

Light *of* Life

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It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery (Galatians 5:1).

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." – Elmer Davis

"We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it." – William Faulkner

"I believe in America because we have great dreams, and because we have the opportunity to make those dreams come true." – Wendell L. Wilkie

"We on this continent should never forget that [people] first crossed the Atlantic not to find soil for their ploughs but to secure liberty for their souls. – Robert J. McCracken



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, July 7. Topic of discussion will be the landscaping.

Cemetery Association Annual Meeting

The Cemetery Association will have it's Annual Meeting on Sunday, July 7 following the worship service. Hope you will be able to join us.

Get ready! Burke Lutheran's Annual Craft Fair will take place Saturday, November 9 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. If you would like to reserve a table to sell your items, please contact the church office as soon as possible for a registration form as space is very limited.

Dear friends,

One of my favorite Bible passages is the great poem in Ecclesiastes chapter 3, where the great teacher reminds us that, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

The teacher lists out just about every kind of activity they could think of, from being born to dying, from planting to harvesting, from breaking down to building up, from keeping to throwing away, from keeping silence to speaking, and many more aspects of life. Some of these we like and think of as a good thing, others we would really rather the teacher left off the list. But this great teacher tells us that he sees everything that comes around for us comes at its appointed time and place.

So what time is it for you right now? Is this a time or season that you have been looking forward to? Or is this a time in your life that you would rather not, but realize that you must?

Around church, we usually think of summer as a time for a break, a rest, and a time to get caught up from the busy times of Christmas and Easter. But this summer is a season for work around here.

The long-awaited window project is, as I write this, underway outside the sanctuary. The storm windows are being repaired and updated to protect the beautiful stained-glass windows on the inside. We don't know how long it's going to take, but it will be worth waiting for. I also see that the work is beginning on repairing and repainting the steeple. Now that we finally have some days when the weather is cooperating, work is getting done!

And we're going to hold another congregational meeting after worship on July 7th to discuss some more work we want to get done this summer, this about the backyard and the water problem we've been having. Along with this meeting, we're going to have the cemetery association's annual meeting to update ourselves on how things are going with that aspect of our ministry.

Personally, now that I've completed work on my plans for Bible study, I'm going to spend my summer time getting organized for my major writing project to complete my degree program. I'm hoping to spend just the one more year on this program and accomplish all the expectations.

But since all work and no play makes Bryan go crazy, I've also got some more vacation plans for this summer. We're just doing some short, small things this year so that next year we can take the kids on a big trip.

I hope that you are taking the time this summer to get all the work accomplished that this season requires, and I pray that you are also taking the time away to get some rest and relaxation that you need. This is the time for every matter under heaven, but what season it is for you depends on what God has provided for you.

So I'll see you in worship and at meetings and gatherings, but even if I don't see you, I pray that God blesses you this season with everything you need.

God bless,
Pr. Bryan

WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, July 17 at 11:30am. They will be meeting at Esquire Club, Madison. Please join us for the monthly celebration. Happy Birthday to all that month.

FOOD PANTRY

July Food Pantry Focus: July focus is "Fruits," such as canned fruit, fruit leather, juice boxes, etc. Please place your non-perishable goods in the 'Donations' basket in the entryway and it will be delivered to the pantry.

BIRTHDAY BAGS FOR RIVER FOOD PANTRY.

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.



PRAISE CHOIR

Do you like to sing or do you play an instrument? If so, come join the Praise Choir. Please contact Chris Grefe or Gloria Lundquist if interested. Practices are Monday mornings at 10:30am.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, July 10 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.



QUILTING

Every Wednesday at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome, no experience needed.



DORCAS CIRCLE

The DORCAS Circle is looking for **new members**. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Gloria Lundquist.

Burke Lutheran Bags \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

Burke Lutheran bags are now available for purchase. We have approximately 75 bags. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.



BIBLE TRIVIA (answers on last page)

1. How long was the ark?
2. Who suggested that Joseph interpret the dreams of Pharaoh?
3. What was the name of Aaron's (Moses's brother) wife?
4. Who was the chief of the three mighty men of David?
5. Where was an alter erected "to the unknown God"?
6. What prophet foretold the result of the ten tribes of Israel?
7. On what three occasions are we expressly told that Jesus wept?

Youth & Kids Corner

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Congratulations graduates! The graduates received their handmade quilts and praise from the congregation on Sunday, June 9. Each of the graduates had a brief comment on their plans this fall:

MAKENNA MORENO, Sun Prairie West. She will be attending UW Madison to study Animal Science.

DANIELLE QUEISER, Sun Prairie West. She will be attending Oregon State University to study Sports Marketing.

LUTHERDALE SUMMER CAMP SUNDAY

Grace, Program Director, with a few camp leader volunteers from Lutherdale, came to Burke Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 2. They explained what Lutherdale has to offer kids of all ages; such as day camps for youth in grades K-5 and overnight camps for youth in grades 3 through high school. Some of the camps are “Night Owls” for 6-8 grade, “Adventure Week” for grades 3-8, “water week” for grades 3-8, High School Week and L.E.A.P. Lutherdale also offers adult retreats throughout the year. If you have any questions, please visit their website, lutherdale.org or call 262-742-2352.



