

JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:30aWorship Facebook Live or Call-in <b>6:30pm Blue worship</b>	4	5 6pm Bible Study	6 6pm Confirmation	7	8	9
10 1030a Worship Facebook Live or Call-in <b>Holy Communion</b>	11	12 6pm Bible Study	13 6pm Confirmation	14 6pm Council Meeting	15	16
17 10:30aWorship Facebook Live or Call-in	18 <b>Fisher Deadline</b>	19 6pm Bible Study	20 6pm Confirmation	21	22	23
24 10:30a Worship Facebook Live Or Call-in <b>11:30 ANNUAL MEETING</b>	25	26 6pm Bible Study	27 6pm Confirmation	28	29	30
31 10:30a Worship Facebook Live Or Call-in						



**“The Fisher” January 2021**

A newsletter for the members and friends of



**Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup>Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, <sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. <sup>27</sup>So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them. Numbers 6:22-27

Dear Saints of Bone Lake Lutheran,

Happy New Year! Hopefully, we see this year turn out much better than the last and 2021 brings us new and exciting things. These few verses from Numbers are my prayer for this new year. It is my hope that the Lord truly does bless us and that we see the light of God shine upon us.

And I hope that this year, we as individuals and as a congregation can be a blessing for others as well. Last year, we worked hard at being a blessing even in the midst of a pandemic and social distancing. We fed the hungry, clothed those who needed warm coats and boots, provided joy for those experiencing hard times, and many other things as well and that's just the work we did as a congregation! Imagine how much more love was spread through all of you working as individuals!

This year, let's expand our work of spreading the love of God to all people. Maybe this year, we can see an end to the pandemic that has tried to hold us back. But even in the time being, as we wait for the distribution of the long awaited vaccine, let's try to continue to be the love of

God to all people. May this new year bring us patience and wisdom as we continue to serve our neighbors from a safe distance.

As we move into 2021, let us reflect on the ways that God has and continues to bless us and keep us in God's company. I pray that we remember the blessings that God has granted us in the past year, the blessing of still being able to worship through the gift of technology, the blessing of seeing healing for some effected by COVID-19, the blessing of finding peace in community, even at a distance, as we grieve all that was lost to us this year. God's light has shone upon us, even in the darkness of 2020. But as we begin this new year, I pray that God's light shines even brighter and that we see God's face even more clearly.

Peace to you in this new year,  
Pastor Mikayla



## BONE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH MINISTRIES



readers nominated their favorites in a list of categories. Voted for by the readers the winner was Peace Lutheran Church in Dresser followed by Bone Lake Lutheran. Nice job.

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief update. In an update on September 24, 2020 John Rivera reported that Three 40-foot shipping containers filled with humanitarian aid that included thousands of handmade quilts and baby-care items, which were reported as destroyed in the August 4th explosions at the port of Beirut, Lebanon, have been found intact and are ready to be distributed to victims of the blast and refugees.

Authorities assumed that the containers were lost in the historic blast that killed more than 200 people and laid waste to parts of the city. It took several weeks for longtime Lutheran World Relief partner Anera to gain access to the port, locate the containers and check their contents.

While other Anera shipping containers were heavily damaged, the three containers of quilts and kits were apparently stored behind a concrete block building that helped spare them from the blast. A fourth container, which was on a ship offshore when the explosion occurred, has been delivered.

"It's been a roller coaster for all of us, especially our quilters and kit-makers", said Melanie Gibbons, deputy director for outreach and engagement at Lutheran World Relief, "First, grief over the loss of items so carefully made and prayed over, followed by determination to keep quilting and making kits. Then joy over the news that the items not only survived but were able to be distributed! It's an incredible blessing that now these items are in exactly the right place at the right time," she said.

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND SERVICES**



Kiran Ogilvie	01/01
Duane Wisse	01/04
Scott Roberts	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
Mickey Vilstrup	01/24
William Bosak	01/25
Brent Hostrup	01/25
Roger Neumann	01/29
Karoline White	01/29
Denise Nelson	01/29
Karen Eliason	01/30
Heather Dueholm	01/30
Charlotte Nord	01/30

**ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE LEADS!**

Please turn in your annual reports to Laurene by January 11, 2021. If you had no activity due to Covid, please let me know.



