

MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
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<b>3</b> 9:15 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30a Worship  <b>CAMP SUNDAY</b>  5PM 4-h Meeting	4	5	6	7	8 Quilting	9 10am WELCA Quarterly meeting
<b>10</b> 9:15 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30a Worship	11	12 9a-3p Office	13 9a-3p Office	14 7pm AA  7pm Bone Lake Town  <b>5:30 Coun- cil Meeting</b>	15	16
<b>17</b> Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Deadline for camp sign-up	18	19 9a-3p Office  <b>Fisher Deadline</b>	20 9a-3p Office  5:45pm Ash Wednesday	21 7pm AA	22 Quilting	23
<b>24</b> Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship  <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	25	26 9a-3p Office	27 9a-3p Office	28 5:45 Maun- dy Thurs- day Ser- vice  7pm AA	29 5:45 Good Friday Service	30  <b>Deadline for Scholarship applications</b>
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“The Fisher” March 2024

A newsletter for the members and friends of



**Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

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Preparing for Easter

**Easter 2024 A Message from Bishop Laurie  
Rummaging for God**

*Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!*



Does your house have a junk drawer? Do you ever find yourself going through this drawer full of stuff; feeling around looking for something that you are sure must be in there somewhere? Twist ties from bread wrappers, pens, batteries, rubber bands, nail clippers, scissors, matches, superglue, glass cleaner, coins, tiny screwdriver, ChapStick, charger cables, sticky notes... Rummaging around in your junk drawer might seem like a strange illustration for an Easter message, but I invite you to consider your memory of past life events as your junk drawer.

Think back on last year's Easter celebration. What do you remember? Rummage around in those memories to see if you can find God. You are pretty sure God is there somewhere but where? Where did you experience God last Easter? Was it in church, at the sunrise service, a sermon, a Bible reading, a hymn, an Easter egg hunt in the park, a gathering with family or friends, or a walk in the woods later that day? How did you experience God and the miracle of Christ's resurrection last Easter?

Now, think back over your lifetime, a lifetime of Easter celebrations, for me that 66 Easters. Where did you see or experience God and the power of the resurrection, God's transforming love that defeated death and gives new life?

Looking back over a day, a year, a lifetime is a spiritual practice called the Examen<sup>1</sup>. Essentially it is rummaging through our memories, looking for when and how God was present. The Examen is a form of daily prayer that invites us to examine our day to find God. Finding God in all things and at all times gives us the strength for that next most faithful step.

I wondered what must have been going through Mary Magdalene's mind as she walked to the tomb that first Easter morning. Was she rummaging through all the memories of her time walking with Jesus? Was she trying to remember every word Jesus said? Was she looking for a clue, some way to make sense of what happened on Friday? Where was God in all of this? How could this possibly bring in God's kingdom? She must have missed something. She saw him die. How could Jesus' death be part of God's plan?

Mary arrived at the tomb and found the stone rolled away. She didn't find what she was looking for. The body wasn't there. It still made no sense. Did someone steal his body? She knows that God is in all of this, but where? She continues to search with Peter and John and finally after they leave she enters the tomb and through her tears sees the angels and then a gardener, but not a gardener but the teacher, the risen Savior; and finally through her tears she sees God. (John 20)

*John 20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb.*

Look back over a day, a year, a lifetime of trips you've made to some tomb. Was it the place that held the body of loved one, a dream that had died, a relationship that ended, or a hope that had been crushed? Rummage around in those memories to find what you know is there somewhere, God. Through the tears see the angels, the messengers; the ordinary people, those who helped you and see God!

Dear Friends, I invite you to rummage through all the memories in the junk drawer of life and find God. Think back over a lifetime, a lifetime of trips to the tomb and Easter celebrations. See God and the power of the resurrection. See God's transforming love that defeated death and gives new life. May seeing God in all of life give you the courage and strength to take your next most faithful step.

<sup>1</sup> Rummaging for God: Praying Backwards through Your Day - IgnatianSpirituality.com

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*Rev. Laurie M. Quinn*

**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

**APRIL WORSHIP  
ASSISTANTS**

**Edna Tonnar**  
Dale Vlasnik  
Bob Dueholm  
Mike & Brenda Marek  
Sarah & Pete Dueholm

Naomi Circle.  
**Tuesday March 26 @10am at church**



**First Communion on February 11th**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Ysen Curtis & Linda	03/02/1968
Buck, David & Brenda	03/07/1992
Knowlan Craig & Teri	03/26/2007
Johnson Lori & Doug	03/30/1985

Altar Guild for March

Joan Sorenson  
Peggy Schilling

**Members of Bone Lake Lutheran that are going to be going to college or any type of higher learning are eligible to apply for the Bone Lake Church Endowment Fund Scholarship. Applications are due March 30 and the applications can be found on our website.**

Click on this link: [Bone Lake Endowment Application](#)

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy motioned to approve treasurer report pending final budget information; Denise seconded; Motion passed

**Counters for February:**

- February 18- Shahla & Gloria
- February 25- Denise & Nancy
- March 3- Shahla & Randy
- March 10- Leora & Denise
- March 17- Gloria & Nancy

**Next meeting:** Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30

**Adjournment:** Denise motioned to adjourn; Gloria seconded; Motion passed – Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

**Closing Prayer:** Shahla read sending from d365

Respectfully submitted:  
Shahla Brown  
February 16, 2024



Randy Kelly became a member of Bone Lake Lutheran February 4th.

Hello, my fellow followers of Jesus!

