

NOVEMBER 2019

Light *of* Life

Burke Lutheran Church

CRAFT & BAKE SALE

**Saturday, November 9, 2019
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

NORWEGIAN LEFSE

*Unique Crafts - Quilts - Baked Goods
Pair of HAMILTON tickets Raffle
Fall-themed Quilt Raffle
Sandwich Plate available all day*

ANNUAL CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Please come, bring friends, there's something for everyone. While you shop, take time out to enjoy a cup of coffee, a delicious bakery item and the fellowship of friends. A sandwich plate will be available for purchase, as well as our famous lefse, and new this year, quilts.



We also have two raffles this year: a gorgeous fall-themed quilt with matching shams AND a pair of HAMILTON tickets for a matinee performance on 11/23, Section B, Row S. Tickets are available for purchase now until the date of the drawings, November 17. See Linda Klinger or Gloria Lundquist for tickets.

Signup sheets will be in the Narthex for bakers and volunteers to work at the event. All profit will go towards the new kitchen needs when the church is moved.

Bakers: We are in need of your delicious home-made bakery goods. The church will be open on Friday from 9am-4pm for you to drop off your baked goods, or you can stop by early Saturday morning. We ask that you do not price them as we will do it to keep like items priced the same. Any baked items that do not sell on Saturday will be sold Sunday morning. Thank you in advance for participating! Last year we sold out of lefse by 11:00am and baked goods by 3:00pm.

OUR STAFF

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ALL SAINTS DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

We remember and thank God for all the saints who have entered his eternal kingdom this past year. A candle will be lighted in their memory during our Worship Service on Sunday, November 3. Please contact Peri Beal if you wish to light a candle for any other saints from this past year.

Charles "Chick" Lowe
Pearl Kvalheim
Keith Hanson
Susan Gall
Ardyth Loga
Jane Ford Bennett



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I have been asked the question many times since I became a pastor, "If Jesus hated money so much, why does the church always ask for money?"

The question is derived from passages such as this:

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24

While it is my hope that most churches try to uphold this teaching, it does not change the fact that we live in a society where money is required in order to thrive. In several European countries one's church tithe (aka giving) is taken directly out of their paycheck as part of their taxes as long as that individual has declared him or herself as a Lutheran, Catholic, Baptist, Anglican, etc... this is not so in the US, therefore we must rely upon the voluntary giving of our individual members. This results in churches often being criticized for talking about money too much or not enough in their attempts to grow and gain some measure of success in spreading the Gospel.

If we wish to serve the communities that surround us by spreading the Gospel through word and deed then we need people to proclaim it, and we need the tools to support them. These tools come in many shapes and sizes, and unfortunately not too many of them are free. One of the tools we have in this community is our building and as the vast majority of you know we are in the midst of a massive building project with the hope that in the end it will be as functional and as inviting as possible so that we can not only serve our community here at Burke but also open ourselves to new ways in which we can serve the growing communities around us. The excitement within our community has been palpable as construction continues to move along and we watch as our new home is quickly coming together. Thank you everyone for all your contributions toward making this long gestating dream a reality.

Meanwhile...Our general giving is down straining our ability to spend money on our various ongoing ministry opportunities. We are not in a critical situation where programs need to be cut, but we are having to be extra careful about where our funds are going. Along with this we have also encountered several added expenses regarding the building project straining our budget even further (more on that later this month, please join us after worship on November 17th). Thankfully several individuals and groups from within our congregation have come forward and donated money and materials to help offset expenses for the building project, various activities, and ongoing programs. This has helped tremendously in keeping our spending down and preventing our budget from going over in several areas. Unfortunately if we are unable to get any new pledges for our building fund soon we will have to borrow more money than we had initially hoped.

Despite losing some beloved members this past year, due to some moving away and others succumbing to illness, attendance has remained steady and we still welcome visitors nearly every week. This tells me that we are still part of a vibrant, growing, and evolving community that has a bright future ahead. Yet as we look ahead and get excited about the new ministry opportunities that are presented by our new building let us not forget about today, and the ministry that we are doing now. So as we enter into that time of year when we look at stewardship please take some time and discern in what ways you are able to continue supporting the ministries of Burke, and what ways you may wish to grow in that support either with your time or financially.

"Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God." – 1 Peter 4:10

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Tina Bauman	Lisa Thompson	Mary Skinvik
Bev Lowe	Harper DeBauche	Fred Sandridge
Helen Knuteson	Rudy Nielsen	Friends and family of Cheryl Budack
Arlene Kuipers	Janeen Lauersdorf	Friends and family of Jane Ford Bennett

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



FOOD PANTRY

November's focus is on Thanksgiving: stuffing mix, pumpkin pie mix, canned vegetables, canned yams, instant potatoes, canned gravy, etc. 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, November 13 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.



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE — SUNDAY, 11/24

At Saint Olaf Catholic Church, 623 Jefferson St., DeForest, WI. Members of our church choir will be part of the combined community choir. For more details, call 608-846-5726.

BUILDING UPDATE MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

July 21, 2019



Immediately following worship on Sunday, November 17, please stick around for an progress update on our new building. Be in the know!

October 23, 2019



LEFSE PACKAGES TOP 413



Our lefse makers finished the season on Wednesday, October 16 with 413 total packages! A package of six pieces is \$9. A big thank you to all of our helpers:

Dave Weinberger, Gloria Lundquist, Virginia Steward, Val Sandmire, Kay Gritz-macker, Shirley Bostad, Al Klinger, Paul Beckman, Dave Wisner, Gary Brown, Nancy Thompson, Deb Brown, Lucy Wisner, Jo Cooper, Linda Klinger, Jeannette Gehrke, Randy Copenhefer, Marie McCoy, Diane Copenhefer, Rose Haney, Marge Snyder, Linda Hanson, Tom Hanson, and Peri Beal.



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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Please join us in the Fellowship hall following worship on the second Sunday of each month. This month, learn more about the Sunshine Place on Sunday, November 10.



Sunshine Place started as a vision of a small group of citizens in 2001. Established in 2007, Sunshine Place has become a single point of access to social services for Sun Prairie residents in times of need. For more info, contact Sunshine Place at (608) 825-3875, or visit their website at <http://www.sunshineplace.org/>

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 (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 SCHEDULE

November 3 Class
 November 10 Class
 November 17 Kids in Service
 November 24 Pageant practice

December 1 Pageant practice
 December 8 Pageant practice
 December 14 Full dress rehearsal
 December 15 Pageant
 December 22 Winter break
 December 29 Winter break
 Jan 5, 2020 Classes resume

TRUNK OR TREAT & HOT DOGS TOO THANK YOU

Our second annual Trunk or Treat was a resounding success -- thanks to everyone who donated hot dog fixings, setup/tore down, decorated their trunk & filled it with yummy candy, and to those who came and partook! *Sponsored by the Family Event Planning Committee.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board...

Chairperson: Open

Council Rep: David Hanson

Superintendent: Jean Schnick

Treasurer: Open

Secretary: Open

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGNUPS

Christmas Pageant: Your child must be available for ALL practices, the full dress rehearsal and the play itself! Practice dates are Sundays 11/24, 12/1, and 12/8. Saturday morning 12/14 is our full dress rehearsal with mandatory attendance. The Christmas Pageant is 12/15. Please contact Kim Hanson at 609-576-1084 or email hansonkim11@gmail.com if your child is able to be in the Christmas Pageant.

IT'S TIME FOR BUTTER BRAIDS!

Beginning November 20, you'll be able to order those yummy braids made from quality ingredients; flour, sugar, and butter. Each pastry is braided by hand with care in a small town in



Iowa. Orders must be received by December 8. Checks should be made payable to: Burke Lutheran Church. Delivery will start December 18. Thanks for helping us raise funds for Youth Retreats and Confirmation Camp!

SAY CHEESE!

It's time to update our church directory to go along with our new building. Janeen Otis has graciously agreed to take family photos after church. Each family photo session should take about 10 minutes. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex for three slots each Sunday. Have a favorite family photo you'd like to use instead? Please send a digital copy to us at burkelutheranchurch@att.net, Subject: Photo Directory.

And, the Reach Board is still gathering updated mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses from everyone before and after Sunday services.



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES & SERVICE

NOVEMBER 10, 17 & 24

Immediately following Sunday's Worship Services. Class will last approximately 20-30 minutes with Pastor Robert. No registration required.

Please join us November 24 as we celebrate our young people with their first communion during our regular worship service.



