

Light *of* Life

AUGUST 2020

THE CHURCH ON THE HILL

While our building may have moved, we are still the church on the hill!
—Words by Linda Hughes, Music by Susie Kittel Moore

*Many years ago was a story told
About a little church on the hill,
Where the love of God could be found by all
In the little church on the hill.*

*Come now young and old, meek and bold
To that little church on the hill,
Where God's saving grace can be found by faith
In the little church on the hill.*

*The Word had come to Burke from across the sea,
from Norway's mountains and fjords,
where the church was always built on a hill
To point the way to the Lord.*

*Now the bell rings out, calling everyone
To the little church on the hill,
Where we meet to pray on this special day
In the little church on the hill.*

*Many years from now may the songs still ring
From that little church on the hill,
And may they meet to pray, yet another day
In the little church—the church on the hill.*



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169 YEARS YOUNG!

On August 26, 1851, a group of Norwegian immigrants, whose names all ended in "son," founded the Sun Prairie Lutheran Church of Burke as one of the congregations included in a parish which included Norway Grove Lutheran Church and Spring Prairie Lutheran Church, among others. The parish pastor was Rev. Herman Preus, who came here at the age of 26 with his new wife, Caroline, to answer his first call as a minister of the Gospel. The couples' first months were spent sharing tiny log cabins with various families until their own cabin was built at Spring Prairie. These were rough accommodations indeed for the Preuses, who were used to upper middle class life in Norway. Also, the people they had come to serve were uneducated farmers whose conversations usually centered on the weather and the state of their crops, while the Preuses were used to socializing with sophisticated, educated people in Norway. In 1853, he was one of seven pastors organizing the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Preus served as president of the Norwegian Synod from 1862 until his death in 1894.

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

On August 26th, 1851, Rev. H. A. Preus presided at the very first worship service for the Sun Prairie Lutheran church of Burke or as it would be called later Burke Lutheran Church. Burke was one of six Lutheran Churches organized by H. A. Preus, who was one of seven Norwegian Lutheran Pastors sent to America in order to establish the Norwegian Synod here in Wisconsin. At age 26, along with his wife Caroline, H. A. Preus emigrated from Norway to America with the hope of saving the Norwegian settlers of Wisconsin from the evil Haugean Lutherans who had splintered off of the Church of Norway and were starting to gain influence here in Wisconsin. One might even say that Rev. Preus was like a Norwegian Paul sent not to save gentiles but instead Wisconsinites. Yet based on the many pictures that I have seen of Preus, he did not partake in nearly enough cheese curds, brats, and beer yet despite this shortcoming he and his colleagues were rather successful. Today Wisconsin is home to over 1,586 Lutheran congregations from various denominations of primarily Norwegian and German heritage.

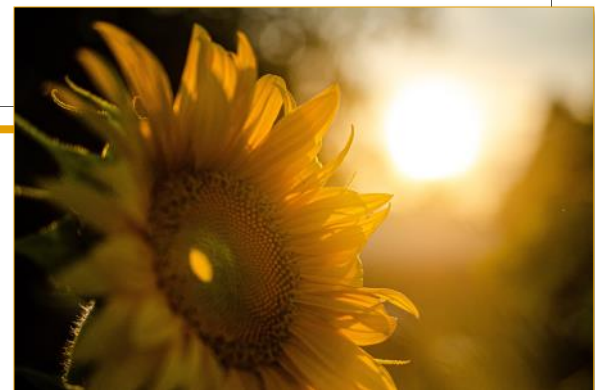
Burke may not be the oldest nor the biggest Lutheran church in Wisconsin yet here we stand 169 years after our founding, a thriving congregation in the midst of a building project where in a very real sense we are being reborn as something new, yet still honoring this rich heritage that we have inherited as being part of the Norwegian Lutheran Churches here in Wisconsin. This is something to celebrate! In a world where less and less people are claiming to be part of a faith community we are part of a community that is able to make this giant commitment to being part of Dane Counties future while honoring this im-

portant part of its past, even if the city of Burke where we derive our name will soon be no more.

Here at Burke history is an important part of who we are. We enjoy telling others about the rich and vibrant history of our building and the surrounding area because it helps tell them who we are. Yet this is not all that we are. One of the first things we ask visitors when they come through those doors is, "what is your story?" We thrive on those stories that make up our congregation because like the bible our congregation is a collection of stories, each lending a different perspective on faith and love, and that it is only when we are together that Burke's story comes alive. I look forward to the day when we can gather in person once again, but until that time I encourage all of you to continue reaching out and listening to each other's stories, so that we can encourage each other in faith and love. For even though we are apart we can still be community together.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert

Keep an eye on our webpage, email, and Facebook! Clara and I will be releasing four videos this month for our younger members (and those younger at heart) where I will offer a brief message and Clara will show us an easy craft that hopefully people can do from home. Stay tuned!



