

Light *of* Life

OCTOBER 2020

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Burke Lutheran Church

Drive-In Service

November 1

9:30am

All Saints & Confirmation

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SAVE THE DATE

Our next Drive-In Service is scheduled for November 1, and it's an extra special one! We will celebrate our Confirmands, who have been waiting patiently since the spring. We will also be honoring all those saints who have passed away since November of last year

CONFIRMANDS



Join us as we celebrate our four confirmands and their faith statements on November 1:

Carter Truitt
Danni Queiser
Abby Harris
Clara Neubert

ALL SAINTS

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 Drive-In Worship Service on Sunday, November 1. Please contact Peri Beal if you wish to light a candle for any other saints from this past year.

Doug Foster
David Cevaal
Michael Corcoran
Tom Lien
Susan Sherry
Louise Kraemer

Alaina Rittmann
John Knuteson
Fred Sandridge
Ron Brantmeyer
Cheri Krisher
Mary Skinvik



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This is not normal, no matter what people say about embracing the "new normal" I will never accept this as normal. The extremely high levels of fear, anxiety and anger that are permeating our society as a result of local, national, and world events; an especially toxic and divisive election year; the continued escalation protests and violence surrounding a national movement challenging how we treat each other and especially minorities in this country; and the continued effects that the COVID 19 pandemic is having on our lives physically, emotionally, spiritually, and economically is not normal and should never be accepted as such. In order to have a relatively healthy society things can not stay the way they are now, because if it does that pervasive fear, anxiety and anger that has infected us as a whole will continue to grow and eventually tear us apart (far worse that what we are already seeing).

While I have no doubt that we as a society will make it through this multilayered, and multisided, national crisis that we are now facing I do wonder what we will look like in the coming years. Will we continue to allow fear, anxiety, and anger to govern our decisions or will we truly embrace the sprit of love and care for our fellow human beings that not only governs the core of Christ's teachings but is also the central tenant of all the major religions in our world. While the religious practices and beliefs of Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and the many other religious practices around the world may vary, the top four and nearly all the others are centered around the basic idea that we were put on this earth to love and care for each other. So if this is true, then why is there so much fear and anger permeating our world? Why haven't we embraced these teachings of peace and understanding toward our neighbors?

As many people have observed the religious landscape of the society we live in is changing. More and more people are either abandoning organized religion or using organized religion to forward their own agendas rather than actually seeking out and enacting the core of what faith is all about. Unfortunately this is nothing new and is the reason why so many people have strayed from all forms of organized reli-

gion. What makes this period in history unique, is the level at which information disseminated throughout society. Information is pouring in from all sides and most of it is highly contradictory and very one sided in order to spread fear, anxiety and anger. The purpose being that if you can buy into one narrative and be taught to distrust all other narratives, then you become that sources consumer. So with this in mind how can we break free from this place of fear, anxiety and anger?

We need to learn how to recognize when fear is being used to control our emotional state, and then seek healthy ways to control and transform that fear in order to spread positive energy toward those affected by that fear, rather than spreading it. We need to open our bibles and other teachings based around love, tolerance, and inclusion to help center our thoughts and anxieties based around what we don't understand so that we can try to find loving ways to navigate the unknown and unfamiliar territories that we are being asked to navigate. We need to remember that everyone is a child of God equally beloved and accepted by God. Remember God created us all and God wants us to treat each other as brothers and sisters. Like all brothers and sisters none of us are the same, each of us is unique and special in our own ways. We have all been taught good and bad practices in life based upon the way we were raised and the culture that we were reared in. Various events and circumstances that we have encountered throughout our lives have shaped us in multiple ways and due to our uniqueness we have handled these things in our own special way. As a result of all that life has thrown at us we have become the beautiful flawed children of God that we are and we should seek understanding and growth rather than hate and judgement amongst our fellow brothers and sisters.

Aka "do onto others as you would have them do onto you" .

