

# Light *of* Life

MAY 2017

## “Spring Cleanup”

**Saturday, May 13 Starting at 9:00am**



It's time for a little spring cleaning! Come and help clear out brush, spread dirt and mulch, plant flowers and do some general clean up around the church grounds.

Please bring work gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, pruning shears and other yard tools. More details coming soon. In case of rain, the alternate date is May 20.

## Semi Annual Meeting Burke Lutheran Church Sunday, May 21

Burke's semi annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following the 9:00am Worship Service. The meeting will address Board and Officer vacancies, as well as include a report from the Building Committee on their progress.

## Join the Book Study

Our book study held in February was such a success that we've been asked to hold more sessions. Join us as we work through the book Unbinding the Gospel by Martha Grace Reese. Choose the session that works best for your schedule:

Thursdays, 6:30pm  
Beginning May 11  
Led by Amy Proebstle

Fridays, 10:00am  
Beginning May 12  
Led by Pastor Robert

The groups will meet for eight weeks. In each session we will discuss the assigned reading and whatever “homework” went along with it. We need people who can commit to the full eight weeks so if you are willing and able to make the commitment please contact Pastor Robert or sign up on the sheet posted in the Narthex.

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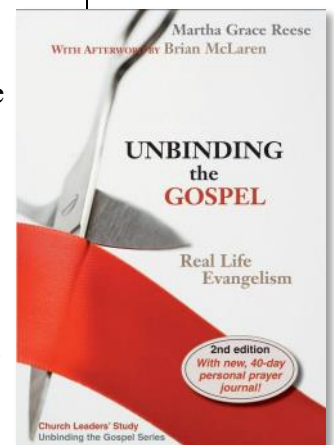
## Softball Team

We are looking to join the Co-ed Sun Prairie Ministry Association Summer Softball League. Please contact Pastor Robert if interested.

## Garden Planning

**Sunday, May 7  
6:00pm**

It's almost planting season! Come and help us plan for our 2,500 square foot garden. Our garden produces about 1,000 pounds of fresh produce each year. The produce will be donated to the Sun Prairie Sunshine Place. Contact Deb Buss at *deb.e.buss@gmail.com* with any questions.



## A Message from Pastor Robert.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am a huge fan of Star Trek, particularly the Next Generation series which ran during my teen years. Besides the characters, cool new worlds, and species that are introduced throughout the series, what drew me back week after week was seeing how these characters would deal with a situation that challenged their set moral code. Just in case you do not know anything about Star Trek, all the characters are part of a group called "Starfleet". They are explorers in the future guided by what is called "The Prime Directive", which dictates how they should deal with new species they encounter. Alongside this they are all part of a multispecies society where everything is shared and they do their best to avoid or dissolve violent conflicts between various groups of people. In nearly every episode they are presented with situations that cause them to question this strict moral code by which they live and must learn to resolve the issue by either using that code, finding a way around it, or breaking it. No matter how the situation resolves there are both positive and negative consequences that our protagonists have to deal with and while they may seem bizarre from our perspective, each situation is rooted in situations human beings encounter throughout their lives.

What happens if our moral code causes an innocent person to get hurt? What if we are called to do no violence, yet there is someone out there who must be stopped from hurting others? How do we discern between solutions where one solution resolves immediate issues, yet may cause long term issues, or a solution that may cause harm in the short term but help in the long term? How do we deal with those who do not share our moral code, yet we must somehow get along? How do we deal with situations that call our moral code into question? Do we adapt or dig our heels in?

How should we deal with these and other questions? Well before I try to answer that I would like to bring up another TV show that just ended its run a few years ago, Breaking Bad. If you are unfamiliar with this show it's basic con-

cept revolves around the idea of how a seemingly normal person could potentially become an evil person without fully realizing it. The story focuses on a middle aged high school science teacher who is diagnosed with terminal cancer and is looking for a way to make sure his family is financially secure after he passes. This leads him into the business of manufacturing and selling Methamphetamines. As he falls deeper and deeper into the drug world doing things he never thought himself capable of he keeps finding justification for his actions in the idea that all of this is for his family. This program provides a great (though extreme) example regarding how someone when working in isolation can easily find excuses as to why they should compromise their beliefs. Sure the protagonist does have family and friends he could look to for support, but he keeps them all in the dark as to what his true purposes are, thus only trusting his own judgment. In contrast to this the characters in Star Trek do everything as a community, and it is when one of them decides to act out of self-interest rather than the good of the community that they suffer.

