



APRIL 2017

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast **Sunday, April 9 Serving: 8am-11:00am**

Our menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, muffins, fruit, juice, milk and coffee. We will serve from 8am-11:00am for a free will donation. See you there!



If you are willing to help donate supplies for the breakfast please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. There is also a list if anyone is willing to help set up, serve and/or clean up. Set up will be Saturday, April 8, noon-2pm.

Proceeds are to benefit Burke's youth programs. Join us for fellowship and great food!

Holy Week & Easter Services

Maundy Thursday, April 13, 7:00pm
Good Friday, April 14, 1:00pm & 7:00pm
Easter Sunday, April 16, 8:00am & 10:00am



Easter Egg Hunt between Easter services!

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Salad Luncheon & Style Show **Saturday, April 29, 11:30am**

Tickets: Adults - \$9
Children - \$4 (age 10 & under)

View the latest fashions from the Dressbarn, sample a dozen different salads, enjoy a multitude of bars for dessert, and take home a cookbook flyer with all of the delicious recipes!

Tickets are available from Linda Klinger (608-241-0445) or Joelle Odor (608-225-4328).

If you'd like to model, please sign up. Models will visit the Dressbarn to select and try on fashions some time in mid April. Girls may also sign up to model, wearing several of their favorite outfits.

Help is also needed to make salads and bars. There is a sign up sheet located in the Narthex.

A Message from Pastor Robert.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Spring is officially here and as the world around us begins to undergo its own resurrection it is only proper that we will soon be focusing all our attention on Christ's resurrection in the Church. Beginning April 9th we will be celebrating Holy Week—a time when we focus in on the trial, death, and resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. We begin with Palm Sunday (April 9th) as we focus in on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and reading the passion narrative. After that we will focus on the last meal that Jesus shares with his disciples prior to being arrested (April 13th). This then leads into what we like to call Good Friday where we celebrate the arrest, trial and death of Jesus. Before you ask, I already know what your first question is, why do we call it Good Friday? Well we call the day he celebrated his last meal with the disciples Maundy Thursday and that's just as random, so just know that there are deep confusing reasons for this and just nod your head and say, "yes pastor" and let's move on. The question I would like us to focus on is how we go from people celebrating in the streets proclaiming the savior has come to those same people calling for his execution? Did they not see that this is the Christ? The Messiah whose coming had been foretold throughout Scripture? He was, but unfortunately the people did not want to hear what he had to say, nor do what they wanted him to do. Instead they only wanted a messiah that mirrored their belief systems instead of a messiah that proclaimed what they needed to hear and see.

The people wanted a new King, someone who would inspire the people to rise up in violent rebellion to overthrow their Roman oppressors. This is backed up by scripture, during the Passion narrative when Jesus is put on trial before the crowds. Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor, offers the people a choice between letting Jesus go or this other man named Barabbas who had incited violence. The crowds call for the release of

Barabbas rather than Jesus, demonstrating their desire for a more straight forward revolution rather than the spiritual revolution that Jesus proclaimed. This desire leads them to blindly ignore that which they truly need in order to be free, which is a change in their hearts and minds. As Jesus says to Pilate, his kingdom is not of this world, for his rule concerns changing how we engage the world around us. True reform could not be achieved through hatred and cruelty or else the cycle would continue; if the Jewish people wanted to change their world then it had to begin in their hearts and minds.

When we look at the cross we see many things. First and foremost we see a graphic depiction of a man beaten and broken then left to die as a warning against all those who wish to challenge the established authority. This is what those in power wanted the people to see, but as Christians we see so much more. We see someone who took our sins upon him and through his death and resurrection brought forgiveness and reconciliation. This image of a truly innocent man who stood up against the vile hatred and fear that this world is capable of dishing out and offering in its place forgiveness is revolutionary, which is why it has stood the test of time. It is a powerful image for us to wrap our heads around for as our sins are laid bare upon the body of Christ we are in return shown love, not hate, not anger, but love. Then in that one final act of rebellion which we celebrate on Easter morning (April 16th) Jesus lets us know that death is not the final answer but that there is a way out of this cycle of death and pain. The primary way out is through living a resurrected life, a life where we refuse to accept that death is the final answer. A life where we try and learn to understand and internalize Christ's life and teachings, thus opening our minds to a better way centered on ending this cycle of violence that our world seems stuck upon.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert



Prayer Concerns

During this past month we have remembered the following individuals in our Sunday prayers:

Ken Amacher	David Vincent
Chris McFarlin	Jamie Falk
Bill Schmidt	Marvin McCoy
Erik Jelinek	Marshall Bostad

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

Garden Planning Meeting

Save the Date—May 7, 6pm

It's almost planting season! Come and help us plan for our 2,500 square foot garden. Our garden produces about 1,000 pounds of fresh produce each year. The produce will be donated to the Sun Prairie Sunshine Place. Contact Deb Buss at deb.e.buss@gmail.com with any questions.

