



SEPTEMBER 2023

Family Fun Day Sunday, Sept. 10 11:00am-2pm



Join us for a day of FUN and Fellowship! We are celebrating the start of a new school year and continuing the celebration of our 172nd anniversary. Everything begins following worship (which starts at 10:00am).

There will be: Free Food-Brats and Hot Dogs plus more!

Craft Vendors

Live Music by "Fitz and Free"

Bouncy House

Face Painting

Games-Ladder Ball, Corn Hole, Gaga Ball



Be sure to invite your entire family, all your neighbors and friends!

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LUTHERDALE QUILT AUCTION

This year's quilt auction was held on August 12. The 3 quilts made by Linda Hanson and donated by Burke Lutheran raised \$675 for Lutherdale. These are two of the quilts.



Lefse is coming, Lefse is coming!!!!

Beginning Tuesday September 12 through Thursday October 12, we will meet at 8:00am every Tuesday and Thursday. Come join the fun!!!

Volunteers needed. No experience needed, you can be trained on the job.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRYAN

Dear Friends,
September will be a busy month for us around here. I hope you can join us.

During worship on September 3, I'll be giving a special presentation about everything I did and learned over my continuing education trip, fulfilling the final assignment for my class.

Then on September 10, worship will start an hour later, at 10 AM, so we can go directly from worship to our Family Fun Day, our rally day for this year. We're planning on cooking out, having some games and activities, and just being together for fun.

And on September 17 we will start our fall programming in full, with Sunday School resuming and confirmation lessons returning.

And we just started an intentional focus on the Book of Revelation for our Bible study, which meets Monday at 11, so if you're interested in that, come join us.

There is a lot more details about what is going on here at Burke in these pages. Please read through and add things to your calendar.

Personally, I've been with you as pastor for 5 months now. I'm starting to learn your names and your relationships, and I think I'm starting to get an idea of our place and where we as a congregation can grow. One thing I've noticed in my time here, and that I've had a few conversations about already, is how it seems we have a hard time talking with each other. I've witnessed some complaints, conflicts, and personal squabbles around here. I would like to start working

together with you – all of you – and figure out better ways to communicate our needs, wants, and feelings so that our conflicts with each other become what they are supposed to be, which are avenues for growth (not destruction). So over the month of September, my sermons and my work in committees will be focused on relearning good communication techniques and how to turn disagreements into cooperation. I hope you will join me in this adventure, not just physically (by showing up) but also spiritually. Committing our hands, hearts, and souls to Jesus, we remember each other in grace and in prayer, especially those with whom you've had a disagreement. Bring those concerns to God and to me, and in the full desire to work out our problems together, we will achieve a new sense of unity, partnership, cooperation, and mission.

Dear friends, disagreements and conflict in the congregation does not have to be unhealthy. In fact, it is good that we disagree, because only then can we generate the imagination to achieve something better. But we have to choose to unite together instead of using these disagreements to pull us apart. The future of Burke Lutheran (and in fact, the future of the whole Church) rely on learning this important lesson, so we can demonstrate to those around us and those who visit us that we have learned Jesus' ways.

So, dear friends, we've got work to do, and fun to be had, and Jesus to praise in the month of September. This is the right time and a good time to do this holy work!

God bless,
Pr. Bryan

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Lisa Thompson	Mark Gehrke
Bev Powell	Richard Jaeke
Virginia Steward	Diane McFarlin
John Wodie	Ron Skinvik
Tom Finhert	Martha Dallman
Dan Sullivan	
The family and friends of Tanner Kaltenberg and Sandy Weber	



LIGHT OF LIFE DISTRIBUTION

Are you receiving this newsletter by mail and also have an email address? In order to save some postage cost we would like to distribute as many monthly newsletters by email if possible. Let the church office know if you are willing to switch. Paper copies are always available for pickup at church.

Joke of the Month

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said:
"It's right here—HEBREWS."



