

FEBRUARY 2019

# Light *of* Life

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Burke  
Lutheran  
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CHILI  
COOK-OFF  
TALENT SHOW  
& SILENT AUCTION

Sunday  
February 17  
4:00pm

## NEW MEMBER AFFIRMATION

FEBRUARY 3

Come together with us as we welcome our new members as part of our Sunday worship service.

## BOWLING

MARCH 3, NOON-2PM

Bowling fun coming in March—location to be announced soon. Watch for more details in the March Light of Life. Sponsored by The Men of Burke. Sign up sheet will be posted in the Narthex.

## CHILI COOK-OFF, TALENT SHOW & SILENT AUCTION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 4PM

Please join us for a late afternoon of fellowship, fun and food. The festivities start at 4:00pm. Enter your secret recipe chili! (We'll provide the fixin's, hotdogs and dessert.) Share a talent! (Sing, act, dance, tell a joke.) Create a themed basket! (Or add to one and we'll auction them off silently to the highest bidder.) Or just come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. Vote for your favorite chili—the winner gets bragging rights for the entire year!



# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I write this it is currently -8 degrees outside, reminding me and all Wisconsinites of where we live. This also reminds me of one of my favorite quotes by a fellow Wisconsinite, "February is the longest month of the year, thank God it only last 28 days". By February most Wisconsinites are done with winter. Typically, by February the snow is old and dirty, the air hurts the face, and whatever joy people had carried over from the holiday season has worn off in the face of this cold desolate leafless wasteland. Yet this winter season it seems that winter has come late. December was warmer then normal with temperatures averaging in the 40's and it wasn't until December 31st that we had our first real snow storm. January, until recently, has also been unseasonably warm, making this winter season a little more bearable.

Yet now that winter is definitely in full swing that means many people with mobility issues are already finding it even harder to get around. In the warmer months of the year people with problems related to mobility have a hard enough time trying to get around, now compound those issues with the presence of snow and ice and the prospects of going outside can be completely terrifying. This means that people who could already be partially isolated due to their mobility issues will be even more isolated, especially if they live alone. During the winter months mobility issues could lead people into spending days, weeks, or even months alone isolated in their homes out of fear of falling and ending up in a potentially life threatening position.

One of the easiest and most rewarding things we can do during these cold icy months ahead is reach out and identify those with limited mobility in our communities and be a loving presence for them. Donate our time to help someone clear ice and snow from their walkways; accompany someone as they go on errands so they don't worry about being alone in a place where they could potentially fall; or share a meal, dessert, or just a cup of coffee with someone who is isolated. Anything that we can do to help a person feel as if they are truly a beloved child of God who is not alone, but instead cherished and loved is not only helpful but necessary in creating a sense of community amongst all people. Knowing you are loved and that your presence is a blessing is an important message for everyone, but it is especially important for those who are isolated from the world due to mobility issues or other ailments.

*"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.*

*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."*Romans 12:9-18

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Robert

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Tina Bauman	Owen Storlie	Lisa Thompson
Ross Crosby	Jamie Falk	Mary Skinvik
Bev Lowe	Harper DeBauche	

Our condolences to the family and friends of Pearl Kvalheim.



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



## EUCHRE PARTY

FEBRUARY 1, 6PM

Winning isn't everything. There's also gloating and rubbing their noses in it. Potluck first, cards second. Singles and couples are welcome. The fun begins at 6:00pm and wraps up by 9:00pm. We'll be playing in the church basement. Please sign up so we know you're coming!



## ASH WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

MARCH 6, 6PM

Join us for our Ash Wednesday evening service on Wednesday, March 6, at 6:00pm. A sign up sheet for worship leaders will be located in the Narthex. And watch for more news on the upcoming Holden Evening Prayer Lenten services and soup suppers

in the March issue of Light of Life. We hope to change things up a bit!

Ash Wednesday

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, February 13 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.



**I smell coffee hour!**

## FOOD PANTRY

February's focus is on "Grains", such as rice, rice mixes, noodles, noodle mixes, mac & cheese, cold cereals, infant cereals, hot cereals, pancake mix, flours, granola bars, graham crackers, bread/muffin mixes, etc. Please place items in the designated basket in the Narthex and it will be delivered to the pantry.



**Does this snow  
make my butt look big?**



## 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](mailto: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

## SAVE THE DATE— APRIL 14

Our annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be held on Palm Sunday, April 14. Watch for details in next month's Light of Life.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:

*Chairperson:* Open position

*Council Representative:* David Hanson

*Superintendent:* Jean Schnick

*Treasurer:* Rudy Nielsen

*Secretary:* Sonja Nielsen

## SHOW OUR CHILDREN THE WAY

We had 17 teachers for our first semester to help our kids get to know our God! We provide the lesson and a lot of help, so you are not on your own. If you are interested in helping out for our next semester, we have a place for you to serve. Even one Sunday is an option. Please contact Sunday School Superintendent Jean Schnick at 608-242-4629 or via email at floquijean@gmail.com.

