

Light *of* Life

OCTOBER 2021



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 30
5-7pm

Please Join Us for
Hot Dogs, Chili, Hot Chocolate
& Trunk or Treat

Burke Lutheran Church
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TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 5:00—7:00PM

Our annual Trunk or Treat event is set for Saturday, October 30, running from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Get a hotdog, chili and hot chocolate from our hotdog stand. Vehicles will be parked around our graveyard and visited by the trick-or-treaters.

Consider signing up to decorate your trunk and provide treats for the ghosts, goblins, and other assorted creatures.

This event is family-friendly and open to the public. So plan on joining us for the food, fellowship, fun and festivities!

Why is a ghost a messy eater? *He is always gobblin.*

Why don't mummies take vacations? *They are afraid they will relax and unwind.*

Why didn't the skeleton cross the street? *He didn't have any guts.*

How can you tell a vampire likes baseball? *At night he turns into a bat.*

What is a witch's favorite subject in school? *Spelling.*

Why are ghosts bad at telling lies? *You can see right through them.*

What is a mummy's favorite kind of music? *Wrap music!*

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CRAFT & BAKE SALE

NOVEMBER 13, 8-4PM

Please come, bring friends, there's something for everyone. While you shop, take time out to enjoy a cup of coffee, a delicious bakery item and the fellowship of friends. A sandwich plate of a BBQ or hot dog, chips, pickle, cookie and coffee or lemonade will be available for purchase, as well as our famous lefse, and new this year, quilts.

Signup sheets will be in the Narthex for bakers and volunteers to work at the event.

Bakers: We are in need of your delicious home-made bakery goods, candy, cookies, etc. The church will be open on Friday from 9am-4pm for you to drop off your baked goods, or you can stop by early Saturday morning. We ask that you do not price them as we will do it to keep like items priced the same.

Any baked items that do not sell on Saturday will be sold Sunday morning. Thank you in advance for participating! In 2019, the last year in person event, we sold out of lefse by 11:00am and baked goods by 3:00pm. Thanks!

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Being a student of history I often reflect back on the major events that have shaped us. Recently I have been reflecting upon the Civil War and the many broad themes that shaped that bloody period in American history, and while slavery, states rights, racism, and power were all involved in the reasons why war broke out I believe they were all secondary to the real reason behind it all, fear. In the north they feared that succession was a threat to the government's power, and in the south they feared the change that freeing the slaves would bring to their economy. This fear would manifest its self in anger, frustration, hate, and bitterness resulting in the deaths of nearly 650,000 people between the years 1861-1865. Since then there have been several more movements that have brought fundamental change to our society including the Industrial Revolution, Woman's Suffrage, Civil Rights movement, and currently the Black Lives Matter and Me Too movements are continuing to change the way we think and act as I write this. Every movement throughout history has affected the world in both positive and negative ways pushing us forward in often unexpected directions. Black Lives Matter and Me Too continue to grow and affect our society in various ways, what the end results of those movements are we have yet to know, but things are changing, and that can be scary.

The church in general is changing and this has caused its place in society to begin shifting. Once upon a time Churches were the center of local communities yet due to a variety of reasons we have seen local churches sidelined in many areas. Some of these reasons are beyond the control of local churches as the culture around them continues to change. Unfortu-

nately, some of the reasons why this is happening is the fault of the churches themselves as they may have abused their power, were not welcoming to newcomers, or failed to progress in order to meet the needs of the communities around them. One of the main reasons is that we live in an increasingly more diverse population where people's beliefs are more and more varied. This can cause a lot of fear and anxiety amongst those who are living through these changes because not only does it affect the church but it also affects the local community as they grow or shrink depending upon what area one lives in.

