

"THE LOG"

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
OF OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BUNDY, WI

December, 2021

Wis. Home Energy Assistance Program

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The fuel season for 2021-2022 started on October 1st. For information on income limits and what you will need to apply, please call our office at (715) 362-5695 and ask to speak with an Energy Assistance worker to schedule an appointment.

Oneida County Department of Social Services is in compliance with the equal opportunity policy and standards of the Department of Workforce Development, Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Health Services and all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations relating to nondiscrimination in employment and service delivery.

To view our Limited English Proficiency Policy statements, go to their website.

For more information, go to: <http://homeenergyplus.wi.gov/>

MEETINGS:

Council Meeting Tuesday, January 11th, 6:30
Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 16th,
following Worship Service.

FREE Thrivent Choice Dollars

Free Thrivent Choice Dollars can help support organizations you care about. If you didn't get around to designating your Choice Dollars to **Our Savior's Lutheran Church**, you still have until March 31, 2022 to designate your 2021 Choice Dollars. Don't let your FREE Choice Dollars expire! Eligible members of Thrivent Financial may direct their Choice Dollars by going to **Thrivent.com/thriventchoice**, or call 1-800-THRIVENT (847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice".



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Tierge Fredrick
9th Tony Davis
10th Jim Krueger
11th Tara Fredrick
12th Madeline Pond
13th Scotty Teeters
17th Dean Grant

18th Pastor Al
Jimi Ritcher
19th Dawn Wanty
20th Dick Tessmann
22nd Rick Sweo
29th Fred Schneider

If I have missed your birthday or know of someone I have missed, give Bea a call at 715-362-7605.



Ladies Society Christmas Party and Auction



is Saturday, December 4th, at 1 p.m.

Start looking for those gift/s to bring to the auction. Remember to wrap your gift but do NOT put your name on it.

Our own Pastor Al will be the auctioneer again this year.

Come join all the fun and laughter along with all the treats.

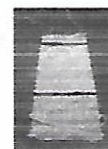


Ladies Society

Next meeting January 10, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. following Bible Study.

The Bible Study for Ladies Society is on page 22, in the Fall Quarterly; "Merciful Care" NEW members are needed; all ladies are welcome.

On other Monday's, we will be cutting bags at 12:30, following Bible Study and lunch.



considerations

This month let's consider GROWTH.

A "universal truth is one that never has exceptions. "You must grow to stay alive" is a universal truth.

No exceptions--it is true of all living things. True of bugs, carrots, sunflowers, elephants, ants, weeds, babies, fish, etc. All living things must grow to stay alive! When they stop growing they die.

The same is true for "living" (true) faith. our faith must grow to stay alive! God has given us many references in His Word to the importance of growing and maturing spiritually. John chapter 15 is filled with this emphases.

The first essential to remaining spiritually alive is to remain attached to Christ. If we become detached from Him, we will die spiritually. God supplies us with His Word (in which Jesus is the central subject) for our nourishment. In addition, He gives us Holy Communion (the body and Blood of Jesus) to feed us spiritually. Whenever the Word and Sacrament are used God's Holy Spirit comes to add joy, comfort, and strength (Growth). Our faith grows and prospers as we strengthen our relationship to God.

To ignore spiritual feeding on God's Word is as fatal spiritually as ignoring physical food is fatal to the body.

It's God's design! Physical food for the body. Spiritual food for the soul. Let's not just plan to survive. LET'S THRIVE!!!

God's Word is the most essential part of this goal. Let's read through God's Word in 2022. Start now! By next January 1st you will have concluded the journey. No! It's not to big. Some people claim the Bible can be

read in 76 hours. Perhaps, but that's a pretty fast pace with very little meditation.

Actually, 92 hours works better. That breaks down into about 15 minutes a day. That's easily possible for all of us. and if you don't like being timed, read 3-1/4 chapters a day (some long, some short) and you journey will be completed 365 days from NOW.

Caution: Some of the historical books may get boring, when that happens read only one chapter from those books and 2 from Psalms or Proverbs. Keep a list and check them off. I don't want you to become discouraged, as happens to so many who try to read the Bible from cover to cover.

Now that your "in" the Word and growing make sure you worship and commune. Christ promises to be present whenever the church celebrates Communion. You will be strengthened. You will grow!

Associate with believers! God intends for us to be "family". It says so in Ephesians. Through our fellowship we can discuss problems, encourage one another, help each other--and especially pray for each other.

Prayer is such a great gift! God wants to hear from us. And He promises to answer.

Above all--stay firmly attached to the Vine. Re-read John 15.

Read the Word.

Commune regularly.

Fellowship with Christians.

Pray.

THRIVE

Bea and I wish all of you a blessed Christmas. And May God continue to bless you and care for you throughout the New Year.

