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# The LakeView

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## Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church Newsletter



### Christmas Eve Prayer

By Robert Louis Stevenson

#### Loving God,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts; forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

**Amen**

## **MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN**

I see countless Christmas trees around the world below  
With tiny lights like Heaven's stars reflecting on the snow.  
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear  
For I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year.  
I hear many Christmas songs that people hold dear,  
But the sounds of music can't compare with the choir up here.

I've no words to tell you the joy their voices bring,  
For it's beyond description to hear the angels sing.  
I know how much you miss me, see the pain in your heart.  
But I am not so far away, we're really not apart.  
So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear  
And be glad that I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year.

I sent you each a special gift from my heavenly home above.  
I sent you each a memory of my undying love.  
After all love is a gift more precious than gold.  
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.  
Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do,  
For I can't count the blessings of love he has for each of you.  
So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.  
Remember I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year.



## **ALL PLLC PAINT PARTY**

Our building hasn't been stained for so long – no one even remembers! So come spring we plan to attack the project. The house painter who stained the front portico estimates between 25 and 30 gallons of stain will be required. We have an estimate of \$375 per 5 gallon can. Donors who wish to purchase a gallon (or 5 gallons) of stain can sign up on a forthcoming chart. Come spring we'll seek volunteers – singles, families or a group – to sign up for staining.

Once our project is complete, we'll have a special celebration for participants – don't know what, when, or where – but will be special.



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Christmas Eve service at Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church will begin at 4 PM. The service will consist of the Christmas gospel, your favorite Christmas music and the meaningful candle lighting.

What a wonderful way to begin your celebration of the birth of Jesus. Why not invite your relatives, friends and neighbors to join us? They'll thank you for it!



**CONOVER ENERGY MART**  
has latest copy of  
**THE LAKEVIEW**  
tell friends &  
Thank to Joe & Krista

## LIVING NATIVITY



For many years now, Christ Lutheran Church in Eagle River has performed *Journey to Bethlehem*, a live outdoor nativity performance – live meaning many hardy folks (adults and angelic children) in beautiful costumes, live sheep, horse, burro, etc.

This event will take place Friday, December 6, and Saturday, December 7. Outdoor performances will be held on a continuous basis every 20 minutes from 6:00-8:00 PM. 7:40 will be the last performance of each evening.

Treat yourself, your family, neighbors, and friends to a truly beautiful and touching experience, sharing the true meaning of Christmas.

Christ Lutheran Church is located at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Spruce Street in Eagle River. See their Website [www.christeagleriver.org/livenativity](http://www.christeagleriver.org/livenativity) or call 715-479-8307 for more details and pictures of prior years' performances.

## DON'T FORGET

Please remember to pick up your 2025 offering envelopes. They're on the pew in the narthex. Muchas gracias! Thanks to the Dows for sorting and labeling the envelopes.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY**

**DECEMBER 7 AT 10:00 AM**

**COME ON OVER  
TO JOIN IN THE FUN!**

**WE'LL PUT UP OUR BEAUTIFUL  
CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE NAVE  
AND PUT LIGHTS AND  
GARLANDS ALL OVER THE PLACE**

**THEN . . . WE'LL ADJOURN TO  
THE LOG CABIN FOR A  
FESTIVE LUNCH!**

**THIS IS A FUN TIME FOR ALL  
AND A JOLLY GOOD WAY  
TO GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT**

If all is not lost- - -  
where is it?



## WHO DUNNIT?

Joyce and Dave Leavitt spent a couple days around the grounds with their trusty leaf blowers – **WOW, what a job!**

### YOUR PROPERTY COMMITTEE IN ACTION

The committee welcomed new members Gail Sommers, Dave Laubenstein, Val and Mark Hogan, and Rodd Wangen and boy are we on a roll! Check out our “Who Dunnit” articles of late. Sure need to express special thanks to Val and Dennis Laabs for their help all summer – lawn mowing and garden maintenance, the Leavitts for yard duty, and others who jumped right in helping whatever chore presented itself.

