

JUNE 2022

# Light *of* Life

## HATS OFF TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS!

Our congratulations go to: Stephen Bosben, Madison Country Day School

Ellie Lenzendorf, DeForest High School

Abigail Stalbaum, Poynette High School



These individuals will be recognized at the June 12th worship service. Cake will be serviced following worship in their honor.

*Behind you, all your memories,  
Before you, all your dreams,  
around you, all who love you,  
within you, all you need.*



The annual garage sale is happening soon! Start gathering any items you would like to donate.

Friday July 22, 9am-3pm

Saturday July 23, 9am-1pm

Sorry but we are unable to accept TV's, computers or other electronics or exercise equipment as we have no way to get rid of them if they do not sell. Please no clothing. Please call before bringing large furniture items.

Items can be brought to church the week prior to the sale. The building will be open Monday-Thursday, 9am-noon. If these times do not work for you call the office to arrange another time. Volunteers are needed to help mark items, work the day of the sale and

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### PENTECOST

## WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit. Wear red!



WEDNESDAYS AT  
1:30PM

Study will focus on the upcoming worship text. Unable to attend, let Pastor Julie know as she is willing to do an early morning devotional reading of scripture via Zoom.

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# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JULIE.....

Whenever I have the opportunity to read Scripture with folks, I appreciate the practice of “Dwelling in the Word” (a spiritual practice similar to Lectio Divina or “divine reading”). We’ll be using this practice during our Wednesday afternoon Bible study at 1:30. Please, come and dig into the Word with us. As we listen to God and each other, share our questions and wonderings, the Holy Spirit is working to deepen faith. Take this familiar passage:

*<sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. <sup>28</sup> Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don’t withhold your shirt either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks and don’t demand your things back from those who take them. <sup>31</sup> Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.*

*<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, why should you be commended? Even sinners do that. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, why should you be commended? Even sinners lend to sinners expecting to be paid back in full. <sup>35</sup> Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return. If you do, you will have a great reward. You will be acting the way children of the Most High act, for he is kind to ungrateful and wicked people. <sup>36</sup> Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. (Luke 6)*

This Scripture points us to our compassionate Father... who loves, cherishes, saves, and promises to restore the entire world. Our loving Father gives instruction in this passage on just how we are to participate in God’s restoration of the world each and every day: through loving relationships with our neighbors and “enemies.” The passage is quite straightforward. The verbs give the clues: Love. Do good. Bless. Give. Lend without expecting any return. Be kind and compassionate. Treat everyone on this planet the way you want to be treated. While this is not easy, the scripture’s instruction is certainly clear.

When I spend time with a Scripture passage, I need to hear it more than once. I need to let it soak in. I need to *dwell* on it. I need to pray it. If I don’t take the time required, it’s too easy to think, “oh, that was nice, now I better get on to my to-do list.” Pretty soon the nice Scripture passage is out of sight, out of mind. Maybe you are better than I am!

With this passage, if you are willing, let’s do two things.

First, pray this passage until one phrase grabs your attention. Let God give you an insight or phrase. Then, live with that phrase for the next week or more. Repeat it while you are doing dishes or driving tractor. Write it in ink on your hand. Use it as a mantra when you can’t sleep at night. Put reminders on your bathroom mirror, on the steering wheel, or in your wallet, wherever it will be helpful to you.

Second, do something. Take action...now. Let God tell you what needs to get done. But do something. Our faith needs to be active after all. “Thoughts and prayers” only go so far. Ask yourself, what might lead you to be compassionate as our God is compassionate? Here are a few ideas:

- **Learn** something about those who are different from you. For example, watch a movie like *Just Mercy* or *The Hate U Give* or any number of documentaries that really make you think and grow.
- For an entire day, silently **ble**ss every person you meet. Make a habit of saying, “God, bless \_\_\_\_\_. Shower \_\_\_\_\_ with loving kindness.” Do that with every single person you see whether you know them personally or not.
- **Give** something of value. Give directly to those who are hurting. For example, give a gift to ELCA Disaster Relief which will support people impacted by the war. Gifts designated to “Eastern Europe Crisis” will be used in full (100%) for direct response to assist those displaced by the Russian war against Ukraine. You can give online (<https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response>) or through Burke Lutheran. There is so much reward in compassionate, cheerful giving.
- Finally, hold yourself accountable and **te**ll someone about your action step.

What’s your idea? Whatever it is...Love. Love. Love. Love. That’s what it’s all about. I’m so grateful to God for the love showered upon me and you. Each day, we receive it. Each day, we do our best to live it and give it away.

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Julie

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## FOOD PANTRY

June's focus is on "Healthy Snacks": raisins, cheese & cracker packs, fruit cups, granola bars (no peanuts), pretzels. Please place items in the designated basket in the Narthex and it will be delivered to the pantry.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, June 8 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.



## MEN'S RETREAT—SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2022

Mackenzie Environmental Education Center  
W7303 County Road CS & Q - Poynette, WI

This retreat has been life changing for many attendees! Join with men of all ages.. For more info and to view participant testimonial videos; <http://www.lutheranmenmission.org>, or call Paul Beckman (608-241-2346).

## BLCW MEETING

Wednesday, June 15, 10:00am, we will be finalizing plans for the garage sale.

## BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 15, Sugar River Pizza, Sun Prairie. Please join us for the monthly celebration!



## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Do you sing or play an instrument? Share your love of music with others during worship by signing up to sing or play in June, July or August. Solo or group. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.



## WHEN YOU SMELL COFFEE HOUR DURING CHURCH



## COFFEE HOUR NOTICE

For the summer we will be just having donuts for coffee hour. If you would like to host coffee hour and provide donuts or other food items please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Volunteers are also needed to help make coffee/lemonade and clean up.

## BUILDING FUND



Just a little reminder that although we have had an offer on some of our property it is not a signed and sealed deal. It will probably be six or more months until we know for sure. In the mean time we need to remember that our giving will need to support the congregation as well as make our mortgage payments.

Council President, Linda Hughes

## 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: Mary
- BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesdays**      **LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 15th of the month**



# Spring Clean Up Day

We had a great day and got lots of work done! Thanks to all those who helped!!! We still have some more things to do so be watching for another work day.



Pulling weeds in the retaining pond.



Washing windows



Cleaning up piles of brush.



Moving rocks!

Taking the old piano apart.



A huge THANK YOU to those who helped: Ron & Barb Henning, Bob, Angie & Raelynn Lenzendorf, Chris, Janeen & Nathan Otis, Chris Grefe, Kim & David Hanson, Roger Kittleson, Jay Olson, Tom & Linda Hanson, Bruce Bosben, Gary Brown, Sharon Hughes, Dave Wisner, Linda Hughes, and Mary TeWinkel.



# JUNE CALENDAR

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Quilting, 9:00am Bible Study, 1::30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Worship, 9am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Men's Breakfast, 9am Quilting, 9:00am Bible Study, 1:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Worship, 9am Graduate Recognition	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Council Meeting, 6:30pm	<b>15</b> Quilting, 9:00am BLCW Mtg. 10am Birthday Lunch, noon Bible Study, 1:30pm Call Committee, 6:30pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Worship, 9am Father's Day	<b>20</b> 9am-Preach Board	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Quilting, 9:00am Bible Study, 1:30pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Worship, 9am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Quilting, 9:00am Bible Study, 1::30pm	<b>30</b>		
<div> <div>Save the Dates:</div> <div> <div>July 4</div> <div>July 22 &amp; 23</div> <div>November 12</div> </div> <div> <div>Independence Day</div> <div>Garage Sale</div> <div>Craft Sale</div> </div> </div>						



## Happy Birthday!

June 1	Lori Kalhagen Lucy Wisner
June 3	Barbara Wogsland
June 5	Troy Hauge Ella Nielsen
June 8	Hope McFarlin Mason Miller
June 10	Alan Romeis
June 11	Margret Stalbaum
June 12	Thomas Hanson Raelynn Lenzendorf
June 13	Diane Johnson-Hung
June 17	Mitchell Schultz

June 19	Phil Graham Nancy McClurg
June 21	Chris McFarlin
June 24	Steve Larson
June 25	Shelly McCoy
June 26	Nancy Bingham
June 28	Sandra Brandon
June 30	Kendyl Hughes Linda Schramer



## Happy Anniversary!

Shari & Karl Patzer, June 1, 1991  
 Donald & Christinne Grefe, June 2, 1985  
 Linda & Jon Lothe, June 3, 1972  
 Crystal & Darin Gardner, June 7, 2003  
 Carla & Mike Housner, June 10, 1989  
 Barb & Ron Hennings, June 12, 1971  
 Susan & Steve Weinberger, June 16, 1990  
 Vicki & Larry Cutler, June 17, 1972  
 Lucy & Dave Wisner, June 17, 1972  
 Nancy & Bill Schmidt, June 23, 1979  
 Deb & Gary Brown, June 28, 1980  
 Jo & Ted Cooper, June 29, 1996



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

## JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS...

	<b>June 5 9:00am Service</b>	<b>June 12 9:00am Service</b>	<b>June 19 9:00am Service</b>	<b>June 26 9:00am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore
<b>Music Leader</b>	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner	Linda Wendt
<b>Music Leader</b>	Chris Grefe	Linda Truitt	Chris Grefe	Hope McFarlin
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Sharon Hughes	Mary TeWinkel	Jeannette Gehrke	
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	Mary TeWinkel	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Deb Brown	Tim Wachs	Barb Hennings	Julie Clark
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Janeen & Chris Otis	David Hanson Karl Patzer
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Donuts	Graduate Recognition	Donuts	Potluck-bring a dish to share.
<b>Counters</b>	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Lisa Thompson                      Mark Gehrke  
 Virginia Steward                  Diane McFarlin  
 Lucy Wisner  
 Family & Friends of Delores Beckman  
 Family & Friends of Nancy Bartlett  
 Family & Friends of Val Sandmire

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## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Hello to all of our members of the Burke congregation,

We submitted the Ministry Site profile on May 11. We included many of the answer and concerns from the questionnaire that was filled out by the congregation. We also received an email back confirming they received it. We met on Monday May 16th, the next approval we are waiting on is the for the Bishop to approve this profile. This may take up to a few weeks, and we will update you all when this happens. We have our next meeting scheduled for Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> to see if there are any updates and what our next steps will be. We will continue to pray for God to guide us and let you know what we have heard.

Thank you,

The Call Committee Team