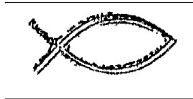


FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7pm AA	3 Quilters Meet	4
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“The Fisher” February 2023

A newsletter for the members and friends of



Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

1101 255th Ave Luck WI 54853

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Pastor's Pen

Pastor Matt

Contact for Pastor Matt: If you need to reach him for any reason, Pastor Matt says his cell-phone is the best way. 715-553-2670

Pastor's Pen will return in March.

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

It is only the end of January as I write this. I am still pondering the new year and thinking about resolutions. A recent talk show host challenged its listeners to think about goals rather than resolutions. Consider their meanings; Resolution—a firm decision to do or not do something. Goal—an aim or objective that you work toward with effort and determination. Example— Resolution— lose weight. Goal— lose 40 pounds, participate in a weight- loss exercise program, eat more fruits and vegetables. Do you see the difference? The effort and determination part of setting goals is more specific and suggest a more definitive plan.

The Bible suggests resolutions. 1 Timothy 2:15. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. Some practical suggestions as to new year resolutions/ goals are to be realistic, be willing to make sacrifices necessary to reach them, have proper motivation for stopping or starting whatever activity/ habit you are wanting to change, find a partner, don't become discouraged with occasional failures and rely on God's strength to help you. Keep in mind Lamentations 3:40. Let us examine our ways and test them and let us return to the Lord. Happy New Year.

Leora Dueholm

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

December Financial Update

December Beginning Balance:	10,924.25
Income/Donations:	18,681.80
Expenses:	13,555.52
December Ending Balance	16,051.13

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

Headsets for those with hearing aids was also discussed to assist hard of hearing parishioners to hear the service better. A motion was made by Jessica Summerfield to reimburse Chad for the camera of \$436.96 and to have up to \$2,000.00 available for Chad to make purchases for the new technology, Mary Brown 2nd; motion passed.

The cost of snowplowing both the front and back of the church parking lot, plus the driveway at the Parsonage is \$185.00 each time they come to plow. Nancy Beduhn asked if W/ELCA could help with the cost. Gloria Rolstad made a motion to give \$1,000.00 to the church for snowplowing, for the 2022-2023 winter season, Pat Rupp 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Will revisit the financial support for snowplowing in future years, if needed.

For Christmas 2022, a monetary gift was given by W/ELCA to the Pastor, Organist, Visual/Sound Technician, Secretary, and Custodian. W/ELCA will revisit this discussion at the September 2023 W/ELCA Quarterly meeting to determine if this will continue in future years.

Due to the lack of Christmas craft items for the Deer Hunter Widower's Craft Sale last November, proceeds were down from previous years. A Craft Club was created to organize people's craft ideas and help gather materials for craft items. Everyone at church is invited to join in to make Christmas crafts and/or share ideas. Those who have volunteered to belong to the Craft Club are Barb Walstrom, Leora Dueholm, Lynn Albee and Gloria Rolstad. When we gather to make the crafts, we will meet at church and enjoy fellowship, coffee and food.

The Bone Lake Lutheran W/ELCA group is going to put together a list of ideas to help those who need help in our community. This new Outreach program and ideas will be discussed at the March W/ELCA meeting.

Please list the name of the circle on the envelope when money is collected and given to W/ELCA.

Any updates and changes for the 2023 W/ELCA booklet need to be given to Joan Sorenson as quickly as possible.

Our new Sister Church for 2023-2024 is Georgetown Lutheran Church. There will be discussion in the future on when to meet with our sisters in faith and any program and meals to plan. To receive the Synodical Women's Organization Newsletter (vlcekk@yahoo.com) and the Apple River Conference Newsletter (sk_grill@yahoo.com) people will need to give their email to those listed and ask to be included on the list for the newsletters. Joan Sorenson will have the latest copies available at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29th.

Gloria Rolstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jessica Summerfield 2nd; motion passed and meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Events:

April 22nd – Apple River Conference “Spring into Life” Day
June 12th – Bone Lake quarterly W/ELCA Meeting
July 27th-30th – Polk County Fair
September 18th – Bone Lake quarterly W/ELCA Meeting
September 23rd – Apple River Conference W/ELCA Leadership Gathering

Submitted by Secretary Gloria Rolstad

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rita Frandsen	02/06
Lori Johnson	02/06
Eljay Montpetit	02/07
Jean Boatman	02/07
JadaLynn Meeds	02/08
Tanner Van Meter	02/10
Paul Denny	02/13
Bob Hallquist	02/14
Carol Jenssen	02/14
Macie Grey	02/19
Andrea Erickson	02/20
Daryl Bazey	02/23

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Barry & Sharry Schaffer	02/02/1980
Roger & Pat Neumann	02/12/1966

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Jessica Summerfield	02/07/1971
Sherri Schaffer	02/10/1960
Steve Tonnar	02/14/1961
Duane Wisse	02/15/2048
Bentley Route	02/15/2015
Brandon Hostrup	02/18/2001
Roger Neumann	02/18/1945
Tyler Paulsen	02/20/2005
Denise Nelson	02/23/1975
Lynn Albee	02/25/1951
Paige Runnels	02/28/2001



