



Luck Lutheran Church Newsletter February 2020

Dear Luck Lutheran Members and Friends,

As I was recently reading an on-line article about Prince Harry who has decided to relinquish his title and duties; much to the disappointment of his grandmother the Queen and his father the Prince of Wales, I was linked to another article about a couple from the country of Wales. This couple has just recently gotten married; each of them being 74 years old. Apparently, they were supposed to have been married 42 years ago, but they had a quarrel and then separated. The interesting thing is that for all those years, they lived side by side in adjoining apartments, hardly speaking. However, the man wrote a letter every week to the woman telling her what she should do about the ruptured relationship. He wrote about ways that the relationship could be restored. He was a smart man and kept trying to manage the situation. But nothing ever came of it. 52 letters a year for 42 years!! But then one day, he swallowed his pride and knocked on her door.

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She answered, he proposed and she said yes! All those letters. All that time. And then a simple knock. We often make things more difficult than they really are! Our disagreements with each other can usually be resolved with a simple apology or an unspoken gesture. Way too often, it is more important for us to BE right than to DO right! Pride gets in the way. But when pride is vanquished, humility can begin its work.....bringing love and grace back to life.

Working humbly together with you,

Pastor Greg.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Please join us on **Ash Wednesday, February 26th**. The meal will be served from 5:00-6:00 followed by worship with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes at 6:30.

Ash Wednesday, of course, begins the season of Lent in the church year. A very exciting worship series is being planned for each Wednesday during the season of Lent including some very inspirational musical groups. This year we will be joined by our brothers and sisters from North Valley Lutheran Church, First Lutheran, and Laketown Lutheran of Cushing.

Wednesday, February 26; Ash Wednesday. Meal 5:00-6:00; Worship 6:30

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1; Meals 5:00-6:00; Worship 6:30



2020 Lent Supper Schedule

For our 14th year we will again offer a meal before each Wednesday evening Lent Service. The groups listed below will be responsible for the set-up, serving and clean-up of the meal.

Wednesday Evenings: Lent Supper Schedule

(contact Sheila Brom at 715-566-2187 if you have questions)

February 26 (Ash Wednesday)....Church Council (Chicken Wild Rice Soup)

March 4.....Sunshine Team, CCC Team, Kitchen Team, North Valley (Baked Potato Bar)

March 11.....September/October Service Group (Spaghetti Hotdish)

March 18.....January/February Service Group and North Valley (Sausage Potato Bake)

March 25.....November/December Service Group (Chili)

April 1...Education and Youth (parents and youth) (Baked Potato Bar)

(NOTE: If you are in two of the groups listed above, and you don't want to serve or bring for both groups, please pick one of the groups you want to serve with)

➤ Main meal will need to be cooked/started in the lined roasters at about 3:00 PM each Wednesday.

➤ Supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

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- Coffee and lemonade prepared that afternoon by each group.
- Serve Dinner at 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Lent Service is at 6:30 p.m.)

Food ... serving approximately 70 per night.

- Meals: We will have one meal prepared each night.
- Sandwiches: 150 slices of bread, cut in half, prepared as an **open face** sandwich. All types of sandwiches can be made. A top and a bottom of a bun is considered two sandwiches.
- Desserts: 5 pans of bars in 9 x 13 size pans, cut in 24 pieces, or 2 dozen cookies.
- Drinks: Coffee, water and lemonade
- Paper Products: napkins
- Silverware, soup bowl, coffee/lemonade/water cups, and serving trays will need to be washed by each group as part of their clean-up.

Leftover food from the main dish should be packaged, marked and placed in the freezer for future use. Each group can determine what they want to do with extra sandwiches & desserts. They can be set out in the narthex or taken home.

Christian Community Coordinating [CCC] Team Members:
Barb Sparish, Jan Howie, Carol Giller, Sheila Brom, Lisa Nick,
Jean Giller

A CCC Team Member will contact each group to help coordinate your evening of food prep, serving and clean-up. If you need more help contact one of the CCC Members.

CONGREGATIONS

“A life-changing experience”

STORIES
OF FAITH
IN ACTION
2019-2020



Kay Ressel, an ELCA pastor and director of Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries, stresses that a pillar of her work in Jesus' name is to challenge people's beliefs about Native Americans and to "hold people accountable for how they engage in ministry."

"My job is to push you out of your comfort zone so you come to a different way of knowing the Lakota people," said Ressel, who is not Native American.

Headquartered on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and funded in part by Mission Support from the South Dakota Synod and the churchwide organization, Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries serves a geographic area that, at 3,500 square miles, is larger than Rhode Island and Delaware combined.

