

Light *of* Life

JULY 2019

RELAY FOR LIFE

Burke is again forming a Relay for Life team. The Northern Dane County event will take place at Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School in Sun Prairie, 220 Kroncke Drive, on Friday, July 12 from 5pm—11pm. If reading this newsletter electronically, [click here](#) to go directly to Burke's team page. There are options to join the team, donate, or dedicate a luminaria. Don't have access to the internet? Then call Sharon Hughes (608)-225-6172 or the church office for more information on how you can sign up to help.

What is Relay for Life?

Relay for Life is a team fundraising event where team members take turns walking around a track or designated path. Each event is 6-24 hours in length and each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times to signify that cancer never sleeps. Cancer patients don't stop because they're tired, and for one night, neither do we.

Each team also sets up a themed campsite at the event and continues their fundraising efforts by collecting donations for food, goods, games, and activities. This money will count towards their overall fundraising goal.

When you donate, you help fund breakthrough research. You help give patients free rides to chemo and free places to stay near hospitals. You help fund the 24/7 cancer helpline that's available to offer advice, information, and hope any time of the day or night. And, most importantly, you help save lives.



Join our Team

- Donate - Walk - Dedicate -

Friday, July 12

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INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADES

JULY 4, 10:30AM-NOON

DeForest. Parade Line-up will take place in the DeForest Area High School parking lot. Lineup begins at 9am.

JULY 4, 1:00—2:00PM

Token Creek. Lineup for us begins as soon as we get there from DeForest :)



Contact Pastor Rob if you can help with our float, and/or hand out candy and information on our upcoming VBS.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:23-29)

There is an "us versus them" mentality that plagues pretty much everyone in one shape or another. Every one pretty much has a "them" or "those people". "They" could be men, women, gay, straight, Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Buddhist, educated, uneducated, republican, democrat, Norwegian, German, Somalian, Iranian, Viking fan, Packer fan, etc....Yet how do we quit focusing on what divides us, and begin focusing more on those things that unite us. Unfortunately this is not very easy since socially we have been conditioned to focus on our differences. Whenever we walk into a room, whether it is conscious or not, we immediately begin to place people into the proper categories that we have been taught throughout our lives as we discern who would be the best person to speak to or avoid depending upon what we want addressed and what we might consider a threat. In some ways this can be a good thing. When you walk into a hospital you can pretty readily tell who the receptionist is, who the nurses are, and who the doctors are. This conditioning can also prompt us to pass judgement on people in particular situations as well when the individual has done little or nothing to deserve whatever judgement that we have made.

TV news, Reality programs, sitcoms, serial dramas, movies, etc..... each one consciously and/or unconsciously instill and reinforce stereotypes regarding the varied types of people in the world. This is so prevalent that when a television program or movie subverts an accepted stereotype then we are usually quite shocked, and it becomes its own news story. Whether we mean to or not, we then carry these stereotypes with us in the back of our mind shaping how we characterize, categorize, and utilize the different types of people we meet. All of this has another side effect, it causes us to dehumanize those around us.

Here in our own communities we gravitate toward those people and groups that we have determined are most like us and that is good. Unfortunately what also seems to happen is that we use labels that we have learned to push away and dehumanize those we do not like. We then use these labels to reinforce why we dislike someone, or as a reason why we should avoid them Yet what if I was to tell you that the person you dislike, the one that annoys and infuriates you is your brother or your sister, that each of us has a calling not to push them away but instead to embrace and move forward together. Of course there are times when this is impossible, when damage has been done between two people that is nearly insurmountable but for the vast majority the things that separate us are relatively small and petty. Sure each of us make mistakes and act in ways that cause pain to others but each of us must also learn to forgive and move forward with the understanding that the person you have wronged or has wronged or annoyed you is a fellow child of God, (or if you prefer cohabitant on this great planet) and therefore you are both part of one body.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Tina Bauman	Owen Storlie	Lisa Thompson
Jamie Falk	Mary Skinvik	Bev Lowe
Madison Smith	Harper DeBauche	Darwin Thompson
Fred Sandridge	Jane Ford Bennett	Leighanne Dockerty
Bill Hoffmann	Chris McFarlin	The friends and family of Keith Hanson

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



Youth & Kids Corner

CONFIRMATION CAMP

Three campers from our confirmation class attended Lutherdale's summer camp in June: Olivia Otis, Kaitlyn Schramer and Carter Truitt. Ask them what was their favorite activity!



Register Now!

Vacation Bible School

July 29—August 2, 9:00am-noon

At Roar, kids discover that God is good even when life gets wild! Kids ages 4—10 are eligible to attend. And kids over 10 can sign up to help.

