

# Light *of* Life

MARCH 2018

## PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MARCH 25      SERVING 8AM—11:00AM

Our menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, muffins, fruit, juice, milk and coffee. We will serve from 8:00am-11:00am for a free will donation. See you there!



If you are willing to help donate supplies for the breakfast, please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex. There is also a list if anyone is willing to help set up, serve and/or clean up. Set up will be Saturday, March 24, 12 noon-1:00pm.

Proceeds are to benefit Burke's youth programs. Join us for fellowship and great food!

### OUR STAFF

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## LENTEN SERVICES & SOUP SUPPERS CONTINUE

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



Our Lenten Worship Service will use the Holden Evening Prayer and showcase a Lenten Drama. The drama is about two reporters who interview people who witnessed the crucifixion.

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

The remaining dates for the Lenten services and soup suppers are March 7, 14, and 21.

Celebrate

# Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY	MAUNDY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 25 9AM	MARCH 29 7PM	MARCH 30 1PM & 7PM	APRIL 1 8AM & 10AM



EASTER EGG HUNT BETWEEN THE TWO SERVICES ON EASTER SUNDAY!



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I write this our national gun debate has once again been ignited in the wake of yet another deeply tragic school shooting. It is sad that we live in a world where these kind of senseless acts of destruction occur, but alas here we are. So as the debates once again ignite regarding possible solutions as to how we can prevent incidents such as this in the future, I would like to make a suggestion; As we look forward and attempt to create a safer world for the next generation can we please remember that we are all in this together, and at least try to remain civil. Every time this topic comes up people instantly go into attack mode against those they disagree with thus closing their minds down to any sort of honest and open discussion. If we actually care about the future generations of our country then we must be willing to put our ego in check and actually try and listen to what those who disagree with us are saying, rather than simply attacking their views.

I was twenty two years old when thirteen people were killed at Columbine high school in 1999. I remember how deeply rattled that left my friends and I as we continued to talk about it months after the incident. Ten years later I remember reading the book Columbine by Dave Cullen in the wake of the Amish school shooting in Pennsylvania just north of where Patrice and I lived at the time and the Virginia Tech shooting just south of where we lived. Then a couple of short years later in 2012 there was the Sandy Hook shooting where 20 children, around the same age as our daughter Clara at the time, were mercilessly gunned down. Now this year almost twenty years after Columbine another 17 people were killed in a tragic school shooting.

School shootings are just the tip of the iceberg regarding the real problems regarding violence in our country yet they are the ones that make the headlines. It is important to note that in general gun related homicides are down from where they were in 1999 when the events of Columbine took place, even though there are more guns per capita disbursed throughout the US. This leads me to think that the problem our country faces in regards to how to prevent future mass murders, and other types of violence, goes beyond the gun control debates. Personally the more I think about this the more my mind keeps returning to the parable of the Sheep and the

Goats in the Gospel according to Matthew (25:31-46). In this passage Jesus tells his followers that when they clothe, feed, and generally care for those in need, they care for him and when they do not do these things then they have not cared for him. Thus who in our society has been abandoned, who have we neglected, and how is that related to these public acts of aggression that plague our country?

Not all people who commit mass murders are mentally ill but the topic of mental illness is important to this discussion. Since the 1980s year after year mental health services have been slashed on the state and federal levels. As a result thousands of people needing care have been literally thrown out onto the streets, as mental health hospitals were forced to close, with little or no resources to deal with whatever mental issues they may have. Subsequently many of these people find themselves in jail for one reason or another where the staff are ill prepared to deal with complexities of these people's conditions. Meanwhile those dealing with mental conditions that are able to be kept in check through medication are forced to deal with the rising costs of medication causing those medications to go out of reach for some leading many to self-medicate through the use of illegal substances.

