

Luck Lutheran Church

November 2011 Newsletter



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Letter from Pastor Ralph...

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is not just one day a year. It is the theme song of the Christian. For a Christian not to be thankful is like a dog not wagging his tail at his owner's approach.

Thankful Christians walk around grateful for every sunset, every new morning, every color in the color spectrum and every star in the sky. Like an alcoholic who is clean and sober nothing beauty and taste for the first time, we are grateful just to be alive because we have been dead for so long.

It is hard to think of one vice that the virtue of thankfulness cannot render useless. One does not need to steal when one is thankful. One does not have to covet what our neighbor has when he is thankful for what he has. No one craves for more when he is grateful for what he has.

In the same way a thankful heart cancels out pride and arrogance. No need to judge other people when you are thankful for who you are. No need to meas-

ure yourself by and compare yourself to others when you are thankful for what God has done in your life. No need to keep anyone out of the kingdom of God when you don't deserve to get in yourself. (God can let anyone in He wants. I am simply glad to be counted among the saved.)

You don't care if you get the most important seat at the table when you are overcome with gratitude at simply being invited to the dinner. You don't put heavy weights on other people's shoulders when you are thankful that God has lightened our own load. You are not obsessed with what other people think of you when you are overwhelmed with the fact that God is thinking about you all the time. You don't demand respect when you are thankful for your place. You don't have to hide your own sin when you are thankful for God's forgiveness. You don't have to protect your image when you know you are number one with God. You don't have to condemn other people's blindness when it is only the grace of God that has

allowed you to see. You don't have to try for the highest place when you are grateful for whatever place you were given. You don't have to make a show of spirituality when you are thankful for having received the Spirit. You don't have to clothe yourself in holy robes when you have been already clothed in righteousness. You don't have to be full of yourself when you are thankful that God has filled you up with Himself

Not only do we have a lot to be thankful for, our thankfulness can accomplish much.

Carol joins me in wishing you a most blessed and joyous Thanksgiving.

God Bless,

Pastor Ralph



LLC Council Minutes – October 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Brian Paulsen.

Members present: Bryan Allen, Brian Paulsen, Amy Dueholm, Mike Broten, Steve McCormack, and Paul Hawkins. Absent: Pastor Ralph, Carol Giller, Al Tomlinson and Spike Maiden Mueller .

Brian Paulsen read a devotion and provided a prayer.

The Council Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2011 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Steve McCormack and seconded by Bryan Allen. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report for September 2011 was reviewed. General Fund Giving as of September 2011 was \$105.1K compared to September 2010 of \$97.1K, an 8.2% increase from prior year. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Amy Dueholm and seconded by Paul Hawkins. Approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph was with the youth tonight at Bone Lake and was unable to attend.

Committee Reports:

Education/Youth: Met 10/18 1.) Pastor Ralph wanted to make sure Confirmation students knew that attending Luther Point Bible Camp is required of them. 2.) There are 8 youth and 3 adults (chaperones) signed up to go to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans next year. A motion to pay the reg-

istration fee of \$150 per chaperone (\$450 out of Miscellaneous Giving Account) was made by Bryan Allen and seconded by Paul Hawkins. 3.) There hasn't been any youth in grades 3rd-6th attending the Wednesday after school program. This program is from 3:30-4:30, there is an activity and snack provided. Families with children in these grades are encouraged to attend these programs. 4.) The youth are in need of a new grill for Music in the Park. Council discussed and a motion to approve providing the youth with \$200 (Fund Raising Account) to put towards the cost of a new grill was made by Brian Allen and seconded by Mike Broten. Approved. 5.) The Christmas program will be on 12/18 during Worship service. Instead of a lunch as has been done in the past the youth may put on a breakfast. This will be finalized by next meeting. 6.) The Middle High Youth will start selling their calendars at the Fall Fundraiser Dinner, 11/5.

Evangelism: 1.) "Bring a Friend" to Church Day will be Sunday, 10/30. New members will be recognized on this day also. Their pictures will be taken and added to our current directory.

Fellowship/CCC Team:

Property: Met 9/19. 1.) The wheelchairs at the church are in need of repair. An individual at the United Pioneer Home volunteered to help

fix them. 2.) Working on creating a design for the road signs. More details to come at a later date. 3.) Roof Update – in new business.

Stewardship:

Worship: 1.) There will be two worship services on Christmas Eve – 4pm and 10pm. More details to come at the next meeting. 2.) The Bill Bitner Band will be playing at worship on 11/6.

