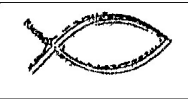


NOVEMBER 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WED | THURS | FRIDAY | SAT |
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| | | | 1 9a-3p Office | 2 7PM AA | 3 Quilters | 4  |
| 5 9:15 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 1030a Worship All Saints Sunday Communion 6pm 4-H | 6 9a-3p Office 6PM Reflections of Grace Craft Sale setup | 7 | 8 9a-3p Office | 9 7pm AA 5:30 Council Meeting | 10 | 11  |
| 12 9:15 Bible Study 10:30a Worship Craft Sale setup | 13 9a-3p Office | 14 | 15 9a-3p Office | 16 7pm AA 7pm Bone Lake Town | 17 Quilters | 18 9a-2p Craft & Bake Sale |
| 19 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Communion | 20 9a-3p Office Fisher Deadline | 21 | 22 9a-3p Office | 23  Noon Thanksgiving Dinner 7pm AA | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9:15 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship | 27 9a-3p Office | 28 | 29 9a-3p Office | 30 | | |
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“The Fisher” November 2023

A newsletter for the members and friends of



Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

1101 255th Ave Luck WI 54853

Address Service Requested

Picture by Joan Sorenson Can you find the 3 bluebirds?





Pastor's Pen

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

**Pastor's Pen
November 2023**

This will be my final pastor's pen in my service to you at Bone Lake Lutheran Church. It has been an honor to serve you and to get to know many of you.

As we prepared for our anniversary, we had the advantage of a lot of slide shows showing the variety of ministries that have flourished here in this congregation. I admire you greatly for how you reach out to the community with gifts of warm clothes, Thanksgiving dinner, trunk or treat, the fair booth, the quilting, school kits, and many other acts of love and kindness. I will cherish my memories of the ministry here.

My prayer is that you continue on these great ministries. I think you will flourish under the leadership of Deacon Jody.

A few suggestions concerning the arrival of Deacon Jody: It would be helpful if someone could drive her around and show her the location of various people and even stop in to say hello to them. And also it would be helpful for you to provide her with the things she needs such as a directory, a copy of the constitution, and so on. I wish you God's blessing as you continue your faith journeys.

As most of you know, we plan on leaving for Texas on November 1st. Our address will be:

Matt and Sue Saarem
Mission West RV Park
511 E. Loop 374, Lot141
Palmview, TX 78572
Matt's cell: 715-553-2670

In His love,
Pastor Matt



GIFT OF WARM CLOTHING

Thank you to everyone who donated winter outerwear for our Gift of Warm Clothes event. Also, thank you to everyone who helped setup and worked as personal shoppers. We couldn't do this without you!

This year we served 73 families, 273 individuals.



Bone Lake Lutheran Church Thanksgiving Day DINNER

Thursday
November
23
12:00pm



**Sit-down family-style
Serving at 12:00pm**

RSVP
715-472-2535
Please RSVP
no later than
Monday,
November 20

Fellowship & coffee
at 11:45am.
Everyone is welcome!
Take-Out Available
Free-will offering

Free-will offering to local food shelf and World Hunger.
Non-perishable food donations welcome.

1101 - 255th Avenue, Luck WI
Just South of Hwy 48 & Cty Rd I



CHURCH ACCOMPIANIST NEEDED!

Bone Lake Lutheran needs an organist beginning November 1st. Do you know of anyone?
Please spread the word!!! Please call the office at 715-472-2535.

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

September Financial Update

Beginning Balance: 12,326.29

Income/Donations: 11,696.94

Expenses: 8,760.04

Ending Balance 15,263.19

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Bone Lake Lutheran Church
October 12, 2023 5:30 p.m.

