




Light *of* Life

AUGUST 2018



POOL PARTY POTLUCK

LET'S GET OUR
SWIM ON!

Come on over for a BBQ and
a swim at the Otis'

SATURDAY AUGUST 4
from Noon—3pm

Bring your suit & towel,
a dish to pass,
your own beverage
and a lawn chair.
We'll provide the rest!

OUR STAFF

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BURKE LUTHERAN CONCESSION STAND TEAM NEEDS YOU!

We will be volunteering at a Pizza Stand at the UW Football games again this fall. Last year we averaged close to \$400/game. 90% of proceeds raised will go to the New Building Fund. The other 10% will go to the Sunshine Place and River Food Pantry. There are 7 home games this year, and we need 6 people and a driver for each game. Those 16 and older can volunteer. We carpool from the church about 4 hours before game time. The 2018 game dates are 8/31 (the only Friday), 9/8, 9/15, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, and 11/24.

Please contact Lon Buss at 608-516-7875 or via email at lonabuss0406@gmail.com to be added to the team. You will be contacted via email with more details.

RELAY FOR LIFE— POSTPONED

NEW DATE TBD

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and everyone affected by the recent events in Sun Prairie. Our gratitude goes out to the first responders who look out for our safety in the community.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am continually troubled by what constitutes “news” in our country. There are so many deeply troubling issues facing our world today and yet our news streams are filled with distractions that keep us from looking at the real problems that face our world regarding famine, poverty, war, disease, climate change etc... Some of the more troubling topics that continue to grab headlines year after year regard the LGBTQ communities. I bring this up because the bulk of attacks lobbed against the LGBTQ community come from people who are leaders within the Christian Community or claim to have a strong Christian influence in their life. So in response to numerous inflammatory statements and actions that people continue to lob at the LGBTQ communities I would like to make my position definitively clear: I do not, nor have I ever believed God cares about your sexual or gender preference as long as you are not actively trying to hurt another person.

I can point to several key moments in my life that have solidified this belief—here are two primary ones. The first was when my cousin came out as being gay. After watching her go through two failed marriages and a string of careers as she struggled to find happiness by making others happy meanwhile denying who she was, she finally found contentment. Since coming out she has not led a perfect life, but she has led a happy life. The second one was when I did volunteer work in Mexico. Over half of the people I worked with on these mission trips were from the LGBTQ community and as we worked those long hot days under the Mexican sun building homes, and a drug treatment center, we were all Christians nothing more, nothing less, just

imperfect children of God looking to Glorify Christ by helping out those in need. Rather than being people who should be shamed or forced into being people they are not, these were beacons of light who helped myself and many others grow closer to God.

This is why I am proud that Burke is part of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) because we are part of one of the largest Christian organizations in the United States and we openly love and support the LGBTQ communities throughout the US. While the vast majority of Christian bodies throughout the US have made similar statements it saddens me that it is the loud negative voices that continue to get all the press wasting millions of dollars hurting people and spreading anger rather than focusing those vast resources and time on issues that are truly causing harm and need more attention if they are ever going to be solved. In the Bible there are seven verses that could be argued address the LGBTQ community yet none of them address anyone in those communities in healthy relationships that we see all around us (just call me if you would like to debate this), there are over a hundred passages directly addressing God’s call for us to help those in need, and another hundred plus verses asking us to practice forgiveness and not to Judge. What do you think Jesus thought was more important for us to spend our time and energy on? Let’s please stop attacking people for who they choose to love or who to be, especially when those choices do not deliberately attack or hurt others and instead get to doing what we are called to do, spreading the love of Christ through word and deed.

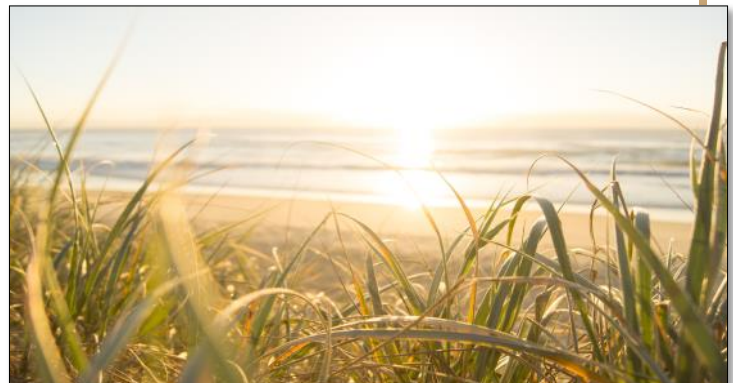
Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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| David Vincent | Bill Schmidt | Tina Bauman |
| Chris McFarlin | Lisa Thompson | Pearl Kvalheim |
| Owen Storlie | Jeanne Satori | Jean Lothe |

Our condolences to the family and friends of Nancy Blum and Cory Barr.



