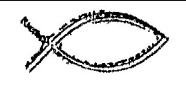


JANUARY 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
	1 9a-3p Office	2	3 9a-3p Office	4 7pm AA	5 Quilting	6
7 9:15 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30a Worship First Sunday after Epiphany Deacon Jodi Installation	8 9a-3p Office	9	10 9a-3p Office	11 7pm AA 7pm Bone Lake Town 5:30 Coun- cil Meeting	12	13
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“The Fisher” January 2024

A newsletter for the members and friends of

Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

1101 255th Ave Luck WI 54853

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A *New Year* IS GOD'S GIFT

IN THE JOYFUL MOMENTS
THANK HIM

IN THE BUSY MOMENTS
BLESS HIM

IN THE TRYING MOMENTS
TRUST HIM

IN THE QUIET MOMENTS
PRAISE HIM



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From Deacon Jodi...

Grace and Peace to All

I am still processing Advent and Christmas Eve services and gatherings. I LOVED our services and worshipping together. Thank you so much for the gifts, baked goods, cards and greetings. I am truly blessed and grateful for each of you and your warm welcome.

In this time when there are so many around the world who are suffering may we be comforted by the promise of hope, peace, and joy in the story of the angels told to the shepherds that we heard on Christmas Eve. Let us continue to see the good in our community, families, and church ministries. May each of us be comforted by God’s presence among us.

“Let it be according to your will” Mary says in Luke 1:38. When I started exploring the Christian faith early in my adult years, I would have never said such a thing! I was of the mindset that I had complete control of my life – if I did good things then good things would come back to me. End of story! As I have aged, and grown in wisdom, I now believe in God’s goodness and my faith walk is so very different. I have weathered many of life’s storms just as each of you have and I cannot imagine life without a loving faith community such as Bone Lake Lutheran.

With that being said, I want to start being intentional with visits so that together we can get to know each other better. I am open to meeting you after church during fellowship or at a local coffee shop or diner. I am willing to come to your home but don’t feel this is a requirement. If you would rather we just slowly get acquainted after worship or a church potluck that is okay too.

Loving God, as we continue to think about these last few days of the year and the many blessings of the birth of Jesus, we ask that you continue to shine in our lives and guide our thoughts, words, and actions. Strengthen our faith and help us to love and serve others.

May your new year be filled with peace and joy!
Deacon Jodi

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Matt	Saarem	01/??/1950
Claire	Nelson	01/06/2008
Chad	Strege	01/09/1977
John	Denny	01/15/1995
Joshua	Paulsen	01/17/2010
LeRoy	Buck	01/20/1963

FEBRUARY WORSHIP
ASSISTANTS

Craig and Paulette Adair
Nancy Beduhn
Melissa Runnels
Paul and Lori Denny
Brian Randall
Roger and Pat Neumann



Membership – If you are interested in discussing transferring your membership or you would like to become a member of Bone Lake Lutheran Church, please contact Deacon Jodi.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Duane Wisse	01/04
Melissa Runnels	01/09
Tammy Peterson	01/10
Mande Kuechenmeister	01/18
William Bosak	01/25
Brent Hostrup	01/25
Denise Nelson	01/29
Roger Neumann	01/29
Karoline White	01/29

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES
None

Altar Guild January
Judy Randall



Baptism – If you and your child would like to meet to review, discuss, ask questions about baptism OR you would like to have your child baptized please see Deacon Jodi.

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

November Financial Update

Beginning Balance: 15,263.19
Income/Donations: 11,905.17
Expenses: 9,115.95
Ending Balance 18,052.41

There is a place for you at the communion table—all are welcome! Deacon Jodi is excited about working with children and parents who are ready for their children to receive bread and wine at Holy Communion. Please talk with Deacon Jodi directly.



YOU ARE INVITED!!

The installation service for Deacon Jodi will be on Sunday January 7th, with Pastor Diane House and Pastor Randy Olson, both from the synod, performing the installation ceremony. Please attend this important service!! Stay after for cake and refreshments!

Happy New Year, my fellow followers of Christ!

What a year 2023 has been at Bone Lake! We've had a lot going and also grown a lot together in faith in the past year. This past council meeting was the first meeting in months that lasted less than 3 hours! It definitely takes a lot of work and planning to call and welcome a new pastor. We are so grateful for the efforts of the Transition Team and Call Committee. Now comes the work of welcoming Deacon Jodi and helping her to settle in and find her way. With some intentionality, I'm sure that we can make the transition one of joy and peace for her.

The council has spent a lot of time discussing property issues, but we are nearing the end of those discussions. We are so grateful to Nancy Beduhn for leading us in that charge. There are a few more on-going projects that require some upkeep, but only a few and the council is happy to work on issues that are more faith-filled, especially looking forward to the new year.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the endowment fund and all of you, my faith family, for supporting me in participating in the Lay Ministry course. I am taking 5 courses this year: the creation of the Old Testament, Martin Luther's small & large catechisms, Liturgy, Leadership in Times of Chaos & Crisis, and Spiritual Practices. Each class is interesting in its own way. I look forward to finding a way to share some of what I've been learning with those of you who may be interested.

