



Light *of* Life

APRIL 2018

May your Easter be filled with hope, peace and blessings.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1
8:00AM 10:00AM



EASTER EGG HUNT BETWEEN THE TWO SERVICES ON EASTER SUNDAY!



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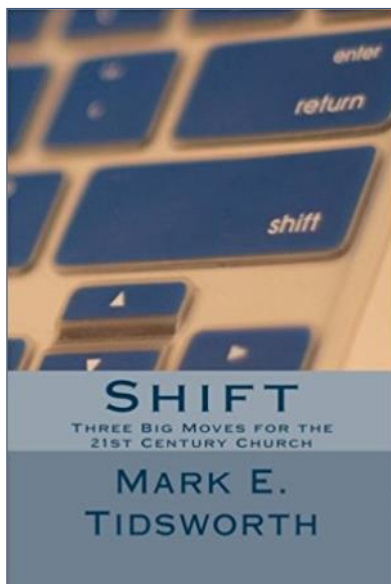
THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who led Lenten services as cantor, acted in our "They Were There" drama series, and provided delicious soup suppers. Pastor Robert says his soup was the best.



CARDMAKING WITH BARB IS BACK!

Join Barb on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, April 18 at 1pm, for some creative fellowship, no experience necessary. All supplies and directions provided. Please RSVP to Barb at bjhennings@aol.com or 608-445-0566.



NEW BOOK STUDY

BEGINNING THURSDAYS, APRIL 12
6:30PM—7:30PM

Through deconstructing the large-scale cultural shifts over the last 50 years, Mark Tidsworth helps make sense of the current cultural context for churches in North America. Then Tidsworth identifies and follows three hopeful shifts every church is called to make: member identity to disciple identity, attractional to missional church, and consumer culture to sacred partnering.

Join Pastor Rob in this 4-week study as he applies these shifts to Burke Lutheran Church. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

So now that we have said the words, what now?
What does it mean to worship the risen Christ?

In our Gospel narratives there was a lot of fear and confusion amongst the disciples following the events of Easter Sunday. Most if not all of them were very confused as to what they were supposed to do, and confused regarding all that had happened. In Mark the women who witness the empty tomb run in fear not telling anyone what they had seen. In Matthew's Gospel the religious leaders are scrambling to tell lies about Jesus in order to cover up the resurrection so that no one believes the disciples who were still confused by all that was happening. In Luke the disciples think the women are lying when they hear about the resurrection and choose to ignore them. Finally in John's Gospel the disciples are found hiding in fear before Jesus appears amongst them and brings them some comfort.

As you can see, fear was the primary guiding emotion in the hours, and for some days, following Christ's resurrection, and that is a pretty typical human response to things that we do not immediately understand. Yet in these same Gospel narratives there are stories that illustrate how we can conquer that fear, the best of which is found in the Gospel of Luke and it involves two Disciples who were walking down the road one day.

The story opens up with two of Jesus' disciples traveling to the village of Emmaus and along the way they meet a stranger. The stranger professes an ignorance regarding the events of the past few days so

the disciples then attempt to explain who Jesus was and all that has happened in Jerusalem. Through conversation the disciples begin to better understand these events and learn more about how these events relate to scripture.

This part of the story reminds us of our calling to share the Gospel with others. In so doing we not only pass along the story of Christ but also are able to deepen and broaden our own faith and understanding of the scriptures. Through conversations with friends and family we are able to hear new ideas, and new ways of looking at things that we might not have thought of before. In this way faith is allowed to grow and develop in a community rather than in a bubble.

In the next part of the story the disciples invite the stranger to come have a meal with them and in that meal the presence of Christ is revealed and the disciples learn that Jesus has in fact been with them this entire time. This helps remind us as Christians that Jesus is truly present when we invite others into fellowship with us. That community is about welcoming outsiders and inviting them into fellowship at our tables. Through this act we reveal a piece of our selves while inviting them to reveal a piece of who they are in an intimate and giving way.

