"The Fisher" February 2026
A newsletter for the members and friends of
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Loaves & Fishes Monthly Report
Open Tues. & Thurs. 11 am-1:00pm
Lions Hall, 300 S 1st. Street Luck, WI
P.O. Box 554 Luck, WI 54853

January 2026

Households served 41 Luck 33

Adults: 45 Unity 8

Children: 28 New families: 3

Total people: 104

Donations: Money: $2,776
(Below includes TEFAP, purchased food, donations)
Weight of food coming in: # 2,172
Weight of food going out: #2,541
Volunteer hours: 52 hours.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a federally funded USDA food program, which is administered through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Loaves & Fishes is a recipient agency.

Needs for next month: Vegetables: canned tomatoes, peas, mixed vegetables. Pasta: macaroni, rice, elbow noodles, spaghetti. Misc. peanut butter, cake mix, brownie mix, muffins. **We can always use more volunteer workers. If interested, please contact Pam Girtz 320-232-7541 email: girtzp@gmail.com; or Gena Bugno nobug115@yahoo.com**

Bone Lake Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
January 8, 2026 5:30 p.m.

Present: Leora Dueholm, Nikki Grey, Shahla Brown, Gloria Rolstad, Denise Nelson, Deacon Jodi and Lori Peterson. Absent: Randy Kelly
Called to order: Meeting called to order at 5:34 by President Shahla Brown
Guest Presenter: Emily Francis from Redwood Recovery Project, located by West Denmark church, it is **a sober home for women. We talked about the services they offer and how we may be able to support their mission.**
Approve Agenda: Denise made a motion to approve the agenda, Gloria seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Prayer/Devotional: Deacon Jodi said a beautiful prayer.
Treasurer's Report: Lori Peterson/Gloria
1-Motion was made by Denise to accept the proposed budget with the changes by council. Needs to be corrected ASAP so it can be handed out Sunday January 11th. Seconded by Leora. Motion carried.
2-Bone Lake Lutheran Church will have two savings accounts, first one for general savings and other for designated savings. Gloria made a motion to create a savings account for designated savings, signers on account will be Shahla Brown, Gloria Rolstad and Lori Peterson. Nikki seconded. Motion carried. Lori Petersen does not have permission to move money from this account without council's prior approval.
3-Denise made a motion to approve checks 13099-13127, and EFT's for Xcel and Metro Sales. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.
December Meeting Minutes: Minutes were submitted online, Gloria made a motion to accept the minutes (12/11/25) and Shahla seconded the motion (12/11/25), Motion carried (12/11/25)
Property Report: Randy Kelly-no report
Deacon's Report: Deacon Jodi updated council on what she has been doing.
Gloria made a motion to accept the Treasurer's, Deacon's and Property reports. Leora seconded. Motion carried.
Old Business:

- Constitution changes - Review/Decide what to be presented for congregation approval.
  -Gloria made a motion to amend C12.05 in the Constitution that states the council may enter into contracts up to $3500 that are not in the budget, so that the council may enter into contracts up to $5000 that are not in the budget. Leora seconded. Motion carried. T**his will need congregational approval at the Annual Meeting.**
- Review deadlines/details for budget, annual report, annual meeting, etc…
- Nominations- still need someone to replace Leora

New Business:

- Jan/Feb events/calendar - 1/11 Budget review; 1/25 Annual Meeting & Potluck; 2/18 Ash Wednesday, service at 5:30. 2/25 Lenten services start at 5:30 with soup to follow, Council will serve on Feb 25.
- Timing of meetings- Council meetings will be the second Wednesday of the month (except during Lent)
- Look over Ministry Goals & Review materials.

Counters for Dec/Jan:

- Jan. 11 - Randy and Nikki
- Jan. 18 - Gloria and Leora
- Jan. 25 - Nikki and Denise
- Feb. 1 - Shahla and Denise
- Feb. 8- Gloria and Randy
- Feb. 15-Shahla and Nikki

Next meeting: Wed, February 11 at 5:30
Adjournment: Gloria made a motion to adjourn @ 7:56PM. Meeting was adjourned.
Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted January 11, 2026
Denise Nelson, Council Secretary

A RETREAT FOR GRANDPARENTS!

Here is a new opportunity for grandparents to take time together to discover how God sees our role as a calling. We will share together ways we can build stronger relationships, be equipped to better love and protect those precious grandkids and consider all it means to be the best grandparents we can be. Don't miss this unique opportunity to apply your faith to make a difference in the lives of your grandchildren.

