

December 2024



“The Fisher” December 2024

A newsletter for the members and friends of



Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

1101 255th Ave Luck WI 54853

Address Service Requested

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 Bible Sty 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 1st Advent Pastor Maggie Communion	2	3	4 5:00 Council Mtg	5 7pm AA	6	7
8 9:15 Bible Sty 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Christmas Program	9	10 Office Open 9-3	11 Office open 9-3	12 7pm AA BL Town Mtg	13	14
15 9:15 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Pastor Tamra Communion	16	17 10am Naomi Circle Office open 9-3	18 Office open 9-3	19 7pm AA	20	21
22 9:15 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Pastor Tamra	23 Newsletter Deadline	24 4:30 Christmas Eve Service	25 	26 7pm AA	27	28
29 9:15 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Hymn Sing	30 All 2024 Donations must be in today	31 Office open 9-3				





By Kristen Contos-Krueger (she/her), PhD

Once upon a time I believed that devotions were not for me. I didn't find what I needed in most traditional devotion books, it felt impossible to find time to sit and dig into scripture, and the whole idea seemed overwhelming.

I know now that I'm not alone in this. For those of us who feel overwhelmed by traditional devotions, there's another way.

What if devotion was simply a practice of noticing God?

Thinking about devotion in this way, gives us so much more opportunity to practice finding God in our everyday lives. It still takes intention, freeing space in our brains to see God's active presence in the world around us. This kind of devotion is a pause, a prayer, or even just a breath in the midst of our day.

What does this look like?

- Text messages with a group of friends to say, "how can I support you this week?"
- A quick prayer every time you hear sirens in your city.
- Table graces with your family
- Intentional conversations as you pick up children from school or wait in line for carpool

- Pausing outside to notice the day God has created

The devotion of noticing invites into a different way of being. It calls us to realize that every moment includes the possibility of engaging with God. It calls us to recognize that God is already present in everything we do, every person we see, and even in those with whom we passionately disagree. The devotion of noticing opens us up to God's presence in the messy moments as well as the joyous ones. It opens us up to a deeper, personal relationship with God.

As we look toward the season of Advent, what mean to adopt one small, centering practice? Leaders, take the time to curate some resources for those who crave traditional devotions (some of my favorites are linked below!) but also invite your community to engage in the devotion of noticing.

Notice what God has created, the people God is calling you to serve, the spaces that

God is present and pay attention to what comes from the practice of noticing.

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Caleb Nick	12/05/2004
Peter Dueholm	12/07/1975
Raymond Dueholm	12/07/2014
Sabrina Dueholm	12/07/2014
Susan Buck	12/08/1963
Aubre Witthoft	12/08/1985
Kamdyn Witthoft	12/08/2013
Lisa Fjorden	12/16/1984
Kendra Mosay- Buck	12/18/2005
Riley Runnels	12/23/2001
BenjaminBuck	12/24/1967
David Buck	12/24/1967
Judy Randall	12/25/1938

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tim and Nancy Bradwell	12/21/1976
Todd and Christina Strusz	12/21/2001

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Craig and Paulette Adair
Nancy Beduhn
Roger and Pat Neumann
Brian Randall

Naomi Circle will meet on Tuesday December 17th@ 10am at the church

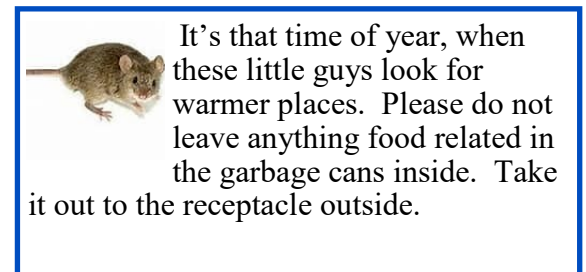
Worship services are recorded,

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Justin Strusz	12/03
Tiffany Brown	12/04
Mike Boland	12/05
Melissa Rock	12/05
Shahla Brown	12/08
Kim Erickson	12/08
Susan Gregorash	12/08
Nick Kuechenmeister	12/08
Mason Brown	12/09
Rhonda Bazey	12/11
LeRoy Buck	12/14
John Denny	12/17
Lynn Albee	12/20
Katie Musial	12/27
Alayna Witthoft	12/28
Linda Hostrup	12/29

Altar Guild for November

Sue Gregorash
LeRoy and Sue Buck



It's that time of year, when these little guys look for warmer places. Please do not leave anything food related in the garbage cans inside. Take it out to the receptacle outside.

