

Light *of* Life

MARCH 2019

LENT
A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL & PREPARATION



Ash Wednesday, March 6, 6pm Worship

Wednesdays in Lent, March 13--April 10, 6pm Worship

Palm Sunday, April 14, Pancake Breakfast

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7pm Worship

Good Friday, April 19, 1pm & 7pm Worship

Easter Sunday, April 21, 8am & 10am Worship

BOWLING & PIZZA

MARCH 3, 2:30PM

Join us at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes, Madison for bowling, pizza or both! Everyone is welcome! Bowling: 2 games w/shoes \$8 per person. Pizza and soda sponsored by The Men of Burke. Contact Paul Beckman at 241-2346 by February 28 to sign up.



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LENTEN SERVICES & SOUP SUPPERS

The Reach Board is sponsoring soup and sandwich suppers each Wednesday during Lent. Lenten Worship Services will be held at 6:00pm. A Soup & Sandwich Supper will follow at 6:30pm, and our Confirmation Classes will run from 7:00-8:00pm.



Our Lenten Worship Service will use the Holden Evening Prayer and we'll focus on the Seven Deadly Sins; Lust, Gluttony, Greed, Sloth, Wrath, Envy, and Pride.

If you'd like to be involved in our Lenten Worship Services, we are in need of cantors, and soup & sandwich makers! Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

The dates for the Lenten services and soup & sandwich suppers are March 13, 20, and 27, and April 3 and 10.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Wednesday, March 6th we celebrate Ash Wednesday and officially kick off Lent. So if there is any joy or happiness of any kind in your heart it is time to dispel it. Lent is a time of preparation and mourning as we join together to focus on our own guilt, misery, and participation in Christ's death. Let the fun begin! So join us here at Burke Lutheran as we give up not only the word "halleluiah" (no not even look at this word after March 6th) to Easter morning (April 21st) there will be absolutely no smiling. To help in this process you are encouraged to stay away from all small children and/or house pets since their cuteness levels are way too high and produce far too many smiles. Please refrain from telling jokes, and definitely do not watch any comedic movies or TV shows. If you do need to watch anything only watch things that would fall under serious minded religious, historical, true crime, political documentaries, or dramatic movies like *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*. Only things that cause severe frustration, anger, pure logical thought, or depression are considered appropriate. If you find yourself at work or at a friend's house and you feel a smile beginning to crack upon your lips due to the process of actually enjoying one's self, quickly get up and run from the room before those good feelings begin to spread. Do not let those around you cause you to fall into that deep bright pit of sunshine and joy.

In honor of this time of pain and sadness I invite you to join me in misery as we spend the season of Lent focusing on the Seven Deadly Sins; Lust, Gluttony, Greed, Sloth, Wrath, Envy, and Pride. Despite everything I have just said it is my hope that I can take a look at how each of these "sins" are manifested and promoted in the world around us today and some of the ways the church has mis-handled these feelings that are within us all to various degrees by either coming down too hard or dismissing/ignoring them when it suited us. Hopefully as we work through them we can come to some healthy balance for us personally and the church going forward as we deal with the endless conflicts within us and around us.

Since I do believe in grace, being a Lutheran and all I have decided that I will allow three smiles per person during Lent. All those who exceed their quota must sit in the front row during worship for the remainder of Lent.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert

ASH WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

MARCH 6, 6PM

Join us for our Ash Wednesday evening service on Wednesday, March 6, at 6:00pm. A sign up sheet for worship leaders is located in the Narthex.



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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| Tina Bauman | Owen Storlie | Lisa Thompson |
| Ross Crosby | Jamie Falk | Mary Skinvik |
| Bev Lowe | Harper DeBauche | |
| Madison Smith | Darwin Thompson | |

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



CEMETERY CLEANUP

Please remove all Christmas decorations from the cemetery by Ash Wednesday, March 6. If you feel you are unable to remove them yourself because of snow, contact Pastor Rob. Thanks for your cooperation.

FILL THE ALTAR

BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 10

The River Food Pantry needs a helping hand, so let's fill the altar! Please bring non-perishable food, such as canned vegetables, soups and fruits; boxed dinners; cereal, grains and crackers; you get the idea. In addition to food items the pantry can use things such as toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, hair brushes/combs, disposable baby diapers, baby wipes, feminine products and Depends. Feel free to drop off items any time during Lent.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, March 13 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.



BLCW 2019 YEARBOOKS

The BLCW Yearbooks for 2019 are available for pickup on the table in the Narthex. Please help us get these distributed.



EUCHRE PARTY

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 6PM

Winning isn't everything. There's also gloating and rubbing their noses in it. Potluck first, cards second. Singles and couples are welcome. The fun begins at 6pm and wraps up by 9pm. We'll be playing in the church basement.

Please sign up so we know how many are playing. Spectators are also welcome!



2019 CHILI COOKOFF CHAMPION

Congrats to Linda Hughes as her mouthwatering chicken chili topped Pastor Rob's Arrogant Ale chili as well as ten other competitors. See page 4 for more photos.



CONGRATS TO DON & HELEN

On February 24, these two pledged their love to each other in front of the whole congregation. Pastor Rob presided over the blessing ceremony and there wasn't a dry eye in the sanctuary.

We wish you many years of happiness together!



