



JANUARY 2024

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ANNUAL MEETING

ANNUAL REPORTS - DUE JANUARY 8, 2024

Please complete your annual report and turn in to Laura no later than noon on Monday, January 8.

ANNUAL MEETING - SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024.

The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th following the 9:00am service. Agenda items include election of officers (President, Vice President, and Secretary) and board members, Board and Committee reports, the 2024 budget, election of Audit and Nominating committee members and representatives to Lutherdale, Oakwood and the Synod Assembly.

Please consider serving on one of the boards. Here is a brief summary of what each board works on:

Preach - Anything related to our worship service, selecting hymns, decorating the sanctuary, etc.

Teach - Anything related to teaching for adults or children.

Reach - Anything related to reaching out . . . this could be within our congregation or outside of it.

Property - All things related to caring for our popery/buildings. There are many willing to help with the work but we need a board to help manage what needs to be done.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes for 2024 are ready for pickup. They are on the table in the narthex. Please help us get these distributed to your families. If you cannot find yours please contact the church office to report it.

2023 GIVING STATEMENTS

In mid-January you will be receiving your giving statement for tax purposes. If you receive the newsletter via email your statement will be emailed to you; all others will be mailed. Please review the statement and if you feel there is an error contact the church office to report it.

*Happy
New Year*

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRYAN

Dear friends,

Merry Christmas!

I hope the Christmas Eve services here at Burke were joyful times with your family and friends. And I hope you found yourself surrounded by those dear to you throughout this holiday time.

As December moves into January, we continue the Christmas Season until January 6, the day of Epiphany. In between the two celebrations, there are several smaller commemorations on the church calendar, and one of those is on New Year's Day, when the church recalls the promise of Jesus' name.

The name Jesus is from an old Hebrew name meaning "He saves" which is why the angel told both Mary and Joseph to name him that, so that we might always remember that he is our savior, now and always. And salvation is more than just what Jesus does – it is who he is.

I mention this because my goal and intention for 2024 is to learn more of your names and faces. Just like the promise of knowing Jesus by name helps us see salvation, I want to see you and for you to be seen. I feel like there are so many of you that I haven't had a chance to meet yet. So my new year's resolution is to learn your names and stories. We will learn about each other this year as we discern what God has in store for us this year. We have plenty of things planned, which you can read about in the following pages. And of course, we'll worship together every week. For that, and for each of you, I give thanks to God!

God bless,

Pr. Bryan

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Lisa Thompson
Virginia Steward
June Chadwick
Martha Dallman
Sonja Nielsen
Jeromy Toutont
Family of Mary Bosben

Mark Gehrke
Patricia Wisner
Kay Gritzmacher
Dan Sullivan
Nancy McClurg
Judy Martin
Julie Clark



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

WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 17 at 11:30am. They will be meeting at Sugar River Pizza, Sun Prairie. Please join us for the monthly celebration. Happy Birthday to all that month.

FOOD PANTRY

"Meals in a Can," such as soups, stews, chili, canned meat (tuna, chicken), canned vegetables, canned fruit, etc. Cans with pop tops are especially welcomed. Please place your non-perishable goods in the 'Donations' basket in the entryway.

BIRTHDAY BAGS FOR RIVER FOOD PANTRY.

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.



QUILTING

Every Wednesday at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome, no experience needed.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, January 10 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.



EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!!!!

Become a member of our cemetery board! Lively discussions at meetings that are few and far between. WE NEED YOU!

Sharon and Susie are lonely. Please contact Sharon at 608-225-6172 or Susie at 608-609-9068.



DORCAS CIRCLE

The DORCAS Circle is looking for **new members**. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Gloria Lundquist.

PRAISE CHOIR

Do you like to sing or do you play an instrument? If so, come join the Praise Choir. Please contact Chris Grefe or Gloria Lundquist if interested. Practices are Wednesday mornings at 10:30am.

Burke Lutheran Bags
\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

Burke Lutheran bags are now available for purchase. We have approximately 75 bags. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.



