

"THE LOG"

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

February, 2022

Wis. Home Energy Assistance Program

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 and more information, go to their website: <http://homeenergyplus.wi.gov/>

Many Thanks

For all the gifts and cards we received for Christmas. They are greatly appreciated.
Pastor Al and Bea

Meetings:

Hopefully the **Church Council** will have their meeting the week of January 31st, so the **Congregational Meeting** can be February 6th. Announcements will be made in church.

When driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign.. "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4th Harvey Pelot

16th Lucas Danielczak

21st Sue Sorley

23rd Nikki Guolee

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



Ladies Society

Next meeting February 14, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. following Bible Study.

The Bible Study for Ladies Society is on page 16, in the Winter Quarterly; "Noel" 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.



By the grace of God and through the support of our membership, we have been able to send the following items in 2021:

Missionary Cindy Wrucke	\$1,550.00
Camp Luther-75th Anniversary	\$ 130.00
LWML Noisy Sunday for Mites	\$ 93.60

The Ladies Society

32 Hygiene Kits and 10 School Kits to Lutheran World Relief (monies from Thrivent plus many donations)

38 Sleep Mats and 6 Hygiene Kits to Orphan Grain Train

\$25 to Camp Luther for their Giving Tuesday and matching funds

\$115.00 to PEP, from Christmas Auction

\$115.00 to Tri-County Abuse Center, from Christmas Auction

\$340 for LWML Mites

2 Fruit Baskets for shut-ins

considerations

DIVISIONS

Romans 16:17

I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.

This month let's *consider* divisions in the church. We are entering the Lenten season of the church year. This is a time to *consider*

our sin and look to the Lord with repentance. This is the penitent time of the year when we pause and give special *consideration* to our sin and what that sin cost our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Read the following illustration and *consider* how you can put it to work in your life.

Did you ever have something that someone said hit you like a ton of bricks?

That happens to many of us and some can even remember the time and day. For them it is a day they will never forget.

One of these stories is about a 44-year-old woman beginning college. It was during one of her marketing classes that an instructor told the class about "Get To", and it really stuck with her.

The instructor told the class that we walk through life making choices. Some of them are good, and some of them not so good. As a matter of fact some of them are downright sinful, but hopefully we learn something from all of them. The instructor told them a little about attitude and how it affects us all. There was a hand out called "LIFE IS AN ATTITUDE" and they discussed Accountability, Tenacity, Truth, Integrity, Trust, Understanding, Dedication, and Excellence. They learned that we cannot always choose what happens to us, but we can choose our attitudes toward each situation.

If we walk through life on the path we have chosen feeling as though we HAVE to do this or we HAVE to do that, eventually we might feel overwhelmed. They learned about changing attitudes and looking at the opportunities presented to us each day. If we look at those opportunities or challenges with a "GET TO" instead of a "HAVE TO" we enjoy the journey just a little bit more.

Our student decided to make a conscious effort over the next couple of days to exchange the words "have to" with "get to" in her conversations with friends, co-workers, and family, but most of all in her

thoughts, and something amazing happened. She noticed all the things she "GOT TO" do and started appreciating the opportunities and challenges on her path.

Think about it, she says:

I get to go to school to fulfill my dream.

I get to go to work when so many people can't.

I get to do the laundry, thankful for a washer and dryer.

I get to play with my cat who is so thankful for the attention.

I get to say a prayer, I have freedom of speech.

I get to remember the things that make me happy.

I get to spend time with a friend, who needs my help.

I get to read a book, I still have my sight.

I get to go to church, because My Savior, Jesus Christ, died for me!!!

I give you a challenge. With every thought and conversation for the next day or two, change the words "I HAVE TO" with the words "I GET TO" and see if it makes a difference in your day.

Our Lord and our church offer us many opportunities to serve in harmony and fellowship with the other believers in our congregation. Are we doing that or are we standing off in the distance and causing divisions in the "Body of Christ," the church.

Jesus tells us in John 8:47, **He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.** Each of us must look into our own hearts and truthfully answer these questions. Am I refusing to hear God's Word? Am I guilty of causing division within the church by speaking out against the church? What can I do to bring healing and harmony to the congregation?

Our wonderful Lord suffered and died on the cross to forgive all our sins including those of turning our back on Him and on the church. During this Lenten season we should all look to Him for forgiveness and ask for help to resolve any problems we may have with the church or any of its members. Jesus suffered great pain on that cross on Calvary and he suffers every time we sin, but he and all the angels rejoice when just one sinner returns through faith and repentance. We "GET TO" thank God through our worship, service and giving. We "GET TO" worship Christ every Sunday and at our Midweek Lenten services. We "GET TO" receive His Body and Blood at His Table. What a wonderful God we have. To God alone be the glory.

In Christ,

Pastor Al

**LENTEN SERVICES
AND
CHILI & SOUP SUPPER**

**ASH WEDNESDAY
March 2, 2022**



**Church Service
at 6:30 p.m.
With Holy Communion**

**Chili and Soup Supper
at 5:30 p.m.**

There will be a sign-up sheet on
the back door.



**LENTEN SERVICES
EACH WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.**

CLEANING SCHEDULE

A new calendar for 2022 is up.

Please consider helping so the same people don't have to do it so many times; even if it's only once or twice a year.

There are disinfecting wipes on the kitchen counter and in the Sacristy for wiping down the back tops of the pews. ALSO you need to take the garbage home to dispose of as we do NOT have garbage pick up; about every other week as needed.



Please help keep God's house clean.

Just a Reminder

When it snows, snow slides off the roof or the driveway is plowed, the back door needs to be kept clear of snow so it can be opened in case of an emergency.



Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attend.	Gen'l Fund	Missions	Ins.
1/2	18	\$1,245.00	\$25.00	
1/9	9	\$ 495.00	\$55.00	
1/16	27	\$ 330.00		
1/23	11	\$ 285.00		\$1,270.

Contribution Range Report for 2021

Contribution Range	# of Contributors	Total \$\$ Given	Average per Person
0-0	26	0	0
1-100	2	\$ 195.00	\$ 97.50
100.01-200	1	\$ 141.00	\$ 141.00
200.01-300	3	\$ 780.00	\$ 260.00
300.01-400	1	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00
400.01-500	1	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
500.01-750	4	\$ 2,541.00	\$ 635.25
750.01-1,000	3	\$ 2,875.00	\$ 958.33
1,000.01-1,500	2	\$ 2,415.00	\$ 1,207.50
1,500.01-2,500	4	\$ 7,473.00	\$ 1,868.25
2,500.01-5,000	3	\$12,889.50	\$ 4,296.50
5,000.01 -9999	3	\$24,023.50	\$ 8,007.83

Total 53 \$54,098.00 \$ 1,020.72

(Note) (\$11,272.00 is Grace Lutheran)

Don't Forget About...

April 25-30, 2022 - Volunteer Work Week

Mark your calendars for this incredible week where an awesome group of people come together to create incredible change and impact at camp. Each year, we tackle several big projects that help to lay the foundation for the ministry of Camp Luther for years to come.

April 29- May 1, 2022 - Workbee Weekend

Our ministry at camp happens year round. Come join us and serve in a way that makes a difference for everyone that comes to camp. During a Workbee Weekend you'll enjoy the atmosphere, fellowship, and even the work! Come volunteer and make a difference at camp. Youth groups are welcome.

For more information go to info@campluther.com
Camp Luther, 1889 Koubenec Road, Three Lakes, WI 54562; 715-546-3647

A Minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

Income and Expenses for 2021

Income

Envelope	\$38,416.00
Plate.....	\$ 658.00
Building Fund	\$ 149.50
Bible Study	\$ 126.00
Misc.	\$ 11,997.50
Missions	\$ 1,550.00
Interest	\$ 18.77
Trig's Script	\$ 202.00
Memorials Given	\$ 1,520.00

Total Income \$54,637.77

Expenses

Bank Fees	\$ 20.00
Church Supplies	\$ 404.84
Education	\$ 243.84
Misc. Expense	\$ 130.00
Electric	\$ 620.09
Fuel	\$ 1,259.45
Health Insurance	\$11,274.00
Insurance	\$ 1,767.00
License	\$ 300.00
Missions Paid	\$ 1,101.00
Office Supplies	\$ 427.16
Organist	\$ 3,026.37
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 301.74
Pastor	\$ 29,166.24
Guest Pastor	\$ 141.18
Telephone	\$ 593.05
Copier	\$ 2,292.24

Total Expenses..... \$ 53,068.20

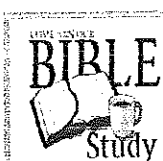
Excess Income/Expenses \$ 1,569.57

REMEMBER—FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Second Sunday of each month or any-time. 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.

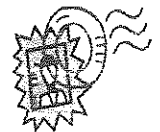


BIBLE STUDY is each Monday at 10am. We are studying The Book of Judges.

Next Bible Study will be on James

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.

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".

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.



