a worship place as the sanctuary and should be available for someone if needed as a chapel. It appears the area has become a game and playroom. Martha cleaned the chapel several time of pop cans, Lego's and open game boxes.

Sunday, January 26th, 2020 will be the Annual Meeting with the election of new officers.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion on roast beef dinner funds and which accounts these were posted to. Report is accepted as is and filed.

Counters for November

10 Brenda & Tonya
17 Ben & Jon
24 Tonya & Martha

December

1 Martha & Tonya
8 Karoline and Ben
15 Martha and Karoline

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer by Council

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

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Ben Buck, Council Secretary



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 4:00PM AND 10:00PM. Those attending the last service may take your poinsettias home with you.