

"The Fisher" October 2025

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

Church Greeters serve as a welcoming face of any congregation. They play a vital role in creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for both visitors and weekly church attendees. The following is from sundaysandseasons.com

Tips for Greeters

Rather than asking visitors their names, offer your name first. This communicates openness to relationships and not just an interest in getting a visitor's contact information. It will likely help a person feel more comfortable knowing someone's name in a strange place.

Be proactive in getting to know people, but be aware of verbal and nonverbal indications that someone isn't ready for a long conversation. If someone gives short answers with little additional information or won't respond with questions for you in return, that may be a sign they don't wish to talk. Others might keep moving after a quick greeting or avoid eye contact. Respect the person's signals.

Practice seeing visitors as people more than potential members. Invest time and genuine interest in getting to know them even if they are just passing through. They are probably interesting people!

Smile with your whole body, not just your mouth. Keep your head up, try to make eye contact, avoid crossing your arms (this gesture can signal unintentionally that a person is self-protective rather than open), and turn your body toward those you are greeting.

Involve others! Greeters are specially appointed ministers of hospitality, but part of your role is to help everyone in the congregation participate in a ministry of hospitality. Plan ahead by making a list of persons in the congregation who you know could help guide visitors, so that when visitors arrive it will be easy to connect them.

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**Bone Lake Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
September 17, 2025 5:30 p.m.**

Present: Denise Nelson, Shahla Brown, Deacon Jodi, Nikk Grey, Gloria Rolstad, Leora Dueholm and Lori Peterson. Absent: Randy Kelly

Called to order: President Shahla Brown called meeting to order @5:31.

Prayer/Devotional: Deacon Jodi read a devotional and said a prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: Lori Peterson updated council on the financials. Denise the motion to have a church credit card for Deacon Jodi for expenses. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.

- Update on creation of Venmo account. This is still being worked on by Nikki and Lori.

Gloria made a motion to accept the treasure's report. Seconded by Leora. Motion carried.

August Meeting Minutes: Minutes were submitted online, Randy made a motion to accept the minutes (8/7/25) and Gloria seconded the motion (8/7/25), Motion carried (8/8/25)

Property Report: Septic is all installed, just some electrical work left to be completed. There are some branches touching the roof and Jeremiah will take care of these. Don and Velma power washed the north side of the parsonage. A branch was removed from the shed at the parsonage and will be removed and taken away by Dan Kaiser. A huge thank you to all the members who have helped out with all the work at the parsonage.

Deacon's Report: Deacon Jodi gave her report to the council.

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

Old Business:

- Solar panels - Randy report (tabled as Randy was not present)
- Phone- dial in has been canceled.

New Business:

- Sept/Oct events/calendar - Ukee Lutherans September 28, Gift of warm clothing October 10-11 and set up starts Sept 28. Truck or Treats October 25.
- Worship Assistants-Denise and Leora will be working on this
- Constitution changes- discuss this further at October meeting
- Septic payment -Money will be coming out of Thrivent to cover the cost

Counters for Sept/Oct::

- Sept. 14 - Gloria and Shahla
- Sept. 21 - Nikki and Gloria
- Sept. 28 - Denise and leora
- Oct. 5 - Nikki and Denise
- Oct. 12 - Shahla and Denise

Next meeting: Wed, Oct. 8 @ 5:30

Adjournment: Denise made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Gloria.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Church Happenings:

On Sunday, September 28, all enjoyed the Ukee Lutherans Performance. The UKEE Lutherans are a group of seven fun-loving ukulele players who have been playing together since 2022. We enjoy bringing a different twist to the traditional sacred music. The UKEE Lutherans have played concerts at nursing homes, special music at church services as well as leading entire church services. The group consists of Denny Pearson, Jean Pearson, Sheila Brom, Barb Sparish, Meri Ryan, Tami Pearson, and Pastor Angie Kutney. We are always looking for a place to play and spread the joy of the ukulele!

The below is a Thank You from the performers!

Dear Deacon Jodi and the Bone Lake Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the UKEE Lutherans, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for welcoming us so warmly and allowing us to be part of your worship service. It was truly a joy and an honor to play for you.

Your congregation's enthusiastic singing was not only uplifting but truly enhanced our performance — we could feel the energy and spirit in the room! It's always a gift to play for such an engaged and joyful audience.

We were also deeply touched by the free will offering. While it was certainly not expected or necessary, we are very grateful for your generosity and kindness.

We hope to have the opportunity to worship and share music with you again in the future. Until then, thank you again for your hospitality and for making us feel so at home.

