

Light *of* Life

JULY 2017

Let's Move This Church!



We are ready to make our vision of a new structure a reality! The new building will maintain the beauty of our current sanctuary, while making it all handicapped accessible.

The plan involves physically moving our current sanctuary to the open field north of the church. Additional space will be built for a fellowship hall, a nursery with its own restroom, a fire-side and choir room, quilter's closet, a large kitchen with lots of work space, offices and storage areas. The cost for

this structure will be approximately \$1.2 million.

In order to begin building in the spring of 2018, we need to receive \$500,000 in pledges. We already have \$207,000 pledged! These pledges along with the \$212,000 already raised and hopefully the sale of some of our land would help us reach our financial goal.

All members were sent a Pledge Form via mail in mid-June. If you didn't receive one, please contact Mary TeWinkel (via email at: mtewinkel@charter.net) or any other member of the Building Committee.

Burke Lutheran Concession Stand Team Needs You!

We will be volunteering at a Pizza Stand at the UW Football games this fall. Last year we averaged over \$400/game. This year 90% of proceeds raised will go to the New Building Fund. The other 10% will go to the Sunshine Place, River Food Pantry and Road Home. There are 7 home games 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 to be added to the team. You will be contacted via email with more details.

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Madison Mallards Family Outing

Sunday, July 9

4:05pm Game Time, with 2:00pm Pre-game Tailgate Party. Tickets are \$10 each, and first 20 sign ups get a hat. A block of 20 tickets has been reserved.



For more information, please contact Paul Beckman, 608 241-2346 or Lon Buss 608 516-7875 to see if tickets are still available.



A Message from Pastor Robert.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is no secret that the area all around our little country church is changing. Over the last decade Madison, Sun Prairie, and the DeForest/Windsor area have had major commercial and residential growth, and it doesn't seem like it is going to be ending any time soon. Our little village of Burke is being rapidly swallowed up by Madison and Sun Prairie both figuratively and literally. What was once a little farming community located just outside of Madison not only houses the corporate headquarters for one of the largest insurance companies in the nation but also has the largest hospital on the east side, right next door to our little country church.

This urban and suburban growth is not going to end any-time soon, as evidenced by the recent addition of two strip malls, a movie theater, a Cabelas, and several large residential developments just in the last two years. Meanwhile we have a Menards, a hotel, several apartment complexes, homes, and at least one new school being built nearby to accommodate all this growth. Farming land is being bought up all around us and many of the farmers are heading into retirement with a few extra pennies in their pockets (though some hold on keeping the sea of houses from completely taking over thankfully).

For good or bad, depending upon one's perspective this area is changing rapidly and the challenge we face as a community centered on the message of Jesus Christ is how are we going to live out our calling in this rapidly evolving environment? Unfortunately I do not have all the answers but I do know the greatest asset that we have as a community is you. The way a Christ centered community stays relevant to the ever changing world around them is through the people. Sure having a nice web page, advertising, having a nice building, and an abnormally handsome pastor helps, but the most important component is the people.

How do you feel about this community of faith? How has it changed or shaped your life? Have you shared these feelings with those outside this community? Have you invited anyone recently to come be a part of our growing community?

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert

Prayer Concerns

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

David Vincent	Jamie Falk	Erik Jelinek
Chris McFarlin	Marvin McCoy	Duane Hammond
Bill Schmidt	Marshall Bostad	Jack Neubert

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Eadie Graham Felly (Pat Graham's sister-in-law).