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

Meeting Called to Order: @5:40pm

Devotions: Nov - Nancy

Highs/Lows: All shared

Newsletter Article: November-Ben, December-Nancy, January - Shahla

Meeting Minutes: Nancy move to approve; Denise seconded

Property Report: Report given by Nancy

- Signed a contract for a 3rd company to try and make a claim on the roof damage with Church Mutual.
- Picked out vinyl plank flooring for the parsonage living room and hallway at Kemis flooring in Milltown.
- We had a successful day cleaning up the church: windows were washed inside. Bushes were trimmed and weeds were pulled all around the building and the playground. Power washing and washing the outside windows still need to be finished.
- It was noted that all the rock borders should be removed and weed barriers should be put down before the rocks go back.
- Sue Saarem continues to clean closets and organize our storage spaces.
- We now need to organize a day to clean-up the parsonage. The bushes need to be trimmed, weeds pulled, all cupboards and shelves wiped down.
- Deacon Jodi plans to move her things here in the week of November 5 and then move in officially in later November. Ben & Danielle Buck plan to go out to drive her moving van here. Nancy continues to work with her to make arrangements.
- We will also need to get together a group of people to move her things into the parsonage when the moving van arrives.
- We may be able to pay for the cost of her moving with the money we will save from salary savings for the month of November. (One estimate for just loading the truck was \$1,800 and the truck rental will be about \$1,000.)

Pastor’s Report:

- Visits:25
- Pastoral Acts: None during this period
- Sue and I plan on leaving for Texas on November 1st. Our final service, if we don’t have a pastor by then, will be October 29th. We will be gone through most of the winter, leaving Texas the end of March 2024.



BONE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Knowing Jesus, and making Jesus known.

125th Bone Lake Lutheran Church Anniversary

On October 22nd, there were 156 attendees in worship. After Pastor Matt did a special worship service which included special music by Randy Kelly, and the “Gracefully His Trio” (Sue Saarem, Pat Rupp, and Shahla Brown), lunch was served in the fellowship hall. Dessert that day was many different kinds of pie, which were entered into a pie contest. Rita Frandsen won first place with her lemon meringue pie.

Following lunch, there was a program lead by Denise Nelson, highlighting the history of the church. Some former pastors (Mary Ann Bowman, Ann Fenlason, and Norman Peterson) spoke about some of their memories while serving Bone Lake. Pastor Matt Saarem also spoke about his time as interim pastor.



Apple River conference can nominate 7 pastors to run for bishop of our synod. The Apple River conference meeting where pastors can be nominated will be held here on February 8th, 2024 in the evening.

- It has been my honor and pleasure to serve you during this interim phase of your journey. I rejoice with you in your call of a new minister.

Old Business:

- Call update/discussion - Call committee continues to move forward
- Anniversary Celebration update - Denise is planning; Set for 10/21 and 10/22 - Saturday a VBS-style day and Sunday a more formal program
- 2024 Youth Gathering - in New Orleans this July for youth grades 8-12 as well as young adults
- Trunk or Treat - Sat, Oct. 29 @ 11-2 Denise will get extra candy
- Print campership postcards - Shahla (Ben & Danielle will donate postage.)
- Organist for November and beyond - Danielle will make some calls
- Laurene - pay and job description - Danielle will follow up
- There is a need to organize an update of the Directory. Someone will be coming to talk with us about updating the directory on Oct. 11 @ 10am
- Amend Building Use form:
- Sanctuary and the contents within the Sanctuary is a place of worship and a sacred space. The pews and furnishings in the Sanctuary should not be moved for any activity other than enhancing the worship experience **without prior authorization.**
- Communication committee - Shahla and Denise will tal

New Business:

- Accounts with funds-can we move them to general fund? - Still need to research this.
- Job Description Review for Laurene - Still need to research
- Salary Review for Laurene - Motion to adjust Laurene's hourly pay to \$15/hour to begin in November made by Nancy; seconded by Denise. Vote passed unanimously.
- Laptop for church secretary - Denise made a motion to purchase a new laptop for Laurene to use for Bone Lake business up to \$1,000; Leora seconded.
- Pastor for November-Review Pulpit Supply list (updated October 2, 2023)
Chad, Karoline, Shahla possible - Leora will contact Karoline & Ben will start calling pastors on the pulpit supply list.
- Anniversary Update - We still need kitchen helpers. Remind everyone to invite family & friends.
- Letter for congregation membership - we will continue to discuss
- Directory - Unique Church Solutions is offering to take photos for a new directory. Contact: Brent Musselman - Denise will begin looking for others to help organize photos.
- Christmas cards? - It was decided that we would send out Christmas cards again this year. Shahla will talk to Thrivent committee about covering the cost of cards & postage.
- Additional congregational meeting - Decided to hold an additional congregational meeting on Oct. 29 to discuss costs related to moving Deacon Jodi.

