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Burke Lutheran had another successful Garage Sale in June! Thank you to all who brought in items, helped with the set up and tear down, and those who cooked/baked food, sold and passed out food, help customers with their purchases, and stayed on top of the money! This event could not take place without everyone's help!



Burke Lutheran Church Quilters are looking for any fabric remnants, old quilts, thin blankets, pillow cases and sheets. These items will be used in the making of quilts donated to River Food Bank and/or Lutheran Word Relief. Thank you for your support.

It's Almost Lefse Time!!!!

We will be baking Lefse every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am starting Tuesday, September 10 through Thursday, October 17. Come join the fun!! Volunteers needed. No experience needed, you can be trained on the job.



LIGHT OF LIFE DISTRIBUTION

Are you receiving this newsletter by mail and also have an email address? In order to save some postage cost, we would like to distribute as many monthly newsletters by email if possible. Let the church office know if you are willing to switch. Paper copies are always available for pickup at church.



SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS UP AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER

All children ages 3 to 6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School beginning Sunday, September 8. You will begin in the sanctuary for the first part of the service and will be dismissed following the children's sermon. Come and see what exciting things the teach board has planned for you! We are looking for a new Sunday School teachers, if you are interested, please contact David Hanson.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRYAN

Dear friends,

In worship during August we will turn our focus from Mark's Gospel story to the Gospel according to John.

While Mark was the first person to write out the story of Jesus, John is the latest Gospel included in our Bible, written some 50 or so years after Mark. And John wrote a completely different version of the story than Mark did. Some of the events are the same, but they are mixed up, reinterpreted, and dynamically expanded.

John's Gospel has 4 distinct parts to it. There's an introduction (chapter 1), the book of signs (chapters 2-11), the book of teachings (chapters 12-17), and the death and resurrection (chapters 18-21).

One of the most interesting parts of John's Gospel has to be the book of signs, which takes up so much of the story. John calls all of Jesus' miracles "signs." For John, everything that Jesus says and does is pointing past what it looks like to some goal and destination. Think of highway signs. Some signs tell you what road you're on, some tell you where you need to go, and others tell you what you will see when you get there.

On one road trip, when I was much younger, we learned about highway signs by stopping at every Dairy Queen in between Moline and New Orleans. We had so much ice cream those two days! But by the end of the trip, we had such stomach aches, we started to question the purpose of stopping that many times.

And that's how Jesus' signs work in John's Gospel. There are 7 actions that Jesus does that are called signs: changing water into wine

at a wedding, healing a royal official's son, healing a paralyzed man, feeding the 5000 in the wilderness, walking on water, giving sight to a man born blind, and resurrecting Lazarus. But each one of these actions leads to a time of questioning and arguments with those around him about what these signs are really pointing towards, and what they reveal to us about the ways of God in our world.

This August, for 5 weeks in a row, we're going to read the full and complete story of the feeding of the 5000 in the wilderness. This is one of the very few things that all four Gospels tell us that Jesus did, which means to me that this is one of the most formative signs of God's kingdom for the church in all times and places. While I read Mark's version of the story back on July 21st, we'll see over the next few weeks that John doesn't see it as simple as Mark did. John devotes an entire chapter to the action and the responses and reactions that follow.

So join us for worship as often as you can during this month, and hear about this most important story of Jesus' identity and promise, and we will join with those who first experienced this sign in the wondering and questioning about what it means for us that the food for our journey from now to the intended future is Jesus' own body and blood.

But even if you're not able to join us every week during the summer, remember that we are praying for you and look forward to seeing you when you are able to be here with us.

God bless,

Pr. Bryan

WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, August 14 at 11:30am. They will be meeting at Olive Garden in Madison. Please join us for the monthly celebration. Happy Birthday to all that month.

FOOD PANTRY

August Food Pantry Focus: August focus is "Boxed Dinners," such as: Hamburger Helper, Rice/Noodle mixes, etc. Please place your non-perishable goods in the 'Donations' basket in the entryway and it will be delivered to the pantry.

BIRTHDAY BAGS FOR RIVER FOOD PANTRY.

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, August 14 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.

Burke Lutheran Bags
\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

Burke Lutheran bags are now available for purchase. We have approximately 75 bags. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.



QUILTING

Every Wednesday at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome, no experience needed.



PRAISE CHOIR

Do you like to sing or do you play an instrument? If so, come join the Praise Choir. Please contact Chris Grefe or Gloria Lundquist if interested. Practices are Monday mornings at 10:30am.

DORCAS CIRCLE

The DORCAS Circle is looking for **new members**. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Gloria Lundquist.

BIBLE TRIVIA (answers on last page)

1. What are the names of Joseph's two sons?
2. What Athenian judge was converted under Paul's preaching?
3. Who was Moses's father-in-law?
4. When Saul was pursuing David, in which cave did David seek refuge?
5. How did Paul escape Damascus when the Jews were trying to kill him?
6. Upon what mountain was Israel cursed for disobedience?
7. What two kings disguised themselves before going into battle, and were both slain by archers.?