**Female cardinal ground feeding**



**Barred Owl**



As we look forward to the new year with high hopes that we'll see this pandemic come to an end, we continue to look for new and safe ways to support our community, our outreach, and our members. Covid-19 has reminded us that Bone Lake is much more than just a building. We are a family. We are a team. We are the hands and feet of Christ. Whether it is through sending a card to someone we miss seeing, putting together kits for Lutheran World Relief, or collecting donations for an area agency, the thoughtfulness and generosity of Bone Lake is a beacon for many that are going through dark times.

In response to the pandemic, we have slimmed down our spending. Knowing that these times have been a financial struggle for many, it makes us truly appreciate the generosity of those who are able to give and be understanding of those who are not currently able to support us in this way.

If you would like to make a financial donation you can mail a check to the church office or donate online at <https://bonelakelutheran.org/giving/>

Thank you, Brenda Buck, Council Treasurer.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

*Join us for the annual meeting on Sunday, January 24 at 11:30. It will be a parking lot style meeting and you'll be able to follow along through your car radio, we'll have meeting helpers outside to help take questions. We ask that during the meeting everyone else stays in their vehicle. There will be two council positions up for reelection, if you're feeling called to be a part of council, let Ben or Brenda know and we can get you more info and get you on the ballot. See you then!*

*Church Council,*

*Ben Buck, Jon Erickson, Brenda Buck, Danielle Buck, Leora Dueholm, Tonya Eichelt, Pastor Mikayla*

## BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

### Bone Lake Lutheran Church “Knowing Jesus—Making Jesus Known” Council Meeting Thursday, December 10, 2020

**Present:** Sara Route, Ben Buck, Danielle Buck, Pastor Mikayla, Brenda Buck, Jon Erickson, Leora Dueholm

#### **Meeting Called to Order:**

**Guest:** Sara Route (30 minute max): Discussion around ways to improve communication in the church. Mutual support committee discussed.

**Devotions:** Danielle  
Highs and lows

Devotions in January-Pastor MiKayla

**Secretary’s Report:** Motion by Brenda to accept report, seconded by Leora.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Mikayla

#### Worship

- continuing with online/dial worship through the end of year
- Drive-in worship planned for Dec 20 and beyond as able
- Drive up Communion planned for Dec 13 and 20 and in some capacity for Christmas Eve
- working on finding families/individuals to record music for worship

#### Pastoral Care

- sending cards, publications, etc to home bound members
- calling those on the prayer chain
- took Lillian Strege (Cumberland Nursing Home) Communion on 12/3
- Delivered Advent kits to homebound, nursing home residents and a few others

#### Education

- Confirmation continues to be a struggle, re-evaluating how this may be done
- Tuesday Bible study through 12/8, taking a break until the new year

#### Other

- Met with Transition Team to make plans going forward regarding return to in-person worship and safety guidelines for re-opening
- Helping Kristin Boland with candidacy materials
- FM transmitter set up and ready to go. Will test this Sunday.
- Pastor McKayla is now on the Board of Directors for Luther Point!

#### **Worship Report:**

Discussed Advent kits. Members are picking up the kits. Christmas Eve service planning is underway.

#### **Education:**

Pastor needs input from Confirmation families. Please reply to her emails.

#### **Property Report:**

Shed cleaned out.

Christmas lights have been hung outside.

FM transmitter has been wired.

#### **Old Business:**

Discussion on Pastor’s letter and worship options

Pay increases for evaluations should be all set

Annual Meeting-Zoom meeting or other way to get quorum and voting accomplished

- Nominating committee will be Ben, Brenda and two others.
- Annual meeting to be held January 24, 2021 after service.

Amazon Prime Account has been set up.

Other church’s policy will stay out of Church until 14 days of decline in covid cases. Transition committee proposed considering opening services once there is a downward trend in cases for 14 days with a positivity rate of 5% or below. Motion by Leora to accept the Transition Committees proposal, seconded by Danielle, carried.

#### **New Business:**

Mutual Ministry Committee in Pastor MiKayla’s contract was discussed. The church agreed to provide this upon Pastor MiKayla accepting the call to Bone Lake Lutheran. Council will make suggestions for membership to Pastor. Pastor and Ben will make final determinations together. Will bring back for discussion at the January meeting.

#### **Treasurer’s Report:**

2021 budget preparation has begun.

At the time of the meeting, the monthly reports were not available.

Giving is lower than normal. Notice will go out in the newsletter to consider giving if members are able.

#### **Next Meeting:**

**January 14, 2021 at 6:00**

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Tonya**