

Light *of* Life

OCTOBER 2017

Spaghetti Dinner October 28, 4:00pm—7:00pm



Ah, spaghetti! Eet ees so goot! And we will all get to enjoy it, at a Burke Lutheran Spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 28, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Effort will be made to give you a romantic Italian experience, maybe even a little “sort-of-Italian” music. Please come and enjoy. After the dinner, we would be happy if you join us for music upstairs in the sanctuary.

Monetary donations will be appreciated. The donations will be used to offset the cost of Lutherdale retreats and confirmation camp. Sponsored by the Teach Board.

Progressive Dinner October 15

A progressive dinner is planned for Sunday, October 15, beginning at 4pm. Everyone will begin at the first location and then the entire group will progress to each location together. The dinner will start with appetizers at one home and then move to a second home for the main course. A third home will be the final course—dessert! Sign up to host one of the locations, or to bring appetizers, a main dish, or a dessert to one of the locations before the "Progressiveness" begins. The theme will be fall harvest and comfort foods. Sign up as a single, a couple, or the entire family by October 1. This will allow proper planning and communication before the event. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Buss, at deb.e.buss@gmail.com or 608-516-7883.



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Lefse for Sale

Lefse from the kitchen of Burke Lutheran Church is now available for sale. Each package contains 6 round sheets baked with tender loving care. Cost is \$9 per package. Contact Peri Beal during the week, or Diane O'Toole on Sunday morning to get your supply.

And we're still making Lefse twice a week. Dates remaining are October 4, 6, 11 and 13. If you'd like to help, stop in anytime between 8am—noon. No experience necessary. Everyone is welcome to come and learn how to roll and bake our famous lefse. Lefse will also be sold at our upcoming Craft & Bake Sale held on November 11.

The Road Home October 1-3

We still need volunteers, and there are 3 opportunities to do so: Activities (entertain children with games, ball, jump rope, crafts, etc.), Dinner (prepare food and clean up), and Overnight (monitor quiet time, sleep overnight, wake up families, and prep coffee).

Contact Debbie Buss as soon as possible at deb.e.buss@gmail.com or 608-516-7883.

A Message from Pastor Robert.....

October 31st will mark the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 thesis. This is considered the symbolic act that sparked the Protestant Reformation, one of the most important periods in the history of the Western world. While we wish to honor this historic event it is important that we do not look at it as a celebration. While it did mark the birth of the Lutheran Church, it was something nobody really wanted to happen. When Martin Luther posted his 95 thesis he had no idea that it would result in the splitting of the church, followed by decades of war throughout Western Europe.

Initially it was hoped that the church leaders would address Martin Luther's grievances and rectify these practices (something they would eventually do decades later, unfortunately by that time the church was so divided that there was no going back). Alas instead of addressing the complaint the church saw it as a threat to their power and decided to fight back with all their might. This response to Martin Luther and the historical drama that would unfold over the next several decades contains several lessons regarding institutionalized religion, politics, and the role media plays in both that still resonate today, and are useful in regards to how we deal with issues regarding those same topics.

Ultimately the narrative of the Reformation period boils down to how different people and groups deal with change, particularly how change effects those in power. When challenged nearly every major character and/or group involved in the shaping of the Reformation acted in ways that made things worse. Emperor Charles the 5th refused to make peace with Protestant nations and instead

promoted violence against them out of fear that it would lessen his power; the pope and his advisors knew that they were abusing their power yet refused to back down out of fear that it would make them look weak; and Martin Luther over the years became so convinced that he was right that he refused to make any compromises out of fear that it would jeopardize his reputation.

Each of these groups allowed fear to govern their actions rather than love. In 1530 Martin Luther sat down with other Protestant leaders in order to join their movements together. Martin Luther's fear that he might be wrong led them to leave the table permanently divided and it was over just one point out of fifteen, a point that Luther's opponents were willing to overlook in the interests of unity. This would mark the beginning of the divide between the Lutheran and Reformed traditions in the Lutheran Church.

This reminds us that when we act out of fear rather than love we end up divided. True power comes from the heart when people learn to work together rather than only worrying about their own self interests. In the 1500s if more people had been willing to work together our modern world would have looked a lot different, and if we are willing to work together now our world could look a lot better moving forward.

"Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else." 1 Thessalonians 5:15

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Robert Neubert

A Note to our Ushers

If you are scheduled to be an Usher and are unable to do this, please find a replacement. If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact our Head Usher, Roger Kittelson at 608-843-9895.

Prayer Concerns

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

David Vincent
Chris McFarlin
Pearl Kvalheim

Bill Schmidt
Marshall Bostad
Melissa Bethea

Erik Jelinek
Louise Kraemer
Tina Bauman



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

Love Learning?