Right now we’re working on some huge projects – staining of the entire building and sealing and restriping the parking lot. Harold and Judy Johnson are helping gather info on the latter. Val Laabs has offered to apply weed killer and clean out vegetation in cracks in the parking lot, which ought to significantly reduce cost. More on the staining project on page 2.

It was brought to our attention our defibrillator needed attention – actually it began beeping. An attempt to stop the beeping was foiled since we found the thing was locked up. Oops! Finally locating the key, it was determined the batteries were kaput – plus the fact that no one knows how to operate it anyway. To the rescue – new member Gene Groat, a retired EMT. He’s checking out the unit (purchased quite some time ago upon advice of our parish nurse) ordering new batteries and eventually will present a training program to anyone interested in learning how to save lives. Program will be scheduled after fellowship at a to-be-announced date.

Watch for future projects. Membership on this committee is certainly not exclusive. If you’d like to join us, talk to any member of the committee. We usually meet on a weekday afternoon. If you have a special “talent” to offer, please let us know and we’ll keep you in mind for future projects.



### VILAS COUNTY NEWS- REVIEW’S WARM THE CHILDREN

The program providing warm winter clothing for kids infant through age 17 who are residents of Vilas County, or the Three Lakes, Sugar Camp area of Oneida County is now under way. Request forms are available in the News-Review and their office. Shopping began October 31 and runs through mid-December at Glik’s in Eagle River and Northland Clothing Co. in Three Lakes.

Donations with “WTC” noted as memo can be mailed to the VC News-Review, P. O. Box 1929, Eagle River 54521, and are tax deductible.



# LUTEFISK/MEATBALL DINNER

Coming up Sunday, December 8, 2024

Be sure to make your reservations NOW for PLLC's world famous lutefisk gala. Cost is adults \$20, youth 7-12 \$8, 6 and under FREE.

Menu is:

- Lutefisk with melted butter and/or milk gravy
- Meatballs in brown gravy
- Boiled potatoes
- PLUS all the traditional fixins
- ALL YOU CAN EAT AND HOMEMADE DESSERTS**

ASAP since official deadline was November 23 -- Call church at 715-479-4966 or Lori Moser at 262-210-4009. Leave your name and phone number, number of persons and form of payment.