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
SUNDAY
IS MAY 19



CONFIRMATION CLASSES—NEW TIME

During Lent, Confirmation Classes will be held from 7-8:00pm. Dates affected are March 13, 20, and 27, April 3 and 10 as well.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:

Chairperson: Open position

Council Representative: David Hanson

Superintendent: Jean Schnick

Treasurer: Rudy Nielsen

Secretary: Sonja Nielsen

SAVE THE DATE—APRIL 14, 8AM-11AM

Our annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be held on Palm Sunday, April 14. Please sign up to:

Setup: Saturday 4/13, 12pm-2 pm

Prep/Serve: Sunday 4/14, 7am-10am

Serve/Clean-up: Sunday 4/14, 9am-12pm

Non-perishable item donations can be delivered to Church on Sunday, April 7

Fresh food item donations can be delivered to Church on Saturday, April 13 between noon-2pm or on Sunday April 14 at 7am.

For more information contact: David Hanson @ 608-279-3159



2019 TALENT SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

Top, left to right: Linda T & Elaine J perform *Memory*, Beni H & Gloria L piano duet, Ellory N, Raelynn L & Clara N song-n-dance.

Bottom, left to right: Dave W & Gary B duets, Clara N monologue, Louie B jokes, Senior Choir perform AARP's *My Favorite Things*.

Not pictured: Cajun Trio, Sing Along, and Chicken Dance.

Photos by Peri Beal and Angie Lenzendorf



MARCH CALENDAR

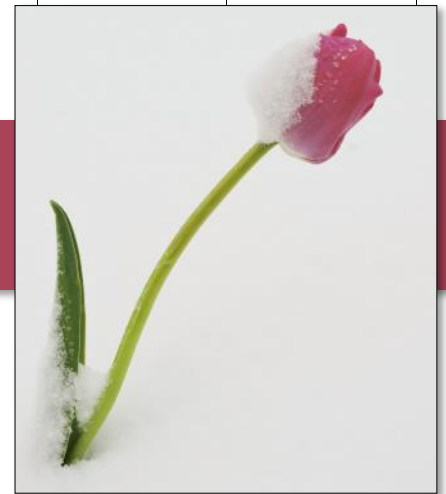
The staff at Burke Lutheran meets most Thursday mornings at 9:00am. We will return phone calls after our meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice Bowling & Pizza	4	5	6 Quilting, 9:00am Ash Wednesday Service, 6pm	7 Bible Study, 12:30pm	8 Euchre, 6:00pm	9
10 Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice	11 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	12 Council Meeting, 6:30pm	13 Men's Breakfast, 9am Quilting, 9:00am Lent Service & Soup Supper Confirmation Class, 7pm	14 Bible Study, 12:30pm	15 River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	16
17 Worship, 9am Kids in Service Choir Practice Chili Cookoff, 4pm	18 Preach Board, 9am	19 Foundation Mtg, 7:00pm	20 Quilting, 9:00am Lent Service & Soup Supper Confirmation Class, 7pm	21 Bible Study, 12:30pm	22	23 Dorcas Circle, 9am at Virginia's
24 Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice	25 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	26	27 Quilting, 9:00am Lent Service & Soup Supper Confirmation Class, 7pm	28 Bible Study, 12:30pm	29	30
31 Worship, 9am Sunday School Choir Practice						

Set your clocks ahead!

Save the Dates: April 3 & 10
 April 14
 April 18
 April 19
 April 21

Holden Evening Prayer Lent Services & Soup Suppers
 Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
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Happy Birthday!

Have a birthday in March? 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 March!



MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS...

	March 3 9:00am Service	March 10 9:00am Service	March 17 9:00am Service	March 24 9:00am Service	March 31 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Jamie Falk	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Beni Hupf	Beni Hupf	Kathy Sandridge	Beni Hupf	Kathy Sandridge
Music Leader	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner	Darrell Foss	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann
Communion	Sue Rittmann	Tim Wachs	Kids in Service	Sharon Hughes	Darrell Foss
Communion	Nancy McClurg	Jean Schnick	Kids in Service	Bob Rittmann	Beni Hupf
Communion Prep	Jean Schnick	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke	Peri Beal
Lay Reader	Paul Beckman	Bob Boettcher	Kids in Service	Jean Schnick	Joann Foss
Prayer Readers	Lucy Wisner Dave Wisner	Julie Clark Beni Hupf	Kids in Service	Linda Schramer Tim Wachs	Sharon Hughes Diane Moore
Acolyte	Dani Queiser	Annaliese Romeis	Kaitlyn Schramer	Clara Neubert	Abbey Harris
Ushers	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Shari Patzer and students	Tim Wachs Chris Otis	Roger Kittleson —open—
Greeters	Jo & Ted Cooper	Judy & Roger Martin	Kids in Service	Bob & Jeannette Gehrke	Galen & Jan Peterson
Coffee Hour	Preach Board	Quilters	Executive Board	Dorcas Circle	Jan Peterson Shirley Bostad Val Sandmire June Chadwick
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Kim Hanson	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Julie Clark Patrice Neubert	Sharon Hughes Kathy Sandridge	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel
Sunday School Pre K – K 1st–2nd Grades 3rd–4th Grades 5th–6th Grades	John Bosben Rebecca Stalbaum Abby Stalbaum Jenny Nielsen	John Bosben Amy Proebstle David Hanson Kim Hanson	Kids in Service	John Bosben Shaney Iturbide David Hanson Kim Hanson	John Bosben ~open~ ~open~ ~open~

INCLEMENT WEATHER, WINTER PARKING

The winter season is almost over. 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 handi-capped 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. If there's no answer, Pastor Rob is out shoveling. Thank you!



How to Walk on Ice — Channel Your Inner Penguin!



Esperanza International

MISSION TRIP

Mark your calendars for June 16 -22, 2019. We will be heading to Tijuana Mexico to help build homes with Esperanza International.

If you are interested in learning more about this trip, please sign up in the Narthex.



Don't forget to spring ahead! On Saturday, March 9, be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed.