

NOVEMBER 2021

Light of Life

Burke Lutheran Church

CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Saturday, November 13, 2021
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

NORWEGIAN LEFSE

Unique Crafts, Quilts & Delicious Baked Goods

Sandwich Plate available

BBQ or hot dog, chips, pickle, cookie & coffee or lemonade

Adults \$5, children 7-12 \$3, age 6 & under free

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 8:00AM—4:00PM

Please come, bring friends, there's something for everyone. While you shop, take time out to enjoy a cup of coffee, a delicious bakery item and the fellowship of friends. A sandwich plate will be available for purchase, as well as our famous lefse.



Signup sheets will be in the Narthex for bakers and volunteers to work at the event.

Bakers: We are in need of your delicious home-made bakery goods. The church will be open on Friday from 9am-7pm for you to drop off your baked goods, or you can stop by early Saturday morning.

We ask that you do not price them as we will do it to keep like items priced the same. Any baked items that do not sell on Saturday will be sold Sunday morning. Thank you in advance for participating! In previous years we sold out of lefse by 11:00am and baked goods by 3:00pm.

OUR STAFF

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We remember and thank God for all the saints who have entered his eternal kingdom this past year. A candle will be lighted in their memory during our Worship Service on Sunday, November 7. Please contact the church office if you wish to light a candle for any other saints from this past year.

Marvin McCoy
David Gehrke
Liam Gehrke
Marilyn Wolff
Ted Krisher
Rev Jim Bean

Rudy Nielsen
John Hughes
Ryan McKittrick
Mark Habich
Beverly Storlie
Joann Foss

*All Saints
Sunday*

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sometimes people just rub me the wrong way, either it is their personality clashing with mine, they did something I perceived as hurtful, or it's just that I took an immediate disliking to that person for some reason I am unable to explain. Whatever the reason I just can't seem to like them, whether it is justified or not is another question. Often I have found myself talking negatively about a person, or seeking new and creative reasons not to like that person. My words can sometimes cause others to distance themselves from an individual, and in that moment I feel justified because in my mind, they deserve it. As days, weeks, months, or years would pass I would learn more about these individuals. I would find out about early childhood traumas that they had endured, abuse that they lived with, medical issues that plagued them, the isolation that they experienced as a result of public cruelty, their screams for attention coupled with the social awkwardness that we all face, mental conditions that they lived with, abandonment issues, or maybe they were just different than I and those differences caused them to look at the world in a different way. I would come to the painful realization that my anger and dislike toward this person caused me to stop treating them like a fellow human being. I acted as if the one aspect that I did not like was what defined their entire life.

Was this fair? Absolutely not. There is never just one aspect of a person that can define that individual's entire life. We may self-identify under numerous labels used by society to categorize us but there is no one category that completely defines who we are. When we pass judgment based upon something we do not like about a person then we rob that individual of their humanity. Passing judgment is a way we try to trick ourselves into giving ourselves permission to dehumanize an individual and we need to ask ourselves; would we be okay with someone doing that to us? Of course not.

Does knowing these things mean I have stopped doing this? No, because unfortunately it is way too easy to demonize the other, yet that does not mean I stop trying. There are approximately 7.9 billion people alive right now on this planet, 333.6 million of those people live in the US, 5.9 million of them live in Wisconsin, and 556,189 of them live here in Dane County. With that many people it is inevitable that we will probably not mesh well with everyone. That most likely there are a few people out there that we should probably keep our distance from, but if that is not possible then it is our responsibility to do our best to try and treat them as fellow children of God. As a child I often heard the saying, "sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me." These are probably the most misleading words that have ever been spoken, because in fact words often have a far more lasting impact than most physical damage that we endure over our lives.

Ephesians 4:29 *Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.*

I see a community based in love toward God and each other all around me yet we all need this reminder from time to time. Each of us struggle with the instinctual desire to slander others who we perceive as threats or are just different than ourselves, and it is important for us to know what we are doing so that we can try and stop ourselves before we hurt someone. With deep compassionate love comes also the need to protect that with which we love and I feel blessed to be part of a community united in mutual affection toward one another. Unfortunately we continue to live in a world that feeds on division and it is up to us to not allow that divisive rhetoric to get between us and our love for God and neighbor. Instead let us find ways in which to be peacemakers in our community, spreading the love of God which we have discovered through this community and our lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Robert

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

<i>Helen Knuteson</i>	<i>Lisa Thompson</i>	<i>Virginia Steward</i>
<i>Lucy Wisner</i>	<i>Nancy Bartlett</i>	<i>Shelby Branzanti</i>
<i>Allison Foss</i>	<i>Val Sandmire</i>	<i>Heather Chadwick</i>
<i>Paul White</i>	<i>Diane Nelson</i>	<i>Jessica Waldo</i>
<i>Beni Hupf</i>		

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST



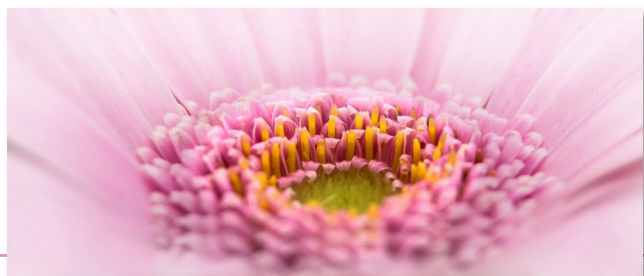
The Men's Breakfast group will meet Wednesday, November 10th, 9:00am, at Gus' Diner in Sun Prairie. Please contact Dave Weinberger at 608-225-0588 or

Roger Kittleson at 608-843-9895 if you'd like to attend.