In 2000, Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries opened a retreat center to house visiting teens who came to do missionary projects on the reservation.

"It was very appropriate in that time, but we knew we could do better," Ressel said. "Our focus now is on learning and listening to people's stories, getting to know one another, sharing time together, sharing meals. ... After we develop relationships, we find ways to work together."

The ministry still offers what Ressel refers to as "threshold ministries," with household items — diapers, sandwiches, hygiene kits, blankets — passed out the door to those in need.

In addition, there's the Lutheran/Lakota Job Corps, which employs about a dozen community members

in numerous roles. Staffers work with visitors who have come to the reservation to lend a hand and, more importantly, to gain a new perspective. This cultural-immersion ministry receives a variety of groups annually.

Tammy Jacobi did a 10-day immersion in January 2018 as part of her studies at Wartburg Theological Seminary. The experience brought her face-to-face with her own privilege, which she found humbling.

"Given what we take for granted as daughters, mothers, wives living in western Christianity, the immersion was eye-opening," Jacobi said. "[It] was a life-changing experience. Everyone had a lesson to teach, a story to tell."

To find a video story about Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries, visit ELCA.org/SOFIA.



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BASKETS of PROMISE

On Easter, we celebrate the joy and hope of Christ's resurrection. Yet around the world "the least of these" - those Christ calls us to serve - continue to suffer.

Luck Lutheran will be reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need by joining LWR's "Baskets of Promise" Lenten Appeal.

Donate items for Lutheran World Relief Kits to help people in need

Each week in Lent, we'll collect items to form LWR Personal Care Kits that help impoverished people stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Please place your items in the basket in the narthex. Check the bulletin each week for the collection schedule. Please see below what items we will be collecting on Wednesday's & Sunday's during Lent.

February 26 & March 1: Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand in original wrapping)

March 4 & 8: Bath Towels (light weight, 20" x 40" to 52" x 27", dark colored recommended)

March 11 & 15: Metal nail clippers (attached file optional) & Soap

March 18 & 22: Combs (no pick or fine toothed combs)

March 25 & 29: Toothbrushes in original package or put in a white envelope

April 1 & 5: Bath Towels (see above)

OUR GOAL IS TO ASSEMBLE 110 LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS DURING LENT. THANK YOU!

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Hischer, 715-554-2212 or secretarypaula@lakeland.ws.

OUR FAITH JOURNEY (OFJ) NEWS

PreK through 6th Graders~ We finished our lesson on “Jesus Comforts Friends on the Way to Emmaus” and are moving onto our last lesson before Lent, which is Daniel Trusts God in the Lion’s Den. We are excited to continue with OFJ after Lent!

Confirmation~ Our 7th and 8th Grade confirmation students meet each Wednesday and are continuing their unit on the Ten Commandments. 8th Graders and their mentors continue building their relationships and are busy working on their projects!

Senior High Youth Group ~ The Sr. High Youth Group has a new name! F.I.R.E., which stands for Faith In Real Experiences. This group meets each Wednesday evening as part of our weekly OFJ activities. OFJ....Our Faith Journey begins at our birth; gets a kick start at our baptism and continues our whole life long. As part of their faith journey, our Sr. High School students have requested a worship service for people their age; inviting and encouraging others to come. These worship gatherings will be planned and lead by the youth, Paula Moore and Pastor Greg and will include a mixture of traditional and contemporary worship experiences including guest speakers and other opportunities of Faith In Real Experiences.

Adult Discussion Group~ The Adult Discussion Group meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a new topic each week that is provided by the ELCA Faith Lens. Please consider joining in the discussion while growing in your faith journey!

THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU TO LUCK LUTHERAN SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM

Our congregation is grateful for all the efforts of our team workers. Each of our six teams plays a vital role behind the scenes. This month we highlight the Special Events Team. Their responsibilities include:

- *Maundy Thursday Soup & Sandwich Supper (calling members to prepare the food, set up, clean up, supply bars and sandwiches)
- *Help set up with any other Special Events that are held at Luck Lutheran

We are always in need of new team workers. If you are willing to serve with this team, please contact Janet Howie at 472-8677. Thank you to all present team members: Janet Howie, Mary Sanderson, Judy Sturgul, Sheila Brom, Sharon Paulsen



Thank You Notes to Luck Lutheran Church

- * Thanks so much for your continued support. You provided many rides for medical appointments, including 41 to Luck Clinic and 608 to SCRMC! Thanks for putting your faith in action! P.S. always looking for volunteers in your area. Blessings! ~ Karen, Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County
- * Thank you for your support of our shelter program through your generous financial donation of \$400.00 to be used for the operation of the Hope House. ~ Northwoods Homeless Shelters
- * On behalf of The Salvation Army and the families who will benefit from our services here in Polk County, we want to thank you for your donation of \$400.00.
- * Thank you for your donation of \$400.00. ~ Community Referral Agency.

