

# Light *of* Life

SEPTEMBER 2017

**Rally Sunday**  
**September 10, 2017**  
**9:00am-noon**

Join Us  
Outdoor Worship Service  
Sunday, September 10

Bring your lawn chairs and canopies! Join us for an outdoor worship service for Rally Sunday. Sunday School teachers will be introduced, so bring the kids to meet the teachers.

Immediately following the service, we'll have a picnic lunch. Brats, burgers and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert if you are able. We'll have a Silent Auction,

Dunk Tank, and Bounce House. **Sign up sheets for setup, side dishes or desserts, and cleanup are posted in the Narthex. Silent Auction donations will be accepted up until Saturday, September 9.** The Packers don't play until 3:25pm so plenty of time for fellowship and fun.

## Catch the Spirit

Recently the church office received this letter from the brother of some of our Vacation Bible School attendees. He had seen our pledge letter in the narthex and was intrigued with the idea of us picking up the church and moving it to a new location. He returned home, wrote us this note and enclosed two dollars to be put towards the move. He caught the spirit and excitement that this move will mean to our congregation. It is the same spirit that I hope all of us have for this project. (by the way, Keaton is 12 years old).

I also want to share with you that we are at the \$550,000 mark with pledges from 33 of the 167 families in this congregation. We have also been receiving contributions from members who have not filled out a pledged card. We thank you for this but ask that you consider filling a pledge out. Maybe you are saying right now that you filled one out several years ago and you are now just working on paying toward it again or you're thinking why do we need to? These pledge sheets will be used like collateral on the loan that we will need to obtain. It will provide proof that we can make the necessary payments. It is my prayer that every family will make a pledge based on what they can financially handle. I'd like everyone to feel that they were a part in making this dream come true.

Your Council President,  
Linda Hughes

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## Lefse Time

### Wednesdays & Fridays

Beginning September 13, we'll be making Lefse twice a week. If you'd like to help, stop in anytime between 8am—noon. No experience necessary. Everyone is welcome to come and learn how to roll and bake lefse.

#200  
Dear Burke Lutheran Church,  
My brother and Sisters  
want to thank you for  
giving them such a  
Wonderful time.  
And I would like to  
say I like the new  
plan for the church  
in this letter ~~and~~  
you'll find two dollars there  
yours to help move the  
church.  
I also want you to know  
I'm praying for you!  
All the Best, Keaton.T

## A Message from Pastor Robert.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

September has come, students young and old are making their way back into their classrooms, the weather is cooling down, indoor related activities are ramping back up, and soon nearly every male (and a few females as well) will disappear into tackily decorated basements where they will plant their rear ends upon a cushy lazy boy recliner or couch for the duration of the weekend, oh and I forgot pumpkin flavored everything. Yes these are the signs of the fall that precede the annual changing of the leaves.

Fall is a special time of year for families as they begin to settle down into their "regular" routine, even as they are continuing to try and figure out exactly what that "regular" routine is going to look like this year. So as we sign up for various programs, volunteer opportunities, and classes we need to be good stewards of our time and make sure that we do not put ourselves on a fast track to burn-out.

The key to being a good steward of your time is to remember that it is ok to say no. We can't do everything. There are many things that we want to do, things we have to do, and a few things we should do, and it is up to us to prioritize and get rid of those things that are not necessary.

Here in the church we often talk about Stewardship in regards to money but that is just one piece of what stewardship is really about. Stewardship is about how we live our lives in a way that takes care of ourselves and others. Here within the church and elsewhere many people will ask you to do many different things, and if you are able to do them great! Because hopefully your efforts will help others in some small or big way, but if you're not able to help that is ok as well.

Ask yourself; who can you help if you are burned out both physically and mentally? Remember only you know what your limits are and remember that God is with you always and that before agreeing to something, or discarding something bring that decision to God. God has a way of showing us what truly is important and what can be put aside, at least temporarily.

*"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." - 1 Peter 4:10-11*

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Rob

## Confirmation Classes

Begins September 13! If you would like your 7th or 8th grader to attend and you have not already been contacted by Pastor Robert, please call or email Pastor Robert today at 608-244-8486 or gumby523@yahoo.com.

## A Note to our Ushers

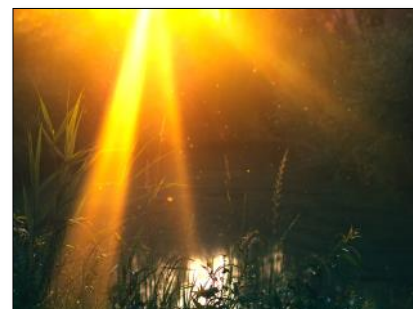
If you are scheduled to be an Usher and are unable to do this, please find a replacement. If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact our Head Usher, Roger Kittelson at 608-843-9895.

## Prayer Concerns

During this past month we have remembered the following individuals in our Sunday prayers:

David Vincent	Marvin McCoy	Erik Jelinek
Chris McFarlin	Marshall Bostad	Louise Kraemer
Bill Schmidt	Owen Storlie	Tina Bauman
Pearl Kvalheim	Jane Seim	Cliffard

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Jack Neubert.