New Business:

1.) Reminder of Fall Fundraiser on Saturday, November 5. Pass the word to the community. 2.) The nomination committee will be meeting in the next month. 3.) The budget and audit committees will be established within the next month. 4.) Roof Update – Council discussed many options of roof color. It was decided that the new steel roof would be "burnished slate", which is a brown/gray color. The loan detail was discussed. There were three bids and the lowest one provided by Frandsen Financial was accepted. 5.) Stewardship Sunday is being planned. More details to come in the near future.

Next regular Luck Council Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 pm.

Amy Dueholm made a motion to adjourn. Mike Broten seconded. Carried.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully Submitted, Amy Dueholm, Secretary

LOAVES & FISHES MONTHLY REPORT September

Households Served 151	Luck 81	Unity 70	Adults 296	Children 99	Total 395
New Families	Luck 10	Unity 3			

USDA Food Received 0 Cases Non USDA (donations) 2029# Cash \$350.00 Groceries purchased 1862# Volunteer Hours 57

Loaves & Fishes is sending out a plea to all churches and organizations to please help with donations of any canned goods, meat, or meat products (with at least 8% protein). We can use ANYTHING! Hygiene products, cereal, juice, soup and pasta sauce. Loaves & Fishes, for the first time, is considering a fund raiser. We are low on food and cash. We served more families this past month than we have all year, and the donations are down, as are the government allotments. Thank you to all of those gardeners that have been bringing in their produce. A lot of the pounds of food donated were produce. Thank you to the churches and organizations that have had special collections for food.

Gwen Klotz for Pat Williams Coordinator



Luck Lutheran Church Harvest Dinner Fall Fund Raiser

Saturday, November 5, 2011
Serving food from: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Entertainment at 7:00 p.m.: Luck Lutheran Church Choir
And other Local Talent**

Our menu will be:

Homemade Swedish Meatballs
Baked Ham
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Corn & Squash
Lefse & Rolls
Beet & Sweet Pickles
Apple Crisp with Ice Cream
Beverage

Adults: \$8.00
Age 5-12, \$3.00
Under 5— free

Hello! The Harvest Dinner Fall Fundraiser is coming up soon! Please join us on Saturday, November 5th. Once again we will be asking for help from the congregation in the following areas:

- Set-up, cook, serve, clean-up or make a dessert for the Harvest Dinner**
- Bake some goodies for our Bake Sale**
- Bring a basket for our basket raffle.**
- Donate a special item for the raffle.**

If you are available to help us in any of these areas, please sign up on the posters located in the narthex or call the church office ... 472-2605



Basket Raffles: We are asking that members of the congregation donate a basket to raffle. The basket you donate can contain items on any theme... e.g. food, cooking utensils, gardening, office supplies, home décor, games, toys, etc. Please bring to the church between now and November 5th. Tickets for the baskets will only be sold at the event and on Sunday morning the 6th.

Raffle Tickets: Enclosed, you will find **2 books of raffle tickets for you to purchase or sell.** This raffle will be for special items donated by the congregation. Please return the money/ticket stubs and any unsold tickets to the church office by Sunday, October 30th (self addressed envelope enclosed.) If you need additional tickets, please call the church office or buy extras that evening.

You need not be present to win the raffle items or the baskets. The drawings for both the raffle items and the baskets will follow worship on the 6th. Please remember ALL proceeds from the Fall Fund Raiser will go toward our campership programs to send youth to Bible Camp and to support other Luck Lutheran mission projects.

Thank you for your support !

United Pioneer Home News

We are adjusting well to our new home. Please come and visit.

Remember, we have a new address:

623 South Park 2nd St.

Luck, WI 54853

715-472-2164

uphactivities@hotmail.com

www.unitedpioneerhome.org

Please considering volunteering, it can be a very rewarding experience. We have a variety of opportunities for you to share some time with our residents.

Share the gifts which you have been given!

Have you ever thought about the Army?

The Salvation Army that is...

We all have neighbors who find themselves unemployed for the first time. Many are turning to The Salvation Army for help. With the demand for services growing in this struggling economy we are asking you to consider Ringing Bells for *The Salvation Army of Polk County*.



DOING THE MOST GOOD

CALL TO HELP!

