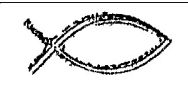


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“The Fisher” August 2023

A newsletter for the members and friends of



Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

1101 255th Ave Luck WI 54853

Address Service Requested





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

The Polk County Fair is over. It was amazing to see the community effort in the flurry of activity that occurred leading up to the fair for many weeks prior.

Thanks to everyone who helped, who put out so much effort to support our congregation in reaching out to our community through our Food Booth. It is a joy to see how a group of brothers and sisters in Christ can work together to accomplish something good.

I'm sure many of you are exhausted from your effort. And as I look at my calendar for August, I see what looks like a fairly routine month. There aren't many extras scheduled, other than refreshing times of worship.

God rested after a busy six days of creating, and on the seventh day he rested, and established Sabbath rest. For us that may not be on any particular day, but the point is that after activity it is good for us to rest. It's good for our bodies. It's good for our minds. It's good for our spirits.

One thing that is happening in August is our last Alpha class on Monday, August 7th. It has been a joy for us to provide this, and I hope it's enriched your faith. If you want to use Alpha as an outreach program, you would need to run another course, and invite others who have not attended to come and see what it's about.

I wish you, brothers and sisters, a very blessed month of August.

Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt working the fair booth—before they had to evacuate for the storm



CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

June Financial Update

Beginning Balance:	16,464.23
Income/Donations:	10,648.01
Expenses:	13,579.22
Ending Balance	13,533.02

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

Facebook post from The Polk County Fair:

Another one is in the books. The 2023 Polk County Fair has come to a close. There were certainly challenges, but there were also some huge wins. We have so many photos and stories and triumphs to share that we will continue to post for a bit. However, on a personal note, I'd like to thank the Bone Lake Lutheran food stand for making my wife and I supper this evening. While I try to do my Fair share of Fair work, it could also be argued that there are many others who do more. Jess [#Jessicaisthebest](#) and her team noticed that I was starting to look a little ragged around the edges. I came back to my home base at the fair and this is what I found. From the bottom of my heart (and tummy)... Thank you! It was even more delicious than it looks.



People enjoyed the dinners and the PIES!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

William White	08/01
Betty Schandorff	08/06
David Broome	08/06
Lynette Johnson	08/07
Dominic Caroon	08/08
Aubre Witthoft	08/11
Ramsey Livingston	08/22
Shirley Hallquist	08/23
Jada Nick	08/23
Mary Richter	08/26
Peggy Schilling	08/28
Edna Tonnar	08/28
Kylie Buck	08/28
Curtis Ysen	08/29
Barry Schaffer	08/29
David Richter	08/30

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Tammy Peterson	08/??/1981
Gloria Rolstad	08/??/1954
Lowell Route	08/??/1964
Connie Buck	08/02/1970
Jillian Peterson	08/06/1995
Morgan Pfaff	08/06/1999
Brenda Buck	08/09/1979
Brady Lunsman	08/27/2000
Jordan Bazey	08/27/1995
Paige Livingston	08/28/2011
Ramsey Livingston	08/28/2011
Kevin Meeds	08/30/1981

Naomi Circle Tues August 29th 10:00
at church



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Lil Wilson	08/07/1982
Todd & Jill Route	08/08/1981
Jim & Linda Svoboda	08/16/2003
Wayne & Jean Boatman	08/17/1987
Kristin & Chris Boland	08/23/2003
Bill & Karoline White	08/23/1975
Ben and Danielle Buck	08/26/2017

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pat Rupp Lead**
Gwen Strege
Rick & Pam James
Pat & Kristin Jones
David & Brenda Buck
Adrian Mattson
Chad Strege
Lois Olson

Alter Guild-August
Gloria Rolstad

Alter Guild September

**In the kitchen at the
Fair Booth**



Sore feet!



Greetings, fellow followers of Christ,

Reminiscing about Sunday school the other day led me to think of 2 songs that we had to practice many times before we got it right, not the music, but the words because they were fast tongue-twisters. The kids and I would practice them endlessly in the car. The first of these was the Books of the Old Testament, thank you Veggie Tales, and the second was about the fruits of the Spirit. It goes like this...

