

Light *of* Life

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Drive-In Service Sundays in November 9:30am

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WEEKLY DRIVE-IN & ONLINE SERVICES

During the month of November, beginning November 1, join us for Drive-In services as well as online, weather permitting!

Watch for email blasts, or check our website and Facebook pages for any cancellation notices due to weather conditions. A little thing like cold temperatures won't stop us! But if there are blizzards, monsoons, heat waves, gale force winds and the like we might pass. Either way, our online services will continue simultaneously as well.

SPECIAL DRIVE IN SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Just a reminder that this first Sunday in November we'll be recognizing our 2020 Confirmation Class as well as remembering all the saints from this past year.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Don't forget to set your clocks back! On Saturday, October 31, be sure to set your clocks back an hour before bed. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

VETERAN RECOGNITION SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8,
9:30AM

Please join us in a special Veteran's Day Recognition on Sunday, November 8 as we honor our Veterans at our Drive-In Service.

Veteran family members, neighbors and friends are all invited..

With respect, honor and gratitude—thank you Veterans!



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Contrary to popular belief no matter who is elected on November 3rd the world will not end. I know the media and our politicians would like us to think that it is all going to fall apart in order to get us to vote for their favorite candidate but fortunately the world will continue moving on, time will not stop and life will just keep happening. Rhetoric like this gets thrown around every year, what makes this year particularly bad though, is that we have become deeply divided as a nation and our media is exploiting this. No matter which side of the political isle you fall upon news sites that support your political viewpoint have been working overtime in order to get you to believe that those who disagree with their viewpoint are to be considered the enemy, and they must be stopped. Our liberal or conservative family members and/or neighbors are no longer to be viewed as fellow Americans but instead as someone out to destroy our way of life and thus should be hated and/or feared.

Well I am here to tell you that no matter who you voted for, no matter what camp you identify with, I hope to see you in church. Even though we may disagree with each other over what the best path forward is for our country, we are all beloved children of God and I am proud to have you in my life, and I hope that you are happy to have me in your life. Lets face it America was built by people from all over the world, some came here voluntarily, some involuntarily, and some were already here. Because of our varied backgrounds, economic standings, cultural heritages, religious views, and racial classifications we have developed various ideas regarding what is best for us as a society. Depending upon how those ideas have grown and taken shape within us we have found ourselves more sympathetic toward a particular political identity and instead of judging each other based upon which camp we have allied ourselves with, we should instead attempt to listen to each other and try to understand each other. This doesn't mean that we need to agree, or necessarily be friends but hopefully through

listening and understanding each other we can at least respect each other and learn to see each other as fellow children of God.

God does not care about who you voted for, God cares about what is in your heart. God cares about how you treat your neighbors and hopes that we can learn to spread love, not hate. So now that we have all cast our votes (or soon will if you are reading this before November 3rd) we need to remember that the life of the church moves on and the church needs your love and support more than ever. COVID has forced us all into a far more isolated state than what any of us are used to and as we wait for this terrible disease to run its course we should be spending our time finding ways to help our neighbors.

The Reach Board needs help caring for those who are particularly isolated during this pandemic so if you are able to reach out to those who are shut in due to this pandemic please let us know. The River Food Pantry is also looking for volunteers to help get food to the increased number of people affected by the economic downturn due to the Pandemic, if you can help let us know. Teach Board is looking for people willing to help get Sunday school running in the virtual world so if you have the time or ability please let us know. We are once again having weekly worship though it is now taking place in the parking lot and the Preach Board is always looking for volunteers to help make these services happen. Due to the building project there are several service opportunities coming up for those willing to help move things, decorate, organize, or any number of other projects so if you think this is something you can help with the Property board could use your help.

Serving your church both within its walls or beyond them has nothing to do with what political party you follow, but it has everything to do with how much love is in your heart so once again I want to say no matter how you voted I hope to see you in church remembering that we are all God's children. Amen

Peace & Blessings, Pastor Rob

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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| Tina Bauman | Lisa Thompson | Chris McFarlin |
| Bev Lowe | Harper DeBauche | Helen Knuteson |
| Rudy Nielsen | Lucy Wisner | Stuart Svoboda |
| Marv McCoy | Diane Moore | Kay Gritzmacker |
| Paul Beckman | | |

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



CHURCH PEW

The church was recently contacted by Karen Ethun whose husband Burnell had passed away. She told us that as a wedding gift her in-laws, Clara and Rudy Ethun (long time members) had given them a church pew from the original church building. She is downsizing and graciously donated it back to the church. A special thanks to Karen for this piece of Burke's history.



BUILDING UPDATE



If you have been past church lately you will notice lots of changes. The retaining wall is finished, the sacristy is enclosed, the parking lot is done and the narthex is getting enclosed. Soon the renovations in the sanctuary will begin. We are on track for everything to be finished by mid-December.

