

# Light *of* Life

MAY 2022

## SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

**SATURDAY, MAY 21, 9:00AM**

It's time for our annual church clean up day. We have lots of sticks and branches to pick up, trees to cut up and move, windows to wash, rocks to be picked up, etc. There will be work that can be done both inside and out.

Please bring gloves, rakes, chain saws, and anything else you think we may need.

Come for fellowship, and some good exercise! A sign up sheet is in the narthex!



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## Sunday School

## Recognition

## Sunday, May 29, 9am

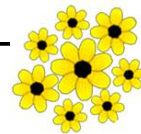


## WELCOME TO “WEEKLY WRITING”

At the beginning of the pandemic, when we were shoed into our homes and learned new meanings for the word “essential,” I began writing. All of a sudden, we pastors needed to learn new skills (new uses of technology, distance pastoring to a distributed people, how to create community without physical presence, and much more). Combined with the writings of four other pastors, we made an effort to connect and keep our focus on Jesus by sharing an original devotion for every weekday. You'll remember in those early days of the pandemic, life was uncertain. Encouragement was needed. And the Bible speaks volumes to a people in turmoil.

This writing developed into a habit, a spiritual habit, that became a touchstone for my week. God does stuff like that! Over the course of the years, I wrote about hope and Jesus; and spiritual practices and fruits of the Spirit; and news events (of which there was no shortage during the pandemic) and commentary on something I've read; and a range of happenings in my life and even shared pictures at times; and so much more. God was present in these hours of writing helping me interpret God's presence in our tumultuous world.

As I continue this spiritual discipline, I'm happy to share them with you. You will receive a “conversation starter” in your email inbox each Thursday. I delight in hearing back from you or hearing how these thoughts have sparked faith conversations with others. I hope that you enjoy them and please share any email additions, deletions, or corrections with me. Thanks, Pastor Julie



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JULIE.....

### “A Farmgirl and Seeds” by Pastor Julie Krahn

Can I be so bold as to say that the best way to grow up is on a family farm? There is something to be said about breathing clean air, muscles aching from hard work, hanging out with sad-eyed cows or my playmates across the road, enjoying garden produce preserved from the garden, and experiencing plenty of “family time.” Add to that a heaping dose of love – practiced in a family of seven siblings! I was blessed. And while it’s been decades since I swung on the swing set on the farm or walked the pasture to get the cows in for milking, you can’t take the farmgirl out of the pastor. It helps that the Scriptures are full of agrarian tales.

Take for example this nugget from John’s Gospel: Jesus says, “Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” (John 12:25) This image makes sense to those of us who grow things. Dying is necessary for the seed to produce fruit. In context, this image only makes sense when we know that Jesus is in Jerusalem for the last time. Within days he will be arrested, tried, crucified, and will die. Jesus is the grain and the cross is the instrument that places Jesus in the earth. Three days later, new life emerges from the grave. Jesus is alive bearing abundant fruit in his death and resurrection!

Thanks be to God!

Immediately after the verse about bearing fruit, Jesus says, “Those who love their life lose it,

and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.” (John 12:26) Jesus is telling the truth; as we lose our lives in service to others we find it. Serving is the name of the game. As followers of Jesus, we live for serving others. That’s how we show Jesus’ love for the world. It’s pretty simple.

We are seeds...seeds which bring forth peace, justice, love. Every act of love, mercy and forgiveness, however small, can be a seed of change in the world. We might never see the fruit of the seed we plant, but we trust that God will cause it to grow and bear fruit.

As your interim pastor, in this time of transition as you prepare to receive the next settled pastor with open arms, I look forward to planting seeds of love and justice with you as we witness to Jesus.

*Prayer: Loving Jesus, move through me so that I may plant seeds of love in those I meet today. Amen.*

I wonder...

Can you think of a time when someone planted seeds of Jesus’ love/grace/mercy in you?

What seeds is our church planting in the neighborhood?

Won’t you help me get to know you and your community of faith? Send me your answer, just a sentence or two. My email is [jakrahn.1230@gmail.com](mailto:jakrahn.1230@gmail.com).

