

SEPTEMBER 2018

Light *of* Life



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INDOOR SERVICE OUTDOOR POTLUCK

BRATS/BURGERS/HOTDOGS PROVIDED

BEVERAGES PROVIDED

SILENT AUCTION

◆ BOUNCY HOUSE ◆ DUNK TANK ◆

BRING A DISH TO PASS

MEN'S RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2018

Do You Believe That Your Childhood Affected Your Adult Faith Life? Find Out How at the Next Lutheran Men in Mission, "One Year to Live Retreat!"

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

This retreat has been life changing for attendees! Join other men from this part of God's church for inspiration, fellowship and fun. For more information, visit: <http://www.lutheranmen.org> or call or text Paul Beckman at (608) 279-0744.



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BURKE LUTHERAN CONCESSION STAND TEAM NEEDS YOU!

We will be volunteering at a Pizza Stand at the UW Football games again this fall. Last year we averaged close to \$400/game. 90% of proceeds raised will go to the New Building Fund. The other 10% will go to the Sunshine Place and River Food Pantry. There are 7 home games this year, and we need 6 people and a driver for each game. Those 16 and older can volunteer. We carpool from the church about 4 hours before game time. The 2018 game dates are 9/8, 9/15, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, and 11/24.

Please contact Lon Buss at 608-516-7875 or via email at lonabuss0406@gmail.com to be added to the team. You will be contacted via email with more details.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the year 1999 I was a pretty lost 23 year old who spent the bulk of my time pretending that I was a college student, while slinging drinks at the bar during the evening. Sure I was having fun getting invited to all the "cool" parties and often scoring free tickets to local shows; unfortunately my life had very little focus. Then on one fall evening while eating dinner at my parent's house they told me that their church was organizing a mission trip for the next summer, and since they could not go themselves they wanted to sponsor me in going. So after a little cajoling, I reluctantly gave in.

That week in Tijuana in the summer of 2000 had a profound effect on my life, in that it would forever alter how I viewed the world around me. While some of the memories regarding the work site have blended in with the memories from subsequent years, there are still several things that stick out from that initial trip. The first thing that I remember is the shock of seeing the slums that surround Tijuana. Here we were less than an hour drive south of the California/Mexico border and the vast majority of people were living in shacks, many of which had no plumbing and were cobbled together with scrap pieces of material left over around the neighborhoods. The next thing I remember was the sense of community. Maybe it is because they had almost nothing, or maybe it was despite their poverty, but the families we interacted with both within the program and outside it operated as a unit, constantly helping each other and lifting each other up. There was no social safety net and these people knew that they needed each other to get by. Lastly, the bonds we made as volunteers remain strong today twenty years later.

After returning home I had already committed to going to the Burning Man festival in northern Nevada, and while I honored that commitment my heart wasn't in it. While my friends were running around having a good time reveling in debauchery, and enjoying all the creative art displays I spent most of that week in my tent reflecting upon the week I had just had in Mexico. I didn't quite realize it yet but my life had changed and things like Burning Man no longer seemed as fun as they might have been just a few weeks earlier.

It still took me some time to realize where the Holy Spirit was calling me and in the meantime I went back to Tijuana the following year and was once again blessed by Esperanza when I met a young woman named Patrice. I am not saying that going on a mission trip will affect you in the same way but I do believe it will affect you, so please consider joining our team, or if you are unable to join us, please consider helping sponsor someone else.

To help in your discernment I will leave you with my favorite hymn and it is one of the songs we sang every night during devotions: *We Are Called*.

Come, live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come, open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Sing, sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Robert

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

David Vincent	Bill Schmidt	Tina Bauman
Chris McFarlin	Lisa Thompson	Pearl Kvalheim
Owen Storlie	Jeanne Satori	Jean Lothe
Ron Nielsen		

Our condolences to the family and friends of Marshall Bostad and Roy Olivares.



