

Light *of* Life

MAY 2020

Annual Meeting Update

The executive board has made the decision to postpone having our spring annual meeting. It appears unlikely that when the stay at home order is removed that we will still be able to meet as a large group. We are in uncharted waters as they say and our constitution does not include a pandemic clause. For now all officers and boards will remain as they are. As soon as we are allowed to meet again we will schedule the spring meeting. If you have any concerns or questions please contact one of us:

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BUILDING UPDATE

If you have driven by lately you can see that things are progressing. On April 27th, a structural engineer evaluated the steeple, and found the steeple structurally sound. Only a screen over one of the louvered sections needs to be put in place. Obviously this is great news. The currently "scheduled" move day for the sanctuary is expected to be during the week of May 11th.



Some work will need to be done on the sanctuary once it is moved. There is rot located in the 8x8 wood beams in the area of the original church entrance. These will need to be repaired. Not too bad for a 121 year old building but still an area that will need to be addressed.

Also, all tile floors in the new addition have been polished and waxed. Since the newspaper article appeared in the paper on Sunday, April 19th we have had lots of people stopping by to see our progress. It won't be long now!



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have been quarantined for over a month now, and many of us are ready for this to be over so that we can get back to our regular routines, or hopefully new routines based upon positive lessons that we have learned from this experience. The important thing is for us all to be patient, and allow this to play out. Trust me our state and medical officials do not want to draw this out any more than necessary since this pandemic has had a very negative effect not only on our economy but also on our medical system which has also lost a lot of revenue due to not being able to perform many procedures over the last several weeks. Yet all of them have been willing to make sacrifices in order to make our communal health a priority.

In the meantime I wanted to share with you all some of my favorite films that in one way or another inspire me, or help me explore a deeper understanding of what it means to be human. It is my hope that these recommendations will help you pass the time when not busy with any other projects you may have taken up over this past month.

Inside Out: If you dismissed this 2015 Pixar film as just another kids movie, then you are missing something truly special. Inside Out is centered on an 11 year old girl named Riley who just moved to a new town and is having a hard time adjusting to her new surroundings. The vast majority of the film takes place inside Riley's head as we experience how she is processing her emotions in an entertaining narrative form that makes it easy for children and parents to understand how depression works and what it is like for children to begin that transition from childhood to adulthood. This is all backed up by an excellent voice cast that really helps you connect with all the characters in order to draw you into Riley's world.

Searching for Bobby Fischer: This is one of my all time favorite films. It came out in 1993 and it follows a young chess prodigy as all those around him are pushing him to be the next Bobby Fischer (who is considered the greatest

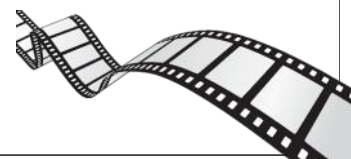
chess player of all time) while he wrestles with his need to just be a kid. It is a powerful and inspirational story exploring the positive and negative effects of how we parent and becoming who we want to be rather than what others want us to be.

Slumdog Millionaire: I recently re-watched this 2008 best picture winner and was blown away with all the beautiful messages related to love, forgiveness, and life that were embedded in this film that tackled some very painful aspects of poverty and violence in India. The story is a modern day fairy tale that is centered on Jamal, a young man who grew up in extreme poverty and has now found himself competing on the Indian version of Who Wants to be a Millionaire. As each question is asked it causes him to then reflect upon different experiences in his life that led him to this point. While taking place in India the themes explored are universal and while this character experienced extreme hardship we see that through love, forgiveness and faith he has been able to endure and succeed where everyone else told him he would fail.

Saved: Released in 2004, Saved is centered on a high school senior who finds herself pregnant while attending a local Christian high school and the varied ways her friends react to this. Upon first glance this film can seem very anti-Christian because of the way it points out many of the things it finds absurd within many Christian traditions. Ultimately though the central characters gain a deeper understanding of faith and God while wrestling with many of the traditions and judgmental attitudes that they had been raised with. It is wonderful high school drama/comedy that has helped many young men and women think about and deepen their faith.

As you all know I love movies and maybe later I will have more films to recommend — in the meantime be well and love and peace to you all.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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| 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 John Knuteson.

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

STAY CONNECTED

What is May Day? In some parts of the United States, May baskets are made as part of the May Day tradition, a celebration of Spring that can include activities like a maypole dance and crowning a queen of May. May baskets are small baskets usually filled with flowers or treats, left anonymously on someone's doorstep. The giver rings the bell and runs away. Sometimes called the ding dong ditch!