For me these two programs helped reinforce the ideas that Christ teaches us about being accountable toward each other:

*Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken. -Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*

I can't count the amount of times I have heard people tell me, "I already know Jesus, I don't need to go to Church." Unfortunately knowing Jesus is different than being a follower of Christ, and to be a follower of Christ one must be a part of a faith community. As a community we hold each other accountable to the faith based morality that we all share. When people attempt to follow Jesus on their own it is too easy to continually compromise their beliefs to the point where Jesus stands up for everything we want him to stand up for.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Robert

## Prayer Concerns

During this past month we have remembered the following individuals in our Sunday prayers:

David Vincent	Jamie Falk	Erik Jelinek
Chris McFarlin	Marvin McCoy	
Bill Schmidt	Marshall Bostad	

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Frank McDermott, Richard Gouker, Skip Bearden, Ken Amacher, Harold Schrader, and William Hessling.

We apologize if we have missed anyone, it was not intentional.



## The Road Home

The next Road Home opportunity will be June 11-13.

In support of this program, Burke Lutheran and Lake View Lutheran provide food and volunteers for 4 weeks. Burke Lutheran members' generosity in the past has been astounding.

Burke Lutheran dates for 2017 also include October 1-3 and December 3-5. Look for the sign up sheets in the Narthex or contact Debbie Buss to be added to the email list, [deb.e.buss@gmail.com](mailto:deb.e.buss@gmail.com), 608-516-7883.



## Food Pantry

During May we are collecting household supplies for the food pantry. This could be items such as paper towels, foil, plastic wrap, paper plates, baggies, plastic cups and toilet paper. Please place items in the Food Pantry basket in the Narthex.



## BLCW Meeting

The next BLCW meeting is Wednesday, May 24, at 10am.

## Salad Luncheon

To all who prepared the many salads and bars, set up for the event, modeled the outfits, sang and played piano, blessed us with your attendance, and cleaned up—



## Fireside Fellows

### Re-Kindling the Fire

Men of all ages are invited for some fellowship and discussion. The Fireside Fellows continue on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7pm. Each session's topic is based on the upcoming Sunday's Bible readings. There is no page turning, preparation or study time. Newcomers always welcome.



For more information, please contact Paul Beckman, 608-241-2346, or Lon Buss, 608-516-7875.

## BLCW Garage Sale

Save the Date  
June 23 & 24



House overflowing? Downsize and donate your stuff! The BLCW is looking for clean, gently-used clothing, household items, small working appliances, furniture, toys,

books, sporting equipment, etc. Start gathering your items now, and watch for drop-off dates to be announced in June.

## Card-Making Session

Hosted by Barb Hennings

Mark your calendar and plan to attend! We'll be making cards on May 9, 1:00pm, at Barb's home, located at 6260 Sommer Valley Circle, DeForest. Please RSVP to Barb at [bjhennings@aol.com](mailto:bjhennings@aol.com) or 608-445-0566.

## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, May 10 at Gus' Diner, Hwy 19, Sun Prairie.

### Light of Life & Sunday Bulletin Articles

If you have news you'd like to see in the Sunday bulletin announcements and/or Light of Life newsletter:

1. Email your submissions to [burkelutheran@att.net](mailto:burkelutheran@att.net) (please indicate in the subject line whether it is for the bulletin, LOL or both), or
2. Mail to church, 5720 Portage Rd, Madison, WI 53718, or
3. Turn it into the church office with Attn: Peri

BULLETIN DEADLINE: noon on Wednesday

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 15th of the month

# Youth & Kids Corner



## Sunday School

The last day for Sunday School is May 21. Be sure to come for some special FUN!

## Attention Senior High Graduates!

We will be celebrating your success on May 21 at the 9am service. Following the service there will be a cake during the coffee hour. Please let the church office know if you will be able to attend—and Congratulations!

## Confirmation May 7

On Sunday, May 7 Chloe Baumgartner, Kimberly Brown, Hope McFarlin and Aysha Romeis will be confirmed. Come join us for this special event.

## Coming this Summer! Vacation Bible School August 7-11

At Maker Fun Factory, kids discover that God made them—and for a purpose! Kids ages 4—10 are eligible to attend. And kids over 10 can sign up to help. Watch for more information coming in June.



## Thank YOU!!!

The Palm Sunday Breakfast on April 9 was a success. And we couldn't have done it without all of the donations and the willingness of the many people who came in to prepare the meal, serve the meal, and clean up after the meal as well as those who participated in the eating of the meal. A special thanks go Dave Wisner for all of his help in setting up the electrical for us as well as setting up the tables and preparing the coffee urns. Last year, the Palm Sunday Breakfast brought in \$618 for the youth confirmation camp. This year, even with less people attending, we managed to bring in \$621 for the youth confirmation camp. Again, the Teach Board extends a very warm, heart-felt thank you.

## VBS Volunteers Needed

We'll be transforming parts of our church into an imaginative, colorful and interactive factory of fun all rooted in learning about the ultimate Maker—God! Volunteers are needed to help with the general planning and organization as well as building our own factory. If you can wield a paintbrush or a hammer, please let us know. Watch for creation dates and times being announced sometime in May.



We'll also need crew leaders to teach sessions, help with the opening and closing sessions, help preparing snacks, and other general assisting in August.

