



# Light *of* Life

**FEBRUARY 2018**

## CHILI COOKOFF

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Pastor Robert contends that he makes the greatest chili in the world. Are you willing to prove him wrong??? Starting at 4:00pm, we'll kick off the talent show in the sanctuary, including the wedding of the century. Then the party will move to the basement, where we'll sample the chili entries, along with hotdogs and dessert. Sign up sheets for talent and chili entries are in the Narthex. Warm up your February with our annual Chili Cookoff and Talent Show!



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## NEW MEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE

FEBRUARY 4

Know someone who'd like to join our congregation?

On February 4, we're holding a new member



affirmation as part of our regular Sunday worship service.

Why join? It can be a meaningful time for the congregation to officially accept someone new into the family. You come under the pastoral care of this church. And it's an important rite of passage that signifies your entrance into our church. Contact Pastor Rob for info.

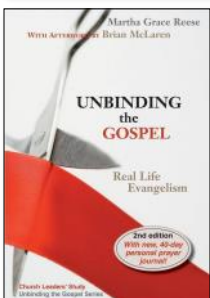
## ASH WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

FEBRUARY 14

Join us for our Ash Wednesday evening service at 6:00pm. A sign up sheet for worship leaders is located in the Narthex. See page 3 of this publication for more information on upcoming weekly Lenten Services and Soup Suppers.



Ash Wednesday



## BOOK STUDY SESSIONS

Join Amy Proebstle during our next session of study beginning Wednesday, February 21, at 6:30pm. We'll enjoy our soup while we study, as some of our meetings will overlap the soup suppers. The group will meet for a total of eight weeks. In each session we will discuss the assigned reading and whatever "homework" went along with it. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex.

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

During this time of year, according to our liturgical calendar, we are moving through the season of Epiphany which is meant to be a time in our church year where we contemplate what God is calling us to do. Each one of the Sunday morning texts that we look at during this season focus on this idea of calling. Thus it is my hope that as each of us huddles away from the cold during this strange winter we have been given, we are looking at where we are, and if this is the place God has called us to be. This doesn't necessarily mean that we are comfortable, because often God calls us into uncomfortable situations— remember the story of Jonah and how he rejected God's call because it made him uncomfortable. It is important to note that while the disciples left everything behind to follow Christ, calling does not always mean that we need to do the same. It could be that God is calling us to alter just one small aspect of our life, or it could be that we are right where God has called us to be and nothing needs to change at this time.

Hopefully by the 14th of this month you will have answered this question because while some might be giving cards, and little boxes of chocolates to their loved ones on this day the rest of us will be smearing black ash across their foreheads as we commit ourselves to the season of Lent. As I stated before, during Epiphany we are asked to discern what we are being called to do. Once we reach Lent that focus changes and now we are being asked to contemplate how we are going to live out that calling, and/or how

are we currently living out that calling. Lent is a time for inner examination. To help us along in this "soul searching" we are called to enter into a Lenten discipline where we give something up and/or perform some task/activity that challenges us and reminds us that this is meant to be a time of self-reflection. My daughter's declaration that she would give up all vegetables one Lent, would be considered one of those things that probably won't work since we have to force her to eat vegetables anyway. In her case giving up candy or Culver's for Lent would have been far more appropriate. However you choose to honor the season of Lent, my only hope is that it brings you closer to God.

Each season of the church year has a specific purpose related to how we live out our faith. As the seasons change we are asked to focus on different things; Advent – Preparation, Christmas – celebration of new life, Epiphany – Calling, Lent – faith life, Easter – celebration of Christ's gift of forgiveness and life, Season after Pentecost – Jesus and the Bible's many teachings for our lives. Each of these seasons and the many celebration days within each are important and help us focus on the different aspects of our Christian faith and our lives. It reminds us that Christianity is not just about one thing, just as we are not just about one thing. While there are simple messages at the heart of our faith, living out those simple messages, such as "love the Lord with all your heart, mind and soul and love your neighbor as yourself" is far more complex. Our liturgical calendar not only helps us live out that faith, but it also helps us focus on the different aspects of our faith that may be neglected at times. Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Robert Neubert

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| David Vincent  | Bill Schmidt    | Tina Bauman          |
| Chris McFarlin | Marshall Bostad | Louise Kraemer       |
| Pearl Kvalheim | Owen Storlie    | Bishop Mary Froiland |
| Lisa Thompson  |                 |                      |

Our condolences to the family and friends of Lawrence Queiser.