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



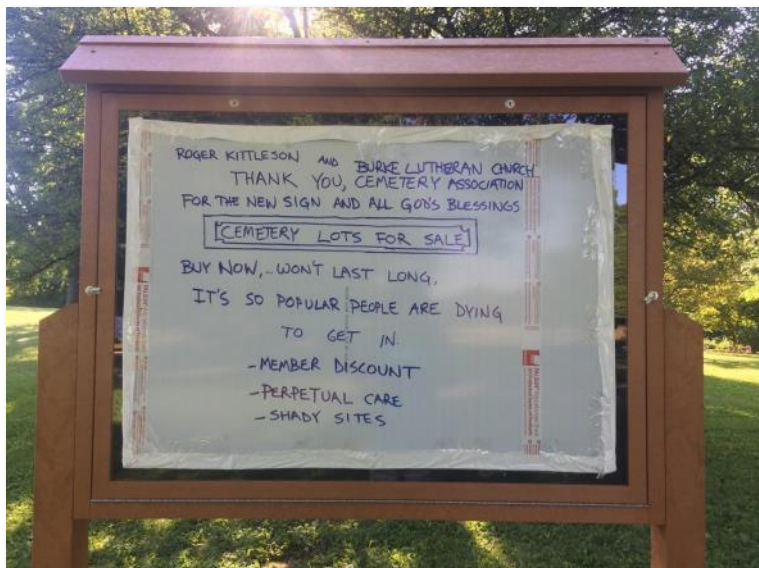
Celebrating 90 Years

Thanks a million to all who stopped by, gave me cards and/or gifts for my 90th birthday. May 6th was truly one of the happiest days of my life. Burke is indeed my second family.

Blessings,

Pearl Kvalheim

Cemetary Sign Progress



Our new cemetary sign project is coming along! Thanks to Roger and Bob for the installation. Soon maps and an index will be available to help locate a grave.

Food Pantry

Fruit is July's Food Pantry item. This includes things like



canned fruit, fruit leather, boxed and canned juices, applesauce, raisins, etc. Please place items in the designated basket in the

narthex and they will be taken to the local food pantry.

Ladies Birthday Luncheon

July's Birthday Luncheon is Wednesday, July 19, at Buck & Honey's, 804 Liberty Blvd, Sun Prairie. The luncheon will begin at noon.



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 Wednesday

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 15th of the month

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 always welcome.



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

Trash to Treasure!



Thank you to everyone who dropped off donations, hauled items down the steps, priced and organized the sale, baked items, served lunches, and worked the sale. And thank you to all who SHOPPED—we raised over \$1,000! The funds will be put towards a portable sound system to be used for outdoor worship services, church

events that are not located in the sanctuary, and as an interim measure while we move our church.

Music, Music, Music



Do you have a musical talent? We have several Sundays that are still open. We are looking for individuals of any age to be part of our summer worship. Singers, instrumentalists, small or large groups—if you'd like to participate, please sign up on the schedule posted in the Narthex.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, July 12 at Gus' Diner, Hwy 19, Sun Prairie.

Youth & Kids Corner



Lutherdale: Camp is Church

Jean Schnick and Sharon Hughes attended a Lutherdale meeting last month, and present the following:

- ♦ 570 signed up for camp this summer. That's 122 more than last year.
- ♦ Kids unable to pay are sponsored.
- ♦ Kids who go to camp are 3x's more likely to remain religious for the next 5 years than those who do not.
- ♦ 80.2% of Seminararians say what influenced them was being a camper or counselor at Bible Camp.
- ♦ It is a place of transformation. "My faith became my own at camp."
- ♦ Lutherdale will always be a camp for kids, but 51% of current camp usage is by adults.
- ♦ They developed the "50 Forward" programming because of the number of adults coming for camp usage.
- ♦ A new 20 room high-comfort lodge right across from the dining room is being built. There will be meeting space for 130 persons.
- ♦ Lutherdale served 10,000 guests this year. Their goal is 15,000.

Register Now!

Vacation Bible School August 7-11, 9:00am-noon

At Maker Fun Factory, kids discover that God made them—and for a purpose! Kids ages 4—10 are eligible to attend. And kids over 10 can sign up to help.

The first 20 families that sign up will receive a FREE music CD with all the fun songs we'll be singing at VBS!

The cost is just \$10/child, which



includes a snack each day as well as activities and all the craft supplies needed. Registration forms are available in the Narthex, or use the registration form on the next page.

VBS Volunteers Needed

We'll be transforming parts of our church into an imaginative, colorful and interactive factory of fun all rooted in learning about the ultimate Maker—God! Volunteers are needed to help with the general planning and organization as well as building our own factory. If you can wield a paintbrush or a hammer, please let us know. Set building creation dates are Fridays in July: July 7 (1pm), and July 14, 21 and 28, starting at 10am.

We still need crew leaders to teach sessions, help with the opening and closing sessions, help preparing snacks, and other general assisting in August.

If you can help contact Pastor Robert or Peri Beal. Sign up sheets will be located in the Narthex.




