

# Light *of* Life

JUNE 2017

## The Road Home

June 11-13



The next opportunity for Burke members to support the Road Home will be June 11-13.

There are 3 volunteer opportunities to choose from: Activities (entertain children with games, play ball, jump rope, etc.), Dinner (prepare food and clean up), and Overnight (monitor quiet time, sleep overnight, wake families, prep coffee).

If you are unable to volunteer time, there is also an opportunity to donate food for the meals. Look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact Debbie Buss to be added to the list, [deb.e.buss@gmail.com](mailto:deb.e.buss@gmail.com), or call 608-516-7883.

### BLCW Garage & Bake Sale

Closet overflowing? Have a pathway through the basement? Can't park the car in the garage? Downsize and donate your stuff! All proceeds to benefit Burke Lutheran Church.

The BLCW is looking for clean, gently-used clothing, household items, small working appliances, furniture, toys, books, sporting equipment, etc. (NOTE: We cannot accept tvs or computers.) Start gathering your items now!

Special intake day will be Saturday, June 17 between 9am—noon. Otherwise, you may drop off items at the church the week of June 19, between the hours of 8:00am—noon.

Volunteers will be needed to help organize and price items, set up, man the lunch station and tear down. Donations of baked items (cookies, bars, breads, candies, cakes, pies) will also be needed.

New this year will be boxed lunches—served from 11am-2pm daily, the box lunch includes a hot dog, chips, dill pickle, cookie & a beverage, all for \$3.

Let Linda Klinger know if you can help by calling 608-241-0445 or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

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### Garden Tending

Sign-up sheets for tending the garden for June, July, and August are located in the Narthex. The shifts are divided into 2 per week. Shift 1 is Monday through Thursday and Shift 2 is Friday through Sunday. Sign up for a shift and tend the garden for a couple of days or sign up for a specific day and others will fill-in the rest of the shift. The next garden meeting will be Sunday, June 25th, at 6:00 pm. Questions? Contact Deb Buss at [deb.e.buss@gmail.com](mailto:deb.e.buss@gmail.com).

# GARAGE & BAKE

# SALE

## June 23-24

8am - 4pm daily  
Fantastic bargains, delectable  
baked goods, and box lunches!

## A Message from Pastor Robert.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The winters here in Wisconsin can be a little harsh, so it is no surprise that as the weather begins to warm up and we head into summer people tend to head for the hills, lakes, streams, etc., in hopes to grab whatever enjoyment they can out of the season before the long cold winter grasps this land yet again. Unlike in Oregon, where I grew up, there is a big difference between each of the seasons (there actually is four seasons! In Oregon we just had two; warm rain and cold rain). Over the last six years I have gradually developed an appreciation for what all four of the seasons have to offer. In each season there is both good and bad, and depending upon our likes and dislikes certain seasons are viewed in a more positive or negative light than others. It all depends upon what people like to do with their time and what brings them joy. Ironically sometimes it is the side of a season viewed most negatively by people that actually is the most beneficial to the environment. Meanwhile those aspects that we enjoy most can ultimately cause harm especially if produced in overabundance. As the seasonal cycle goes around and around we may not always understand or appreciate what gifts each season provides but it is when all things work together in balance that the earth is able to bear good fruit and it is when our environmental conditions are out of balance that problems begin to arise.

Like the seasons, all around us there are things that affect us in both negative and positive ways. There is no one person, place or thing that is entirely good, nor is there anything that is entirely bad. What the Gospel and the Holy Spirit help us do, is to try and pinpoint exactly what the good in something is rather than just focusing on its negative aspects so that we can learn to better appreciate the world around us. For example, many people hate bees because their primary interaction with people is by stinging them. Yet despite the discomfort that bees cause us we know bees play an important part in pollination, and over

the last few years there has been a drastic reduction of the bee populations. As a result there is a growing fear that this might result in many species of plants who depend upon bees for life could die out.

Like bees sometimes the good people do goes unnoticed until one day they no longer are able or want to do those good things, and it is only then that people realize the gifts these people have given them. Much like the seasons and the bees, each of us have our good points and we have our bad points; none of us is perfect. We are never going to make everyone happy, often our efforts will go unnoticed, and sometimes our good intentions will backfire, yet that does not mean that it is not all worth it. Just because we complain about the rain doesn't mean that it should stop, just because the bees sting us doesn't mean their species deserves to die.

No matter what time of year it may be people tend to focus on the bad; during the fall we complain about the falling leaves, during the winter we complain about the cold, during the spring we complain about the rain, during the summer we complain about the humidity. In the same way we often focus on the negative sides of others, especially those people that we often disagree with. This helps us villainize people and dismiss them rather than trying to understand them as a fellow child of God. None of us is perfect, each of us have gifts and it is important for us to learn to understand and empower each other to use those gifts in a way that is best for the community.

