

SEPTEMBER 2021

Light *of* Life



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LEFSE—A ROLLING GOOD TIME

Starting September 7, each Tuesday and Thursday in September and October we'll be in the kitchen rolling out the Norwegian delicacy. Rollers start at 8am and others get to sleep in and start at 8:30am.



RALLY SUNDAY & BUILDING DEDICATION SEPTEMBER 12, 9:00AM

Please join us during our worship service for a building dedication and the kickoff to our fall Sunday School program. We'll be officially thanking NCI Roberts for all the hard work in bringing our vision of our new space to life. A potluck lunch will immediately follow service.

Kiddos will love the new Sunday School rolling out in September! The Hanson Family—Kim, David and Charlie—are hard at work on a new Narrative-based curriculum. Classes will start the week after Rally Sunday.

Please let Kim Hanson or Pastor Rob know if you have children that would like to attend Sunday School. As in the past, Sunday School will be held every Sunday during service, with the kiddos joining the congregation the third Sunday of each month.

NOTE: These plans are subject to change due to the Delta variant.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The fall is upon us and while there are many familiar things that are happening all around us, there are many other things that keep reminding us that we are far from being back to "normal". School is back in session, football is once again dominating Sunday afternoon television sets, farmers are getting ready to bring in their harvests, and it seems that there is nothing that they can't stick pumpkin flavor into. The signs of fall are all there, by October the leaves will be changing and by November we will all have our rakes out as we prepare for winter. Yet while we all are engaging in these familiar activities we know that things are not "normal". COVID continues to spread in our country and the long term effects of the pandemic are still emerging on personal, social, and economic levels as we try to figure out just what is "normal" now.

We thought we were through this, we thought that we could put those masks away, end all those pesky Zoom meetings and get back to life as we remembered it from way back in 2019, but apparently that is not in the cards, and unfortunately life will never be like that again. Eventually we will most likely be able to put away the masks (but we should be prepared to break them out annually during flu season going forward), it will become more comfortable to gather in large crowds without guilt, hopefully new small businesses will pop up to replace those that tragically went under over the last 18 months. Yet it will never be the same as it was before March of 2020 here in the States. Due to the rise in new technologies and business models many of the things that we once took for granted were already on their way out, used less, or changing. The pandemic only accelerated the process and made many people become more comfortable with different ways of shopping, meeting, eating out, etc... even if it was done begrudgingly. Alas things have changed and there is no go-

ing back, yet it is possible to gain at least some sense of comfort with all that has changed if we are all willing to work together, rather than against each other as we navigate how to handle whatever form this new "normal" will eventually take.

It is perfectly understandable to me why distrust, especially when directed toward our leaders, is at a high right now, I even understand why people may be angry or distrustful of our health care system, it is a mess. Yet what makes me sad is the intense resistance people have toward the vaccine for COVID 19, sure until recently it only had emergency approval from the FDA but now it has been approved and the evidence is all around us regarding how needed it is for us to get back to any kind of semblance of "normal". People who haven't had the vaccine are being hospitalized and often dying in rising numbers, and if you have a loved one who is unable to have the vaccine, due to age or health, like I do it is extremely frustrating to see so many resist even in the wake of such overwhelming evidence. Some of you reading this may be saying "Pastor this is not a place to be political!" and you are absolutely correct, yet this is not a political issue, what's sad is that some people have made it one. This is a deeply moral issue that is key to our ability to navigate moving forward in the wake of this new "normal" and we as Christians are called to put our own egos second and practice loving our neighbors.

"Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." —Romans 13:8-10

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Robert

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

<i>Helen Knuteson</i>	<i>Lisa Thompson</i>	<i>Virginia Steward</i>
<i>Lucy Wisner</i>	<i>Nancy Bartlett</i>	<i>Shelby Branzanti</i>
<i>Allison Foss</i>	<i>Lucas Moreno</i>	<i>Heather Chadwick</i>
<i>Christopher Rhyner</i>	<i>Joann Foss</i>	<i>Rev Jim Bean</i>
<i>Paul White</i>	<i>Diane Nelson</i>	<i>Jessica Waldo</i>
<i>Family & friends of Mark Habich</i>		
<i>Family & friends of Ted Krisher.</i>		
<i>Family & friends of Beverly Storlie</i>		



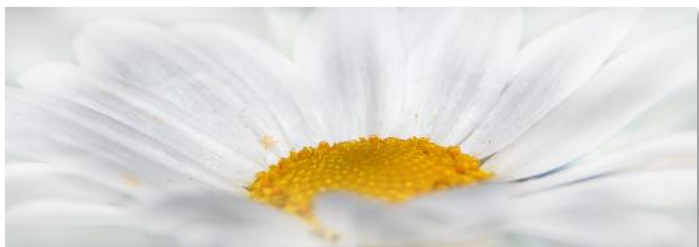
We apologize if we have missed anyone, it was not intentional

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The Men's Breakfast group will meet Wednesday, September 8th, 9:00am, at Gus' Diner in Sun Prairie. Please contact Dave Weinberger at 608-225-0588 or Roger Kittleson at 608-843-9895 if you'd like to attend.

BLCW MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 10:00AM



WHEN YOU SMELL COFFEE HOUR



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex as individuals/groups to be in charge for a Sunday.

WANTED: CRAFTERS!

It's ONLY 11 SHORT WEEKS UNTIL OUR ANNUAL CRAFT SALE!