The cost for VBS is just \$10/child, which includes a snack each day as well as activities and all the craft supplies needed. A registration form can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

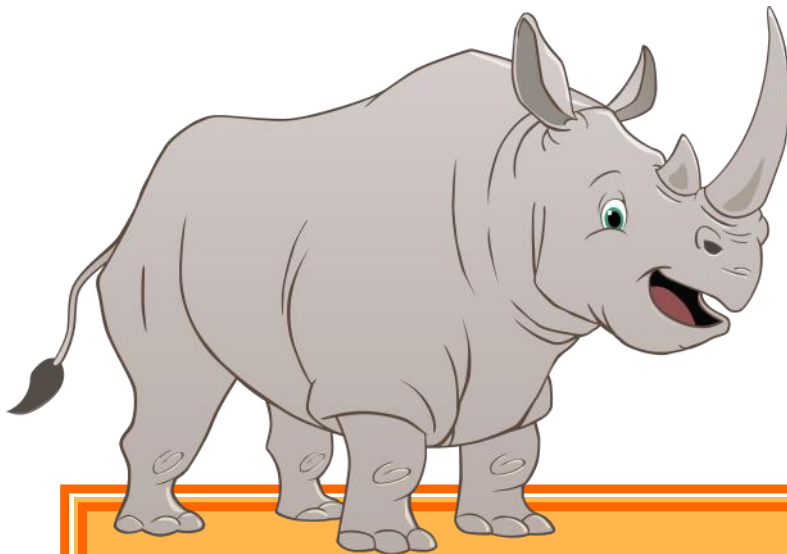


VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Set building creation dates are July 5, July 12, July 19 and July 26 from 9:00am until noon. We'll be transforming parts of our church into an imaginative, colorful and interactive African savannah so kids can experience the solid foundation of God's goodness! If you can wield a paintbrush or a hammer, please help.

We'll also need crew leaders to teach sessions, help with the opening and closing sessions, help preparing snacks, and other general assisting during the program.

If you can help contact Pastor Robert or Peri Beal.



We still need the following items to make our set and decorations for Vacation Bible School:

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| -brown paper grocery sacks | -rolls of black plastic | -large pieces of cardboard (from appliances) |
| -rolls of brown craft paper | -lengths of PVC | -colorful wild-patterned cotton fabric |
| -newspaper | -giant carpet tubes | -buckets (5 gal, 1 gal, etc.) |
| -grass skirting or rafia | -dropcloths | -baskets (can be returned) |
| -working white string lights | -solid color plastic tablecloths (orange, yellow, blue and green) | |
| -colorful cotton rag rugs (will be returned) | -Christmas trees (will be returned) | |

If you have any of these items to donate, please place them in the Sunday School Supply room.

Thank you!

**Our
Wish
List**

JULY 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	2	3	4 DeForest Parade, 10:30am Token Creek Parade 1:00pm	5 VBS Set Build, 9am-noon	6
7 Worship, 9am	8 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	9 Council Meeting, 6:30pm	10 Quilting, 9:00am Men's Breakfast, 9am	11 Bible Study, 12:30pm	12 VBS Set Build, 9am-noon Relay for Life, 5pm	13
14 Worship, 9am	15	16 Foundation Mtg, 7:00pm	17 Quilting, 9:00am	18 Bible Study, 12:30pm	19 VBS Set Build, 9am-noon River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	20
21 Worship, 9am	22 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	23	24 Quilting, 9:00am Preach Board, 9:00am	25 Bible Study, 12:30pm	26 VBS Set Build, 9am-noon	27
28 Worship, 9am	29	30	31			
	ROAR—Vacation Bible School					

Save the Dates:

August 8
August 10
August 15-18

Packers Preseason Opener
Quilt Auction, Lutherdale Fest
Sun Prairie Corn Fest



Happy Birthday!

Have a birthday in July?

**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 July!**





JULY WORSHIP LEADERS...

	July 7 9:00am Service	July 14 9:00am Service	July 21 9:00am Service	July 28 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Jamie Falk	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Darrell Foss	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner
Music Leader	Kathy Sandridge	Beni Hupf	Kathy Sandridge	Linda Truitt
Communion	Jean Schnick	Sue Rittmann	Julie Clark	Dave Hanson
Communion	Jeannette Gehrke	Bob Rittmann	Pat Graham	Beni Hupf
Communion Prep	Jean Schnick	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke
Lay Reader	Julie Clark	Bob Boettcher	Sue Rittmann	Paul Beckman
Prayer Readers	Sharon Hughes Peri Beal	Joann Foss Darrell Foss	Diane Moore Beni Hupf	Linda Schramer Jean Schnick
Acolyte	Carter Truitt	Danni Queiser	Abbey Harris	Clara Neubert
Ushers	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Shari Patzer	Tim Wachs Chris Otis
Greeters	Phyllis & Stuart Svoboda	Jo & Ted Cooper	Jay Olson June Chadwick	John & Linda Schramer
Coffee Hour	Sign Up!	Sign Up!	Sign Up!	Sign Up!
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Kim Hanson	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Patrice Neubert Julie Clark	Sharon Hughes Kathy Sandridge



Vacation Bible School July 29—August 2, 9:00am — noon Registration Form (one per child)

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Cost is just \$10 per child,
and includes snacks, ac-
tivities & 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: _____

