

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 8, 2024 9:00 am

Celebrating 173rd Anniversary

1851 - 2024




Burke Lutheran Church
Reconnect.

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“Preach. Teach. Reach.”

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please rise.

QUILT AND KITS OF HOPE BLESSING

P Let us pray:

God, our neighbors around the world need hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

C **Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.**

P God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

C **Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.**

P God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

C **Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.**

P God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at Lutheran World Relief. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

C **Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.**

P God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the one who is our hope.

C **Amen.**



GATHERING SONG

One Day At A Time

Words and Music by
Marijohn Wilkin and Kris Kristofferson



1. I'm on - ly hu - man.
2. Do You re - mem - ber

I'm just a
when You walked a - mong



per - son
us?

Help me be - lieve in what I could
Well, Je - sus, You know if You're look - ing be -



be and all that I am.
low that it's worse now than then.

Show me the stair - way
Push - in' and shov - in',



I have to climb.
crowd - ing my mind.

Lord, for my
So, for my



sake, teach me to take one day at a time.
sake, Lord, teach me to take one day at a time.

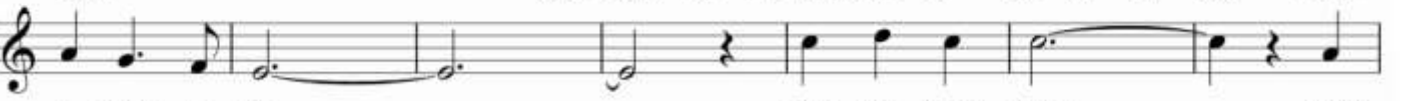
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day at a time, sweet Je - sus; That's all I'm ask - ing from



You. Just give me the strength to do ev - 'ry day what



I have to do. Yes - ter - day's gone, sweet



Je - sus, and to - mor - row may nev - er be mine.

Lord,



help me to - day, show me the way, one day at a time.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

R ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 146

R ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C ²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

R ³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

C ⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

R ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

C ⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

R ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

C ⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

R ⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

C ¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

R ¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

GOSPEL VERSE

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

C **Praise to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

P ²⁴Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Bryan Lagerstam

Please rise.



I Saw The Light

Words and Music by
Hank Williams, Sr.

1. I wan - dered so aim - less, life filled with sin,
 2. Just like a blind man I wan - dered a - long,
 3. I was a fool to wan - der and stray,

I would - n't let my dear Sav - ior in; Then Je - sus came like a
 Wor - ries and fears I claimed for my own; Then, like the blind man that
 Straight is the gate and nar - row the way; Now I have trad - ed the

strang - er in the night- Praise the Lord! I saw the light.
 God gave back his sight- Praise the Lord! I saw the light.
 wrong for the right- Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

CHORUS

I saw the light, I saw the light, No more in dark - ness, no more in
 night; (And) now I'm so hap - py, no sor - row in sight- Praise the Lord!

I saw the light.

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THE CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

R Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

R Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

R Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

R Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Comfort all who live with chronic illness, bring healing to those in need, especially Lisa Thompson, Mark Gehrke, June Chadwick, Marie McCoy, Luke Moehler, Steve Chappell, Tina Lee, Mary Hitchcock, Richard Riggleman, Mark Klang, John Wendt, the McFarlin Family, and all those we name upon our lips or in our hearts. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support, Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** (*Greet one another with God's peace.*)

“Why Me Lord”

Dave Wisner

Please rise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

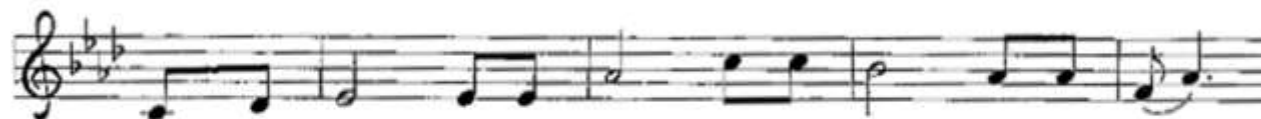
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

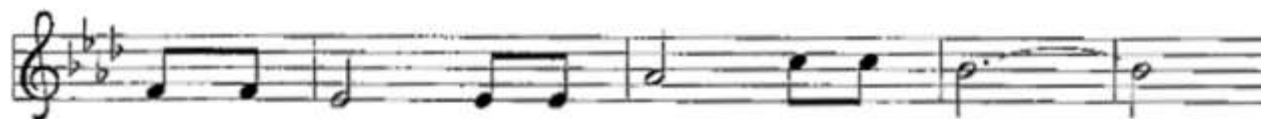


Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD
 Irregular



I'll Fly Away

Words and Music by
Albert E. Brumley



1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a - way.
2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown, I'll fly a - way.
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then I'll fly a - way.