Dates:

Mid-November

Through

December 31st

Locations:

Luck: Wayne's Grocery Store

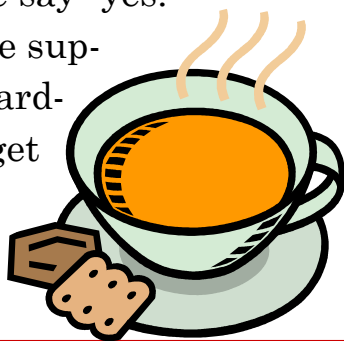
Call Sue at 715-472-8906

St. Croix Falls: Wal-Mart and Marketplace

To participate call 715-485-1221 and reserve your time and location.

Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup Suppers

Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup Suppers are going strong! This is a way for members of our congregation to get to know each other in a more intimate way...suppers at a host's house with only six to eight people. Attendees to each supper are randomly selected. We now have had 18 suppers reaching over 25% of our congregation, and have increased our hosts to nine. Please say "yes!" when you are called – the suppers have been very rewarding and a great way to "get to know" all the fellow members of our congregation.



The Habitat for Humanity House is making great progress. The garage door is in, the opener is not. Now is the time for workers and others to "pony up" and help us give the housewarming gift of a new garage door opener. We would like to raise about \$200 for it.

Thanks!



LUCK LUTHERAN CHURCH SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING October 9, 2011

Congregational members present: 53

Pastor Ralph provided a prayer.

The meeting was called to order by Brian Paulsen at 9:30am.

Brian Paulsen briefly discussed an overview of the need for a new roof and that Council is proposing that a steel roof be put on instead of shingles. Paul Hawkins discussed the options that were reviewed – there were a total of 9 bids between shingles and steel roofing. The bid that was chosen was from Carlson Construction out of Milltown for \$65,179.98. The proposal is to put the steel roofing over the current shingles. The job would begin early November and will be completed within 2-3 weeks, weather permitting. Questions were asked by congregational members present and then there was a vote.

The first vote was for the approval to have the proposed roofing installed on the church. Motion to approve this proposal was made by Janet Holdt and seconded by Matt Babcock. Members present signified agreement with a raise of hands and ayes. The second vote was to authorize a loan to install the new roof. Motion to authorize the loan was made by Sheila Brom and seconded by Hilda Trudeau. Members present signified agreement with a raise of hands and ayes.

Formal ballot vote was presented to those members present. The ballot and results is as follows:

First Vote: Vote to have the proposed roofing installed on the church. Vote Passed. Yes: 53 No: 0

Second Vote: Vote to authorize a loan to install a new roof. Vote Passed. Yes: 50 No: 2 No Vote: 1

Meeting was adjourned at 10:22am.

Respectfully Submitted, Amy Dueholm, Secretary

Remember those sick or shut-in or in the nursing home:

Key: (L) = Luck ((*) = Non-member or friend/relative of the Parish

UNITED PIONEER HOME: 210 Park Avenue East, Luck, WI 54853

(L) Ray Berklund (L) Lillian Christensen (L) Clyde Christensen
(*) Dorothy Ressel (L) Irene Rud (L) Jerry Horky

PARTNERS IN PRAYER AND HEALING

(*) Sue Davis 662D 270th Avenue, County Rd. O, Frederic, WI 54837

MAPLE VIEW APARTMENTS: 416 S. 1st. Street, Luck, WI 54853

(L) Mavis Hutton

SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING: 18605 Old Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka, MN 55345

(L) Florence Frederickson

CAREPARTNERS ASSISTED LIVING: 627 Kern Ave., Rice Lake, WI 54868

(L) Bernadine Kirk

GOOD SAMARITAN NURSING HOME—750 E. Louisiana Street, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

(L) Eleanor Selvig

(L) Jessie Nordquist

FREDERIC CARE CENTER—205 United Way, Frederic, WI 54837

(L) Joan Chaffee

If any names have been inadvertently omitted from this list, please contact the church office 472-2605

MISSION ACTION—November

God's work. Our hands.

Thank you to all who supported our quilting ministry by purchasing tickets for our drawing on October 23. The winners were: for the queen-size crazy quilt—Janet Elmquist, Cushing; for the two pillows—Ken Hoefs, Chetek; for the \$50—Jenica Rowell, Luck. Approximately \$1,000 was raised to help purchase quilt batting and other needed supplies for making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and for our high school graduates. A special **thank you** goes to Marjorie Everson for sharing her time and talents in sewing the quilt and for teaching a number of novices how to do the embroidery work. The quilts that have been made throughout this last year for LWR will be displayed at church on November 13. Shortly thereafter, the quilts, school kits, health kits, and layettes that our congregation has assembled will be boxed up and delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul. **Thanks** for all of your contributions! Quilting days will resume in January and we hope to see some new faces in the group.

