

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 Bible Study	2 ASH Wed 6PM Soup Supper 7pm Wor-ship	3	4	5 Judy Caroon Funeral
6 10:30a Worship  4-H	7	8  6pm Worship Comm	9  6PM Soup Supper 7pm Wor-ship	10	11	12
13 1030a Worship  Communion	14	15  6:30 Bible Study	16  6PM Soup Supper 7pm Wor-ship	17	18	19
20 10:30a Worship	21 Fisher Deadline	22  6:30 Bible Study	23 6PM Soup Supper 7pm Wor-ship	24 6:00pm Council Mtg	25	26 Walking Together EPIC
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“The Fisher” March 2022

A newsletter for the members and friends of



**Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

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*Preparing for Easter*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Blessed are you who realize there is simply not enough-time, money resources. Blessed are you who are tired of pretending that raw effort is the secret to perfection. It's not. And you know that now. Blessed are you who need a gentle reminder that even now, even today, God is here, and somehow, that is good enough. -Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

Dear Saints of Bone Lake Lutheran,

This month, we start our journey through the season of Lent. We kick off the season with Ash Wednesday (March 2) where we are reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return. The rest of the Wednesdays of Lent, we'll be journeying through the book, Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith by Kate Bowler with some of our neighbors in faith. Please welcome each Pastor and worship leader as they share their gifts with us. Each week, you'll have a guest preacher that will come to worship with you.

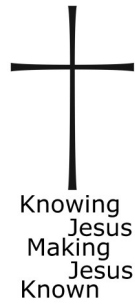
But back to the book for a minute. Each week has a theme that the guest preacher will explore with you. Whether its "Ordinary lives can be holy" or "Lots of things can be medicine", we'll learn about how we can embrace the imperfections of life that we face every day and what our faith has to say about it. I pray that this series is a blessing to each of us.

We're often caught up in making our lives "perfect" or "just right" but what does that actually mean? What is perfect? How can imperfect humans achieve such a lofty goal? Well, to be honest, we can't. We'll never be perfect. Our lives will never be perfect. And that's totally okay. God doesn't expect us to be perfect and is willing to accept us for that. I think what this Lenten season will actually teach us is how to live with the imperfections we face and see how God loves us anyway. Really, if we were perfect and live were perfect, we'd have no reason to celebrate the season of Lent.

I think I've said it before, but I'll say it again. Lent is my favorite season of the church year. This year especially, it will be an oddly welcome theme to meditate on, "embracing the imperfections". Life has been tough for lots of us the last few years, certainly far from perfect. Maybe this Lent, we can better learn how to live with those disappointments that we've all been facing. Maybe we'll learn to see the grace in them. But no matter what, I'd venture to say that we'll learn a little something about the love that God has for us.

So blessings to everyone on their Lenten journeys. May we all learn to embrace the imperfections of our life and faith.

Blessings and peace,  
Pastor Mikayla



Council Meeting continued

New Business:

Meeting with Pastor Randy and Pastor Erin-March 10<sup>th</sup>  
Discussion on revitalizing church  
Laurie Kenyon of Elam wishes to buy old hymnals. Pastor counted 67 hymnals. Brenda suggested ensuring hymnals that were given in memorial do not get sold. Price to be negotiated.  
Brenda suggests having someone check the AED and give some training to those that are very active in groups.  
Jill Route contacted Leora to make a presentation to council.  
Discussion on where Lenten offering should go; to be presented to the congregation

Treasurer's Report:

Did not receive copies of financial reports  
Brenda discussed a line of credit the church had from 2012. There is a zero balance as of now. Motion made by Nancy to continue loan.  
Discussion for new council members, Shahla is now secretary. Nancy is now property committee  
Discussion on council/congregation safety training, fire, tornado, active shooter, etc.

Counters for March 6th: Ben and Shahla

Next Meeting: March 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

\$2808.25

Adjournment: Motion made by Leora to adjourn, seconded by Nancy

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by Ben Buck, Council President

Below are pictures from the sale in November. The total taken is was: \$2808.25

Thank you to everyone who helped!



## SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND SERVICES

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Neal Mellon	03/01
Carter Dueholm	03/02
Alana Montpetit	03/03
Shirley Girard	03/03
Harvey Fjorden	03/03
James Albee	03/06
Kalley Lunsman	03/06
Jeremy Buck	03/07
Rebecca Frandsen	03/07
Lynn Gregorash	03/08
Collin Svoboda	03/10
Darrell Frandsen	03/13
Leora Dueholm	03/14
Maggie Brown	03/14
Paige Livingston	03/19
Mary Brown	03/20
Martha Solfest	03/20
Phyllis Brenizer	03/21
Christina Strusz	03/22
Brent Strege	03/23
Wayne Boatman	03/26
Kristin Boland	03/27
Lillian Strege	03/29
Jack Caroon	03/30

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Velma Broome	03/08/195
Sharon Moore	03/08/1959
Dominic Caroon	03/09/2003
Rhonda Bazey	03/11/1962
Katelyn Pfaff	03/16/1997
Kimberly Erickson	03/18/1958
Melissa Runnels	03/19/1972
Lynn Gregorash	03/20/1955
Gwendolyn Strege	03/21/1971
Kaiden Ogilvie	03/23/2003
Nancy Bradwell	03/24/1957
Linda Jones	03/25/1951
Lori Johnson	03/30/1986

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Curtis & Linda Ysen	03/02/1968	54
David & Brenda Buck	03/07/1992	30
Kelsey & Dane Carey	03/07/2015	7
Jack & Judy Caroon	03/20/1971	51
Michael & Alana Montpetit	03/21/2014	8
Craig & Terri Knowlan	03/26/2007	15

### ALTAR GUILD SCHEULE

**MARCH: Judy Randall, Jill Route**

**APRIL: Joan Sorenson, Velma Broome**

### BONE LAKE ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Bone Lake Lutheran Church Endowment Fund is announcing that scholarship applications are available for Bone Lake Lutheran students of all ages. To request an emailed application or submit your application please email app. to: Andy Brown at scandman71@gmail.com.

### APRIL WORSHIP

#### ASSISTANTS

**\*\* Chris and Melanie Moore**

**Barry & Sherri Schaffer**

**Steve & Edna Tonnar**

**Dale Vlasnik**

**Bob Dueholm**

**Bill Schilling**

**Mike & Brenda Marek**

## FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

### CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

*Our January financial overview:*

*Donations \$13,620*

*Expenses \$6995.08*

As a congregation we are struggling as other churches in the area- the country. Memberships are down, finances stretched, and frustrations at a high level. At our annual meeting frustrations were aired and hopefully that was what was needed to "clear the air." Questions were answered and we can begin our new year on a positive note. I wish to propose some positives that have and are happening in our congregation.

Previous to Easter 2021 Lenten kits were distributed. Easter Sunday being held outside the area was decorated with banners, crosses, and other signage. During the summer of 2021 Pastor Mikayla held after service activities with the theme Seasons of Creation. We led worship at the Polk County Fair. Vacation Bible School happened, admittedly with fewer children, but Chad did his usual artistic best. A Fall Festival was held in September with a meal and outside activities. Trunk/ Treat for the second year happened in our parking lot. Christmas was celebrated with a parishioners participation pageant. Let's consider that all of these positives were in response to our faith statement, Knowing Jesus-Making Jesus Known. "Can we concentrate on the thought that the church starts with Jesus. The world still needs to hear what Jesus is saying." (Pastor Mikayla). Through our faith statement, we at Bone Lake can carry on this mission.

Leora Dueholm

### WELCA

The next Quarterly meeting of W/ELCA will meet on March 12th at 10 am.

Apple River Conference Women of the ELCA are having their Spring Day of Renewal with the theme of "Hope" on April 9th at First Lutheran in Cushing. The church address is 2385 250th Ave. The guest speaker is Meg Corrigan. She is a Christian motivational speaker as well as an author of several books including "Then I Am Strong: Moving from My Mother's Daughter to God's Child." Registration and coffee begin at 8 am, program starts at 9 am. Registration is \$15 and due by April 1st. If interested in attending contact Judy Randall or Joan Sorenson, possible carpooling.

# BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

## Bone Lake Lutheran Church “Knowing Jesus—Making Jesus Known” Council Meeting Tuesday, February 8, 2022 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Nancy Beduhn, Pastor Mikayla, Leora Dueholm, Shahla Brown, Brenda Buck, Danielle Buck,  
Guests: Jim Albee and Laurene Edge

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:00 p.m.