To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a - way. I'll fly a -
Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a - way.
To a land where joys shall nev - er end, I'll fly a - way.



way, O glo - ry; I'll fly a - way. When I die, hal - le - lu - jah, by and by,



I'll fly a - way.

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Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Just A Little Talk With Jesus

Words and Music by
Cleavant Derricks



1. I once was lost in sin, but Je - sus took me in, and
2. Some times my path seems drear, with - out a ray of cheer, and
3. I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears, but



then a lit - tle light from heav - en filled my soul; It bathed my heart in love and
then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day; The mists of sin may rise and
Je - sus is a friend who watch - es day and night; I go to Him in pray'r, He



wrote my name a - bove, and just a lit - tle talk with Je - sus made me whole. Now let us
hide the star - ry skies, but just a lit - tle talk with Je - sus clears the way. _____
knows my ev - 'ry care, and just a lit - tle talk with Je - sus makes it right. _____

CHORUS



have a lit - tle talk with Je - sus, let us tell Him all a - bout our trou - bles. He will



hear our faint - est cry and He will an - swer by and by; Now when you



feel a lit - tle pray'r wheel turn - ing, and you know a lit - tle fire is burn - ing, you will



find a lit - tle talk with Je - sus makes it right. _____

(It makes it right.)

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY: Thank you for joining us at Burke for worship and fellowship! Please sign a card in the pew and/or the visitor book in the narthex.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We teach that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine. All are invited to the table to share God's grace. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it, as well as gluten-free wafers.

*Please fill out a communion card
and place it in the offering plate if
you are communing today.*

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PRAYERS & CARES

A Nursery (Youth Room) for children under six is located down the hallway near the church offices. Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children at worship.

Our Prayer List: Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for two weeks.

Lisa Thompson (daughter of Bob & Jeannette Gehrke)

Mark Gehrke (son of Bob and Jeannette Gehrke)

Luke Moehler (friend of Diane McFarlin)

John Wendt (brother of Linda Wendt & Diane McFarlin)

Tina Lee (friend of Carla Housner)

Mary Hitchcock (friend of Sharon Hughes)

Family and Friends of Monica Anderson (Sister-in-law of Jeannette Gehrke)

The McFarlin Family

Mark Klang

June Chadwick

Marie McCoy

Steve Chappell

Richard Riggleman

CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

LEFSE MAKING: Every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am.

BIBLE STUDY: Every Wednesday, at 2:00pm.

BAND PRACTICE: Mondays at 10:30am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements: Bulletin deadline is noon on Tuesdays. Send them to burkelutheran@att.net or drop them off at the office.

Hospitalized?: Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

2024 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup from the church secretary.

CALL TO ACTION

September Food Pantry Focus: September focus is “Lunch Box,” such as Peanut butter, jams, jellies, single serve packages items, 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.

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 Tuesdays

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 20th of the month

THIS WEEK AT BURKE

Tuesday, September 10	Lefse Making, 8:00am	Council Meeting, 6:30pm
Wednesday, September 11	Men's Breakfast, 9:00am	Bible Study, 2:00pm
Thursday, September 12	Lefse Making, 8:00am	
Sunday, September 15	Worship, 9:00am Cemetery Assoc., 10:00am Reach Board, 10:00am	

WORSHIP LEADERS

	September 8 - 9:00am Service	September 15 - 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist
Music Leaders	Praise Band	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner
Communion Assistant	David Hanson	Sharon Hughes
Communion Prep	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist
Lay Reader	Barb Hennings	Mady Moreno
Usher Team	Bob Lenzendorf Rick Brandon	Steve & Donna Frederick
Coffee Hour	Picnic Lunch	Donuts
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday 9:00am	Total	40
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Burke Lutheran (aka the Pumpkin Hollow Church) Timeline

Names of the founding families: Gulleckson, Olson (2 families), Nilsen, Tellefsen, Nelsen, Torgersen, Christensen, Gundersen, Larsen, and Jacobsen (2 families).

