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Lenten Season begins with Ash
Wednesday service on February 14 at
6:30pm.



This year Lenten Services will be held each
Wednesday of Lent at both 11:30am and 6:30pm. A
meal will be served at each service. A sign-up sheet
is in the Narthex for food for these meals. We hope
you can join us during this very special season.

SAVE THESE DATES: February 21, February 28,
March 6, March 13, and March 20

CHILI COOKOFF AND BINGO
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18



Do you think you have the worlds greatest chili? Here is your
chance to prove it! Bingo will begin at 4:00pm. The party will
continue at 5:00pm, where we'll sample the chili
entries, along with hotdogs and dessert. A sign up
sheet for chili entries will be in the Narthex.
Warm up your February with our annual Chili
Cookoff and Bingo!



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRYAN

Dear friends,

Thank you to all of you who were able to stay for the annual meeting last week. I thought it was very nice to host the meeting in the Fellowship Hall so we could snack while we talked. It did make it a little hard to hear comments from different sides of the room, but we can work on that issue for next year.

Some of the highlights from the meeting were:

We ended the year financially well-off, because of the interest we accrued on profit from the land sale. But our general offering income did not meet our monthly expenses. That's something we need to work on this year.

We passed a modest, conservative budget based on the actual expenses from last year, and trying to anticipate how much more things will cost in this year. That's not always easy, but we hope everyone contributes to our work. Speaking of contributions, we expressed our hope that everyone would be able to increase their donations to the church, even by a little bit every month to help us successfully pay for all of our expenses this year without drawing on the saved money.

We talked about publishing and posting an ideas list somewhere, where we can all contribute various ideas and where our groups, boards, committees and councils can take ideas and investigate them. We talked about how not everything got completed with the new building and moving the sanctuary, and how there are still great ideas among us. We could use all the profit from the land sale in a week if we tried.

Some of those ideas include: excavating the mound so the land can be used for cemetery purposes, adding additional storage space to

the back of the Fellowship Hall for extra tables and chairs, paving more land to use for parking, painting more stripes on the long driveway so people can park there appropriately, and continuing our work on fixing up the outside of the sanctuary.

We elected a whole slate of new officers and Board members to help us do this, and you'll find that list later in this Light of Life. But there are still some spots open that we are hoping you are prayerfully considering. We still need:

A council vice president

3 members for the Reach Board

1 member for the Audit Committee

3 members for the Nominating Committee

Also, Galen Peterson announced that he really does need to resign his position on the Cemetery Board, so we're looking for some more dedicated volunteers to take on that task.

If you are interested in helping us move forward as a congregation in any of these ways, please reach out to me and I can put you in touch with the right people.

Again, thank you all who could and did stay for the meeting. Thank you to all who completed their terms on Council, Boards, or committees. And thank you to all who volunteered to serve on Council, Boards and committees this year.

Burke Lutheran is as strong as her members. Working together, we can accomplish God's work for us here. And thanks be to God for that!

God bless,

Pr. Bryan

WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 14 at 11:30am. They will be meeting at Johnny's Italian Steak House, Sun Prairie. Please join us for the monthly celebration. Happy Birthday to all that month.

FOOD PANTRY

"Grains," such as rice, rice mixes, noodles, noodle mixes, mac and cheese, cold cereals, infant cereals, hot cereals, pancake mix, flour, granola bars, graham crackers, bread/muffin mixes, etc. Please place your non-perishable goods in the 'Donations' basket in the entryway.

BIRTHDAY BAGS FOR RIVER FOOD PANTRY.

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.



QUILTING

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, February 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.



EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!!!!

Become a member of our cemetery board! Lively discussions at meetings that are few and far between. WE NEED YOU!

Sharon and Susie are lonely. Please contact Sharon at 608-225-6172 or Susie at 608-609-9068.



DORCAS CIRCLE

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

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 Wednesday mornings at 10:30am.

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.



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

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Lisa Thompson
Virginia Steward
June Chadwick
Martha Dallman
Sonja Nielsen

Mark Gehrke
Patricia Wisner
Kay Gritzmacher
Dan Sullivan
Judy Martin

Family and Friends of
Charles (Chuck) Hughes,
Mark Snell,
Wendy Jones,
Stuart Svoboda



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

Youth & Kids Corner

SUNDAY SCHOOL



All children ages 3 to 6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School. 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!

CONFIRMATION



Classes are held every Sunday at 10:30am in the fireside room.

This is a 2 year program. Most youth begin confirmation in 7th grade. It's not too late to get involved and if you are interested in getting confirmed, please contact Pastor Bryan about participating in the classes.

REMINDER - 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes for 2024 are ready for pickup. They are on the table in the narthex. Please help us get these distributed to your families. If you cannot find yours please contact the church office to report it.