So this Easter season I wish to issue a challenge to all of you. To invite someone who has never been to your home into your home. To have fellowship with them and to treat them to a piece of who you are. By doing this I hope you discover new ways that Christ is wishing to reveal himself in your life.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert Neubert

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

David Vincent	Bill Schmidt	Tina Bauman
Chris McFarlin	Louise Kraemer	Amy Barbic
Pearl Kvalheim	Owen Storlie	Lisa Thompson

Our condolences to the family and friends of Merlin Beal.

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



2018 BISHOP ELECTION

The Pre-Identified Persons List is live!

- The Rev. Timothy Hansen *Our Savior's Lutheran (Sun Prairie)*
- The Rev. Elizabeth (Libby) Howe *LaCrosse Area Synod (LaCrosse)*
- The Rev. Steve Kottke *South-Central Synod of Wisconsin (Madison)*
- The Rev. Michael Lee *First Lutheran (Lodi, WI)*
- The Rev. Karen Locken *Peace Lutheran (Waunakee, WI)*
- The Rev. Lisa Nelson *Faith Lutheran (Columbus)*
- The Rev. Katya Ouchakof *Lake Edge Lutheran (Madison)*
- The Rev. Michael Short *First English Lutheran (Platteville)*
- The Rev. Rhia Strohm *Bethlehem Lutheran (Aberdeen, SD)*
- The Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld *St. Paul Lutheran (Beloit)*

Please consider checking out the individual biographies online <https://scswbishopelection.org/profiles/> or attending one of the two Pre-Assembly Forums so you can make an informed decision.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00pm
First Congregational UCC – Janesville

Pre-Assembly Forum:
Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 2:00pm
Holy Wisdom Monastery – Madison



BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

High noon on Wednesday, April 18, at Murphy's, 5344 Hwy 113, Madison (on the way to Waunakee). Please join us if you can.

FOOD PANTRY

April's focus is on "Fats, Oils, Sweets": jams and jellies, syrup, honey, mayo, vegetable oil, salad dressings, & sugars. Please place items in the designated basket in the Narthex and it will be delivered to the pantry.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, April 11 at Gus' Diner, Hwy 19, Sun Prairie, at 9:00am sharp.

DINNERS AT THE LAKE

Lutherdale Meals, N7891 US Hwy 12, Elkhorn, WI served 4:30 – 7pm the last Friday of each month April – August. Each week has a new

theme and a new menu! Adults \$16, Children 10 and under \$8. All meals include salad bar & beverages.

April 27th 2018 SPRING FEAST

Honey & Brown Sugar Glazed Pork Loin, Potato Leek Soup, Baked Fish w/ White Wine Reduction, Spring Vegetable Medley, Roasted Potatoes, Strawberry Lemon Muffins

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION LIVE STREAMING BOLD GATHERING SATURDAY, APRIL 14 FROM 11-2



"Ideas to Impact Your Soul & Ministry to Men".
Topics include:

- ♦ Creating Community for Younger Men
(Rob Nelson - Madison, WI)
- ♦ Building communities online and in real life
(Jason Adams - Las Vegas, NV)
- ♦ Identity – Orphan to Slave to Son
(Ed Nichols - Des Moines, IA)
- ♦ Tips and Strategies to Effectively Take Men Deeper
(John Bustard - Omaha, NE)
- ♦ Change Management - Why Change with Your Men's Ministry is Hard
(Kyle Pederson - Des Moines, IA)

Please let Paul Beckman(241-2346) know if interested. Burke may be a host site if enough interest. If not, there will be others in the Madison area available. For more information visit <http://boldgathering.com/>.

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Classes will resume April 4, with the regular class start time of 6:30pm.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY —HOLD THE DATE!

On Sunday, May 6, Stephen Bosben will be confirmed. Please join us for this special event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:

Chairperson: Diane Johnson-Hung

Council Representative: David Hanson

Treasurer: Rudy Nielsen

Secretary: Sonja Nielsen

PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Palm Sunday breakfast on March 25 was a huge success! And we couldn't have done it without all of the donations and willingness of the many people who came in to prepare the food, serve the meal, and clean up afterward. Not to mention the people who came and ate the breakfast.

Last year, the Palm Sunday breakfast brought in \$621 for the youth confirmation camp. This year, we brought in \$671. Again, the Teach Board extends a very warm, heart-felt thank you.