When: March 6-8, 2026 (Opening session 7pm March 6)

Where: Camp Wapo, 1204 74th Ave., Amery, WI 54001

Cost: $210 Includes Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Sunday brunch.

To Register: Fill out form found on www.adultssavingkids.org or call 612-708-1875
Write check to: Adults Saving Kids and send to

Adults Saving Kids, 816 Millwood Ave., Roseville, MN 55113

What to Bring: Notebook, Bible, pillow, sleeping bag or bedding, towel, soap, and personal items.

Leaders: Pastor Al Erickson, Patricia Malloy and musicians

Casual dress – we are at a camp

www.adultssavingkids.org

Limited number: 26.

January 20th, 2026

LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP

Forming Faith, Pointing

Dear Bone Lake Lutheran Families & Friends,

I know it's hard to think about summer yet, but it's on its way and it's time to get your kids and grandkids signed up for an exciting, faith-filled experience at Luther Point! What better way to learn about God and grow your faith than surrounded by nature, new friends, and lots of fun activities? This year's theme at Luther Point is *Wear Love* based on Colossians 3:12-14. Each day campers will focus on a different way we can "wear love" through: Kindness, Humbleness, Calmness, Steadfastness and Forgiveness!

Summer camp is a great place to learn more about God, make new friends, and enjoy nature with Luther Point's competent staff. This is the 21st year our campers and their families along with our congregation will raise money for camperships. In addition to a family deposit, the funds will help offset, or (hopefully) completely cover, the cost for every child who wishes to attend LPBC. The results depend on everyone signing up and helping with the Spring Fling garage sale. If you want to opt out of the fundraisers and pay your child's portion completely, please tell one of the team members below by February 15th. Please do not register on-line at this time.

If you're on Luther Point Bible Camp's mailing list, you will receive their Summer Registration brochure soon. If not, refer to their website www.lutherpoint.org . Whether your family has gone to camp for many years, or you're a "first timer", good communication makes things run more smoothly. Children who will be in grades 1-12 next fall are able to attend LPBC in Grantsburg this summer and there is also a day camp for kids 4yo - 6th grade. Please see camp options and pricing on the back of this letter.

The single fundraising event we have planned is the Spring Fling. We ask that your family help out with setting up in the 2 weeks prior to the sale and conducting the sale. Don't worry, it's fun and a great time to work together for a common goal! It's also a great motivation to clean out those closets or bake some cookies.

SAVE THESE DATES

Sunday, February 15 – All information must be communicated to one of the camp coordinators by this time. (Do not register on-line at this time.) It helps our volunteers keep things organized and running smoothly. If registration is not turned in by this date you will be responsible for the full amount.

Sunday, March 1- This is the final date to register in order to receive the Early Bird discount. We will send you the code for the deposit and after that, you need to register online. Any family that misses the March 1 deadline will need to cover the loss of the early bird discount.

Saturday, April 25th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm - Spring Fling Sale
This garage sale / bake sale will also feature a silent auction and lunch served. Tell everyone you know to check it out. (We will begin setting up on Sunday, April 12th.)

If you have questions or concerns, please call one of the Camp Team: Jessica Summerfield 491-1842 Shahla Brown 501-9747 Andy Brown 501-9824

LPBC Camp Choices, Costs, and Family Share

Encouraging youth to attend Luther Point Bible Camp by helping with the financial commitment is a ministry of Bone Lake Lutheran. Our W/ELCA chapter is committed to supporting campers by covering the cost of the camp deposit, we ask parents/guardians for a small non-refundable deposit when registering your child for camp through our church, and we organize a garage and bake sale to raise the funds required to pay the rest. In order to have a successful sale, we need all of the help we can get!

Below you can see the cost of each of the camps offered this summer along with the family share.

Youth In-Camp	Camp Cost	Family Share
Camp Connect Day Camp (4yo-6gr). 1wk/1/2 days	100.00	10.00
Camp Connect Day Camp 1 wk/Full days	150.00	15.00
Day-at-Camp (entering 1-2 gr)	25.00	5.00
1st and 2nd Gr. Overnight (entering 1-2 gr)	150.00	15.00
3rd-4th Grade Camp (entering 3-4 gr)	230.00	25.00
4th-6th Grade Camp (entering 4-6 gr)	450.00	50.00
All Horse Camps (5th and above)	650.00	50 + 225
Outpost Camp	450.00	50.00
Fish Camp (entering 4-12 gr)	450.00	50.00
Jr. High/Confirmation Camp (entering 7-9 gr)	450.00	50.00
Jr. High/Confirmation Camp - ½ week (7-9 gr)	230.00	25.00
Canoe Trip ½ week (entering 7-12)	250.00	30.00
Jr. & Sr. High Night Life ½ week (7-12 gr)	230.00	25.00
B.U.D.D.I.E.S. (entering 10-12 gr)	0.00	0.00
Grandparent/Grandchild Camp	230.00/child	25.00
Family camp (prices vary by age)		