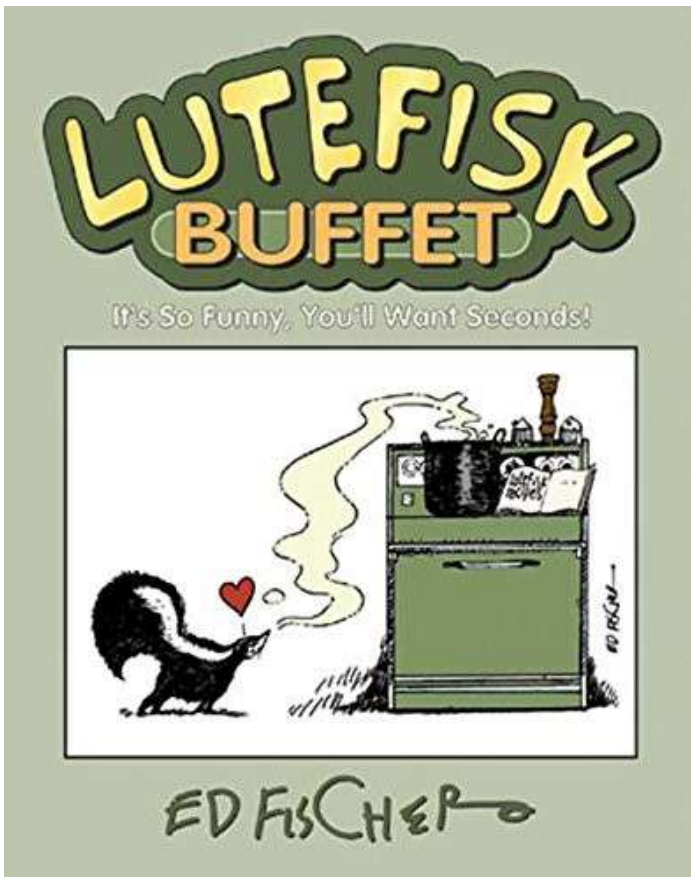


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 Website: Pioneerlaketlc.org  
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## PLEASE SIGN UP

2025 sign-up charts are on the hallway bulletin board ready and waiting for the stampede to begin as all the eager PLLCers vie to commit!

Ushers, fellowship treat servers, scripture readers and altar guild. Why not check out the dates you think you could help out?





**Charles Dickens walks into a bar and orders a martini. The bartender asks, "Olive or twist?"**



**Prayers**

- James Hogenmiller
- Harold Johnson
- Janet Boone
- Berleen Carlton
- Marilyn Hilliard
- Marcia Hilliard Gloekner
- Ed Wright
- Jack Halbert
- Donna Dow
- Dick & Sandy Martin
- Gene Klump
- Rodd Wangen
- Chris Williams
- Carol Klaver
- Craig Justice
- Mary Wakelyn
- Brian
- Vicky Louis



*If the earth was flat, cats would have pushed everything off it by now.*

***Christmas All the Year***

Wouldn't it be wonderful  
If the whole year through,  
We kept Christmas in our hearts  
And held a merry view.

Wouldn't things be special  
If we could hold steadfast  
To the joy of Jesus' birthday  
As the months go swiftly past.

For Christmas is really timeless,  
Its gift of love ensures  
That in the changing seasons  
True Christmas still endures.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

***Come join us***

3rd Saturday, each Month 9AM for a delicious hot breakfast – we're talking bacon, eggs, pancakes, etc.



***Breakfast*** is followed by discussion. Attendance not limited to PLLCers --- so invite your friends & neighbors to join in the fellowship.

*Rest, all ye faithful...*



*Merry Christmas*

### ANYONE REMEMBER?

Several years ago we had "Cute Couple" articles in the LakeView. The idea was to submit a wedding picture with a couple clues and folks had the fun of attempting identification of the couple. Actually we also had several "cute baby" pics, graduation and confirmation photos, etc. You get the idea.

Think you could fool people most of the time? Drop a photo in the red newsletter mailbox – but include a little blurb with a few hints. Also please identify yourself. The newsletter editors can keep a secret – most of the time! (Only foolin' folks. We promise to zip our lips.)



Sample Picture from a loooooong time ago but feel free to guess who!?!?

### NOVEMBER LAKEVIEW A GROUP EFFORT –

We had a bit of a problem getting October and last month's newsletter together and out. But with lotsa help we made it although a bit late. As you all know, co-editor Cindy Wangen has been very busy helping Rodd after his recent surgery and ensuing stroke. We had a good start on October, but hadn't quite finished. Joanie can write stuff, but is dumb as a pile of rocks when it comes to getting it together in Publisher. Cindy is an ace!

A gal from Watersmeet and neighbors came to the rescue for October, and in November Dennis Laabs and Bonnie Mosbrucker lent a hand, but neither was totally familiar with that Publisher program. Almost, but not quite, finished. Joanie prayed, "Lord if this newsletter is supposed to issue, please send HELP!"

The very next evening while out to dinner with friends, Jacki Hilderbrandt\* cruised by our table. I asked her for the phone number of a gal I thought might be able to help, and Jacki replied, "How about me?" She popped by at 9 AM the very next morning and finished up at 10:30. God bless her real good! She also offered assistance if we need help in the future. Yipee! An ace in the hole.

