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# The LakeView

Jan 2025

## Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church Newsletter

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

Stories on These  
and More  
Inside...



## 2024 IN REVIEW

### January

Pretty quiet at PLLC  
Annual meeting January 27

### February

Souper Bowl Sunday.  
Tenth Northwoods Blizzard Blast

### March

Soup suppers each Wednesday  
Palm Sunday with famous PLLC “Easter” brunch  
Easter Services

### April

Way too much snow!!

### May

Spring clean-up day

### June & July

Summertime respite

### August

Pet Blessing resulted in a gift of \$500 to Totally Pawsome  
PLLC summer picnic  
Polka Service

### September

Blessing of the backpacks  
Back to school

### October

PLLCers participate in Adopt-A-Highway project

### November

Thanksgiving pie social

### December

Up with our beautiful Christmas tree  
Gala Lutefisk/Swedish Meatball dinner  
Special service featuring our bell choir

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## PACKER PARTY

On November 3 our youth hosted a fun Packer Party in the fellowship hall. Packer décor, fun games, good grub, and of course the Packer game. A good time was had by all, PLLCers and visitors as well.



## PIE SOCIAL

PLLC’s Pie Social on Sunday, November 24 was a test of your self control. There were so many delicious pies to choose from that folks were encouraged to help themselves to seconds. Thanks to all our excellent pie baking gals –

Alyssa Imse	Joyce Leavitt
Donna Dow	Lori Moser
Jan Britt	Gail Sommers
Judy Johnson	Cindy Wangen

Now looking at the donor list, seems either some gals brought more than one pie, or some who didn’t sign up brought a couple. So if anyone is missing from this list, thanks to you as well.



January 5 is National Comfort Day so go ahead and indulge yourself. Have mac n cheese rather than a nice green salad. (Not really. Have a salad on the side.)

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## CAN’T EMPHASIZE TOO MUCH!!

As of November 30 PLLC was behind by \$30,165.00. This means expenses exceed our income by over \$30,000. Please check your records. Are you behind in your pledge? If not, how about digging deeper into your pockets this month? If we all pull together, we ought to be able to significantly lower this deficit to begin 2025.

A few years ago, we were considerably less in the red, but appealed to you folks to pitch in with an additional \$100 per family. Sure enough – with your help we wound up significantly reducing our deficit.

We know finances can be tight this time of year. But please prayerfully consider how you can help lower if not eliminate this deficit. And if the Holy Spirit so advises you, please feel free to contribute any amount -- \$100 or more or less. Whatever you can.



### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual Congregational Meeting for PLLC will be held following worship on Sunday, January 26, 2025.

A preliminary annual report will be distributed on Sunday, January 19, one week prior to the meeting. Reports for **all** ministries will be included in the PLLC annual report to be distributed to everyone. If you lead a ministry, or if you are involved in a ministry which may not have a leader or which has lost a leader, please consider writing a report. It can be short, but ought to include the major accomplishments of the ministry during the past year.

Please email your report to Holly Guerin ([pllc@frontier.com](mailto:pllc@frontier.com)) by January 15 at the very latest to insure inclusion. Or have hard printed copy on 8-1/2 x 11" white paper on Holly's desk prior to 1/15.

Any questions? Please contact the church office.



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

### HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2025?

Thanks to all who have returned their pledges for 2025. If you haven't already done so, it isn't too late. Please place it in the offering plate on any Sunday. Also if you haven't yet picked up your offering envelopes, they can be found on the pew in the narthex.



### CONOVER LIONS BLOOD DRIVE JANUARY 28

Wouldn't it feel great if you could share your good health with someone diagnosed with leukemia or someone who needs an organ transplant? **YOU CAN!** By giving blood!

Our blood drive will take place Tuesday, January 28 from 1:30 to 5 PM at the Conover Town Center. Donors must be at least 17. However, a 16-year-old may donate with parental permission.

Donors must present a form of identification and should eat and drink fluids prior to donating. Cookies, juice and coffee will be provided.



### THANKS BELL RINGERS

Thanks to all who "rang the bell" for the Salvation Army! PLLC was assigned three days at Trigs with four 2-hour shifts each.

