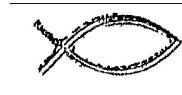


# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Open 9-3 <b>Election all day</b>	2 Office open 9-3 5:30 Ash Wed Service 6:15 Soup supper	3 7pm AA	4	5
6 9:15 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <b>12p Eng Class</b>	7	8 Office open 9-3	9 Office open 9-3 5:00 Council Mtg 5:30 Lent Serv 6:15 Soup supper	10 7pm AA BL Town Mtg	11	12
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## "The Fisher" April 2025

A newsletter for the members and friends of  
**Bone Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
 1101 255th Ave Luck WI 54853

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## EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MARTIN



I can still remember the pound of my heart to this day. It was Good Friday in the year 1995. I was working at Lutherford Bible Camp as a year round staff and my task that day was to dismantle the several hundred foot zipline. It was a warm spring day, but I still experienced the wind that caused the tree that I was attached to to sway far more than I wanted it to. The tree itself was dying and thus it could no longer serve as the anchor of the zipline where the platform was. It was on that platform where youth and staff alike would find themselves transferring the rabbit ears attached to their harness to the zipline that would lead to the ensuing rush of emotions. As I stood on that platform, connected to a couple of tree staples with my own rabbit ears, I loosened the hardware that secured the zipline cable to the tree, bolt by bolt. It was quite a surreal experience.

As I loosened the final bolt, that cable released about a foot away from my face, causing my heart to beat in a way it has never beaten before or since. The sound haunted me for those few seconds as the cable fell to the ground about 40 feet below. Once I collected myself, all I could think about was how appropriate it was to watch the death of the zipline on Good Friday. That element was always the climax on the high ropes course. It was the final adventure for countless youth as they experienced the challenges of that course. Just step off the platform, trust, and fly!

I was saddened to see that zipline fall. But then I was overjoyed to see it rebuilt in a new and more secure location! It reminds me of that great Easter spiritual that states, "It's Friday, but Sunday's coming." It's the reminder that we call it Good Friday only because as Christian believers, we know that Easter is coming. Without Easter Sunday, Friday would have been even more devastating as it already was. Jesus' followers were lost, confused, and in deep sorrow. Those emotions resulted from the trauma that they were experiencing. But Easter reversed the pain of that trauma and turned it into a joyous chorus of "Alleluias" where we can now see God's almighty power being revealed! We can see how God has power over death itself and not just for Jesus. God's power to give life to all believers in all times and in all places through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what brings us joy, hope, comfort, and faith itself! God's power to renew our lives each and every day through the gift of forgiveness cannot be understated. God's desire to heal our broken relationship because of our sinfulness indicates the depth of that love, knowing that God so desperately desires to be with us forever.

That old zipline was a source of joy for so many people. But when contrasted with the joy we can experience daily, it simply pales in comparison. Friends, live into that joy of the resurrection. Remember the gift that Jesus embodies that is truly the greatest gift we've ever had - the gift of God's unconditional love. Despite the various losses that we grieve each year, some that appear to be quite unbearable at the time, remember the gift of Jesus. We are a resurrection church. We are a forgiven and forgiving people. And we bask in the glory of God's amazing grace.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Bishop Martin

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

John Caroon	04/??/1957
Connor Svoboda	04/03/2005
Ella Grey	04/05/2015
Logan Grey	04/05/2015
Macie Grey	04/05/2015
Jeremy Buck	04/12/1987
Keagan Buck	04/14/2024
Adam Nick	04/16/2006
Darla Nick	04/16/2006
Dawson Van Meter	04/16/2006
Tanner Van Meter	04/16/2006
Lillian Wilson	04/18/2010
Tiffany Brown	04/20/2008
Collin Svoboda	04/26/1992
Kalley Lunsmann	04/27/1997

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Dale and Rita Frandsen	04/05/1975
Jeffery and Lori Pfaff	04/25/1992
Shanon and Denise Nelson	04/28/2007

## MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sandy Fisher  
Bill & Karoline White  
Bill Bosak  
Curtis & Linda Ysen  
Chris & Melanie Moore

## ALTAR GUILD

Nancy Bradwell  
Melodi Fjorden

Worship services are recorded, live streamed, and posted on Facebook.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Melanie Moore	04/01
Caleb Nick	04/02
Debbie Lunsmann	04/05
Sharon Moore	04/06
Dana Paulsen	04/11
Terri Knowlan	04/11
Tonya Eichelt	04/12
Kennedy Buck	04/14
Sandy Bartlett	04/14
Velma Broome	04/15
Tammy Brenizer	04/16
Linda Svoboda	04/16
Miranda Strusz	04/18
Brandon Hostrup	04/18
Mike Marek	04/19
Jamison Strege	04/19
Lane Kuechenmeister	04/22
Lori Pfaff	04/22
Logan Grey	04/23
Kevin Bradwell	04/24
Jillian Peterson	04/25
Pat Neumann	04/28
Lucas Kuechenmeister	04/29
Sherri Livingston	04/29



Polk County Fair July 23rd-27th

Put it on your calendar!

If you want a specific work shift, contact Jessica now.