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

## CEMETERY CLEANUP

Please remove all Christmas decorations from the cemetery by Ash Wednesday, February 14. If you feel you are unable to remove them yourself because of snow, contact Pastor Rob and he will remove them for you. Thanks for your cooperation.

## FILL THE ALTAR

FEBRUARY 18 — MARCH 28

The River Food Pantry needs a helping hand, so help us fill the altar! Please bring non-perishable food, such as canned vegetables, soups and fruits; boxed dinners; cereal, grains and crackers; etc. In addition to food items the pantry can use things such as toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, hair brushes/combs, disposable baby diapers, baby wipes, feminine products and Depends. Feel free to drop off items any time during Lent.



**DORCAS CIRCLE**  
 FEBRUARY 24, 9:00AM  
 AT VIRGINIA STEWARD'S

## BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

High noon on Wednesday, February 21, at Doolittle's. Please join us if you can.

## FOOD PANTRY

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



## LENTEN SERVICES AND SOUP SUPPERS RETURN

Beginning February 21, the Reach Board will sponsor soup suppers each Wednesday during Lent. Lenten Worship Services will be held at 6:00pm. A Soup Supper will follow at 6:30pm, and Confirmation Classes will run from 7-8:00pm.

Our Lenten Worship Service will use the Holden Evening Prayer and showcase a Lenten Drama. The drama is about two reporters who interview people who witnessed the crucifixion.

If you'd like to be involved in our Lenten Worship Services, we are in need of cantors, actors and soup makers! Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

The dates for the Lenten services and soup suppers are February 21, 28, and March 7, 14, and 21.



## BLCW MEETING

Please join us at the church Wednesday, February 14 at 10:00am as we plan events like our Chili Cookoff.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, February 14 at Gus' Diner, Hwy 19, Sun Prairie, at 9:00am sharp.

## 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

## KALAHARI FAMILY NIGHT FEBRUARY 9

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



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:  
*Chairperson:* Diane Johnson-Hung     *Treasurer:* Rudy Nielsen  
*Council Representative:* David Hanson     *Secretary:* Sonja Nielsen

### Save the Date—March 25

Our annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be held on Palm Sunday, March 25. Watch for details in next month's Light of Life.

## YOUTH GATHERING IN TEXAS

Reminder to please **turn in your \$200 per person deposit** to reserve your spot. Burke will cover the remaining costs. Not signed up yet? You can still get in on the ELCA youth gathering in Houston next June 27 through July 1. Thousands of high schooler kids from all over the country will gather for a time of growing in faith. Come and experience inspirational worship, Bible study, and service activities. A van will be rented for the trip. Financial help will be available. Interested? Please contact Pastor Rob at 240-215-5176 or burkelutheran@att.net.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES NEW TIME SLOT

During Lent, Confirmation Classes will be held from 7-8:00pm. Dates affected are February 21, 28, and March 7, 14, and 21.



## PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Watch for upcoming announcements of dates to have your individual and/or family photos taken. We plan to issue a new Burke Lutheran Church Directory complete with photos upon the opening of our new building.