PRAYER CONCERNS

During the month of July, we have remembered the following individuals in our Sunday prayers:

Tina Bauman	Lisa Thompson	Mary Skinvik
Bev Lowe	Harper DeBauche	Helen Knuteson
Rudy Nielsen	Lucy Wisner	Stuart Svoboda
Dave Wisner	Marv McCoy	Rich Seim

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For the first twenty years, our congregation met for services in various members' homes. In 1871, a small, white wooden church was built on property that had been purchased from Herman Bergeland, whose home was just to the south of it. Mr. Bergeland's grandson, John Mandt Nelson, a graduate of Pumpkin Hollow School, eventually became a US Representative and ran the presidential campaign of Robert LaFollette.

In the late 1890's, the congregation decided to build our beautiful brick church, which was dedicated in 1898. As late as 1948, we had shared a pastor with Norway Grove Lutheran Church. At that time, it was decided to dissolve this connection and call our own pastor, and build the parsonage north of the church. The name of the congregation was also changed to Burke Lutheran Church at this time. (For many years, locals had also lovingly referred to it as "the Pumpkin Hollow Church.") As the children born during the post WWII baby boom became old enough for Sunday School, space for classes became a problem and, until 1964, some classes met in the basement of the new parsonage until the Sunday School/Fellowship Hall addition was built.

Of course, now we have our beautiful new building and will soon have our historical brick church attached to it! There is not enough space in this little article to honor all the wonderful, dedicated people who have nurtured the Gospel of Christ through "The Little Church on the Hill" for 169 years and counting. Most of the Norwegian culture that was so evident here—lutefisk dinners, Norwegian accents, Norwegian songs on Christmas Eve—has become relegated to the past, but to all of these people I would like to say "tusen takk" (a thousand thanks). And, most of all, thanks be to God!! —Susie

CALLING ALL DECORATORS

We would like to form a decorating committee to help make decisions on placement of wall hangings, pictures etc. If you are interested please let Linda Hughes know by email: lindahuz49@gmail.com or phone: 235-5308. We are not ready to start hanging things yet but we can begin the discussion.



RECIPE CORNER

NO BAKE PEACH CREAM PIE

Peach Pie Filling

3 large peaches, thinly sliced
1 tsp cornstarch
1/4 brown sugar
1 Tbsp water
1 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

Graham Cracker Crust

2 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
8 Tbsp melted butter

Cream Pie Filling

1 3.4 oz box instant vanilla pudding mix 1 cup milk
4 oz cream cheese, softened 1 tsp vanilla extract

Homemade Whipped Cream

1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream 1/4 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract



In a medium sized pot, heat peaches, brown sugar and cinnamon together over med-low heat. Whisk cornstarch and water together, creating a slurry, and add it to the peaches. Stirring occasionally, cook peaches for 8-10 minutes, or until peaches are tender and the liquid has thickened. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly.

Mix graham cracker crumbs and melted butter together and press the crust into a 9" or 10" pie plate. Set aside.

In a bowl, whisk instant pudding mix and milk together until it has thickened. Add in cream cheese and mix (with a rubber spatula or mixer) until well combined. Set aside.

With a standing mixer or hand mixer, whisk heavy whipping cream until soft peaks form. Add in vanilla extract and powdered sugar, and continue to whip until it has reached your desired consistency.

Fold half of the whipped cream into the pudding mixture. Reserve the rest for the topping.

Spoon the peach filling into the bottom of the graham cracker crust, spreading evenly.

Spread the cream filling over the top of the peaches, and then spread the remaining whipped cream over the top. Place fresh peach slices on top, if desired.

Refrigerate until ready to serve (for best results, the pie should be refrigerated for at least 2-3 hours. Enjoy!

—recipe from www.alattefood.com

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 (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 Wednesdays**

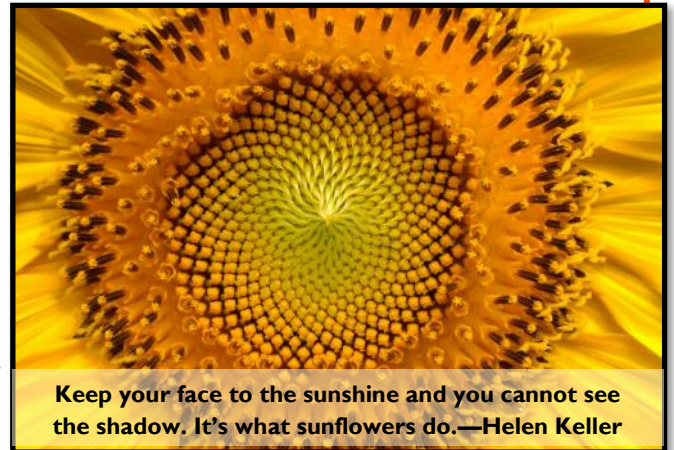
LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: **15th of the month**

Fun Facts

SUNFLOWER FACTS

Sunflowers have an endearing and constant popularity, helping them survive through the ages. Right from 3000 BCE sunflowers have spread far and wide and now cover much of the globe. Want to know more?