If this wasn't depressing enough, the only time our nation talks about the problem with how we deal with mental health is when a mass shooting occurs. This is extremely unfair to those suffering from mental illnesses because the vast majority of them do not act out violently and on those rare occasions when they do it is usually toward themselves. Yet since the topic of mental illness only makes headlines after incidents like what just happened in Florida it perpetuates a stigma around mental illness pushing those who suffer further into the closet out of fear regarding how people will view them.

When you combine all of this with the fact that according to our latest statistics regarding the proliferation of guns throughout the US, which estimate that there are 88 guns per 100 people in private hands, leads me to believe that it is pretty easy for anyone to get their hands on a weapon in order to do damage to themselves or others. I don't know how any of this could be construed as caring for the "least of these" according the Gospel of Matthew and I believe that we as Christians can push our country to do better.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Robert Neubert



## 2018 CHILI COOKOFF CHAMPION

Congrats to Helen Sampson as her superb mouthwatering sirloin chili topped Pastor Rob's Arrogant Ale chili as well as eight other competitors. Dave was very disappointed that he only got one vote on his seafood chili — thank you Lucy!

See back page of this publication for more photos and video link.

## MUSIC FOR EASTER SERVICES

Calling all musicians! We are looking for anyone who plays the trumpet, flute, oboe, french horn, etc. to play during our Easter Services, April 1. Sheet music will be provided. The deadline to plan this is March 18th. There is also a spot open for a solo/group during the offering. Please contact Jamie Falk at 608-556-1247 or [jfd53713@yahoo.com](mailto:jfd53713@yahoo.com).



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, March 14 at Gus' Diner, Hwy 19, Sun Prairie, at 9:00am sharp.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

David Vincent	Bill Schmidt	Tina Bauman
Chris McFarlin	Louise Kraemer	Amy Barbic
Pearl Kvalheim	Owen Storlie	Lisa Thompson
Bishop Mary Froiland		

Our condolences to the family and friends of Teak Black and David Cole.

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



## BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

High noon on Wednesday, March 21, at Pedro's Mexican Restaurante, 3555 E Washington Ave, Madison. Please join us if you can.

## FILL THE ALTAR NOW UNTIL MARCH 28

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.

## 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 Wednesdays**

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

# Youth & Kids Corner



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:

*Chairperson:* Diane Johnson-Hung

*Treasurer:* Rudy Nielsen

*Council Representative:* David Hanson

*Secretary:* Sonja Nielsen

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Volunteers for providing supplies and for set up, serving, and clean up are needed. If you'd like to help, sign up sheets are posted in the Narthex.

See you there!

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES—NEW TIME

During Lent, Confirmation Classes will be held from 7-8:00pm. Dates affected are March 7, 14, and 21.



## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY —HOLD THE DATE!

On Sunday, May 6, Stephen Bosben will be confirmed. Please join us for this special event.

## YOUTH GATHERING IN TEXAS

Reminder to please **turn in your \$200 per person deposit** to reserve your spot. Burke will cover the remaining costs. Not signed up yet? You can still get in on the ELCA youth gathering in Houston next June 27 through July 1. Thousands of high schooler kids from all over the country will gather for a time of growing in faith. Come and experience inspirational worship, Bible study, and service activities. A van will be rented for the trip. Financial help will be available. Interested? Please contact Pastor Rob at 240-215-5176 or burkelutheran@att.net.



## PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Watch for upcoming announcements of dates to have your individual and/or family photos taken. We plan to issue a new Burke Lutheran Church Directory complete with photos upon the opening of our new building.