"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."—John Maxwell

Members of Luck Lutheran,

Hope this finds you all well. This is Lynn Papenhausen, Rollin and Bev Olesen's daughter.

We are planning an 80th birthday celebration for dad next month. He was raised and ordained in your congregation and still has a few friends in the area. The family is hosting a card shower in his honor for those who are too far away to attend the celebration. If you would like to honor him in this way, please send cards to him at the following address:

Rollin Olesen

The Pointe at Sunrise

36 Eastview Drive #103

Sioux City, IA 51106

Birthday= November 20th

Thank you so much !

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Dinner and Meeting

Every Wednesday

5:30 pm meal 6:00 pm meeting

Remember: Godstock is

**November 11-13 at the Plaza Hotel
in Eau Claire**

**We continue to serve coffee & treats
every Sunday morning between services
as an ongoing fundraiser for the National
Youth Gathering in
New Orleans.**

Dear Pastor Ralph Thompson—I'm going on a prayer writing to you... I started something in Barron County called the HOPE SQUAD...for suicide prevention, after too many family and friends choose that path.

A couple months ago I started a coalition with our Chamber of Commerce, police dept., human services, First Lutheran Church, etc... I've applied for a 501c3 so we can work with grant money, but it will take some time, and we may not get it as the IRS wrote and said they are clinching these non profit groups. The Hope Squad has a HOPE room where people can drop in...for encouragement, help, whatever...we get 2-12 people every week since it opened in February 2011.

I'm putting together a fundraiser and taking 20 special need adults to Frederic for a weekend getaway at the Oak Forest Center. I work at a group home with developmentally disabled adults, I'm bring the minimal care clients over. Thrivent Financial will do matching funds if I can get two more (members of Thrivent) people to volunteer. I have CAN coworkers to help with personal cares. I would welcome all volunteers, but especially to get the matching funds...if there was Thrivent members to volunteer.

I'm looking for anyone that would come in Saturday, November 19th to Oak Forest Center anytime 10:00am—8:00 pm to sing or read a poem, read a story or put a puzzle together, or play a game with clients. Rice Lake is an hour away from Frederic and I've had little success to find parishioners to drive so far to help out. The lodge is a perfect getaway and affordable, hence the choice.

I wondered if a youth group would be willing to share talents...or a choir, or individuals... the special adults are able to converse...and a big need for them is socialization...often they just go to worksite and back home...longing to meet a new face...any thoughts or help would be much appreciated. I await to hear from Pastor Bernecker at First Lutheran, Rice Lake.

Always IN HIS LOVE, Theresa Kamrath 715-790-8901 Rice Lake

p.s. Thanks for Dial-A-Devotion

Annual Meeting Recap: Luther Point held its annual meeting on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the Gary Loktu Center at Luther Point. About 45 delegates were present to represent the congregations of the Camp Association. Rev. Mark Woeltge, First Lutheran, Taylors Falls, MN chaired the meeting as President of the Luther Point Board of Directors. Multiple reports were given. Of greatest concern was the topic of declining camper participation (past four to five years) and a decrease in retreat groups during 2011. It was noted that congregations and camp are inter-connected and share many of the same joys and challenges. Camp was created because you, the Associate Congregations, felt a need. That need still exists. Camp helps strengthen youth and families of the congregation in ways the congregation cannot. When these revitalized youth and families return to the congregation, the congregation is also revitalized. Please use your camp so that your congregation can be stronger. The camp staff is starting some initiatives designed to improve promotion of the retreat opportunities and summer camp. Your help is needed. If participation continues its downward decline, the camp may have to do some major restructuring and it will be more difficult to fulfill the needs of your congregations.

The Memorial and Honor Program was introduced. The camp is excited about what this program could potentially do for the overall ministry. It is a volunteer based program with intentional efforts being given to generating greater participation and added revenue sources through memorial and honor gifts. A pilot group of about 15 churches have a Chair and a co-Chair. This leadership group will be training and creating giving opportunities. These opportunities will include on-line gifting as well as racks placed in churches and various businesses.

Returning board members for a second term include: Rev. Mike Briggs, Trinity L.C., Hammond, and Don Prose, North Valley L.C., Centuria. Newly elected board members include: Rev. Erin Nelson, St. John's L.C., Spring Valley and Al Arndt, Fristad L.C., Centuria WI. Newly elected to the Luther Point Foundation Board, Rev. Mel Rau, Fristad L.C., Centuria.

