



MARCH 2020

# Light *of* Life

## LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,  
RENEWAL & PREPARATION

*Wednesdays in Lent*

*March 4--April 1*

*6pm Worship*



*Holy Week Save the Dates:*

*Palm Sunday, April 5, 9am Worship*

*Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7pm Worship*

*Good Friday, April 10, 1pm & 7pm Worship*

*Easter Sunday, April 12, 8am & 10am Worship*

## BOWLING & PIZZA

MARCH 8, 12:30PM

Join us at Prairie Lanes, Sun Prairie for bowling, pizza or both! Everyone is welcome! Cost: \$9 per person—includes 2 games with shoes. Pizza and soda sponsored by The Men of Burke. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex by March 1. Contact Paul Beckman at 241-2346 with any questions.



## OUR STAFF

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## LENTEN SERVICES & SOUP SUPPERS

MARCH 4, 11, 18 & 25  
AND APRIL 1

The Reach Board is sponsoring soup and sandwich suppers each Wednesday during Lent. Lenten Worship

Services will be held at 6:00pm.

A Soup & Sandwich Supper will

follow at 6:30pm. Confirmation students are asked to attend the Lenten Services.



Our Lenten Worship Service will use the Holden Evening Prayer and we'll focus on history: Great Awakening, Abolitionists, Mormons, Ghost Dance, Civil Rights Movement and Televangelists.

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

# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Though this may be an exciting time for us as we begin our move into the new fellowship hall this month I want to remind everyone that this past Wednesday February 26th we celebrated Ash Wednesday and officially kicked off Lent. So if there is any joy or happiness of any kind in your heart it is time to dispel it. Lent is a time of preparation and mourning as we join together to focus on our own guilt, misery, and participation in Christ's death. Let the fun begin!

Here at Burke Lutheran as we give up not only the word "ha&#%\$ah" (sorry printing of this word in it's fullness is not allowed until Easter morning) there will also be absolutely no smiling or any other expressions of joy. To help in this process you are encouraged to stay away from all small children and/or house pets since their cuteness levels are way too high and produce far too many smiles. Please refrain from telling jokes, and definitely do not watch any comedic movies or TV shows. If you do need to watch anything only watch things that would fall under serious minded religious, historical, true crime, political documentaries, or dramatic movies like Dodgeball: A True Underdog's Story. Only things that cause severe frustration, anger, pure logical thought, or depression are considered appropriate. If you find yourself at work or at a friend's house and you feel a smile beginning to crack upon your lips due to the process of actually enjoying one's self, quickly get up and run from the room before those good feelings begin to spread. Do not let those around you cause you to fall into that deep bright pit of sunshine and joy.

In honor of this time of pain and sadness I invite you to join me in misery as we spend the season of Lent focusing on the historical religious movements that have shaped this country. 1st Great Awakening, Abolitionists, Mormons, Ghost Dance, Civil Rights, and the Televangelist/Mega Church movement. It is my hope that through endless sermons explaining these topics through dry regurgitation of facts devoid of insight and tools of how we can use these topics to better understand and engage the world we live in I will be unable to keep those in attendance from keeping their eyes open. After worship in the spirit of Lent we plan on locking everyone in and forcing them to eat soup and sandwiches while we talk further on these terribly boring subjects, please join us.

Since I am Lutheran and do believe in grace, our worship committee has decided that three smile -like twinges per person will be tolerated during Lent. All those who exceed their quota must sit in the front row during worship for the remainder of Lent.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Robert

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

Family and friends of Susan Sherry.  
Family and friends of Louise Kraemer.  
Family and friends of Alaina Rittmann.

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



## FILL THE ALTAR

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

The River Food Pantry needs a helping hand, so let's fill the altar! Please bring non-perishable food, such as canned veggies, soups & fruits; boxed dinners; cereal, grains & 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 & Depends. Feel free to drop off items any time during Lent at the new building.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, March 11 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.



DORCAS CIRCLE  
MARCH 19  
THURSDAY, 9:00AM  
AT VIRGINIA'S



## CCR TRAINING

Sun Prairie EMS is hosting a CCR (cardiocerebral resuscitation) training at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (300 Broadway Drive) on Wednesday afternoon, March 11th from 12:30-1:30pm. They will also give a quick AED training. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Steve Vera at [psv@bethlehemlc.org](mailto:psv@bethlehemlc.org).

## BUILDING UPDATE

If things go as planned we take possession of the new building on Friday, February 28. There are lots of little things to get finished in the new building but the end is in sight!

We will be having another moving day on Saturday, February 29, beginning at 9am for all who are able to help. March 1st will be the last service held in the sanctuary before it is prepped for moving. Following that service we will need some help moving last minute items from the sanctuary to the new building.

Lots of things have already been moved and we will now be starting the process of getting things put away and organized. The picture shows the new Fellowship Hall where everything is currently being stored. Everything will be moved in order for us to hold Lenten service on Wednesday, March 4th.



