



JUNE 2024

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**NEW MEMBER RECEPTION**

On June 23, 2024, we will be welcoming new members to Burke Lutheran Church. If you know of anyone who would like to join the Burke family, please let Pastor Bryan or the church secretary know. A small meet and greet will take place during coffee hour after service.



**GARAGE SALE**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 9:00AM TO 3:00PM**

**AND**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2024, 9:00AM TO 1:00PM**

The BLCW will be holding its annual garage sale. Items can be dropped off at church anytime. Sorry, no cribs, car seats, knives, electronic items, clothing or exercise equipment, as we are unable to dispose of them if not sold. All items must be in usable, clean and working order. Please contact BLCW for large items to be pre-approved.

Volunteers are needed to help with pricing starting June 24, 9am as well as help the days of the sale. A sign up sheet is in the narthex for help in many areas: set up/pricing, making bars and/or cookies, help with lunch, etc.



Dear friends,

All through the Sundays in June, we will read about Jesus from the Gospel of Mark. And this happens to be my favorite of the four gospels in the Bible.

Mark is the earliest gospel we have, dating back to around 60 AD, or about 30 years after Jesus died. It's also the shortest, about half the length of Matthew or Luke. And those other two authors clearly used Mark's story as a resource for their own stories. Almost all of Mark's story is woven into both Matthew's and Luke's stories, but in different arrangements and sometimes edited to fit the story either Matthew or Luke was trying to tell.

Sometimes we forget that these gospels are not what we would consider historical fact. Sure, there's history within them, but getting down the times, dates, and places was not the most important part of these stories. The gospels, and especially Mark's gospel, was written to enhance the faith of a group of Christians long after Jesus lived and died and rose again, and these Christians were wondering why it was taking Jesus so long to return again.

We're not altogether sure who this Mark was, though we think it was one of Paul's companions that is mentioned in Colossians, 2 Timothy, and Philemon. Whoever he was, he took all the stories he heard about Jesus and wove them together into one single story.

And taking all these stories, Mark created a new type of literature that he called a "gospel" or a biography that provides us with the good news that leads us to trust in Jesus. And Mark stole a whole bunch of language from the Roman military conquest of the world to talk about how God's kingdom through Jesus is conquering even the Roman world. Probably my favorite part that shows the creativity that Mark put into this story is how the ending leads us right back to the beginning.

Mark's story is notorious for having a very unsatisfying ending, where Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought the spices to Jesus' tomb and instead of finding the body of Jesus, they found a young man dressed in a white robe (which usually we think of as an angel, but I think Mark put this character in here for us to put ourselves in this place) who told them that Jesus has been raised and gone ahead to Galilee where they will see him. But instead of telling the disciples, the women ran away for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone. So how do we know this story, if the only people who witnessed it never shared it? We go back to the beginning of Mark's story, where Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee to meet us in the waters of baptism. That is where our faith begins and where it ends, in always being claimed and loved by God.

And because Mark doesn't end this story, this gospel is only the prelude to the work of God in the world. Mark writes in the introduction that this is only the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ. The ending to this story hasn't been written yet, because we are still writing more chapters every day.

So we will take this month and more times through the summer and into the fall to pay attention to Mark's story, and see our place in the ongoing story of God's good news for the world. As often as you can, come join us in worship and all the other activities we have going on this summer, so that you can hear the good news for you!

God bless,  
Pr. Bryan

## WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 19 at 11:30am. They will be meeting at LongHorn Steak House. Please join us for the monthly celebration. Happy Birthday to all that month.

## FOOD PANTRY

**June Food Pantry Focus:** June focus is "Healthy Snacks," such as raisins, cheese & cracker packs, fruit cups, granola bars (no peanuts), pretzels, 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, 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.



## 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. Of what wood was Noah's Ark made?
2. How old was Joseph when his brethren sold him into slavery?
3. How long did Mose's mother hide him to escape the death edict of Pharaoh?
4. What was the height of Goliath? In other words, how *giant* was the giant?
5. Who restored Paul's sight after the Lord blinded him?
6. How were the children of Israel guided in their forty years of wandering in the wilderness?
7. What was the first prophecy?

## LUTHERDALE SUMMER CAMP



If you are looking for something to do this summer be sure to check out all the camps at Lutherdale.

There are 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. Week to name a few. For more information about camp visit their website: [lutherdale.org](http://lutherdale.org) or call 262-742-2352.