KNUTE REINDAHL



Many of you have heard this name before as it relates to the stained glass windows that we enjoy in our sanctuary but here is some information about him. Knute was born in Telemarken in 1858. His father died when he was 3 years of age and at the age of nine he and his mother and six other brothers and sisters came to America and settled in Madison. Like his father and mother's people, he became skillful with his hands and at carving. As a result he started to make violins and became internationally known for his art. In 1900 he received the Diploma of Merit for wood carving at the World's Fair in Chicago and later he won the Diploma of Merit at the World's Fair in Paris. Mr. Reindahl was a member of Burke and is buried in our cemetery. It was his will that provided for the beautiful ornamental windows which the church now has. Those windows were installed between 1937 and 1938.

ORGAN MOVE

As part of the renovations of the interior of the sanctuary we will be moving the organ pipes into the new sacristy area. As we began this process it was pointed out to us that it needs some work. That work could entail \$130,000. The organ is a Verlinden which was purchased in 1941 at a cost of \$1993.41.

When we met with the Fabry Pipe Organ Company they told us the value of the organ is over \$204,000. Because of costs they proposed to move it and re-install it, leaving it in its current condition for close to \$43,000. The updating could be put off until the church could afford it. This is obviously a more manageable amount. Keep in mind that we haven't budgeted for this work and we'll need to do some further fundraising. Work removing the organ will begin on November 4th thru the 6th.

LIGHT OF LIFE & SUNDAY BULLETIN ARTICLES

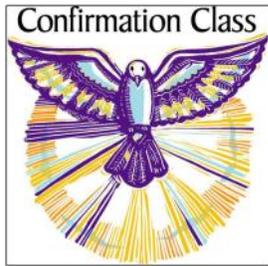
If you have news you'd like to see in the Sunday bulletin announcements and/or Light of Life newsletter:

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 CLASS

Confirmation classes are being held each Wednesday, alternating small workgroups with the full class via Zoom. We've partnered with Norway Grove and the class is made up of three students from Burke and nine from Norway Grove.

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!

BUTTER BRAIDS FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER 18 THROUGH DECEMBER 2



You'll be able to order those yummy braids made from quality ingredients; flour, sugar, and butter soon. Each pastry is braided by hand with care in a small town in Iowa. Thanks for helping us raise funds for Youth Retreats and Confirmation Camp!

- Butter Braid orders will be taken online from November 18th though December 2nd.
- Your orders can be picked up at Burke Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 20th following the Church service.
- If you are not able to pick up your Butter Braids at this time, please contact the Church at (608) 244-8486 or Angie Lenzendorf at (608) 692-5055 to make alternate arrangements.
- Link to place order: <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/9a28f5fe-7179-4b56-a0e5-fc80ac812f4d>
- If you would like to place an order but not online, please contact the Church at (608) 244-8486 or Angie Lenzendorf at (608) 692-5055 to place an order.
- Make Checks Payable To: Burke Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER 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 Drive-In Worship, 9:30am Online Worship	2	3	4 Confirmation—small groups	5 Online Bible Study, 1:00pm	6	7
8 Drive-In Worship , 9:30am w/Vet Recog.	9	10 Council, 6:30pm	11 Veteran's Day Confirmation—small groups	12 Online Bible Study, 1:00pm	13	14
15 Drive-In Worship, 9:30am Online Worship	16	17 Foundation, 7pm	18 Confirmation—small groups	19 Online Bible Study, 1:00pm	20 Please consider donating to River Food Pantry,	21
22 Drive-In Worship, 9:30am Online Worship	23	24	25 No confirmation	26 	27 Black Friday	28
29 Drive-In Worship, 9:30am Online Worship Advent Begins	30	31				

Save the Dates: December 2 Last Day to order Butter Braids
December 24 Drive-In Service, 7:00pm Giving Tuesday



Happy Birthday!

**Have a birthday in November?
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 November!**

CHURCH TRIVIA

Many things have changed over the years including the costs for supplies and constructions. Here are a few tidbits from Burke's history that you might enjoy!

- 1902-Price of a cemetery lot was \$1.25
- 1914-Purchase of stamps, 2 cents
- 1923-Purchased a watering trough for animals used for transportation, \$5
- 1926-First Electric Light bill, \$2
- 1927-Tuning of the church organ, \$6
- 1932-Pastor's salary was cut from \$200 per quarter to \$160 per quarter
- 1945-Communion wafers, \$1
- 1946-Cleaning supplies and a carpet sweeper, \$6.25



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.

What are you *thankful* for?

As we move into the season of Thanksgiving we are asking people to share with us something that you or your family is thankful for this year. We would like to post them on our web-site. So send us a picture and a statement about the picture.

Please submit it as an email with "Thankful" in the subject line. Send no later than Nov.18th. The church e-mail is: burkelutheran@ att.net



DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION?

If you've changed your contact information in the past few years — if you've moved, dropped your land line, changed your email to get rid of all that annoying spam you were getting, got a new job, etc. — please let the church office know. You can leave a message at 244-8486 or send an email to: burkelutheran@att.net. Thank you for helping us stay in touch!

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