RETURN OF DORCAS CIRCLE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Our first monthly DORCAS Circle meeting will be at 9:00am on Thursday, November 4. We'll be meeting at Deb Brown's home.



BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, NOON

The ladies' luncheon will meet on Wednesday, November 17th. Our November restaurant is Rex's Innkeeper, Waunakee.



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 4:00PM

Save the date and join us for this family-friendly event. Please bring a dish to share. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you'd like to decorate a table for this event.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES & SERVICE NOVEMBER 7, 14 & 21

Class will meet immediately following Sunday's Worship Services on November 7 and November 14. Class will last approximately 20-30 minutes with Pastor Robert. No registration required.



Please join us November 21 as we celebrate our young people with their first communion during our regular worship service.

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

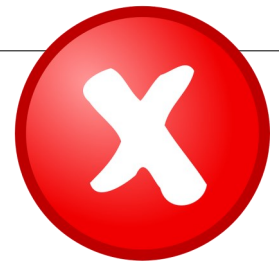
BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesdays

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 15th of the month

COUNCIL NEWS

Friends,

The Council at its October meeting proposed that we combine the businesses that were conducted at the Winter and Spring meetings into one Winter meeting. To do this we must update our Bylaws and make a few adjustments to the Constitution to make everything sync up.



Please see the special insert for details. The highlighted lines are bylaws, the remaining lines are found in the constitution. The underlined areas in the current constitution and bylaws indicate what would need to be changed if we approve going to one meeting a year.

A vote will be held Sunday, November 14, following our worship service.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGNUPS

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

November 7	Class
November 14	Pageant practice
November 21	Pageant practice
November 28	Pageant practice
December 5	Pageant practice
December 12	Pageant practice
December 18	Full dress rehearsal
December 19	Pageant
December 26	Winter break
January 2, 2022	Winter break
January 7, 2022	Classes resume

Our Christmas Pageant is on for this year! Your child must be available for ALL practices, the full dress rehearsal and the play itself! Practice dates are Sundays beginning November 14 up until December 12 during Sunday School class. Saturday morning December 18 is our full dress rehearsal with mandatory attendance.

The Christmas Pageant is scheduled for one grand performance on December 19 during our church service. Please contact Kim Hanson at 609-576-1084 or email hansonkim11@gmail.com if your child is able to be in the Christmas Pageant.

IT'S TIME FOR BUTTER BRAIDS!

Beginning November 17, you'll be able to order those yummy braids made from quality ingredients; flour, sugar, and butter. Each pastry is braided by hand with care in a small town in Iowa. Orders must be received by December 1. For online orders, [click here](#). There is also a paper form posted in the Narthex. Checks should be made payable to: Burke Lutheran Church. Delivery will start December 15. Thanks for helping us raise funds for our Youth programs.



Bylaws & Constitution Proposals

Currently

Chapter 10.

CONGREGATION MEETINGS

C10.01. The annual meetings of this congregation shall be held at a time specified in the bylaws.

Regular Congregational meetings will be held twice per year as follows:

The Winter meeting shall be held no sooner than January or later than the first Sunday in February and its agenda shall include:

- Approval of the annual reports of Boards, Committees, organizations & individuals
- Approval of a budget for the calendar year
- Election of Audit Committee, Nominating Committee, Lutherdale Reps, Oakwood Reps, Synod Assembly Reps
- Other business which requires action by this congregation

The Spring meeting shall be held no sooner than May or later than the first Sunday in June and its agenda shall include:

- Election of Officers, Council members, and Board members
- Election of Endowment Foundation members
- Other business which requires action by this congregation
- Reports from Synod Assembly Reps, Lutherdale Reps, and Oakwood Reps

Chapter 11

OFFICERS

C11.02. The officers shall be elected by this congregation by written ballot and shall serve for a two (2) year term, beginning July 1 and ending June 30 at our spring annual meeting

Chapter 12.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

C12.02. The members of the Congregation Council except the pastor(s) shall be elected at a legally called meeting of this congregation at the spring meeting. They shall serve a two (2) year term with each term beginning July 1 and ending on June 30. Newly elected Congregation Council members shall be installed at a Sunday worship service prior to the date they assume office.