With gratitude and blessings,
Barb Sparish and the UKEE Lutherans



A Great big Thank You to to all who helped collect and pack the Lutheran World Relief Kits. Packed on September 20th were 107 School Kits, 28 Baby Kits, 24 Personal Care Kits and 4 Fabric Kits to go with the quilts that are sewn bi-weekly.



APPLE RIVER FALL CONFERENCE GATHERING



On September 6th, the Apple River Conference of the Women of the ELCA, met for their annual Fall Gathering. Bone Lake Lutheran Church hosted this event with Deacon Jodi opening the Gathering with a devotion. There were 92 women who came together for the morning program. Mary Brown had given a statement on our Gift of Warm Clothing ministry, and Shahla Brown shared information about the food booth at the Polk County Fair.

The guest speaker was Mary Segerstrom, who presented a program called, "You Shall Be Watered Like a Garden". Everyone enjoyed the wonderful program, which provided laughter, songs and music on her ukulele.

Reports were provided by the Apple River Conference Representative and Synodical Women's Organization President.

A luncheon was provided at the end of the Fall Gathering for all the women who had attended.

Dear Sponsoring Congregations:

This will be the last newsletter from Jim and Carol Sack, as we have finally officially retired from being missionaries with the ELCA on July 31, 2025. Our journey began in September of 1982 when Jim graduated from Luther Seminary and was ordained earlier in June of that year. Carol and Jim both accepted a call to be missionaries in Japan.

After arriving in Japan with our 10-month old son Jonathan, we began two years of Japanese language studies in Tokyo. Those days were filled with many challenges, exciting learnings and a continual life of blessing given to us by God. We were then assigned to go to Saga, in western Japan, where the Lutheran Church began. We served there for four wonderful years, and had the opportunity to be part of establishing "Rainbow House," a bakery for the mentally and physically challenged children in Saga. Rainbow house still exists and has expanded to now include a home where up to about 9 children can live and work. This gives these children meaning in their lives and also provides some income for them. We are thankful to God that this ministry is going full-steam ahead.

Our daughter Bethany was born in Saga. Soon after that Jim was asked to return to the States for further study in counseling, so that he could teach at the Japan Lutheran College and Seminary. After spending four years at Luther Seminary again in St. Paul, we returned to Tokyo and Jim became director of the "Personal Growth and Counseling Center" at the college/seminary. He also taught for 33 years (1992-2025) at the undergraduate school, the graduate school and the seminary in the areas of Clinical Psychology and Pastoral Care and Counseling. Our youngest, Emily was born in the States just before our return to Japan in 1992.

Later from 2000 until 2002, Carol was provided the opportunity by the ELCA to study Music Thanatology in Missoula, Montana. Upon returning to Japan once again, was asked to start a program for training of Japanese in the area of using voice and harp at the bedside of the sick and dying. The 2 year program was called Lyre Precaria, and she trained 38 students over a 12-year period (six 2-year classes.) Five of her graduates are now teaching others themselves and the ministry of Pastoral Harp is expanding in Japan.

Even though Carol and Jim were in different areas of ministry, for the last 10 or 15 years or so their paths crossed again and they often worked and taught together in the area of "End of Life." They dealt with death and dying, grieving, as well as ministry to the dying and their families.

We have decided to remain in Japan after retirement and have purchased a very old traditional Japanese thatched-roof farmhouse in Nagano Prefecture. It has taken 2 ½ years

to reform the 150-200 year-old home. They will actually be doing some farming in their later years of life.

We want to thank you all for your many, many years of supporting us as missionaries here in Japan. Some of our congregations have been with us since 1992, over 40 years. WOW, what dedication and generosity we have be privileged to received. From the depths of our hearts, we want to thank you all for making our ministries in Japan a possibility!!!!

We certainly have been continually blessed by God through our relationships with you all. Hopefully some of you will think about having a new missionary to sponsor in the future. It is only by being "sent" that missionaries can have ministries throughout the world.

Once again THANK YOU, and may you be supported and blessed in your lives, by our gracious God.

Many blessings,

Jim and Carol Sack

New address:

917 Kashiwabara, Shinanomachi
Kamiminouchi Gun
Nagano Prefecture, 389-1305





TRUNK OR TREAT!

Saturday, Oct. 25

11:00-1:00

At Bone Lake Lutheran Church

1101 255th Ave Luck, WI
5 Miles East of Luck on
Cty Rd I

Everyone Welcome!