RECIPE CORNER

VANILLA CREAM PUFF DESSERT

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup all purpose flour
- ½ cup butter (1 stick)
- 4 large eggs
- ¼ tsp salt

Filling:

- 1 eight oz pkg cream cheese
- 2½ cups 2% milk
- 2, 3.4 oz pkgs vanilla instant pudding

Topping:

- 1 eight oz carton frozen whipped topping, thawed
- chocolate syrup

In a large saucepan over medium heat, bring the water, butter and salt to a boil. Add flour all at once and stir until a smooth ball forms.

Continue beating until smooth and shiny. Remove from the heat and let stand for 5 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Pour into a greased 15x10x1 inch baking pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 25-28 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. Cool on wire rack.

For filling, in a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, milk and pudding mixes until smooth. Spread over the cooled crust. Refrigerate for 20 minutes. Spread with whipped topping. Store in refrigerator. Just before serving, drizzle with chocolate syrup. *Recipe by Diane Moore*



FOOD PANTRY

September's focus is on "Lunch Box": peanut butter, jellies, juice boxes, individual servings of crackers, fruit cups, etc. Please place items in the designated basket in the Narthex and it will be delivered to the pantry.



BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

High noon on Wednesday, September 19, at **a restaurant to be determined**. Please join us!

BOOK STUDY

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13

Through deconstructing the large-scale cultural shifts over the last 50 years, Mark Tidsworth helps make sense of the current cultural context for churches in North America. Then Tidsworth identifies and follows three hopeful

shifts every church is called to make: member identity to disciple identity, attractional to missional church, and consumer culture to sacred partnering. Join Pastor Rob in this 4-week study as he applies these shifts to Burke Lutheran Church.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, September 12 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.



CARDMAKING WITH BARB



Join Barb on Wednesday, September 12 at 1:00pm 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.

BLCW ELECTION OF OFFICERS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

All female members of our congregation are invited to attend the next BLCW meeting on Wednesday, October 17, at 10:00am at the church. We will be electing officers, as well as planning activities for the remainder of the year.

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**

Youth & Kids Corner

SUNDAY SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES

September 9	Rally Sunday
September 16	Kids in Service
September 23	Class
September 30	Class
October 7	Class
October 14	Class
October 21	Kids in Service
October 28	Class
November 4	Class
November 11	Class
November 18	Kids in Service
November 25	Rehearsals begin
December 2	Rehearsals
December 9	Rehearsals
December 16	Christmas pro- gram and winter break
January 6	Classes resume

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:

Chairperson: Open position

Council Representative: David Hanson

Superintendent: Jean Schnick

Treasurer: Rudy Nielsen

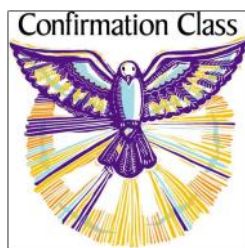
Secretary: Sonja Nielsen

TEACHING OPPORTUNITY

We still have openings for the fifth/sixth grade classes. Teaching children can be a fun challenge, both exciting and satisfying. If you are interested, we have a place for you to serve. Please contact Sunday School Superintendent Jean Schnick, 608-206-7181 or floquijean@gmail.com.

TEACH BOARD LEADERSHIP

We need a chairperson for the Teach Board. This position would involve conducting a brief meeting each month. This may give you a chance to do something interesting and creative for education here at Burke Lutheran. If interested, please contact the Teach Board representative, David Hanson, 608-279-3159.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES FORMING

Classes begin Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30pm. Registration for 7-8 graders will begin in August. To enroll a new student, please call Pastor Rob at 608-244-8486.

LEFSE MAKING BEGINS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Our biggest fund raiser is just around the corner. If you'd like to help make lefse, we'll be meeting at the church in the kitchen for the next month every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am. No experience necessary.