VBS Supplies Needed

We are in need of the following items to make our set and decorations for Vacation Bible School:

- brown paper grocery sacks -rolls of black plastic -large pieces of cardboard (from appliances, etc.)
- rolls of brown craft paper -2 liter pop bottles -brown curtains or sheets (they will not be returned)
- clean, empty tin cans -1 or 5 gal buckets -pool noodles, dryer venting, pipe insulation tubing
- anything that is a tube: empty paper towel/toilet paper rolls, oatmeal containers, Pringles containers

If you have any of these items to donate please place in the Sunday School Supply room.

July Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 	3	4 Independence Day Token Creek / DeForest parades	5 Quilting, 9am	6 Bible Study, 12:30pm	7 VBS Decorating, 10am	1 <hr/> 8
9 Worship, 9am Mallards Outing, 2pm tailgating, 4:05pm game	10 Fireside Fellows, 7-8pm	11 Council & Board Mtgs, 6pm/7pm	12 Men's Breakfast, 9am, Gus' Diner Quilting, 9am	13 Bible Study, 12:30pm	14 VBS Decorating, 10am	15 Ruth Circle, 10am
16 Worship, 9am Women of the ELCA	17	18 Foundation Mtg, 6pm	19 Quilting, 9am Birthday Lunch, noon, Buck & Honeys	20 Bible Study, 12:30pm	21 VBS, 10am Police/Fire/EMS picnic, 3pm River Food Pantry, 5-8pm Men's Bold Gathering	22
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30 Worship, 9am	31 Preach Board, 9am					



Vacation Bible School August 7-11, 9:00am - noon Registration Form (one per child)



Cost is just \$10 per child, and includes snacks, activities & all supplies!

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____ Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____ Home church: _____



Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Relationship to child: _____ Phone: _____

July Worship Leaders...



	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
	9:00am Service	9:00am Service	9:00am Service	9:00am Service	9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Jamie Falk	Jamie Falk	Jamie Falk	Jamie Falk
Music Leader	Dave Wisner	Gloria Lundquist	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner
Music Leader	Beni Hupf	Bob Rittmann	Beni Hupf	Beni Hupf	Diane O'Toole
Comm Assist	Jean Schnick	Jeannette Gehrke	Kim Hanson	Sharon Hughes	Sue Rittmann
Comm Assist	Nancy Blum	Dave Weinberger	Dave Hanson	Phyllis Svoboda	Bob Rittmann
Communion Prep	Nancy Blum	Gloria Lundquist	Mary TeWinkel	Jean Schnick	Diane O'Toole
Lay Reader	Diane O'Toole	Jean Schnick	Tim Wachs	Paul Beckman	Beni Hupf
Prayer Readers	Julie Clark Sharon Hughes	Diane & Jim Moore	Linda Truitt Beni Hupf	Joelle Frye Lon Buss	Linda Schramer Jean Schnick
Acolyte	Stephen Bosben	Kimberly Brown	Ty Taylor	Clara Neubert	Abbey Harris
Ushers	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Emily Patzer	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum	Roger Kittelson Dave Weinberger
Greeters	Phyllis & Stuart Svoboda	Jean Lothe Virginia Steward	Jan & Galen Peterson	Jay Olson Sue Rittmann	John & Linda Schramer
Coffee Hour	Coffee Hour Committee	Preach Board	Ruth Circle	Executive Board	Diane More Virginia Steward Pearl Kvalheim
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Nancy Blum	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Joelle Frye	Joelle Frye Sharon Hughes	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel



Synod Assembly Summary 2017



South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

Resolutions Passed

- I. Establish a Synodical Observance in Support of the Madison Area Jail Ministry and Its Jail Chaplaincy—passed with amendment to include establishing jail ministries in other counties in the synod
- II. 500 Years & Still Reforming—passed with amendments
- III. Becoming a Reconciling in Christ Synod—passed with amendments
- IV. Carbon Fee & Dividend, A Climate Solution
- V. Welcoming Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Immigrants—passed with amendments
- VI. Recognition of Rev. David N. Larson's Service as President & CEO of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan
- VII. Resolution on Preparing for the Women and Justice Social Statement
- VIII. Establishment of a Synod Wide Observance in support of Lutheran Campus Ministry

Read the full resolutions by visiting the Synod Assembly 2017 Events page on the synod website and find part 3 of the Assembly book.
www.scsw-elca.org

Notes from the Synod Assembly by Jean Schnick

The Keynote Speaker was Rev. Mark Tidsworth author of the book Shift. Here are some highlights from his talk.