Coffee and Cocoa will be served

GIFT OF WARM CLOTHING 2025

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 (4:00 PM - 7:00 PM)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 (11:00 AM - 1:00 PM)

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1101 255th Avenue (County I)
Luck, WI 54853
715-472-2535



**DISTRIBUTION OF WINTER OUTERWEAR INCLUDING:
JACKETS, SNOWPANTS, BOOTS, HATS, & MITTENS.
FOR ALL AGES, TO THOSE IN NEED.**



**FREE-WILL OFFERING
APPRECIATED.
EVERYONE WELCOME.**



*Limited number of people in the building. We appreciate your patience.
*If you are ill, please stay home.
*Any questions? Please call 715-472-2535 and leave a message.

Bone Lake Lutheran Church
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



RSVP
715-472-2535
Please RSVP
no later than
Monday,
November 24

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

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

| BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Ellison Bazey | 10/04/2020 |
| Jill Route | 10/05/1973 |
| Robert Dueholm | 10/07/1945 |
| Gavin White | 10/07/2012 |
| Harvey Fjorden | 10/08/1963 |
| Mike Boland | 10/14/2012 |
| Barott Strege | 10/16/2016 |
| Jamison Strege | 10/16/2016 |
| Edna Tonnar | 10/17/1948 |
| Alayna Witthoft | 10/23/2016 |
| Linda Hostrup | 10/25/1951 |
| Brent Hostrup | 10/27/1974 |
| Bill White | 10/31/1976 |
| Ellison Bazey | 10/04/2020 |
| Jill Route | 10/05/1973 |

| October Birthdays | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Lisa Fjorden | 10/3 |
| Claire Nelson | 10/6 |
| Donna Davidson | 10/7 |
| Jill Route | 10/9 |
| Dale Vlasnik | 10/9 |
| Jerod Buck | 10/10 |
| Jessica Summerfield | 10/10 |
| Oliver Dejon | 10/14 |
| Annie Strege | 10/14 |
| Connor Eichelt | 10/17 |
| Danielle Buck | 10/18 |
| Neil Peterson | 10/19 |
| Chad Strege | 10/19 |
| Nancy Bradwell | 10/26 |
| Sue Buck | 10/26 |
| Serenity Schommer | 10/26 |
| Don Broome | 10/27 |
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BONE LAKE AUGUST STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSES

| Type of Income | Amount |
|--|----------------|
| Total General income (Giving) | 15252 |
| Total Designated income: | 1000 |
| Total Stocks Income | 0 |
| | 16252 |
| Type of Expense | |
| Total Property Exp | 126.65 |
| Pastoral Compensation | 9864.25 |
| Total Payroll inc. tax | 2269.97 |
| Phone, Internet, Utilities | 1259.55 |
| Evang/Comm Outreach | 375 |
| Total Office Expenses | 1648.46 |
| MemorialExp | 85.64 |
| | 15629.5 |

| October Wedding Anniversaries | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Daryl & Rhonda Bazey | 10/3/44 |
| Neil & Tammy Peterson | 10/3/16 |
| Craig & Paulette Adair | 10/4/45 |
| Cris & Melanie Moore | 10/15/42 |
| Nick & Mande Kuechenmeister | 10/22/31 |

**October Alter Guild
Melanie Moore**

NET INCOME**622.48****October**

| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> | <u>Saturday</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | | | 1 Office Open 9 – 1 GOWC prep & dropoff | 2 GOWC prep & dropoff | 3 GOWC prep & dropoff | 4 GOWC prep & dropoff |
| 5 GOWC prep & dropoff | 6 GOWC prep & dropoff | 7 Office Open 9 – 1 GOWC prep & dropoff | 8 Office Open 9 – 1 GOWC prep & dropoff | 9 GOWC prep & dropoff | 10 GOWC 4 PM to 7 PM | 11 GOWC 10 AM to 1 PM |
| 12 Deacon on Vacation | 13 | 14 Office Open 9 - 1 | 15 Office Open 9 - 1 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Office Open 9 - 1 | 22 Office Open 9 - 1 | 23 | 24 | 25 Trunk or treat 11A to 1 P |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Office Open 9 - 1 | 29 Office Open 9 - 1 | 30 | 31 | |

October Worship Assistants: Sign ups are needed as we only have a couple spots filled.

October 5

Reader: Nany Beduhn
Greeter:
Usher:
Coffee &:

October 12

Reader:
Greeter: Gloria Rolstad
Usher:
Communion (2)
Coffee &: Judy Randall

October 19

Reader:
Greeter:
Usher:
Coffee &:

October 26

Reader:
Greeter:
Usher:
Communion:
Coffee &