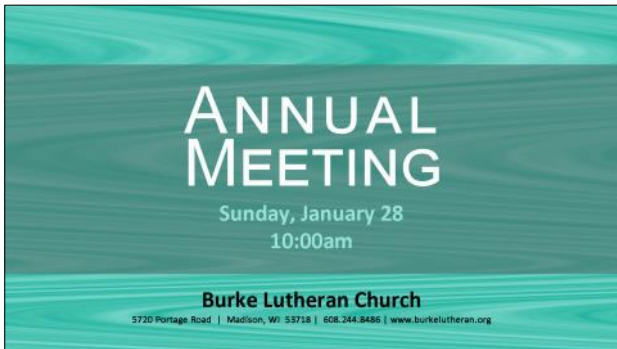


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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

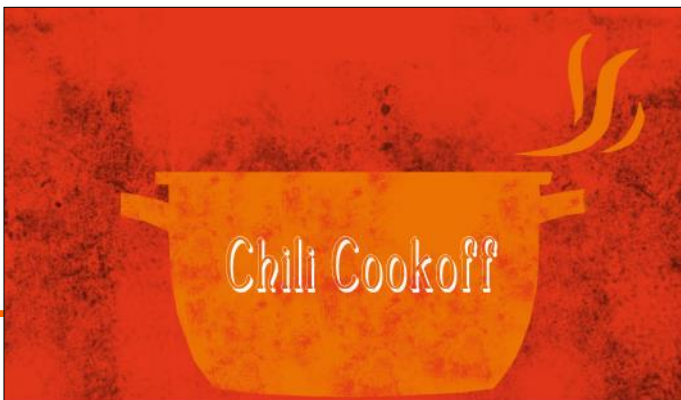
The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th following the 9:00am service. Agenda items include Building update, Board and Committee

reports, the 2018 budget, election of Audit and Nominating committee members and representatives to Lutherdale, Oakwood and the Synod Assembly.

CHILI COOKOFF

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

The BLCW has begun planning for the Annual Chili Cookoff! Save the date, and watch for more information coming soon. Pastor Robert contends that he makes the greatest chili in the world. Are you willing to proving him wrong??



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2018 ENVELOPES ARE READY

The giving envelopes for 2018 are available for pickup. They can be found on the table in the Narthex. Please help us get these

distributed to your families. If you cannot find yours please see

Linda Hughes or contact the church office to report it.

POINSETTIA PICKUP

Thank you to all who ordered poinsettias to add color to the sanctuary for the holidays. Please pick up your plants at any time during normal church hours.



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.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The New Year has dawned, images of Christmas trees, big jolly bearded guys in red suits, and hopefully a little baby laying in a manger as well have unfortunately begun to fade into the background. Yet with the New Year and the birth of that little boy there is hope, hope that emerges despite the miserable cold that engulfs Wisconsin during this time of year driving all those who do not own snowmobiles or a pair of skies to retreat indoors or flee down south. For some this hopeful expectation for what the New Year has in store is enough to carry them through the cold dreary winter. For others the prospect of remaining isolated behind closed doors for two more months until winter begins to break is too much to bear and that is why WE need to be representatives of that hope for each other.

Seasons change and so does our disposition toward the world around us. For some it is no big deal yet for others the weather governs their physical and mental wellbeing. Seasonal depression, which typically rears its ugly head in these cold winter months can affect anyone and can be particularly debilitating on those who suffer from physical limitations, chronic depression or any other kind of debilitating disorder. The weather outside can have a deep and lasting effect on our disposition. The sun emerging from the clouds even on a cold bitter day can dictate whether some-

one has a good productive day or not. Entire communities can be effected by the sun's presence or lack thereof; studies have shown that no matter what the temperature outside is, prolonged exposure to cloudy skies can lead to social depression which results in increased anxiety and tension between people. Unfortunately due to the stigma that comes with mental disorders often our brothers and sisters suffer far more than any one of us will ever know or ever will understand, and ultimately we don't need to. What we need to do is just be present with each other, visit, talk, etc...having that little bit of human contact can mean so much to a person's entire week and all it costs us is an hour of our time.