PRAYER CONCERNS

During the month of July we remember the following individuals in our Sunday prayers:

Lisa Thompson
Peter Taylor
Virginia Steward
June Chadwick

Mark Gehrke
Tina Lee
Marie McCoy
Steve Chappell

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



GRANT REPORT

In March of 2023 Burke was awarded a \$9,200.00 grant from the Ecumenical Fund for Faith Communities. This grant was for Burke to reach out to the community to help make people more aware of Burke Lutheran Church while at the same time helping people with food insecurity.

During the year we tried to hold a monthly community meal but despite mass mailings and social marketing we were not successful. As a result we redirected our efforts while at the same time having to meet grant guidelines.

Thanks to funding from the grant we funded:

Family Fun Day in September-Over 130 people enjoyed free food, games, live music, craft vendors and fellowship

Trunk or Treat was held Oct. 29 with over 100 people enjoying a free meal and children trick or treating

Live Nativity was held on Dec. 17-we had 34 cars attend. All cars received a bag of food to help with their Christmas meal.

Kids Activities in the park was held at 4 locations during the summer of 2023. The focus was helping youth to learn kindness. Attendance was from 1-15 youth.

Lenten Soup Supper-Oakwood East was invited to join Burke for Lenten service in the evening and the fund helped provide some of the meal.

Family Support-Working through the Deforest School we were able to connect with a family with 7 children who needed assistance. Beginning in January we took groceries to them 12 times.

Picnic Tables-funds allowed us to purchase 6 new picnic tables for church.

Men's Homeless Shelter-About 700 granola bars were purchased to give to men as they leave the shelter in the morning.

Thanks to everyone that helped prepare food, made brownies, served food, helped with set up for the various events, was an actor in the nativity, helped assemble picnic tables, etc. We could not have done all of this without every ones help.

Special thanks to the planning committee of Linda Hughes, Angie Lenzendorf, Donna Fredrick, David Hansen and Pastor Bryan.

Burke will be eligible to apply for another grant in 2026. So, start thinking on how we can reach out to the community at the same time helping with food insecurity and social isolation.

Mary TeWinkel, Grant Administrator

JULY 2024 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Reach Board, 6:00pm	2	3 Quilting, 9am Bible Study, 2pm	4 <i>Fourth of July</i>	5	6
7 Worship, 9am Congregational Meeting, 10am, Cemetery Association Meeting, 10am	8	9 Council Meeting, 6:30pm	10 Quilting, 9am Men's Breakfast, 9am Bible Study, 2pm	11	12	13
14 Worship, 9am Coffee Hour, 10am	15	16 Foundation Meeting, 7pm	17 Quilting, 9am BLCW Meeting, 10am BLCW Birthday Lunch, 11:30am Bible Study, 2pm	18	19	20
21 Worship, 9am Coffee Hour, 10am	22 Preach Board, 10am	23	24 Quilting, 9am Bible Study, 2pm	25	26	27
28 Worship, 9am Pot Luck, 10:00am	29	30	31 Quilting, 9am Bible Study, 2pm			

Save the Dates:

July 1 - Canada Day	July 14 - Bastille Day
July 4 - Independence Day	July 26 - Aunt & Uncle Day
July 9 - National Sugar Cookie Day	July 28 - National Milk Chocolate Day
July 12 - National Pecan Pie Day	July 30 - National Cheesecake Day
July 13 - National French Fries Day	July 30 - Father-In-Law Day

Happy Birthday!

July 1	Saige Mascari	July 19	Shaney O'Toole Iturbide
July 2	Linda Lothe	July 20	Carla Housner
July 2	Robert Kalhagen	July 21	Danielle Ludwig
July 3	Olivia Otis	July 22	Kristen Lagerstam
July 4	Cindy Dahm	July 23	Courtney Krisher
July 4	Thayaden Taylor	July 23	Kimberly Gulyas
July 7	Elizabeth Hanson	July 24	John Peterson
July 9	Alexander Olson	July 25	Gloria Lundquist
July 9	Darrell Foss	July 25	Mary Schultz
July 13	Sally Mortensen	July 28	Tim Dobbs
July 17	Richard Brandon	July 30	Barbar Lusk
July 18	David Jones	July 31	Charlie Hung
July 18	Ellie Lenzendorf	July 31	Gary Beal

Happy Anniversary!

Steve and Donna Frederick	July 13, 2013
Dennis and Cindy Sommer	July 15, 1978
James and Janet Herrick	July 15, 1968
Galen and Jan Peterson	July 23, 1977
Russ and Nancy Dean	July 24, 1965
Stan and Cheryl Wildenberg	July 27, 1985

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JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

	July 7 9:00am Service	July 14 9:00am Service	July 21 9:00am Service	July 28 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner	“Praise Band”	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner	“Praise Band”
Communion Assistant	Sharon Hughes	Dave Hanson	Julie Clark	(No communion)
Communion Prep	Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist	
Lay Reader	Julie Clark	Gloria Lundquist	Sharon Hughes	Barb Hennings
Ushers	Bob Lenzendorf Dave Hanson	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Steve & Donna Frederick	Karl & Shari Patzner
Coffee Hour				Potluck
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Rose Haney	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA

1. 300 cubits (Gen 6:15)
2. The cupbearer (Gen 41:12-13)
3. Elisheba (Exod 6:23)
4. Josheb-basshebeth (2 Sam 23:8)
5. Athens (Act 17:22-23)
6. Ahijah (1 Kings 11:29)
7. At the grave of Lazarus (John 11:33), over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41), and in Gethsemane (Heb 5:7)