1. Sunflowers are steeped in symbolism and meaning. For many they symbolize optimism, positivity, a long life and happiness for fairly obvious reasons. The less obvious ones are loyalty, faith and luck.



2. You might not think of Chernobyl when you think of sunflowers, but they naturally decontaminate soil. They can soak up hazardous materials such as uranium, lead and even arsenic!
3. Using an instinctive action called Heliotropism, also known as solar tracking, the sunflower head moves in synchronicity with the sun's movement across the sky each day, from East to West, returning each evening to start the process again the next day.
4. Not all plants are completely edible. However, you can actually consume the entire sunflower in one form or another.

5. Inside the outer petalled edge of the sunflower sits a bed of up to 2000 individual flowers—or florets. Each one of these is a flower in its own right. The large array of petals act as a natural signpost for bees and other pollinators. And the seeds in the center of the sunflower are aligned in harmony with the Fibonacci Sequence, a mathematics equation such that each number is the sum of the two preceding ones.

6. Sunflower oil is a great source of vitamin A and vitamin D, as well as Iron and Calcium. Not only that, sunflowers are rich with B vitamins too. The oil can soften leather and condition your hair. And sunflower seeds are high in energy!



Visit www.shesaidsunflower.com for more fun facts and growing tips!

AUGUST CALENDAR

The staff at Burke Lutheran meets most Thursday mornings at 9:00am. We will return phone calls after our meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship, online	3 National Watermelon Day	4	5	6 Root Beer Float Day	7	8
9 Worship, online	10 National Lazy Day	11 Council Meeting, 6:30pm	12 Vinyl Record Day	13	14 Please consider donating funds to the River Food Pantry,	15
16 Worship, online	17	18 Foundation, 7pm	19	20	21	22 Drive-thru Sweet Corn Fest, 11:30am–7pm
23 Worship, online	24	25 Banana Split Day	26	27	28	29 Synod Assembly online
30 Anniversary Worship, online	31					

Look Ahead: September
September 7
September 11
September 19—October 4

Suicide Prevention Month
Labor Day
Patriot Day
Oktoberfest



Happy Birthday!

Have a birthday in August?
Hope your birthday is spectacular,
totally cool, really fantastic, wonderful, exciting,
majorly awesome, fun-filled, rocking and **HAPPY!**



Happy Anniversary!

To all who said “I do”
in the month of August!

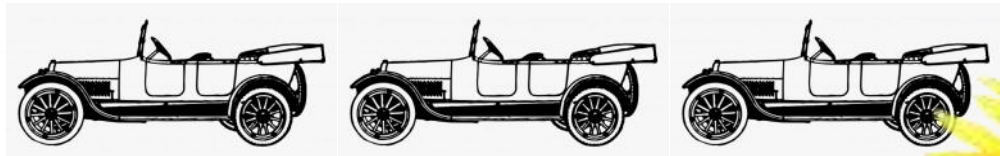


BLC Puzzle Page

HOW WELL DO YOU THINK YOU KNOW OUR BLC STAFF?...

Our three staff members are parked in a row in the gravel church lot in three different colored cars. Each is wearing a patterned mask, drinks a particular beverage and has a favorite snack. Who's favorite snack is lefse?

1. The driver of the red car is to the left of the Mountain Dew drinker.
2. Pastor Rob is on Dave's right and Peri's left.
3. The person in the white car wears a Wisconsin Badgers mask.
4. The staff member in the middle drinks Mountain Dew.
5. Peri likes to be on an end.
6. Pastor does not have a Wookie mask.
7. The Holy Water drinker is to the right of the wine drinker.
8. Don't tell anyone, but Dave's secret snack is a communion wafer.
9. Pastor Rob loves all colors, but especially the green and gold of his Packer mask.
10. The female staffer likes mustard and pickle relish on her brats.
11. The purple car is between the white and red cars.



Staff member	_____	_____	_____
Car color	_____	_____	_____
Mask pattern	_____	_____	_____
Beverage	_____	_____	_____
Snack	_____	_____	_____