Softball Team Forming

We are looking to join the Co-ed Sun Prairie Ministry Association Summer Softball League. Please contact Pastor Robert if interested.

The Road Home

The first Road Home opportunity for 2017 will be April 9-11.

The Road Home Dane County provides opportunities for homeless children and their families to achieve self-determined goals and affordable, stable housing. After two years of work by a core group of religious leaders and shelter providers, The Road Home currently serves about 150 homeless families with children each year in Dane County.

Burke Lutheran has teamed up with Lake View Lutheran for the past few years to provide food and volunteers in support of this program. In 2017, Lake View and Burke will host the Road Home families for 4 weeks. Lake View provides the housing location. Burke provides volunteers and food from Sunday through Tuesday and Lake View takes Wednesday through Saturday. The generosity of Burke members through food donations and volunteering in the past has been amazing.

Burke Lutheran Church dates for 2017 also include June 11-13, October 1-3, and December 3-5. Look for the sign up sheets in the Narthex or contact Debbie Buss to be added to the email list, deb.e.buss@gmail.com, 608-516-7883.



Food Pantry

During April we are collecting fats, oils and sweets for the food pantry. This could be jams and jelly, syrups, honey, mayo, vegetable oil, salad dressings or sugar.

Please place items in the Food Pantry basket in the Narthex.



Easter Flower Orders

Sign up by April 9 for your Easter flowers. Your choice of lilies (\$13), pink or purple azaleas (\$19), pink or purple hydrangeas (\$27.50), or yellow, white or lavender mums/daisies (\$14).



Fireside Fellows

Re-Kindling the Fire

Men of all ages are invited for some fellowship and discussion. The Fireside Fellows continue on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7pm. Each session's topic is based on the upcoming Sunday's Bible readings. There is no page turning, preparation or study time. Newcomers always welcome.



For more information, please contact Paul Beckman, 608-241-2346, or Lon Buss, 608-516-7875.

Women's 2017 Conference Spring Gathering, Elkhorn Saturday, April 22

But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; And the birds of the air, and they will tell you; Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; And the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this?
Job 12:7-9

The morning agenda includes fellowship, synodical women's update, "Caring for God's Creation" by Bob Lindmeier, chief meteorologist at WKOW-TV, worship and song, raising awareness on the problem of human trafficking, and election of officers. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

Card-Making Session

Hosted by Barb Hennings

Mark your calendar and plan to attend! We'll be making Easter and birthday cards for shut-ins on April 4th, 1:00pm, at Barb's home, located at 6260 Sommer Valley Circle, DeForest.

Quilting—Threads That Bind

The BLCW has been quilting away! So far this year, 51 adult quilts, 13 adult fleece throws, 31 children's quilts, eight children's throws and six prayer shawls have been donated to The River, Ronald McDonald House, La Courte and UW Hospital. Quilting is every Wednesday at 9am.

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 Wednesday

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 15th of the month

Youth & Kids Corner



Of Note

No Sunday School on Palm Sunday, April 9. Please sign up to help with our Pancake Breakfast!

Thank YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who donated food, helped with the set up, serving and clean up for the Taco Bar fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed the great food and fellowship. Through your generosity we raised \$524 for Confirmation Camp.

Save the Date—Confirmation, May 7

On Sunday, May 7 Chloe Baumgartner, Kimberly Brown, Brenna Lee Clark, Hope McFarlin and Aysha Romeis will be confirmed. Come join us for this special event.

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Volunteers for providing supplies and for set up, serving, and clean up are needed. If you'd like to help, sign up sheets are posted in the Narthex.

See you there!



God's Global Barnyard Wrap Up

Help fight world hunger! Our Sunday School kids are collecting donations through the end of April. Funds raised will be used to purchase animals. Milk, eggs and meat from farm animals provide a lifetime of food to eat and sell on the market, helping a family to escape the cycle of hunger and poverty—for good. Contact one of our youth today to see how you can help.

Fish Fry at Lutherdale

Lutherdale is again holding Friday night fish fries. Dates are April 28, May 26, June 30, July 28, August 11 and August 25. Serving is from 4:30-7:30pm. Cost is \$14 for adults and \$7 for youth 12 and under.

The menu includes baked or lager battered cod, housemade potato pancakes, cole slaw, housemade clam chowder, bread & butter, housemade applesauce, beverage and fresh baked dessert.

It is recommended that groups of 8 or more make a reservation by calling 262-742-2352. Lutherdale is located at N7891 US Hwy 12, Elkhorn.

New Member Worship

Know someone who'd like to join our congregation?

On Sunday, April 23, we'll have a new member affirmation as part of our regular Sunday worship service.

Why join? First, it can be a meaningful time for the congregation to officially accept someone new into the family. Secondly, you come under the pastoral care of this church. And third, it's an important rite of passage that signifies your entrance into our church.


Contact Pastor Robert for more information.



Are You A College Student Looking for Summer Work?