✠In His Service, ✠

Pastor Al

.Stamps for missions

Guidelines for Gathering Stamps

1. Cut the stamps from envelopes with a 1/4" margin around the stamp. Be careful not to cut the stamp. The perforations must be perfect.
2. Do NOT pull or take the stamps from the envelope.
3. Commemorative U.S. stamps, denominations larger than first class postage, and foreign stamps are especially valuable.
4. Do NOT remove stamps from albums, older postcards and/or envelopes, or first-day covers. Send in the entire album, envelope or postcard. This does not include postal cards sold by the post office. An "old card" is usually from 1930 or before.
5. Stamp brokers will not take Christmas stamps ; **ALSO** they no longer accept flag stamps.



Stamps may be placed in the container in the narthex.

(NOTE) When placing a stamp on an envelope, move it down & over a little so it doesn't get torn when opening the envelope.

How far is it to Christmas?



How far is it to Christmas day?

The journey's just as long as taking time to listen to a joyful Angel song.

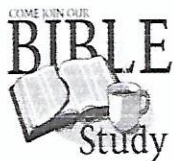
It's just as far as one can go in doing a loving deed that helps someone feed better OR that meets their special need.

For Christmas is a journey that the heart makes every year.

It starts right with your family and those you hold so dear.

It travels on to strangers ,round the world to everyone with the message that God loves us and that's why he's sent his Son!

BIBLE STUDY is each Monday at 10am.



We are studying
The Book of Judges.
It's not too late to join.

REMEMBER—FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Second Sunday of each month or anytime.
Bring a few items to church or a whole bag full. Put the items in the box in the narthex.
Give to those less fortunate.



MEMBERS

to order your Trigs Gift Cards

Make your check out to "Our Savior's" for either \$50. or \$100 or cash is also accepted. Annette will write a check to Trigs and pick up the gift cards. Give your money to either Bea or Annette.



ENVELOPES: How are you doing with your envelopes? Are you getting near the end of the box? Let Bea know and I will get you another box..

A Prayer that your Christmas is filled with good things, like laughter and love and the joy that it brings.

A Prayer that your Christmas is great from the start, bringing memories that linger and never depart.

Merry Christmas



twelve days of **CHRISTMAS**

True or not, this sounds plausible. "There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me".

What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

Today, I found out at a women's luncheon at church.

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit—Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit—Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So there is history for today. This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas carol.

(Note;) There is a "12 Days of Christmas" in the new LWML Winter Quarterly. If you don't get the Quarterly and would like a copy, let me know and I will make a copy of that page for you.

Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attend.	Gen'l Fund	Bldg Fund/Cans	Missions	Bible Sty	Ins.
10/31	21	\$1,238.00				\$936.00
11/7	13	\$ 555.00		\$45.00		
11/14	15	\$ 810.00				
11/21	14	\$ 290.00			\$24.00	\$936.00



ALTAR GUILD
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December 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	1:00 LWML CHRISTMAS AUCTION
Second Sunday in Advent 5 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Bob & Annette Readers: Bob 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ Communion/GRACE	10:00 Bible Study 6	7	8	9	10	11
Third Sunday in Advent 12 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Mike & Sue Readers: Debbie 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ Communion/GRACE	10:00 Bible Study 13	14	15	16	17	18
Fourth Sunday in Advent 19 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Larry & Barb Readers: Sugie 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ Communion/GRACE	10:00 Bible Study 20	21	22	23	<u>Christmas 24</u> <u>Eve</u> Worship Service 4:30 P.M.	 25
First Sunday after Christmas 26 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Debbie & Nikki Readers: Nikki 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ Communion/GRACE	27	Holy Innocents Martyrs 28	29	30	31	





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January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2nd Sunday after Christmas 2 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Jimi & Vicki Readers: Jimi 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ Communion/GRACE	3 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 Lunch & Bible study, Grace, 3 Lakes	4	5	6	7 Circumcision and Name of Jesus	1
1st Sunday after Epiphany 9 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Jerry & Debbie Readers: Debbie 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ Communion/GRACE	10 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Ladies Society 6:30 Council Meeting	11 12:00 Lunch & Bible study, Grace, 3 Lakes	12	13	14	15
2nd Sunday after Epiphany 16 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Al & Linda Readers: Linda 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ Communion/GRACE	17 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 Lunch & Bible study, Grace, 3 Lakes	18	19 Pastor's Winkle Eagle River	20	21	22
3rd Sunday after Epiphany 23 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Jim & Pam Readers: Pam 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ Communion/GRACE	24 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 Lunch & Bible study, Grace, 3 Lakes	25	26	27	28	29
4th Sunday after Epiphany 30 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Lynn & Debbie Readers: Debbie 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ Communion/GRACE	31 10:00 Bible Study					

Summer Staff 2022

Application Opened Oct. 15th

A summer at camp can change your life in a way that not many jobs can. You'll get paid to do things like kayak, go on hikes, dance around the campfire, roast s'mores, and talk to kids about Jesus. You'll wake up every morning knowing you get a chance to make a difference and experience the rhythms of a life centered around faith, community, and incredible fun. Head on over and learn how to apply for a life-changing summer.

