

# Light *of* Life

JUNE 2018

## FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY BONFIRE BASH

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 6:00—9:00PM

Please join us for a friendly game of softball, “bags” (also known as corn hole), and of course a bonfire in the field! Hot dogs and s’mores provided, please bring your own beverage. Bring your kids, bring your grandkids—this is a kid-friendly event. Please RSVP on the sign up sheet located in the Narthex for planning purposes.



## BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

This update is to let you know that we have reached a few snags. First we were slowed down because the DNR required us to do a perk test to ensure run off control for the parking lot. The engineering firm held off doing the test because of all the rain we were having. That test was done shortly after those heavy rains. As a result the DNR is requesting that we install two retention ponds, one of which needs a special lining and drainage. This will greatly increase our cost. The building committee believes if we repeat the perk test when it isn't so wet we could have better results and so we are moving forward with that plan. The second issue again stems from all the rain we experienced. Many of the people who we had lined up to do work are behind in their commitments and since we were unable to start when originally planned we have been moved to the end of their lists. Last but not least we still do not have the much needed construction drawings from the architect due to a serious family illness.

What exactly will this mean for us? Will we be done by Christmas....No. Is this going to stop us.....No. We plan to move ahead at a slower pace yet continue to look to the future. Romans 12:12 says: Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

*Respectfully yours, Linda Hughes*

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## MALLARDS GAME

JULY 29

A block of 20 tickets has been reserved for the Sunday, July 29, 4:05pm game. A \$10 ticket includes a Mallards Cap. There will be a tailgate party in the parking lot before the game. Please sign up by July 15 or e-mail Paul Beckman at pcbeckman@att.net.



## CARDMAKING

Join Barb on Wednesday, June 6 at 1:00pm, for some creative fellowship, no experience necessary. All supplies and directions provided. NOTE: We will not meet in July and August. Please RSVP to Barb at bjennings@aol.com or 608-445-0566.



# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The winters here in Wisconsin can be a little harsh, so it is no surprise that now since the weather has warmed up and we have plunged headfirst into summer people are heading for the hills, lakes, streams, etc., in hopes to grab whatever enjoyment they can out of the season before the long cold winter grasps this land yet again. Unlike in Oregon, where I grew up, there is a big difference between each of the seasons (there actually is four seasons! In Oregon we just had two; warm rain and cold rain). Over the last seven years I have gradually developed an appreciation for what all four of the seasons have to offer. In each season there is both good and bad, and depending upon our likes and dislikes certain seasons are viewed in a more positive or negative light than others. It all depends upon what people like to do with their time and what brings them joy. Ironically sometimes it is the side of a season viewed most negatively by people that actually is the most beneficial to the environment. Meanwhile those aspects that we enjoy most can ultimately cause harm especially if produced in overabundance. As the seasonal cycle goes around and around we may not always understand or appreciate what gifts each season provides but it is when all things work together in balance that the earth is able to bear good fruit and it is when our environmental conditions are out of balance that problems begin to arise.

Like the seasons, all around us there are things that affect us in both negative and positive ways. There is no one person, place or thing that is entirely good, nor is there anything that is entirely bad. What the Gospel and the Holy Spirit help us do, is to try and pinpoint exactly what the good in something is rather than just focusing on its negative aspects so that we can learn to better appreciate the world around us. For example, many people hate bees because their primary interaction with people is by stinging them. Yet despite the discomfort that bees cause us we know bees play an important part

in pollination, and over the last few years there has been a drastic reduction of the bee populations. As a result there is a growing fear that this might result in many species of plants who depend upon bees for life could die out.

Like bees sometimes the good people do goes unnoticed until one day they no longer are able or want to do those good things, and it is only then that people realize the gifts these people have given them. Much like the seasons and the bees, each of us have our good points and we have our bad points; none of us is perfect. We are never going to make everyone happy, often our efforts will go unnoticed, and sometimes our good intentions will backfire, yet that does not mean that it is not all worth it. Just because we complain about the rain doesn't mean that it should stop, just because the bees sting us doesn't mean their species deserves to die.

No matter what time of year it may be people tend to focus on the bad; during the fall we complain about the falling leaves, during the winter we complain about the cold, during the spring we complain about the rain, during the summer we complain about the humidity. In the same way we often focus on the negative sides of others, especially those people that we often disagree with. This helps us villainize people and dismiss them rather than trying to understand them as a fellow child of God. None of us is perfect, each of us have gifts and it is important for us to learn to understand and empower each other to use those gifts in a way that is best for the community.

