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APRIL 2025

BREAKFAST



PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 13, 2025 after service in the Fellowship Hall. This breakfast fundraiser helps to send our youth to Lutherdale Bible Camp and other youth group outings. The Men's Club will be looking for volunteers and donations to make this breakfast possible.

Special Joint Maundy Thursday Service

This year we will be joining together with Burke Lutheran, Norway Grove, Christ Lutheran, and United in Christ for Maundy Thursday service. We will be combining worship leaders, musicians, and choirs. The Rev. Jen Christianson from the South-Central Synod office will be preaching. The service will be held at the DeForest Community Center and is open to all. Worship will be April 17th at 6 pm with an opportunity for fellowship as well. Watch for more details to come.



Good Friday Service will be held at 6:30pm at Burke Lutheran Church.



Easter Sunday Service will be held at 9:00am at Burke Lutheran Church.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRYAN

Dear friends,

Over the last couple of months, we've been experimenting with the capabilities of the displays in the sanctuary for worship. I want you to know how much I appreciate your patience, creativity, and feedback as we continue to see what we like and what we want out of this system. Here in April, after Easter, we'll also start experimenting with the bulletins in combination with the display system. We will continue to ask for your creative ideas how we can make our worship services more accessible, convenient, and enjoyable with the resources we have. So please let me know any ideas you come up with. There's no bad ideas here, only more things to try.

Another part of our ministry that I'd like to work on over the next few months is our relationships with The River Food Pantry in Madison. I got a tour of their current location and a summary of the work they've been doing. Over the week of March 16-22, they served almost 3,000 people facing food insecurity with 58,000 pounds of food. They are looking for help at their warehouse picking food for clients or packing portable meals, and they are asking us if we would like to schedule some shifts. I'll see what they have

available and get some sign up sheets ready.

Of course, April brings with it Holy Week and Easter. There are numerous opportunities to join together in worship that week. I especially encourage you to attend the special joint Maundy Thursday worship service in DeForest. It's a big, new adventure for all 5 of us ELCA congregations that call DeForest home, and we're hoping that this will only be the beginning of figuring out how to love God and love each other together. So please make plans to attend.

In these pages, you'll see lots of other activities going on this month. There's the regular committee and council meetings and a special council meeting to deal with some leftover business that keeps getting pushed back. There's the April 6 special music from the joint choir of Burke, St. Olaf, and UCC Church of Windsor. There's the Palm Sunday breakfast to fundraise for summer camp, Good Friday worship, and of course, Easter Sunday. Please add all these things to your calendar and join us to praise God and enjoy each other's fellowship.

God bless,
Pr. Bryan

FOOD PANTRY

April Food Pantry Focus: April focus is Fats, Oils and sweets. Such as jams/jellies, syrups, honey, mayo, salad dressings or sugar. Please place your non-perishable goods in the 'Donations' basket in the entryway.

BIRTHDAY BAGS FOR RIVER FOOD PANTRY.

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is

Wednesday, April 9 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.

Lutherdale Annual Meeting Report

On March 2nd, Angie and Gloria attended Lutherdale's Annual Meeting in Elkhorn. Similar to Burke's Annual Meeting, attendees reviewed the camp's current financial status, elected new Board members, learned it had an increase in attendance/participation in last year's programs, and listened to its plans and expectations for 2025.

Celebrating its 81st year, Lutherdale's 52 acre camp provides year-round ministry to youth, families, and adults on spiritual growth, faith, and their connection to one another and with God.

Adult retreats include Bible study, discussions on faith and the opportunity for rejuvenation, learning, fellowship, and recreation. If you enjoy traveling, several day and overnight trips are available to adults as part of its Travel Ministry.

Summers are very busy at Lutherdale with multiple camp options for kids of all ages, including water activities, field games, challenge course, and climbing tower. It hosted almost 600 campers in 2024 with a diverse group of cabin leaders hailing everywhere from the Midwest and California to the United Kingdom, Zambia, Malaysia, Mexico, and Portugal.

Lutherdale's most popular fundraiser—it's annual Quilt Auction—raised more than \$65,000 last year. Proceeds from this event helps make camp available to those who otherwise would not be able to attend. This year's auction is Saturday, August 9th and it is well worth the drive to see more than 300 quilts up for bid and explore the campgrounds.

To learn more about Lutherdale, adult travel ministry, summer camps for kids, or Quilt Auction, visit: www.lutherdale.org or call 262-742-2352.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Lisa Thompson

Mark Gehrke

Tina Lee

Marie McCoy

June Chadwick

Tim Lothe

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



Sunshine Place Needs Your Help!

CARDS Closet

Our clothing closet for kids. Our biggest needs are below! All donations can be dropped off at the CARDS Closet bin at 1632 W. Main Street

Brand new ONLY underwear (all sizes including adult sizes), Plain black leggings

Drop off donations in the large bin outside of CARDS Closet or make it easy by shopping our wish list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3867TF1U2SUGH%3Fref=wl_dp_view_your_list?

Food Pantry:

This month, the food pantry is focusing on Spring Cleaning to support our community! A clean home can make a world of difference, helping families feel refreshed and ready for the season. We're in need of:

Cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish soap, sponges, paper towels, and other spring cleaning essentials.