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Robert



PRAYER CONCERNS

During the month of September, 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 | Family & friends of Mary Skinvik. |

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHURCH

Things continue to progress with the construction at church. We are in our final stage with plans to have everything finished by mid December this year.



They recently dug and placed the drains from the retaining pond out to Portage Road.



Construction has begun on the sacristy on the back of church.

Soon the parking lot will be finished, sidewalks installed and retaining walls placed.



The best part is that the boards are off the stained glass windows!

COUNCIL MEETING

The Council will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 7pm. It has been a while since we have met and we have some items of business to discuss. Hope everyone can attend.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Despite the pandemic Burke has assembled 60 health kits, 100 school kits and 88 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to everyone who helped sew school bags, donated materials and helped assemble. Special thanks to the quilters for all their work on the quilts and Sharon Hughes for coordinating school and health kit supplies. They will soon be on their way all over the world to help those in need.

WELCOME DON AND CHRIS

We welcome Don and Chris Grefe of DeForest to our Burke Family. Some of you may remember them from years past when they were members. Don is retired and Chris is a programmer for Nelnet. They have 3 children and are looking forward to worshipping with us. We will have a formal welcome when we return to in person services.

LEFSE UPDATE

Due to the ongoing construction as well as a lack of volunteers, we've made the difficult decision to forego our annual lefse making.

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 Class



CONFIRMATION CLASSES FORMING

OCTOBER 14

Confirmation classes will begin on October 14th at 7pm. We are teaming up with Norway Grove Memorial Lutheran Church in DeForest and classes will be held via Zoom at first. For more information please contact Pastor Robert.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board...

Council Rep: David Hanson

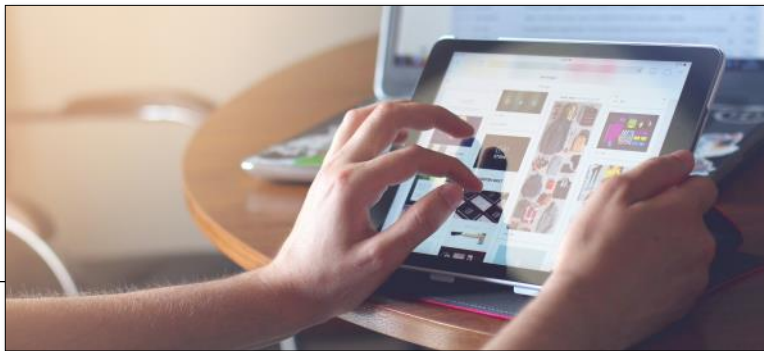
Treasurer: Open

Superintendent: Jean Schnick

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!



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.

THE RIVER FOOD PANTRY

The River Food Pantry was very appreciative of our quilters!



OCTOBER 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 Bible Study, 1:00pm	2	3
4 Online Worship, 9:30am	5 	6	7	8 Bible Study, 1:00pm	9	10
11 Online Worship, 9:30am	12	13 Council, 7pm	14	15 Bible Study, 1:00pm	16 <i>Please consider donating to River Food Pantry</i>	17
18 	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 	26	27	28	Pastor Rob out of office		
25 Online Worship, 9:30am				29 Bible Study, 1:00pm	30	31

Save the Dates: November 1 Drive In Service w/Confirmation & All Saints
 November 11 Veteran's Day
 November 26 Thanksgiving Day
 November 27 Black Friday



Happy Birthday!

Have a birthday in October?
 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 **October!**





*The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
cordially invites you to attend
the Festive Worship Celebration
and Installation Service for*

BISHOP JOY MORTENSEN-WIEBE

Sunday, October 11, 2020

1:00 pm

By Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

*Livestream Originating from
New Heights Lutheran Church
Black Earth, Wisconsin*



*As we continue to practice the guidelines of social distancing,
all are invited to join in the celebration
by viewing the live stream accessed from
<https://scsw-elca.org/bishopinstallation/>*

The live stream will begin at 12:30 pm

He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Luke 10:2

