

JUNE 2019

# Light *of* Life

## Garage Sale



JUNE 21-22  
8am - 4pm daily

Fantastic bargains! Box lunch!  
Indoors, so get down here and buy stuff!

Been watching Marie Kondo on Netflix? Did you tidy up? Have things that don't spark joy for you? Let those things spark joy for others and donate your stuff! All proceeds to benefit Burke Lutheran Church Building Fund.

The BLCW is looking for clean gently-used household items, small working appliances, furniture, toys, books, sporting equipment, etc.

(NOTE: We cannot accept tv's, computers, or other electronics.)

Start gathering your items now!

Please drop off items at the church beginning Father's Day Sunday and/or the week of June 17, 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.

Boxed lunches will be served from 11am-2pm daily and includes a sandwich lunch.

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

### OUR STAFF

#### Pastor

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Dave Wisner

#### Nursery Supervisor

A Volunteer

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### PENTECOST PICNIC

JUNE 9, 3-5:00PM

Join us as DeForest and Sun Prairie area Lutheran churches host a Pentecost Picnic, Sunday, June 9 from 3:00-5:00pm at Token Creek Park, Shelter #1.

A short worship service starts everything off, followed by a hymn sing.



Then it's on to the food and fellowship. Roger is providing the burgers. Bring a picnic dish to pass as you are able.

And don't forget mosquito spray!

# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

"God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars." –

Martin Luther

Martin Luther was a dedicated biblical scholar spending the majority of his career as a pastor translating various biblical texts and teaching university students about the importance of reading and studying the bible yet even he realized that the bible is not the only place one can find God. Often people mistakenly believe that the only place that they can find God is within the walls of a Church. That somehow Christians have managed to capture God and place God upon their altars so that the only way people can experience God's presence in their life is by coming to church on Sunday mornings. Some Christians believe that the only way people can know God is through reading the scriptures thus, everything you need to know about God and God's presence in your life is contained within the pages of the Old and New Testaments.

A person is able to experience God's presence within a church building, a person is able to experience God's presence while reading the Holy Scriptures, and a person is able to experience God's presence when they step out outside and take time to enjoy this wonderful world that God has provided for us. God is all around us, God's presence is in all things for all things are creations of God. There is a piece of God in everything we touch, smell, taste or hear, God's presence permeates all of creation. So how can we honor God's creation and give thanks for the many gifts that creation has given us? The obvious answer is that we should always make responsible choices regarding the environment in our daily lives, aka recycle, use reusable plastics, buy local when possible, and generally cut down on our own carbon footprint. Yet what is less obvious and equally important is the need for balance. Everything in creation works within a delicate balance and when that balance is disrupted then things begin to breakdown. One fa-

mous example of this concerns Yellowstone National Park. Decades ago wolves were hunted and killed in Yellowstone because people feared them. Once they were gone the entire environmental system was thrown out of whack. Deer and rodent populations grew out of control, grasses and rivers suffered and nobody understood why until wolves were reintroduced and all of a sudden the environment righted itself in less than a decade. God created all things for a reason and it is our responsibility as both stewards of creation and as part of that creation to seek understanding why things exist and how they affect the balance in the world around us. This goes the same for the created world within us, we too need balance if we are to serve God and the world God created for us.

As you ponder this here is a different kind of Christmas story (yes I know it is June):

*Heavily dressed for the two feet of snow covering the hillside, a small group of people stood quietly around what looked like a perfect, if rather large, Christmas tree. These were Native American Christians from a variety of tribes and members of a Native American congregation, who were engaging in an act of prayer, speaking prayers on behalf of the tree in preparation to cutting it and taking it with them back to their church. It could have been most any annual congregational outing to harvest a Christmas tree for their church except that these prayers were a thorough mixture of Christian prayers and traditional Native American tribal prayers. The two Native American ministers held tobacco in their hands, ready to offer it back to the Creator, to offer it for the life of this tree, to offer it to the four directions, above and below, to offer it in order to maintain the harmony and balance of Creation even in this imminent perpetration of an act of violence. Someone wrapped a string of colorful tobacco tie offerings around the trunk. As four men sang traditional prayer songs around a drum, the people came one by one up to the tree to touch it and say their prayers, actually speaking to the tree, speaking consoling words of apology, gratitude, purpose and promise. They promised the tree that its life would be used in a positive way, a sacred way, to empower their prayers during the times of Advent and Christmas, and they asked its permission to take its life for this purpose. –*

