

Light *of* Life

AUGUST 2019

PRAISE BE!

Immediately following worship service on Sunday, July 7, Burke Lutheran Church congregation met on the ground where the new construction and relocated church will stand. Pastor Rob led the congregation in a blessing ceremony. "We give thanks, O God, as we dedicate this land to your glory and praise. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen." The congregation then sang *Here I Am Lord* and shovels broke ground.



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RALLY SUNDAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Save the Date! Please plan on joining us for a special worship service featuring the Gary Beal Band's Traveling Salvation Show. We'll also be presenting our Sunday School teachers for the Fall session that's open to all children from kindergarten to sixth grade. Following the service, we'll celebrate with an indoor potluck. More details to come in the September issue of Light of Life.

BURKE CONCESSION STAND—NEW COORDINATOR NEEDED!

Since 2012, Burke Lutheran members have been volunteering at events in the Madison area raising funds for various ministries. These have included UW Football games, Shake the Lake, hockey games, BratFest and many more. Funds have been raised for the Building Fund, Habitat for Humanity, River Food Pantry, Sunshine Place and Road Home.

As many of you know, Lon Buss has moved to MN and we need a new Concession Stand Team Coordinator. This person will communicate with Ken Hoffman for events at The Alliant Energy Center and Coliseum and recruit volunteers. They would also work with Peri, our secretary, for promoting opportunities. This effort will not involve UW Football, as it has been decided that we will not be doing UW Football this year.

If you are interested, or have questions, please feel free to contact Lon Buss (608) 516-7875, or Karl Patzer (608) 770-7325. Lon is willing to help with some orientation and provide the team email list. It would be great to identify a new coordinator before August in preparation for the fall 2019 schedule of events.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

"This month Burke Lutheran Church celebrates its 168th year of ministry here on the eastern side of Madison that was once the "no-mans-land" in-between Madison and Sun Prairie. The once rural village of Burke housed the notorious Pumpkin Hollow school house where many received their PHD's (Pumpkin Hollow Diplomas) and was comprised many small family farms. A lot has changed in the last decade. This is no longer a rural farm community, as most of the farms that once dotted this land have been transformed into houses, apartments, office buildings, and numerous retail shops. One of the few remnants of this history is this little church which not only has played an important role in the family histories of many people in this congregation, it also has played an important role in the settling of the newly formed state of Wisconsin which had just achieved statehood three years prior. Norway Grove, Spring Prairie, Bonnett Prairie, and Burke Parishes would provide the birthplace for the spread of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in Wisconsin and it would be from these four churches that nearly every other Norwegian Lutheran Church would receive their start, including Bethel Lutheran in downtown Madison, Morrisonville Lutheran and many others down the road through the establishment of the Norwegian Synod.

The question that we need to ask ourselves today is, how can we be a viable and inspiring piece of Wisconsin's future, and not just a symbol of its past? This is particularly important right now as giant construction vehicles are currently creating massive piles of dirt in what was once our softball field to the Northeast of our current church building. Before we know it our beloved sanctuary will be put on wheels and somehow moved around our cemetery and at-

tached to the new addition. Once this is complete hopefully we will be starting to answer this question. In the meantime in order to begin answering that question we must first ask another; what does the community of which we are a part need, and how can we help facilitate that need? In just a few weeks summer will come to an end and the majority of Wisconsinites will be getting back to business as usual. The typical question we would ask at this point would be, "how can we invite them to be a part of our community?" I would like to invite you to ask a different question, "how can Burke Lutheran be a positive influence upon their lives?"

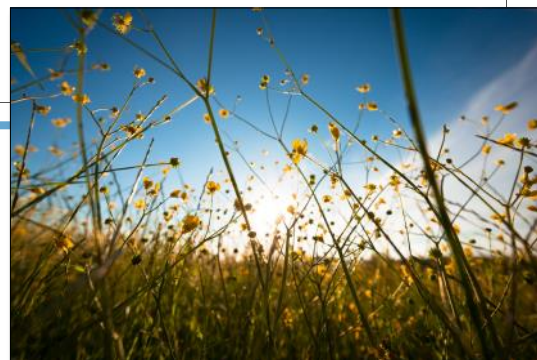
How are we as individuals and as a community helping those not only within our community but also how are we affecting the lives of those outside our community? How do those outside our community perceive us, and the positive things we are doing? They say that actions speak louder than words, and this is true, but Lutherans often need to be reminded that words do help as well. Simply building a new space for our community to grow and thrive is not enough, we must be the hands and feet of God for those pouring into this once rural farming community, welcoming them and loving them as they attempt to grow and prosper upon this land that we love.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Tina Bauman	Owen Storlie	Lisa Thompson
Jamie Falk	Mary Skinvik	Bev Lowe
Madison Smith	Harper DeBauche	Darwin Thompson
Fred Sandridge	Jane Ford Bennett	Helen Knuteson