Are you a maker? Or know someone who is? Then register to have a table at our annual Holiday Craft Sale. Tables are \$25.

Register by contacting the church office today. Spaces are limited and tables are not registered until receipt of \$25.

HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE
NOVEMBER 13, 8-4PM

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 8, 7:00-8:00PM



We're teaming up with Norway Grove Memorial Lutheran Church for this fall's confirmation class. In-person classes start, on Wednesday September 8th from 7:00-8:00pm.

Please let Pastor Rob know if you have a student that will be attending.



BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, NOON

The ladies' luncheon will meet on Wednesday, September 8. Our September restaurant is the Olive Garden on East Washington Avenue.

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

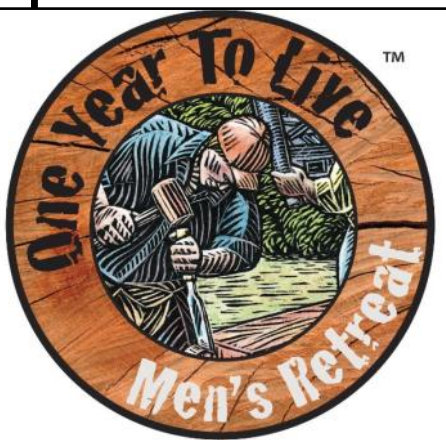


PREVAIL

In her August column in Living Lutheran, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton writes: "This is the faith which declares that through pandemics, droughts, floods, famines, deadly bigotry, war, all the death-dealing things in nature and the human heart, life—the abundant life that Jesus promises—will prevail. Plant something in the summer." Read her column in English at <https://bit.ly/3CGLepk>.

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CALLING ALL MEN SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2021



MacKenzie Environmental
Education Center
W7303 County Road CS & Q - Poynette, WI

*As iron sharpens iron....so one man sharpens another.
Proverbs 27:17*

**Tired of being on the bench?
Find some new coaches at OYTL**

**R U feeling a bit dull?
Sharpening service available at OYTL**

Check this out by Pastor Matt Pooch from St. John's Lutheran Church in Evansville: <https://youtu.be/xVosynJX2xU>. And another: <https://youtu.be/D2IKKZkTgvY>. And lastly, these guys from The Vineyard Church in Ohio (home page click "play") : <http://www.irononiron.io>.

To register online visit www.lutheranmeninmission.org or registration forms are available on the sign-up table.

Please call or text Paul Beckman at 608-279-0744 with questions.

SEPTEMBER 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
			1 Quilting, 9:00am In Person Bible Study, 1pm	2 Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	3	4
5 Worship, 9:00am & online Coffee Hour	6	7 Lefse Making, am	8 Men's Breakfast, 9:00am Quilting, 9:00am BLCW, 10:00am Birthday Luncheon, noon In Person Bible Study, 1pm	9 Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	10 Men's Retreat, Poynette	11
12 Rally Sunday Worship, 9:00am & online Potluck Men's Retreat	13	14 Lefse Making, am Council Meeting, 6:30pm	15 Quilting, 9:00am In Person Bible Study, 1pm Confirmation Class, 7pm	16 Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	17	18
19 Worship, 9:00am & online Sunday School, 9am Coffee Hour	20	21 Lefse Making, am Foundation Mtg, 7:00pm	22 Quilting, 9:00am In Person Bible Study, 1pm Confirmation Class, 7pm	23 Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	24 Pastor Rob gone September 24-30	25
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Save the Dates:

October 30	Trunk or Treat
October 31	Reformation Sunday
November 13	Craft Sale
December 5	Advent by Candlelight
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship Service



Happy Birthday!

Have a birthday in September?

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 September!





SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS...

	September 5 9:00am Service	September 12 9:00am Service	September 19 9:00am Service	September 26 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Hope McFarlin Linda Wendt	Dave Wisner Linda Truitt	Clara Neubert Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner Linda Truitt
Communion Assistant	David Hanson	Julie Clark	Jeannette Gehrke	Barb Hennings
Communion Prep	Mary TeWinkel	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist	Mary TeWinkel
Reader	Cheryl Beckman	Bob Boettcher	Julie Clark	Ron Hennings
Ushers	Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Janeen Otis Chris Otis	David Hanson Karl Patzer
Coffee Hour		Potluck		
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Patrice Neubert	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist Patrice Neubert	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson

DIAPER DASH

Pregnancy Helpline of Madison is hosting its 7th Annual DiaperDash from 8:00-11:00am on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at McKee Farms Park in Fitchburg. This family-friendly event will consist of a 5k run/2 mile walk, Kids' Dash, children's activities, diaper drive collection, and more! Prizes will be awarded for top fundraising and diaper donations. The cost is \$30 for an individual registration, including a race day t-shirt. Family registration is \$75, which includes two t-shirts. Group rates are available for junior and adult teams. Funds raised support PH Diaper Bank to provide diapers and wipes to families in need. All event information can be found at www.pregnancyhelpline.net.

Diaper need, or lack of a sufficient amount of diapers, affects 1 in 3 families across the nation. A lack of clean diapers puts a child's health at risk and parents in emotional distress. The Pregnancy Helpline Diaper Bank is a long-term member of the National Diaper Bank Network serving Dane County, supplying over 20,000 free diapers each month to Madison area families and partner agencies. This fall, Pregnancy Helpline of Madison is on track to give away their 1 millionth diaper.