The 2012 budget in the amount of \$687,142.00 was approved.

Fall Retreats / Offered Jointly with Luther Park: Check out our website LutherPoint.org and choose a retreat offering:

Advent Fellowship and Cookie Baking: Dec. 3 at Luther Point, Dec. 10 at Luther Park

Quilting Retreat, Feb. 2-5, 2012 at Luther Park

Men's Retreat: March 9-11, 2012 at Luther Point

Spirituality of Bread Baking: March 23-24, 2012 at Luther Point

Check out our Website: LutherPoint.org: The website has greatly improved and there are some really cool photos and updated info. Especially check out our Wish List: You can now go online and order wish list items directly from Amazon.com and have the items shipped directly to the camp. **PLEASE NOTE: We are still looking for good used vehicles, preferably Mini-vans or mid-size sedans. We have some older vehicles that are showing their wear and tear.**

Come and Retreat with Us: We have weekend openings for the Retreat Center, Family Cabins, Luther Lodge and more. **Perfect for a weekend get away with family and friends.** Are you looking to schedule a family reunion? Whatever the occasion, consider staying at Luther Point! Inquire with Liz@LutherPoint.org or call (715) 689-2347.

Together in Ministry

Rev. Craig M. Corbin, Executive Director

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY!

The Biblical scholar, George Buttrick delivered the chapel sermon. Helped to the pulpit on two canes he held the student body spellbound with a simple grammatical observation. "The word 'saint,'" he advised, "never occurs in the singular, but only in the plural." That is to say, at least according to the Scriptures, there's no such thing as a saint, but only saints.

Indeed, and perhaps that is the reason why we begin the month of November by celebrating 'All Saints' Sunday, and not a day dedicated to any one virtuous individual. It's a celebration as we repeat each week in the Apostles' Creed of the "communion of saints", of the church militant as well as the church triumphant. In simpler terms we might refer to this day as the Christian Memorial day - a time for remembering, yes, the saints of the past as well as the saints of the future, all who lay claim to salvation in the Name of Jesus Christ!

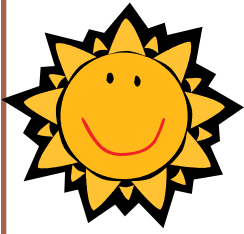
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WORSHIP will mark two significant occasions on November 6. On that day at both services we will recall the lives of members of our parish who have "ceased from their labors" and have entered their eternal rest. Not only will we remember church members but there will also be an opportunity to remember other loved ones at the service. Also on that day we will welcome some of our children to the communion table. They have completed their instruction in the Sacrament of the Altar and will be making the bread for our communion that day. It is very fitting that on All Saints' Day that they should celebrate this great banquet of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the feast to come. The Bill Bitner Memorial Dixieland Band will lead us in worship at the 10:30 AM service.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

I have not heard what the Farmer's Almanac and the local weather forecasters have predicted whether there will be lots of snow this winter. I am guessing that it is pretty safe to say that we will have winter weather again. The joke of it is that sometimes God even lets it snow a lot on Sundays or become bitterly cold. Our policy for inclement weather will be this: There **will** be church every Sunday regardless of the weather. We do urge you to use your best judgment about whether or not to venture out for worship. Certainly we do not want any of you to take undo risk coming to church. If there is a major snowstorm we will also plan activities for the children during the Sunday school hour.

WE REMIND YOU THAT THE EXPENSES OF THE CHURCH STILL GO ON JUST THE SAME, AND WE NEED YOUR OFFERINGS ALL THE MORE! Sunday snowstorms and cold weather can really cripple church budgets and opportunities for ministry as well as drive up expenses. In the event you cannot get out for church, we encourage you to worship by listening to WJMC radio church services from Rice Lake at 8:00 AM (96.1), Hudson (1550 at 8 AM) or participate in one of the worship services televised on channel 18 (cable channel 6 in Luck) at 10:00 AM (Bethel, Madison), or 10:30 AM (Grace, Eau Claire).

THE SUNSHING TEAM



We're going into cooler weather, and soon winter, and it just feels like a good time to pick up your knitting needles or crochet hooks and start a prayer shawl. Our prayer shawl ministry in Luck Lutheran

has been going on since 2006 and we can be proud of the fact that we have produced 69 knitted or crocheted shawls and 21 fleece shawls.