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

Youth & Kids Corner



SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children ages 3 to 6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School. You will begin in the sanctuary for the first part of the service and will be dismissed following the children's sermon. Come and see what exciting things the teach board has planned for you! **Sunday School will resume Sunday, January 7, 2024. Bibles will be presented to the Sunday School kids on January 14, 2024.**

Confirmation Class



CONFIRMATION

Classes are held every Sunday at 10:30am in the fireside room

This is a 2 year program. Most youth begin confirmation in 7th grade. It's not too late to get involved and if you are interested in getting confirmed, please contact Pastor Bryan about participating in the classes.



2023 Sunday School Program
"Christmas at the Beach"



CHILI COOKOFF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Do you think you have the worlds greatest chili? Here is your chance to prove it! Social Hour will begin at 4:00pm. The party will continue at 5:00pm, where we'll sample the chili entries, along with hotdogs and dessert. A sign up sheet for chili entries will be in the Narthex. Warm up your February with our annual Chili Cookoff!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Grant Committee meeting, 6 pm	3 Quilting, 9am Bible Study, 1pm	4	5	6
7 Worship, 9am Sunday School 9am Confirmation 10:30am Coffee Hour, 10am	8	9 Council Meeting, 6:30pm	10 Quilting, 9am Men's Breakfast, 9am Bible Study, 1pm	11	12	13
14 Worship, 9am Sunday School 9am Confirmation 10:30am Coffee Hour, 10am	15	16 Foundation Meeting, 7pm	17 Quilting, 9am BLCW Meeting, 9am BLCW Birthday Lunch, 11:30am Bible Study, 1pm	18	19	20
21 Worship, 9am Sunday School 9am Confirmation 10:30am Coffee Hour, 10am	22 Preach Board, 9am	23	24 Quilting, 9am Bible Study, 1pm	25 DORCAS Circle, 10am	26	27
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Save the Dates: Sunday, February 11 - Chili Cookoff
 Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

Happy Birthday!

Jan. 3	Linda Peterson	Jan. 18	Libby Brown
Jan. 4	Julie Clark	Jan. 19	Judy Martin
Jan. 5	Gary Brown	Jan. 21	Jamie Truitt
Jan. 7	Charley Hanson	Jan. 24	Emory Lietz
Jan. 9	Hunter Hanson	Jan. 27	Randy Showers
Jan. 12	James Ekern	Jan. 29	Robert Boettcher
Jan. 15	Mariah Lenzendorf	Jan. 30	Jan Peterson
Jan. 17	Donna Showers	Jan. 30	Mark Klang
Jan. 17	Kim Hanson	Jan. 31	Roger Martin

Happy Anniversary!

Darwin and Nancy Thompson Jan. 16, 1971



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JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

	January 7 9:00am Service	January 14 9:00am Service	January 21 9:00am Service	January 28 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie K. Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie K. Moore
Music Leader	Chris Grefe	Chris Grefe	Chris Grefe	Chris Grefe
Music Leader	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner
Communion	Julie Clark	Gloria Lundquist	David Hanson	Sharon Hughes
Communion Prep	Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke
Lay Reader	Sharon Hughes	Tim Wachs	Cheryl Beckman	Deb Brown
Ushers	Bob Lenzendorf David Hanson	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Steve & Donna Frederick	Karl & Shari Patzer
Coffee Hour				Potluck
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson



River Food Pantry Snack bags

These photos were taken while putting together the snack bags for the holiday gift pick up at the River Food Pantry. Together we collected \$425.00 along with donations of snacks and other supplies. With all of this, there was enough to put together 120 snack bags. They were delivered to the River on December 13 in time for the gift pick up on December 17th.

The River would like me to forward a big thank you to all here at Burke for all the support we always give.



Live Nativity 2023

Thank you to everyone who braved the cold and overcast skies to come out and help make Burke Lutheran's Live Nativity so much fun!

Key players: Katherine, Timothy, Kristin and Pastor Bryan Lagerstam; Tom Hanson; Susie K. Moore; Dave Hanson; Karl and Shari Patzer; Tim Wachs; Donna and Steve Frederick; Sharon Hughes and Keaton; Angie, Bob and Raelynn Lenzendorf; Jay Olson; Hope McFarlin; Linda Hughes, and Roger Kittleson. Thanks to Mary TeWinkel for finding the life-size cutouts of the manger animals and Dan Lothe for loaning the straw.