If you can help contact Pastor Robert or Peri Beal. Sign up sheets will be located in the Narthex soon.


## VBS Supplies Needed

We are in need of the following items to make our set and decorations for Vacation Bible School:

- brown paper grocery sacks
- rolls of black plastic
- large pieces of cardboard (from appliances, etc.)
- rolls of brown craft paper
- 2 liter pop bottles
- brown curtains or sheets (they will not be returned)
- newspaper
- giant carpet rolls
- buckets (5 gal, 1 gal, etc.)
- clean, empty tin cans
- springs, gears
- pool noodles, dryer venting, pipe insulation tubing
- anything that is a tube: empty paper towel/toilet paper rolls, oatmeal containers, Pringles containers

If you have any of these items to donate please place in the Sunday School Supply room.

# May Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Fireside Fellows, 7-8pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Quilting, 9am Confirmation, 6:30pm-8:00pm	<b>4</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Worship w/Confirmation, 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Choir Practice, 10:30am Garden Planning, 6:00pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Card Making, 1pm  Council & Board Mtgs, 6pm/7pm	<b>10</b> Men's Breakfast, 9am, Gus' Diner  Quilting, 9am	<b>11</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm  Book Study I, 6:30pm	<b>12</b> Book Study II, 10am	<b>13</b> Spring Cleanup, 9am
<b>14 Mother's Day</b> Worship, 9am Sunday School, 9:00am Choir Practice, 10:30am	<b>15</b> Fireside Fellows, 7-8pm	<b>16</b> Foundation Mtg, 6pm	<b>17</b> Quilting, 9am  Birthday Luncheon, noon, Outback	<b>18</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm  Book Study I, 6:30pm	<b>19</b> Book Study II, 10am  River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	<b>20</b> Ruth Circle, 10am
<b>21</b> Worship, 9am Congregation Meeting Last Day of Sunday School Choir Practice, 10:30am	<b>22</b> Preach Board, 9am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Quilting, 9am  BLCW, 10am	<b>25</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm Book Study I, 6:30pm	<b>26</b> Book Study II, 10am	<b>27</b> Dorcas Circle, 9am, at Lucy Wisner's
<b>28</b> Worship, 9am Choir Practice, 10:30am	<b>29 Memorial Day</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Quilting, 9am	<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> June 4— Pentecost Sunday June 11-13—Road Home June 23-24—Garage Sale August 7-11—Vacation Bible School		

## An Open Letter to Our Confirmands:

On May 7th you will be confirmed. I just want to tell you how much I enjoyed following you through your confirmation journey. As with the classes before you, I really enjoyed watching you grow both in spirituality as well as maturity.

In four years you will graduate from high school. From now to then, you will be doing a lot of growing, as well as going through many changes in your life. And that will not be the end of your growing and changing. In fact you will be doing that all your life.

I just want to remind you that with every step in your life that you take, God will be beside you. You might not be thinking of him, but he will be there thinking of you.

I will always look for you to come to church, frankly, 'cuz I will miss you. All of us really love seeing you. We do have a few recent Confirmands that are still very active in our church, such as Laura, Charlie, Emily, Emory, John and Connor. In fact, the girls are very active in Sunday School, and the kids love them.

Well, this is getting long. So I'd better cut this off. Just remember that we will always be here looking for you. We love you.

Dave Wisner



## May Worship Leaders...

	<b>May 7 9:00am Service</b>	<b>May 14 9:00am Service</b>	<b>May 21 9:00am Service</b>	<b>May 28 9:00am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
<b>Music Leader</b>	Beni Hupf	Gloria Lundquist	Diane O'Toole	Beni Hupf
<b>Music Leader</b>	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Nancy Blum	Barb Hennings	Student	Sue Rittmann
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Joelle Odor	Dave Weinberger	Student	Bob Rittmann
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Diane O'Toole	Gloria Lundquist	Jean Schnick	Mary TeWinkel
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Julie Clark	Paul Beckman		Barb Hennings
<b>Prayer Readers</b>	Beni Hupf Sharon Hughes	Lon Buss Nancy Blum		Beni Hupf Jean Schnick
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kimberly Brown	Aysha Romeis	Abbey Harris	Hope McFarlin
<b>Ushers</b>	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Emily Patzer Sunday School youth	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum
<b>Greeters</b>	Mary & Ron Skinvik	Diane & Randy Copenhefer		Diane & Jim Moore Pearl Kvalheim
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Kathy Sandridge Diane Frederick Linda Klinger	Cheryl Beckman Nancy Thompson Jean Schnick	Reach Board	Coffee Hour Committee
<b>Counters</b>	Gloria Lundquist Nancy Blum	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Joelle Odor	Joelle Odor Sharon Hughes

Happy Birthday!

Have a birthday in May? Hope your birthday is totally cool, really funtastic, wonderful, exciting, majorly awesome, rocking and HAPPY!

Happy  
Anniversary

To all who said "I do" in the month of May!