Drop off your donations directly at the pantry, or make it easy by shopping our Amazon wish list below! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/333UXE5VDSGZA/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

The Bed Lady

Our bed program for kids! We accept all gently used/new twin sized sheet sets and comforters. Our biggest needs are below. All donations can be dropped off at 18 Rickel Road.

Pink bedding, Paw Patrol, red bedding, black bedding

Drop off your donations directly at the pantry, or make it easy by shopping our Amazon wish list below!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/310IAFVJ2E3R3?leftNavSection=SharedWithOrg&ref=abls_inv_os

JAM Youth Education Classes

At Norway Grove Memorial Lutheran Church

J.A.M. (*Jesus And Me*) is religious youth education geared towards children aged 3-years-old to 4th grade. Class time consists of a bible story, crafts, games, music and prayers. JAM meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., September through mid-May.

Cemetery Association Annual Meeting

The Cemetery Association will have it's Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 27, 2025, following the worship service. Hope you will be able to join us.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION?

If you've changed your contact information in the past few years — if you've moved, dropped your land line, changed your email to get rid of all that annoying spam you were getting, got a new job, etc., please let the church office know at 244-8486 or burkelutheran@att.net. Thank you for helping us stay in touch!

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 .

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 20th of the month

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. How long did the flood cover the earth?
2. How long did Moses's mother hide him to escape the death edict of Pharaoh?
3. Where was Paul stoned?
4. What was the total number of the children of Israel that went down to Egypt?
5. What king of Judah was overtaken by an invading army and had his eyes put out?
6. What was our Savior's last command to his disciples?
7. When was the Sabbath first instituted, and by whom was it observed?

APRIL 2025 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Special Council Meeting, 6:30	2 Quilting, 9a Bible Study, 1p Lenten Service, 6:30p	3 Teach Board, 6:30p	4	5
6 Worship, 9a Coffee Hour, 10a Confirmation at Burke, 5:30p	7	8 Council, 6:30p	9 Men's Breakfast, 9a Quilting, 9a Bible Study, 1p Lenten Service, 6:30p	10	11	12 Palm Sunday setup, 11a
13 Worship, 9a Palm Sunday Breakfast, 10a	14	15	16 Quilting, 9a Bible Study, 1p	17 Maundy Thursday Service, 6p at DeForest Community Ctr.	18 Good Friday Service, 6:30p	19
20 Easter Sunday, 9a Coffee Hour, 10a	21 Preach Board, 10a	22	23 Quilting, 9a Bible Study, 1p JAM, 6:30p at NGMLC	24	25	26
27 Worship, 9a New Member Reception and Council Installation Potluck, 10a Cemetery Assoc. Meeting, 10:30a	28	29	30 Quilting, 9a Bible Study, 1p JAM, 6:30p at NGMLC			

Save the Dates:

April 1 - April Fool's Day April 2 - Autism Awareness Day April 7 - World Health Day April 10 - National Siblings Day April 11 - National Pet Day April 12 - Passover	April 13 - Palm Sunday April 15 - Tax Day April 17 - Holy Thursday April 18 - Good Friday April 20 - Easter Sunday April 22 - Earth Day
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April 2	Diane Loui	April 14	Timothy Lagerstam
April 3	Cheryl Porter	April 16	Cheryl Wildenberg
April 3	Connor Corcoran	April 17	Robert Gehrke
April 4	Jo Cooper	April 21	Brooke Peterson
April 6	Lon Buss	April 24	Nancy Thompson
April 6	Owen Kittleson	April 25	Don Krisher
April 6	Susie Kittel Moore	April 26	Emily Patzer
April 8	Nathan Otis	April 28	Errol Romeis
April 11	Copeland Lietz	April 28	Richard Hughes
April 12	Alyssa Brown	April 30	Kay Gritzmacher
April 14	John Bosben		



Tom & Sharon Hughes	April 7, 1979
Ron & Susie Kittel Moore	April 23, 1994
John & Kelly Peterson	April 24, 1999
Tim & Kathy Sandridge	April 28, 2012

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APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

	April 6 9:00am Service	April 13 9:00am Service	April 18 6:30pm Service	April 20 9:00am Service	April 27 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner	Praise Band	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner	Praise Band
Communion Assistant	Julie Clark	Jean Schnick		David Hanson	Sharon Hughes
Communion Prep	Gloria Lundquist	Jean Schnick		Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke
Lay Reader	Sharon Hughes	Deb Brown		Julie Clark	Cheryl Beckman
Ushers	Bob Lenzendorf David Hanson	Steve & Donna Frederic	Roger Kittleson	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Shari Patzner
Coffee Hour	Donuts	Palm Sunday Breakfast	Donuts	Donuts	Potluck
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Rose Haney	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown		Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson	Sharon Hughes Jean Schnick

TRIVIAL ANSWERS

1. 150 days (Gen 7:24)
2. 3 months (Exod 2:2)
3. Lystra (Acts 14:19)
4. 70 (Gen 46:27)
5. Zedekiah (2 Kgs 25:7)
6. Make disciples of all the nations and baptize them (Matt 28:19)
7. By God, after creation (Gen 2:2-3)