So now that all the hoopla concerning a kid born in a feeding trough who just so happens to be the savior of the world, and some guy who breaks into houses once a year wearing the worst burglar suit ever leaving behind more things for us to step on, and an array of hideous sweaters, is over. Let's start the year by keeping that hope alive, that hope that came to us on that Christmas morning so many years ago wrapped in some old cloths and laying in a manger. Let us be manifestations of that hope for each other not just in our words but through our actions and our presence in the lives of those who desperately need someone to just be there.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Robert Neubert

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

David Vincent	Bill Schmidt	Erik Jelinek
Chris McFarlin	Marshall Bostad	Louise Kraemer
Pearl Kvalheim	Tina Bauman	Bishop Mary Froiland

Our condolences to the families and friends of Jane Seim and Cassondra Erickson.



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

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A gentle reminder that we need your yearly reports to the church office as soon as possible so we can get the annual report assembled. If you can send it to Peri electronically it saves her having to do the typing and is appreciated. If you do not have that capability, never fear, it will get typed but we do need it as soon as possible. Thank you!

NEW MEMBER WORSHIP

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.



DORCAS CIRCLE

JANUARY 27, 9:00AM
AT LINDA KLINGER'S

FOOD PANTRY



"Meals in a Can", such as soups, stews, chili, canned meat (tuna, chicken), canned vegetables, canned fruit, etc. Please place items in the designated basket in the Narthex and it will be delivered to the pantry.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

High noon on Wednesday, January 17th, at Olive Garden. Please join us if you can.

IT'S COMING...

A new photo directory!



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

SPADES— AND ALONE! EUCHRE NIGHT

Our next night of cut-throat play is Friday, January 26, 6:00pm at the home of Al and Linda Klinger.



BURKE LUTHERAN CONCESSION TEAM IS RED HOT!

During 2017 though mid December, the team volunteered at 7 events at Alliant Energy Center and 7 UW Football games. There were also funds received in January from late 2016 events. These efforts combined for over \$6,000. The New Building Fund received \$5,238 of these funds. The rest, \$1,397, went to the following ministries which Burke Lutheran supports: The Road Home, The Sunshine Place and the River Food Pantry.

There were 20 members who helped at these events. Some only once, others as many as 10 or 11 times. Regardless, everyone's help is appreciated and needed. The team can always use more volunteers. Some event opportunities were declined because there were not enough volunteers. So if you have thought about joining the team, please ask around to find out how fun much they have. You can also contact Lon Buss, 608 516-7875 to be added to the email list. That's right, although he has moved away, he will continue to serve as team liaison and coordinator.

BLCW MEETING

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, January 10 at Gus' Diner, Hwy 19, Sun Prairie, at 9:00am sharp.

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 15th of the month

Youth & Kids Corner

SAVE THE DATE FEBRUARY 9

Kalahari Family Night. Please let Pastor Robert know if you are interested in attending.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:

Chairperson: Diane Johnson-Hung

Treasurer: Rudy Nielsen

Council Representative: David Hanson

Secretary: Sonja Nielsen

Butter Braids Thank You

Our youth raised \$710 by selling butter braids—thank you to all who purchased one (or many!)



Sunday School Resumes January 14.

ELEMENTARY RETREAT JANUARY 20-21

A fun trip to Lutherdale for 3rd to 6th graders is coming up. Pick a favorite parable, and study and reteach it to others. \$90 covers 3 meals, snacks, lodging and program. Chaperone needed for every 8 campers. Get registration and submit to church office, or contact Rudy Nielsen (email rudy-sonie@juno.com or 608-960-7147).