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Virginia Steward

Lisa Thompson

Vic Elliott

Val Sandmire

Lucy Wisner

Lori Nelson

Mark Gehrke

Nancy Bartlett

Jan Peterson

Gerry Kirchberg

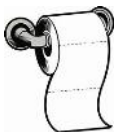
Paul White

Our sympathy to the family & friends of Karen Bork.

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



## FOOD PANTRY



May's focus is on "Household Supplies": paper towel, foil, plastic wrap, paper plates, baggies, plastic cups, toilet paper. 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, May 11 at Gus' Diner, Hwy 19, Sun Prairie, at 9:00am. Stop in for a cup of joe, a hearty breakfast and connect with brothers in Christ.



## MEN'S RETREAT—SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2022

Men of all ages yearn for real friendships and a closer relationship with Christ. Join us and be... – Adventurous and courageous – Genuine and spiritual Look forward to... – Banding together and being challenged – Examining your life and making decisions Be prepared for a spiritual boot camp. This 45-hour experience is not for the faint of heart!

MacKenzie Environmental Education Center  
W7303 County Road CS & Q - Poynette, WI

This retreat has been life changing for many attendees! For more info and to view participant testimonial videos; <http://www.lutheranmenmission.org>, or call Paul Beckman (608-241-2346).

## GARAGE SALE!

SAVE THE DATES:  
JULY 22 & 23



Have you been doing your spring cleaning? Do you have things that you no longer want? Let those things spark joy for others at our garage sale!

Watch for more details regarding when items can be dropped off and when help will be needed for setting up and working at the sale.

Please do not bring exercise equipment, mattresses, computer or computer equipment, TVs, entertainment centers, sofa sleepers. We have no place to get rid of them to if they do not sell.



## BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Noon on Wednesday, May 18, at Sugar River Pizza in Sun Prairie. Please join us!

## DINNERS AT THE LAKE

June 17 and July 29

Served 4:30-7:00pm

## CRAFT SALE-NOVEMBER 12TH

Mark the date on your calendar and plan to come and volunteer as well as start your Christmas shopping! Spread the word to any vendors you think might want to participate.

Lutherdale, N7891 US Hwy 12 Elkhorn, WI

All meals include hand-breaded cod, (baked or fried) parmesan lemon oven roasted red potatoes, clam chowder, mac & cheese, seasonal vegetables roll, cole slaw and a sweet treat and beverage. Adults \$18, Children (10 & Under) \$10

## 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](mailto: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: Mary

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesdays**

**LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 15th of the month**

# Youth & Kids Corner



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the breakfast!

Thank you to all those who helped set up, cook, serve and clean up!

Thank you to all those who came to eat!

We served fifty-eight people at the Youth Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, raising a total of \$553 for youth activities.

The breakfast was a great success and could not have happened without everyone's support.



## ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH GRADUATES!

We will be celebrating your success on June 12 at our 9am worship service. Following the service there will be cake during coffee hour. Please let the church office know if you will be able to attend—and Congratulations!



### “Never Waste a Good Transition”

An Interim Pastor appreciates this sentiment and in time, I hope you will as well. My task as your interim pastor is to help you to be ready to welcome your next settled pastor with open arms. In preparation, together we will focus on these three basic questions: Who are we? Who are our neighbors? What is God calling us to be?

We will spend time listening for God's voice and praying for your next settled pastor whoever she or he might be? God knows!


First, I want to get to know you...and I need your help. I would LOVE to “interview” as many of you as possible. I PROMISE this will not hurt. In fact, I hope you find your time is well spent. You love your church and I hope that I can be of help in listening for God's direction as you move into the future.

So, will you help me get to know you?