FOOD PANTRY

August's focus is on "Boxed Dinners": Hamburger Helper, rice mixes, noodle mixes, etc. Please place items in the designated basket in the Narthex and it will be delivered to the pantry.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, August 14 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.



LUTHERDALE FEST QUILT AUCTION

AUGUST 1, 8:00AM TO 4:00PM

Please set your calendars and join Lutherdale for a day full of food concessions, fresh baked goods, crafts, fabric sale, honey, jams & garden produce, pontoon rides on the lake, and of course our LIVE AUCTION! Live Auction begins at 10am. Featuring over 300 quilts of all sizes, made and donated by many talented and dedicated quilters. It all goes down at Lutherdale, N7891 US Hwy 12 Elkhorn, WI.



BLCW MEETING

The next BLCW Meeting is Wednesday, August 7 at 10:00am in the church basement. All female members (and Dave too!) of Burke Lutheran Church are invited. Hope to see you there!

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

SUMMER SALAD RECIPES

Beat the heat with one (or all) of these trios:

Tomato Tossed Salad

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| 6 T olive oil | 1/8 t sugar |
| 1 T white wine vinegar | 1 t garlic |
| 1 T fresh lemon juice | 1 t fresh parsley (chopped) |
| 1/2 t salt | 1/2 t dried basil (1 t fresh) |
| 1/4 t pepper | 2 large beefsteak tomatoes |



Cut tomatoes in chunks and place in quart jar glass container. Combine remaining ingredients. Pour over the tomatoes and allow to marinate about 3 hours. Serve over salad greens.

—Barb Hennings

Bob's Favorite Cucumber Salad

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| 4 C peeled and sliced cucumbers | 3/8 C sugar |
| Salt | 1/2 C half & half |
| 1/4 C white vinegar | |



Liberally salt the peeled and sliced cukes. Let them stand for an hour then squeeze out water. Mix the vinegar and sugar, then add the half & half. A whisk works well for this. Pour over the squeezed out cukes. Chill and serve.

—Sue Rittmann

Checker Salad

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| 2 C cooked chicken breast (cubed) | 1 1/2 C frozen peas |
| 3 hard boiled eggs (chopped) | 1 C chopped celery |
| 1/4 C Miracle Whip mixed with a little milk, enough to make juicy | |
| Salt and pepper to taste | |



Mix all ingredients well. Keep chilled. Serve on bed of lettuce.

—Jeannette Gehrke



Served 4:30-7:00pm

Lutherdale, N7891 US Hwy 12 Elkhorn, WI

All meals include salad

bar, beverages and generous portions. Guests are encouraged to try some of everything! Reservations Requested for Parties of 8 or more. Adults \$16, Children (10 & Under) \$8.

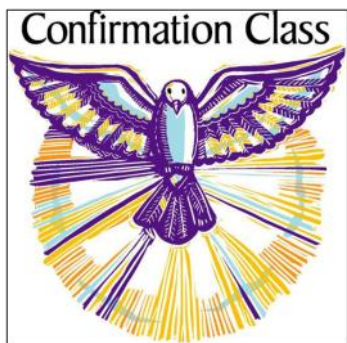
August 9th QUILT FEST FISH FRY

Battered and Baked Cod, Roasted Red Potatoes, Vegetable Blend, Warm Apple Sauce, Fresh Cole Slaw, Warm Bread, and Berry Bars (There will be no salad bar this Friday).

Youth & Kids Corner

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FORMING

Classes begin Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30pm. Registration for 7-8 graders will begin in August. To enroll a new student, please contact Pastor Rob.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:

Council Rep: David Hanson

Superintendent: Jean Schnick

Bob Boettcher

Linda Hanson

TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Teaching children can be a fun challenge, both exciting and satisfying. If you are interested, we have a place for you to serve. Please contact Sunday School Superintendent Jean Schnick, 608-206-7181 or floquijean@gmail.com.

