

“The Fisher” November 2025

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

Five ways to celebrate All Saints Day at home by Tim Brown from Living Lutheran.

When I was a parish pastor, I always felt especially blessed to celebrate a festival day when it fell on a Sunday. This is one of those years for one of my favorite festivals: [All Saints Day](#).

All Saints Day (Nov. 1) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2) are ancient feast days in the history of the church. A day for commemorating the faithfully departed has dotted the liturgical calendar from early on in Christian history, but originally it was probably celebrated early in the spring, on the heels of Easter. As Christianity spread to people with pre-Christian ideas, All Saints Day was scheduled directly after All Hallow’s Eve to meld with other pagan festivals in other lands.

In Roman Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox communities, All Saints Day is reserved for those recognized and formally canonized by the church as having led exceptional lives. All Souls Day, then, is a day reserved for honoring any of the faithfully departed.

We Lutherans, with our penchant for blurring the line between sinner and saint, usually observe both festivals together, honoring the whole communion of saints who surround us as a cloud of witnesses—those canonized and those just held in our hearts and picture albums. Remember, when we honor the faithfully departed, even more so we honor the God who has trampled death. God is the focus of every All Saints Day celebration, and the lives of the departed are lenses through which we can see God’s love in action.

Many Christians throughout the United States won’t find themselves within a sanctuary this Nov. 1, but there are many meaningful ways to observe [All Saints Day](#) at home. Here are five of them.

- Pictures and candles - When I was a parish pastor, we’d encourage everyone to bring in photos of people in their lives who had passed on, to display on tables and steps around the sanctuary. In front of each photo, we’d light a small votive candle, illuminating the face in the photo throughout the service as a symbol of the light they were in life and the light they shine even now.
- Food and familiar smells - My grandmother made the best fried chicken. I can still picture her standing over the cast iron skillet (which I now own), frying chicken carefully, timing it by sight and smell. She never used a clock for anything; she just knew in her gut when things were ready. Use All Saints Day to make a favorite meal once cooked by someone whom you love but who is no longer with you.
- Stories and song Did your parents or grandparents have a favorite genre of music? Was there a story told at every family gathering? Today is the perfect day to listen intentionally to that music or pass along that family lore to children, partners or anyone willing to hold the space and the day with you. Laugh and cry along to those words that moved your ancestors. All Saints Day is also a wonderful day to search the web for spiritual songs of the church that have passed the test of time. “For All the Saints” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* 422) is a standard offering, but “Faith of Our Fathers” (*ELW* 813) and “For All the Faithful Women” (*ELW* 419) are also excellent choices.
- Saintly study Take the day to do a little research on a saint. Popular saints such as Saint Francis, Saint Clare or Saint Julian of Norwich are wonderful options, but if you’re open to learning about someone you may not know much about, Saint Kevin of Glendalough, Saint Moses the Black and Saint Lily of the Mohawks are sure to fill your spirit and imagination with new inspiration.
- Postcard from the past One of the honest realizations about All Saints Day is that one day we will all be remembered by someone on this holy day. As the beautiful canticle reminds us, “All of us go down to the dust” (*ELW* 223). Take this day to write a postcard to a younger relative, noting some of the beauty you see in the world, giving a nod to your favorite music and perhaps even telling a simple memory or two that have shaped your life. We can’t escape the grave, beloved, but we can surely plant seeds of memory for those who will come after us.

Bone Lake Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

October 8, 2025 5:30 p.m.

Present: Deacon Jodi, Shahla Brown, Randy Kelly, Leora Dueholm, Nikki Grey, Gloria Rolstad, Denise Nelson and Lori Petersen

Called to order: Meeting called to order at 5:32 by President Shahla Brown

Prayer/Devotional: devotion by Deacon Jodi

Approve Agenda: Denise made a motion to accept the agenda and Gloria seconded motion. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Lori has not received the bank statement at this time so has not been able to do financials for the month of September, will get them out to council next week via email.

- Update on creation of Venmo account vs Zeffy or other for non profits for online giving.
- Discussion on church windows going to cloud version instead of desktop version.

September Meeting Minutes: Minutes were submitted online, Gloria made a motion to accept the minutes (9/26/25) and Shahla seconded the motion (9/28/25), Motion carried (9/28/25)

Property Report: Parsonage garage door was serviced and repaired, gas fireplace in the lower level of parsonage was serviced and igniter will need to be repaired in the next year. It has been decided to wait until spring to reseed the grass over the new septic area, and need to finish picking rocks from the area. Front door deadbolt yet to be installed Will need to have the window repaired in fellowship hall (discuss with Nikki). Huge thank you to the men who gave their time and talents to fix the back sidewalk!

Deacon's Report: Deacon Jodi gave an update to the council on what she has been doing.

LEAD Report: Shahla Brown updated council on what is going on with LEAD.