## NO REGRETS MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 2018 No Regrets Men's Conference is on February 3, 2018. The host site location at which we will be attending is New Life Church, 7564 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison. Lunch is included with your \$15 host site registration. Sign up online at <http://www.newlifelc.com/no-regrets/>

# 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.


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> No Bible Study	<b>2</b>  Happy Groundhog Day!	<b>3</b> No Regrets Men's Conference
<b>4</b> New Member Affirmation Worship, 9am Sunday School, 9am Choir Practice, 10:30am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Quilting, 9am Confirmation, 6:30-7:45pm	<b>8</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>9</b> Kalahari Family Night	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Worship, 9am Sunday School, 9am Choir Practice, 10:30am	<b>12</b> Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	<b>13</b> Council Meeting 6:30pm	<b>14 Ash Wednesday</b> Quilting, 9:00am Men's Breakfast, 9am BLCW, 10am Ash Service, 6pm	<b>15</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>16</b> River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	<b>17</b> Ruth Circle, 10am
<b>18</b> Handbells, 8:15-9:45am Worship, 9am Kids In Service Choir Practice, 10:30am Chili Cookoff, 4:00pm	<b>19</b> Preach Board, 9am	<b>20</b> Foundation Mtg, 7pm	<b>21</b> Quilting, 9:00am Birthday Lunch, noon Lenten Service 6pm Soup Supper, 6:30pm Book Study, 6:30pm Confirmation, 7pm	<b>22</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>23</b> Euchre, 6pm	<b>24</b> Dorcas Circle, 9am at Virginia's
<b>25</b> Handbells, 8:15-9:45am Worship, 9am Sunday School, 9am Choir Practice, 11:00am	<b>26</b> Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Quilting, 9:00am Lenten Service 6pm Soup Supper, 6:30pm Book Study, 6:30pm Confirmation, 7pm			

Save the Dates: March 25—Palm Sunday Breakfast  
 March 29—Maundy Thursday, 7pm service  
 March 30—Good Friday, 1pm and 7pm services  
 April 1—Easter Sunday, 8am and 10am services



**Happy Birthday!**

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



**Happy Anniversary!**

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

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS...



	<b>February 4 9:00am Service</b>	<b>February 11 9:00am Service</b>	<b>February 18 9:00am Service</b>	<b>February 25 9:00am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Jamie Falk	Susie Kittel Moore
<b>Music Leader</b>	Beni Hupf	Gloria Lundquist	Diane O'Toole	Beni Hupf
<b>Music Leader</b>	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann	Gary Beal	Darrell Foss
<b>Comm Assist</b>	Diane Moore	Dave Weinberger	student	Sharon Hughes
<b>Comm Assist</b>	Tim Wachs	Jean Schnick	Student	Nancy McClurg
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Mary TeWinkel	Jeannette Gehrke	Diane O'Toole
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Diane Moore	Diane O'Toole	student	Paul Beckman
<b>Prayer Readers</b>	Sharon Hughes Joelle Frye	Beni Hupf Sue Rittmann	students	Jean Schnick Julie Clark
<b>Acolyte</b>	Stephen Bosben	Danielle Ludwig	Emma Dobbs	Kaitlyn Schramer
<b>Ushers</b>	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittelson Rick Brandon	Karl & Emily Patzer Students	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum
<b>Greeters</b>	Phyllis & Stuart Svoboda	Mary & Mark Schulz	Students	Linda & John Schramer
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Sandy Lothe, Lucy Wisner, Jan Peterson	Diane Moore, Virginia Steward, Mary Brantmeyer	Preach Board	Phyllis Svoboda, Joann Foss, Nancy Blum
<b>Counters</b>	Sharon Hughes Joelle Frye	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Jan Peterson Nancy Blum	Gloria Lundquist Diane O'Toole
<b>Sunday School Pre-K-K 1st-2nd grades 3rd-4th grades 5th-6th grades</b>	Emily Patzer Laura Hung Janeen Otis Shaney O'Toole	Charley Hanson Kim Hanson David Hanson Paul Beckman	Kids in Service (no Sunday School)	John Bosben Kim Hanson David Hanson Bruce Bosben

## BOWLING & PIZZA PARTY

FEBRUARY 25, NOON

Everyone is welcome to join us at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes, 2121 East Springs Drive, Madison. Come for the bowling, come for the pizza, or come for both!

Bowling: 2 games w/shoes \$8 per person

Pizza and soda will be sponsored by The Men of Burke. Contact Paul Beckman at 608-241-2346 with any questions. Please sign up by February 18.



**Inclement Weather/Winter Parking:** The winter season is coming fast, and with it, lots of ice and snow. 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.