Lutheran World Relief

Personal Care Kits:

Lightweight bath towel (20" x 40" or 27" x 52"),	darker colors preferred
Individually wrapped Bath size bars of soap (3 or 4 ounce)	Adult sized toothbrush in packaging
Sturdy comb	Metal nail clippers
Toenail clippers w/file work good	

School Kits:

70 sheet notebooks (wide ruled or college ruled-assorted colors)	
Box of 16 or 24 count crayons	Pencil sharpener
Blunt end scissors	No. 2 pencils, unsharpened
Black or blue ballpoint pens (not gel)	2 1/2 inch eraser
30 centimeter ruler (inches on one side, centimeter on other)	

Any donation of items and/or money is greatly appreciated. Kits need to be assembled by end of August, the train will pick up kits and quilts on September 14.

Lists for shopping for each kit will be located in the entryway. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Hughes (608) 225-6172.



MADISON - Virginia Steward, 93, passed away Friday, July 5, 2024, at Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge in Madison. Virginia married the love of her life, Lee Steward, on June 25, 1949, at Burke Lutheran Church. They danced together through 64 years of marriage. Lee passed away on Nov. 13, 2013. For many years Lee and Virginia owned and operated Sunnyside Grocery Store in Madison. Virginia was also employed by Prangees/Youngers for many years. Virginia was a life-long active member of Burke Lutheran Church. She had the gift of hospitality making sure everyone felt welcome in her home and was well fed. She loved cooking, entertaining, dancing, traveling, playing euchre, and tending to her flower gardens. But most of all she loved spending time with family and friends.

PRAYER CONCERNS

During the month of August we remember the following individuals in our Sunday prayers:

Lisa Thompson
 Peter Taylor
 Marie McCoy
 Steve Chappell

Mark Gehrke
 Tina Lee
 June Chadwick
 Mary Hitchcock



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

AUGUST 2024 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Worship, 9am Coffee Hour, 10am	5 Reach Board, 6:00pm	6	7 Quilting, 9am Bible Study, 2pm	8 Teach Board, 6:00pm	9	10
11 Worship, 9am Coffee Hour, 10am	12	13 Council Meeting, 6:30pm	14 Quilting, 9am Men's Breakfast, 9am BLCW Birthday Lunch, 11:30am Bible Study, 2pm	15	16	17
18 Worship, 9am Coffee Hour, 10am	19 Preach Board, 10am	20	21 Quilting, 9am	22	23	24
25 Worship, 9am Pot Luck, 10:00am	26	27	28 Quilting, 9am	29	30	31

Save the Dates:

August 4 - Sisters' Day	August 10 - Lazy Day
August 4 - National Friendship Day	August 17 - International Geocaching Day
August 7 - Purple Heart Day	August 21 - Senior Citizen's Day
August 8 - International Cat Day	August 24 - National Waffle Day
August 9 - National Book Lover's Day	August 26 - National Dog Day

Happy Birthday!

August 4	Aiden Brown	August 19	Nolan Proebstle
August 7	Adelay Nielsen	August 20	Carter Truitt
August 7	Dave Weinberger	August 21	Connie Hauge
August 7	Susan Weinberger	August 21	Jenny Brown
August 8	David Peterson	August 21	Ross J. Crosby, Jr.
August 11	Darin Runge	August 24	Dan Hanson
August 12	Elias Kittleson	August 25	Donald Grefe
August 12	Katherine Lagerstam	August 26	Chase Peterson
August 15	Pam Ekern	August 26	Danielle Queiser
August 16	Phil Paul	August 27	Kjersten Proebstle
August 17	Kelly Lietz	August 28	Kurt Kalhagen
August 18	Jacob Hanson	August 28	Stephen Bosben
August 19	Kristine Patzer	August 30	Jeannette Gehrke

Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Linda Hanson	August 7, 1976
John & Linda Schramer	August 12, 2003
Robert & Lori Kalhagen	August 19, 1978
Richard & June Chadwick	August 21, 1971
Kirk & Carrie Kruse	August 26, 2006
Rick & Sandra Brandon	August 28, 1976
Lon & Deb Buss	August 29, 1981
Randy & Dianne Copenhefer	August 29, 1998

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AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

	August 4 9:00am Service	August 11 9:00am Service	August 18 9:00am Service	August 25 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner	“Praise Band”	Dave Wisner
Communion Assistant	Barb Hennings	Sharon Hughes	David Hanson	Julie Clark
Communion Prep	Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke	Mady Moreno	Jeannette Gehrke
Lay Reader	Time Wachs	Deb Brown	Barb Hennings	Julie Clark
Ushers	Bob Lenzendorf David Hanson	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Steve and Donna Frederick	Karl and Shari Patzner
Coffee Hour				Potluck
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Rose Haney	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Ephraim and Manasseh (Gen 41:51-52)
2. Dionysius (Acts 17:34)
3. Jethro (Exod 3:1)
4. Cave of Adullam (1 Sam 22:1)
5. He was let down from the city walls in a basket (Act 9:25)
6. Mount Ebal (Deut 27:13)
7. Ahab and Josiah (1 Kings 22:34; 2 Chron 35:22)