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Light *of* Life

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PRAYER CONCERNS

We are still available for you! Call or email and we'll add you or a loved one to our prayer list. The prayer list is still printed in our bulletins posted online.



CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK

Gather with us online at burkelutheran.org as we celebrate Holy Week. Watch and listen virtually! You can find us on Burke Lutheran Church's [Website](#), [Facebook](#) page, and [YouTube](#) page. So pick your favorite virtual hangout and enjoy.

We're also looking for volunteers to record themselves for readings—contact Pastor Rob today if you're interested.



JUST BECAUSE HUMANITY IS DISTANCING IT DOESN'T MEAN GOD IS DISTANT.

STAY CONNECTED

In this day of technology, it's easier than ever to stay connected. And we have multiple ways to access sermons and bulletins. You can catch up on the latest on everything by going to the home page on our website. Visit our YouTube channel and subscribe so you never miss when a new sermon is uploaded. Or watch and listen on our Facebook Page.

Don't have a computer? Use your cell phone or a smart tv to connect with us.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37: *As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings! Then Jesus asked him, Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down. "When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, I am he! and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.*

But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

When I was in grade school we used to have drills where we were taught to "duck and cover", basically what happened was that a specific alarm would go off at a random point during the school day and then we would have to dive under our desks as quickly as possible. I remember this because I would hit my head on the side of that metal desk every single time. I had little to no knowledge as to why we did this at first but then once I was old enough to understand why we did it, it was absolutely terrifying and then when I realized that what we were doing was absolutely useless then I was bewildered as to why we did it in the first place. We did this due to the fear of a nuclear attack on America by the USSR and whether we were sitting at our desk or under them it wouldn't matter if a nuclear bomb exploded nearby, the

entire exercise was created to provide children and parents with a false sense of security.

While the pandemic that we are living through right now is nothing like what people went through during the Cold War they do share one thing in common, hysteria, brought on by an overarching dread that just hangs over everything.

During the 1st century Christian and Jewish people living in Judea also faced a very uncertain future. Mark was written just after one third of Jerusalem's population was wiped and the temple was destroyed. The vast majority of Americans can't even fathom what it must have been like to be one of the survivors of that attack. Roman soldiers not only put down the revolt that was going on but decided to make sure that no such revolt would ever happen again. The only modern day comparison I can think of would be what happened to Syria over the last few years and how much destruction it has faced.

Whether you are someone living in 1st century Judea or you're someone having to drastically alter your daily life due to a global pandemic, it would be easy to get sucked into this idea that everything is coming to an end. So with that in mind lets turn back to the text. Jesus is letting us know that terrible things happen, they have happened, and they are going to happen again. Most of these things we have little or no control over, the only thing that we do have some semblance of control over, is how we react to these things. Should we allow fear and despair to take over? Or do we use these experiences to grow and come together as people?

While it may not seem like it at first, these are words of hope. Yes, the passage is known as Mark's Apocalypse but in reality apocalypse just means "a revealing" thus Jesus is not foretelling our doom, he is just revealing those things that we will face, reminding us that it doesn't mean that the end is near. I have seen countless conspiracy theories being spread on-line about secret origins, how this is all a political ploy, and how everything is either far worse or far better than what people are leading us to believe. Often these claims have very little basis in fact, and are best left ignored like a lot of other stuff on the internet. We need to trust the experts in this field, not those who pretend to be, and look at ways we can do our part not to make things worse. Meanwhile we need to also constantly seek out new and creative ways that we can stay in contact with those around us, continue building community even though we may not be able to be present physically with each other.

It is true, after all the businesses are back open, and we are able to travel to the all the places we want to go, and do all the things we want to do things are not going to be the same.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Tina Bauman	Lisa Thompson	Mary Skinvik
Bev Lowe	Harper DeBauche	Helen Knuteson
Ron Brantmeyer	Rudy Nielsen	

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



CHILI COOK-OFF PRACTICE

Since our Chili Cook-Off was abruptly postponed, take some time to perfect your entry for next time. Or just use this one!

WISCONSIN'S CHILI RECIPE

2 lbs ground beef
1 medium green pepper, diced
1 medium onion, diced
Salt and pepper to taste
1 clove minced garlic
1 tsp cumin seed
1 large can crushed tomatoes
1 small can tomato sauce
2 cans dark red kidney beans
1 Tbl sugar

Brown beef in skillet with peppers, onion, garlic, salt and pepper. Drain fat, remove beef to large cooking pot.

Add beans, crushed tomatoes, tomato sauce, cumin and sugar. Cover and cook over low heat for 1 ½ to 2 hours, stirring frequently. Add water up to 1 cup or more if sauce is too thick. For garnish, Governor Thompson suggests Wisconsin shredded cheddar cheese and sour cream. Serves 8.

Recipe by former Governor Tommy G. Thompson & Sue Ann Thompson from the BLC Our Good Cooks



EASTER EGG HUNT

Hidden throughout this newsletter are Easter eggs. Can you find all the eggs?



OFFERING PLATES

We are living in strange times and while we may not be able to hold regular services Burke still needs your support. If you are able please continue your giving. You can either give on-line through our webpage or you can send your offering to the church via mail. Your offering will be placed in the safe until two people are present to do the counting. Thank you so much for all your support through this time; together we will get through this..