UPCOMING EVENTS



MISSION ACTION – February God’s Work, Our Hands

Imagine the comfort and care you feel when you snuggle under a comforter or wear a piece of clothing made or worn by a loved one. That’s the feeling your share through an LWR Mission Quilt. Useful for shielding against the cold and rain,

and for warm bedding, quilts can also be purposed as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother’s back. In a simple combination of fabric and thread, you reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope – you are not alone. *(Taken from lwr.org website)*

Please join us in this impactful ministry! We will meet to tie quilts in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesdays, February 5th and 19th, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

WOMEN’S GATHER BIBLE STUDY

We will meet **Wednesday, February 26th at 10:30** (note time change) in Lawson Manor. The title of our study is “We Are Called.” As we draw nearer to God, we are better able to discern what He has in mind for us. There just might be a new and challenging call waiting for you. Will you answer?

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEBT REDUCTION SALE

THANK YOU to all nine people who so willingly made soups and the others who contributed baked goods or other food items to our January sales. We hope you enjoyed the selection. We are planning another sale for the **3rd Sunday of February, the 16th.** We may again have some soups available, but mainly we are looking for a few people to contribute baked goods. We will NOT be having any debt reduction sales during the Lenten season.

We are also looking for some feedback on our sales:

- Were you satisfied or dissatisfied with how long the WET or DRY evergreen arrangements lasted?
- Are there some specific items (food or other) that you wish we offered?
- What do you especially like that we offer during the year?
- Would you like to volunteer to serve on the committee?
- What other suggestions would you like to share?

Please share your comments with Mary Jo Arndt, Jean Giller, Paula Hischer, or Karen Roeber.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving: Luck Lutheran offers Vanco electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. To set up electronic contributions, complete the authorization form that is available in the church office or visit the church website www.lucklutheran.org and follow the directions to donate. In terms of the app, please go to the App store on your phone or other device, and download the Give+ app. Once that is downloaded you can search for our church and a form will pop up that you can fill out to complete your giving.

LUCK LUTHERAN PRAYER CHAIN

Thank you to all of you who have been a part of our prayer chain either by email or by phone. If you are not on our prayer chain member list and would like to be included, please call Sheila Brom, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 715-566-2187 or email at smbrom@lakeland.ws. Also, if you want someone to be added to our prayers, please talk to Sheila. We can pray about all aspects of our lives and the lives of others, including thanks to God for prayers that are answered.

REMEMBER...THINGS HAPPEN WHEN WE PRAY!!

LUCK LUTHERAN MEMBERS

To make the job of our offering counters easier we ask everyone to please use their offering envelopes. This saved them a lot of time. If you didn't receive your offering envelopes in the mail, please call or step by the church office. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATIONS TO LLC

We now have a charitable giving account on AmazonSmile!! If you are shopping online, please consider doing so through the Luck Lutheran Church link on AmazonSmile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1320794>. When you do, 0.5% of eligible purchases will go to our church on a quarterly basis. There are no fees for our church to participate in this program. Thanks for your generosity!!

KEEP SOMEONE WARM IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WINTER

The quilters at Luck Lutheran have been busy making quilts for needy individuals. If you know someone that would benefit from having a quilt, please pick up a quilt from the pew in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Brom or Hilda Trudeau.

WORLD HUNGER ENVELOPES

World Hunger Envelopes are available on the literature rack in the narthex or from the Sunday ushers. Our emphasis during Lent is filling these envelopes with a special offering for World Hunger. We encourage your generous response. THANK YOU!!

2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

We will not be mailing out the end of year contribution statements. Please pick them up in the church narthex or call the church office if you would like yours mailed to you. Thank You!

**GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS.
YELLOW BAG PROJECT SCORE CARD**

February Food Bank: Family Pathways, St Croix Falls

Needs: Personal care products (travel size products work well too), condiments, seasonings, gravy mixes and salad dressings.

Thank you to all who are participating in this project. When we delivery those bright yellow bags to the three food banks that we are supporting we do make a difference.

The food pantries can also use your used plastic grocery/ shopping bags.



Luck Lutheran Church Value Statement

Luck Lutheran is a church who knows Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. As people led by God’s Spirit, we:

- Show love by accepting, caring and forgiving
- Exemplify ethical behaviors through honesty, tactfulness, and speaking truthful love.
- Reflect a spirit of generosity by giving, serving and caring.
- Welcome people by being friendly, accepting and joyful.
- Are an engaged community, involved with people of all ages, learning and growing in Christ.



PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral

Josephine “Jo” Bille – December 29, 2019

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ruby's Pantry ~ 210 E Park Ave., Luck
February 18th

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.; Distribution 12:00-1:30 p.m.



LUTHER POINT SUMMER CAMP

2020 Summer Camp dates are out! Check out
lutherpoint.org for more information!

LUCK COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- ◆ Day Trips: March 26th ~ A Tribute to Johnny Cash
May 7th ~ Breaking Up is Hard to Do
June 10th ~ The Music Man
- ◆ Write, Right Now! Thursdays, February 6-March 12
- ◆ Poetry for Those Who "Don't Get It"- Wednesdays, February 5-26
- ◆ Painted Ice Skates- February 4th
- ◆ Let's Get Crafty!- February 19th
- ◆ MS Word Beginning- Tuesdays February 11-March 3
- ◆ Overcoming Negative Self-Talk- February 25th
- ◆ Off the Back Burner: Move YOUR Plans Front & Center- February 27th

JOIN US FOR THE LUCK WINTER CARNIVAL
February 6-8, 2020

Check out the flyer on the bulletin board for more information!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 Devlyn Ellefson	17 Ashlyn Mortel
Lois Johansen	Ron Thoreson
7 Kyle Holdt	19 Alison Boutcher
8 Jean Giller	Jason Evenson
11 Jeff Brenizer	Canton Langeness
Judy McBrayer	21 Kyle Johansen
14 Tom Hutton	22 Lisa Nick
15 Sutton Swenson	26 Marty Swerkstrom
	28 Laurie Nelson



REMEMBER THOSE SICK, SHUT-IN OR IN THE NURSING HOME (L) = Luck

(Please contact the church office 472-2605 if any names have been omitted)

UNITED PIONEER HOME - 623 South 2nd Street, Luck WI 54853

(L) Jerome Horky (L) Donald Larsen (L) Glenn Haylock



MEMORIALS

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
John Berg	Memorial	\$25.00
John Berg	Organ Refurbishing	\$2,385.00
Loren Nelson	Choir Fund	\$20.00
Jo Bille	Memorial	\$463.00
Jo Bille	Banner Fund	\$45.00
Jo Bille	Endowment Fund	\$30.00
Nina Ellefson	Chime Choir	\$150.00
Nina Ellefson	Banner Fund	\$25.00
Mary Ann Ormson	Memorial	\$25.00
Mary Ann Ormson	Organ Refurbishing	\$25.00
Mary Ann Ormson	Endowment Fund	\$10.00

MISSION BOX SCORE ~ DECEMBER 2019

	<u>General Offering</u>	<u>Mortgage Gifts</u>
December 1	\$1,772.00	\$95.00
December 8	\$4,539.00	\$60.00
December 15	\$2,343.50	\$0
December 22	\$1,484.00	\$10.00
December 24	\$3,636.00	\$0
(Christmas Eve)		
December 25	\$405.00	\$0
(Christmas Day)		
December 29	\$1,213.00	\$0
Vanco/EFT	\$4,274.00	\$25.00
TOTAL DECEMBER INCOME:	\$19,666.50	\$190.00

YEAR TO DATE INCOME:
\$170,421.48 (General Offering)
\$6,288.00 (Mortgage Gifts)

NEEDED FOR BUDGET: \$178,880.00

DECEMBER EXPENSES: \$14,251.24

TOTAL EXPENSES TO DATE: \$169,810.38

DECEMBER DEBT REDUCTION SALES: \$150.00

2019 TOTAL DEBT REDUCTION SALES: \$2,090.37

*We are called by Christ, to be the light of the World, to
open doors of faith for all people*

LOAVES & FISHES INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY
MONTHLY REPORT~ DECEMBER 2019

300 1st St. - P.O. Box 554, Luck, WI 54853
Hours of Operation- Tues & Thurs 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Households Served: 78 (Luck 48 / Unity 30)

Adults: 132

Children: 36

Total: 168

New Families: 7 (Luck-3; Unity-4)

USDA Food Received: 1,055 lbs.

Donations: 1,623 lbs.

Groceries Purchased: 635 lbs.

Volunteer Hours: 62 hours

Items needed for next month:

- * **Soups**
- * **Crackers**
- * **Peanut Butter**

Coordinator

Pastor Mike Rozumalski 715-566-4415

Volunteers

Mark Baker	Ruth Sorenson
Sherman Lillie	Diane McQuay
Colleen Adams-Schween	Judy Randall
Susan Olson	Vivian Brahmer
Pat Bennett	Karen Johnson
Martha Solfest	Sharon Paulsen
Josh Williams	

LUCK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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