

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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“The Fisher” September 2022

A newsletter for the members and friends of



Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

From the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Mission Endowment Committee
Strengthening Ministry - Today, Tomorrow, Together

Matthew 13:32 : “It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

This passage beautifully illustrates an image of something so small growing into a vibrant network and support system. This, in many ways is symbolic of your Synod Endowment Fund. Since its planting in 2001, the Fund has continued to sprout new branches and has supported dozens of ministries by:

- Encouraging whole life stewardship
- Strengthening and resourcing the ministry of the synod and
- Enhancing the ministry of the synod in addition to, and apart from, its yearly operating budget, with emphasis on, but not limited to:
 - Strengthening congregational vitality
 - Developing ministry for the next generation and
 - Equipping and supporting new leaders through seminary debt assistance, training, and lay leader development

Since inception, the fund has grown to almost a half million dollars and has gifted over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. In the last five years, the Endowment Fund has made gifts to ministries totaling over \$200,000 with \$81,000 of that total given toward Seminary debt assistance.

This year alone, the Endowment Fund gifted over \$47,000 to various congregations and ministries with almost \$20,000 of that total going to Seminary debt assistance. As you can see, the Endowment Fund has been actively supporting ministries throughout the church by not only speaking of God's Love but putting that Love into action.

At this year's April Synod Assembly, the Endowment Fund launched a two-year campaign to raise awareness of the Endowment Fund and to grow the Fund so that the work of the church and its ministries can continue to be supported and enriched. The theme for this campaign is: “**Strengthening Ministry – Today, Tomorrow, Together**” with an emphasis on:

- equipping and supporting leaders (seminary debt assistance and training lay leaders)
- strengthening congregational vitality
- developing ministry for the next generation

Find the letters randomly placed throughout the newsletter (they're printed in red). First one to contact me with the correct word wins a prize! The words won't always be religion based...

No one sent in a guess last month, so let's try it again...

Greetings, fellow followers of Christ,

As you all are undoubtedly aware, our congregation has just entered into a time of transition. And, as we collectively bless Pastor Mikayla on her new position to minister to families experiencing hospice care knowing that she is well-equipped for this ministry, we may well wonder about the well-being of our church. Times of change cause a variety of reactions and feelings in all of us: uncertainty and stress, doubt, confusion, and possibly resentment, among others.

Though we must grieve any losses, I would encourage us all to think of Psalms 3:5-6, where it is written: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

I pray that we will be able to turn our hearts and minds to our faith and embrace this transition time as a time of renewal, a time to re-engage ourselves with our faith community and our ministries in the community. There will be many opportunities over the next few months to discuss who we are as a congregation and what God would have us “be up to” in our neighborhood.

Please know that your council members will be working diligently to guide our church through this transition. We ask that you might continue to pray for us, for those assisting us in this process, for those who will provide us with pastoral care and leadership in the near future, and for ourselves as a community of believers in the mission of Jesus in the world who seek to “Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known”.

In Christ's Love,
Shahla Brown

Knowing
Jesus
Making
Jesus
Known

AUGUST

Birthdays & Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sherri Schaffer	09/02
Jeanie Schilling	09/02
Karen Fjorden	09/03
Christina White	09/04
Connor Svoboda	09/04
Raymond Dueholm	09/06
Barott Strege	09/06
Sarah Dueholm	09/07
Tim Bradwell	09/16
Michael Montpetit	09/16
Adam Nick	09/16
Jordyn Siebenthal	09/16
Eric Dueholm	09/17
Nancy Hunter	09/17
Dale Johnson	09/18
Dawson Van Meter	09/19
Jim Kenyon	09/20
Candace Buck	09/20
Peter Dueholm B	09/21
Randy Mattson	09/21
Riley Runnels	09/23
Sue Saarem	09/27
Nancy Beduhn	09/28
Craig Knowlan	09/29
Debra Boerboon	09/29
Cheryl Schilling	09/30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Edna Tonnar	09/03/1966	56
Jon & Kim Erickson	09/20/1975	47
Ben & Danielle Buck	09/30/2017	5

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Audrey Mattson	09/01/2013
Tanner Buck	09/03/2000
Joan Sorenson	09/05/1948
Bruin Mattson	09/06/2015
William White	09/06/2009
Daryl Bazey	09/11/1960
Karen Fjorden	09/15/1963
Barry Schaffer	09/15/1957
Zachary Kuechenmeister	09/17/1995
Gwynne Wisse	09/18/1955
Holly Hall	09/18/1966
Peggy Schilling	09/18/1966
Mason Brown	09/19/2004
Jeremiah Johnson	09/21/1997
Randahl Mattson	09/22/1963
Candace Buck	09/22/1991
Melodi Fjorden	09/23/1960
Dale Johnson	09/23/1973
James Svoboda	09/24/1967
Nicole Grey	09/26/1986
Christopher Kuechenmeister	09/28/1997