\*Many of you probably know Jacki. She's very active in just about everything happening in Conover – the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Blizzard Blast, Taste of Conover and also Conover's correspondent for the VC News Review. Nevertheless she found time to lend us a hand. What a gal!

## IRISH CHRISTMAS BLESSING

God grant you lightness in your step,  
A smile on every face you meet,  
Loved ones gathered at your hearth,  
And at your door friends to greet  
A holy hymn upon your lips,  
A window candle burning bright,  
And the Good Lord bless your heart  
And come to dwell there Christmas night.



**NATIONAL  
HOT COCOA DAY!  
DECEMBER 13**

**Go for it !**





## This Christmas. . .

Let's Give a Little Jesus,  
 a thoughtful word or deed,  
 An act of generosity  
 for someone who's in need.  
 Let's Give a Little Jesus  
 to everyone we meet—  
 The salesclerk or the server,  
 the person on the street.  
 Let's Give a Little Jesus,  
 that's what really counts –  
 Not what's spent or bought for  
 whom,  
 in what amounts.  
 Let's Give a Little Jesus  
 to everyone, large or small. . .  
 For Jesus, the Messiah,  
 is the Greatest Gift of All!

### December Birthdays

- 3 Paige Hickson
- 6 Mary Sheets
- 7 Landon Lax
- 10 Amy Justice
- 11 Heather Pusich
- 17 Carol Clure
- 19 Jennifer Anderson
- 20 Dan Lambert
- 21 Julie Imse
- 24 Austin Sites-DuValle
- 27 Carol Clure
- 28 Donna Dow



### Anniversaries

- 7 Ralph & Janet Boone anniversary
- 30 Casey & Steve Vold anniversary



*Some giggles  
for you*

## Hi folks...we're your

Lake View News Editors/Reporters  
We need news about **YOU** & yours...

Email comments or news to  
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Call us .... Joanie 715-547-6209 or  
Cindy 715-891-2429

Or deposit your news in the Red Newsletter Box

If at first you don't succeed, sky diving is not for you.

Wi-Fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.

No matter how long you nurse a grudge, it won't get any better.

Many people who worry are spending time gathering sticks to build a bridge they will never need to cross.



*The pantry* would like to thank PLLC for food donations given. Presently there is need for soups, cereals, and personal care items (e.g., toothpaste, shampoo, etc). Please be sure your food donations have not passed the “best before” date. The Food Pantry can’t accept expired date food.

How about assembling vittles for a Christmas dinner? What better way to wish these folks a Merry Christmas!

Monetary donations to the Headwaters Food Pantry can be sent to P. O. Box 561, Land O’Lakes, WI 54540, or put in the offering plate any Sunday. The Pantry is open the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.



## TOTALLY PAWSOME

Please remember folks who may be forced to give up their pets because they can’t afford pet supplies. Dog and cat food, kitty litter, etc. is always welcome.

A new organization, Totally Pawsome, has formed to help pets and the people who love them. Besides a pet food pantry, they provide microchips and financial help.

Donations can be dropped off at The Fisherman’s Outpost or – to make it easy for PLLCers, we’ve designated a drop-off box in the narthex right next to the food pantry box.

Pets also need a little holiday cheer!



Helping pets and the people who love them.

(715) 539-6815

[totallypawsome.org](http://totallypawsome.org)

[totallypawsomainfo@gmail.com](mailto:totallypawsomainfo@gmail.com)

## **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR NEEDY KIDS**

There’s a gaily decorated tree in the narthex with heart-shaped tags furnished by the Salvation Army. On the back of each tag you’ll find a clue as to what type of gift to bring – boy or girl and age – along with a bunch of suggestions.

Feel free to grab a tag, purchase a gift or two and deposit them in the bin next to the tree. You’ll help make the holiday brighter for some needy child! Date for gifts to be picked up not yet determined. We’ll keep you posted.