**Have you signed up to pray for other people in the Bone Lake Lutheran congregation during the Lent Season? The clipboard is in the narthex.**

## FINANCES

### FEBRUARY

<b>Beginning Bank Balance:</b>	<b>7,215.70</b>
<b>Credits (+):</b>	<b>7,965.00</b>
<b>Debits (-):</b>	<b>12,387.38</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>2,793.32</b>

### MARCH

<b>March 2nd</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>66</b>
	<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$3558</b>
	<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 00</b>
<b>March 9th</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>53</b>
	<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$2514</b>
	<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$2106.63</b>
<b>March 16th</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>57</b>
	<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$1545</b>
	<b>Rent/Other Income:</b>	<b>\$ 690</b>
	<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$3312.36</b>
<b>March 23rd</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>852.00</b>
	<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 852.00</b>
	<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 5530.42</b>
<b>March 30th</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>	
	<b>Offering:</b>	
	<b>Expenses:</b>	

Luther Point Bible Camp is having a workday at the camp to prepare for the summer camp season and Bone Lake Lutheran parishioners are invited to help. The date is May 3rd beginning at 9am. Lunch will be provided. There are a wide range of projects from cleaning cabins to picking up sticks near the boat dock. If there is a desire to do some work on a different date other than May 3rd then arrangements can be made. It would be great if we can get some groups together and help get Luther Point ready for their summer bible camp. Please let Nikki Grey know if you are able to help out.

## FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion Classes will be held during Sunday School on April 27, May 4th, May 11th and on May 18th we will celebrate First Communion with the kids during worship.

I ask that a parent or grandparent attend the classes with the kids. Parents can switch off so that only one is helping at a time. Parents will also help me with some small group work as well. All materials will be provided.

Classes will vary. There will be a class where the kids will get to sample some foods that are similar to what Jesus and the disciple might have eaten. They will also taste both communion wine and grape juice.

There is a short video that will be shared each class and each student will have a First Communion workbook that they will keep after classes are completed.

If you have any questions please let me know. I am really looking forward to working with the kids as they prepare for their First Communion.

Deacon Jodi



Please start collecting your gently used items now.

No electronics, no old TVs.

Please provide clean, gently used, sellable items.

**BONE LAKE LUTHERAN COUNCIL**  
Bone Lake Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
March 13, 2025 5:00 p.m.

**Present:** Gloria Rolstad, Denise Nelson, Nikki Grey, Shahla Brown, Deacon Jodi, Leora Dueholm, Randy Kelly and Laurene Edge

**Called to order:** Meeting called to order @ 5:03 by president Shahla Brown

**Prayer:** We tried something new this month by lifting people, things up that have been weighing on our hearts and Deacon Jodi said a prayer

**Approve Agenda:** Nothing to be added

**Treasurer's Report:** Laurene updated the council on the current financials

**Presentation from Legacy solar on solar panels, cost and installation for us to discuss.**

**Karoline White presented on LEAD and Leadership training that was attended by herself, Denise Nelson and Randy Kelly on March 8.**

**February Meeting Minutes:** (Minutes electronically submitted on 2/17/25) Gloria made a motion to accept the minutes; Shahla seconded; Motion passed on 2/17/25

**Property Report:** Randy is getting his feet wet and getting all the information passed on to him from Nancy Beduhn on what Property entails. There was a fire inspection and a couple things that Jon Erickson is taking care of.

**Deacon's Report:** Deacon Jodi updated us on her meeting with groups in the church, Ash Sunday, recent Baptisms and LEAD.

Gloria made a motion to accept the Deacon's, treasurer's and property reports, Nikki seconded and motion carried

**Old Business:** LEAD Journey - March 23 & 30 we will be conducting another survey of 4 open-ended questions. Filled out during worship for those in attendance. Once that information is collected and gone through, the LEAD team will conduct focus groups to get more detailed feedback.

Building update team progress - (Denise) **Thank you Savannah and others for all that you have been doing to make the church beautiful!**

Hiring team progress - Gloria updated us; hiring team has gone through applications, and will be interviewing soon for administrative assistant position.

**New Business:**

March/April events/calendar - Sunday School lock-in March 15-16, Spring Fling May 3, Palm Sunday breakfast April 13, Easter April 20th, Maundy Thursday 5:30 and Good Friday 5:30, Walking together March 22nd

Furniture requests - Grandfather clock - Gloria made a motion to sell the grandfathers clock after the spring fling if it is not sold then, Denise seconded, Motion carried. Voting booth - Nikki made a motion to move the voting booth to the fellowship hall, Gloria Seconded, motion carried.

Lenten giving is to be going to the local food shelves of Luck, Frederic and Centuria. Randy made a motion to give the offerings from the Lenten services to the local food shelves, Leora seconded and motion carried  
Set up special meeting about spending plan -meeting will be held March 18th 5:30 at church.

**Counters for March/April:**

March 16 - Gloria and Denise

March 23 - Randy and Shahla

March 30 - Leora and Shahla

April 6 - Nikki and Denise

April 13 - Denise and Gloria

**Next meeting:** Thurs, April 10 @ 5:30

**Adjournment:** Deacon Jodi read a blessing. Gloria made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34.

**Closing Prayer:** Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Denise Nelson 3/14/2025