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER: GWEN STREGE

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Mary Brown—LEAD

Don & Velma Broome

Sharon Moore

Kendra Moore

Betty Schandorff

Dane & Kelsey Carey

LeRoy & Phyllis Brenizer

Jessica Summerfield

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The goal over the next two years is to increase the endowment fund by \$125,000 and to generate future commitments of an additional \$150,000. The Endowment Fund is committed today and into the future to assist and support churches, ministries, and seminarians with their ministry journeys. **Therefore, the Endowment Fund is asking for your partnership through a gift to help ministries of the church in their journey.** Gifts may be cash or an optional future financial commitment. Whether you have much to give or a small amount to share, leaving a gift through the **Today, Tomorrow, Together** campaign will have long lasting impact. Together we are responding to the story of God's generosity in the world. The Endowment Fund is only able to do all this great work because of people just like you who chose to make a gift to the Synod Endowment Fund. Because of your generosity, incredible stories are unfolding, and lives are being touched. It is truly God's Work, Our Hands.

For more information or to make a gift, please contact the Synod Office or visit the Synod Website at: <http://nswi.org/giving>

The image in Matthew 13:32 gives us a promise of new growth, strength, and support. We know that the church in ten years will look far different than it does today. We know that we need to do more to support those changes within ministries and prepare church leaders for the future. Because of your generosity, the smallest of seeds can become the strongest of trees. Thank you for your continued support of the Northwest Synod Mission Endowment Fund.

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

July Financial Update

July Beginning Balance:	7,439.33
Income/Donations:	7542.75
Expenses:	7731.27
July Ending Balance	7,250.81

It's been requested that we also include the beginning and ending checkbook balances in our monthly updates.

Photos on front cover:

Giant Swallowtails are pale yellow on their underside

Green Heron at the pond waiting for a fish or frog

Clear Winged Sphinx Moth

Black swallowtail—not as common as the giant swallowtail

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Bone Lake Lutheran Church
“Knowing Jesus—Making Jesus Known”
Council Meeting Tuesday, August 6, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Present: Brenda Buck, Nancy Beduhn, Shahla Brown, Danielle Buck, Pastor Mikayla Kopp, Leora Dueholm

Meeting Called to Order: 8:02pm

Newsletter Article: September - Shahla

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Mikayla

Worship

- Communion will continue on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, adjusted as needed
- Season of Creation continuing

Pastoral Care

- sending cards, publications, etc. to home bound members and those on the prayer list
- Communion visits to homebound and nursing home residents
- Baptismal birthday cards sent each month
- Visitation Team training/sending

Education

- Tuesday Bible Study taking break for summer

Upcoming

- Season of Creation continuing

Other

- Conversations with synod regarding transitions and leave taking

Property Report: Nancy Beduhn

The engineer from the insurance company came out on Monday, Aug. 8 to give a second opinion on the possible hail damage to the roof. We can expect his report in the next week.

Nancy also contacted the Polk County Fair administration about repairing the roof of the fair booth damaged by hail.

Old Business:

Pastor Mikayla’s resignation
Zoom call with Pastor Randy -

Discussion:

Zoom call with Pastor Randy from the synod happened Thursday, Aug. 11.

A meeting with Pastor Randy and Pr. Matt Saarem is tentatively set for Aug. 31st.

New Business:

Ben is working on finding a pastor for pastoral care. Pastor Angie has agreed to provide pastoral care for August and September.

Pulpit supply has been contacted to find ministers to cover Sunday worship. We haven’t had any responses yet. Pastor Arndt no longer preaches and Pastor Crossfield hasn’t responded yet. Brenda will contact Lynn and Karoline to cover non-communion Sundays. Shahla offered to help as well. Karoline will take care of September 4th and 18th. Chad will create something for August 21st.

Laurene is having issues receiving emails sometimes. Think about establishing a gmail account for the church office.

Tuesday, August 30th, Melody Fjorden is using the kitchen and fellowship hall for a birthday party.

Shahla contacted Pastor Mike and is now receiving the monthly Loaves & Fishes report. The list of food needs will be printed in the bulletin and Fisher and the shopping cart will be parked in the narthex.

Treasurer’s Report: Will look at these during the August 31st meeting.

Counters for August

Next Meeting: August 31st

Adjournment: Motioned by Brenda, seconded by Leora

Closing Prayer: Led by Pastor Mikayla

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LOAVES AND FISHES

Needs for next month: fresh produce, eggs, shelf milk, laundry soap, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, canned meat, canned mandarin oranges, apple sauce, dish soap.