

Light *of* Life

AUGUST 2017

Register Now!

Vacation Bible School

August 7-11, 9:00am-noon



snack each day as well as activities and all the craft supplies needed. Registration forms are available in the Narthex, or use the registration form on page 5 of this publication.

At Maker Fun Factory, kids discover that God made them—and for a purpose! Kids ages 4—10 are eligible to attend. And kids over 10 can sign up to help.

The first 20 families that sign up will receive a FREE music CD with all the fun songs we'll be singing at VBS!

The cost is just \$10/child, which includes a



Sun Prairie CornFest

Thursday, August 17—Sunday, August 20



Parade Entry: BLC is registered to participate in the Corn Fest Parade, that starts at 6:00pm on Thursday, August 17. Tim & Kathy Sandridge will drive their vintage wheels, and we hope to have 10-15 walkers handing out candy and flyers to the crowd. Donations of candy would also be helpful. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex.

As members of the Chamber of Commerce, we are also asked to help during the Fest if we can. **Volunteer as part of the BLC group and get a free t-shirt, corn and sodas!** A variety of positions are open:

Bingo: Distribute game cards, collect \$ from players & announce numbers.

Corn Shed: Help with serving the cooked corn in totes to attendees.

Gate Admission: Staff entrance gate to Corn Fest.

Parade: Staff one of the Parade stations for traffic control.

Chamber Booth: Sell Corn fest products, answer general questions.

Uncooked Corn: Help bag and sell uncooked corn.

Contact Kim Hanson at 608-576-1084 or khanson11@charter.net for more information or to sign up.

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Cookout & Pool Party

Sunday, August 20

The Bosben Family invites you to a church family cookout and pool party after church.

158 Vine Street in Sun Prairie

Please bring a suit, towel and your appetite. Brats, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert if you are able.

If you have questions, please contact the Bosbens at vornbos@aol.com

Pledge Drive Update

Thank You to everyone who has made a pledge toward moving the church. We are almost at the \$550,000 mark. To those of you who have not made a commitment yet we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. We need your financial support to make this a reality. No amount is too small.



A Message from Pastor Robert.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to spend a little more time with our Gospel from July 24th: *"²⁴He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"* *³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evil-doers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"'-Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

As I said before this Gospel passage bothers me a lot and there are a lot of ways to look at it. On Sunday I talked about how I believe we are all both weeds and wheat or as Martin Luther would say Sinnet. Yet now I would like to look at it in a slightly different way.

If there truly are unredeemable people in this world how should we as people react to that? If we proclaim that there are people among us that are pure evil and therefore without redemption then we fall into the trap of casting judgment on others by giving ourselves an excuse to dismiss those whom we find unworthy of our attention. Unfortunately throughout the history of the Christian Church all the way up to today there have been those who have used passages such as this to justify either casting out those who they disagree with or passing judgment upon those who are different.

As a teenager I witnessed a pastor out a gay man in front of the entire congregation asking him to repent then and there. Feeling publicly humiliated the young man not only left the building but would subsequently denounce his Christian faith. During my Internship a man requested communion after beating his wife and child in front of several witnesses without remorse. The pastor reluctantly gave the young man communion deciding that it was not up to him to pass judgment. One pastor took it upon himself to serve as judge while another left that role to God.

Each of us is truly a unique child of God and each of us looks out at the world in our own unique way. This is something to be celebrated yet we are constantly putting each other into categories related to different degrees of right and wrong based upon our own unique perspectives of what constitutes right and wrong.

As some of you know I have had a checkered past—that I was not always the nice little goody two shoes you see before you. Yet am I pure evil, I don't think so. In the same way I have known people throughout my life who were pretty bad when I met them yet ended up good or were good then later turned bad based on my own perception of right and wrong. This goes along with most people depending upon when and how you met them. There are People who always did good and helped others, then one day turned selfish and destructive toward those around them, and people who lied and cheated then turned into honest and fair later in life. So how are we to judge who is truly evil?