Chapter 13

C13.06. & C13.07. Congregational Boards

The board members shall be elected at the regular Spring meeting of this congregation. Half of the members of each board shall be elected in even-numbered years and the remainder of the board shall be elected in odd-numbered years. Board member's terms will be two years. There is no limit to the number of terms a board member may serve.

Proposed Changes

Chapter 10.

CONGREGATION MEETINGS

C10.01. The annual meetings of this congregation shall be held at a time specified in the bylaws.

Regular Congregational meetings will be held once per year. It shall be held no sooner than January or later than the Second Sunday in February and its agenda shall include:

- Approval of the annual reports of
 - Boards
 - Committees
 - Organizations
 - Audit Committee
 - Nominating Committee
 - Lutherdale Reps
 - Oakwood Reps
 - Synod Assembly Reps
 - Individuals
- Approval of a budget for the calendar year
- Elections
 - Officers
 - Council members
 - Board members
 - Audit Committee
 - Nominating Committee
 - Lutherdale Reps
 - Oakwood Reps
 - Synod Assembly
- Other business which requires action by this congregation

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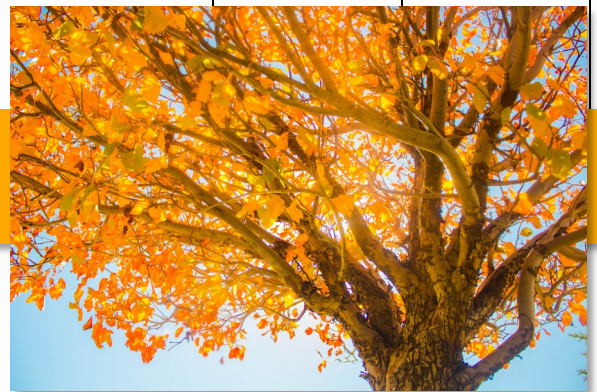
NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Quilting, 9:00am In Person Bible Study, 1pm Confirmation Class, 7pm	4 Dorcas Circle, 9am Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	5	6 Turn Clocks Back
7 All Saints Sunday Worship, 9am & online Sunday School, 9am Coffee Hour	8	9 Council Meeting, 6:30pm	10 Men's Breakfast, 9:00am Quilting, 9:00am In Person Bible Study, 1pm Confirmation Class, 7pm	11 Veterans Day Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	12	13 Craft & Bake Saele 8am-4pm
14 Vet Recognition Worship, 9am & online Vote Pageant Practice, 9am Coffee Hour	15	16 Foundation Mtg, 7:00pm	17 Begin ordering Butterbraids Quilting, 9:00am Birthday Luncheon, noon In Person Bible Study, 1pm	18 Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm	19	20
21 First Communion Worship, 9am & online Pageant Practice, 9am Coffee Hour	22	23	24 Quilting, 9:00am In Person Bible Study, 1pm No Confirmation Class	25 	26 Black Friday	27
28 Worship, 9am & online Pageant Practice, 9am Potluck	29	30				

Save the Dates: December 1
December 5
December 24
Last day to order Butterbraids
Advent by Candlelight
Christmas Eve Worship Service



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!





NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS...

	November 7 9:00am Service	November 14 9:00am Service	November 21 9:00am Service	November 28 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Hope McFarlin Linda Wendt	Dave Wisner Linda Truitt	Clara Neubert Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner Linda Truitt
Communion Assistant	Julie Clark	Barb Hennings	Sharon Hughes	Clara Neubert
Communion Prep	Gloria Lundquist	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	Mary TeWinkel
Reader	Bob Boettcher	Tim Wachs	Barb Hennings	Julie Clark
Ushers	Bob Lenzendorf	Janeen Otis Chris Otis	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	David Hanson Karl Patzer
Coffee Hour				Potluck
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Patrice Neubert	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist Patrice Neubert	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson

VETERAN RECOGNITION SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 9:00AM

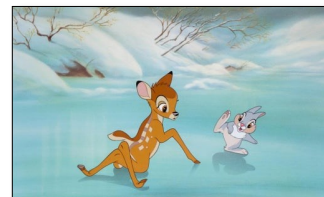
Please join us in a special Veteran's Day Recognition on Sunday, November 14 as we honor our Veterans. Veteran family members, neighbors and friends are all invited. Coffee Hour will be served in honor of our Vets.

With respect, honor and gratitude—thank you Veterans!



INCLEMENT WEATHER & WINTER PARKING

The winter season is coming fast, and with it, lots of ice and snow. Snow is usually easily identified but unfortunately ice often goes unseen until it is too late. In order to keep our members safe we wish to remind everyone to please keep the loading and unloading areas as clear as possible to allow for drop offs, to reserve our limited handicapped spaces for those most in need, and to let us know immediately if you



find ice anywhere where people may be walking. To find out if church services are cancelled due to inclement weather, you may call the church office at 244-8486. Thank you, and God's peace be upon all that you do.



Don't forget to set your clocks back! On Saturday, November 6, be sure to set your clocks back an hour before bed. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!