NOVEMBER 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
					1	2 Turn Clocks Back!
3 Worship, 9am Sunday School 9am Coffee Hour Choir 10:30am	4	5	6 Quilting, 9am Confirmation, 6:30pm	7 Bible Study, 12:30pm	8	9 Craft & Bake Sale, 8am-4pm
10 Worship, 9am Sunday School 9am Coffee Hour Spotlight Ministry Choir 10:30am	11 Veteran's Day Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	12 Council, 6:30pm	13 Quilting, 9am Confirmation, 6:30pm	14 Bible Study, 12:30pm	15 River Food Pantry, 4:15-8pm	16
17 Worship, 9am Kids in Service Building Update Coffee Hour Choir 10:30am	18	19 Foundation, 7pm	20 Quilting, 9am Confirmation, 6:30pm	21 Dorcas Circle, 9am at Sue's Bible Study, 12:30pm	22	23
24 Worship, 9am Sunday School 9am Potluck Coffee Hour	25 Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	26	27 Quilting, 9am No Confirmation	28 	29 Black Friday	30

Save the Dates:

December 1	Advent Begins
December 14	Full dress rehearsal for Pageant
December 15	Sunday School Christmas Pageant
December 15	Blue Christmas, 4pm, at Christ Lutheran
December 24	Family Candlelight Service, 4pm
	'Midnight' Candlelight Service, 9pm



Happy Birthday!

Nov 3	Kaitlyn Schramer	Nov 14	Janet Herrick
Nov 4	Penny Brown		Don Johnson
Nov 5	Cheryl Beckman	Nov 18	Kaylee Housner
Nov 6	Gary Golz	Nov 19	Mason Dobbs
Nov 8	Kelly Grob	Nov 20	Jesse Benisch
	Reanna Rasmussen		Abbey Harris
Nov 9	Melissa Bethea	Nov 21	Dave Queiser
	Bill Schmidt		Eleri Beal
Nov 10	Carrie Kruse		Kimberly Brown
Nov 11	Sharon Hughes	Nov 23	Mari Rasmussen
Nov 12	Tim Sandridge	Nov 27	Jania Crosby
Nov 13	Avery Peterson	Nov 29	Lori Mueller
			Jennifer Klang

Happy Anniversary!

Bobbi & Steve Kittleson, November 4, 2005
 Diane & Gary Golz, November 6, 1971
 Jennifer & Dan Hanson, November 7, 1992
 Phyllis & Stuart Svoboda, November 15, 1952



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NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS...

	November 3 9:00am Service	November 10 9:00am Service	November 17 9:00am Service	November 24 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner	Bob Rittmann	Dave Wisner
Music Leader	Kathy Sandridge	Linda Truitt	Kathy Sandridge	Linda Truitt
Communion	Nancy McClurg	Mary TeWinkel	Confirmands	Julie Clark
Communion	Barb Hennings	Jean Schnick	Confirmands	Pat Graham
Communion Prep	Jeannette Gehrke	Pat Graham	Jean Schnick	Gloria Lundquist
Lay Reader	Bob Boettcher	Sue Rittmann	Kids in Service	Sharon Hughes
Prayer Readers	Bob & Sue Rittmann	Dave & Lucy Wisner	Kids in Service	Tim Wachs Julie Clark
Acolyte	Carter Truitt	Danni Queiser	Abbey Harris	Aiden Brown
Ushers	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Shari Patzer Kids in Service	Tim Wachs Chris Otis
Greeters	June Chadwick Jay Olson	Jan & Galen Peterson	Kids in Service	Jo & Ted Cooper
Coffee Hour	Men's Group	Sharon Hughes, Joan Klang, Carla Housner	Reach Board	Potluck
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Kim Hanson	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Patrice Neubert Julie Clark	Sharon Hughes Kathy Sandridge

VETERAN RECOGNITION SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 9:00AM

Please join us in a special Veteran's Day Recognition on Sunday, November 10 as we honor our Veterans.

Veteran family members, neighbors and friends are all invited. Coffee Hour will be served in honor of our Vets.

With respect, honor and gratitude—thank you Veterans!



INCLEMENT WEATHER & WINTER PARKING

The winter season is coming fast, and with it, lots of ice and snow. Snow is usually easily identified but unfortunately ice often goes unseen until it is too late. 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.



Don't forget to set your clocks back! On Saturday, November 2, be sure to set your clocks back an hour before bed. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!