As the world changes all around us, it is important to remember that God is with us in the midst of the change. Even though there may be some rather large bumps in the road God's presence continues to surround us. Even though there are many loud people out there spreading anger and division regarding the changes in our society, many more are out there calling for peace and reconciliation. A sign of hope that I see throughout our national church body, the ELCA, is that while in many churches the numbers may be shrinking, the level of faith is rising. This has resulted in many young people in this nation who may have drifted away from churches coming back, inspired by the level of faith they see turned into action. Since it is no longer socially dictated that individuals should go to church, those who do go are there of their own choosing and therefore share a much deeper faith in Christ's word than people did twenty years ago. There are many things in this world to be afraid of but remember God is in the midst of the change, all we have to do is listen to where God is leading us.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Robert

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

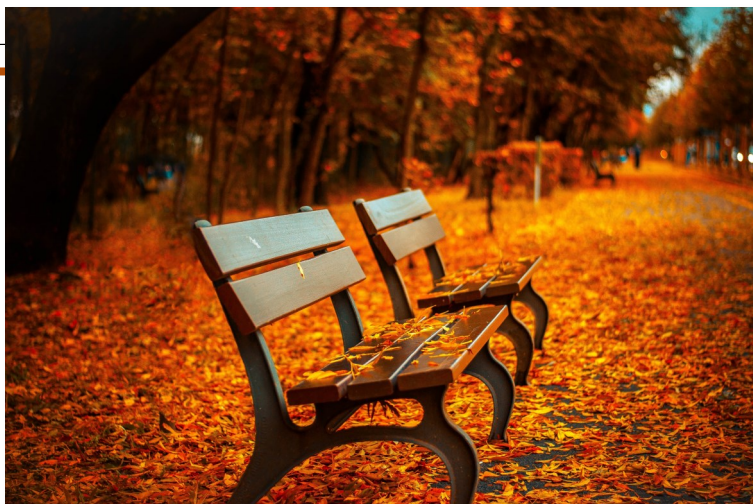
<i>Helen Knuteson</i>	<i>Lisa Thompson</i>	<i>Virginia Steward</i>
<i>Lucy Wisner</i>	<i>Nancy Bartlett</i>	<i>Shelby Branzanti</i>
<i>Allison Foss</i>	<i>Val Sandmire</i>	<i>Heather Chadwick</i>
<i>Paul White</i>	<i>Diane Nelson</i>	<i>Jessica Waldo</i>
<i>Beni Hupf</i>		

Family & friends of Reverend Jim Bean

Family & friends of Joann Foss

McFarlin family following the passing of their beloved Rosie

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

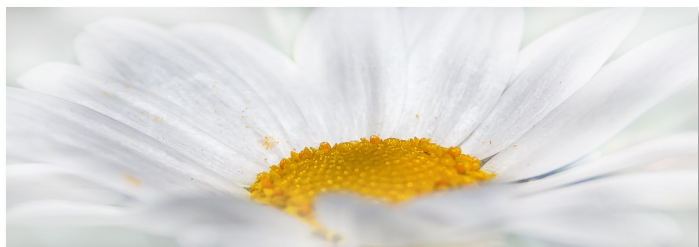


MEN'S BREAKFAST



The Men's Breakfast group will meet Wednesday, October 13th, 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, OCTOBER 20



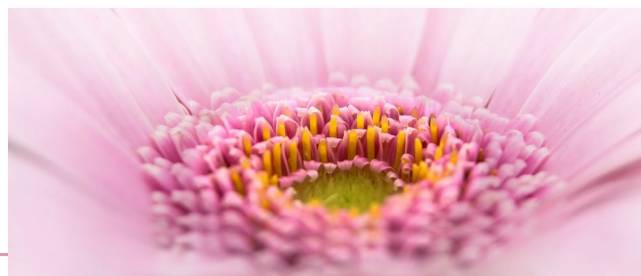
Our monthly BLCW meeting will be at 10:00am on Wednesday, October 20. We'll be holding the election of officers for the next term.

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.



BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, NOON

The ladies' luncheon will meet on Wednesday, October 20th. Our October restaurant is Sugar River Pizza Company, 1390 Cabela Dr, Sun Prairie.