What is the History of May Day? In the United States, the tradition of hanging May baskets on neighbors' doors began in the 19th century. But May Day's history is ancient – the spring festival has roots in pagan agricultural traditions, when people marked the beginning of planting season in the Northern Hemisphere and the holiday celebrated nature. In the British Isles, the festival of Beltane marked the division between winter and summer, and when the Romans conquered that region, they incorporated it into their own culture by creating a goddess of flowers named Flora. That is why so many of the May Day festival activities involve fresh spring flowers and beautiful bright colors.



Extending May Day to the whole month of May is the perfect way to practice social distancing and connect with others, whether it's a surprise on a doorstep, a note in the mail or a phone call. Please contact the church office if you need an address or phone number.

RECIPE CORNER

RHUBARB DREAM DESSERT

CRUST:

1 c flour
5 T powdered sugar
½ c butter

FILLING:

3 c cut rhubarb
1 small pkg strawberry Jello

STREUSEL TOPPING:

1 c sugar
½ c flour
¼ c softened butter



Blend crust ingredients and press into ungreased 7x11-inch pan. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes. Mix rhubarb and Jello Pour on top of crust. Mix streusel topping, sprinkle on top. Return to oven and bake 30 to 40 minutes until done.

Recipe by Jan Peterson from Our Good Cooks

FACE MASKS

Need a face mask? Thanks to the generosity and busy hands of Deb Brown, we have a stash of forty masks available for the asking. Just call, text or email us if you'd like one. Delivery or pickup available.



CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- ◆ Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- ◆ The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus
- ◆ Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- ◆ The Rev Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.



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

Youth & Kids Corner

CONFIRMATION CLASS
Confirmation Sunday has been postponed until further notice.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:
Council Rep: David Hanson *Superintendent:* Jean Schnick

The front page of our website carries a weekly children's message.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIOR HIGH GRADUATES!

We celebrate your success: John Bosben, Maddie Gardner, Charley Hanson, Laura Hung, and Cory Moderow. Congratulations!



JOKE OF THE MONTH



A pastor was speaking to a group of second-graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?"

The pastor explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said.

The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said: He said, "Tah-dah!"

March 16th, 2020

Dear Burke Lutheran Church,

It saddens me to hear that you can no longer hold services due to growing concern over the coronavirus. I was hoping to come see your new building this Wednesday with my grandma, Sharon Hughes. Unfortunately that cannot happen now.

I'm sure we all share some sort of concern over this virus. Although it is fit to do such a thing. I believe we all need to step back and take a breather. This is the sort of thing we cannot control. It is something that we must put in the hands of God. As Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."

I'm confident that we will all get through this crisis with support. Which is why I enclosed \$20 in this envelope. I hope it will help continue the progress of your church.

I also hope that all of this will blow over by the time VBS comes around. I look forward to helping again, and seeing all the great people behind VBS.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay happy, and trust God.

Sincerely,

Keaton Turner

A MESSAGE FROM KEATON

Some of you may remember that when we started our building campaign pledge drive one of our Vacation Bible School students sent us a donation of \$2. Recently we received another letter from him with a \$20 donation for our building fund.

MAY 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
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3 Online Worship	4	5	6 Quilt at home	7 Bible Study Day	8	9
10 Online Worship Mother's Day	11	12 Council Meeting,	13 Quilt at home	14 Bible Study Day	15 Donate to River Food Pantry	16
	Possible Sanctuary Moving Day					
17 Online Worship	18	19 Foundation Mtg.	20 Quilt at home	21 Bible Study Day	22	23
24 Online Worship	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Quilt at home	28 Bible Study Day	29	30
31 Online Worship						

Save the Dates:

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| June 4 | National Cheese Day |
| June 13 | National Sewing Machine Day |
| June 14 | Flag Day |
| June 20 | Summer Solstice |
| June 21 | Father's Day |