For more details on what summer staff looks like and what the NLOMA profile consists of, checkout campluther.com/summerstaff

Winter Blast Youth Retreats

January 14-16, 21-23, & 28-30

It's not too early to consider joining one Camp Luther's many Winter Blast Youth Retreats this winter! Bring a middle school or high school group to experience a weekend in the Northwoods that's full of adventure, laughter, and some amazing hot chocolate. More than that, this weekend will provide your group with the opportunity to recharge and be reminded again of who they are in Jesus Christ.



For more information go to campluther.com/winteryouth

RECYCLE

**Remember
to recycle your
aluminum cans**

The monies we receive for aluminum cans will go to the **Building Fund**. Please continue to bring your aluminum cans to church and put in the shed behind the church.

PLEASE no glass (including liquor bottles), aluminum pie pans/trays or foil. CANS ONLY



MISSION STATEMENT: TO MAKE JESUS KNOWN WITHIN AND BEYOND THE CHURCH THROUGH WORSHIP, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE.

VISION STATEMENT: TO AVAIL THE KINGDOM OF GOD BY DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP THROUGH EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION, GROWTH AND UNITY.

JC Applications

Application is Open!

The Junior Counselor applications are officially open! Our Junior Counselor program is for high school students who have completed 10th-12th grade! You will spend 2 weeks at Camp Luther volunteering during the summer. Each week you'll be assigned a camper group, working with our summer staff to help lead a small group of kids. This program allows for amazing Christian-fellowship and friendships to be fostered here at camp among high school students!

Camp Luther is a subsidiary ministry of The North Wisconsin District-LCMS Our mission is to build up the Body of Christ for service to the church and witness to the world



DON'T FORGET

We take a collection the 1st Sunday of each month for Missionary Cindy Zirbel Wrucke.

She is a missionary in the Eurasia as the Director of Communications, based in the Czech Republic. All missionaries have to obtain ALL their funds for living expenses and insurance from donations. Plus they have to have emergency insurance in case they need to leave a country in a hurry.

Missionaries do NOT get any help from Synod; only from the generosity of fellow Christians. **Please** consider donating to Cindy's Missionary work for the Lord. All money is sent to Mission Central and earmarked for Cindy; none of it is kept for their expenses. There is a flyer on the back door for you to read.

(PEP): Personal Essentials Pantry Distribution:

Is open the Second Monday Monthly, 3:30—5:30 p.m. and last Saturday monthly, 9 a.m.—12 noon First United Methodist Church, 724 Arbutus St., Rhinelander.

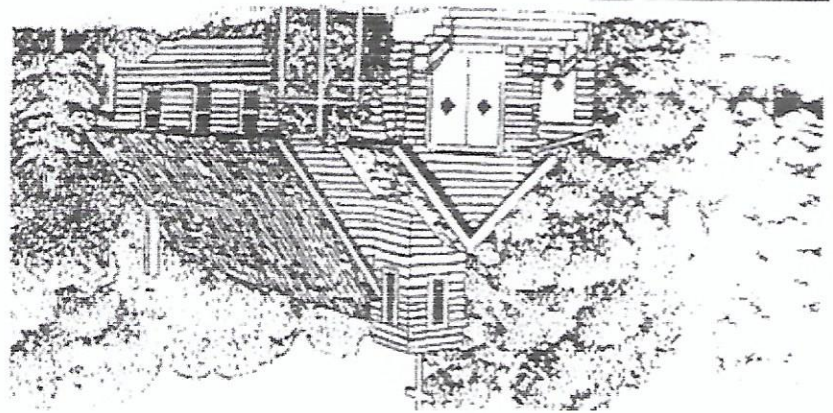
Personal items for people in need. New clients should bring documentation of food pantry, WIC, Badger Care of Food Share program participation.

For more information, call Barb Oestreicher at 715-282-5956 or Shirley Bettinger at 715-362-2988.



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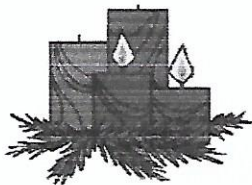


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Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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Advent/Christmas Services



Advent Services

Sunday, November 28th—December 19th

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, NO Service

Sunday, December 26th,
Regular Service