WALKING TOGETHER

Church Without Walls

March 21, 2026

8:00 – 4:00

$25 Per Participant

Bethany Lutheran Church – Rice Lake, WI

Keynote Speaker: Natalia Terfa

Register and Details Here:

https://nwswl.org/walking-together-event

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Condensed History of the Companion Synod Rela5onship between Northwest Synod of Wisconsin and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi

The real relationship began in 1991 when the then senior pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (ELCM), Joseph P. Bvumbwe, came to America to study for a Master's Degree in Gheology at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. He completed the degree in 1992 and returned to Malawi with his family. In 1995 he was elected Bishop of the ELCM.

While in America, Pastor Bvumbwe came in contact with congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in Colorado, Wisconsin, and Indiana. Contact with churches in Michigan City, Indiana proved to be significant because Pastor Bvumbwe met Kathy Oelschlager at an event for Lutheran educators. She encouraged her husband, Pastor Harold Oelschlager, to invite Joseph and Maria Bvumbwe to visit their church in Indiana, which they did.

A lifelong friendship was born. Upon retirement, Pastor Harold and Kathy moved to Eau Claire, WI and joined Immanuel Lutheran Church. Immanuel had established a foundation and had (the money to spend, and following a rich experience sponsoring Missionary Barb Cornwell (Solsaa) was looking for a more permanent relationship with a church in a "majority world" country. In 1996 Harold and Kathy were planning a visit to the ELCM. They were asked if Immanuel could pay for part of their trip in exchange for Immanuel being able to call them their "missionaries." They were commissioned and spent three months in Malawi. Pastor Harold said that being commissioned changed the way they looked at the purpose of their trip. The Oelschlagers, upon returning to the U.S. made many presentations to synod congregations and reported their observations of the ELCM to Rev. Robert Berg, the new bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin and to the synod church council.

Bishop Berg and the church council decided to invite Bishop Bvumbwe to speak at the 1997 synod assembly and to devote the assembly offering for construction of a chapel somewhere in the ELCM. In 1998, Bishop Berg and the synod church council applied to the ELCM Division of Global Missions for a second companion synod, namely, the ELCM. In 1999, Rev. Benyam Kassahun, ELCA director of eastern African companion synod relationship, to assess the ELCM, the application was granted.

The companion relationship was furthered in 2000 when the Rev. James Magelssen, assistant bishop for the Northwest Synod, headed a delegation of eight (Rev. James and Sharon Magelssen, Rev. Harold and Kathy Oelschlager, Rev. Andrew and Carolyn Oppedahl, Diane Kaufmann, and Kathy Shaauck) to the ELCM. Three chapels built by the Northwest Synod were dedicated during the trip, two of them due to the 1997 synod assembly offering; the third chapel, Sadzi Congregation in Zomba Parish, was funded by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Eau Claire.

Also of great significance is the role played by Wapogasset Bible Camp, Amery, Wisconsin. In 2001, Bishop Bvumbwe was invited to spend the first year of his sabbatical in America to be part of the Wapogasset Bible Camp staff to develop a Malawi Village Experience. At the same (me, the bible camp released Bishop Bvumbwe to preach in the congregations of the synod.
On February 16, 2002, Bishop Berg and Bishop Bvumbwe led the first work/seminar to guide congregations in the companion relationship process, with the result that 23 congregations applied to be a part of a companion congregation/parish relationship with the ELCM. Many synod congregations and parishes in Malawi have been matched since then. Bishop Robert Berg's first official synod visit to Malawi occurred in August, 2004, and all subsequent Bishops have made official visits. In 2002 Diane Kaufmann became the first Companion Coordinator and position has been supported by every bishop since, becoming a synod staff appointment. Subsequent coordinators have been Pr. Ramie Bakken, Pr. John Sutherland, and Deacon Laura Ramlow.