CONFIRMAND SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 9:00AM

Join us as we celebrate our confirmand, Aiden Brown and his faith statement on Sunday, October 31 at 9:00am during our worship service.



LEFSE FOR SALE

Lefse from the kitchen of Burke Lutheran Church is now available for sale. Each package contains 6 round sheets made with tender loving care. Cost is \$10 per package. Contact the church office during the week, Monday—Thursday, 8am—noon or on Sunday morning to get yours.

Lefse will also be sold at our upcoming Craft & Bake Sale held on November 13.

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

PEACE & GRACE

Friends,

Where do you find grace and peace in your life? As I start my time with you as Assistant to the Bishop for Generosity, the question of how we extend grace and peace to ourselves and those around

us is urgent. We as a country, state, congregations, and families are overwrought with anger and dissension over many things; we are living with delayed grief we are still processing. Thinking about God's generosity and how it applies to us it can feel more like a to-do item rather than a gift, particularly when we are worried about keeping the lights on, water running, and staff bills paid.

However, in the middle of this, God provides grace and peace. When we rest in that peace and trust in the generosity of a God who provides for us, our world can be changed; we begin to see abundance where before we only noted scarcity. One time this shift happened in my life was at the first congregation I was serving. My spouse had given up his job for us to move and I was earning less than I had previously in business and technology. I was worried about how we were going to get by. When I entered the church office that first week and found two lawn chairs rather than a reasonable space for parishioners to visit and no budget for improvements, my scarcity mindset kicked in. I was afraid and I was angry. I wondered why God had abandoned me in this wilderness for which I had so longed. A few weeks later a parishioner came in. We sat and talked, him in a lawn chair and me at my desk. Shortly before he left, he slipped a check across my desk, and said, "Pastor, here's money for furniture for the office. No one should have to meet like this." In that moment, my heart melted as I was reminded the situation was in God's hands.

Over the next few years, we used that check – not only to buy comfortable and appropriate furniture for the office, but also to revolutionize the culture of generosity. By the end of my tenure, the congregation had moved from thinking they would not be able to qualify for a loan to do essential building repairs, to having raised almost the entire amount of money from a congregation with about 100 active members.

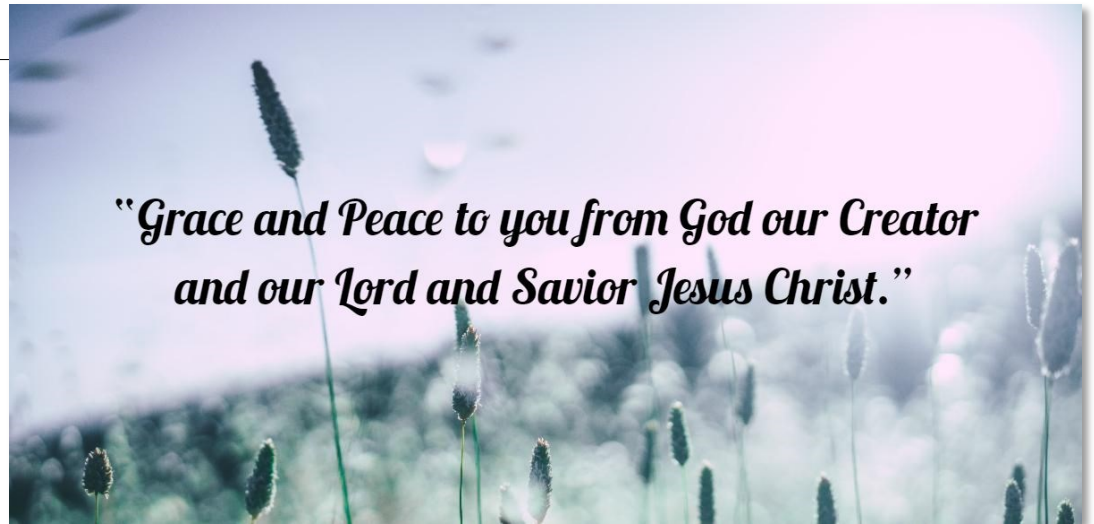
God changes things.