**Devotions:** “Catching People” Pastor Mikayla

**Special Guest: 20 Minutes-Jim Albee,** Jim stated, he wished John and Tonya was here. Jim asked a question to Brenda on general income for annual meeting, asked if PP loan was included in the budget? Brenda explained that she may have inadvertently put the wrong numbers.

Jim questions why the church had so much money in 2016? Laurene gives an explanation that a Thrivent investment was made leaving \$7,000.00 in the checking account.

Someone called Jim asking if Jim knew that Pastor Mikayla is paid \$10,000.00 less than she should be.

Laurene gave Jim an explanation.

Discussion on emergency account that is invested with Thrivent.

Brenda will review Annual Budget regarding ppp loan and correct any issue in either the newsletter or bulletin.

Jim requesting having a balance in the newsletter. Brenda states this can easily be done.

Ben thanks Jim for attending the council meeting.

Ben also thanks Laurene for attending the meeting and for assisting with Jim’s questions.

### Highs and Lows:

**Newsletter Article:** March-Leora, April-Danielle, May-Brenda

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion to accept meeting minutes made by Danielle and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda

### Pastor’s Report: January 2022

#### Worship

- Communion will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month
  - Continue to tweak things for indoor worship, following COVID guidelines as appropriate
  - Planning Lent
  - Ash Wednesday March 2-Soup served by council
  - Round robin Wednesday services, begins March 9
  - Using series called “Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith”
  - Maundy Thursday April 14
  - Good Friday April 15
- Pastoral Care
- Sending cards, publications, etc. to home bound members and those on the prayer list

- Communion visits to homebound and nursing home residents  
Frederic Nursing and Rehab worship held Feb. 6 – most likely to be continued service  
Education

- Tuesday Bible Study has continued, now studying Jeremiah  
Joint High School youth group with Joy Lutheran continues  
Other

- Attended Winter Theological continuing education event Jan. 17

- Attended Luther Point board meetings Jan. 18 and 24

Attended Annual Meeting Jan. 30

Upcoming

- Planning to be a part of the Polk County Mental Health Collaborative-Pastor and Caroline

- Continuing Education event afternoon of Feb. 17

Walking Together and EPIC will be held **online** March 26

### Worship/Education Report:

Holden Evening Prayer for Lenten services “Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith”

Lenten Soup Service council will serve the first Wednesday of Lent.

Leora discussed a Palm Sunday-meal hosted and served by the youth.

Leora then discussed decorations for Easter Sunday

The Worship Assistants list and schedule were discussed. Brenda made recommendation to get active member list and compare to current Worship assistance list.

Coffee and fellowship on Sundays with communion in April after Easter Sunday

Discussion on gathering to make cards before church service.

Sue Sarem is requesting that we have a “familiar” hymnal. Discussion on ways to achieve this.

Youth are planning on going on a mission trip with Joy Lutheran and Pilgrim Lutheran on June 12-17, 2022 to Benton Harbor, MI.

### Property Report:

Gwen Strega has made ribbons to use across closed pews

Keys were made for new council members

### Old Business:

COVID guidelines, do we need to space out again? Encourage masks, distance, signage, sanitize

Open council recruiting-Peggy Schilling, Denise Bazey, Nancy Beduhn, Gloria Rolstad, Rita Frandsen  
Handicap doors on front of church \$2,200.00 in memorial fund, Jon to look in to.

Exit signs need light bulbs-John fixed. Thanks John!!!

Ben donated a snow blower to the church. It is located in the garage behind the church

Faithful Innovations steps going forward Pastor to contact Pastor Randy with dates for councils next meeting with Pastor Randy and Pastor Erin.

Annual Meeting membership was discussed (Giving and Communing are requirements per Bone Lake Lutheran Constitution)

Leora received a call from Rita Frandsen regarding ushering and coffee this led to a discussion on ushers and communion assistants

Need Audit Committee for books, Danielle to call LeRoy, Bob, Laurene, and Darrell

Laurene received an email for stained glass inspection?

Tonya motion to approve budget as presented seconded by Jon (cont. on page 7)