Learn about the history of Lutheranism and our own church in this 4-week class led by Pastor Robert. We'll meet on Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 6:30-7:30pm. Contact Pastor Robert to sign up, or use the sheet in the Narthex to reserve your spot today.



Cardmaking, Oct 2 at 1pm

Join Barb on Monday, October 2 for a little crafty fun! We'll meet at Barb's home, located at 6260 Sommer Valley Circle, DeForest. Please RSVP to Barb at bjhennings@aol.com or 608-445-0566.

Food Pantry



Toiletries are on the list for October's Food Pantry. This includes shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, hair brushes/combs, toilet paper, baby diapers, femi-

nine products, and Depends. Please place items in the designated basket in the Narthex and they will be taken to the local food pantry.

It's Coming...



Fireside Fellows

Re-Kindling the Fire

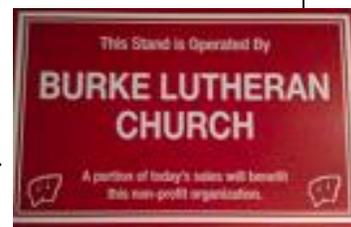
Men of all ages are invited for some fellowship and discussion. The Fireside Fellows continue on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7pm. Each session's topic is based on the upcoming Sunday's Bible readings. There is no page turning, preparation or study time. Newcomers are always welcome.



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

Burke Lutheran Concession Stand Team Needs You!

Volunteer with us at a UW Football game Pizza Stand this fall. Last year we averaged over \$400/game. This year 90% of proceeds raised will go to the New Building Fund. The remainder will go to the Sunshine Place, River Food Pantry and Road Home. There are 5 home games left this year. We need 6 people and a driver for each game. We carpool from the church about 3 hours before game time. Please contact Lon Buss, 608 516-7875 or lonabuss0406@gmail.com.



Temple Talks

Beginning in October, we'll be adding temple talks—short informative blurbs—about the state of our church to our weekly Sunday worship service.

1st Sunday	REACH	3rd Sunday	PREACH
2nd Sunday	TEACH	4th Sunday	Property



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, October 11 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 (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

Youth & Kids Corner



Save the Dates

November: Rehearsals for the Christmas program begin, Youth Fundraiser (Butter Braids drive)

December 17: Children's Christmas program and winter break

January 7: Sunday School Classes Resume

March 25: Palm Sunday Breakfast (youth fundraiser)

April: Youth Fundraiser (God's Global Barnyard or something like it)

May 20: Last Day of Sunday School

Sunday School Scoop

Serving on your Teach Board:

Chairperson: Diane Johnson-Hung

Treasurer: Rudy Nielsen

Council Representative: David Hanson

Secretary: **Open**

Sunday School Director/Superintendent

The Teach Board is still in need of a director/superintendent. This person will help coordinate Sunday School activities, prepare the Sunday. School supply boxes and lesson plans for the next week, and lead the Sunday School opening. The Sunday School opening has a prepared plan, and will have the kids working on a song to perform before the congregation on Kids in Service Sundays.

October 29 is Sunday School Fun Day

Because we have five Sundays in October, we will use the last Sunday in October to provide some Halloween activities for the kids. There will be games, cupcake decorating, and crafts. If you have more ideas you'd like to see, please share!

Volunteer to Coordinate the Christmas Program

The Teach Board will be selecting a Christmas program soon and will need someone to help coordinate it. Activities include casting the role, practicing the play with the kids, and coordinating people to help with costumes, decorating, and music. In place of the Sunday School opening in November and December, we can have the kids practice their roles instead. The Christmas program will take place on December 17.

Christmas Program is Coming Soon

The Teach Board will be selecting the Christmas program in October and will be assigning roles to the children. Practice will begin in November and run every Sunday up through to the December 17 performance date. Please be sure to have your child attend so they can participate. If you are planning to be out of town the day of the performance, that's no problem. We'd still be happy to have your child practice with us.



October Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship, 9am Blessing of Quilts Sunday School Choir Practice, 10:30am	2	3	4 Lefse Making, 8am-noon Confirmation, 6:30-	5 Bible Study, 12:30pm Being A Lutheran 101, 6:30pm	6 Lefse Making, 8am-noon	7 Badgers, 7pm
	The Road Home					
8 Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice, 10:30am Packers, 3:25pm	9 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	10 Boards/Council 6pm/7pm	11 Lefse, 8am-noon Men's Breakfast, 9am Confirm, 6:30pm	12 Bible Study, 12:30pm Being A Lutheran 101, 6:30pm	13 Lefse Making, 8am-noon	14 Badgers, TBA
15 Worship, 9am Choir Practice, 10:30am Packers, noon Progressive Dinner, 4pm	16	17 Foundation Mtg, 6pm	18 Confirmation, 6:30-7:45pm	19 Bible Study, 12:30pm Being A Lutheran 101, 6:30pm	20 River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	21 Ruth Circle, 10am Badgers, 11am
22 Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice, 10:30am Packers, noon	23 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	24	25 No Confirmation	26 No Bible Study, Being A Lutheran 101, 6:30pm	27	28 Badgers, 11am Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7pm
29 Worship, 9am Sunday School Fun Day Choir Practice, 10:30am	30 Preach Board, 9am	31		Save the Dates: November Thursdays—Unbinding the Gospel November 5—All Saints Sunday November 11—Craft & Bake Sale November 12 — 3 Wives' Men Worship Service		

Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 11, 2017

8:00am-4:00pm

Reserve the date! Please come, bring along friends, and hopefully everyone will find something to take home. While you are shopping take time out to enjoy a cup of coffee, a delicious bakery item and enjoy the fellowship of friends. We will also have a sandwich plate for sale consisting of a BBQ or hot dog, chips, pickle spear, cookie and coffee or lemonade. On the first Sunday in October, there will be signup sheets in the back of the church entryway for crafters, bakers and volunteers to work at the event. If you have any questions about the craft or bake sale contact Kay Gritzmacker at 608-249-1737.

Crafters: Are responsible for bringing their crafts to church, setting up their display and taking it down. We will furnish tables and tablecloths. Crafters do not need to be present during the sale unless they wish to stay with their crafts or help out. (Help is always welcome.) You must leave a phone number where we can reach you the day of the sale. The crafter does not have to be a member of Burke.

Crafters must tag each item with a removable tag that is at least one inch by one inch and includes your initials and price. (This tag will be removed when the item is sold and returned with your money.) The church will keep 20% of your sold items, unless you wish to donate more. If the item is totally donated, write "donated" on the tag. We ask that you do not bring commercial products to sell. The church will be open on Friday evening, November 10th, 4:00pm-7:00pm for you to set up your crafts. 20% of the money raised from the craft items sold will go to the "move the church" fund.

There will be one check-out and anyone paying by check will make it payable to Burke Lutheran Church. You will not be handling money at your display. Crafters will need to come back at 4:00pm to take down their displays. We will have your money and tags ready for you to pick up at the church office on Monday, November 13th from 2pm-4pm. Please contact the church office, at 244-8486, if this time doesn't work for you.

Bakers: We are in need of your delicious home-made bakery goods. 100% of the money raised from the baked goods will go to the "move the church" fund. The church will be open on Friday evening from 4pm-7pm for you to drop off your baked goods, or you can stop by early Saturday morning. We ask that you do not price them as we will do it to keep like items priced the same. We will also be selling lefse. Any baked items that do not sell on Saturday will be sold Sunday morning after church services. Thank you in advance for participating!

October Worship Leaders...



	October 1 9:00am Service	October 8 9:00am Service	October 15 9:00am Service	October 22 9:00am Service	October 29 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Jamie Falk	Susie Kittel Moore	Jamie Falk
Music Leader	Beni Hupf	Gloria Lundquist	Diane O'Toole	Beni Hupf	Diane O'Toole
Music Leader	Bob Rittmann	Darrell Foss	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner
Comm Assist	Sharon Hughes	Dave Weinberger	student	Diane O'Toole	Sue Rittmann
Comm Assist	Sue Rittmann	Jeannette Gehrke	student	Jean Schnick	Bob Rittmann
Communion Prep	Mary TeWinkel	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist	Diane O'Toole	Jean Schnick
Lay Reader	Diane O'Toole	Barb Hennings	student	Tim Wachs	Beni Hupf
Prayer Readers	Beni Hupf Linda Schramer	Julie Clark Jean Schnick	student	Joann Foss Darrell Foss	Sharon Hughes Linda Truitt
Acolyte	Ellie Lenzendorf	Stephen Bosben	student	Olivia Otis	Annaleis Romeis
Ushers	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittelson Rick Brandon	Karl & Emily Patzer & students	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum	Roger Kittelson Dave Weinberger
Greeters	Lucy & Dave Wisner & family	Beni Hupf Nancy Blum	student	Jan & Galen Peterson	June Chadwick Virginia Steward
Coffee Hour	Executive Board	Dorcas Circle	Jeannette Gehrke Mary Schultz Jean Schnick	Reach Board	Coffee Hour Committee
Counters	Sharon Hughes Joelle Frye	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Jan Peterson Nancy Blum	Gloria Lundquist Diane O'Toole	Linda Hughes

Happy Birthday!

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

Happy Anniversary!

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