Reflections of Grace 2/6 at 6pm
Naomi Circle 2/24 9:30am

**W/ELCA Meeting
January 14, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Joan Sorenson. Joan read the prayer and all those in attendance read the Purpose Statement. Co-President Judy Randall read John 3:1-5 for our devotions. Secretary Gloria Rolstad read the minutes of the last meeting. Mary Brown made a motion to approve the report as read, Pat Rupp 2nd the motion; motion passed. The Treasurer's report was given by Co-Treasurer Mary Brown. After a few questions, a motion was made by Gloria Rolstad to approve the report as given, Pat Rupp 2nd the motion; motion passed. Old Business: The Polk County Health Department will be having a food handler's certification class on Monday, January 23, 2023 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Balsam Lake beginning at 8:30 am and finishing at 5:00 pm. Pat Rupp will be taking this class. Gift of Warm Clothing was held on October 7th and 8th. We served 269 individuals and 70 families, which is an increase of 20% from 2021. The total made from the Deer Hunter Widower's Craft Sale was \$2,478.55, which included proceeds made from the 34 items at the Silent Auction. The Gift of Warm Clothing was given \$2,238.00 and the rest of the proceeds going to W/ELCA. Jay's Carpet Cleaning service will be coming to clean the carpets at church and at the Parsonage during the week of January 22nd. Date to be determined. The Community Thanksgiving Dinner was held inside the Fellowship Hall for the first time since Covid began. A total of 155 dinners were served with 104 dinners served in the Fellowship Hall and 51 dinners for take-out. This is the most ever served for the Thanksgiving Community meal. The Apple River Conference Leadership Training scheduled for October 22nd was cancelled due to the lack of registrations to attend. New Business: Chad Strege and Nancy Beduhn had talked about the need for better technology for the church. Chad presented various options for new equipment to replace or upgrade the current system in place at church. Chad had purchased a new camera for a cost of \$436.96 and said the cost of new speakers for the Fellowship Hall will cost about \$480.00 and a new microphone system will cost approximately \$900.00.

Luther Point Bible Camp is coming up soon. If you have children you would like to send, please contact Jessica Summerfield, or Shahla or Andy Brown.

Info will be coming soon about the Spring Fling.

MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- ** Nancy Hunter**
- Mike & Lil Wilson**
- Jeff & Lori Pfaff**
- Jim & Donna Davidson**
- Sherri Livingston**
- Shane & Denise Nelson**
- Joan Sorenson**



The Lenten Season begins on February 22nd with ASH Wednesday. Wednesday during Lent there will be a soup supper at 6pm, followed by worship at 7pm. We will be doing the Holden Evening Prayer service. There is a sign up board in the narthex for the soup supper.

For God so lo**V**ed the world
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So **N**,
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i**N** him should not perish
but hav**E** everlasting life.
(John 3:16, NKJV)

LOAVES AND FISHES

We need more volunteer workers as several have gone South for the winter. Please call Pam Girtz 320-232-7541

For more information.

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Bone Lake Lutheran Church
“Knowing Jesus—Making Jesus Known”
Council Meeting Thursday, January 12, 2023 5:00 p.m.

Present: Brenda Buck, Leora Dueholm, Shahla Brown, Ben Buck, Danielle Buck, Nancy Beduhn

Meeting Called to Order: by Ben @ 5:04

Devotions: Ben opened the meeting with a prayer

Newsletter Article February-Leora, March-Nancy; April - Shahla

Meeting Minutes: Motion made to approve previous meeting minutes by Nancy; seconded by Brenda

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Matt was absent so no Pastor Report
Christmas Eve service candles were found

Worship/Education Report:
The worship committee has not met since November.
Adult education continues weekly.
There is discussion of beginning to offer Sunday school in some capacity. A meeting is scheduled for Jan. 18th @ 5pm.
SHY - youth are participating in the youth groups at Joy Lutheran and East Balsam Baptist

Property Report:
Kitchen servers need to be sure that the coffee pot is turned off when they leave.
Need to ask parishioners to help out with sidewalk shoveling.

Old Business:
Transition Team Discussion and call assignment-
Call Committee- Randy Kelly, Velma Broome, Daryl Frandsen, Lynn Albee, Nancy Beduhn, Leora Dueholm, Gloria Rolstad
Transition Team-Karoline White, Shahla Brown, Ben Buck, Jessica Summerfield, Gwynne Wisse, Ann Boland
Create Timeline for Transition and Call Committee. - waiting for Pastor Matt

Annual Meeting-Agenda and Budget needs to be in early
All questions/comments will be asked in front of church-3 minute max
Audit Committee-LeRoy Buck, Bob Dueholm, and Daryl Frandsen
Discussion on council elections-Nomination Committee Leora, Danielle,
Discussion on Meeting software for meetings-Danielle will be looking into this
Chad ordered Camera, Headphones. Will attend the WELCA meeting to ask for funds.
Discussion on Holy Communion records - need to begin using pew pads again to record communion
Assignment of worship assistants needs reviewing - Brenda, Shahla, and Leora will do so

New Business:
Timeline for Transition Team - tabled until Pastor Matt is back
Annual Budget Discussion -
Nancy made a motion to approve the 2023 budget; Leora seconded the motion
Discussion on Memorial Gifts -
Vote passed unanimously to install electric door openers and upgrade electrical systems as necessary.
Annual Meeting Agenda - reviewed
General Discussion
Discussion on Meeting software for meetings-Danielle will be looking into this next month
Worship Committee? - Needs to begin meeting regularly again. Nancy, Leora, and Shahla will find a date
Emails - Suggest that Pastor Matt use the church email instead of only personal email
ADRC request to hold conference - Vote passed unanimously to let ADRC use the church for their conference in April

Treasurer’s Report - complete

Counters for February:	
January 15, 2023	Ben and Brenda
January 22, 2023	Nancy and Danielle
January 29, 2023	Leora and Ben
February 5, 2023	Shahla and Danielle
February 12, 2023	Brenda and Shahla

Next meeting: Thursday, February 9th @ 5pm

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Shahla; motion seconded by Nancy

Closing Prayer: Closed with a prayer from Autopsy of a Deceased Church led by Leora

Respectfully Submitted by Shahla Brown
January 14, 2023