

Light *of* Life

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THANK YOU!

We may have been under "Safer at Home" orders but lots of things have been happening at church. Special thanks to the following:

Moving the Cemetery Sign —

Roger Kittleson, Ron Henning, Richard Hughes

Seeding the Septic Area for Erosion Control — Ron Henning and Dan and Sandy Lothe for donating straw

Cutting Down Final Tree and Cleaning Up (the movers decided it would be in the way) — Richard Hughes, Ron Henning, Scott and Nolan Proebstle, Jay Olson, Paul Beckman, Dave Wisner and Isaac, Pastor Rob, Karl Patzer, Jeannette Gehrke, Sharon Hughes

Getting the Office Answering Machine Working — Karl & Shari Patzer

Sorting Sunday School Supplies — Jean Schnick and Kim & Dave Hanson



Clearing Tile Floor Areas for Sealing and Reset Up —

Dave & Lucy Wisner, Isaac and Elias, Pastor Rob, Patrice and Ellory, Ted Cooper, Roger Kittleson, Ron & Barb Henning, Jay Olson

We hope we have not missed anyone. If you have time and

are willing to help out with any tasks around church please let Linda Hughes or Mary TeWinkel know. It often is short notice when we find out things need to get done.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Tina Bauman
Lisa Thompson
Mary Skinvik
Bev Lowe
Harper DeBauche
Helen Knuteson
Ron Brantmeyer
Rudy Nielsen
Lucy Wisner
Stuart Svoboda

Our sympathy to the family & friends of Fred Sandridge

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



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The winter's here in Wisconsin can be a little harsh, so it is no surprise that as the weather begins to warm up and we head into summer people begin to start clawing at the walls. It is particularly bad this year when we have been literally cooped up with little to do outside our homes for nearly three months now. So it is only natural that many Wisconsinites (and others around the US) are feeling the need to head for the hills, lakes, streams, etc... in hopes to grab whatever enjoyment they can before we end up being cooped up again due to a long cold winter or, I hate to say it, another pandemic. Yet as we venture out to enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us it is important to remember that we are still in the midst of a pandemic and that new cases are being discovered every day. Sure most of us will end up just fine, but the consequences of our behavior doesn't only affect us, it can cause potential harm upon those who may not have the immune systems that we enjoy. This is why our beloved Burke Lutheran church is not yet open for in-person worship. As conversations continue all around our Synod and the ELCA regarding what services will look like when we get back together and when that might be, I encourage everyone to be patient. It is more important for us to create a safe comfortable space for our most vulnerable, than it is for us to gather just because we miss it. That being said Wisconsin has officially entered into stage one of the Badger Bounce Back plan and it is the Wisconsin council of Churches recommendation that we wait till stage 2 before having in person worship, so fingers crossed that we can get there.

With that being said, Worship will be a lot different, especially in those early weeks once we get back to in-person worship. Extra effort will have to take place to ensure all surfaces are wiped down and that we continue to practice social distancing, especially while we are inside, where the virus spreads much easier. This means that we will be having multiple worship services (tentatively they will be at 9 and 10:30) since only up to 35 people will be able to worship at one time. Ushers will leave bulletins on the chairs, there will be no passing of the peace, and the offering plates will be left near the doors in order to lesson unnecessary contact. Communion will also have limited contact with the body (bread) being precut or in wafers and offered on a plate and the blood (wine/grape juice) offered only in trays that are half filled

to provide space in between cups. Unfortunately there will be no communal singing at first due to the virus being able to spread further due to voice projection. This means that music will be either instrumental or done by a lead singer standing away from the group. Unfortunately until we have effective treatments available and/or a vaccine we will most likely not be able to have coffee hour, something that we hold very dear here at Burke.

Like I said things are going to be very different, at least for a while, and these changes may cause people to get uncomfortable and possibly angry and annoyed because things are not the way they were. The important thing to remember is that we are a community and like any community based upon love and care for all its members we are responsible for creating a space that is as safe as possible for all who choose to gather.