One Shawl has been given away this month. We are now again in need of the larger size shawls. If you need yarn, please call Sandy 715-472-2818. We have patterns if you need one in the entrance of the church. Remember, this is a wonderful continuing ministry that our church partakes in.

We have recorded four visits to shut-ins in the past month. Also, we have reported a wonderful member has assisted in yard work and cleaning gutters. Thank you to all of you who have stepped up to assist members in need.

THANK YOU to Brian and Sharon Paulsen who chaired the fall supper and fund raiser. Thanks to all who brought food, furnished money, worked and came to eat to make this night so great.

Eleventh Annual

Chili Feed

Dine In or Take-Out

Proceeds to benefit Northwoods Homeless Shelters
located in Amery and Luck
Sunday, November 6, 2011
11:00 am—2:00 pm

Free Will Offering

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
1050 Keller Ave. N., Amery

Raffle for Queen size quilt



CONGRATULATIONS to members of the high school football, volleyball and cross country teams and their coaches. It is always exciting to follow your careers and the thrills that you bring to the local sports scene. A special word of congratulations to Avery Steen who took eighth place at state golf.

PRAYER CHAIN

One of the privileges of being part of the body of Christ is the opportunity to share in the joy and sorrow of others. If you have a special prayer request or would like to place someone on the prayer chain, please call SHEILA BROM at 566-2187 or e-mail her at smbrom@lakeland.ws. You may also call the church office and we will forward your request.



Thanksgiving Worship Tuesday, November 20 - 7:00 pm

We will join with the people of Bone Lake Lutheran and West Denmark Lutheran for a Thanksgiving Service at **West Denmark**. Pastor Thompson will be preaching. The service will be preceded by a soup supper at 6:00. Please note the change of day (moved to Tuesday). If you don't want to drive at night, please let us know and we will arrange a ride for you to attend.

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate and give thanks for all the blessings we have received from God. It is a time to reflect on just how much God has blessed us. Not only have we been blessed with tangible blessings, but we also give thanks for the intangible gifts of faith, hope, grace, community and strength. We hope that you will use these worship experiences to rejoice and give thanks for all of God's gifts!





Laughter is a Gift



A Sunday School teacher, driving his five year old daughter to church, began thinking aloud the ideas he expected to present to his college class that morning.

Susie listened for a moment, then asked, "Daddy, are you talking with me, or without me?"

A doctor was teaching a Sunday School class of boys. The lesson was about Heaven. He wanted to impress upon them the importance of becoming Christians so they could go to Heaven.

"Now what do you have to do before you can go to Heaven?"

One boy's hand shot up, and the doctor called on him.

"Get sick and call you," he answered.

The rabbi finally decided he must talk to the richest member of the congregation, no matter how much it hurt.

"Why," asked the rabbi, "do you fall asleep when I am delivering my message?"

Answered the rich man, "Would I fall asleep if I didn't trust you?"

Advice to people over forty: "Keep an open mind and a closed refrigerator."

Art Linkletter once asked a child on his show which came first - the chicken or the egg? "The chicken," he replied, "God can't lay eggs."

It has been said that the greatest miracle of the Bible took place when Joshua told his son to stand still - and he obeyed!

A minister visited one of his parish families unexpectedly. After knocking on the door a voice responded, "Is that you, angel?" "No," he answered, "but I am from the same department."

A minister was describing Judgment Day to his congregation. "Thunder will roar; flames will shoot from the heavens; floods, storms and earthquakes will devastate the world." A young boy turned and whispered to his mother, "When that happens, will I get out of school?"

A woman went to a physician and said, "I saw a faith healer, but he couldn't help me." "Well," the doctor said, "What stupid advice did the quack give you?" "He told me to see you," the woman replied.

"How did you like my sermon?"

The missionary asked, quite vain.

The Indian chief thus answered:

"Big wind, loud thunder, no rain."

Subject: God

While creating husbands, God promised women that good and ideal husbands could be found in all the corners of the world...

And then He made the earth round.

That God - He's such a kidder.



It is time to order Poinsettias for Christmas!!!

If you wish to order Christmas Poinsettias that will be displayed at church for Christmas, your order must be at the Luck Lutheran Church by **December 5th!!!** The special price of \$12.50 each includes a pot cover and bow. Please include your check made out to Luck Lutheran Church with your order. (These poinsettias are their regular \$15.99 plants and are only offered to churches for the special price of \$12.50).