RECIPE CORNER

From the pages of *Our Good Cooks, 150 Years in the Garden of Eatin', Burke Lutheran Church*

THREE STEP SALAD

- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 1 (11 oz) can mandarin oranges
- 3 T sugar
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 6 cups torn romaine lettuce
- 3 green onions (sliced)

Dressing:

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 1/2 tsp ground mustard
- 2 to 3 T sugar
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder



In small saucepan over medium heat cook and stir almonds and sugar until almonds are coated and slightly browned (about 4 minutes).

Spread almonds on foil to cook, break apart. In large bowl combine ro-

maine, drained oranges, celery and onions. Top with almonds. In a jar with tight lid combine the dressing ingredients, shake well. Pour over the salad and toss gently. Makes 8 servings. *Recipe by Virginia Steward*

FOOD PANTRY

August's focus is on "Boxed Dinners": Hamburger Helper, rice mixes, noodle mixes, etc. Please place items in the designated basket in the Narthex and it will be delivered to the pantry.



BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

High noon on Wednesday, August 22, at TGI Fridays, 2502 E Springs Dr, Madison. Please join us!

DINNERS AT THE LAKE

Lutherdale Meals, N7891 US Hwy 12, Elkhorn, WI served 4:30 – 7pm the last Friday of each month through August. Each month has a new

theme and a new menu! Adults \$16, Children 10 and under \$8. Take a group of friends.

AUGUST 10TH & 31ST 2018 — FISH FRY

Ale Battered and Baked Cod, House Made Clam Chowder, Potato Pancakes, Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Warm Apple Sauce, Fresh Cole Slaw, Warm Bread & Dessert

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, August 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.

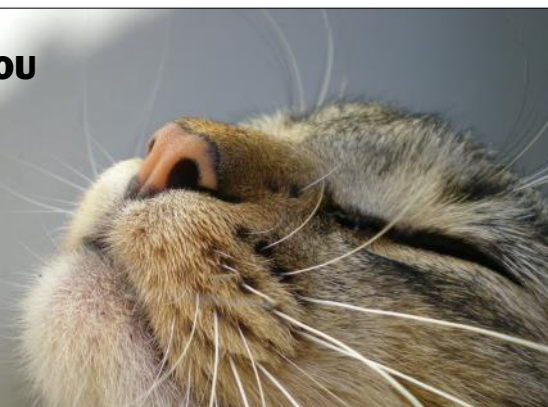


SUN PRAIRIE CORN FEST

August 16—19. Volunteers needed! Please fill out and return the Volunteer Schedule Card at <https://bit.ly/2mGyadZ> via mail, fax or feel free to phone your schedule in no later than August 10. Volunteers will be confirmed of their task/shift via mail, and receive a complimentary T-shirt as a token of appreciation for your hard work and dedication. Thank you for joining us again!!



**WHEN YOU
SMELL
COFFEE
HOUR
DURING
CHURCH**



LIGHT OF LIFE & SUNDAY BULLETIN ARTICLES

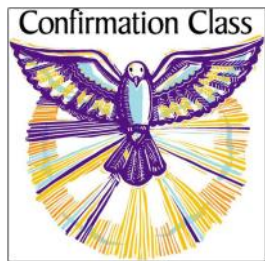
If you have news you'd like to see in the Sunday bulletin announcements and/or Light of Life newsletter:

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



CONFIRMATION CLASSES FORMING

Classes begin Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30pm. Registration for 7-8 graders will begin in August. To enroll a new student,

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:

Chairperson: Open position

Council Representative: David Hanson

Superintendent: Jean Schnick

Treasurer: Rudy Nielsen

Secretary: Sonja Nielsen

TEACHING OPPORTUNITY

Teaching children can be a fun challenge, both exciting and satisfying. If you are interested, we have a place for you to serve. Please contact Sunday School Superintendent Jean Schnick, 608-206-7181 or floquijean@gmail.com.

TEACH BOARD LEADERSHIP

We need a chairperson for the Teach Board. This position would involve conducting a brief meeting each month. This may give you a chance to do something interesting and creative for education here at Burke Lutheran. If interested, please contact the Teach Board representative, David Hanson, 608-279-3159.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Why Are They Called the “Dog Days” of Summer?

The days in July and August, often referred to as the “dog days of summer” are some of the hottest in the Northern Hemisphere. Many people believe that the phrase comes from the idea that dogs tend to be sluggish during the hottest days of the year—aren’t we all?



But the name actually dates back thousands of years and is based on the movement of the stars.

It is thought that the ancient Greeks and Romans coined the term in reference to the star, Sirius, the brightest star visible from any part of earth and part of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog. Sirius is also referred to as the Dog Star, and it rises and sets with the sun starting in late July and ending in mid August.

The position of the stars was a fundamental part of ancient life, which shaped religious beliefs, marked seasons, and helped navigation.

The ancient Romans even believed that the star actually gave off heat and added to the Sun’s warmth, accounting for the long stretch of sultry weather. While this time is usually the hottest part of summer, the heat is not due to any added radiation from Sirius, regardless of how bright it is. The heat of summer is simply a result of the Earth’s tilt. During summer in the Northern Hemisphere, the tilt of the Earth causes the Sun’s rays to hit at a more direct angle, and for a longer period of time throughout the day. This means longer, hotter days. So plan that beach vacation!

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
			1 Quilting, 9:00am	2 No bible study	3	4 
VBS at Our Savior's						
5 Worship, 9am	6	7	8 Men's Breakfast, 9am Quilting, 9:00am	9 Bible Study, 12:30pm 	10	11
12 Worship, 9am	13 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	14 Council Meeting 6:30pm	15 Quilting, 9:00am	16 Bible Study, 12:30pm  	17 River Food Pantry, 5-8pm 	18 Ruth Circle, 10am 
19 Worship, 9am 	20 Preach Board, 9:00am	21 Foundation Mtg, 7:00pm	22 Quilting, 9:00am Birthday Luncheon, noon at TGI Fridays	23 Bible Study, 12:30pm 	24	25
26 Worship, 9am	27 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8:00pm	28	29 Quilting, 9:00am	30 Bible Study, 12:30pm 	31 	

Save the Dates: September 9
September 21-23
Rally Sunday
Men's Retreat



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!



AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS...

	August 5 9:00am Service	August 12 9:00am Service	August 19 9:00am Service	August 26 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Jamie Falk	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Beni Hupf	Gloria Lundquist	Beni Hupf	Kathy Foss
Music Leader	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner	Darrell Foss
Communion Assistant	Sue Rittmann	Barb Hennings	Sharon Hughes	Kim Hanson
Communion Assistant	Bob Rittmann	Emily Patzer	Phyllis Svoboda	Dave Hanson
Communion Prep	Jean Schnick	Jeannette Gehrke	Mary TeWinkel	Mary Schultz
Lay Reader	Jean Schnick	Sue Rittmann	Paul Beckman	Tim Wachs
Prayer Readers	Kathy Foss Peri Beal	Beni Hupf Linda Schramer	Madilyn Moreno MaKenna Moreno	Barb Hennings Sharon Hughes
Acolyte	Emma Dobbs	Kaitlyn Schramer	Olivia Otis	Danielle Ludwig
Ushers	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Shari Patzer	Tim Wachs Chris Otis
Greeters	Kathy Sandridge Dianne Copenhefer	Phyllis & Stuart Svoboda	Jan & Galen Peterson	Jeannette & Bob Gehrke
Coffee Hour	Quilters	Coffee Hour Committee	Jeannette Gehrke Mary Schultz Rebecca Stalbaum	PREACH Board
Counters	Gloria Lundquist	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Jan Peterson	Sharon Hughes Joelle Frye
Sunday School Pre-K-K 1st-2nd grades 3rd-4th grades 5th-6th grades	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

Lutherdale Fest

QUILT AUCTION

32 ANNUAL QUILT FEST
 AUGUST 11, 8:00AM TO 4:00PM

Please set your calendars and join us for a day full of fresh baked goods, crafts and odds & ends sales, garden produce, silent auction bidding, kids programming, and of course our LIVE AUCTION! Live Auction begins at 10am. Featuring over 250 quilts of all sizes, made and donated by many talented and dedicated quilters.

MEN'S RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2018

Do You Believe That Your Childhood Affected Your Adult Faith Life? Find Out How at the Next Lutheran Men in Mission, "One Year to Live Retreat!"

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

This retreat has been life changing for attendees! Join other men from this part of God's church for inspiration, fellowship and fun. For more information and to view participant testimonial videos: <http://www.lutheranmen.org> or call or text Paul Beckman at (608) 279-0744.



Are you feeling weighed down? Find a few good spotters at the next One Year to Live Retreat!