YOUTH GATHERING IN TEXAS

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 bus will be going from the Wisconsin's South-Central Synod. Financial help will be available. Interested? Please contact Pastor Rob at 240-215-5176 or burkelutheran@att.net.



"The Gathering sparked something inside me I did not know I had; it made me feel part of something bigger than I knew existed. The Gathering enabled me to grow in my faith, leadership, and service, along with providing me with the ways to do so."

--ZOE CLARK



WINTER IS WARMING

Chief Meteorologist Bob Lindmeier, member of our synod's Care for God's Creation Team, shares a short blog about how Wisconsin winters are getting warmer:

<https://www.loppw.org/our-winters-are-warmer-by-bob-lindmeier/>

JANUARY 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 Quilting, 9am Confirmation, 6:30pm	4 Bible Study, 12:30pm	5 Annual Reports due	6
7 Worship, 9am Choir Practice, 10:30am	8 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	9 Boards/Council 6pm/7pm	10 Quilting, 9am Men's Breakfast, 9am BLCW, 10am Confirmation, 6:30pm	11 Bible Study, 12:30pm	12	13
14 Worship, 9am Sunday School resumes Choir Practice, 10:30am	15	16 Foundation Mtg, 6pm	17 Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation, 6:30- 7:45pm Birthday Luncheon	18 Bible Study, 12:30pm	19 River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	20 Ruth Circle, 10am
21 Worship, 9am Kids In Service Choir Practice, 10:30am	22 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	23	24 Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation, 6:30- 7:45pm	25 Bible Study, 12:30pm	26 Euchre, 6pm	27 Dorcas Circle, 9am
28 Worship, 9am Sunday School Annual Meeting Choir Practice, 11:00am	29	30	31 Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation, 6:30- 7:45pm			

Save the Dates: February 4—New Member Affirmation Service
February 4—Chili Cookoff
March 25—Palm Sunday Breakfast
April 1—Easter Sunday



Happy Birthday!

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

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Happy Anniversary!

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

JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS...



	January 7 9:00am Service	January 14 9:00am Service	January 21 9:00am Service	January 28 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Jamie Falk	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Diane O'Toole	Gloria Lundquist	Beni Hupf	Diane O'Toole
Music Leader	Darrell Foss	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann
Comm Assist	Beni Hupf	Dave Weinberger	student	Sharon Hughes
Comm Assist	Jean Schnick	Diane O'Toole	Student	Nancy McClurg
Communion Prep	Jeannette Gehrke	Mary TeWinkel	Diane O'Toole	Jean Schnick
Lay Reader	Joelle Frye	Jean Schnick	student	Paul Beckman
Prayer Readers	Linda Schramer Julie Clark	Joann Foss Darrell Foss	students	Tim Wachs Sue Rittmann
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Schramer	Emma Dobbs	Abbey Harris	Olivia Otis
Ushers	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittelson Rick Brandon	Karl & Emily Patzer Students	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum
Greeters	Jeannette & Bob Gehrke	Lucy & Dave Wisner	Students	Mary Brantmeyer Virginia Steward
Coffee Hour	Joan Klang, Carla Housner, Sharon Hughes	Reach Board	Jeannette Gehrke, Mary Schultz, Diane O'Toole	Executive Board—donuts
Counters	Sharon Hughes Joelle Frye	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Julie Clark Nancy Blum	Gloria Lundquist Diane O'Toole
Sunday School Pre-K—K 1st—2nd grades 3rd—4th grades 5th—6th grades	No Sunday School	Charley Hanson Kim Hanson David Hanson Paul Beckman	Kids in Service (no Sunday School)	John Bosben Kim Hanson David Hanson Bruce Bosben

2017 GIVING STATEMENTS

In mid-January you will be receiving our giving statement for tax purposes. If you receive the newsletter via email your statement will be emailed to you; all others will be mailed. Please review the statement and if you feel there is an error contact the church office to report it.