George "Tink" Tinker

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Robert

## PRAYER CONCERNS

During the month of May, 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	

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



## FOOD PANTRY

June's focus is on "Healthy Snacks": raisins, cheese & cracker packs, fruit cups, granola bars (no peanuts), pretzels.

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, June 12 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.



## MEN'S RETREAT—SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2019



Find Some New Coaches at the Next One Year to Live Retreat for Men!

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

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).



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 9

The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit. Wear red!

## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Do you sing or play an instrument? Share your love of music with others during worship by signing up to sing or play in June, July or August. Solo or group. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.



## WHEN YOU SMELL COFFEE HOUR DURING CHURCH



## COFFEE HOUR NOTICE

Our regular coffee hour preparers are tired and are taking the summer off.

If you'd still like to have coffee hour, please sign up to bring a dish or two on the sheet in the Narthex.

## DINNERS AT THE LAKE

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.

### June 28th FIESTA ITALIANA

Italian Sausage with Peppers & Onions, Sicilian Chicken, Housemade Marinara, Assorted Pasta Gluten Free Options Available), Bread Sticks, Spring Vegetables, Housemade Soup, and Italian Cookies

## 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



## HATS OFF TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS!

Our congratulations go to: Eleri Beal, Connor Corcoran, Jerra Fischer, Camryn Hargraves, Jared Larson, Sasha Mortrud, Kaden Rasmussen, and MacKenzie Truitt.

*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

**July 29—August 2, 9:00am-noon**

At Roar, kids discover that God is good even when life gets wild! Kids ages 4—10 are eligible to attend. And kids over 10 can sign up to help.

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. Spread the word!



## VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We'll be transforming parts of our church into an imaginative, colorful and interactive African savannah so kids can experience the solid foundation of God's goodness! Volunteers are needed to help with general planning and organization as well as building our own savannah. If you can wield a paintbrush or a hammer, please let us know. Set building creation dates are June 7, 14, 21 and 28th, 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 during the program.

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



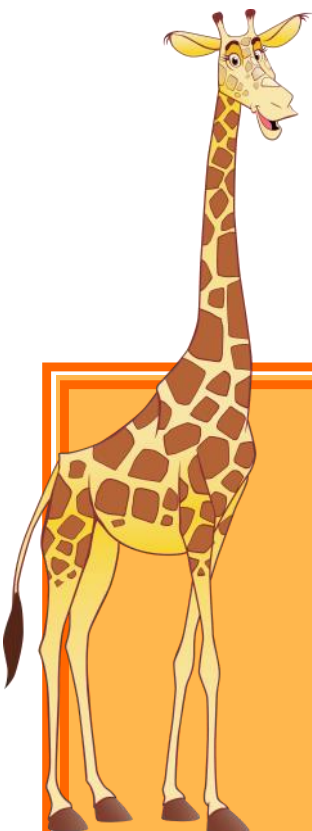
## Do You Have Things on Our Wish List?

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
- lengths of PVC
- colorful wild-patterned cotton fabric
- newspaper
- giant carpet tubes
- buckets (5 gal, 1 gal, etc.)
- grass skirting or raffia
- baskets
- dropcloths
- working white string lights
- solid color plastic tablecloths (orange, yellow, blue and green)
- colorful cotton rag rugs (will be returned)
- Christmas trees (will be returned)

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

Thank you!