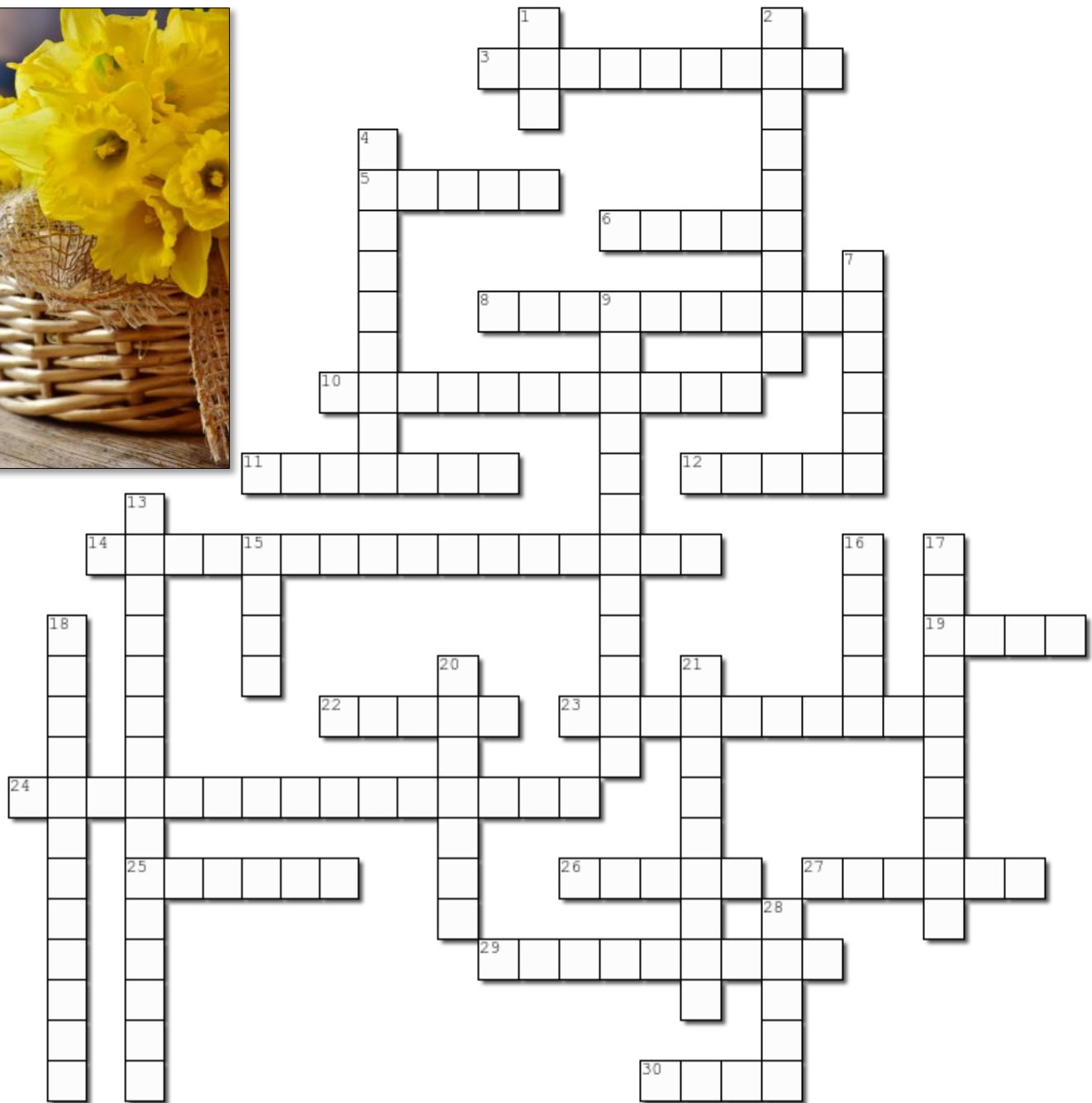
Happy Birthday!

**Have a birthday in April?
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 April!**



Across

- 3. Uffda
- 5. Pipes
- 6. Sing, sing, sing
- 8. I smell _____
- 10. Our monthly newsletter
- 11. Our elected officers
- 12. Head Usher
- 14. Once a month hen gathering
- 19. All the ladies
- 22. The main book
- 23. Summer fundraiser
- 24. Where we donate our food drives to
- 25. The younger PK
- 26. We just celebrated his resurrection
- 27. School
- 29. They sponsor bowling, amongst other things
- 30. Hawaiian shirt, shorts and sandals

Down

- 1. Holy Father
- 2. Our Jedi leader
- 4. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
- 7. Lord, in your mercy, hear our _____
- 9. Piles of food and paper goods
- 13. These guys meet on Mondays
- 15. Singalong
- 16. PK #1
- 17. Thursday afternoon school
- 18. Heated February event
- 20. Accessory worn on Pastor Rob's head for VBS
- 21. It's still standing
- 28. _____ Lutheran Church