*"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus," Philippians 2:1-5*

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Robert

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

David Vincent	Bill Schmidt	Tina Bauman	Nancy Blum
Chris McFarlin	Lisa Thompson	Pearl Kvalheim	Jean Lothe
Owen Storlie	Diane O'Toole	Jeanne Satori	

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



## RECIPE CORNER

(from the kitchen of Joann Foss)

### OLD FASHIONED POTATO SALAD

- 5 medium potatoes, cooked, jackets slipped and slightly cooled (about 6 cups diced)
- 1 ¼ t salt
- ¼ t pepper

#### Dressing

¾ cup salad dressing

¾ cup mayonnaise

1 t sugar

2 T dill pickle juice

1 T vinegar

1 T sweet pickle juice

¼ t celery salt

dash onion salt

5 green onions, sliced

2 T diced sweet pickles

6 hard cooked eggs, peeled and diced

Combine diced potatoes, salt and pepper in large bowl.

Combine dressing ingredients and pour over still warm potatoes, mixing thoroughly. Cover and let stand in refrigerator for at least 2 hours; overnight is preferred.

Add green onions, sweet pickles and diced eggs; mix thoroughly. Garnish w/eggs and paprika. Serve chilled.



## FOOD PANTRY

June's focus is on

"Healthy Snacks": raisins, cheese and cracker packs, fruit cups, granola bars (no nuts), pretzels, sunflower seeds, 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, June 13, at Olive Garden, 4320 E Towne Blvd, 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 thru August. Each week has a new

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

JUNE 29TH 2018 — ITALIAN RINFRESCO

Shrimp & Sun-dried Tomato Alfredo, House-made Marinara, Grilled Italian Sausage, Assorted Pastas, Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Fresh Bread Sticks, House Made Soup, Dessert

## REACH OUT!

Pearl is all situated in her new digs and would love a card, phone call or a visit. You can find her at:

Please contact the church office for more information at 608-244-8486. Thank You!

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, June 13 at Gus' Diner, Hwy 19, Sun Prairie, at 9:00am.



## RELAY FOR LIFE

JULY 13

Burke is forming a Relay for Life team. Call Sharon Hughes (608)-225-6172 or the church office to sign up. The Northern Dane County event will take place at Cardinal Heights Upper Middle school in Sun Prairie on July 13 from 5pm—11pm. More details to come.



## 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



## CONGRATS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

Emily Patzer and Emory Lietz — congratulations on your well-deserved success and the excitement of your next adventure!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:

*Chairperson:*

*Council Representative:* David Hanson

*Superintendent:* Jean Schnick

*Treasurer:* Rudy Nielsen

*Secretary:* Sonja Nielsen

## SHIPWRECKED! - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 30-AUGUST 3, 2018

Vacation Bible School is so much fun! Last year we had over 40 students and volunteers participate in our VBS, Maker Fun Factory. This summer, we're partnering with Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie, and we're planning something awesome! If reading electronically, [CLICK HERE](#) to download the registration form to sign up your child to attend. Otherwise, printed forms are available in the Narthex. VBS runs daily from 8:45am-12pm with early drop-off available from 7:30-8:45am.



## BLCW GARAGE & BAKE SALE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 29-30, 2018



Closet overflowing? Have a pathway through the basement? Can't park the car in the garage? Downsize and donate your stuff!

The BLCW is looking for gently-used household items, small working appliances, furniture, toys, books, sporting equipment, etc. (NOTE: We cannot accept tvs, computers or clothing.) Start gathering items now!

Special intake day will be Saturday, June 23 between 9am—noon. Otherwise, you may drop off items at the church the week of June 24, between the hours of 8:00am—noon.

Volunteers will be needed to help organize and price items, set up, man the lunch station and tear down. Donations of baked items (cookies, bars, breads, candies, cakes, pies) will also be needed. A boxed lunch will again be available—served from 11am-2pm daily.

If you can help, call Linda Klinger at 608-241-0445 or sign up in the Narthex.

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN SUN PRAIRIE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 AT 6PM

SUN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY, COMMUNITY ROOM

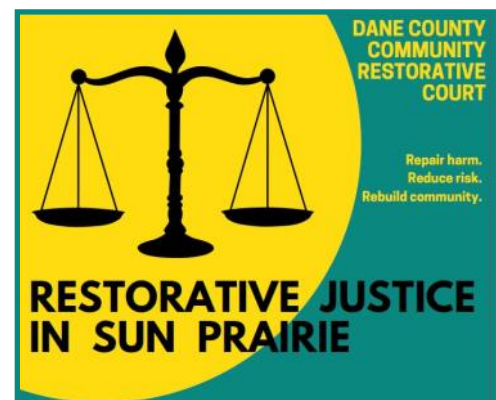
Join us for a community gathering and Q&A on how restorative justice is being implemented in Sun Prairie! Learn what being a Peacemaker is in our community and the impact that this new program can have on our citizens. Refreshments will be provided.