Gloria made motion to accept the LEAD, Deacon's and property reports and Leora seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Solar panels - Federal tax credit which we would apply for will be going away at the end of the year. Project funding is looking doubtful at this time.
- Worship Assistants - Denise will start working on this

New Business:

- Oct/Nov events/calendar - GOWC 10/10 & 11, Rock picking at Parsonages 10/19 after church with lunch, Trunk or Treat 10/25, Craft and Bake Sale 11/22, Thanksgiving 11/27.
- Constitution changes - Gloria made a motion that chapter 12 of the constitution by laws to state the council will consist of the pastor/deacon and 6 active members of the church, Denise seconded. Motion passed. Changes to the Council tabled the other changes to constitution for another time. All changes will be brought forth to the Church to be voted upon at the annual meeting. Council tables other changes to the constitution for another time
- Health Insurance package - Randy motion to choose value HSHP 4000 package, this will come at an increase of \$574 monthly and yearly \$6895.02 . Gloria seconded. Motion carried.
- Missionary giving- Randy made a motion to include our ELCA giving to Malawi now that our current missionaries Jim and Carol Sack have retired. Leora seconded. Motion carried.

Counters for Oct & Nov:

Oct 12 – Denise & Shahla	Oct 19 – Randy & Nikki	Oct 26 – Denise & Gloria
Nov 2 - Leora & Nikki	Nov 9 – Shahla & Leora	Nov 16 – Gloria & Shahla

Next meeting: Wed, Nov. 12 @ 5:30

Adjournment: Gloria made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Denise seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

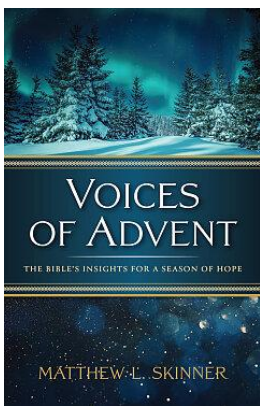
Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Minutes respectfully submitted by Denise Nelson, Council Secretary October 11, 2025

Experience Advent with the Scriptures that inspire Christmas.

In *Voices of Advent*, Matthew L. Skinner leads readers through biblical texts and explores how they shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. We listen as Jesus promises to return to us in the future, to John the Baptist as he prepares the way for the Messiah, to the faithful people and poets who anticipate the magnificence of Jesus's birth, and to the angels and visionaries who praise God when Christmas dawns. Listen carefully to the Bible's various perspectives that shape our preparations for Christmas; you'll hear hope in all of them. *Voices of Advent* helps readers experience Advent not only as the start of the Christian Church Year, but also as the powerful overture that sets the tone for the incredible story of Jesus.

Deacon Jodi will be leading an Advent Bible Study on the book of "Voices of Advent" by Matthew Skinner on four Sundays – November 16, 23, 30 and December 7 at 9:15 AM. You can order a book directly through Amazon or at <https://www.abingdonpress.com>



November 2025 Confirmation Service Project From Ruby Kaiser

I am asking that our confirmation youth/families consider a donation for Northwoods Homeless Shelter of Polk County.

- Make a monetary offering with checks payable to Northwoods Homeless Shelters
- Choose items from the list below and bring to confirmation class on Wednesday November 12. Ginny Ormsby, Director of Northwoods Homeless Shelters, will be our guest presenter. Our offerings will be given to her that night. Thank you so much!

Needed Items:

• Size 5 diapers	• Dish Soap	• Disinfectant wipes
• Women's disposable razors	• Sponge mops with bucket	• Paper towels
• Sponges	• Kleenex	• All purpose cleaner

Gift of Warm Clothing Update

276 kids/adults, (71 families), have received winter outerwear.

Items given out so far are 224 jackets, 180 snowpants, 208 boots, 255 gloves/mittens and 262 hats! This is our 20th year and we would like to thank everyone for helping to serve our community.



A check from Polk Burnett for \$1,000 was much appreciated!



Two of the happy kids that received warm coats, boots, mittens and hats!



Setup will start November 9 after church!

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33RD ANNUAL

CRAFT & BAKE SALE

NOVEMBER 22ND, 2025

9:00AM - 2:00PM

INCLUDING:
SILENT AUCTION
LAURENE'S GEMSTONE
JEWELRY & MORE



LUNCH AVAILABLE
Chili, BBQs, Hot Dogs,
Cocoa, Pie, Rolls & Coffee

1101 255TH AVENUE ~ LUCK, WISCONSIN
JUST SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 48 & COUNTY ROAD I

Proceeds benefit W/ELCA & Gift of Warm Clothes

Bone Lake Lutheran Church **Thanksgiving Day** **DINNER**

Thursday
November
27
12:00pm



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

RSVP
715-472-2535

Please RSVP
no later than
Monday,
November 24

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



Equipping for Baptismal Vocation in Daily Life

A webinar series Presented by the Leadership Team of the Life of Faith Initiative

Tailored specifically for small town and rural contexts, this six-session webinar series will introduce participants to baptismal ecclesiology and its practical application for the life of the church. Sessions will be hosted on zoom at 7 pm Central. Register online.

