

Light *of* Life

SEPTEMBER 2020

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHURCH

Progress is being made! The church has been set down on its new foundation, the masons will be coming back soon to fill in the holes where the beams existed.



The bricks have been removed from the back of the church in preparation for the sacristy addition. Those bricks have been saved and we are working to clean them so they can be reused where needed. Thanks to Ron Hennings, Jay Olson, Dave Wisner, Linda Hughes and Mary TeWinkel for working on this. We will be having another cleaning "party" so if you can come and help let Linda Hughes know. There is lots of good conversation and social distancing. (You will need to bring your own tools and gloves.)

We are still dealing with the flooring issue in the fellowship hall, restrooms, hallway and office. Work was started to replace the mismatched colors and repair the bumps in the floor. Hopefully more progress will be made in the coming week. The floor will then need to be stripped and re-sealed before we can move everything back in place.



The new basement below the sanctuary!!!



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SAVE THE DATE

Our late August Drive-In Service was a success, so we're doing it again. Mark your calendar for the last Sunday in September for our next Drive-In Service! More details will be coming later this month via our weekly email blast, website, and Facebook page.



CALLING ALL DECORATORS

Do you have style? We would like to form a decorating committee to help make decisions on placement of wall hangings, pictures etc. If you are interested please let Linda Hughes know by email: lindahuz49@gmail.com or phone: 235-5308. We are not ready to start hanging things yet but we can begin the discussion.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

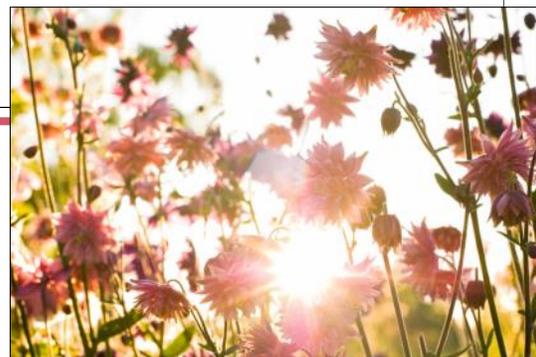
In the year 1999 I was a pretty lost 23 year old who spent the bulk of my time pretending that I was a college student, while slinging drinks at a bar in the evenings. Sure I was having fun getting invited to all the "cool" parties and often scoring free tickets to local shows, unfortunately my life had very little focus. Then on one fall evening while eating dinner at my parent's house they told me that their church was organizing a mission trip for the next summer, and since they could not go themselves they wanted to sponsor me. So after a little cajoling, I reluctantly gave in.

That week in Tijuana in the summer of 2000 had a profound effect on my life, and it would forever alter how I viewed the world around me. While some of the memories regarding the work site have blended in with the memories from subsequent years, there are still several things that stick out from that initial trip. The first thing I remember is the shock of seeing the slums that surround Tijuana. Here we are less than an hour drive south of the California/Mexico border and the vast majority of people were living in shacks, many of which had no plumbing and were cobbled together with scrap pieces of material left over around the neighborhoods. The next thing I remember was the sense of community. Maybe it is because they had almost nothing and were thus forced to rely upon each other, or maybe it was just the culture and poverty had nothing to do with it, but the families we interacted with both within the program and outside it were constantly helping each other and lifting each other up. There was no social safety net and these people knew that they needed each other to get by. It was on this trip that the concept of "love your neighbor as yourself" took on a whole new meaning for me.

Following this initial trip to Tijuana I had committed to going to the Burning Man festival in northern Nevada, and while I honored that commitment my heart wasn't in it. While my friends were running around having a good time reveling in debauchery, and enjoying all the creative art displays I spent most of that week in my tent reflecting upon the week I just had in Mexico. I didn't quite realize it yet but my life had changed and things like Burning Man no longer seemed as fun as they might have been just a few weeks earlier.

It still took me some time to realize where the Holy Spirit was calling me and in the meantime I went back to Tijuana the following year and was once again blessed by Tijuana when I met a young woman named Patrice, and we would then share this experience for the next four years. We seldom know, or fully understand how experiences will ultimately shape us. It is only in hindsight that I am truly able to appreciate just how profound this experience was in my life, not only did I meet my future wife but it changed the way I viewed the world and what I believed to be my calling in this world. We are living through a global event that will forever change us on a social and personal level. What that change will ultimately look like, we don't know, but one day we will look back and begin to understand. How can this experience, as toxic and divisive as it has often been, change us and help us form a deeper understanding of God's greatest commandment to love God with all our heart, mind and soul, and to love our neighbors, as ourselves.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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| Tina Bauman | Lisa Thompson | Mary Skinvik |
| Bev Lowe | Harper DeBauche | Helen Knuteson |
| Rudy Nielsen | Lucy Wisner | Stuart Svoboda |
| Dave Wisner | Marv McCoy | Chris McFarlin |

Family & friends of Cheri Krisher.

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

THANK YOU

RELAY FOR LIFE

Our team raised over \$1300 to fight cancer. Thank you to all who donated and kept our 22 years of giving going strong.