SOUP SUPPER: BROCCOLI CHEESE

1 ½ cup chopped onion
½ c butter or margarine
¾ c flour
2 (10 ½ oz) cans chicken broth
1 qt milk
2 cups sliced carrots, parboiled
1 cup diced celery, parboiled
2 cups broccoli, parboiled
½ - ¾ lb processed American cheese, cubed



Parboil carrots, celery and broccoli in water and one can of chicken broth. I start the vegetables in a small amount of water, then add the chicken broth as needed. Don't drain the vegetables. Set aside.

In to a large non-stick saucepan, saute onion in butter. Add flour to make a paste. Gradually add one can of chicken broth and milk. Cook until the mixture thickens, about 8—10 minutes.

Add the vegetables and liquid to the milk mixture. Add the cubed cheese and heat until the cheese melts. Don't let the soup boil hard at this point as it will separate. Salt to taste.

Recipe by Shirley Bostad, from the BLC Our Good Cooks

Find the Bunny



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



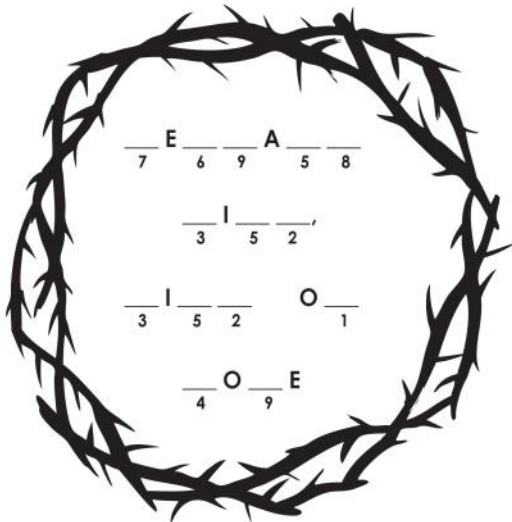
READER

Passion/Palm Sunday

- This is **Holy Week**.
- Holy Week was the **last week** of Jesus' life.
- During Holy Week, we **honor** Jesus and **mourn** his death.

Sometimes It Hurts

Solve the puzzle below to find out what kind of king Jesus was.

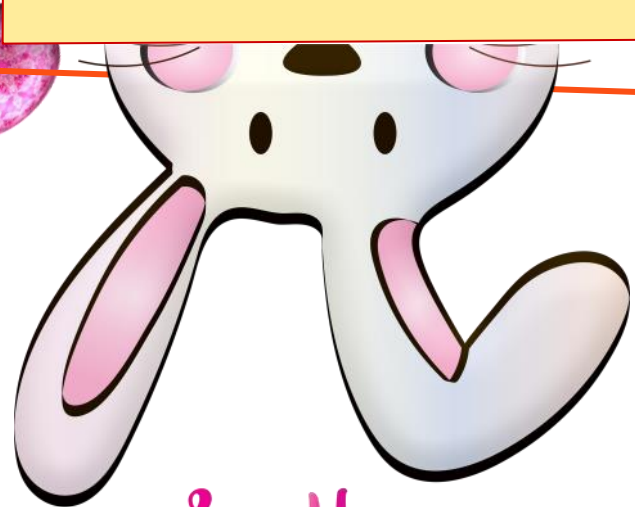


1=F 2=G 3=K 4=L 5=N 6=R 7=S 8=T 9=V

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:
Council Representative: David Hanson
Superintendent: Jean Schnick

Watch for upcoming news via email!



Happy
Easter

Hear & Celebrate

Jesus lives

John 20:1-18

Mary and the disciples couldn't believe their eyes! Jesus was not in the tomb. Mary's eyes were full of tears. She thought Jesus was taken away. But Jesus' voice told her something completely different. Now Mary could see Jesus with Easter eyes and hear his voice with Easter ears. Jesus was alive, standing next to her!

Did you know...
 Seeds are buried in the ground so they can sprout into beautiful flowers. Follow the path and add what the seeds need.

Draw raindrops and a sun to make the seeds grow.

Jesus isn't here! Find the path where Mary will meet Jesus. Lead the disciples back to their home.

Draw a path to lead Mary and the disciples to the tomb.



Did you know...
 A caterpillar looks lifeless in its chrysalis form, then it becomes a colorful butterfly.



APRIL 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 Make something! Lent Service online Have a Soup Supper!	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday online	6	7  National Beer Day	8 Men, call each other Make something!	9 Maundy Thursday online	10 Good Friday online	11
12 Easter online,	13 Fireside Fellows, call each other	14 Council Meeting, 6:30pm	15 Make something! Confirmation Class, 6:30pm	16 Watch for online Bible Study coming soon	17 Make a donation to River Food Pantry	18
19 Worship, online	20	21 Foundation Mtg, 7:00pm	22 	23	24 	25
26 Worship, online	27 Fireside Fellows, call each other	28	29 Make something!	30		

Save the Dates:

May 4 Star Wars Day
May 5 Cinco de Mayo
May 10 Mother's Day
May 17 Confirmation Sunday
May 25 Memorial Day



Happy Birthday!

Have a birthday in April?

**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 April!**

BUILDING UPDATE ...