In our Gospel lesson God promises us that in the end those who are evil will be separated from those who are good. As human beings we should recognize our limited abilities in perceiving the entirety of a person for while we may be able to set up laws to punish people for their actions it is not our place to judge another person as evil, we can only see their actions not the entire person and trust that in the end just as the Gospel says those who are truly evil will be judged just as those who are not will be judged as well. In the meantime the only thing we should be worried about is ourselves and putting our trust in the God who created us and redeemed us upon that Cross, confident that his word has power to help us recognize our own faults and strengths so that we may more confidently see and interact with the good and bad all around us, so that we may affect the world in a positive way. Amen.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Rob

Prayer Concerns

During this past month we have remembered the following individuals in our Sunday prayers:

David Vincent	Marvin McCoy	Erik Jelinek
Chris McFarlin	Marshall Bostad	Louise Kraemer
Bill Schmidt	Jack Neubert	Tina Bauman
Pearl Kvalheim		

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Rhett Plummer, Noah Horton and Bur Ethun.



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

Recipe Corner

Dill Pickle Dip from Peri Beal

1 8 oz pkg cream cheese, softened
 1/4 cup red onion, finely diced
 2 tsp Old Bay seasoning
 Up to 2 cups dill pickles, finely diced
 Up to 2 tablespoons dill pickle juice
 Finely ground black pepper
 2 cloves garlic, finely diced (optional)



Mix first 3 ingredients together; add pickles and juice until desired dill taste. Garlic is optional—will depend on brand of pickles—add as needed for taste.

Chill minimum of 3 hours. Serve with pretzels, or use as a spread and top a bagel or a burger.

BLCW Meeting

Join us August 30 at 10:00am in the church basement.



Food Pantry

Boxed dinners are on the menu for August's Food Pantry. This includes foods like Hamburger Helper, rice mixes, and pasta dinners, etc. Please place items in the designated basket in the Narthex and they will be taken to the local food pantry.

Ladies Birthday Luncheon

August's Birthday Luncheon is Wednesday, August 23, at Doolittle's, 4323 E Towne Blvd, Madison (near East Towne Mall). The luncheon will begin at noon.



Fireside Fellows

Re-Kindling the Fire

Men of all ages are invited for some fellowship and discussion. The Fireside Fellows continue on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7pm. Each session's topic is based on the upcoming Sunday's Bible readings. There is no page turning, preparation or study time. Newcomers are always welcome.



For more information, please contact Paul Beckman, 608-241-2346, or Lon Buss, 608-516-7875.

Burke Lutheran Concession Stand Team Needs You!

Volunteer with us at a UW Football game Pizza Stand this fall. Last year we averaged over \$400/game. This year 90% of proceeds raised will go to the New Building Fund. The remainder will go to the Sunshine Place, River Food Pantry and Road Home. There are 7 home games this year. We need 6 people and a driver for each game. We carpool from the church about 3 hours before game time. Please contact Lon Buss, 608 516-7875 or lonabuss0406@gmail.com to be added to the team.



Lutheran Men in Mission

"One Year to Live Retreat!" September 15-17 MacKenzie Environmental Education Center - Poynette. 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 and to view participant testimonial videos: <http://www.lutheranmen.org>. Contact Paul Beckman at 608-241-2346.



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, August 9 at Gus' Diner, Hwy 19, Sun Prairie.

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 Wednesday

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 15th of the month

Youth & Kids Corner



Save the Dates

September 10: Rally Sunday--there is no Sunday School that day; however, the teachers will be presented to the congregation and Bibles will be handed out to all 4-year-olds and 3rd graders.

September 17: First day of Sunday School

October: Youth Fundraiser (dinner), date to be determined

November: Rehearsals for the Christmas program begin, Youth Fundraiser (Butter Braids drive)

December 15: Children's Christmas program and winter break

January 7: Sunday School Classes Resume

February: Registration for Confirmation Camp begins (dates of camp to be determined)

March 25: Palm Sunday Breakfast (youth fundraiser)

April: Youth Fundraiser (God's Global Barnyard or something like it)

May 20: Last Day of Sunday School

Confirmation

Classes begin **Wednesday, September 13**. Registration for 7-8 graders will begin in August.

Sunday School Scoop

We have an active year coming up for Sunday School, and we wanted to keep you "in the know" for what we have planned for the 2017-2018 Sunday School year. Serving on your Teach Board:

Chairperson: Diane Johnson-Hung

Council Representative: David Hanson

Treasurer: Rudy Nielsen

Secretary: **Open**

Sunday School Registration: Coming in August 2017 will be a simple registration form to sign your child up for Sunday School.