BURKE LUTHERAN WOMEN

The BLCW will be meeting Wednesday, September 20, at 10:00am.

The agenda will be final review and vote on the constitution and discuss Craft Fair plans.

WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 20 at 11:30am. They will be meeting at Olive Garden by East Towne Mall. Please join us for the monthly celebration. Happy Birthday to all that month.

FOOD PANTRY

September focus is "Lunch Box".

Peanut butter, jams, jellies, single serve packaged items,



etc. Please place items in the designated basket in the entry and it will be delivered to

the pantry.



BIRTHDAY BAGS FOR RIVER FOOD PANTRY

1 Cake Mix

1 Container of Frosting

Candles

Generic Birthday Card

1 Disposable (or less expensive) cake pan

Balloons.

The Reach Board is requesting up to 10 bags per month. List of contents and bags in the entry-way.



QUILTING

There will not be quilting during September because of leaf making. They will begin again October 18.

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 .

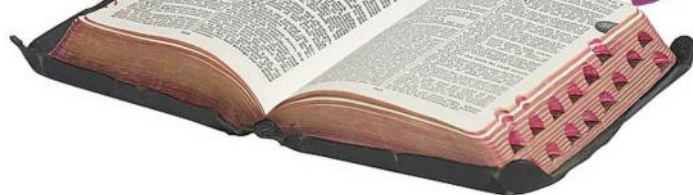
BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesdays

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, September 13 at Gus' Diner, Hwy 19, Sun Prairie, at 9:00am. Stop in for a cup of joe, a hearty breakfast and connect with brothers in Christ.



Bible Study



Bible Study will meet Mondays at 11:00am. The focus is on the book of Revelations.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!!!!

Become a member of our cemetery board!

Lively discussions at meetings that are few and far between. WE NEED YOU!

Sharon and Susie are lonely.

Please contact

Sharon at 608-225-6172 or

Susie at 608-609-9068.



COFFEE HOUR

Our supply of coffee hour refreshments has gotten really low. If you enjoy baking or have extra treats leftover from a family activity we would welcome them on Sunday morning. The last Sunday of the month is always a potluck.

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 15th of the month

Youth & Kids Corner



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 17

It's time to begin a new and fun year of Sunday School! This year you will begin in the sanctuary for the first part of the service and will be dismissed following the children's sermon. Come and see what exciting things the teach board has planned for you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Kim Hanson will again be leading Sunday School but she would like some helpers. If you are interested please talk to David Hanson or any of the Teach Board members.



CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 17

Classes will be on Sundays from 10:30am-Noon in the Fireside room. This is a 2 year program. Most youth begin confirmation in 7th grade. If you have not been involved and are interested in getting confirmed contact Pastor Bryan about participating in the classes.



TRUNK OR TREAT-OCT 29

It's time to start thinking about Halloween. We will again be doing Trunk or Treat. The times are from 4-6pm on Sunday, Oct 29.

Watch for a sign up sheet in the narthex to indicate that you are going to decorate your vehicle. You can decorate your car trunk with

some spider webs, a bat or make your whole car look like a cat. Use your creativity and have some fun! We would like to have 10-15 vehicles for the event.

We are also looking for donations of candy. There will be a tote marked in the narthex for Trunk or Treat if you are willing to donate a bag or two of candy. This will be given to those decorating their car to hand out to the youth attending. Last time we had over 200 youth participate.

In addition to the Trunk or Treat we will be providing free hot dogs to all that attend.



CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE NOVEMBER 11

If you like to do crafts and have a few items you would like to donate the BLCW will be having a table. Proceeds from the sale will go towards projects at Burke. In the past we have had some quilted table toppers, homemade cards and floral arrangements donated. Items can be dropped off in the church office at anytime.



It's also time to start thinking about what items you might bake for the Bake Sale. The bake sale usually sells out quickly so we would love to have your cookies, pies, breads, etc. to sell.