In 2006, the synod was able to host the Cathedral Choir from Lilongwe. They performed 15 concerts throughout the synod and created a lot of interest in the relationship. Many other visits to and from Malawi have occurred since then. The development of a Pastor's Academy for mutual learning occurred in 2009 as part of the Book of Faith Initiative and purchases of the Lutheran Study Bible by the synod's Lay School of Ministry for every pastor in Malawi. In 2010 the role of teach pastors was initiated with Pastors Todd Iverson and Greg Kaufmann serving as the first teachers. Young people from Malawi have also served as summer counselors and education young campers attending Luther Park and Luther Point about the country and church.

As was pointed out in the June 26, 2002 minutes at a ZIP (Zomba Immanuel Partners) meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church,
We need to be careful not to let our agenda get in the way of forming relationships or to turn our relationships with our companions into a one-way, dependency kind of relationship. We want to go to Malawi to celebrate and share God's gifts.

Thanks be to God for the strength and mutual encouragement of the Companion Synod relationship between the NW Synod of Wisconsin and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi.

September 14, 2023
-Diane Kaufmann

February Birthdays	
Greyson Scott	Feb 4
Lori Johnson	Feb 6
Rita Frandsen	Feb 6
Jean Boatman	Feb 7
Eljay Montpetit	Feb 7
JadaLynn Meeds	Feb 8
Tanner Van Meter	Feb 10
William Schommer	Feb 11
Paul Denny	Feb 13
Carol Jenssen	Feb 14
Bob Hallquist	Feb 14
Macie Grey	Feb 19
Andrea Erickson	Feb 20
Harley Hansen	Feb 20
Patrick Jarvis	Feb 20
Daryl Bazey	Feb 23

February Baptismal Anniversaries	
Jessica Summerfield	Feb 7
Sherri Schaffer	Feb 10
Ruby Musial	Feb 12
Duane Wisse	Feb 15
Brandon Hostrop	Feb 18
Roger Neumann	Feb 18
Tyler Paulsen	Feb 20
Denise Nelson	Feb 23
Lynn Albee	Feb 25
Paige Runnels	Feb 28

Wedding Anniversaries	
Barry & Sherri Schaffer	Feb 2
Roger & Pat Neumann	Feb 12

February Worship Assistants

Feb 8

Greeters: Jon Erickson
Ushers: Kim Erickson & Lynn Gregorash
Reader: Lynn Gregorash
Communion: Jon Erickson & Susan Gregorash
Coffee: Susan Gregorach & Kim Erickson
Counters: Gloria & Randy

Feb 15

Greeters: Rhonda & Kelsey Bazey
Ushers: Jon & Kim Erickson
Reader: Shahla Brown
Coffee: Rhonda & Kelsey Basey
Counters: Shaha & Nikki

Feb 22

Greeters: Rhonda & Kelsey Bazey
Ushers: Kim Erickson & Rhonda Bazey
Reader: Kelsey Bazey
Communion: Shahla Brown & Jon Erickson
Coffee: Rhonda & Kelsey Bazey

2026 Lenton Soup Supper

Service 5:30 – Soup Supper 6:30

Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 - no soup

Feb 25 Soup provided by Council

March 4 – Service 5:30
6:30 - Soup provided by Reflections of Grace

March 11 – Soup provided by Naomi Group

March 18- Soup provided Deacon Jodi, Nancy Beduhn , Lil Wilson & Joan Sorenson

March 25 – Soup provided by Buck Families

It's time to start thinking about next year's Bone Lake Endowment scholarship. If you're a Bone Lake member pursuing higher education and are interested in applying, the application can be found on our website at https://bonelakelutheran.org/outreach/ If you have questions, contact LeRoy Buck, Nancy Beduhn or Brenda Buck.

FEBRUARY 2026						
Sunday	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**
8	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**
15 Toddler Sunday School 9:45	**16**	**17**	**18 Ash Wednesday Service – 5:30**	**19**	**20**	**21**
22 **Annual Meeting & potluck after church**	**23**	**24**	**25 Lenton Service 5:30** **6:30 Soup - Council**	**26**	**27**	**28**
1	**2**	**3**	**4 – Lenton Service – 5:30** **6:30 Soup – Reflections of Grace**	**5**	**6**	**7**

LEAD Connects

Now that the holidays are over, the Lead team has gotten back to work. The team was recommissioned in January and gave a brief update to the congregation about what we've been up to. The tail end of 2025 found us meeting with several area organizations as well as neighbors to help us get a sense of what our community and neighborhood needs are to help us at Bone Lake be good neighbors.

We're now looking ahead to Lent where we'll have an opportunity to share some of these organizations and others with the congregation. We'll be asking the congregation to help by sharing with us how they hear or feel God throughout Lent as we learn more about our neighbors together.