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

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
2 Worship, 9am	3 	4	5 Quilting, 9:00am	6 Bible Study, 12:30pm	7	1 8 
9  Rally Sunday Worship, 9am Potluck, 10am	10 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	11 Council Meeting 6:30pm	12 Men's Breakfast, 9am Quilting, 9:00am Cardmaking, 1:00pm	13 Lefse Making, 8:00am Bible Study, 12:30pm Shift Book Study, 6:30pm	14 Choir Party, 6pm at Jean's	15 Ruth Circle, 10am 
16  Worship, 9am Kids in Service Choir Practice	17 Preach Board, 9am	18 Lefse Making, 8:00am Foundation Mtg, 7:00pm	19 Quilting, 9:00am Birthday Lunch, noon Confirmation Class, 6:30pm	20 Lefse Making, 8:00am Bible Study, 12:30pm Shift Book Study, 6:30pm	21 River Food Pantry, 5-8pm Men's Retreat	22 Dorcas Circle, 9am, at Gloria's 
23  Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice Men's Retreat	24 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	25 Lefse Making, 8:00am	26 Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation Class, 6:30pm	27 Lefse Making, 8:00am Bible Study, 12:30pm Shift Book Study, 6:30pm	28	29 LUAD Council Meet- ing, 8am
30  Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice						
Save the Dates:	October 7 October 13 November 10	Special Worship Service Lutheran Work Relief In-Gathering Craft & Bake Sale				



Happy Birthday!

**Have a birthday in September? Hope your birth-
day 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 2 9:00am Service	September 9 9:00am Service	September 16 9:00am Service	September 23 9:00am Service	September 30 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Jamie Falk	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist
Music Leader	Beni Hupf	Beni Hupf	Beni Hupf	Beni Hupf	Beni Hupf
Music Leader	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner
Communion Assistant	Pat Graham	Sue Rittmann	Clara Neubert	Barb Hennings	Tim Wachs
Communion Assistant	Kathy Foss	Sharon Hughes	Student	Mary Schultz	Darrell Foss
Communion Prep	Jean Schnick	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	Mary Schultz	Pat Graham
Lay Reader	Bob Boettcher	Joann Foss	Madilyn/MaKenna	Paul Beckman	Bob Boettcher
Prayer Readers	Jean Schnick Peri Beal	Linda Schramer Barb Hennings	Madilyn Moreno MaKenna Moreno	Joann Foss Darrell Foss	Sharon Hughes Jean Schnick
Acolyte	Emma Dobbs	Kaitlyn Schramer	Stephen Bosben	Olivia Otis	Danielle Ludwig
Ushers	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Emily Patzer and students	Tim Wachs Chris Otis	Roger Kittleson Dave Weinberger
Greeters	Judy & Roger Martin	Jo Cooper June Chadwick	Students	Jan & Galen Peterson	Jay Olson Mary Brantmeyer
Coffee Hour	No Coffee Hour or anyone can volunteer	Rally Sunday	Diane Moore Kathy Sandridge Donna Frederick Lucy Wisner	Phyllis Svoboda Joann Foss Kathy Foss Deb Brown	Linda Klinger Jo Cooper Helen Sampson Jan Peterson
Counters	Gloria Lundquist	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Julie Clark	Sharon Hughes Joelle Frye	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel
Sunday School Pre-K—K 1st—2nd grades 3rd—4th grades 5th—6th grades	No Sunday School	Rally Sunday	Kids in Service	John Bosben Charlie Hanson Dave Hanson - open -	Chloe Baumgartner Charlie Hanson David Hanson - open -

RELAY FOR LIFE— THANK YOU

Thank you to all who participated and donated to help raise funds to fight cancer. Every little bit adds up.



CRAFT & BAKE SALE

NOVEMBER 10

Reserve the date! The annual BLCW Craft & Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, November 10. Details will follow in the October issue of the Light of Life. In the meantime, your contact person will be Kay Gritzmacker and she can be reached at 608-249-1737.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who helped with Marshall Bostad's funeral and lunch. Set up—clean up—food donation—kitchen help—you are all much appreciated.

Mickey enjoyed the visits from Pastor Rob and the cards he received from his Burke family over the years.

Our Burke family is truly family!

Shirley Bostad