Lutherdale is seeking camp staff for the summer of 2017! Working at summer camp, you have FREE lodging and food, and no commute! You also get to learn new skills, build your resume, develop leadership skills, enjoy the outdoors, change kids' lives, and make new friends. Apply online at Lutherdale.org/employment.

April Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship, 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Choir Practice, 10:30am	3 Fireside Fellows, 7:00-8:pm	4 Card Making, 1pm at Barb Henning's	5 Quilting, 9am Lenten Service, 6 Soup Supper, 6:30pm	6 Bible Study, 12:30pm	7	8 LEAD council meeting, 9am-noon
9 Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, 8-11am Worship, 9:00am Choir Practice, 11:00am	10	11 Council & Board Mtgs, 6pm/9pm	12 Men's Breakfast Quilting, 9am No confirmation	13 Maundy Thursday Bible Study, 12:30pm Worship, 7pm	14 Good Friday Worship, 1pm Worship, 7pm	15 Light of Life Articles due Ruth Circle, 10am
16 Easter Sunday Worship, 8:00am Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30am Worship, 10:00am	17 Fireside Fellows, 7:00-8:00pm	18 Foundation Mtg, 6pm	19 Quilting, 9am BLCW, 10am Luncheon, noon, Innkeeper Confirmation, 6:30	20 Bible Study, 12:30pm	21 River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	22 Dorcas Circle, 9am at Nancy Blum's
23 New Member Worship, 9am Sunday School, 9:00am Choir Practice, 10:30am	24 Preach Board Meeting, 9am	25	26 Quilting, 9am Confirmation, 6:30pm-8:00pm	27 Bible Study, 12:30pm	28	29 Salad Luncheon, 11:30am
30 Worship, 9:00am Baptism, Libby Brown Sunday School 9:00am Choir Practice, 10:30am	<div> UPCOMING EVENTS May 7—Confirmation Sunday May 7—Garden Planning Meeting, 6pm May 21—Last day of Sunday School Teacher, student & high school graduates recognition </div>					

Happy Birthday

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



Happy Anniversary



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

	April 5 Lenten Service
Organist/Pianist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Lon Buss

April Worship Leaders...



	April 2 9:00am Service	April 9 Palm Sunday 9:00am Service	April 13 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Service	April 14 Good Friday 1:00pm Service	April 14 Good Friday 7:00pm Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Beni Hupf	Bob Rittman	Diane O'Toole	Diane O'Toole	Bob Rittmann
Music Leader	Dave Wisner	Gloria Lundquist	Gary Beal	Dave Wisner	Diane O'Toole
Comm Assist	Sue Rittman	Joelle Odor	Jean Schnick		
Comm Assist	Bob Rittman	Nancy McClurg			
Communion Prep	Diane O'Toole	Jean Schnick	Mary TeWinkel		
Lay Reader	Jean Schnick	Diane O'Toole	Lon Buss	Pastor Robert	Sign up sheet
Prayer Readers	Julie Clark Lon Buss	Dave Wisner Lucy Wisner	Diane & Jim Moore	Nancy Blum Diane O'Toole	Dave & Lucy Wisner
Acolyte	Kimberly Brown	Aysha Romeis	Clara Neubert	Diane O'Toole	Hope McFarlin
Ushers	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl Patzer/Dave Weinberger	Roger Kittelson Al Klinger	Nancy Blum Tim Wachs
Greeters	Phyllis & Stuart Svoboda	Linda & John Schramer	Joelle Odor/Virginia Steward		
Coffee Hour	Judy Martin, Virginia Steward, Mary Brantmeyer	Youth Pancake Breakfast			
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Nancy Blum	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel			

	April 16 Easter Sunday 8am Service	April 16 Easter Sunday 10am Service	April 23 9:00am Service	April 30 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist
Music Leader	Diane O'Toole	Diane O'Toole	Bob Rittman	Diane O'Toole
Music Leader	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner	Diane O'Toole	Beni Hupf
Comm Assist	Sharon Hughes	Sue Rittman	Diane Moore	Tim Wachs
Comm Assist	Bob Rittman	Sharon Hughes	Jim Moore	Phyllis Svoboda
Comm Prep	Diane O'Toole	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke
Lay Reader	Jean Schnick	Jean Schnick	Joelle Odor	Barb Hennings
Prayer Readers	Sue Rittman Bob Rittman	Sue Rittman Bob Rittman	Jean Schnick Linda Truitt	Beni Hupf Linda Schramer
Acolyte	Ellie Lenzendorf	Clara Neubert	Ty Taylor	Stephen Bosben
Usher	Bob Lenzendorf Tim Wachs	Shari & Karl Patzer	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum	Jeanette Gehrke Nancy Blum
Greeters	Mark & Mary Schultz	Virginia Steward Jay Olson	Jan & Galen Peterson	Diane O'Toole Tim Wachs
Coffee Hour		Coffee Hour Committee	Ruth Circle	Men's Breakfast Club
Counters		Joelle Odor	Joelle Odor Sharon Hughes	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel