

AUGUST 2021

Light *of* Life

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OPEN HOUSE *pie & ice cream* SOCIAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15th
11AM-2PM



Join us to celebrate our new building
Live Music & more!

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Please join us in celebration of all the hard work, planning, fundraising, demolition, building, moving, beekeeping, and fixing over the last two years that have culminated in our modern and historical new digs.

Tour the facilities • Listen to live music • Win door prizes
Kids' activities • Light lunch • Pie and ice cream



TIME CHANGE FOR AUGUST 15 ONLY

Our worship service for Sunday, August 15 will start at 10:00am.

170 YEARS YOUNG!

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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.

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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 Linka Keyser Preus, 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 Preus was sent to save Wisconsinites, a far harder task. Based upon 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 1586 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 170 years later having just completed a massive building project where in a very real sense we have been reborn as something new, yet still honoring the rich heritage

that we have inherited as being an integral 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 County's future while honoring this important 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. It has been amazing to be able to gather together once again and enjoy our new building. I look forward to many ministry opportunities that await us in the weeks, months, and years ahead as we look toward the future. In the meantime keep reaching out to each other, seek out new stories and new ways Burke can continue to be an integral part of the ever changing community that surrounds us.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Robert Neubert

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

<i>Helen Knuteson</i>	<i>Lisa Thompson</i>	<i>Virginia Steward</i>
<i>Harper DeBauche</i>	<i>Lucy Wisner</i>	<i>Nancy Bartlett</i>
<i>Shelby Branzanti</i>	<i>Allison Foss</i>	<i>Lucas Moreno</i>
<i>Heather Chadwick</i>	<i>Christopher Rhyner</i>	<i>Joann Foss</i>
<i>Family & friends of Marilyn Wolff.</i>		

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST



The Men's Breakfast group will meet Wednesday, August 11th, 9:00am, at Gus' Diner in Sun Prairie. Please contact Dave Weinberger at

608-225-0588 or Roger Kittleson at 608-843-9895 if you'd like to attend.

LEFSE—A ROLLING GOOD TIME

Starting September 7, each Tuesday and Thursday in September and October we'll be in the kitchen rolling out



the Norwegian delicacy. Rollers start at 8am and others get to sleep in and start at 8:30am.

WHEN YOU SMELL COFFEE HOUR



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex as individuals/groups to be in charge for a Sunday.

CALLING ALL MEN

SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2021



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

*As iron sharpens iron...so one man sharpens another.
Proverbs 27:17*

**Tired of being on the bench?
Find some new coaches at OYTL**

**R U feeling a bit dull?
Sharpening service available at OYTL**

Check out this 2 minute video on YouTube by Pastor Matt Pooch from St. John's Lutheran Church in Evansville, <https://youtu.be/xVosynJX2xU>

To register online visit www.lutheranmeninmission.org or registration forms are available on the sign-up table.

Please call or text Paul Beckman at 608-279-0744 with questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS

Kiddos will love the new Sunday School rolling out in September! The Hanson Family—Kim, David and Charlie—are hard at work on a new Narrative-based curriculum. Classes will start the week after Rally Sunday, so watch for more information soon.



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

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 15th of the month



THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to all who made the return of our annual garage sale a huge success!!

Thank you for donating items, pricing and setting up, working the days of the sale, purchasing items, and tearing down.



BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, NOON

The ladies' luncheon will meet on Wednesday, August 11. Our August restaurant is the Sugar River Pizza Company in Sun Prairie.

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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.

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 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 170 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 Kittel Moore

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Council Meeting, 6:30pm	4 Quilting, 9:00am In Person Bible Study, 1pm	5 Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	6	7
8 Worship, 9:00am & online Coffee Hour	9	10	11 Men's Breakfast, 9:00am Quilting, 9:00am Birthday Luncheon, noon No Bible Study	12 No Zoom Burke Check-In	13	14
Pastor Rob gone August 9—13						
15 Worship, 10:00am & online Open House, 11-2	16	17	18 Quilting, 9:00am In Person Bible Study, 1pm	19 Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	20	21
22 Worship, 9:00am & online Coffee Hour	23	24	25 Quilting, 9:00am In Person Bible Study, 1pm	26 Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	27	28
29 Anniversary Wor- ship, 9:00am & online Coffee Hour	30	31				

Save the Dates:

September 7
September 10-12
September 12
October 30
October 31
November 13
December 5

Lefse making begins
Men's Retreat, Poynette
Rally Sunday
Trunk or Treat
Reformation Sunday
Craft Sale
Advent by Candlelight



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 1 9:00am Service	August 8 9:00am Service	August 15 10:00am Service	August 22 9:00am Service	August 29 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Hope McFarlin Linda Wendt	Dave Wisner Linda Truitt	Kathy Sandridge Clara Neubert	Dave Wisner Linda Truitt	Rick Brandson Gloria Lundquist
Communion Assistant	Julie Clark	Gloria Lundquist	Olivia Otis	Kim Hanson	Kaitlyn Schramer
Communion Prep	Gloria Lundquist	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist
Reader	Tim Wachs	Sharon Hughes	Barb Hennings	Paul Beckman	Linda Schramer
Ushers	Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Chris Otis Janeen Otis	David Hanson Karl Patzer	Roger Kittleson
Coffee Hour					
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Patrice Neubert	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist Patrice Neubert	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel

CORN & BRAT FEST

Christian Faith Moravian Church, 805 E Holum St., DeForest, invites you to enjoy corn on the cob dipped in butter along with brats/hotdogs and delicious homemade pie and beverages on Saturday, August 14 from 10:30am to 2:00pm.

All items individually priced. Carry-outs available. Proceeds support church ministries.



PIECE OF HISTORY

We have just a few blocks left for purchase at \$40 each. All funds go to the Building Fund. Thanks to the work of Deb and Gary Brown, Jo and Ted Cooper, Jeannette Gerhke and Bill Lien. The glass blocks are from the former church basement windows. Make checks payable to Burke Lutheran Church.