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.



CHURCH ON EASTER



BLCW PREP FOR MOVE

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Beginning at 9:00am, the BLCW will meet to start sorting through items in the kitchen in preparation for our upcoming move.

Once the work is done, we'll have a potluck lunch to mark our last meeting in the space, so please bring your stories and a dish to pass.



APRIL 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday Worship, 8am & 10am Easter Egg Hunt between services	2	3	4	5 Bible Study, 12:30pm	6	7
8 Worship, 9am Sunday School, 9am Choir Practice, 10:30am	9 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	10 Council Meeting 6:30pm	11 Men's Breakfast, 9am Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation, 6:30pm	12 BLCW Potluck 9am Bible Study, 12:30pm Book Study, 6:30-7:30pm	13	14
15 Worship, 9am Kids in Service, 9am Choir Practice, 10:30am	16	17 Foundation Mtg, 7pm	18 Quilting, 9:00am Birthday Luncheon Cardmaking, 1:00pm Confirmation, 6:30pm	19 Bible Study, 12:30pm Book Study, 6:30-7:30pm	20 River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	21 Ruth Circle, 10am
22 Worship, 9am Sunday School, 9am Choir Practice, 10:30am	23 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	24	25 Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation, 6:30pm	26 Bible Study, 12:30pm Book Study, 6:30-7:30pm	27	28 Dorcas Circle, 9am
29 Worship, 9am Sunday School Fun Day	30					

Save the Dates: April 1—Easter Sunday, 8am and 10am services (no fooling!)



Happy Birthday!

Have a birthday in April? 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 April!

APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS...

	Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018	
	8:00am Service	10:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Jamie Falk	Jamie Falk
Music Leader	Diane O'Toole / Dave Wisner	Diane O'Toole / Dave Wisner
Comm Assist	Sharon Hughes	Joelle Frye
Comm Assist	Gloria Lundquist	Sharon Hughes
Communion Prep	Diane O'Toole	Jean Schnick
Lay Reader	Beni Hupf	Paul Beckman
Prayer Readers	Joann & Darrell Foss	Joann & Darrell Foss
Acolyte	Olivia Otis	Kaitlyn Schramer
Ushers	Roger Kittelson Dave Weinberger	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf
Greeters		Linda & John Schramer
Coffee Hour	Coffee Hour Committee	
Counters	Sharon Hughes / Joelle Frye	



	April 8 9:00am Service	April 15 9:00am Service	April 22 9:00am Service	April 29 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Jamie Falk
Music Leader	Gloria Lundquist	Beni Hupf	Diane O'Toole	Beni Hupf
Music Leader	Bob Rittmann	Gary Beal	Dave Wisner	Darrell Foss
Comm Assist	Dave Weinberger	Students	Nancy McClurg	Jean Schnick
Comm Assist	Sue Rittmann	Students	Phyllis Svoboda	Diane O'Toole
Communion Prep	Gloria Lundquist	Nancy Blum	Jeannette Gehrke	Mary TeWinkel
Lay Reader	Diane O'Toole	Students	Jean Schnick	Barb Hennings
Prayer Readers	Peri Beal Dave Wisner	Students	Sue & Bob Rittmann	Beni Hupf Sharon Hughes
Acolyte	Emma Dobbs	Abbey Harris	Stephen Bosben	Danielle Ludwig
Ushers	Roger Kittelson Rick Brandon	Karl & Emily Patzer Students	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum	Roger Kittelson Dave Weinberger
Greeters	Jan & Galen Peterson	Students	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum	Wisner family
Coffee Hour	June Chadwick, Sharon Hughes, Val Sandmire	Reach Board	Diane Moore Mary Brantmeyer Virginia Steward	Joann Foss, Linda Klinger, Phyllis Svoboda
Counters	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Jan Peterson Nancy Blum	Gloria Lundquist Diane O'Toole	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel
Sunday School Pre-K—K 1st—2nd grades 3rd—4th grades 5th—6th grades	Charley Hanson Kim Hanson David Hanson Paul Beckman	Kids in Service (no Sunday School)	John Bosben Kim Hanson David Hanson Bruce Bosben	Kids Activity No Sunday School