



Light *of* Life

NOVEMBER 2017

Craft & Bake Sale

November 11, 8:00am—4:00pm



Burke Lutheran Church

CRAFT BAKE SALE

**Saturday, November 11, 2017
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

NORWEGIAN LEFSE
Unique Crafts and Delicious Baked Goods

Sandwich Plate available all day
BBQ or hot dog, chips, pickle spear, cookie and coffee or lemonade
Adults \$4, children 7-12 \$2, age 6 and under free

5720 Portage Road | Madison, WI 53718 | 608.244.8486 | www.burkelutheran.org

Don't forget to stop by church to pick up some great crafts, delicious baked goods or lefse! There is also a silent auction for a retired American Girl Doll— Saige. A sandwich plate is available all day. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Signup sheets are in the Narthex for crafters, bakers and volunteers. If you have any questions about the craft or bake sale, please contact Kay Gritzmacker at 608-249-1737.

If you are a crafter, you can set up your display on Friday evening from 4pm—7pm. If you want to make items for the bake sale you can drop baked goods off Friday evening or early Saturday morning. Thank you in advance for participating!

Special Worship Service

Sunday, November 12, 9:00am

Please join us in a special musical worship service and Veteran's Day Recognition on Sunday, November 12 as we honor our Veterans.

The group, "The Three Wives' Men" will lead our worship service. Their down-home, country, blue-grass style allows "The 3 Wives' Men" to share the gospel message of Jesus Christ, and introduce others to the love of the Lord in a fun, uplifting and hope-filled way that touches the hearts of people of all ages.

Veteran family members, neighbors and friends are all invited. Coffee Hour will be served in honor of our Vets.



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All Saints Day

Sunday, November 5

We remember and thank God for all the saints who have entered his eternal kingdom this past year. A candle will be lighted in their memory during our



Worship Service on Sunday, November 5. Please contact Peri Beal if you

wish to light a candle for any other saints from this past year.

Kay Olson	Rev. James McClurg
David Affholder	Betty Sabroff
Don Caldwell	Marian Heisig
Sandra Lehr	Adam Gritzmacher
Frank Mcdermott	Richard Gouker
Skip Bearden	Kenneth Amacher
Harold Schrader	William Hessling
Rhett Plummer	Eadie Graham Felly
Noah Horton	Bur Ethun
Jack Neubert	Arthur Hollender
Jim Rothfuss	Margie D'Amour
Donald Caswell	

Don't forget to set your clocks back! On Saturday, November 4, be sure to set your clocks back an hour before bed. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



A Message from Pastor Robert.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Sometimes people just rub me the wrong way, either it is their personality clashing with mine, they did something I perceived as hurtful, or it's just that I took an immediate disliking to that person for some reason I am unable to explain. Whatever the reason I just can't seem to like them, whether it is justified or not is another question. Often I have found myself talking negatively about a person, or seeking new and creative reasons not to like that person. My words can sometimes cause others to distance themselves from an individual, and in that moment I feel justified because in my mind, they deserve it.

As days, weeks, months, or years would pass I would learn more about these individuals. I would find out about early childhood traumas that they had endured, abuse that they lived with, medical issues that plagued them, the isolation that they experienced as a result of public cruelty, their screams for attention coupled with the social awkwardness that we all face, mental conditions that they lived with, abandonment issues, or maybe they were just different than I and those differences caused them to look at the world in a different way. I would come to the painful realization that my anger and dislike toward this person caused me to stop treating them like a fellow human being. I acted as if the one aspect that I did not like was what defined their entire life.

Was this fair? Absolutely not. There is never just one aspect of a person that can define that individual's entire life. We may self-identify under numerous labels used by society to categorize us but there is no one category that completely defines who we are. When we pass judgment based upon something we do not like about a person then we rob that individual of their humanity. Passing judgment is a way we try to trick ourselves into giving ourselves permission to dehumanize an individual and we need to ask ourselves; would we be ok with someone doing that to us? Of course not.

Does knowing these things mean I have stopped doing this? No, because unfortunately it is way too easy to demonize the other, yet that does not mean I stop trying.

