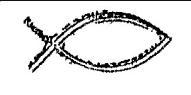


MARCH 2023

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|--|---------|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |         | 1<br>9a-3p Office<br>10a-12p Pastor<br><br>6pm Supper<br>7pm Service      | 2   | 3<br><br><b>Quilters</b>   | 4   |
| 5<br><b>9:15 Bible Study</b><br><br><b>10:30a Worship</b>  | 6<br><br>9a-3p Office<br>10a-12p Pastor                            | 7       | 8<br><br>9a-3p Office<br>10a-12p Pastor<br><br>6pm Supper<br>7pm Service  | 9<br><br><b>5:30 Council Meeting</b><br><br><b>7pm AA</b><br><br>7pm Bone Lake Town Board Mtg | 10   | 11<br><br><b>8a-4p Walking Together</b><br><br><b>WELCA General Meeting 10:00am</b> |
| 12<br><b>9:15 Bible Study</b><br><br><b>1030a Worship</b>  | 13<br><br>9a-3p Office<br>10a-12p Pastor                           | 14      | 15<br><br>9a-3p Office<br>10a-12p Pastor<br><br>6pm Supper<br>7pm Service | 16<br><br><b>7pm AA</b>   | 17<br><b>Quilters</b><br><br> | 18  |
| 19<br><b>9:15 Bible Study</b><br><br><b>10:30a Worship</b> | 20<br><b>Fisher Deadline</b><br><br>9a-3p Office<br>10a-12p Pastor | 21      | 22<br><br>9a-3p Office<br>10a-12p Pastor<br><br>6pm Supper<br>7pm Service | 23<br><br>7pm AA  | 24   | 25  |
| 26<br><b>9:15 Bible Study</b><br><br><b>10:30 Worship</b>  | 27<br><br>9a-3p Office<br>10a-12p Pastor                           | 28      | 29<br><br>9a-3p Office<br>10a-12p Pastor<br><br>6pm Supper<br>7pm Service | 30<br><br>7pm AA  | 31<br><br>Quilters<br><br>9:30 Naomi Circle  |   |
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**“The Fisher” March 2023**

A newsletter for the members and friends of



**Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

1101 255th Ave Luck WI 54853

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Picture by Joan Sorenson      Ruffed grouse are eating tree buds





## 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**

We are off to a slow start for Lent because of the weather we are experiencing. We cancelled our Ash Wednesday service in favor of an "Ash Sunday" on February 26<sup>th</sup>. This leads us into the month of March, which is entirely in the season of Lent.

The word "Lent" is from an Anglo-Saxon word *Lencten* or *Lenchthen* which mean the lengthening of the days as Spring appears. As new life evidenced in leaves budding, and vegetation once again turning green, it points forward in time to the new life Jesus brings, beginning with his resurrection from the dead.

Lent begins forty-six days before Easter in spite of the fact that Lent is a season of forty days. This is because Sundays are not part of Lent. Sundays are considered "little Easters" in our Lenten journey. The start of Lent depends on when Easter occurs. In 325 a.d., the church decided Easter would fall on the first Sunday after the full moon which occurs on or after March 21.

Lent is a penitential period. Personally I like to think of it not so much giving up something, or worrying excessively about some sin we want to overcome (important as that may be). Rather I like to think of it as a coming to the end of ourselves, and letting Christ have control of our lives.

I wish you a blessed Lent. It is a time of fellowship as we partake of soup suppers, and gather around *The Holden Evening Prayer*. I am planning on presenting various ways of praying the Scriptures for our meditation on Wednesday evenings. Soup will be at 6:00 p.m. and the service will be at 7:00 p.m. I hope to see many of you during those services.

God bless you all,  
Pastor Matt



## WELCA GENERAL MEETING

March 11, 10:00am

All women are welcome!

Refreshments served by Naomi Circle.

## CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

### *January Financial Update*

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>January Beginning Balance:</b> | <b>16,051.13</b> |
| <i>Income/Donations:</i>          | 13,201.20        |
| <i>Expenses:</i>                  | 8,497.08         |
| <b>January Ending Balance</b>     | <b>20,755.25</b> |

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

## CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Beginning Sunday March 5th, there will be Sunday School from 11:20-11:50. All children are welcome!!