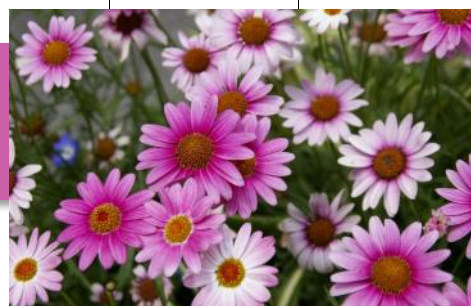
For this task, I hope to use all means of technology possible. I will be happy to use Zoom, the old-fashioned telephone, or FaceTime, etc. to make it as convenient and safe as possible. A few in-person can be scheduled as well. Are you willing? Call me at (608)577-9608 or email [jakrahn.1230@gmail.com](mailto:jakrahn.1230@gmail.com) to sign-up. Thanks, Pastor Julie



# MAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation Class	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Synod Assembly	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice Mother's Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Council Meeting, 6:30pm	<b>11</b> Men's Breakfast, 9am Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation Class	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Church Clean Up Day, 9am
<b>15</b> Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Quilting, 9:00am Birthday Luncheon, noon Confirmation Class	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation Class	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Worship, 9am Choir Practice Sunday School Recognition	<b>30</b> Memorial Day	<b>31</b>				

Save the Dates: June 5-Pentecost Sunday! Wear Red to show your Spirit!  
 June 12 Graduate Recognition  
 July 22-23-Burke Garage Sale



## Happy Birthday!

May 3	Amber Brown	May 19	Adam Kittleson
May 4	David Ludwig Jean Schnick	May 21	Lynn Martin Emma Dobbs Kristin Kalhagen
May 6	Joelle Frye	May 22	Kyle Krisher
May 8	Roland Frye	May 24	Deb Buss Emily Taylor
May 9	Taylor Olson	May 25	Larry Cutler Vicki Cutler
May 10	Ron Hennings Marcus Hung Diane McFarlin	May 27	Rose Haney
May 11	Steve Kittleson Kidy Lothe	May 30	Sierra Klang
May 12	Jon Lothe	May 31	Mike Housner Tim Wachs
May 15	Mitchell Hanson James Housner		
May 18	Sue Rittmann		

## Happy Anniversary!

Melissa & Tim Dobbs, May 3, 2003  
 Stacey & Adam Kittleson, May 8, 2010  
 Diane Johnson-Hung & Charlie Hung, May 13, 2000  
 Linda & Richard Hughes, May 15, 1971  
 Linda & Lynn Martin, May 19, 1996  
 Lisa & Alan Romeis, May 25, 2002



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## MAY WORSHIP LEADERS...

	<b>May 1 9:00am Service</b>	<b>May 8 9:00am Service</b>	<b>May 15 9:00am Service</b>	<b>May 22 9:00am Service</b>	<b>May 29 9:00am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist
<b>Music Leader</b>	Dave Wisner	Linda Truitt	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner	Linda Wendt
<b>Music Leader</b>	Chris Grefe	Dave Wisner	Chris Grefe	Linda Truitt	Hope McFarlin
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist	Sharon Hughes	Barb Hennings	Mary TeWinkel
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Sharon Hughes	Julie Clark	Tim Wachs	Barb Hennings	Mary TeWinkel
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Janeen & Chris Otis	David Hanson Karl Patzer	Roger Kittleson
<b>Coffee Hour</b>				Potluck-bring a dish to share	No Coffee Hour Memorial Day Weekend
<b>Counters</b>	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel

### CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

A big "Thank You" to all of you who responded to the Call Committee surveys. We appreciate you sharing your concerns and opinions on these questions as well as your ideas and suggestions for ensuring Burke's future. They will be very helpful.

We will continue to provide periodic updates as we move forward with the pastor call process.

### BUILDING FUND



Just a little reminder that although we have had an offer on some of our property it is not a signed and sealed deal. It will probably be six or more months until we know for sure. In the mean time we need to remember that our giving will need to support the congregation as well as make our mortgage payments.

### WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED!!!

Are you tired of seeing the same people doing readings, serving communion and assisting with worship tasks? If so, then sign up to be a worship leader. The following positions are open:



- Music Leaders
- Communion Prep
- Communion Assistant
- Lay Reader
- Usher
- Offering Counters

We will show you want to do for the various jobs. Lay readers are sent readings ahead of worship so you have a chance to read over them. If you would be interested in helping please let the church office know.