ALTAR GUILD Bea



March 2022

WELCOME SPRING

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12:00 Bible Study Grace	2 ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship	3 Daylight Saving time begins Sunday, March 13, 2022 SPRING FORWARD	4	5
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 6 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Debbie & Nikki Readers: Nikki 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ communion Grace	7 10:00 Bible Study	8 12:00 Bible Study Grace	9 6:30 Worship	10	11	12
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 13 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Jimi & Vicki Readers: Jimi 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ communion Grace	14 10:00 Bible Study 12:30 Ladies Society	15 12:00 Bible Study Grace	16 6:30 Worship	17	18	19
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 20 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Jerry & Debbie Readers: Debbie 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ communion Grace	21 10:00 Bible Study SPRING BEGINS	22 12:00 Bible Study Grace	23 6:30 Worship	24	25	26
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 27 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Al & Linda Readers: Linda 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ communion Grace	28 10:00 Bible Study	29 12:00 Bible Study Grace	30 6:30 Worship	31		



ALTAR GUILD
ANNETTE



February 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12:00 Bible Study Grace	2	3	4	5
Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany 6 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Ferd & Sugie Readers: Sugie 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ communion Grace	7 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 Bible Study Grace	8	9	10	11	12
Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany 13 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Bob & Annette Readers: Bob 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ communion Grace	14 12:30 LWMIL Meeting 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 Bible Study Grace	15	16	17	18	19
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany 20 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Mike & Sue Readers: Debbie 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ communion Grace	21 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 Bible Study Grace	22	23	24	25	26
Transfiguration 27 8:30 Worship w/ Communion Ushers: Larry & Barb Readers: Sugie 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/ communion Grace	28 10:00 Bible Study					

Summer Staff 2022

Apply by February 20th

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

Summer Camp Brochures are now available in the Narthex.

Do you have any kids or grandkids that would be interested in going to camp? Check out all the different summer programs and policies for all ages on their website: Campluther.com/summer
To register online, go to: campluther.com/register

A Sunday School Teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know—Our Father, who does art in Heaven"

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.

Volunteer at Camp Luther!

There's plenty going on behind the scenes at Camp Luther year-round, and many of these projects are dependent on volunteers to make happen. One of these current projects is updating two more of our 15 cottages, Cozy Corner and Down Yonder. We can't wait to show you the finished renovations and for all the families to enjoy these newly updated cottages soon! To help out with this projects or others, contact Snowcat at snowcat@campluther.com to set up a time to come and volunteer at camp.

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.

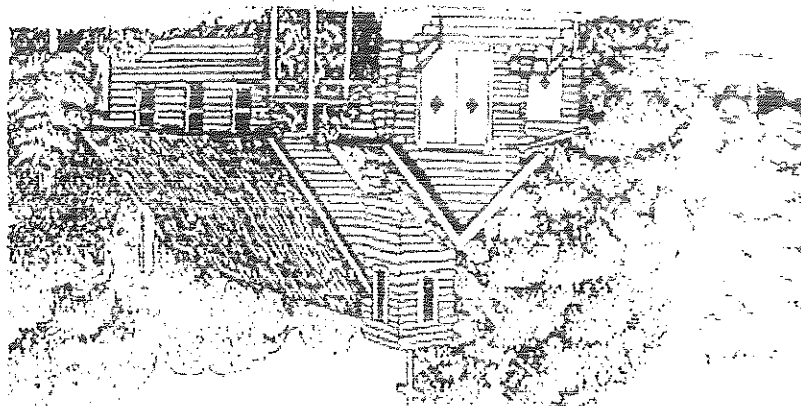
Personal items for people in need. New clients should bring documentation of food pantry, WIC, Badger Care of Food Share program participation.

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



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Epiphany and its Season

Begins with evening prayer on January 5; and Ends the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.
Epiphany is one of the oldest seasons in the Christian Church Year, second only to the Easter season. This season of lights emphasizes Jesus' manifestation, (or epiphany, from the Greek *epiphaneia*) as God and man. The earliest Christians called the Feast of the Epiphany the *Theophany* ("revelation of God"). When the Gentile Magi come to worship Jesus, they show that now everyone has access to God. Now all people, Jew and Gentile, can come to God's temple to worship, because Jesus is the new temple: God in the flesh. The Epiphany of Our Lord (January 6) marks the celebration of the visit of the Magi.

Epiphany may include as many as nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. The season is marked at its beginning and at its end by two important feasts of Christ.

On the First Sunday after the Epiphany, the Church celebrates the Baptism of Our Lord. The Father had sent Jesus to bear the sins of the world. So Jesus steps down into baptismal waters so that He can soak up the sins of the world: He is baptized into our sins, so that our Baptism might be into His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins.

The Feast of the Transfiguration, celebrated on the last Sunday in the Epiphany season, is a significant and uniquely Lutheran contribution to the Christian calendar. The festival commemorates the moment on the Mount of Transfiguration when three of Jesus' disciples glimpsed their Lord in divine splendor, seeing Him as the center of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). Jesus proclaims to His disciples, then and now, that He is the long-awaited one who has come to die for the sins of the world and be raised again in glory.