More details will be in the October Light of Life newsletter.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship, 9am Coffee Hour, 10:00am	4  No Bible Study	5 Lefse Making, 8am	6 Quilting, 9:00am	7 Lefse Making, 8am	8	9
10 Worship, 10am Family Fun Day, 11am-2pm	11 Bible Study 1:1:00am	12 Lefse Making, 8am Council Meeting, 6:30pm	13 No Quilting Men's Breakfast, 6am	14 Lefse Making, 8am	15	16
17 Worship, 9am Sunday School Begins! Confirmation 10:30am	18 Preach Board, 9am Bible Study 11:00am	19 Lefse Making, 8am	20 No Quilting, BLCW Mtg. 10:00am Birthday Lunch, Noon	21 Lefse Making, 8am	22	23 1st Day of Fall 
24 Worship, 9am Sunday School, 9am Confirmation 10:15am	25 Bible Study 11:00am	26 Lefse Making, 8am	27 No Quilting	28 Lefse Making, 8am	29	30

Save the Dates: Sunday, October 29 - Trunk or Treat, 4-6pm
Sunday, October 29 - Reformation Sunday-Confirmation
Saturday, November 11-Craft Fair & Bake Sale

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LOOK AT ALL THESE PUPPIES AND KITTENS
THAT I HAVE ... HOW CAN YOU NOT LET
ME IN?

Happy Birthday!



Sept. 2 Holly Truitt
Sept. 4 Rebecca Stalbaum
Sept. 6 Diane Moore
Sept. 11 Laura Hung
Sept. 14 Sonie Nielsen
Sept. 15 Bob Rittman
Sept. 16 Bruce Bosben
Sept. 17 Jay Olson
Janell Weinberger

Sept. 19 Dave Wisner
Sept. 22 Julie Lundquist
Sept. 25 Marie McCoy
Sept. 26 Brinley Peterson
Sept. 27 Ardith Hanson
Sept. 28 Ted Cooper



Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Pam Ekern, Sept. 2, 1977
Dave & Janell Weinberger, Sept. 8, 1984
Scott & Amy Proebstle, Sept. 8, 2007
Chris & Diane McFarlin, Sept. 9, 1999
Chris & Penny Brown, Sept. 9, 2006
Roland Fry & Denise Colombe, Sept. 10, 1995
Chris & Janeen Otis, Sept. 17, 2004
Mark & Jennifer Klang, Sept. 21, 1991
Roger & Judy Martin, Sept. 30, 1967
Kelly & Grace Lietz, Sept. 30, 1995



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



	September 3 9:00am Service	September 10 10:00am Service	September 17 9:00am Service	September 24 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist		Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader		Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner
Music Leader		Chris Grefe	Chris Grefe	Chris Grefe
Communion Assistant		Sharon Hughes	Mary TeWinkel	Julie Clark
Communion Prep		Gloria Lundquist	Gloria Lundquist	Mary TeWinkel
Lay Reader		Gloria Lundquist	Tim Wachs	Barb Hennings
Ushers	Roger Kittleson David Hanson	Bob Lenzendorf Rick Brandon	Steve & Donna Frederick	Karl & Shari Patzer
Coffee Hour	Doughnuts	Picnic Lunch	Doughnuts	Potluck
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thanks to everyone who donated to this years LWR collection, to those who helped sew bags and help assemble the kits. We are sending 100 Personal Care Kits and 150 School Kits. Thanks to Sharon Hughes for coordinating this effort. We will also be sending quilts made by our quilters.



ONE YEAR TO LIVE MEN'S RETREAT

October 13-15, 2023

One man's comments after attending were; "What I thought were my biggest liabilities are my biggest assets. I can share them with others to give them hope."

Sign up by September 13 to receive a \$25 discount (\$150).

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W7303 County Road CS & Q - Poynette, WI
For more information check the LMM website at

<https://lutheranmeninmission.org> or call or text Paul Beckman at 608-279-0744

