

"THE LOG"

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

January, 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/>

*Rest in the Lord, my soul
Commit to Him thy way.
What to thy sight seems dark as night,
To Him is bright as day.*

*Rest in the Lord, my soul;
He planned for thee thy life,
brings good from pain,
And peace and joy from strife.*

*Rest in the Lord, my soul;
This fretting weakens thee,
Why not be still? Accept His will;
Thou shalt His glory see.*

Holy Humor

Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5th Travis Grant
9th Tyler Fredrick

21st Barb Aschebrock
25th Lily Pequet

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



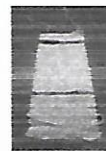
Ladies Society

Next meeting 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.



CLEANING SCHEDULE

A new calendar for 2022 is up.

You can now sign-up for your favorite month(s). 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.



Please help keep God's house clean.

MEETINGS:

Council Meeting Tuesday, January 11th, 6:30 p.m.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 16th, following Worship Service.

considerations

This month let's "consider" cobwebs. COBWEBS? Yes, cobwebs. CONSIDER this story:

A committee from a church met with an artist to commission him to paint a picture of a dying church, a request that he found very intriguing. Weeks later he met with the committee again and unveiled his painting.

They were surprised. He had painted a picture of a magnificent church, beautifully landscaped, with the doors wide open. Through the doors he had pictured a large congregation at worship, huge columns supporting a beautifully appointed interior. To the right of the doors he had painted an announcement board, full to overflowing with activities.

Finally, a spokesperson for the committee suggested that a mistake had been made. They had asked for a picture of a dying church, not one that was so obviously alive. "There has been no mistake," said the artist, calling their attention to a small detail in his picture. To the left of the open doors, lost in some shadows, he had painted a small box identified with the word *Missions*. And over the slot in the top of the box he had painted a cobweb. "There," he said, "is your dying church."

Cobwebs happen, not only to mission boxes but human-care boxes, forgive-one-another boxes, all such boxes. When this happens, it requires more than a mere dusting with some sort of pledge to do better. It requires a long careful look into the manger (and beyond to the empty cross and tomb), a look like that of mother Mary, who "kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." It is that kind of look that dusts off the boxes and returns them to front and center in our lives.

So, where are we, you and me? Are we more interested in what goes on inside the church or might we think about focusing efforts outside of the church to the

surrounding community and beyond? It seems now that most of our efforts are focused inside the church.

So, what can we do? It has been shown many times that if a church wants to grow, its focus must be first on Christ and second on people outside of the church. The shift needs to be from ourselves to Christ and His kingdom as being the most important focus of our lives and actions. Until this happens little will change in this and every other struggling church.

After these things have been done, then people will begin to introduce others to our wonderful, merciful Savior. Then churches grow and the cobwebs over the mission box disappear. God blesses those who are following Christ, believing and trusting in Him and not focusing on themselves.

As we begin a new year, let's work on changing our focus, that of the church and that of ourselves. Trust in Christ and work at building His kingdom and not our own. The Christ in the manger is also the Christ on the cross and has given us much including forgiveness, life and salvation. In gratitude let's give Him our focus, our will, and our hearts as we work to spread his kingdom in our homes, community, and country..

✠ In His Service, ✠

Pastor Al

**HAVE A
BLESSED
NEW YEAR**

.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.

BIBLE STUDY is each Monday at 10am.



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

The Ladies Society Annual Christmas Party and Auction was Saturday, December 4th.

There were 8 ladies in attendance who enjoyed all the fun and laughter, plus all the goodies and cider.



We received \$230.00 from the auction. The charities that received \$115.00 each were Tri-County Council and PEP—Personal Essentials Pantry.

Many thanks to Pastor Al for being our auctioneer again this year.

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

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".

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..

Such a wonderful message—really makes one think about what is important!