There are approximately 7.3 billion people alive right now on this planet, 321.3 million of those people live in the US, 5,757,564 of them live in Wisconsin, and 516,284 of them live here in Dane County. With that many people it is inevitable that we will probably not mesh well with everyone. That most likely there are a few people out there that we should probably keep our distance from, but if that is not possible then it is our responsibility to do our best to try and treat them as fellow children of God. As a child I often heard the saying, "sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me." These are probably the most misleading words that have ever been spoken, because in fact words often have a far more lasting impact than most physical damage that we endure over our lives.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

I see a community based in love toward God and each other all around me yet we all need this reminder from time to time. Each of us struggle with the instinctual desire to slander others who we perceive as threats or are just different than ourselves, and it is important for us to know what we are doing so that we can try and stop ourselves before we hurt someone. With deep compassionate love comes also the need to protect that with which we love and I feel blessed to be part of a community united in mutual affection toward one another. Unfortunately we continue to live in a world that feeds on division and it is up to us to not allow that divisive rhetoric to get between us and our love for God and neighbor. Instead let us find ways in which to be peacemakers in our community, spreading the love of God which we have discovered through this community and our lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Robert Neubert

Prayer Concerns

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

David Vincent

Chris McFarlin

Pearl Kvalheim

Bishop Mary Froiland

Bill Schmidt

Marshall Bostad

Melissa Bethea

Erik Jelinek

Louise Kraemer

Tina Bauman



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

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Art Hollender, Jim Rothfuss and Margie D'Amour.

Quilting Ministry

Every Wednesday morning a group of women share their time, talents, and gifts to make beautiful quilts that are distributed to various hospitals, charities, and Lutheran World Relief (well over 100 each year). These women take used bed linens, table cloths, draperies, fabric remnants and the like, and transform them into warm quilts for those in need. If you have used sheets, draperies, curtains, table cloths or fabric remnants you no longer need, please consider donating them to Burke's quilting ministry. If you are free from 9am-12pm on Wednesday mornings you are welcome to participate in this worth-while effort and enjoy some wonderful fellowship. No sewing experience necessary!



Cardmaking, Nov 6 at 1pm

Join Barb on Monday, November 6 for a little crafty fun! We'll meet at Barb's home, located at 6260 Sommer Valley Circle, DeForest. Please RSVP to Barb at bjhennings@aol.com or 608-445-0566.

Thanksgiving is November's Food Pantry focus. This includes stuffing mix, canned pumpkin pie filling & boxed pie crust mix, canned vegetables, canned yams, instant potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, canned gravy, etc. Please place items in the designated basket in the Narthex and it will be delivered to the pantry.

Food Pantry



Birthday Luncheon

The next Ladies' Birthday Luncheon is Wednesday, November 15 at high noon. We will meet for lunch at North & South, 605 S. Main, DeForest.

It's Coming...



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

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 are always welcome.



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

Handbells a Ringing!



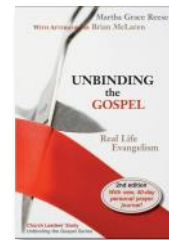
Handbell practice has started! Practice will be Saturdays at 9:00am. Anyone can join; no music reading ability needed. Please see Jamie Falk after church, call 608-556-1247 or email at jfd53713@yahoo.com with any questions.

Join our Book Study

The 3rd session of our study will open in November. Choose the session that works best for your schedule:

Mondays, 6:30pm
Beginning November 13
Led by Amy Proebstle

Fridays, 10:00am
Beginning November 17
Led by Pastor Robert



The groups will meet for eight weeks. In each session we will discuss the assigned reading and whatever "homework" went along with it. We need people who can commit to the full 8 weeks. Contact Pastor Robert or sign up on the sheet posted in the Narthex.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, November 8 at Gus' Diner, Hwy 19, Sun Prairie.

Youth & Kids Corner



Genesis 9:13-15 "I have set my [rain]bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the [rain]bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh." —*Photo by Karl P. 10/22/17*

Sunday School Scoop

Serving on your Teach Board:

Chairperson: Diane Johnson-Hung
Council Representative: David Hanson

Treasurer: Rudy Nielsen
Secretary: Sonja Nielsen

Butter Braids Are Coming!

Beginning November 14, you'll be able to order those yummy braids made from quality ingredients; flour, sugar, and butter.

Each pastry is braided by hand with care in a small town in Iowa. Orders must be received by November 29. Checks should be made payable to: Burke Lutheran Church. Delivery will start December 18. Thanks for helping us raise funds for Confirmation Camp!



Christmas Program Practice

Our Sunday School students will be putting on our annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 17, and we need actors! If your child/grandchild would like to participate, please notify Kim Hanson at khanson11@charter.net by November 1st. Practice will begin in November and run every Sunday up through to the performance date. If you are planning to be out of town the day of the performance, that's no problem. We'd still be happy to have your child practice with us.

Youth Gathering in Texas

The nation-wide ELCA youth gathering will be in Houston, TX, next June 27 through July 1. Thousands of high schoolers gather for inspiring faith formation, worship, Bible study, service activities, and growth in faith. A bus will be going from the Wisconsin's South-Central Synod. Financial help will be available. Interested? Please contact Rudy Nielsen via email at rudy-sonie@juno.com or by phone at 608-960-7147 or Pastor Rob.



"The Gathering sparked something inside me I did not know I had; it made me feel part of something bigger than I knew existed. The Gathering enabled me to grow in my faith, leadership, and service, along with providing me with the ways to do so."