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

## Love Learning?

Learn about the history of Lutheranism and our own church in this 4-week class led by Pastor Robert. We'll meet on Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 6:30-7:30pm. Contact Pastor Robert to sign up, or use the sheet in the Narthex to reserve your spot today.



## Cardmaking, Sept 5 at 1pm

Join Barb on Tuesday, September 5 for a little crafty fun! We'll meet at Barb's home, located at 6260 Sommer Valley Circle, DeForest. Please RSVP to Barb at [bjhennings@aol.com](mailto:bjhennings@aol.com) or 608-445-0566.



## Food Pantry

Lunch boxes are on the menu for September's Food Pantry. This includes foods like peanut butter, jelly, fruit cups, pudding cups, juice boxes, etc.

Please place items in the designated basket in the Narthex and they will be taken to the local food pantry.

## Note of Thanks

Dear Pastor Rob & Crocheters,  
Thank you for the generous supply of afghans you have made for our patients here at The American Center. They provide great comfort & support to our patients here at The American Center.  
May God continue to reward you richly!  
Chaplain Dennis

## Fireside Fellows

### Re-Kindling the Fire

Men of all ages are invited for some fellowship and discussion. The Fireside Fellows continue on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7pm. Each session's topic is based on the upcoming Sunday's Bible readings. There is no page turning, preparation or study time. Newcomers are always welcome.



For more information, please contact Paul Beckman, 608-241-2346, or Lon Buss, 608-516-7875.

## Burke Lutheran Concession Stand Team Needs You!

Volunteer with us at a UW Football game Pizza Stand this fall. Last year we averaged over \$400/game. This year 90% of proceeds raised will go to the New Building Fund. The remainder will go to the Sunshine Place, River Food Pantry and Road Home. There are 7 home games this year. We need 6 people and a driver for each game. We carpool from the church about 3 hours before game time. Please contact Lon Buss, 608 516-7875 or [lonabuss0406@gmail.com](mailto:lonabuss0406@gmail.com) to be added to the team.



## Lutheran Men in Mission

"One Year to Live Retreat!" September 15-17 MacKenzie Environmental Education Center - Poynette. This retreat has been life changing for attendees! Join other men from this part of God's church for inspiration, fellowship and fun. For more information and to view participant testimonial videos: <http://www.lutheranmen.org> or contact Paul Beckman at 608-241-2346.



## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, September 13 at Gus' Diner, Hwy 19, Sun Prairie.

## 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 Wednesday

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 15th of the month



# Youth & Kids Corner



## Save the Dates

**September 10:** Rally Sunday--there is no Sunday School; however, the teachers will be presented to the congregation and Bibles will be handed out to all 4-year-olds and 3rd graders.

**September 17:** First day of Sunday School

**October:** Youth Fundraiser (dinner), date to be determined

**November:** Rehearsals for the Christmas program begin, Youth Fundraiser (Butter Braids drive)

**December 15:** Children's Christmas program and winter break

**January 7:** Sunday School Classes Resume

**February:** Registration for Confirmation Camp begins (dates of camp to be determined)

**March 25:** Palm Sunday Breakfast



## Sunday School Scoop

We have an active year coming up for Sunday School, and we wanted to keep you "in the know" for what we have planned for the 2017-2018 Sunday School year. Serving on your Teach Board:

Chairperson: Diane Johnson-Hung

Council Representative: David Hanson

Treasurer: Rudy Nielsen

Secretary: **Open**

**Sunday School Registration:** Registration forms to sign your child up for Sunday School are now available in the Narthex.

**Sunday School Teachers:** We still need teachers! There are four classes, and we need a minimum of one teacher per class. The more teachers we have, the more we can rotate each week so that no one is teaching every week. We will be using the Whirl curriculum again this year. Teachers will bring their classes together at the start, go through a group opening and activity, then break out into their respective class rooms. The lesson plans, opening videos, and supplies will be in the supply boxes, so all they need to do is track the attendance on a prepared attendance list and lead the children through the lesson and activities.

The third Sunday of the month is Kids in Service, so we will not be holding Sunday School on those days. If there is a month with five Sundays, that fifth Sunday of the month will be kids activities (no Sunday School).

Classes are divided as follows:

- Pre-K and K                      -3rd and 4th Grades
- 1st and 2nd Grades          -5th and 6th Grades

**Sunday School Superintendent:** We are looking for someone to help the Teach Board coordinate Sunday School activities, prepare the Sunday School supply boxes/lesson plans for the next week, and to lead the Sunday School opening. The Sunday School opening has a prepared plan, so the only thing will be to conduct an activity (exercises like jumping jacks and crab crawling or even a game of catch) before breaking out into separate class rooms. As we get closer to the Christmas program, the opening activities will be geared toward practicing for the program.

If you are interested in teaching, or acting as the Superintendent or Teach Board Secretary, please contact Diane Johnson-Hung at [twal71@msn.com](mailto:twal71@msn.com) or (608) 837-7014.

