

APRIL 2021

Light *of* Life

Burke Lutheran Church

Easter **In-Person Worship Services**

April 4, 2021
8am, 9:30am, & 11am

Reservations Required
Masking and Social Distancing will Apply

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CELEBRATE EASTER

Our in-person Easter services are FULL. Didn't make a reservation? You can still watch virtually! The 8:30am service will be livestreamed on our [YouTube](#) page and the Easter bulletin will be posted on Burke Lutheran Church's [Website](#).

WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP

In-person weekly Sunday Worship will resume in April with services at 8:30am and 10:00am by reservation only, with masking and social distancing still applying.

Sign up online via [SignUp Genius](#) or by emailing or calling the church to reserve your spot. We will continue to offer some type of virtual service as well. Watch our website, Facebook page and email blasts for more information.



OUR STAFF

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HELP NEEDED

Our Erosion Permit requires that we have all the grass seeded by April 30! So we need your help.

We need to pick up all the rocks, move in some more soil, do some raking and leveling and plant grass seed.



Dan and Sandy Lothe are giving us advice, help and providing some trees and shrubs, that will also need planting.

We have to wait until the ground dries out more so it is hard to know when we will have some work days. If you are willing to help please either call church, send an email to church or contact Linda Hughes at 235-5308. We need a big crew, all ages are welcome.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ROBERT.....

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are open! YAY!!!! This is an exciting time in the history of our congregation because for the first time in over a year we are holding in-person worship services in our sanctuary. Unfortunately things are not completely back to normal. For now we are going to keep attendance down to around 25%, unfortunately there will be no coffee hour, and we ask that people do not congregate inside before and after the services. If you wish to look around and see the building, please come by during the week and check it out when less people are around. At this time we have to keep vigilant in maintaining social distancing and wearing masks during worship, at least until our local leaders tell us that we are in the clear and/or every single person in our sanctuary is vaccinated. Until then for EVERYONE'S safety and comfort it is important to do our part in providing a safe and loving space.

It seems appropriate that this is all happening during the Easter Season, a time of year in our church calendar where we celebrate resurrection during a time of year when nature seems to be coming back to life. Easter is time to celebrate renewal and rebirth, a time when we celebrate new beginnings not only in the church but also in our lives. This is perfectly timed in 2021 since it feels as if we just finished an entire year where we never left the seasons of Advent and Lent. During the first six months of living under quarantine most of us existed in a state of hopeful expectation as waited and waited for the restrictions to be lifted only to have our hope shot

down over and over. This resulted in the next six months existing in a state of Lent where we contemplated our faith, lives, and existence as what it might be like to live under these restrictions for ever. Yet now it seems as if there is finally a light at the end of the tunnel. As more and more people are vaccinated, and new cases continue to go down, hope is once again beginning to bloom. The Anxiety that has rested upon so many shoulders is beginning to lighten, and we can finally proclaim ALLELUIA!!!

As we gradually come back to life, and more and more gatherings begin to happen in and around our church it is important for us to ask ourselves...

- What do we want Burke Lutheran Church to look like going forward?
- What kind of things do we want to be known for?
- How can we use this new building that we have constructed to spread God's message of love?
- What new and exciting possibilities are now open to us moving forward?

These questions, and many more need answers, and I don't know the answers, only you do.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Robert

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

<i>Lisa Thompson</i>	<i>Bev Lowe</i>	<i>Virginia Steward</i>
<i>Harper DeBauche</i>	<i>Stuart Svoboda</i>	<i>Helen Knuteson</i>
<i>Kay Gritzmacker</i>	<i>Lucy Wisner</i>	<i>Marilyn Wolff</i>
<i>Diane Moore</i>	<i>Heather Gehrke</i>	<i>Paul Beckman</i>
<i>Nancy Bartlett</i>	<i>Allison Foss</i>	<i>Pat Buldoc Wisner</i>
<i>Amy Mueller</i>	<i>Shelby Branzanti</i>	<i>Family & friends of John Hughes</i>

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST



The Men's Breakfast group will begin in-person gatherings again Wednesday, April 14th, 9:00am, at Gus' Diner in Sun Prairie. Masking and social distancing as mandated by Dane County will also apply.

Please contact Dave Weinberger at 608-225-0588 or Roger Kittleson at 608-843-9895 if you'd like to attend.

QUILTING

Our quilters are back!! Every Wednesday, at 9:00am, with masks and social distancing, at the church. No experience necessary.



THANKS A BUNCH!

Thanks to Karl & Kristine Patzer for helping to clean the altar and dust the burgundy wall behind 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 (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

Dorcas Circle 2020 Annual Report

The Dorcas Circle presently has nine members. We meet the third Thursday of the month for breakfast and Bible study at the members' homes. Our Bible study is taken from the ELCA Women's magazine called "Gather". We only met Jan.—March in 2020 due to Covid 19.

We continue to sell Burke church cookbooks, donate to various charities and support all BLCW activities. Sue Rittmann is our treasurer.

We anxiously await the time in 2021 when we can safely meet again for Bible study and fellowship.

2020 Men of Burke Annual Report

A group of 10+ men met monthly on the 2nd Wednesday for breakfast, fellowship and prayer at Gus' Diner in Sun Prairie until March.

The Fireside Fellows continued meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month into March. This is an informal get-together to study the scriptures. Currently we are digging deeper into the previous Sunday's service readings. All men are welcome to join in at any time.