Keith Hughes (2 shifts)  
Hannah Imse Gail Sommers

# OPTIMISM

Count your blessings instead of your crosses,  
Count your gains instead of your losses.  
Count your joy instead of your woes,  
Count your friends instead of your foes.  
Count your smiles instead of your tears,  
Count your courage instead of your fears.  
Count your full years instead of your lean,  
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.  
Count your health instead of your wealth,  
Count on God instead of yourself.



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone at Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church for your prayers & support that made our trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering possible!

God bless you all,

Amy, Morris, Olivia, Liam, Allie.



**HEY FOLKS –  
WE NEED A COUPLE CUTE  
BABY  
OR CUTE COUPLE PICS!!**

I told my doctor that I broke my leg in two places.  
He told me I should quit going to those places.



### ***“HEART” CHRISTMAS TREE***

Salvation Army again included PLLC in their children’s gift program. A little Christmas tree was placed in the narthex adorned with 25 hearts. Each tag asked that

we buy a gift for a child of a certain gender and age.

Many hearts were removed and the box under the tree was filled to overflowing. Thanks to everyone who participated in this program, there were many happy kids come Christmas morning!

Thanks to florist, Diane Marquardt (Vintage Garden Studio) for delivering the gifts to the Salvation Army folks.

### **ANNUAL LUTEFISK DINNER**

Guess we ought to include meatballs here. . . Over 85 dinners were served by our youth and a dedicated group of volunteers, some just friends of PLLC.

Preparation was also a group effort from potato peelers, bakers (pies, lefse, Swedish rye bread), setter uppers, servers, and cleaner uppers. Our kids participated as well.

So many favorable comments from attendees – “thanks for again hosting this dinner”, “we appreciate the church bringing lutefisk back”, etc. All in all, this year’s dinner was a great success. Thanks to all who helped.

### **KIDS’ PIZZA SALE**

By popular demand, our youth held another pizza sale in October. Sales \$ were applied to remainder of expenses of our New Orleans trip last summer attended by Liam and Olivia Payne, Allie Vold, and chaperoned by Morris and Amy Justice.

There were 242 pizzas sold bringing in \$1800! Helpers were Amy and Tony Justice, Liam and Jen Payne, Allie and Casey Vold, Stephanie and Alexis Feckett, Lori Moser, etal (sorry, may have left someone out).

These pizzas are super delish – Thanks to all involved!



Liam and Jen Payne, Amy Justice, Alexis Feckett



The Whole Pizza Pie Bunch!!





**CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF POINSETTIA PLANTS**

Given by:

Lawrence & Donna Dow  
Mark & Valerie Hogan  
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Keith Hughes  
Rita Hogenmiller  
Bruce & Kathi Campbell  
Jeff Lane  
Joanie Green  
Don Wolf

In loving memory of:

Our parents and friends  
William & Beverly Hogan  
Richard & Eunice Hughes  
Namey & Papa Hughes  
Alvin Hogenmiller  
Ken & Connie Andeen  
Our grandparents  
Bill Green  
Sandy & Kathryn Wolf

Given by:

Mark & Valerie Hogan  
Keith Hughes  
Lawrence & Donna Dow  
Rita Hogenmiller  
Joanie Green  
Rodd & Cindy Wangen  
Amy Justice

In thanks to God for:

Our children & 3 grandsons  
My children & grandchildren  
Our grandchildren  
Three great grandchildren  
Good friends  
Pastor Rose & PLLC friends  
Bendu & Sao Massalay



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**Thanks to all for helping beautify PLLC for our Christmas season.**

We can't keep the puppies," they said  
As their little boy cried and turned red.  
"Oh, please!" said their son,  
"Can't we just keep this one  
And get rid of my sister instead?"