*"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,"* Philippians 2:1-5

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Robert

## Prayer Concerns

During this past month we have remembered the following individuals in our Sunday prayers:

David Vincent	Jamie Falk	Erik Jelinek
Chris McFarlin	Marvin McCoy	Ron Nielsen
Bill Schmidt	Marshall Bostad	Sonja Nielsen
Bishop Mary Froiland		

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



**Save the Date:** Burke Lutheran Mallards Outing | Sunday, July 9, Game @ 4:00 w/ Tailgating prior. More details to come. Signup in Narthex by June 25.

## Baby Quilts

Our Burke Lutheran Church quilters completed and donated fifteen baby quilts to The River in May.



## Food Pantry

During June we are collecting healthy prepackaged snacks for the food pantry. This could be items such as raisins, cheese and cracker packs, fruit cups, granola bars (no peanuts) and pretzels. Please place items in the Food Pantry basket in the Narthex.



## Thank You Lothe Family!

Dan & Sandy Lothe of Garden Prairie Farm donated the table flowers for the Salad Luncheon and Style Show, as well as all of the red geraniums to decorate the Sanctuary for Pentecost. Your generosity makes our hearts bloom!

## Card-Making Session

**June 6, 1:00pm**  
**Hosted by Barb Hennings**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend! We'll be making 4th of July and "Thinking of You" cards. No experience needed and all supplies will be provided. Join Barb at her home, located at 6260 Sommer Valley Circle, DeForest for a few hours of fellowship and fun. Please RSVP to Barb at [bjhennings@aol.com](mailto:bjhennings@aol.com) or 608-445-0566.



## Fireside Fellows

### Re-Kindling the Fire

Men of all ages are invited for some fellowship and discussion. The Fireside Fellows continue on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7pm. Each session's topic is based on the upcoming Sunday's Bible readings. There is no page turning, preparation or study time. Newcomers always welcome.



For more information, please contact Paul Beckman, 608-241-2346, or Lon Buss, 608-516-7875.

## Steeple to Steeple Bike Ride for Hunger

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**

**BENEFITTING ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

For more Information, to Register to Ride or to Sponsor the Burke Lutheran Team, go to [www.steepleride.com](http://www.steepleride.com).



**RIDE FOR HUNGER 2017**

You can also give a check payable to Burke Lutheran with "SCSW Steeple Hunger Ride" in the memo and put it in the offering plate or drop it off at church.

Once registered as a rider, please add your name to the Team Roster located in the Narthex. For more information, contact Lon Buss, 608-516-7875, or send an email to [lonabuss0406@gmail.com](mailto:lonabuss0406@gmail.com).

## Men's Breakfast

**Wednesday, June 14**

The next Men's Breakfast is at Gus' Diner, Hwy 19, Sun Prairie. All men are welcome to join us at 9am.

## 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](mailto: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 Wednesday**

**LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 15th of the month**

# Youth & Kids Corner



## Hats off to our Class of 2017 Senior High Graduates!

Our congratulations go to:  
Austin Fisher, Dawson Gardner,  
Hunter Hanson, Brandon  
Hauge, Payton Jones, Bradley  
Grob and Maria Lenzendorf.

*Behind you, all your memories,  
Before you, all your dreams,  
around you, all who love you,  
within you, all you need.*

## Sign Up Now!

### Vacation Bible School

**August 7-11, 9:00am-noon**

At Maker Fun Factory, kids discover that God made them—and for a purpose! Kids ages 4—10 are eligible to attend. And kids over 10 can sign up to help.

**The first 40 families that sign up will receive a FREE music CD with all the fun songs we'll be singing at VBS!**



The cost for VBS is just \$10/child, which includes a snack each day as well as activities and all the craft supplies needed. Flyers with registration forms are available in the Narthex.

## VBS Volunteers Needed

We'll be transforming parts of our church into an imaginative, colorful and interactive factory of fun all rooted in learning about the ultimate Maker—God! Volunteers are needed to help with the general planning and organization as well as building our own factory. If you can wield a paintbrush or a hammer, please let us know. Set building creation dates are June 9, 16, and 30th, beginning at 1:00pm.



We'll also need crew leaders to teach sessions, help with the opening and closing sessions, help preparing snacks, and other general assisting in August.

If you can help contact Pastor Robert or Peri Beal. Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex.

## Do You Have Anything on Our Wish List?

We are in need of the following items to make our set and decorations for Vacation Bible School:

- brown paper grocery sacks
- rolls of black plastic
- large pieces of cardboard (from appliances, etc.)
- rolls of brown craft paper
- 2 liter pop bottles
- brown curtains or sheets (they will not be returned)
- newspaper
- giant carpet rolls
- buckets (5 gal, 1 gal, etc.)
- Slinky
- springs, gears
- dryer venting and/or pipe insulation tubing
- working holiday lights
- pool noodles
- solid color plastic tablecloths
- broken/wonky bookcases, shelving unit or door
- clean, empty tin cans, especially gallon or tomato juice size
- magnets of any size, but particularly magnetic vent covers found in the hardware section would be great!
- anything that is a tube: empty paper towel/toilet paper rolls, oatmeal containers, Pringles containers



If you have any of these items to donate, please place in the Sunday School Supply room.