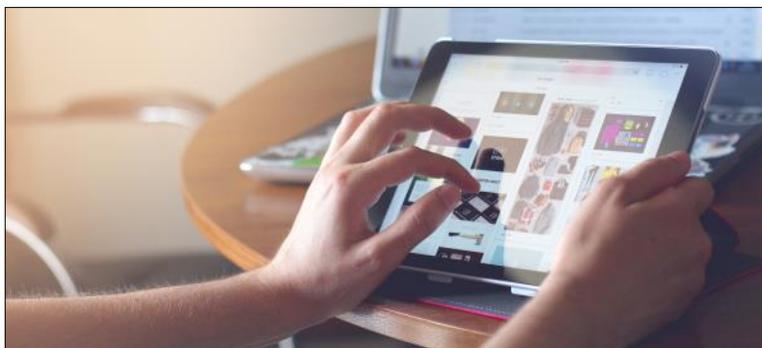


RIVER FOOD PANTRY



Serving Dane County since 2006, The River Food Pantry provides food, resources and faith to build a stronger community. The River's COVID-19 [Emergency Food Fund](#) provides free curbside groceries and

supplies, mobile lunches for children, and ready-to-go meals for families to enjoy at home. As the area's busiest food pantry, The River serves over 1,000 households every week in pursuit of its vision: a fully nourished community. Please consider [donating](#) today.



ONLINE CHECK-IN

AKA BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Rob via Zoom each Thursday at approximately 1:00pm for a bit of chat with a dash of bible study. Watch for the link via Facebook on the Burke Check-In page. Not on Facebook? Contact Pastor Rob to get the link.

RECIPE CORNER— BLOOMIN' BAKED APPLES

With fall loomin' around the corner, try a new recipe with your favorite variety of crisp apples—Granny Smith, Honeycrisp, Fuji, Jazz, etc.

Ingredients:

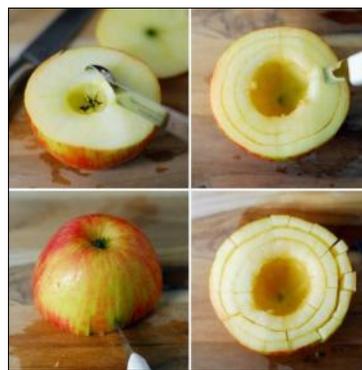
- 4 crisp apples
- 4 Tbsp melted butter
- 1 Tbsp packed brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp granulated sugar
- 1 Tbsp flour
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 8 chewy caramels
- Vanilla ice cream
- Caramel for drizzling



Directions:

Preheat oven to 375° and grease a baking dish with cooking spray. In a small bowl, whisk together butter, sugars and cinnamon.

Slice top off of each apple then use a melon baller, grapefruit spoon or stainless steel measuring spoon to scoop out core. Use a pairing knife to make two deep circular cuts around the center of the apple. Next, turn the apple cut side down on a cutting board and slice from stem to lip at regular intervals to make the petals (or use an apple slice corer, just don't push it all the way down).



Place the apples cut side up in an oven safe dish. Fill each apple with two caramel squares, then brush melted butter mixture on top. Bake until tender, about 30 minutes.

Serve warm with ice cream and drizzle with caramel.

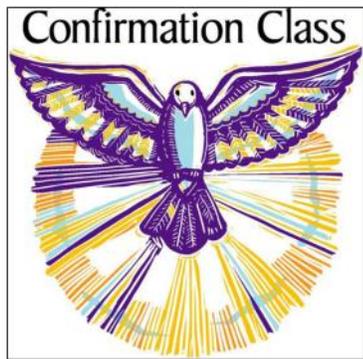
—Recipe from *Delish.com*

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

Youth & Kids Corner



CONFIRMATION CLASSES FORMING

Confirmation Class will be forming this fall, starting in October. As to what the class will look like, Burke is partnering with other local churches for a potential hybrid class model, with some classes online and other classes in-person outside depending on weather. To enroll a new student, in Confirmation Class, please contact Pastor Rob.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board...

Chairperson: Open

Council Rep: David Hanson

Superintendent: Jean Schnick

Treasurer: Open

Secretary: Open

VIRTUAL TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Our Sunday School curriculum is all set for virtual teaching this fall. If you are interested in recording a short video message and a craft similar to what Pastor Rob and Clara did this August, please contact Pastor Rob. The curriculum includes the weekly reading and an assortment of craft ideas to choose from, so teachers have a plan to follow. The craft projects use items from around the house and are simple to do. All you need is a little bit of time to record the message and craft project. Sign up for just one week, or sign up for more!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 13!

No registration needed!

Online curriculum!

Nurture seeds of faith!

Connect with God and each other!



HELP NEEDED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The BLCW has been an active participant in Lutheran World Relief for many years, and the pandemic is not stopping us! We have most of the items needed for the school kits, but are coming up a bit short on notebooks. If you would like to participate by contributing, please purchase 70-sheet single subject notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8"x 10". We need four notebooks for

each kit, so that's quite a number of notebooks!