**Carol Clure joins FORK Board**



Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) recently welcomed Carol Clure as the organization's newest Board Director. Clure was born and raised in Conover, graduating from Northland Pines High School in 1986 and later Lakeland College with her BA in Accounting. After 29 years of working and raising a family in Minnesota, Clure and her husband Jim returned home in 2022 to be closer to family. "With over 25 years of experience in organizational accounting and management, I'm now wanting to focus on using my background and skillset to give back to the community," said Clure. "I know that as a member of the FORK board, we can help develop a more efficient budget and accounting systems to provide the organization better management and decision-making tools." FORK President Perry Pokrandt pointed out some of the challenges around building a functional and efficient board of directors, including identifying the organization's needs, pinpointing individuals with the necessary skills, soliciting those involved, and maintaining their commitment. "Carol's experience, along with her lifelong connection to the Northwoods, makes her a great addition to the board," he concluded



**PRAYERS**

**Illness/Surgery/Recovery**

- Joe Hovel
- Lenny Johnson
- Bill & Rin Hansen
- Steve Bergdahl
- Vicky Qualls
- Bob Bauer
- Dick & Sandy Martin

**Pet Prayers**

All pets doing well – thank you Jesus!



**BLIZZARD BLAST COMING UP!**

Conover’s Annual Blizzard Blast is coming up February 15. It isn’t too early to plan ahead.

There are several “Blast-Off” events coming up shortly. On January 18 from 8 to 11 AM the Flap Jack Blast will be hosted by the Land O’Lakes Chamber at the Gateway Lodge. Tickets are \$10 and breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, breakfast pastries and a beverage.

Details on the “Blizzard Splash” in Phelps and the Conover Fire and Rescue Cornhole Tourney at the Conover Center to come.

Sounds like lotsa fun to be had!!



Our Crosses on the Hill

**MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

*Come join us*

3rd Saturday, each Month 9AM for a delicious hot breakfast – we’re talking bacon, eggs, pancakes, you get the idea.



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

**AS I WATCHED THE DOG CHASING HIS TAIL, I THOUGHT DOGS ARE EASILY AMUSED. THEN I REALIZED I WAS WATCHING THE DOG CHASE HIS TAIL.**



## DECKING THE HALLS

A jolly bunch of elves got busy December 7 at PLLC to decorate the beautiful Christmas tree and sanctuary. Lighted garlands were put up on the archways and our nativities were set up. Spectacular!

Thanks to all: Cindy & Rodd Wangen, Mark & Val Hogan, Lawrence & Donna Dow, Marty Engle, Bonnie Mosbrucker, Gracie Indermuehle, and Joanie Green.

What a team! Many hands make light work, and we all had a great time. Afterward several of us headed to the Log Cabin for a fun lunch.

A big thanks to Sandy Martin and the Indermuehles for the beautiful wreaths adorning the front of the church, and to Val Hogan for the advent wreath and center pieces for each table in the fellowship hall.



**Well done elves!**

## COOK'S CORNER

Here's a recipe for meatballs served by Val Hogan at a recent gathering. They were yummy and several folks requested the recipe. Funny thing – Val's mom, Eunice Hughes, got the recipe out of a PLLC cookbook!



### MARVELOUS MEATBALLS

Meat Balls;

1 lb. ground chuck (30-35 balls)  
1 envelope onion soup mix  
1 can (5-1/2 oz) evaporated milk  
2 tsp. worcheshire sauce

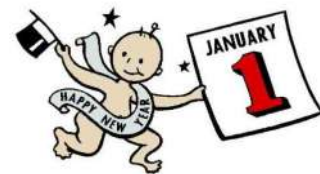
Sauce:

2 cups ketchup  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 tbsp. worcheshire sauce

Mix together ingredients for meatballs and form into walnut shaped balls. Then broil 6 minutes, flip and broil another 6 minutes. Place into crock pot and heat on low (being careful not to over-cook).

Mix sauce ingredients together and pour on top of balls once they are placed in crock pot.

When doubling meat recipe, only use 1-1/2 sauce recipe.



During a church service a woman announced she'd be singing the 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm. What followed was a lovely and moving performance, everyone agreed. Everyone except my 7 year old son who whispered, "That song was way longer than 22 seconds."