# 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
				<b>1</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> No Regrets Men's Conference
<b>4</b> Handbells, 8:15-8:45am <b>Worship, 9am</b> Sunday School, 9am Choir Practice, 10:30am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Quilting, 9:00am <b>Lenten Service 6pm</b> Soup Supper, 6:30pm No Confirmation	<b>8</b> No Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 
<b>11</b> Handbells, 8:15-8:45am <b>Worship, 9am</b> Sunday School, 9am Choir Practice, 10:30am	<b>12</b> Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	<b>13</b> Council Meeting 6:30pm	<b>14</b> Quilting, 9:00am Men's Breakfast, 9am <b>Lenten Service 6pm</b> Soup Supper, 6:30pm Confirmation, 7pm	<b>15</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>16</b> River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	<b>17</b> Ruth Circle, 10am
<b>18</b> Handbells, 8:15-8:45am <b>Worship, 9am</b> Kids In Service Choir Practice, 10:30am Chili Cookoff, 4:00pm	<b>19</b> Preach Board, 9am	<b>20</b> Foundation Mtg, 7pm	<b>21</b> Quilting, 9:00am BLCW Meeting 10am Birthday Luncheon <b>Lenten Service 6pm</b> Soup Supper, 6:30pm Confirmation, 7pm	<b>22</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>23</b> Euchre, 6pm DeForest Clubhouse	<b>24</b> Dorcas Circle, 9am at Diane O'Toole's
<b>25</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> Pancake Breakfast 8-11 Handbells, 8:15-8:45am <b>Worship, 9am</b>	<b>26</b> Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Quilting, 9:00am Confirmation, 7pm	<b>29</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Worship, 7pm	<b>30</b> <b>Good Friday</b> Worship, 1pm & 7pm	<b>31</b>

Save the Dates: April 1—Easter Sunday, 8am and 10am services (no fooling!)



**Happy Birthday!**

**Have a birthday in March? Hope your birthday is totally cool, really fantastic, wonderful, exciting, majorly awesome, rocking and HAPPY!**



**Happy Anniversary!**

**To all who said "I do" in the month of March!**

# MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS...



	<b>March 4 9:00am Service</b>	<b>March 11 9:00am Service</b>	<b>March 18 9:00am Service</b>	<b>Palm Sunday March 25 9:00am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Jamie Falk	Susie Kittel Moore
<b>Music Leader</b>	Diane O'Toole	Gloria Lundquist	Sonja Nielsen	Beni Hupf
<b>Music Leader</b>	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann	Rudy Nielsen	Darrell Foss
<b>Comm Assist</b>	Joann Foss	Phyllis Svoboda	student	Sue Rittmann
<b>Comm Assist</b>	Darrell Foss	Beni Hupf	Student	Bob Rittmann
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Jean Schnick	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Joelle Frye	Julie Clark	student	Nancy Blum
<b>Prayer Readers</b>	Sharon Hughes Beni Hupf	Peri Beal Jean Schnick	students	Tim Wachs Diane O'Toole
<b>Acolyte</b>	Danielle Ludwig	Olivia Otis	Clara Neubert	Stephen Bosben
<b>Ushers</b>	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittelson Rick Brandon	Karl & Emily Patzer Students	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum
<b>Greeters</b>	Mary & Mark Schultz	Mary Brantmeyer June Chadwick	Students	Jay Olson Joelle Frye
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Ruth Circle	Kathy Sandridge, Diane Moore, Donna Frederick	Dorcas Circle	Youth Panckake Breakfast
<b>Counters</b>	Sharon Hughes Joelle Frye	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Julie Clark Nancy Blum	Gloria Lundquist Diane O'Toole
<b>Sunday School Pre-K—K 1st—2nd grades 3rd—4th grades 5th—6th grades</b>	Emily Patzer Laura Hung David Hanson Shaney O'Toole	Charley Hanson Kim Hanson David Hanson Paul Beckman	Kids in Service (no Sunday School)	No Sunday School



## TALENT SHOW & WEDDING OF THE CENTURY

Congratulations to Thelma Lou and Billy Bob on their nuptials! Videos on YouTube playlist:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcfhf3WE4\\_1eEkZWPLobSALSHXU0FNWWQ](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcfhf3WE4_1eEkZWPLobSALSHXU0FNWWQ)



**Inclement Weather/Parking:** The winter season is on it's way out, but it's Wisconsin, so ice and snow are still possible. 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 handicapped 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. Thank you, and God's peace be upon all that you do.