## KALAHARI FAMILY NIGHT

FEBRUARY 8—9, 2019

Registration is closed, passes and rooms are booked. Get ready to make some waves!

## DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION?

If you've changed your contact information in the past few years — if you've moved, dropped your land line, changed your email to get rid of all that annoying spam you were getting, got a new job, etc. — please let the church office know. You can contact Peri Beal at 244-8486 or burkelutheran@att.net. Thank you for helping us stay in touch!



## MISSION TRIP

Mark your calendars for June 16 -22, 2019. We will be heading to Tijuana Mexico to help build homes with Esperanza International.

## OUR MISSION

Esperanza International seeks to cultivate global citizenship through services experiences in working towards a better world.

We partner with Fundación Esperanza de México, a Mexican NGO, who believe that all people deserve safe and dignified housing.

Together, we offer service-learning immersion trips where volunteers help build homes in communities across Tijuana and have the opportunity to authentically engage in the unique border culture of Tijuana, Mexico, through the eyes of its own residents.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is that every individual who participates in our program will be transformed into a person of love, compassion and respect for all other peoples and cultures, and will intentionally act upon that transformation. We envision a world in which communities across borders work in solidarity toward a common dream of sustainable, dignified housing for all people. If you are interested in learning more about this trip, please sign up in the Narthex.


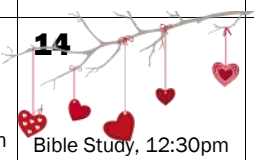


Esperanza International

# FEBRUARY 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> Euchre Party, 6pm	<b>2</b> 
<b>3</b> New Member Affirmation Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation Class, 6:30pm	<b>7</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>8</b> <b>Kalahari Family Night</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice	<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 Confirmation Class, 6:30pm	<b>14</b>  Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>15</b> River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	<b>16</b> Ruth Circle, 10am
<b>17</b> Worship, 9am Kids in Service Choir Practice Chili Cookoff, 4pm	<b>18</b> Preach Board, 9am	<b>19</b> Foundation Mtg, 7:00pm Dorcas, 7:00pm at Marie's	<b>20</b> Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation Class, 6:30pm	<b>21</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice	<b>25</b> Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation Class, 6:30pm	<b>28</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm		

## Save the Dates:

March 3	Bowling
March 6	Ash Wednesday evening service
March 10	Fill the Altar begins
March 13, 20, 27	Holden Evening Prayer Lent Services & Soup Suppers
April 3 & 10	Holden Evening Prayer Lent Services & Soup Suppers
April 14	Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
April 21	Easter Sunday



## Happy Birthday!

Have a birthday in February? Hope your birthday is spectacular, totally cool, really fantastic, wonderful, exciting, majorly awesome, fun-filled, rocking and **HAPPY!**




## Happy Anniversary!

To all who said "I do" in the month of February!



## FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS...



	<b>February 3 9:00am Service</b>	<b>February 10 9:00am Service</b>	<b>February 17 9:00am Service</b>	<b>February 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	Gary Beal	Kathy Sandridge	Beni Hupf
<b>Music Leader</b>	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner	Darrell Foss	Dave Wisner
<b>Communion</b>	Jeannette Gehrke	Tim Wachs	Kids in Service	Darrell Foss
<b>Communion</b>	Dave Wisner	Sue Rittmann	Kids in Service	Bob Rittmann
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Jean Schnick	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Beni Hupf	Bob Boettcher	Kids in Service	Joann Foss
<b>Prayer Readers</b>	Sharon Hughes Sue Rittmann	Jean Schnick Beni Hupf	Kids in Service	Linda Schramer Bob Boettcher
<b>Acolyte</b>	Abbey Harris	Olivia Otis	Emma Dobbs	Stephen Bosben
<b>Ushers</b>	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Shari Patzer and students	Tim Wachs Chris Otis
<b>Greeters</b>	Jan & Galen Peterson	Jean Schnick June Chadwick	Kids in Service	John & Linda Schramer
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Diane Moore Kathy Sandridge Donna Frederick Helen Sampson	Dorcas Circle	Men's Group	Quilters
<b>Counters</b>	Gloria Lundquist Kim Hanson	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Jan Peterson Patrice Neubert	Sharon Hughes Kathy Sandridge
<b>Sunday School</b> Pre K – K 1st–2nd Grades 3rd–4th Grades 5th-6th Grades	John Bosben Patrice Neubert David Hanson Kim Hanson	John Bosben ~open~ ~open~ Shaney Iturbide	Kids in Service	John Bosben ~open~ David Hanson Kim Hanson

### INCLEMENT WEATHER, WINTER PARKING

The winter season is here, 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.



### 2018 ENVELOPES

The giving envelopes for 2018 are available for pickup on the table in the Narthex. Please help us get these distributed to your families.

If you cannot find yours, please see Linda Hughes or contact the church office.