# June Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Bible Study, 2:30pm Book Study I, 6:30pm	<b>2</b> Book Study II, 10am	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>  Pentecost Worship, 9am  <b>Wear Red!</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Cardmaking, 1pm at Barb Hennings'	<b>7</b>  Quilting, 9am Summer Choir Practice, noon	<b>8</b>  Bible Study, 12:30pm  Book Study I, 6:30pm	<b>9</b>  Book Study II, 10am  VBS Set, 1pm	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>  Worship, 9am  <b>The Road Home</b>	<b>12</b>  Fireside Fellows, 7-8pm	<b>13</b>  Council & Board Mtgs, 6pm/7pm	<b>14</b>  Men's Breakfast, 9am, Gus' Diner Quilting, 9am Birthday Luncheon, noon, Olive Garden	<b>15</b>  Bible Study, 12:30pm  Book Study I, 6:30pm	<b>16</b>  Book Study II, 10am VBS Set, 1pm River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	<b>17</b>  Ruth Circle, 10am <b>DROP OFF ITEMS FOR GARAGE SALE 9AM-NOON</b>
<b>18</b>  <b>Father's Day</b>  Worship, 9am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Foundation, 6pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Bible Study, 12:30pm Book Study I, 6:30pm	<b>23</b>  Book Study II, 10am  <b>Garage &amp; Bake Sale</b>	<b>24</b>  Steeple to Steeple Bike Ride
<b>25</b>  Worship, 9am  Garden Meeting, 6pm	<b>26</b>  Fireside Fellows, 7-8pm	<b>27</b>  Preach Board, 9am	<b>28</b>  Quilting, 9am Summer Choir Practice, noon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  VBS Set, 1pm	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4—Token Creek & DeForest Parades  
 July 9—Burke Lutheran Mallards Outing  
 July 13-16—Women of the ELCA Triennial  
 July 21—Police/Fire/EMS Family Picnic, Stonyridge Park, Sun Prairie  
 July 21-23—Men's Bold Gathering  
 August 7-11—Vacation Bible School

## Congratulations to Our Own Joan Klang!

Joan received the 2017 Governor's Foster Care Award on Tuesday, May 16 at the State Capitol in recognition of her outstanding foster care. Here's what the Department of Children and Families Secretary Anderson had to say: "Foster Care Month gives us an opportunity to thank the families who care for the vulnerable children in Wisconsin who need to be removed from their homes for their own protection. Foster parents offer these children shelter and

play a critical role in helping them take the first step of their journey towards healing and recovery." Fostering children for 40 years, Mrs. Klang has opened her home to over 130 children and youth. Joan was an early adopter of having the goal to reunite children with their biological parents. In working towards reunification, she has served as a mentor and source of support to countless parents trying to make the changes needed to bring their children home. She has helped many children overcome traumatic experiences and gain hope for the future by providing them acceptance, respect and commitment. "For those times when children must be placed in out-of-home care, foster families step in to keep them safe, nurture them, and give them a place to call home," stated Secretary Anderson. "I know the joys and challenges of being a foster parent can be significant, although the joys far outweigh the challenges."





## June Worship Leaders...

	<b>June 4 9:00am Service Pentecost</b>	<b>June 11 9:00am Service</b>	<b>June 18 9:00am Service</b>	<b>June 25 9:00am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
<b>Music Leader</b>	Diane O'Toole	Gloria Lundquist	Beni Hupf	Diane O'Toole
<b>Music Leader</b>	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Kim Hanson	Beni Hupf	Joelle Frye	Phyllis Svoboda
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	David Hanson	Nancy Blum	Sue Rittmann	Sharon Hughes
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist	Diane O'Toole	Mary TeWinkel
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Paul Beckman	Jean Schnick	Diane O'Toole	Jean Schnick
<b>Prayer Readers</b>	Beni Hupf Joelle Odor	Sue & Bob Rittmann	Linda Truitt Linda Schramer	Diane & Jim Moore
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kimberly Brown	Ty Taylor	Clara Neubert	Annaleise Romeis
<b>Ushers</b>	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Emily Patzer	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum
<b>Greeters</b>	Jean Schnick Beni Hupf	Jane Chadwick Kay Gritzmacher	Dave & Lucy Wisner	Jeannette & Bob Gehrke
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Angie Lenzendorf Kim Hanson Diane Moore	Teach Board	Jeannette Gehrke Mary Schultz Patrice Neubert	Dorcas Circle
<b>Counters</b>	Gloria Lundquist Nancy Blum	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Joelle Frye	Joelle Frye Sharon Hughes