- September 15th 2025 - Our Baptismal Calling
- October 20th 2025 - From Gathering (attraction) to Scattering (equipping)
- November 17th 2025- What is Vocation?
- February 16th 2026-Congregational Leadership : All IN! Dialogue sermons. Affinity groups.
- March 16th 2026- Equipping the Christian People: spiritual autobiography
- April 20th 2026- Sent to Serve

Register here for Session 1: Our Baptismal Calling

<https://forms.office.com/r/K0Z2NiSSR5>

Future registrations will be available on our website www.thecastleproject.org

The CaSTLE Project –Country and Small Town Lived Ecclesiology –is Wartburg Theological Seminary's new initiative to support and revitalize small town and rural ministry. Funded by the Lilly Foundation Inc, it builds on our longstanding commitment to rural churches and focuses on equipping lay and pastoral leaders to live out faith in daily life.

**Equipping for Baptismal Vocation
in Daily Life Series**



The purpose of the Life of Faith initiative is to stir up a culture change that frees us to make the service by the baptized in the arenas of daily life the central focus of the church's mission. www.lifeoffaith.info

Tammy Devine is an ELCA deacon and a Professional Certified Coach, serving with Devine Coaching in Minnesota.

Dwight DuBois is a retired ELCA pastor living in Iowa and the author of *The Scattering: Imagining a Church that Connects Faith and Life*.

Lexanne Graves is an ELCA deacon serving as Coach and Consultant with Pinnacle Leadership Associates in South Carolina.

Greg Kaufmann is a retired ELCA pastor, living out his baptismal vocation in a variety of brilliant callings from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Craig Nesson is the William D. Streng Professor for the Education and Renewal of the Church at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

John Lynner Peterson is a professional photographer in Lexington, Kentucky serving the Life of Faith Initiative and the CaSTLE Project through his creative portfolio of images.

Jason Van Hunnik is Senior Pastor of Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park, Minnesota and a thought leader for transforming the church for ministry in daily life.

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES		November Birthdays	
Name	Date	Name	Date
Nancy Beduhn	Nov 1	Paige Runnells	Nov 3
Dale Vlasnik	Nov 1	Paulette Adair	Nov 4
Jerod Buck	Nov 4	Craig Adair	Nov 5
Kennedy Buck	Nov 6	Reuben Buck	Nov 7
Eric Dueholm	Nov 12	Linda Glenn	Nov 9
Amanda Kuechnmeister	Nov 12	Todd Route	Nov 11
Donald Broome	Nov 13	Robert Booher	Nov 17
Maggie Brown	Nov 13	Brenda Marek	Nov 17
Connor Eichelt	Nov 14	Joshua Paulsen	Nov 17
Paulette Adair	Nov 15	Tyler Paulsen	Nov 17
Reuben Buck	Nov 20	Ben Buck	Nov 19
Kylie Buck	Nov 23	David Buck	Nov 19
Annie Strege	Nov 27	Michael Wilson	Nov 20
		Dylan Carpinella	Nov 22
November Wedding Anniversaries		Judy Randall	Nov 22
Andy & Shahla Brown	Nov 8	Kamdyn Witthoft	Nov 22
		Dale Frandsen	Nov 23

November Alter Guild

Jeanne Boatman & Judy Randall



The Lead Team has been meeting regularly, and our latest focus is to learn how BLLC can be a good neighbor. Our team members have been meeting with different helpers in our community to find out what they do and what they see as neighborhood needs around Polk County. Our team will be meeting again to compare and share with each other the information we've gotten. We're excited to learn more about our community and brainstorm ways we can be a good neighbor.

If you do work around the church, let Randy Kelly know that you are doing it and it is completed.

November 2025

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
2	3	4 Office Open 9 – 1	5 Office Open 9 – 1 Deacon Jodi Out	6 Deacon Jodi Out	7 Deacon Jodi Out	8 Deacon Jodi Out
9 Deacon Jodi Out	10 Deacon Jodi Out	11 Office Open 9:30 - 1	12 Office Open 9 – 1 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9 AM	13	14	15
16	17 Bible Study Naomi Circle 9:30 What is vocation Webinar	18 Office Open 9 - 1	19 Office Open 8 to 11	20	21	22 Craft Show 9 - 2
23	24	25 Office Open 9 – 1	26 Office Closed	27 – Thanksgiving Dinner noon	28	29 Private reception for Taylor Hanson
30	1	2 Office Open 9 – 1	3	4	5	6

November Worship Assistants:

11/2/25

Ushers: Karen Fjorden
Greeter: Savannah Schommer
Reader: Judy Randall
Coffee &? Gwynne W & Karen F.

11/9/25

Ushers: Nancy & Tim Bradwell
Greeter: Lynn Johnson
Reader: Judy Randall
Communion: Judy R & ?
Coffee &? Lynn J & Nancy B

11/16/25

Ushers: Nancy & Tim Bradwell
Greeters: Lynn Johnson
Reader: Gloria Rolstad
Coffee &: Lynn J & Nancy B

11/23/25

Usher: Judy Randall?
Greeter: Lynn Johnson
Reader: Nancy Beduhn
Communion: Judy Randall & Gwynne Wisse?
Coffee: Lynn J & Gwynne W

11/30/25

Ushers: Judy Randall
Greeters: Savannah S
Reader: Pat Rupp
Coffee & Judy R &?