--ZOE CLARK

November Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation, 6:30-7:45pm	2 Bible Study, 12:30pm	3	4 Badgers, 11am <div>Turn back clocks</div>
5 All Saints Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice, 10:30am	6 Packers, 7:30pm	7	8 Quilting, 9:00am Men's Breakfast, 9am No Confirmation	9 No Bible Study	10	11 Craft & Bake Sale Badgers, TBA
Pastor Robert gone 11/6-11/13						
12 3 Wives Men /Veterans Worship, 9am Choir Practice, 10:30am Packers, noon	13 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm Book Study I, 6:30pm	14 Boards/Council 6pm/7pm	15 Quilting, 9:00am Birthday Lunch, noon Confirmation, 6:30-7:45pm	16 Bible Study, 12:30pm	17 Book Study II, 10am River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	18 Dorcas Circle, 9am at Gloria's Ruth Circle, 10am Badgers, TBA
Pastor Robert gone 11/6-11/13						
19 Worship, 9am Class 1st communion Choir Practice, 10:30am Packers, noon	20 Book Study I, 6:30pm	21 Foundation Mtg, 6pm	22 Quilting, 9:00am No Confirmation Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 6pm	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Book Study II 10am	25 Badgers, TBA
26 Worship, 9am Class 1st communion Sunday School Choir Practice, 10:30am Packers, 7:30pm	27 Book Study I, 6:30pm Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	28	29 Preach Board, 9am BLCW meeting,, 10am	30	Save the Dates: December 3—Advent by Candlelight December 4 & 5—The Road Home December 24—Advent Service 9am Family Service 4pm Midnight Service 9pm	

Classes for First Communion November 19 & 26

Immediately following Sunday's Worship Services. Class will last 20-30 minutes with Pastor Robert. No registration required.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service November 22, 6pm

Before the turkey, before the family, join us for a peaceful evening service.



Potluck. Sign up to decorate a table. Renew and refresh. Watch the bulletin for more details coming soon.

The Road Home December 4 & 5

Note we only have Monday and Tuesday for December. We need volunteers, and there are 3 opportunities to do so: Activities (entertain children with games, ball, jump rope, crafts, etc.), Dinner (prepare food and clean up), and Overnight (monitor quiet time, sleep overnight, wake up families and prep coffee).

Contact Debbie Buss as soon as possible at deb.e.buss@gmail.com or 608-516-7883.



Inclement Weather/Winter Parking

The winter season is coming fast, and with it, lots of ice and snow. Snow is usually easily identified but unfortunately ice often goes unseen until it is too late. In order to keep our members safe we wish to remind everyone to please keep the loading and unloading areas as clear as possible to allow for drop offs, to reserve our limited handicapped spaces for those most in need, and to let us know immediately if you find ice anywhere where people may be walking. To find out if church services are cancelled due to inclement weather, you may call the church office at 244-8486. Thank you, and God's peace be upon all that you do.

November Worship Leaders...



	November 5 9:00am Service	November 12 9:00am Service	November 19 9:00am Service	November 26 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	3 Wives Men	Jamie Falk	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Beni Hupf		Diane O'Toole	Beni Hupf
Music Leader	Darrell Foss		Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner
Comm Assist	Dave Weinberger		student	Joann Foss
Comm Assist	Nancy McClurg		student	Darrell Foss
Communion Prep	Gloria Lundquist		Jeannette Gehrke	Mary TeWinkel
Lay Reader	Jean Schnick		student	Paul Beckman
Prayer Readers	Sue Rittmann Bob Rittmann		student	Nancy Blum Tim Wachs
Acolyte	Danielle Ludwig	Danielle Ludwig	Ellie Lenzendorf	Kaitlyn Schramer
Ushers	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittelson Rick Brandon	Karl & Emily Patzer & students	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum
Greeters	Phyllis & Stuart Svoboda	Jean Schnick Joelle Frye	student	Linda & John Schramer
Coffee Hour	Cheryl Beckman/Lisa Romeis/Nancy Thompson	Reach Board w/Sharon Hughes & Joan Klang	Diane Moore, Mary Brantmeyer, Virginia Steward	Coffee Hour Committee
Counters	Sharon Hughes Joelle Frye	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Julie Clark Nancy Blum	Gloria Lundquist Diane O'Toole
Sunday School Pre-K—K 1st—2nd grades 3rd—4th grades 5th—6th grades	Emily Patzer Laura Hung Janeen Otis Paul Beckman	Charley Hanson Kim Hanson David Handson Shaney O'Toole	Kids in Service (no Sunday School)	John Bosben Laura Hung Janeen Otis Bruce Bosben

Happy Birthday!

Have a birthday in November? 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 November!