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Velma Broome      | 03/08/1959 |
| Sharon Moore      | 03/08/1959 |
| Dominic Caroon    | 03/09/2003 |
| Rhonda Bazey      | 03/11/1962 |
| Katelyn Musial    | 03/16/1997 |
| Kimberly Erickson | 03/18/1958 |
| Melissa Runnels   | 03/19/1972 |
| Lynn Gregorash    | 03/20/1955 |
| Gwendolyn Strege  | 03/21/1971 |
| Nancy Bradwell    | 03/24/1957 |
| Lori Johnson      | 03/30/1986 |
| Sara Route        | 03/31/1984 |



Naomi Circle Friday March 31st 9:30

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Curtis and Linda Ysen 3/2/1968  
David and Brenda Buck 3/7/1992  
Michael and Alana Montpetit 3/21/2014  
Craig and Terri Knowlan 3/26/2007  
Doug and Lori Johnson 3/30/1985

### APRIL WORSHIP

#### ASSISTANTS

Chris & Melanie Moore

Steve & Edna Tonnar

Dale Vlasnik

Bob Dueholm

Mike & Brenda Marek

Sarah & Pete Dueholm

**( There will be some fill-ins needed for April, so volunteers are encouraged to sign up for a spot)**

#### Alter Guild-March

Joan Sorenson

Peggy Schilling

#### Altar Guild-April

Gloria Rolstad

Velma Broome

*Thank you to all church friends for the thoughts, prayers, comfort and support throughout Dad's years and passing. Special thanks to the WELCA ladies for their hard work and great lunch at his service! All is greatly appreciated! He will be missed!*

*The family of Bill Schilling.*

When thinking about what to write for the March newsletter, it becomes easy to get overwhelmed by all that needs to be accomplished.

God wants us to strive to live more fully in the present, refusing to worry about tomorrow. Striving involves devoting serious effort and energy to

something; it usually includes struggle. We must exert continual effort if we want to live present tense, in God's presence.

It is essential to resist the temptation to worry. We live in a fallen world, full of sin and struggles- we will never run short of things that can provoke

anxiety. However, we need to remember that each day has enough trouble of its own. God decides how much difficulty you will encounter on a

given day. He knows how much we can handle with his help. God is always near, ready to strengthen, encourage and comfort us.

Pursuing a closer walk with God is the best way to live in the present. When your thoughts start to wander, keep bringing your thoughts back to

God.

Isaiah 41 verse 10 *Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

God's peace be with all of you,

Nancy Beduhn

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Bone Lake Lutheran Church  
“Knowing Jesus—Making Jesus Known”  
Council Meeting Thursday, February 9, 2023 5:30 p.m.

**Present:** Pastor Matt, Nancy, Laurene, Leora, Ben, Shahla, Denise, Danielle

**Meeting Called to Order:** Ben Buck @ 5:42pm

**Devotions:** Ben Buck devotion - Stop, Look, Listen

**Highs/Lows:** Everyone shared highs and lows of the week.

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

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion to accept by Nancy; Leora seconded

**Pastors Report:** given by Pastor Matt  
Provided input on budget format  
Suggest implementing the Alpha course - a course on Christianity created by the Anglican Church meets weekly 13 sessions, requires a whole congregation commitment  
Ends with a Celebration/Introduction dinner

**Worship/Education Report:** A committee did meet in January to make plans to begin offering Sunday school. The plan is to hold Sunday school every other week. Still need to decide when (during worship or after). We will likely begin sometime in March.

**Property Report:** Andy & Jon moved furniture to prepare for carpet cleaning.

**Old Business:**  
Transition Team Discussion and call assignment-  
Call Committee- Randy Kelly, Velma Broome, Darrell Frandsen, Lynn Albee, Nancy Beduhn, Leora Dueholm, Gloria Rolstad  
Transition Team-Karoline White, Shahla Brown, Ben Buck, Jessica Summerfield, Gwynn Wisse, Anne Boland  
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  
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

Discussion:  
The Zoom account is current. Danielle is still looking into other possibilities.  
Worship committee: 3rd Monday @ 5pm

**New Business:**  
The budget present and future  
Pastor Matt revised and recalculated the budget and financial report. He created a more streamlined version. Discussed the difference between a budget and financial reports.  
A budget should represent the vision of the church.  
Conflict policy  
A draft of a conflict policy was presented by Pastor Matt for the council’s consideration.  
We will revisit this next month.  
Transition team timeline  
The transition team needs to begin working on the Ministry Site Profile ASAP. Shahla will reach out to the transition team to set up meeting times.  
Installation of Council  
The installation of the council will occur this Sunday, the 12th during worship. We will also recognize Brenda’s time on council at that time.  
Property - Nancy will look into getting the front door lock fixed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Motion to accept by DENise; Leora seconded

**Counters for February:**  
February 12, 2023 Ben and Shahla  
February 19, 2023 Danielle and Leora  
February 26, 2023 Nancy and Denise  
March 5, 2023 Danielle and Shahla  
March 12, 2023 Denise and Nancy

**Next meeting:** Thursday, March 9 @ 5:30pm

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Shahla; Nancy seconded

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Matt led us in the Lord’s Prayer

**Respectfully submitted by Shahla Brown**  
**February 9, 2023**

**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.**

**Spring Fling sale will be April 29th. Start gathering items to donate. Any questions, contact Jessica, Shahla, or Andy.**