DEFOREST - Laura “Jean” Lothe, age 91, of DeForest, passed away on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at Parkside Assisted Living. Jean had a strong love for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was always helping care for her grandchildren, an activity she adored. Jean’s favorite color was yellow, so it was no surprise that she always planted an abundance of marigolds and petunias to brighten her yard. In addition to flower gardening, she loved vegetable gardening and canning the produce she grew. She also loved to bake and cook, and always made sure her family and friends were well fed. She will be fondly remembered for her amazing pies, banana bread, lefse and applesauce. Her loved ones were always sent home with a loaf of her prized banana bread, or jar of applesauce.



### PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Lisa Thompson  
Virginia Steward  
June Chadwick  
Sonja Nielsen  
Steve Chappell

Mark Gehrke  
Patricia Wisner  
Marie McCoy  
Peter Taylor

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



## JUNE 2024 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Worship, 9am Coffee Hour, 10am Cemetery Board, 11am	<b>3</b> Reach Board, 6:00pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Quilting, 9am Bible Study, 2pm	<b>6</b> Teach Board, 6:00pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Worship, 9am Coffee Hour, 10am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Council Meeting, 6:30pm	<b>12</b> Quilting, 9am Men's Breakfast, 9am Bible Study, 2pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Synod Office Open House 12:00p - 2:00p at Lakeview Lutheran
<b>16</b> Worship, 9am Coffee Hour, 10am  <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Quilting, 9am BLCW Birthday Lunch, 11:30am Bible Study, 2pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Worship, 9am Coffee Hour, 10am <b>New Member Reception</b>	<b>24</b> Preach Board, 9am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Quilting, 9am Bible Study, 2pm	<b>27</b> DORCAS Circle, 10am	<b>28</b> <b>Garage Sale - 9:00am to 3:00pm</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Garage Sale - 9:00am to 1:00pm</b>
<b>30</b> Worship, 9am Pot Luck, 10:00am						

Save the Dates:	June 1 - National Dairy Month June 6 - D Day June 7 - National Donut Day June 9 - National Children's Day June 14 - Flag Day	June 16 - Father's Day June 19 - Juneteenth June 21 - Summer Solstice June 28 - Burke Garage Sale June 29 - Burke Garage Sale
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### Happy Birthday!

June 1	Lori Kalhagen	June 12	Tom Hanson
June 1	Lucy Wisner	June 13	Diane Johnson-Hung
June 3	Barbara Wogsland	June 17	Mitchell Schultz
June 5	Elle Nielsen	June 19	Phil Graham
June 5	Troy Hauge	June 21	Chris McFarlin
June 8	Hope McFarlin	June 24	Steven Larson
June 8	Mason Miller	June 25	Shelly McCoy
June 10	Alan Romeis	June 26	Nancy Bingham
June 11	Margret Stalbaum	June 28	Sandra Brandon
June 12	Raelynn Lenzendorf	June 30	Linda Schramer

### Happy Anniversary!

Karl and Shari Patzer	June 1, 1991
Donald Scott & Chris Grefe	June 2, 2985
Bryan and Kristen Lagerstam	June 3, 2005
Jon and Linda Lothe	June 3, 1972
Mike and Carla Housner	June 10, 1989
Ron and Barb Hennings	June 12, 1971
Steven and Susan Weinberger	June 16, 1990
Dave and Lucy Wisner	June 17, 1972
Larry and Vicki Cutler	June 17, 1972
Bill and Nancy Schmidt	June 23, 1979
Gary and Deb Brown	June 28, 1980
Ted and Jo Cooper	June 19, 1996
Bob and Susan Rittmann	June 30, 1973

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## JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

	June 2 9:00am Service	June 9 9:00am Service	June 16 9:00am Service	June 23 9:00am Service	June 30 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist
Music Leader	Chris & Dave	“The Band”	Chris & Dave	“The Band”	Chris & Dave
Communion Asst.	Julie Clark	Gloria Lundquist	Sharon Hughes	David Hanson	Barb Hennings
Communion Prep	Gloria Lundquist	Jennette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist
Lay Reader	Sharon Hughes	Tim Wachs	Cheryl Beckman	Deb Brown	Barb Hennings
Ushers	Bob Lenzendorf David Hanson	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Steve & Donna Frederick	Karl & Shari Patzner	Roger Kittleson ?
Coffee Hour					Potluck
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Rose Haney	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson	Gloria Lundquist Rose Haney Deb Brown

## ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Gopher wood (Gen 6:14)
2. 17 (Gen 37:2)
3. 3 months (Exod 2:2)
4. Six cubits and a span (1 Sam 17:4)
5. Ananias (Act 9:17-18)
6. By a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (Exod 13:21)
7. The victory of Satan of the seed of the woman (Gen 3:15)