	<u>Color</u>	<u>How Many</u>
Red	_____	_____
White	_____	_____
Pink	_____	_____

I will bring my own plant (include your name) _____

Happy Holidays From: _____

AND/OR

In Loving Memory of _____

From _____



ELCA HUNGER APPEAL will be a focus of our congregation this month. Envelopes are enclosed for the ELCA Hunger Appeal. It is one small way that we can honor our Lord's rejoinder that as we do it to the least of this world, we have done it also to Him.

Also this month we continue our **FOOD CHALLENGE**. Our goal continues to be 1000 lbs/\$1000. It is always a heartwarming time to watch the food offering grow at the front of the church. Please be generous in your giving of food, paper and personal care items to our local food pantry.

PLANNING AHEAD...

THE OFJ SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WILL BE DECEMBER 18 AT THE 10:30 SERVICE.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC SUNDAY WILL BE ON DECEMBER 11 AT THE 10:30 SERVICE. THEY WILL BE SINGING "Christmas Canticles", A CANTATA OF CAROLS. We look forward to this event!

OUR FAITH JOURNEY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to Session 1: "Creation" disciples, Jean Giller, Nicole Johnson, Reilly Giller, Jenni Holdt and Adam & Kari Broten and our shepherds, Bryan Allen, Glenn Haylock, Emma Moore, Ben Broten, Noah Mortel, Lance Lindvall and Parker Steen for their help with our OFJ Ministry.

Session 2: "The First Sin": October 23—November 13

Science: Tammy Allen (shepherd: Ava Ruhn-Pouliot)

Drama: Nicole Johnson (shepherd: Ben Broten)

Art: Kathy Deiss (shepherd: Sydney Paulson)

Workshop Lab: Paula Moore (shepherd: Emma Moore)

We are still looking for disciples and shepherds for Session 3, 5, 6 & 7. Please consider volunteering to be a disciple. That is only four Sundays out of a year. Please contact Paula Hischer if you are willing to help or sign up in the narthex.

OFJ Sunday School will be singing during the
10:30 worship service on the following Sundays:

November 13, January 15, February 12,

March 11, April 15, May 11

Please mark your calendars!

OFJ Sunday School children have chosen to participate again this year in the ELCA Gift for "God's Global Barnyard" part of ELCA World Hunger's comprehensive program to combat hunger around the world and close to home. Children will bring in their coin offering and place it in a special jar and it will go towards buying fish (the animal the children chose). Fish will cost \$250 and when they reach that goal we will send it to ELCA and they will buy fish for the hungry. A fish farm can provide an entire community with a long-lasting supply of fish to eat.

OFJ also has their regular offering that goes towards our two sponsored children from India. Pictures of our sponsored children can be seen on the bulletin board in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the OFJ Coordinators:
Sonja Jensen, Paula Hischer, Courtney Hawkins and Jean Giller

YOUTH NOTES

3rd/4th/5th/6th Graders Well, we think we have a time that might work for this group of youth. We will meet on Tuesdays from 3:45 - 4:30 PM. We hope this will be a fun time for our children and their friends. Snacks will be provided. Music and activities will fill the rest of the time.

The Senior High Youth Gathering is in Eau Claire on November 11 - 13. The theme is **We Are One 11.11.11.**



ADVENT WORSHIP will again be a part of our lives this year. We hope that you will use this time as an opportunity for inspiration and fellowship as we prepare again to receive the Christ child in our lives. The first service will be on November 30.

DIAL-A-DEVOTION

November 6
November 13
November 20
November 27

Please sign up on the narthex bulletin board or call the church office at 472-2605 if you would like to sponsor dial-a-devotion for a week or weeks.

GET YOUR 2012 CALENDARS!

Luck Lutheran Middle High Youth are once again selling beautiful, high quality wall and pocket calendars. All proceeds will be going for their gathering and activities. The calendars can be purchased from any middle high youth or in the narthex before and after worship.

P.S.: They make wonderful Christmas Gifts!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to provide a supper for the Salvation Army "Serenity House" in Balsam Lake the 2nd Monday of every month at 5:30 pm. Food expenses for meal preparation will be reimbursed by Luck Lutheran in the amount up to \$50.00. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Giller at 472-8318.

PASTORAL ACTS

Graveside Memorial Service

Jerry Larson—September 24, 2011

Weddings at Luck Lutheran

Bryan & Heather Vilstrup—October 8, 2011

Nicholas & Meredith Uram—October 22, 2011

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Receiving Bibles at Luck Lutheran

A special group of 2nd graders will be presented Bibles in church on October 30, 2011.