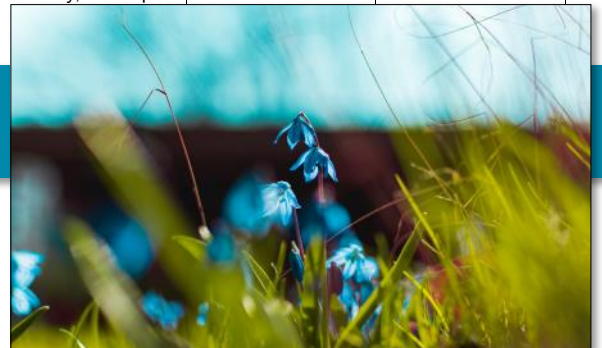


# JUNE CALENDAR

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
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Worship, 9am Annual Meeting Choir Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Quilting, 9:00am	<b>6</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Worship, 9am Choir Practice Pentecost Picnic 3-5pm	<b>10</b> Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	<b>11</b> Council Meeting, 6:30pm	<b>12</b> Men's Breakfast, 9am Quilting, 9:00am	<b>13</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Worship, 9am Father's Day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
	Pastor Rob on vacation					
		Foundation Mtg, 7:00pm	Quilting, 9:00am	Bible Study, 12:30pm	River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	
					Garage Sale	
<b>23</b> Worship, 9am	<b>24</b> Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Quilting, 9:00am	<b>27</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Worship, 9am						
Save the Dates: July 4 July 29—August 2 Independence Day Vacation Bible School—ROAR!						




**Happy Birthday!**

**Have a birthday in June?**  
**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 June!**

## JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS...



	<b>June 2</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>June 30</b>
	<b>9:00am Service</b>	<b>9:00am Service</b>	<b>9:00am Service</b>	<b>9:00am Service</b>	<b>9:00am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Jamie Falk	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist
<b>Music Leader</b>	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann	Darrell Foss	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann
<b>Music Leader</b>	Beni Hupf	Jane Ford Bennett	Kathy Sandridge	Linda Truitt	Beni Hupf
<b>Communion</b>	Dave Hanson	Barb Hennings	Pat Graham	Julie Clark	Mary TeWinkel
<b>Communion</b>	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist	Dave Wisner	Sharon Hughes	Kim Hanson
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Jean Schnick	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke	Peri Beal
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Paul Beckman	Bob Boettcher	Jean Schnick	Barb Hennings	Sharon Hughes
<b>Prayer Readers</b>	Joann & Darrell Foss	Sharon Hughes Sue Rittmann	Diane Moore Julie Clark	Beni Hupf Linda Schramer	Jean Shnick Sue Rittmann
<b>Acolyte</b>	Clara Neubert	Carter Truitt	Dani Queiser	Abbey Harris	Clara Neubert
<b>Ushers</b>	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Shari Patzer	Tim Wachs Chris Otis	
<b>Greeters</b>	Jan & Galen Peterson	Pat Graham Mary Brantmeyer	Judy & Roger Martin	Dianne & Randy Copenhefer	Lucy & Dave Wisner
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Donuts	<b>Sign Up!</b>	<b>Sign Up!</b>	<b>Sign Up!</b>	<b>Sign Up!</b>
<b>Counters</b>	Gloria Lundquist Kim Hanson	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Patrice Neubert Jan Peterson	Sharon Hughes Kathy Sandridge	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel
<b>Sunday School</b> Pre K — K 1st—2nd Grades 3rd—4th Grades 5th-6th Grades	On hiatus	On hiatus	On hiatus	On hiatus	On hiatus

Burke's semi-annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following the 9:00am Worship Service on June 2.

The meeting will address Board and Officer vacancies, as well as an update on the building project with a vote allowing the building committee to proceed with the plans and allow them to pay bills as needed.

The following Board and Officer positions will be open: Council Vice President, Council Treasurer, two people for the Preach Board, three people for the Teach Board, two people for the Reach Board, two people for the Property Board, and two people for Foundation. Watch for a posting soon from the Nominating Committee of candidates.

Please prayerfully consider filling one of these positions. This is your congregation and it needs you.

## SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 2  
10:00am