# September Calendar

The staff at Burke Lutheran meets most Thursday mornings at 9:00am. We will return phone calls after our meeting.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Badgers, 8pm	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Worship, 9am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Cardmaking with Barb, 1pm	<b>6</b> Quilting, 9am	<b>7</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>8</b> Choir Party, 6pm	<b>9</b> Badgers, 11am
<b>10</b> Rally Sunday/Outdoor Worship, 9am – noon  Packers, 3:25pm	<b>11</b> Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	<b>12</b> Boards/Council 6pm/7pm	<b>13</b> Men's Breakfast, 9am Lefse Making, 8am Confirmation	<b>14</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>15</b> Lefse Making, 8am-noon River Food Pantry, 5-8pm	<b>16</b> Ruth Circle, 10am  Badgers, 2:30pm
<b>17</b> Worship, 9am 1st Day of Sunday School Choir Begins Packers, 7:30pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Foundation Mtg, 6pm	<b>20</b> Lefse Making, 8am-noon Confirmation	<b>21</b> Birthday Luncheon, noon No bible study	<b>22</b> Lefse Making, 8am-noon	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Worship, 9am  Packers, 3:25pm	<b>25</b> Preach Board, 9am Fireside Fellows, 6:30-8pm	<b>26</b> Dorcas Circle, at Marie McCoy's	<b>27</b> Lefse Making, 8am-noon Confirmation	<b>28</b> Bible Study, 12:30pm	<b>29</b> Lefse Making, 8am-noon	<b>30</b> Badgers, time TBA

## The Road Home October 1-3

Burke Lutheran Church is scheduled for early October. There are 3 opportunities to volunteer: Activities (entertain children with games, ball, jumprope, crafts, etc.), Dinner (prepare food and clean up), and Overnight (monitor quiet time, sleep overnight, wake up families, prep coffee).

If you are unable to volunteer time, there is also an opportunity to donate food for meals. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Debbie Buss to be added to the email list at [deb.e.buss@gmail.com](mailto:deb.e.buss@gmail.com) or 608-516-7883.



## Progressive Dinner October 15

A progressive dinner is being planned for Sunday, October 15, beginning at 4:00 pm. Everyone will begin at the first location and then the entire group will progress to each location together. The dinner will start with appetizers at one home and



then move to a second home for the main course. A third home will be the final course—dessert! Sign up to host one of the locations, or to bring appetizers, a main dish, or a dessert to one of the locations before the "Progressiveness" begins. The theme will be fall harvest and comfort foods. Sign up as a single, a couple, or the entire family by October 1. This will allow proper planning and communication before the event. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Buss, [deb.e.buss@gmail.com](mailto:deb.e.buss@gmail.com) or 608-516-7883.

## The 500 October 29

Mark your calendar for a fun event commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! We are in the early stages of planning a get together for the entire congregation on Sunday, October 29. The evening will be filled with great food, inspirational music, fellowship and fun!



## Craft & Bake Sale November 11

Reserve the date! The annual Craft & Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, November 11. Details will follow in the October issue of the Light of Life. In the meantime, your contact person will be Kay Gritzmacker and she can be reached at 608-249-1737.



## September Worship Leaders...

	<b>September 3</b> <b>9:00am Service</b>	<b>September 10</b> <b>Outdoor</b> <b>9:00am Service</b>	<b>September 17</b> <b>9:00am Service</b>	<b>September 24</b> <b>9:00am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Jamie Falk	Susie Kittel Moore
<b>Music Leader</b>	Beni Hupf	Bob Rittmann	Beni Hupf	Diane O'Toole
<b>Music Leader</b>	Dave Wisner	Diane O'Toole	Darrell Foss	Dave Wisner
<b>Comm Assist</b>	Sue Rittmann	Jean Schnick	Phyllis Svoboda	Joelle Frye
<b>Comm Assist</b>	Bob Rittmann	Sharon Hughes	Barb Hennings	Nancy McClurg
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist Diane O'Toole	Jeannette Gehrke	Diane O'Toole
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Paul Beckman	Lon Buss	Nancy Blum	Julie Clark
<b>Prayer Readers</b>	Beni Hupf Linda Truitt	Sue Rittmann Bob Rittmann	Joann & Darrell Foss	Tim Wachs Barb Hennings
<b>Acolyte</b>	Hope McFarlin	Stephen Bosben	Kimblery Brown	Clara Neubert
<b>Ushers</b>	Al Klinger Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittelson Rick Brandon	Karl & Emily Patzer	Tim Wachs Nancy Blum
<b>Greeters</b>	Jan & Galen Peterson	Joelle Frye June Chadwick	Phyllis & Stuart Svoboda	Linda & John Schramer
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Coffee Hour Committee		Ruth Circle	Kathy Sandridge, Donna Frederick, Nancy Blum
<b>Counters</b>	Gloria Lundquist Nancy Blum	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	Joelle Frye	Joelle Frye Sharon Hughes

**Happy Birthday!**

**Have a birthday in September? 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 September!**