August 26th, 1851: First Worship (First Service was originally going to be held on August 16th 1851 but was cancelled due to bad weather preventing the pastor from traveling), Burke is part of the Norway Grove, Spring Prairie, and Bonnet Prairie Parish. Rev. H. A. Preus presided as the Parish Pastor. He and his wife Linka Preus had just emigrated from Norway in May and arrived in Wisconsin in July. Rev. Preus Presided over his first worship service on August 10th 1851 at Norway Grove Lutheran Church in DeForest, WI. Burke was originally called Sun Prairie Lutheran Church of Burke. Rev. H. A. Preus' original contract with Burke was to perform 12 services a year for \$36.00 with bonuses for baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

1853: Burke is one of the founding congregations of the newly formed Norwegian Synod

November 1869: Church votes to purchase ¾ of an acre of land from Herman Bergeland in order to build the church.

February 6th, 1871: A vote is taken, and construction begins on the original church building with a budget of \$412.00

1876: Rev. C.K. Preus the son of Rev. R.A. Preus is called as an assistant pastor for the Parish churches due to overwhelming church growth between the various congregations.

1877: The first vote is taken proposing that Burke and Bethel (downtown Madison) split off from the parish to form their own parish believing they needed their own pastor.

May 2nd, 1882: Burke and Bethel officially form their own parish and call Rev. Severin Gunderson as their pastor.

September 16th, 1884: the first building is officially dedicated

February 18th 1887: Burke and Bethel vote to leave the Norwegian Synod in response to the "Missouri Interpretation" and join the Anti-Missouri Brotherhood.

June 1890: Burke helps organize and create the United Lutheran Church Synod

December 1890: – Burke and Bethel call Rev. Gerhard Rasmussen

March 1895: Call Rev. Theodore Eggen

February 18th 1899: Congregation votes to build a new building. The last service in the first church building will be held on April 2nd 1899

June 18th 1899: The cornerstone is laid by Olaf Gulseth, and on October 22nd 1899 the new building is dedicated.

1905: Bethel votes to separate from Burke and become an independent congregation. Burke then votes to align with Norway Grove after Rev. Eggen resigns. Burke then inherits Rev. J.A. Aasgaard who was already serving Norway Grove Lutheran Church.

1911: Burke and Norway Grove call Rev. N. A. Stubkjaer.

1917: The United Lutheran Church, The Norwegian Synod, and The Hauge Synod all join together to become the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America

July 1918: Burke and Norway Grove call O.J.H. Preus who is the grandson of H.A. Preus and the son of C.K. Preus, making him the third generation of that family to serve as a pastor at Burke.

1927: Burke and Norway Grove call Rev. J.O. Tweeten

1937: The stained glass is installed in honor of Knute Reindahl a violin maker and a member of one of Burke's oldest families (the giant Oak tree that fell last summer was planted on the Reindahl family plot in 1887).

1941: Pipe Organ is installed

1944: Rev. Axel Anderson is called

February 1st, 1948: We officially change our name to Burke Lutheran Church (Official name until this time was The Sun Prairie Lutheran Church of Burke)

1951: The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America changes its name to the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

1953: Burke and Norway Grove call Rev. Phillip C. Hiller

1954: Burke and Norway Grove vote to separate and become independent church bodies.

1954: Parsonage is built

1955: Burke calls Rev. John H. Johnson

1960: The Evangelical Lutheran Church merges with several other synods to form the American Lutheran Church or ALC

1963: Burke calls Rev. Eugene Skibbe

1964: Burke calls Rev. Hector D. Gunderson

1964: the Parish hall is built and dedicated

1969: the Narthex is expanded.

1973: Burke Calls David S. Magnuson

1979: Burke purchases the "Moses" land which expands our property by 31 acres

1985: Elevator is installed

1986: Burke calls Rev. James T. Bean the 3rd

1988: The American Lutheran Church merges with the Lutheran Church of America and several other smaller church bodies to form the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA)

August 2001: Burke Calls Rev. Russ Leeper

July 2011: Burke Calls Rev. Josh Ehrler

October 2014: Burke Calls Pastor Robert Neubert

July 7, 2019: Ground Breaking and construction begins on new church addition.

March 1, 2020: Final service in old sanctuary location.

July, 2020: Sanctuary moved to new location.