Sunday School Teachers: We will need teachers! There are four classes, and we need one teacher per class. The more teachers we have, the more we can rotate each week so that no one is teaching every week. We will be using the Whirl curriculum again this year. Teachers will bring their classes together at the start, go through a group opening and activity, then break out into their respective class rooms. The lesson plans, opening videos, and supplies will be in the supply boxes, so all they need to do is track the attendance on a prepared attendance list and lead the children through the lesson and activities.

The third Sunday of the month is Kids in Service, so we will not be holding Sunday School on those days. If there is a month with five Sundays, that fifth Sunday of the month will be kids activities (no Sunday School).

Classes are:

-Pre-K and K	-3rd and 4th Grades
-1st and 2nd Grades	-5th and 6th Grades



Sunday School Superintendent: We are looking for someone to help the Teach Board coordinate Sunday School activities, prepare the Sunday School supply boxes/lesson plans for the next week, and to lead the Sunday School opening. The Sunday School opening has a prepared plan, so the only thing will be to conduct an activity (exercises like jumping jacks and crab crawling or even a game of catch) before breaking out into separate class rooms. As we get closer to the Christmas program, the opening activities will be geared toward practicing for the program.

If you are interested in teaching, or acting as the Superintendent or Teach Board Secretary, please contact Diane Johnson-Hung at twal71@msn.com or (608) 837-7014.

August Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Quilting, 9am	3 Bible Study, 12:30pm	4 VBS Decorating, 10am	5
6 Worship, 9am	7	8 Council & Board Mtgs, 6pm/7pm	9 Men's Breakfast, 9am, Gus' Diner	10	11	12
Vacation Bible School—Maker Fun Factory—9:00am to Noon Daily						
13 Worship, 9am	14 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	15 Foundation Mtg, 6pm	16 Quilting, 9am	17 Bible Study, 12:30pm	18 River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	19 Ruth Circle, 10am
20 Worship, 9am	21	22	23 Quilting, 9am Birthday Lunch, noon, Doolittle's	24 Bible Study, 12:30pm	25	26
27 Worship, 9am	28 Preach Board, 9am Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	29	30 Quilting, 9am BLCW meeting, 10am	31 Bible Study, 12:30pm	Save the Dates: September 8—Choir Party September 10—Outdoor Worship Service September 13—Confirmation Class begins September 13—Lefse making begins September 17—Choir & Sunday School begins September 26—Dorcas Circle Meeting	



Vacation Bible School August 7-11, 9:00am - noon Registration Form (one per child)



Cost is just \$10 per child, and includes snacks, activities & all supplies!

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____ Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____ Home church: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Relationship to child: _____ Phone: _____





August Worship Leaders...

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
	9:00am Service	9:00am Service	9:00am Service	9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	VBS Kids	Jamie Falk	Jamie Falk
Music Leader	Diane O'Toole	VBS Kids	Dave Wisner	Diane O'Toole
Music Leader	Bob Rittmann	VBS Kids	Beni Hupf	Darrell Foss
Comm Assist	Joelle Frye	Nancy Blum	Diane O'Toole	Sharon Hughes
Comm Assist	Beni Hupf	Barb Hennings	Phyllis Svoboda	Joelle Frye
Communion Prep	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	Diane O'Toole	Jeannette Gehrke
Lay Reader	Julie Clark		Lon Buss	Tim Wachs
Prayer Readers	Joann Foss Darrell Foss	Sue Rittmann Bob Rittmann	Barb Hennings Linda Truitt	Beni Hupf Linda Schramer
Acolyte	Abbey Harris	Clara Neubert	Ellie Lenzendorf	Ty Taylor
Ushers	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Dave Wisner Rick Brandon	Karl & Emily Patzer	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum
Greeters	Mary & Ron Skinvik	Phyllis & Stuart Svoboda	Jay Olson Virginia Steward	Lucy & Dave Wisner & family
Coffee Hour	Teach Board	Reach Board	Sandy Lothe, Jan Peterson, Diane Moore	Linda Klinger, Phyllis Svoboda, Val Sandmire
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Nancy Blum	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Joelle Frye	Joelle Frye Sharon Hughes

Happy August Birthday

and

Happy Anniversary to August brides and grooms!