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# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## January Birthdays

3 Jan Britt  
 8 Stephe Feckett  
   Connor Feckett  
 10 Cindy Wangen  
 15 Rita Hogenmiller  
 16 Alyssa Imse  
   Jim Rhode  
 19 Taylen Nelson  
   Mary Wakelyn  
   Jordan Welnetz  
 21 Gabriel Hickson  
   Courtney Maines  
 22 Linda Wright  
 23 Nicole Jensen  
 24 Carol Williams  
 25 Maxine Bickelhaupt

## George Carlin's View on Aging

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you thin in fractions. "How old are you?" "I'm four and a half!" You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key.

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. "How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16!" You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16!

And then the greatest day of your life. . . you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. . . . YOU BECOME 21! YESSS! But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour dumpling.

What's wrong? What's changed? You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it you REACH 50. . . and your dreams are gone.

But wait!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would! So you BECOME 20, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60. You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day by day thing. You HIT Wednesday! You get into your 80s and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch, you TURN 4:30, you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s you start going backwards; "I was JUST 92". Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half!"

## NEED SOME "TAKER DOWNERS"

For the last several years we've enlisted the help of folks de-decorate our tree, put all ornaments back in their bins, take down garlands, and put our tree to bed. With many hands this was accomplished. Granted – it's more fun putting the stuff up, but - - -

We'll do this again this year immediately after the service on Sunday, January 5 to save an extra trip for helpers. If you can lend a hand, all help will be heartily appreciated.



**Just spent 15  
minutes  
searching for my  
phone in my car.**

**While using my  
phone as a  
flashlight.**

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Our service of carols, communion and candlelight was special this year. Over a hundred folks turned out to celebrate Jesus' birthday! We were treated to special music, reading of the Christmas story and a meaningful message by Pastor Peggy.

Was also a treat to have our young people help with the service. They did an impressive job acolyting, assisting in communion and lighting the candles. Our kids are indeed special!

Our musicians added so much to our service: Mark Hovel, Jennifer Anderson, Vicky Qualls, Julie Louis, Shelly Wolf-Hendershot, Massa Justice, and Alyssa Imse. Outstanding Christmas music!

Thanks to all involved for this very moving Christmas Eve experience!





## PLLC'S BELL CHOIR RESURRECTION

On December 15 we were treated to several selections of our newly organized youth bell choir featuring Liam and Olivia Payne, Alexis Feckett, Gracie Indermuehle and Allie Vold under the direction of ToniLynn Kleeba. Actually these kids have improved immeasurably from their initial performances at 5 or 6 years old! They wound up the service with the ever lovely *Chorus of the Bells*. We're all so happy and appreciative that these kids have stepped up to revive PLLC's bell choir!

They also presented a skit, served communion and ushered. Thanks a million kids.

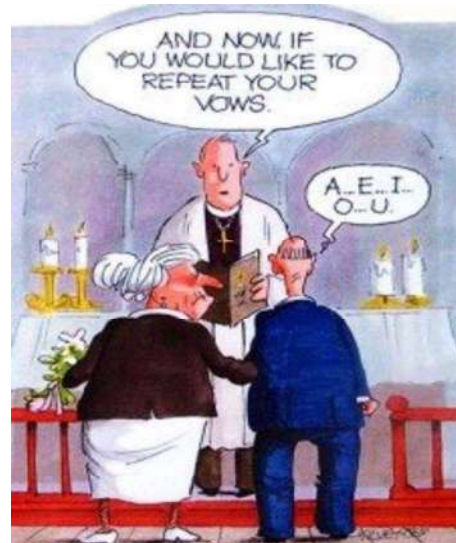


Alexis, Grace, Allie, Liam, Olivia and ToniLynn

*Thank you for all of the Christmas greetings, gifts and goodies. God's blessings in the New Year*

*Pastor Peggy*

## A FEW CHUCKLES FOR YA



**DOES ANYONE KNOW WHICH PAGE OF THE BIBLE EXPLAINS HOW TO TURN WATER INTO WINE?  
ASKING FOR A FRIEND.**

**I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know.**

**Not to brag, but I just went into another room and actually remembered why I went in there.**

**It was the bathroom, but still....**

*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**



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