As we continue to navigate through this pandemic it is important to remember that there are things all around us affecting us in both negative and positive ways. There is no one person, place or thing that is entirely good, nor is there anything that is entirely bad. What the Gospel and the Holy Spirit help us do, is to try and pinpoint exactly what the good in something is rather than just focusing on its negative aspects so that we can learn to better appreciate the world around us. We don't know exactly how this pandemic is going to change us both individually and as a society, so in the meantime let us try to seek out ways this experience can help us grow as individuals and more important as a community centered in Christ's love.

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus," Philippians 2:1-5

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert

RECIPE CORNER

MINT TORTE

1 pkg Oreo cookies
 1/3 cup melted butter
 1/2 gallon peppermint ice cream
 1 can Hershey's fudge sauce
 1 (8 oz) carton Cool Whip



Crush cookies (set aside small amount for garnish). Add butter to remaining crumbs to form crust and pat firmly in a 9x13-inch pan. Spread ice cream over the crust. Spread 1 can fudge sauce over the ice cream. Spread Cool Whip over the top. Sprinkle with remaining cookie crumbs. Freeze. Thaw for ten minutes before serving to make cutting easier.

*-From the pages of Our Good Cooks
 Submitted by Gloria Lundquist*

WEEKLY SUMMER FUN GUIDE

Make It **MONDAY**

Create a fun craft, color, try out a new recipe or build something!

Take a Trip **TUESDAY**

Plan an outing and do something outside of the home for the day —porch drop—picnic—park

Water Play **WEDNESDAY**

Cool off and enjoy some water activities —backyard pool—sprinkler—water balloons—super soakers

Thinking **THURSDAY**

Learn something new today —read a book—do an experiment—play a game—practice an instrument

Favorite **FRIDAY**

Your choice!



MOSQUITO PURPOSE

The Good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose. Mosquitos come close though.

You Might Be a Lutheran If. . .

- . . . It takes you ten minutes to say goodbye
- . . . Your church library has three Jell-O cookbooks
- . . . You have an uncontrollable urge to sit in the back of any room
- . . . During communion you hum the hymns so you can see who's at church that Sunday
- . . . You feel guilty about not feeling guilty
- . . . The church is on fire and you rush in to save the coffee pot
- . . . You're watching Star Wars and when they say "May the Force be with you" you reply "and also with you"

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 7:00PM

Join other Lutheran Men across the country every Thursday night for an interactive Bible Study via Zoom.

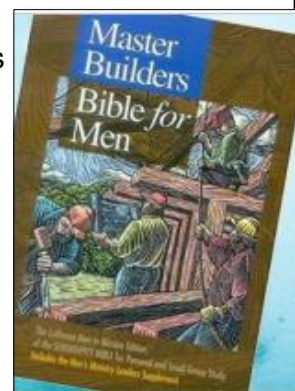
7:00pm Central at:

<https://zoom.us/j/353022558>

Or for audio only,

by dialing 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 353 022 558



If you have a Master Builders Bible for Men, use it, but if not, open whatever version you have.

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

JUNE 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
	1	2	3 Sew, sew, sew	4 National Cheese Day	5 National Donut Day	6
7 Worship Online	8	9 National Donald Duck Day Council Meeting, 6:30pm	10 Sew, sew, sew	11 Men's Online Bible Study, 7pm	12	13 National Sewing Machine Day
14 Worship, Online Flag Day	15	16 Foundation Mtg, 7:00pm	17 Sew, sew, sew	18 National Go Fishing Day Men's Online Bible Study, 7pm	19 Juneteenth Donate to River Food Pantry	20 Summer Solstice
Pastor Rob on vacation						
21 Worship Online Father's Day	22	23	24 Sew, sew, sew	25 Men's Online Bible Study, 7pm	26	27
28 Worship Online	29	30				

Save the Dates: July 4 Independence Day



Happy Birthday!

**Have a birthday in June?
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 June!**