2024 OFFICER, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Council President (2 year term).....	Susie Kittel-Moore (2026)
Council Vice President (2 year term).....	VACANT (2025)
Council Secretary (2 year term).....	Angie Lenzendorf (2026)
Council Treasurer (2 year term).....	Bruce Bosben (2025)
Preach Board (2 year term).....	Gloria Lundquist (2025) Linda Hanson (2025) Nancy McClurg (2026) Dave Wisner (2026)
Teach Board (2 year term).....	David Hanson (2025) Jenny Nielsen (2025) John Bosben (2026) Jan Peterson (2026)
Reach Board (2 year term).....	Donna Frederick (2025) Nancy Schmidt (2025) Cindy Dahm (2026) Linda Wendt (2026) VACANT (2025) VACANT (2026)
Property Board (2 year term).....	Tim Wachs (2025) Roger Kittleson (2025) Tom Hanson (2026) Sharon Hughes (2026)
Audit Committee (3 year term).....	Paul Beckman (2025) Tom Hanson (2026) VACANT (2027)
Nominating Committee (2 year term).....	Jan Peterson (2025) VACANT (2025) VACANT (2026) VACANT (2026)
Endowment Foundation (2 year term).....	Shari Patzer (2025) Tom Hanson (2025) John Bosben (2026) Jeannette Gehrke (2026)
Representatives to Oakwood Village Annual Meeting (1 year term).....	Tom Hanson (2025) Susie Kittel-Moore (2025)
Representative to Lutherdale Bible Camp Annual Meeting (1 year term).....	Linda Hanson (2025) Angie Lenzendorf (2025)
Representatives to Synod Assembly (1 year term).....	Susie Kittel-Moore (2025) Cheryl Beckman (2025)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Worship, 9am Sunday School 9am Confirmation 10:30am Coffee Hour, 10am	5 Reach Board, 6:00pm	6	7 Quilting, 9am Bible Study, 1pm	8 Teach Board, 6pm	9 Visitation for Wendy Jones, 3pm-7pm	10 Funeral for Wendy Jones, 10:30am
11 Worship, 9am Sunday School 9am Confirmation 10:30am Coffee Hour, 10am	12	13 Council Meeting, 6:30pm	14 Quilting, 9am Men's Breakfast, 9am BLCW Meeting, 9am BLCW Birthday Lunch, 11:30am Bible Study, 1pm ASH WEDNESDAY Service 6:30pm	15	16 Euchre Party, 6pm	17 LEAD, 9:30am-3:30pm
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 Sunday, February 18 - Chili Cookoff & Bingo
 Feb. 21 and 28, March 6, 13, and 20 Lenten Services at 11:30am and 6:30pm
 March 24 - Palm Sunday
 March 31 - Easter

Happy Birthday!

Feb. 1	Heather Crosby	Feb. 11	Mark McCoy
Feb. 5	Dianne Copenhefer	Feb. 14	Jennifer Hanson
Feb. 7	Pastor Bryan Lagerstam	Feb. 17	Shari Patzer
Feb. 8	Roger Kittleson	Feb. 20	Joanie Klang
Feb. 8	Stacey Kittleson	Feb. 21	Abigail Stalbaum
Feb. 9	Linda Hughes	Feb. 23	Michael Brown
Feb. 9	Mark Schultz	Feb. 24	Shirley Bostad
Feb. 10	Deb Brown		

Happy Anniversary!

Randy and Donna Showers	Feb. 8, 1974
Robert and Jeannette Gehrke	Feb. 20, 1960
Dan and Sandy Lothe	Feb. 21, 1976
David and Linda Peterson	Feb. 26, 1962



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FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

	February 4 9:00am Service	February 11 9:00am Service	February 14 Ash Wednesday 6:30pm Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Chris Grefe	“The Band	Chris Grefe
Music Leader	Dave Wisner		Dave Wisner
Communion Assistant	Julie Clark	Gloria Lundquist	David Hanson
Communion Prep	Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist
Lay Reader	Sharon Hughes	Gloria Lundquist	Julie Clark
Ushers	Bob Lenzendorf David Hanson	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	
Coffee Hour			
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	

	February 18 9:00am Service	February 25 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Chris Grefe	“The Band”
Music Leader	Dave Wisner	
Communion Assistant	Sharon Hughes	David Hanson
Communion Prep	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist
Lay Reader	Cheryl Beckman	Deb Brown
Ushers	Steve and Donna Frederick	Karl and Shari Patzer
Coffee Hour	Potluck	
Counters	Mary TeWinkel Linda Hughes	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson

Joke of the Month

A Sunday school teacher asked her children on the way to service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."





EUCHRE PARTY

WHEN: Friday, February 16, 2024

WHERE: Burke Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Are you ready to have some fun? Grab a partner and join the Euchre Party! Bring snacks for the potluck and your beverage of choice. Hope you can join us for a fun evening of cards and fellowship.

LEAD CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 9:30AM-3:30PM

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN, PRAIRIE DU SAC

Everyone is invited to LEAD-Learn, Engage, Act & Dream! This one day program offers time for fellowship, worship, speakers and workshops on a variety of ministry topics.

This year's keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Ulrich Rosenhagen, he the Interim Director of the Center for Interfaith Dialogue at the University of Wisconsin-Madison .

If you are interested in attending check out the synod website at:
www.SCSW-ELCA.org/LEAD2024