The next phase of the building project will be the demolition of the old education/office portion of the building, followed by the moving of the sanctuary.

The move of the sanctuary is dependent on the weather. With our warmer winter, the ground might not be frozen enough to move the church. Which means we might have to wait until the ground dries up enough in the spring for the move.

It will be some months before we'll be able to hold services in the sanctuary as work is completed on it.

## 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

CONFIRMATION  
SUNDAY  
IS MAY 17



## PANCAKE BREAK-FAST POSTPONED

Our annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast fundraiser may be postponed due to our move into the new building. Watch our bulletins for further updates.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:

*Council Representative:* David Hanson  
*Superintendent:* Jean Schnick

## CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE

During Lent, Confirmation students are asked to attend worship at 6pm if able, and then stick around for soup and discussion based upon the sermon topic. Dates affected are March 4, 11, 18 and 25, and April 1 as well.

FINAL SERVICE IN CURRENT LOCATION  
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 9:00AM



## INCLEMENT WEATHER, WINTER PARKING

The winter season is almost over. 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. If there's no answer, Pastor Rob is out shoveling. Thank you!



***How to Walk on Ice — Channel Your Inner Penguin!***



# 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Worship, 9am</b> Sunday School Choir Practice	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 At new church</b> Quilting, 9:00am Fill the Altar begins Lent Service, 6:00pm & Soup Supper, 6:30pm	<b>5</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Set your clocks ahead!
<b>8</b> <b>Worship, 9am</b> Sunday School Choir Practice Bowling, 12:30pm	<b>9</b> Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	<b>10</b> Council Meeting, 6:30pm	<b>11</b> Men's Breakfast, 9:00am Quilting, 9:00am Lent Service, 6:00pm & Soup Supper, 6:30pm	<b>12</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Worship, 9am</b> Kids in Service Choir Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Foundation Mtg 7:00pm	<b>18</b> Quilting, 9:00am Lent Service, 6:00pm & Soup Supper, 6:30pm	<b>19</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>20</b> River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Worship, 9am</b> Sunday School Choir Practice Chili Cookoff, 4pm	<b>23</b> Preach Board, 9am Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Quilting, 9:00am Lent Service, 6:00pm & Soup Supper, 6:30pm	<b>26</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Worship, 9am</b> Sunday School Choir Practice	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

Save the Dates:

April 1	Holden Evening Prayer Lent Service & Soup Supper
April 5	Palm Sunday, 9am worship service
April 9	Maundy Thursday, 7pm worship service
April 10	Good Friday, 1pm & 7pm worship services
April 12	Easter Sunday, 8am & 10am worship services



**Happy Birthday!**

**Have a birthday in November?**  
**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 November!**



## MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS...

	<b>March 1 9:00am Service</b>	<b>March 8 9:00am Service</b>	<b>March 15 9:00am Service</b>	<b>March 22 9:00am Service</b>	<b>March 29 9:00am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist
<b>Music Leader</b>	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittman
<b>Music Leader</b>	Kathy Sandridge	Linda Truitt	Jean Schnick	Linda Truitt	Kathy Sandridge
<b>Communion</b>	Sue Rittmann	Tim Wachs	Kids in Service	Jean Schnick	Sharon Hughes
<b>Communion</b>	Dave Wisner	Barb Hennings	Kids in Service	Nancy McClurg	Jeannette Gehrke
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Mary TeWinkel	Jean Schnick	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist	Gloria Lundquist
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Barb Hennings	Sharon Hughes	Kids in Service	Paul Beckman	Sue Rittmann
<b>Prayer Readers</b>	Bob Boettcher Sharon Hughes	Patrice Neubert Gloria Lundquist	Kids in Service	Linda Schramer Tim Wachs	Barb Hennings Ron Hennings
<b>Acolyte</b>	Danni Queiser	Aiden Brown	Clara Neubert	Carter Truitt	Abbey Harris
<b>Ushers</b>	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Shari Patzer and students	Tim Wachs Chris Otis	Roger Kittleson Dave Weinberger
<b>Greeters</b>	Galen & Jan Peterson	Jay Olson Rose Haney	Kids in Service	Judy & Roger Martin	Dave & Lucy Wisner
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Donuts	Donuts	Donuts	Donuts	Donuts
<b>Counters</b>	Gloria Lundquist Kim Hanson	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Julie Clark Patrice Neubert	Sharon Hughes Kathy Sandridge	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel
<b>Sunday School Pre K — 6th Grade</b>	Class in Session	Class in Session	Kids in Service	Class in Session	Class in Session

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to spring ahead! On Saturday, March 7, be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed.



**Burke Lutheran Church**

**CHILI  
COOK-OFF  
& TALENT SHOW**

**Sunday  
March 22  
4:00pm**

Enter your secret recipe chili!  
(we'll provide the fixin's,  
hotdogs and dessert)

Share a talent!  
(sing, act, dance, tell a joke)