We're hoping to assemble the kits in the fellowship hall once the floor repair is done. We do have an alternate DeForest assembly location in mind if the floor is not done by mid-September. Date of assembly and location will be announced later this month. If you'd like to volunteer for the assembly of the kits, please contact Sharon Hughes at 608-225-6172. Social distancing and other precautions will be observed.

We will be delivering the completed kits to the Wisconsin Southern Railroad Yard at 1890 E. Johnson Street, Madison at the end of September.

SEPTEMBER 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 Burke Check-In Study, 1:00pm via Zoom	4	5
6 Worship, online Nat'l Read a Book	7 	8 Council, 6:30pm	9	10 Burke Check-In Study, 1:00pm via Zoom	11 Patriot Day	12
13 Grandparents Day Worship, online	14 National Coloring Day	15 Foundation, 7pm	16 Lefse Rolling, 8am	17 Burke Check-In Study, 1:00pm via Zoom	18 Please consider donating funds to the River Food Pantry,	19 Talk Like a Pirate Day National Dance Day
20 Worship, online	21	22	23	26A Burke Check-In Study, 1:00pm via Zoom	25	26 LWR Train Loading, 7-11am
27 Worship, Drive-In , 9:30am & online	28	29	30			

Save the Dates: October 31 Happy Halloween!



Happy Anniversary!

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



Have a birthday in September?
Hope your birthday is spectacular,
totally cool, really fantastic, wonderful, exciting,
majorly awesome, fun-filled, rocking and **HAPPY!**



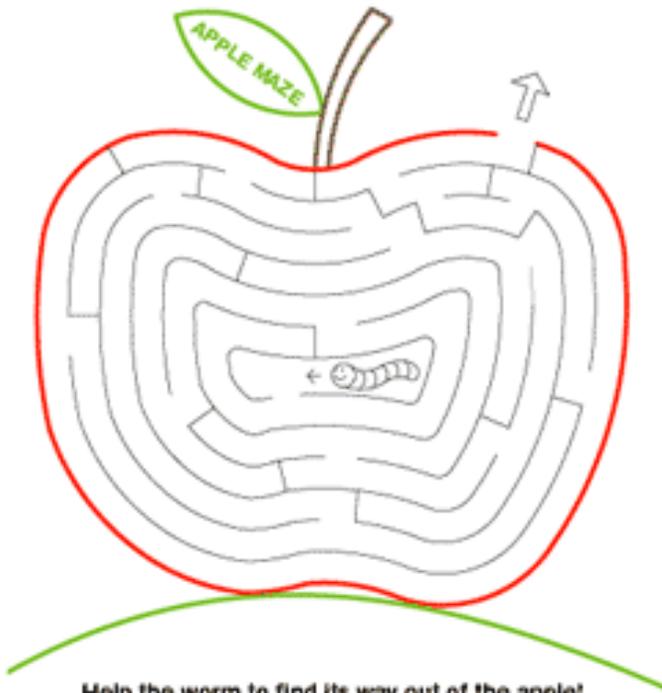
MEET OUR BISHOP

The Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe has been elected as bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA.



BLC Puzzle Page

SEPTEMBER IS APPLE PICKING TIME!



Help the worm to find its way out of the apple!

The crabapple is the only apple native to North America.

Two pounds of apples make one 9-inch pie.

2,500 varieties of apples are grown in the US with 7,500 varieties grown throughout the world.

Apples are grown in all 50 states. The average size of a US orchard is 50 acres. Many growers use dwarf apple trees. Most apples are still picked by hand in the fall.

Apples are fat, sodium, and cholesterol free; a medium apple is about 80 calories.

Apples are a great source of the fiber pectin. One apple has five grams of fiber.

The science of apple growing is called pomology.

Apple trees take four to five years to produce their first fruit. It takes the energy from 50 leaves to produce one apple.

Apples are a member of the rose family.

Apples harvested from an average tree can fill 20 boxes that weigh 42 pounds each.

Some apple trees will grow over 40 feet high and live over 100 years.

Most apples can be grown farther north than most other fruits, because they blossom late in spring, minimizing frost damage.

Apples are the second most valuable fruit grown in the United States. Oranges are first.

In colonial time, apples were called winter banana or melt-in-the-mouth.

Apples have five seed pockets or carpels. Each pocket contains seeds. The number of seeds per carpel is determined by the vigor and health of the plant. Different varieties of apples will have different number of seeds.

Newton Pippin apples were the first apples exported from America in 1768, some were sent to Benjamin Franklin in London.

America's longest-lived apple tree was reportedly planted in 1647 by Peter Stuyvesant in his Manhattan orchard and was still bearing fruit when a derailed train struck it in 1866.

Apples ripen six to ten times faster at room temperature than if they were refrigerated.

A peck of apples weighs 10.5 pounds.

A bushel of apples weighs about 42 pounds and will yield 20-24 quarts of applesauce.