Receiving Bibles are:

Kylie Broten, Britta Dueholm, Gavyn Ellefson, Aaron Gilhoi, Wyatt Jensen and Nathan Skow

THANK YOU TO LUCK LUTHERAN November/December Service Group

Thank you to the November & December Service Group for their ministry during these two months. Service Group Leaders for the months of November & December are Kathy Deiss & Hilda Trudeau. We give thanks for their leadership.

The Service Groups are vital to our congregational life and especially our worship life together. The Service Groups serve in the following capacities:

- *Ushers
- *Lectors
- *Greeters
- *Altar & Flowers
- *Cheer
- *Prepare Communion
- *Serve Communion
- *Funerals

If you are not presently involved in one of our Service Groups and would like to help in this way, please contact our Congregation Representative, Steve McCormack at 483-3157

OPENING THE BOOK OF FAITH

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"

Members of Luck Lutheran are invited to join with one another in the monthly discussion of the Gospel text for the coming Sunday. This 45 minute Bible Study will be offered twice and will be held at Luck Lutheran Wednesday, November 2 at 6:00 pm. Leadership for this "Opening the Book of Faith," exploring Matthew 5:1-12 will be given by Pastor Chuck Arndt. Come and be renewed, enlivened, inspired and empowered.

MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST

**Saturday, November
12 at Luck Lutheran
7:00 am**

Everyone is welcome, so come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship

**HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE!!**

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at West Denmark Lutheran Church.

Everyone is invited to a Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm at West Denmark Lutheran Church. A soup supper will precede the service at 6:00 pm.

The service is sponsored jointly by Luck Lutheran, Bone Lake Lutheran and West Denmark Lutheran Churches. An open invitation is extended to the community of Luck and the surrounding area. Everyone is invited to bring a nonperishable food item for the local food shelf.

Hope to see you there!

Luck Lutheran Church

Communion Worship 8:00 am

Worship 10:30 am (Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)

OFJ Sunday School 9:00 am—10:15 am

Food Shelf Donations accepted every week

November 2011

<p>December Newsletter deadline: November 20</p>		<p>1 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 Noon +++++ Jr. Youth 3:45-4:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Youth Supper 5:30 Confirmation 6:00 Sr. High 6:00 “Opening the Book of Faith” Bible Study 6:00 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>3 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 Noon +++++ First Comm. Instruction 4:00-4:45 pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Fall Fund-raise/Dinner 4:30-6:30 pm with Entertainment at 7:00 pm</p>
<p>6 <u>All Saints Sunday (White)</u> Litany of the Saints Dedication of Memorials First Communion Sunday Bill Bittner Dixie-land Band 10:30</p>	<p>7 Men’s Bible Study 5:30 pm</p>	<p>8 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 Noon +++++ Jr. Youth 3:45-4:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Women’s Bible Study 2:00 pm +++++ Youth Supper 5:30 Confirmation 6:00 Sr. High 6:00 +++++ Choir 7:00</p>	<p>10 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 Noon</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Group Breakfast for everyone 7:00 +++++ Habitat for Humanity work day 8:00-4:00</p>
<p>13 <u>22nd Sunday after Pentecost (green)</u> OFJ Sunday School special music 10:30 +++++ Quilt Dedication during worship</p>	<p>14 Packing Quilts 9:00 am +++++ Men’s Bible Study 5:30 pm</p>	<p>15 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 Noon +++++ Jr. Youth 3:45-4:30 pm +++++ Ed/Youth Mtg. 7:00 pm</p>	<p>16 Youth Supper 5:30 +++++ Property Comm Mtg. 6:00 +++++ Confirmation 6:00 Sr. High 6:00 +++++ Choir 7:00</p>	<p>17 NO PRESCHOOL</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 <u>Christ the King (White)</u> Confirmation 9:15am December newsletter deadline</p>	<p>21 Men’s Bible Study 5:30 pm +++++ OFJ Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>22 NO PRESCHOOL +++++ Thanksgiving Worship Service West Denmark 6:00—Soup 7:00—Service</p>	<p>23 No Confirmation +++++ No Youth Activities</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 <u>1st Sunday in Advent (Blue)</u> Filling backpacks this week for our Backpack Ministry</p>	<p>28 Men’s Bible Study 5:30 pm +++++ Women’s Bible Study 5:30 pm</p>	<p>29 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 Noon +++++ Jr. Youth 3:45-4:30 pm</p>	<p>30 Advent Worship 6:30 pm +++++ Choir 7:00 pm</p>			