"Come join the movement"

Ron Johnson, CRC Coordinator

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# JUNE 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
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Worship, 9am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Quilting, 9:00am Cardmaking, 1:00pm	<b>7</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm Book Study, 6:30pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Worship, 9am	<b>11</b> Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	<b>12</b> Council Meeting 6:30pm	<b>13</b> Men's Breakfast, 9am Quilting, 9:00am Birthday Luncheon, noon	<b>14</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm Book Study, 6:30pm	<b>15</b> River Food Pantry, 5-8pm Bonfire Bash, 6-9pm	<b>16</b> Ruth Circle, 10am
<b>17</b> Worship, 9am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Foundation Mtg, 7:00pm	<b>20</b> Quilting, 9:00am	<b>21</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm Book Study, 6:30pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Dorcas Circle, 9am at Lucy's Garage Sale Intake Day, 9am-noon
<b>24</b> Worship, 9am	<b>25</b> Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm Garage sale dropoff, 8am-noon	<b>26</b> Garage sale dropoff, 8am-noon	<b>27</b> Quilting, 9:00am Garage sale dropoff, 8am-noon	<b>28</b> No Bible Study Garage sale dropoff, 8am-noon	<b>29</b> Youth Gathering, Texas Garage Sale 8am-4pm Euchre, 6pm	<b>30</b> Garage Sale 8am-4pm
Save the Dates:	July 1 July 13 July 20	Special Worship Service Relay for Life Special Worship Service	July 29 July 30	Mallards Outing Vacation Bible School Our Savior's/Burke Combined		



## Happy Birthday!

**Have a birthday in June? 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 June!**

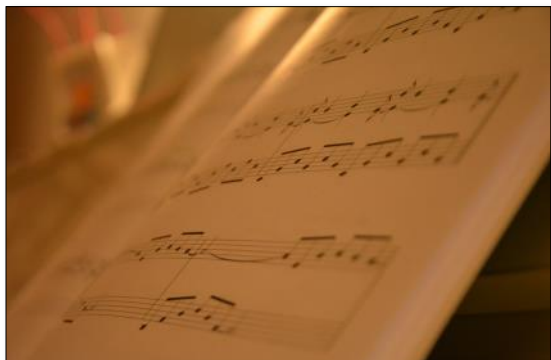


## JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS...

	<b>June 3 9:00am Service</b>	<b>June 10 9:00am Service</b>	<b>June 17 9:00am Service</b>	<b>June 24 9:00am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Jamie Falk	Susie Kittel Moore
<b>Music Leader</b>	Beni Hupf	Gloria Lundquist	Beni Hupf	Beni Hupf
<b>Music Leader</b>	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner	Darrell Foss	Davie Wisner
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Sue Rittmann	Mary TeWinkel	Kim Hanson	Emily Patzer
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Tim Wachs	Dave Weinberger	Dave Hanson	Jeannette Gehrke
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	Patricia Graham	Mary Schultz
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Paul Beckman	Beni Hupf	Jean Schnick	Nancy Blum
<b>Prayer Readers</b>	Joann & Darrell Foss	Julie Clark Mary Schultz	Linda Schramer Sharon Hughes	Sue & Bob Rittmann
<b>Acolyte</b>	Clara Neubert	Stephen Bosben	Emma Dobbs	Danielle Ludwig
<b>Ushers</b>	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Dave Weinberger	Karl & Emily Patzer	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum
<b>Greeters</b>	Kathy Sandridge Jay Olson	Patricia Graham Beni Hupf	Mary Brantmeyer Virginia Steward	Mary & Mark Schultz
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Quilters	Virginia Steward Mary Brantmeyer Judy Martin	PREACH Board	Diane Moore Jan Peterson Sandy Lothe
<b>Counters</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Jan Peterson Nancy Blum	Sharon Hughes Joelle Frye
<b>Sunday School Pre-K-K</b>				
<b>1st-2nd grades</b>	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
<b>3rd-4th grades</b>				
<b>5th-6th grades</b>				

## 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 on the choir room door.



## 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 - Poyette, 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.