One very impactful lesson was from Bishop Laurie during the first session of her class on leadership. She pointed out that every 500 years since the birth of Christ, the church has undergone a great transformation and that we are at one of those 500 year markers right now. I think we can all feel the need for transformation as we also grieve the "glory days" of the past decades and wonder where the church, our church, is headed. Her suggestion is to wait - to pray - to continually keep our sights on Christ - to ask for God's guidance in our decisions and paths - to be faithful and not despair. I urge us to follow this - the Council will be.

Our Father, we ask that, by Your Spirit, You will bring us to the place where we are truly able to pray from the heart, 'Your will be done.' Help us to trust You when it is hard to understand what You are doing. Help us to know and believe that You reign supreme in *all things, including the things we do not understand*.

We pray that You will help us to grow in discernment. Give us the humility that seeks and hears the wise counsel of others. Help us to rejoice in You, to be constant in prayer, and to give thanks in all circumstances. Make us more like Jesus. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Merry Christmas, my friends,
Shahla Brown

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Bone Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting

December 14, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Present: Shahla Brown, Deacon Jodi Lorenz, Nancy Beduhn, Leora Dueholm, Denise Nelson

Called to order @ 5:40pm

Devotions: Led by Leora from the Christ in our Home

Highs/Lows: All shared

Newsletter Article January - Shahla; February - Denise; March - Leora

Meeting Minutes: Nancy made a motion to accept that minutes as written; Denise seconded

Property Report: Submitted by Nancy

Jobs completed:

Repairs at the parsonage

- 2 Outside Lights replaced
- Water filter replaced.
- The downstairs toilet seal was replaced.
- Kitchen faucet leaks – new parts ordered. John Erickson is working on this.
- Washing machine hose clamp reset
- New flooring installation on the 15
- The dumpster was hauled away.
- Jon unplugged the bathtub drain.
- Jon and Craig installed an outlet to get power to the automatic door opener.

Repairs at church:

- Travis Sellent will be plowing the parking lot and parsonage and shovel/clear the walkways.
- Ryan Grey worked on the back doors of the church.
Still needs doing:
The plexiglass fix for the downstairs bathroom light didn't work.
We need to replace the whole outdated medicine cabinet, mirror, and light. (Wayne Boatman offered to work on it.)
Need 2 more lights need to be replaced at the parsonage.

Carpet needs to be replaced in all the SS rooms and the office - estimate is around \$5,000 Estimate was given to WELCA.

Nancy still working with Stanley Doors to understand the ins and outs of how the handicapped accessible door opener works.

Deacon's Report:

- Met with quilters @ Mary Brown's place.
- Text Study – First Lutheran, Amery
- Apple River Rostered Leaders Conference Gathering – First Lutheran, Amery
- Lion's Club – volunteered to help with sorting plastic bags
- Lion's Club – attended a special dinner. The Lion's Club District Governor spoke. Will join the Lion's Club.

Upcoming Events

- First Communion Classes in mid/late January
- Installation is January 7th
- In January I will meet with committee chairpersons
- February 8 - We will be hosting a conference gathering of the synod deans in order to lift up names for bishop. We are to provide snacks and coffee for the meeting.
Walking Together will be held on March 11th at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake.

Old Business:

- Develop/implement pay structure for Treasurer-Tabled
- Deacon Jodi move
- Pay for high school service hours
- Ben to get ahold of Pastor Randy for Deacon Jodi installation
- Laurene added an ad for an organist
- Bone Lake Township update rental
- Council Terms
- Deacon Jodi story in local paper after Deacon Jodi's first Sunday - Denise/Joan
- Re-initiation of Communication Committee
- Christmas Cards
Christmas program-Shahla presented ideas that include Sunday School kids

Discussion:

- Pianist: Lisa Carlson 1st and 4th Sundays of each month
- Nancy made a motion to raise the rent for the Town of Bone Lake to \$50 for monthly meetings and \$100 for election events.; Leora seconded.
Christmas cards were sent out to church family, friends, and neighbors. - used a Thrivent Action Grant.

New Business:

- Annual Meeting - Sunday 28th
- Two open council positions - Still working on finding people to run for council
- Sunday funday day Jan 21. Potluck with games after. - Changed to February 18th.
- New Council member packet - Shahla & Deacon Jodi
Nativity set - continue to discuss - Denise & Shahla will investigate options

Treasurer's Report: Denise made a motion to accept; Nancy seconded

Counters for December:

- December 17 - Denise & Leora
- December 24 - Nancy & Leora
- December 31 - Denise & Shahla
- January 7 - Nancy & Shahla
January 14 - Denise & Danielle?

Next meeting: January 18th @ 5:30

Adjournment: Denise made a motion to accept ; Nancy seconded

Closing Prayer: Led by Leora

Respectfully Submitted by: Shahla Brown Dec. 19, 2023