## Meet new Members— Rodd & Cindy Wangen



Rodd was raised in the rural farming community of Cannon Falls Minnesota. He spent his senior year of high school living in Sweden as part of a foreign exchange program. After high school, he attended St Olaf College then eventually moved to Madison WI to attend UW-Madison earning a degree in Agronomy. After graduating from the university, he switched direction and went to tech school for Automotive Technology. He worked in that field for a few years eventually surrendering to his medical issues. His hobbies include reading, gardening, music and muscle cars.

I was raised in Oregon, WI just south of Madison and lived in that area my entire life. After high school, I attended technical college earning a degree in Accounting and then later on, a bachelors degree in Business Management from Edgewood College. I began my long career at TDS Telecom back in 1985 and will be celebrating 40 years with the company in January. My hobbies include reading, cooking and paper crafting.

Rodd and I met in Madison back in 1987 and were married the next year. We have a daughter, Anna, who lives in Brussels, Belgium.

Just 3 years ago, we sold our home of 30 years to move from the Madison area to Eagle River. We are truly enjoying the peace and serenity of the Northwoods and looking forward to our next chapter. We want to thank everyone at Pioneer Lake Lutheran for making our transition easy. We can't say enough about how welcome we have felt here and are blessed by all the wonderful people and friendships we have formed.

Regards, Cindy



### \$ SITUATION AT PLLC

January through September,  
2024

Revenue	\$77,506.00
Expenses	\$106,157.00
Balance	(-\$28,651.00)

Is your pledge current? Can you spare a few extra dollars to help lower our deficit? Do you have any "failsafe" fund raiser ideas?

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**A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on their way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."**

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**Six-year old Angie and her four-year old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.**

**Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."**

## **A nun asked her class to write notes to God.**

**Here are some they handed in:**

**Dear God,**

**Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't You keep the ones You already have?**

**Dear God,**

**Maybe Cain and Abel would not have killed each other if they had their own rooms. That's what my Mom did for me and my brother.**

**Dear God,**

**I bet it is very hard to love everyone in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I 'm having a hard time loving all of them.**

**Dear God,**

**Is it true my father won't get into heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house?**

**Dear God,**

**Did you mean for a giraffe to look like that or was it an accident?**

**Dear God,**

**Who draws the lines around the countries?**

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for the baby brother, but I think you got confused because what I prayed for was a puppy.**

### **GOOD ADVICE:**

**IF YOUR DOG THINKS YOU'RE THE GREATEST, DO NOT SEEK A SECOND OPINION**



## **WHAT RINGS YOUR CHIMES?**

Need knows no season. Money raised in Vilas County through the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle is used year round to provide temporary, emergency assistance to those in need of food, power and fuel bills, etc. 90% of funds raised are reinvested in Vilas County.

PLLC has the opportunity to take part in the Eagle River Salvation Army bell-ringing fundraiser for the Christmas holidays. If you or your family would like to help out this holiday season by being a bell ringer, please sign up on the sheet by the Salvation Army Red Kettle in the narthex. PLLC has been asked to ring the bell at Trig's on Wednesday, November 13 and Saturday, December 7. The schedule runs from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and shifts are two hours in length. Although we are committed to only 9 to 5, ringers are needed for all dates from 5 to 7 PM. Please check your calendar and consider serving the community in this way.

Any questions contact Joanie (715-547-6209) or Kathy Holtorp (715-617-2179).

Can't ring on any of the above dates? Feel free to check the volunteer website ([savilas.org](http://savilas.org)) for alternate available dates. You can sign up right then and there.

If you can't be a bell ringer, please remember those in need by dropping some change or a buck or two into the red kettle as the holiday season approaches.



**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and Happy New Year!**

*The Mission of Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of all creation. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are called to reach out to all people with God's message of love, forgiveness, and eternal salvation.*



**Jesus Still Teaches By The Water..  
on the shores of beautiful Pioneer Lake**

**CHRISTMAS**  
**MERRY**

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