

FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:30aWorship Facebook Live or Call-in	8	9 6pm Bible Study	10 6pm Confirmation	11 6pm Council Meeting	12	13
14 1030a Worship Facebook Live or Call-in  <b>Holy Communion</b> Prayer bead class	15	16 6pm Bible Study  Election Primary	17 7pm Ash Wednesday Service	18 6pm Worship Committee	19	20 Walking Together
21 10:30aWorship Facebook Live or Call-in  Luther Point Annual Meeting	22 <b>Fisher Deadline</b>	23 6pm Bible Study	24 7pm Lent Service	25	26	27
28 10:30a Worship Facebook Live Or Call-in  <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	29	30 6pm Bible Study	27 7pm Lent Service	28		



**“The Fisher” February 2021**

A newsletter for the members and friends of



**Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Saints of Bone Lake Lutheran,

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. <sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. Psalm 51:1-2

With February this year, comes the beginning of the season of Lent. On February 17, we celebrate Ash Wednesday.

Lent is my favorite season of the year. There's just something about its reflective and contemplative nature that draws me in. For many, Lent is a difficult season. We've turned it into this season of darkness, where the focus on our sin leaves us feeling heavy. But for me, this focus on sin and the darkness of the season feels liberating. Sometimes, we need the darkness to remember that the light of Christ still exists and illumines our way. Sometimes we need to remember and repent of our sin to move forward and better love and serve God.

For this Lenten season, my focus is moving toward prayer and the practice of prayer in many different forms. Sometimes prayer can feel scary and daunting, but with a little repetition, we can begin to feel more comfortable. Sometimes it hard to know what to say in our prayers, but with a little patience with ourselves,

we can come to learn that the Spirit speaks for us with sighs too deep for words.

If you haven't already and would still like to sign up to join me and a few others for our prayer bead tutorial, please let me know. We would be happy for you to join us and learn about how the practice of praying with beads can focus and open our prayers up to new possibilities. If you cannot join us via Zoom but would still like a kit, please let me know that as well.

Prayer doesn't have to be so scary or daunting. Lent doesn't have to be so dark and heavy. Or maybe these things do, but our focus can shift a little and open us up to new ways of engaging with this practice and season.

As always, know that I am praying for you, Bone Lake Lutheran, in this and all seasons.

Blessings to you,  
Pastor Mikayla

Walking Together February 20, 2021

Walking Together will look a little different this year. Because of COVID-19, the synod has decided that this event will be online via Zoom. Registration is now open on the synod's website (<http://nswi.org/walking-together>). The theme for this year is Justice League. All the workshops are focused on different issues of justice throughout our synod and the world. If you do not have internet or Zoom access and would still like to participate, please contact Pastor Mikayla and something can be worked out. Please also contact Pastor if you would like more information.

WELCA

There will be no quarterly meetings until Church opens back up or we need a meeting and a safe way will be decided on. There will also be no Apple River Conference Spring Day of Renewal in April per the board meeting held on Jan. 23, 2021.



This beautiful red fox is looking for Lunch in the cornfield.



An otter and some of the swans on Straight River near Bill Schilling's.

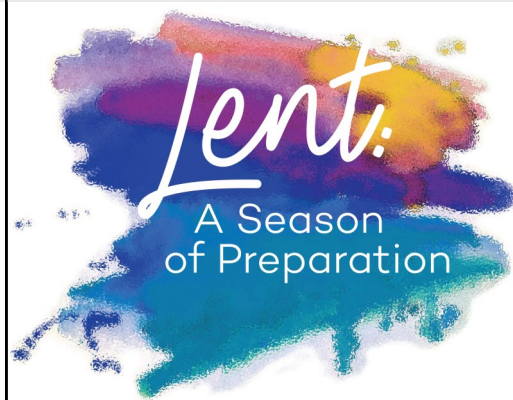
## SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND SERVICES

# FEBRUARY Birthdays

Andrew Hoehne 02/02  
 Maja Ince 02/02  
 Rita Frandsen 02/06  
 Lori Johnson 02/06  
 Jean Boatman 02/07  
 Gary Ehrich 02/07  
 Eljay Montpetit 02/07  
 JadaLynn Meeds 02/08  
 Dawn Ogilvie 02/09  
 Bobbi Fjorden 02/10  
 Tanner Van Meter 02/10  
 Garrett Harder 02/11  
 Marty Ince 02/12  
 Paul Denny 02/13  
 Bob Hallquist 02/14  
 Carol Jenssen 02/14  
 Waylon Buck 02/15  
 Riley Youngman 02/19  
 Macie Grey 02/19  
 Andrea Erickson 02/20  
 Daryl Bazey 02/23  
 Kyle Hunter 02/25  
 Taylor Hanson 02/25



Red polls have come south enough to see some here.



February 17th is Ash Wednesday, and there will be a Drive-up service at 7pm .  
 Lenten Services will be drive-up or Facebook Live on Wednesdays at 7pm.



It has been warm enough that some ponds are opening up enough for eagles to drink.

## FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

As a new council member, I am happy to introduce myself and enjoying my time serving a parish I love. Speaking of love, since this is Valentines Day month, I want to share with you my favorite chapter in the Bible, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. It's a passage you often hear as part of the wedding service. From my google search (I am not a biblical scholar) I find it is not written to a couple, but to members of a church. Paul speaking to the Corinthians, who are attracted to the spiritual gifts of knowledge, prophecy and speaking in tongues, points out that any of these without love are worthless.

*<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*

For some reason the words of this passage speak to me and are words to live by daily, no matter what the context. Paul had in mind. They have a universal message appropriate for all of us, no matter our marital status. Perhaps this Valentines Day when we are shopping for special cards, chocolates, jewelry, or flowers we should be reminded of these words .

Devotion and selflessness to others is Paul's definition of love and what we should build our lives around.

~ Leora Dueholm



# BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

## Bone Lake Lutheran Church “Knowing Jesus—Making Jesus Known” Council Meeting Thursday, January 14, 2021

**Present:** Ben Buck, Danielle Buck, Jon Erickson, Leora Dueholm, Pastor Mikayla, Brenda Buck Absent-Tonya Eichel

**Meeting Called to Order** by Ben.

**Devotions:** Pastor Mikayla lead us in devotions based on Luke 2:13-14  
Devotions in February - Jon, Leora will have March

**Secretary’s Report:** Everyone has received and reviewed the secretary’s report from the last meeting. Brenda made a motion to accept the report, Danielle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Mikayla

Worship

- continuing with online/dial worship until COVID numbers are better as decided by Transition Team (5% positivity rate, 14 consecutive days of positive number decline)
- Drive-in worship planned indefinitely (reports that transmitter works very well)
- Drive up Communion planned for January 31
- working on finding families/individuals to record music for worship

Pastoral Care

- sending cards, publications, etc to homebound members
- calling those on the prayer chain

Education

- Confirmation continues to be a struggle with only two students, re-evaluating how this may be done
- Tuesday Bible study began again studying Deuteronomy

Other

- have begun planning (worship and take home materials) for Lent/Ash Wednesday (Feb 17)
- continuing ed event planned for January 24-25, 2021
- thinking about more faith formation activities for the congregation during Lent

**Worship Report:** Leora gave the worship report. The worship team is working with Pastor on Lent and Easter. Discussion was had that with online worship, readings and music is all recorded early and sent to Chad. It takes some time for him to correctly insert them into the service so he asks that if possible, any changes or additions for the service get to him weeks ahead of time and not days.

**Education:** Leora gave the education report. Discussed needing ideas for encouraging confirmation students to attend online class and brainstorming ideas to help or be creative with this.

**Property Report:** Jon gave a property report. Not a lot going on currently, we nearly had a Christmas Eve plowing issue but were rescued. He has checked the off peak is still working and did turn up the heat a bit in the offices now that winter is here.

**Old Business:**

Mutual Ministry Support Team. Pastor has been working on a list and next meeting we’ll confirm it and get it started

Money in and out-taking in less than we are spending. At this point we’re ok, the Paycheck Protection Loan helped keep us in the black. That has been formally forgiven. Going forward if our offering continues to be low we could have some struggles.

**New Business:**

- It was brought to our attention that the audit team needs to rotate year to year, with members each hanging three year terms. This year Darrel Frandsen, Jill Route and LeRoy Buck have agreed to be on the team. Next year Jill will go off and we’ll find a replacement for her. Laurene will contact them about setting up a time that works for everyone to audit our checkbook and WELCA’s.

-It was suggested that the council take turns writing a “Council Corner” blurb in the monthly newsletter. We all agreed that would be a good idea. We made a tentative contribution schedule:

February: Leora

March: Jon

April: Ben

May: Danielle

June: Tonya

July: Brenda

-Discussed what the number of attendees is required for a quorum at the annual meeting. It is 10% of our total membership. We estimate this to be around 40 people, but Laurene will check the exact number on Monday. If we don’t have a quorum on the 24th, we will still have a short meeting, but will hold off any voting until May/June and until then current council terms will be extended.

-Danielle will make cards for voting. Danielle, Jon and Brenda will man the parking lot, collecting votes and questions. Leora will be stationed at the church door with extra papers. Tonya and Ben will be inside with Pastor and Chad during the meeting. Brenda will go in briefly for the treasurer report. We will do our best to not share microphones and please ask that everyone stay in their car during the meeting. (\* update since the meeting, instead of yes/no cards for voting, Laurene will print ballots.)

**Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer's report was accepted into the record.

A copy of the long budget was shared with the council. There will be a condensed version in the annual report passed out. If anyone is interested in the long form Brenda Buck or Laurene can get you one. A question was asked about the pay for the pianist being dramatically different that was budgeted in 2020- this was because we haven’t been meeting in person.

**Next Meeting:** Will be February 11, with a back up date of the 16th.

**Closing Prayer:** Lord’s Prayer