- 1) Our churches are in transition. So what does it look like to be a disciple of Jesus NOW? As a church living in the “Post-modern era” we have yet to fully answer this question.
- 2) We understand that there are many ways in which people today view the world and God. We are very aware of the differences in religions, nationalities, races and the different denominations in the Christian church. We don't lift up our way as better than other ways.
 - a. We believe that this diversity makes our experiences more important in identifying truth and reality.
 - b. We are more open to spirituality and mystery than those of the modern era, because we believe logic and science cannot explain all of our experiences.
 - c. We believe there are ways of knowing beyond what we can see, taste and hear.
 - d. We distrust institutions.
 - e. We trust others based on genuineness and authenticity, no longer positions of authority.
- 3) Here are the questions that we typically ask when confronting problems in our congregations:
 - a. How can we get people to volunteer more?
 - b. How can we reach the younger people?
 - c. What worship style do we need to grow as a church?
 - d. Why won't people give more?
- 4) These are the questions that we should be asking:
 - a. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ now?
 - b. How seriously are we willing to engage Jesus' teachings?
 - c. When Jesus' followers band together in a group, what do they do?
 - d. If we wanted to form a group which helps its members to live out the teachings of Jesus, what would we do?
- 5) These are three big moves needed for the 20th century Modern Era church to shift into the 21st Century and the Postmodern Era church:
 - a. Member Identity to Disciple Identity
 - b. Attractional church to Missional Church
 - c. Consumer Culture to Sacred Partnering

- 6) The world is moving at a radically faster pace of change today. Our “disciples” will be living a life many of us have very little experience with. The church must shift to meet this changing world. Here are some examples from a You-Tube video called: “Did You Know?” released in 2008 that emphasizes just how fast the world is changing.
- There are about 540,000 words in the English language. That’s about 5x’s as many as during Shakespeare’s time.
 - It is estimated that 4 exabytes (4.0X’s 10 to the 19th power) of unique information will be created worldwide this year. That is more than the previous 5000 years.
 - The amount of new technical information is doubling every 2 years.
 - For students starting a 4 year technical degree, this means that half of what they learn their first year of study will be outdated by their third year of study.
 - 1 in 8 couples married in the U.S. met on-line. In 2015, it was 1 in 6.
- 7) 2016 You-Tube of “Did You Know?”
- For the first time in history, we have 4 generations working side-by-side: Traditionalist / Boomer / Gen X / Millennial. They are all very different in the way they grew up communicating. Write me / Call me / Email me / Text me
 - If Facebook were a country, it would be the world’s 3rd largest after China, and India.
 - Third generation fiber optics - 10 trillion bits of information per second down a single strand of fiber.
 - Top 10 in demand jobs in 2010 did not exist in 2004.
 - US Department of Labor estimates that today’s learner will have 10-14 jobs by the age of 38.
 - To reach a market audience of 50 million: Radio - 38 years, TV - 13 years, Internet - 4 years, I-Pad - 3 years, Facebook - 2 years.
- 8) He ended his presentation by saying that God will provide what we need, to do what God calls us to do. There is enough time and capacity to do what He calls us to do. He bids us to “not be afraid” and “be of good courage”. Mark Tidsworth reminds us that there is no room in love for fear. Well formed love banishes fear. God knows how to lead His people through transition.

This helped me to get a better understanding of what Burke may look like in the next 50 years. If you would like to learn more about his message for the “Post-Modern Church” please read his book Shift which is available on Amazon.

Respectively submitted,
Jean Schnick

**Global Health Ministries Ingathering of
Newborn and AIDS/Hospice Kits**

1,804 kits from 29 congregations
were sent to Global Health Ministries
so that we might be helping hands that heal.
A 34% increase over last year’s ingathering!

Offering

Designated for Synod Ethnic Ministries and the Campaign for the ELCA
(Global Mission Emphasis this year)
\$6,247.20

Heart & Hands Award

Two congregations received this year’s Heart and Hands award for creative
and faithful congregational communications
connecting their members
with congregations in our synod and our shared kingdom work.

All Saints Lutheran Church-Fitchburg
West Middleton Lutheran Church-Verona

Synod Assembly 2018

May 5 & 6
Kalahari, Wisconsin Dells