The Author is not known. It was found in the billfold of coach Paul Bear Bryant, Alabama, after he died in 1982

The Magic Bank Account

Imagine that you had won the Following "PRIZE" in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for yu use...

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that Day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, Game Over!" It can close the account And you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally Do?

You would buy anything and Everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possible spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

Actually, this GAME is REAL... Shocked??? Yes

Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*. We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is *TIME*

1. Each morning we awaken to Receive 86,400 seconds As a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at Night, any remaining time is Not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that Day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever Gone.
5. Each morning the account is Refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much More than the same amount in dollars.

Think about it and remember to Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than You think.

So take care of yourself, by Happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful And beautiful day.

Start spending...

**"DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD!"
SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE.**

Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attend.	Gen'l Fund	Misc.	Missions	Bible Sty	Ins.
11/28	17	\$ 310.00	\$82.50	\$60.00	\$15.00	
12/5	No Church - Snow Day					
12/12	29	\$1,833.00		\$80.00		\$936.00
12/19	16	\$ 220.00		\$50.00		



ALTAR GUILD PAM



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	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					



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	8 12:00 Bible Study Grace	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	12:30 LWML 14 Meeting 10:00 Bible Study	15 12:00 Bible Study Grace	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	22 12:00 Bible Study Grace	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

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.

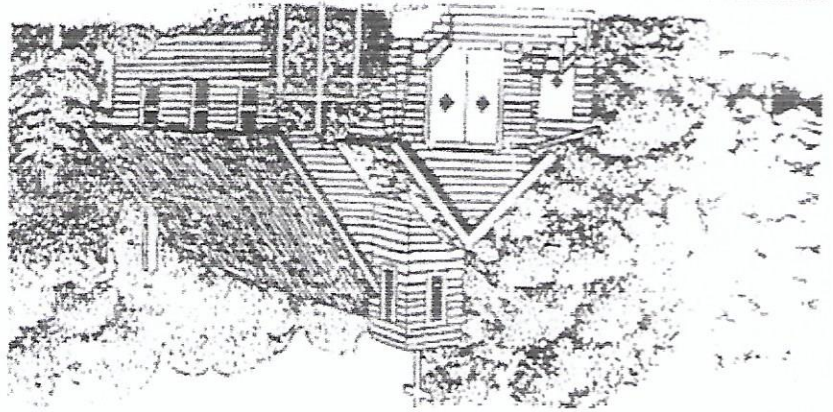
Personal items for people in need. New clients should bring documentation of food pantry, WIC, Badger Care of Food Share program participation.

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



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PERSPECTIVE

For a small amount of perspective at this moment, imagine you were born in 1900. When you are 14, World War I starts, and ends on your 18th birthday with 22 million people killed. Later in the year, a Spanish Flu epidemic hits the planet and runs until you are 20. Fifty million people die from it in those two years. Yes, 50 million.

When you're 29, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, global GDP drops 27%. That runs until you are 33. The country nearly collapses along with the world economy. When you turn 39, World War II starts. You aren't even over the hill yet.

When you're 41, the United States is fully pulled into WWII. Between your 39th and 45th birthday, 75 million people perish in the war and the Holocaust kills six million. At 52, the Korean War starts and five million perish.

At 64 the Vietnam War begins, and it doesn't end for many years. Four million people die in the conflict. Approaching your 62nd birthday you have the Cuban Missile Crisis, a tipping point in the Cold War. Life on our planet, as we know it, could well have ended. Great leaders prevented that from happening.

As you turn 75, the Vietnam War finally ends. Think of everyone on the planet born in 1900. How do you survive all of that? A kid in 1985 didn't think their 85 year old grandparent understood how hard school was. Yet those grandparents (and now great grandparents) survived through everything listed above.

Perspective is an amazing art. Let's try and keep things in perspective. Let's be smart, help each other out, and we will get through all of this. In the history of the world, there has never been a storm that lasted. This too, shall pass. God is with us, pray, pray and more prayer.