As we continue our work together in a time of liminality, remember God provides; even more importantly than money, God provides peace, kindness, and generosity. When we are open to that peace, it moves our eyes from the scarcity of this world to the abundance and generosity God provides.

It is an honor to be with you on this journey. Feel free to reach out to me by calling the synod office or emailing peterb@scsw-elca.org I am happy to meet with you and your congregations about stewardship, generosity, your building, or money.

In Christ's Peace, Pastor Peter Beeson - Assistant to the Bishop for Generosity—

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*"Grace and Peace to you from God our Creator
and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*

WANTED: CRAFTERS!

It's LESS THAN 8 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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CRAFTERS:

Are you a maker? Or know someone who is? Then register to have a table by contacting the church office. Tables are \$25 each. Crafters are responsible for setting up their display, collecting funds and taking down their display. We will furnish tables and tablecloths. We ask that you do not bring commercial products to sell. The church will be open on Friday, November 12th, 9am-4pm for you to set up your table. Teardown after the fair is from 4:01pm—6pm. No early teardowns please.

OCTOBER 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
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3 Worship, 9:00am & online Sunday School, 9am Coffee Hour	4	5 Lefse Making, am	6 In Person Bible Study, 1pm	7 Lefse Making, am Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	8	9
10 Worship, 9:00am & online Sunday School, 9am Coffee Hour	11	12 Lefse Making, am Council Meeting, 6:30pm	13 Men's Breakfast, 9:00am In Person Bible Study, 1pm Confirmation Class, 7pm	14 Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	15	16
17 Worship, 9:00am & online Kids in Service, 9am Coffee Hour	18	19 Foundation Mtg, 7:00pm	20 Quilting, 9:00am BLCW, 10:00am Birthday Luncheon, noon In Person Bible Study, 1pm Confirmation Class, 7pm	21 Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	22	23
24 Worship, 9:00am & online Sunday School, 9am Potluck	25	26	27 Quilting, 9:00am In Person Bible Study, 1pm Confirmation Class, 7pm	28 Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	29	30 Trunk or Treat 5:00-7:00pm
31 Reformation Sunday Worship, 9:00am & online Sunday School, 9am Coffee Hour						

Save the Dates:

November 7	All Saints Sunday
November 13	Craft Sale
December 5	Advent by Candlelight
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship Service



Happy Birthday!

Have a birthday in October?

**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 October!**





OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS...

	October 3 9:00am Service	October 10 9:00am Service	October 17 9:00am Service	October 24 9:00am Service	October 31 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Hope McFarlin Linda Wendt	Dave Wisner Linda Truitt	Clara Neubert Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner Linda Truitt	Rick Brandon Gloria Lundquist
Communion Assistant	David Wisner	Gloria Lundquist	Sharon Hughes	Clara Neubert	Jeannette Gehrke
Communion Prep	Gloria Lundquist	Gloria Lundquist	Mary TeWinkel	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist
Reader	Sharon Hughes	Barb Hennings	Julie Clark	Bob Boettcher	Clara Neubert
Ushers	Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Janeen Otis Chris Otis	David Hanson Karl Patzer	Roger Kittleson
Coffee Hour				Potluck	
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Patrice Neubert	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist Patrice Neubert	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel

ALL SAINTS

We remember and thank God for all the saints who have entered his eternal kingdom this past year. A candle will be lighted in their memory during our Worship Service on Sunday, November 7. Please contact the church office if you wish to light a candle for any other saints from this past year.

Marvin McCoy
David Gehrke
Liam Gehrke
Marilyn Wolff
Ted Krisher
Reverend Jim Bean

Rudy Nielsen
John Hughes
Ryan McKittrick
Mark Habich
Beverly Storlie
Joann Foss