Treasurer’s Report: Denise made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report; Nancy seconded

Counters for August: October 15, 2023-Danielle and Denise
October 22, 2023 - Nancy & Shahla
October 29, 2023 - Leora & Denise
November 5, 2023 - Danielle & Nancy
November 12, 2023 - Shahla & Ben

Next meeting: Thursday, Nov. 9 @ 5:30 (tentative)
Adjournment: Shahla made a motion to adjourn; Leora seconded
Closing Prayer: Martin Luther prayer
Respectfully Submitted by
Shahla Brown

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, OCT. 8, 2023

Called to order: 11:45am
Voting members in attendance: 40
Members participating online: 4
Pastor Matt led us prayer
Resolution: Whereas the transition team did their due diligence, and whereas the call committee did their due diligence and recommends Deacon Jodi, the council hereby follows their recommendation and also recommends the calling of Deacon Jodi Lorenz on the 8th day of October, 2023.

Presentation by Call Committee: Members of the call committee shared their experiences in discerning calling Deacon Jodi Lorenz.
Nancy Beduhn, Leora Dueholm, Darrell Frandsen, and Randy Kelly shared about the call process as well their impressions of Deacon Jodi. Among the attributes shared were her authenticity & genuineness, open communication style & joy in interacting with others, her life experience and comfort working in a rural setting as well as in reaching out to others in the community.

Ben Buck, Council President, shared a description of Deacon Jodi and her call to the ministry.
Shared a greeting from Deacon Jodi. (Shared also last week during worship.)
Ballots distributed to all
40 paper ballots distributed. 39 votes submitted on paper + 4 ballots submitted electronically
Darrell Frandsen & Leora Dueholm counted ballots.
Resolution passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Shahla Brown
Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Dale Vlasnik | 11/??/1945 |
| Nancy Beduhn | 11/??/1951 |
| Jerod Buck | 11/04/1990 |
| Kennedy Buck | 11/06/2022 |
| Eric Dueholm | 11/12/1972 |
| Amanda Kuechenmeister | 11/12/1972 |
| Donald Broome | 11/13/1983 |
| Maggie Brown | 11/13/2005 |
| Connor Eichelt | 11/14/2004 |
| Paulette Adair | 11/15/1959 |
| Reuben Buck | 11/20/1960 |
| Kylie Buck | 11/23/2003 |
| Annie Strege | 11/27/2005 |

DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Todd & Jill Route—Lead
Dale & Rita Frandsen
Neil & Tammy Peterson
Errin & Joe Schleusner
Jim & Linda Svoboda
LeRoy & Sue Buck
Wayne & Jean Boatman
Al Jensen
Katie Musial (Pfaff)



Reflections of Grace Monday,
November 6, 6:00pm

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------|-------|
| Paige Runnels | 11/03 |
| Paulette Adair | 11/04 |
| Craig Adair | 11/05 |
| Reuben Buck | 11/07 |
| Linda Glenn | 11/09 |
| Todd Route | 11/11 |
| Brenda Marek | 11/17 |
| Joshua Paulsen | 11/17 |
| Tyler Paulsen | 11/17 |
| Ben Buck | 11/19 |
| David Buck | 11/19 |
| Michael Wilson | 11/20 |
| Judy Randall | 11/22 |
| Kamdyn Snider | 11/22 |
| Dale Frandsen | 11/23 |



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Andy & Shahla Brown 11/08/2003

Altar Guild November
Lisa Erickson
Joan Sorenson

Altar Guild December
Sue & LeRoy Buck
Sue Gregorash

Jim and Lynn Albee—new address

28276 Wildwood Lane
Danbury, WI 54830