Paul Beckman continues to be involved with Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM), including helping organize One Year to Live(OYTL) Retreats. In 2020 there was a OYTL scheduled in September but it was cancelled. Paul continues to serve on the Synod LMM Task Force as Treasurer.

Also, back in April, LMM began a zoom Bible Study on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm. There are usually around 20 guys from across the country participating (usually Lon Buss, former Burke member and current LMM Vice President, is one of the participants).

If anyone would like to join in the zoom address is;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/353022558?pwd=WHBsa2FuTmZEdi9SM0hqVjVpVEtHQOT09>

The format is:

1. The Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday is read
2. John Sundquist, LMM Director, gives a short sermon on the Gospel lesson
3. John gives a discussion question about which all are welcome to talk about
4. John leads prayer requests for any individual or groups

Men of Burke Planning Team: Paul Beckman & Pastor Robert Neubert



2020 BLCW Annual Report

This year we gave money and quilts to the **River Food Pantry**.

Monetary donations were given to the **Salvation Army Meals Program** and **Second Harvest Food Pantry**.

We bought appliances for the new kitchen. This included 2 microwaves and a double oven. In addition the women helped unpack boxes and organize the new kitchen.

Lutheran World Relief was given 88 quilts, 100 school supply kits and 60 personal care kits.

Officers for the year were: Linda Klinger, President

Diane Moore, Vice President

Jo Cooper, Secretary

Marie McCoy, Treasurer

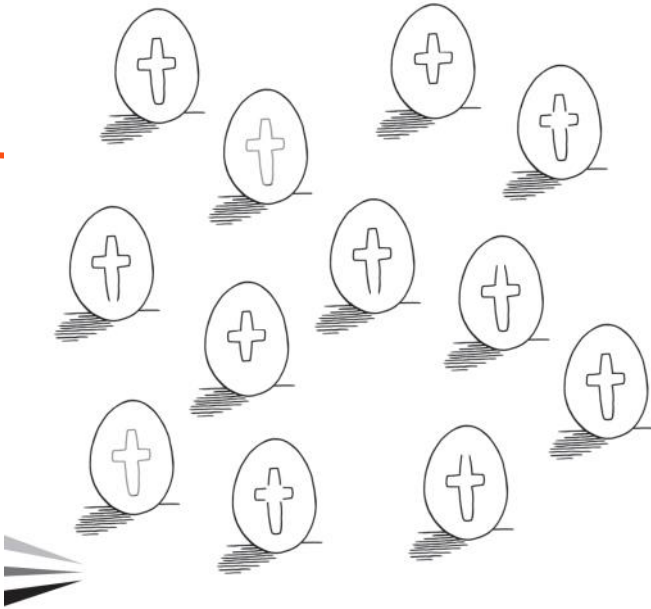
BLCW Treasurer's Report by Marie McCoy

Income		Expenses	
Quilters	200.00	Offering to ELCA	200.00
		Second Harvest Food Pantry	100.00
Transfer from Savings	3505.10	Lutheran World Relief	300.00
(\$2000 for double ovens & 2 microwaves		Thanksgiving Meal	200.00
\$505.10 to kitchen fund and \$1000 to		Supplies	2,659.10
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		Burke Lutheran Church	1010.00
Total Income	3705.10	Total Expenses	4969.10
BLCW Checking Account Summary		BLCW Savings Account	
12/31/19 Beg. Balance	5268.39	Beginning Balance 12/31/18	8,386.65
Income	3705.10	Interest Income	+4.64
Total Funds Available	<u>8,973.49</u>	Withdrawal	-3505.10
Minus Expenses	-4969.10		
Lost Check	+100.00		
Balance as of 12/31/20	\$4104.39	Balance as of 12/31/20	\$4886.19

Youth & Kids Corner

Jesus Has Risen!

One symbol of easter is a cross. Another symbol is an egg. Can you find all the matching pairs of eggs below? There are enough to make a dozen.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Serving on your Teach Board:
Council Representative: David Hanson
Superintendent: Jean Schnick

Watch for upcoming news via email!



I Smell Jelly Beans

Color of Hope

White is a color often used during the Easter season. White can mean hope and new life. What is white in your worship space today?



Draw or write below.

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners, intended for drawing or writing. The box is outlined in black and has a small decorative element in the top right corner consisting of several overlapping grey and black shapes.

APRIL 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 Maundy Thursday, 6:00pm & Livestream	2 Good Friday, 6:00pm & Livestream	3
4 Easter Sunday 8am, 9:30am & 11am, & online	5	6	7 Quilting, 9:00am Online Confirmation Class	8 Online Bible Study, 1:00pm	9	10
11 Worship in-person 8:30am, 10am & online	12	13 Council Meeting, 6:30pm	14 Men's Breakfast, 9:00am Quilting, 9:00am Online Confirmation Class	15 Online Bible Study, 1:00pm	16	17
18 Worship in-person 8:30am, 10am & online	19	20 Foundation Mtg, 7:00pm	21 Quilting, 9:00am Online Confirmation Class	22  Online Bible Study, 1:00pm	23	24
25 Worship in-person 8:30am, 10am & online	26	27	28 Quilting, 9:00am Online Confirmation Class	29 Online Bible Study, 1:00pm	30 	

Save the Dates:

May 4 Star Wars Day
May 5 Cinco de Mayo
May 9 Mother's Day
May 31 Memorial Day



Happy Birthday!

Have a birthday in April?

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 April!



BUILDING UPDATE ...