2024 Bone Lake Lutheran Church Fall Craft and Bake Sale



2024 END OF YEAR

Church committees, please have your end of year reports handed in by December 15, if possible.

If you would like to donate money to the church and get credit for it in 2024, please have it to the office by December 29th!

PERTINENT DATES IN DECEMBER

December 1st, Worship with Communion Pastor Maggie Isaacson
December 8th: Intergenerational Christmas program (turn in Christmas flower orders)
December 15th: worship with communion Pastor Tamra Harder
December 22nd: worship Pastor Tamra Harder
December 24th: **4:30 Christmas eve service Deacon Jodi**
December 29th: last Sunday of 2024!! Hymn Sing!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS

Monetary donations are needed, and Checks can be mailed to:
Operation Christmas
PO Box 455
St Croix Falls, WI 54024

Donations of toys, games, hats, mittens, socks, etc., must be new and un-wrapped.

Drop off dates at Bone Lake Lutheran church December 4th –17th

BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Bone Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting November 13, 2024 5:00 p.m.

Present: Denise Nelson, Shahla Brown, Randy Kelly, Gloria Rolstad, Nancy Beduhn, Lil Wilson and Laurene Edge

Called to order: @ 5:05 by president Shahla Brown

Prayer: Randy said a lovely prayer

Approve Agenda: Randy made a motion to accept agenda and Gloria seconded the motion, the motion was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: There was a lengthy discussion about the current finances of the church. Currently running at a deficit and looking for ways to cut costs and raise income/donations. The switch to Watermans sanitation will save the church about \$1000/yr. Discussion of other fundraising ideas such as a raffle and summer music event as well as other cost-saving measures. Randy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Shahla seconded the motion. The motion passed..

October Meeting Minutes: (Minutes electronically submitted on 10/20/24) Nancy made a motion to accept minutes; Gloria seconded; Motion passed on 10/20/24.

Property Report: Craig Knowlan went into the attic at the parsonage to set out bait for mice. Jon and Andy continue to set bait and catch mice in the church. Andy got rid of the dead mice in the shed. A BIG THANK YOU TO: Andy Brown, Jeff Pfaff, and Jon Erickson for all their help moving furniture the week of Nov.5-, 2024 for carpet installation. Shahla Brown and I(Nancy Beduhn)helped some too.

Old Business:

- The LEAD Journey - Shahla reported that Brenda Buck and Karoline White have been added to the LEAD team and the team is coming up with ways to involve the congregation in the listening work of Year 1.
- Quarterly budget report - A final version of the new quarterly financial report that will be shared with the congregation was presented. The report will be shared by Randy & Shahla on Sunday, Nov. 24 @ 9:30am.

- Annual meeting - Reviewed timetable and deadlines- reports to be submitted by December 1 (preferred)
- Staff check-ins - Shahla continues to check in with paid staff.

New Business:

- Nov/Dec events/calendar - Events approved for church use were the cooking of the turkeys for Thanksgiving on November 26 and the Thanksgiving dinner on November 28.
- 2025 Budget- The upcoming budget was discussed.
- Christmas program - was discussed, will be doing an intergenerational program again this year on December 8
- Nativity scene-church is in need of a new one and Nancy Beduhn offered to purchase one for the church.
- Planter by the sign is looking tired and overrun, this was tabled at this time
- Gloria will take care of ordering flowers for the church for Christmas for members to buy.
- 3 spots for council up this year - 1yr (rest of Leora Dueholm's) term and 2 - 3yr terms (Nancy Beduhn & Shahla Brown).

Counters for December:

Nov. 17 - Denise and Lil
Nov. 24 - Gloria and Nancy
Dec. 1 - Randy and Lil
Dec. 8 - Denise and Nancy
Dec. 15 - Gloria and Denise

Next meeting: Dec. 3 @ 5:30

Adjournment: Randy made a motion to to adjourn the meeting, Motion approved.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Minutes respectfully submitted on November 19, 2024

Denise Nelson council secretary