TEACH BOARD LEADERSHIP

We need a chairperson for the Teach Board. This position would involve conducting a brief meeting each month. This may give you a chance to do something interesting and creative for education here at Burke Lutheran. If interested, please contact the Teach Board representative, David Hanson, 608-279-3159.



Photo: Radim Schreiber

LIGHTNING BUG OR FIREFLY?

In the United States, these glowing insects are known as "fireflies" or "lightning bugs" depending on where you live. "Firefly" is the more common term in the West and New England, while people in the South and most of the Midwest tend to say "lightning bug."

There's an interesting theory to explain why the two competing terms emerged, and it has to do with the natural surroundings of the two regions.

The areas where people say "lightning bug" seem to overlap with the parts of the country where lightning strikes are particularly frequent.

Meanwhile, "firefly" is the more common term in most of the West, which just so happens to be the region that experiences the most wildfires.

And those aren't even the only two names for these little guys: you may have grown up calling it a candlefly, firebob, firebug, glowworm, jack-o-lantern, lamp bug, or will-o'-the-wisp.


No matter what you call them, these little bits of glowing bioluminescence still light up our summer nights.



AUGUST 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 No Bible Study	2	3
	ROAR—Vacation Bible School					
4 VBS Worship, 9am	5	6	7 Quilting, 9am BLCW Meeting, 10am	8  Bible Study, 12:30pm	9	10 Quilt Fest, Lutherdale
11 Worship, 9am	12 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	13 Council Meeting, 6:30pm	14 Quilting, 9am Men's Breakfast, 9am	15  No Bible Study	16 River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	17
	Pastor Rob gone					
18 Special Worship, 9am	19 Preach Board, 9am	20 Foundation, 7pm	21 Quilting, 9am	22  Bible Study, 12:30pm	23	24
	Pastor Rob gone					
25 Anniversary Worship, 9am	26 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	27	28	29 	30	31

Save the Dates: September 1 Quilt Blessing Sunday
 September 8 Rally Sunday w/ Gary Beal Band and Potluck
 September 11 Lefse Making starts, Wednesdays & Fridays
 September 13-15 Men's Retreat
 September 15 Hymn Sing Worship Service



Happy Birthday!

Have a birthday in August?
 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 August!



AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS...

	August 4 9:00am Service	August 11 9:00am Service	August 18 9:00am Service	August 25 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist		Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader		Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner
Music Leader		Linda Truitt	Kathy Sandridge	Linda Truitt
Communion	Mary TeWinkel	Sharon Hughes		Julie Clark
Communion	Jeannette Gehrke	Pat Graham		Sue Rittmann
Communion Prep	Gloria Lundquist	Mary TeWinkel		Jeannette Gehrke
Lay Reader		Julie Clark	Bob Boettcher	Bob Boettcher
Prayer Readers	Linda Schramer Tim Wachs	Bob Boettcher Sharon Hughes	Bob Boettcher	Diane Moore Peri Beal
Acolyte	Carter Truitt	Danni Queiser		Clara Neubert
Ushers	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Shari Patzer	Tim Wachs Chris Otis
Greeters	Dave & Lucy Wisner	Judy & Roger Martin	Jan & Galen Peterson	Pat Graham Mary Brantmeyer
Coffee Hour	Sign Up!	Sign Up!	Sign Up!	Sign Up!
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Kim Hanson	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Patrice Neubert Jan Peterson	Sharon Hughes Kathy Sandridge

MEN'S RETREAT—SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2019

Are You More About Getting Your Way Than Finding His Way?

MacKenzie Environmental Education Center
W7303 County Road CS & Q - Poynette, WI



Find Jesus' Call for You at the Next One Year to Live Retreat for Men! This retreat has been life changing for many attendees! Join with men of all ages seeking to follow the guidance of Proverbs 27:17. For more info and to view participant testimonial videos; <http://www.lutheranmenmission.org>, or call Paul Beckman (608-241-2346).

BURKE LUTHERAN CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS COMING SOON!



As we get ready to welcome in our new church building, we also want to welcome in all members by knowing their names and faces. Starting in September, we will have opportunities to take pictures after church or else you can send in your favorite family photo. Also, over the next couple of months we will be gathering updated mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses from everyone.

Be on the look-out for more information! And start preparing your beautiful smiling face!



THANK YOU!!!

Burke's Relay for Life team would like to thank all those in our church family who supported our efforts in this year's walk to benefit the American Cancer Society. We have participated as a team since 1998 and appreciate the continuing support!