Oh, the fruit of the Spirit's not a strawberry, the fruit of the spirit's not a strawberry;

If you wanna be a strawberry, you might as well hear it - You can't be a fruit of the Spirit

'Cause the fruits are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (repeat)

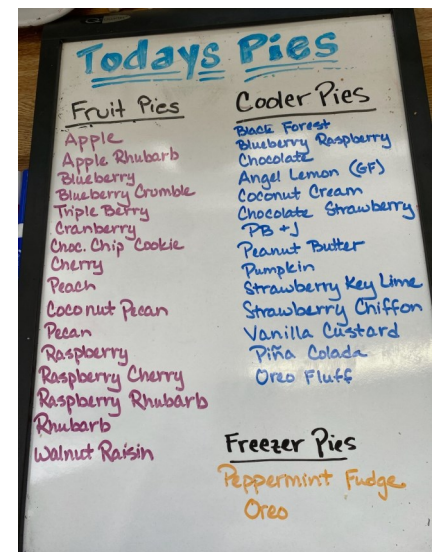
This was a silly Sunday school song that we would sing faster and faster until everyone was screeching and laughing. But, we knew the names of the fruits of the Spirit SO well because we had built up our muscle memory.

The trick, of course, is to go beyond muscle memory to "keep in step with Spirit" and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in the right direction. By focusing on God, we can give the Holy Spirit space to make us into the fruits of the spirit we are created to be.

In Christ's Love,
Shahla Brown

**Saturday pie
list—how could
you choose just
one?!**

**Thank you to everyone who helped
with the 2023 Polk County Fair Booth!
To everyone who donated food, made
pies, cookies, bars, all of the ladies who
made the main dishes at the church,
and everyone who worked the booth,
those who did laundry, cleaning/ main-
taining the booth. Without all of your
help, we could not do this every year!
The Fair Committee**



BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Bone Lake Lutheran Church
“Knowing Jesus—Making Jesus Known”
Council Meeting Thursday, July 13, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Present: Shahla Brown, Pastor Matt Saarem, Ben Buck, Nancy Beduhn, Leora Dueholm, Danielle Buck

Meeting Called to Order: @ 5:35

Guest: Dustin Graf-Roof Repair -

from Affordable Exteriors offering roof repairs from hail damage
also is a representative of REF/NPO who does solar

Devotions: Ben led a devotion about standing tall through our fires. Isaiah 43:2-3
(Denise devotions for August.)

Highs/Lows: All shared

Newsletter Article - August - Shahla; September - Denise ; October - Danielle

Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept by Denise; Leora seconded

Property Report:

Weeds around the Church need to be cleaned up

Power Door - Town board will not be helping out for the door

WELCA will put in \$1,000

We will bring it up to the Thrivent fund (\$750)

Andy has put in about 5 hours pruning at the parsonage

Parsonage yard has been infested with Japanese beetles - self-rising flour will
kill them and has been applied

Property Discussion:

Weed pulling - ask people to stay to pull some of them this Sunday, the 16th

Pastor’s Report:

1. Visits: 23

2. Pastoral Acts: June 30, 2023 Funeral Betty Dunnum

3. The Alpha Course is in its 11th week not counting some holidays. There
are four more weeks in the course.

4. Lucky Days cooperation, 9:30 a.m. July 23rd at Triangle Park in Luck.
We will worship there on the 23rd and not have services in our Bone Lake
Lutheran facility.

5. Thanks to Kristin Boland for filling in for me when I was gone at my
Class Reunion. Thanks to the council for giving me the time off. We en-
joyed ourselves greatly.

Old Business:

MSP Salary update - We are waiting for some additional information from
the synod.

Call Process Discussion - Nancy will be in contact with Randy for candi-
dates.

Call committee budget - Agreed to cover all expenses of call candidate (eg
mileage, lodging).

Automatic door opener - Nancy got a bid from Spooner Window & Door.
Nancy will ask the Town Board to see if they might be willing to share
the cost.

Medical equipment: Purchase blood pressure cuff and pulse-O2 finger clip
and create a “crash bag”, Nancy will ask Melissa Thompson at the ambu-
lance service to check our AED. Denise motioned; Daniella second

Ordination gift for Kristin - Danielle & Shahla will choose something.

Potluck planned for Sunday, July 9th.

Old Business Discussion:

Nancy still working on setting something up with Melissa Thompson

New Business:

Call Process Update/Discussion - working on questions

Ordination gift update - Ordination gift ordered

125th Anniversary plans - Ben will mention at worship the need for ideas

Help out with Worship in the Park on July 23 - Pastor Matt & Nancy Beduhn
will help out

Look into changing the secretary position to secretary/treasurer - check con-
stitution

Treasurer’s Report: motion to accept by Nancy ; Denise seconded

Pastor will mention that giving was down for the month of June.

Counters for July:

July 16- Leora & Nancy

July 23 - add to 30th

July 30 - Denise & Leora

August 6 - Danielle & Nancy

August 13 - Denise & Leora

Next meeting: Thursday, Aug. 10 @ 5:30pm @ Buck’s

Adjournment: motion to adjourn by Shahla; Danielle seconded

Closing Prayer: Pastor Matt led us in prayer