As you well know, our council has sadly said goodbye to Ben and Danielle as they have stepped down after years of service to our faith family. We will miss their ability to approach all decisions with kindness and love. We will also miss Ben's storytelling and one-liners! On the other hand, we have welcomed Gloria Rolstad and Randy Kelly to council and are excited to get to know them and work with them.

We have also changed positions amongst the group. Though Nancy continues as our property point person, Denise will now be secretary, Randy will serve as financial secretary, and I have been elected your new council chairperson! I look forward to serving our congregation in this way in the coming year, especially as we listen for how God is calling each and every one of us to serve His people and His world. If, in this listening, Christ is calling you to something that requires assistance, please feel free to reach out to us.

Your friend in Christ,  
Shahla

Luther Point Bible Camp is coming up soon. If you have children/grandchildren you would like to send, please contact Jessica Summerfield, or Shahla or Andy Brown. Camp Sunday will be March 3rd. **The deadline for sign up is March 17th.**



**The Spring Fling sale will be April 27th. Please start gathering items to donate. Any questions, contact Jessica, Shahla, or Andy.**

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES**

**5:45 SERVICE**

**6:30 Soup supper**



**The children collected Noisy Offering to donate to Loaves and Fishes Food shelf.**

## BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

### Bone Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting February 15, 2024 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Deacon Jodi, Ben Buck, Danielle Buck, Randy Kelly, Leora Dueholm, Gloria Rolstad, Nancy Beduhn, Denise Nelson, Shahla Brown

**Called to order @ 6:30pm**

**Devotions:** Shahla read devotional from app d365

**Highs/Lows:** All shared

**Election of New Officers:** **President** – Shahla Brown  
**Vice President/Property** - Nancy Beduhn  
**Financial Secretary** – Randy Kelly  
**Secretary** – Denise Nelson

\*Denise motioned that Danielle be removed from the bank signature card and Randy Kelly will replace her; Leora seconded; Motion passed

**Newsletter Article:** March – Shahla; April – Leora  
Discussion: Topic of newsletter articles

\*Gloria motioned that all council meeting minutes will be sent out by email and will be electronically approved; Nancy Beduhn seconded; Motion passed

**Meeting Minutes:** Denise motioned to approve the minutes from January; Leora seconded; Motion passed

**Property Report:** Nancy provided

Looked into the erratic electric bill – we are already on off-peak electric, but we will be switched to a program for non-profit organizations from Xcel Energy

We are signed up for a free energy audit

*Discussion:* Make sure Laurene attends the energy audit.

Making a checklist for tenants who are leaving the parsonage.

Jon replaced all of the smoke alarms /carbon monoxide detectors in the parsonage

Jon trying to hook up an antenna to get television access in the parsonage

Jon is going to fix the sewer pipe in the parsonage as it is broken.

WELCA is going to pay \$2085 to do flooring in bathroom, kitchen, dining room in the parsonage

### Deacon's Report:

This month I attended the Theological retreat with other synod rostered leaders. We celebrated First Communion with 5 of our youth and their families. Souper Bowl Sunday was a wonderful ministry celebration that allowed us to support the local food bank, Fishes and Loaves, with food and monetary donations and a fabulous soup and sides potluck. The Apple River conference gathering was held at Bone Lake Lutheran church. Thank you W-ELCA ladies for the amazing snacks and thank you, Chad for all the work you did for providing a Zoom link for those who had to participate electronically. Each Tuesday afternoon I attend a text study in Amery at First Lutheran. I love the group of leaders and the discussions and fellowship the study offers. Lastly, I just want to lift up how wonderful it is to have Lisa Carlson play for us during our Lenten services and I tomorrow I am looking forward to my first Walking Together Synod Conference. I am impressed with the number of Bone Lake participants.

Council Installation – This Sunday, Feb. 18 during worship

### Old Business:

Christmas 2024 Time of Service – consider changing next years' service to 4:30pm  
Summer church service time – considering going back to a 9:30 summertime worship service  
Luther Point 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary-gift of \$1000 requested by Luther Point - Danielle motion to have \$ come from Youth fund; Nancy seconded; Also we will hold worship at LP on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

ELCA Lifting up names for Bishop-Thursday, February 8th, BLLC hosting Synod Delegate meeting – Circles will serve and Chad will do technology – Town board will also be meeting that evening.

ELCA Synod Conference - Walking Together – Sat, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Organize carpooling - Shahla will make a sign-up sheet. Cost is \$25.00.

Electric bill has been rather erratic – Nancy will look into a possibly off-peak electric issue  
Annual Meeting – need kitchen workers; Ben will announce this Sunday.

*Clarification:* Summer time service @ 9:30 after Memorial Day; 10:30 after Labor Day  
Christmas 2024 service will be held at 4:30pm

*Discussion:* Walking Together from 9-4. Meet at church at 7:30am to carpool.  
9 people signed up.

### New Business:

Working with Unity Lion's Club to have a bench made –  
Nancy motioned to sponsor a bench through the Lion's Club with Andy Brown as our contact with the club; Randy seconded; Motion passed

Janitorial duties – Council will arrange for substitutes as needed.

Lenten Offering destination – Randy motioned to designate CRA to receive our Lenten offering this year; Denise seconded; Motion passed

Easter lilies – We will have to order ahead of time so we will order 15 and have parishioners sign up for them.

Lord's Prayer – Discussion: The old version will be used on communion Sundays and the newer version will be used on non-communion Sundays.

Council Installation – Council members will be installed during worship on Sunday, February 18.