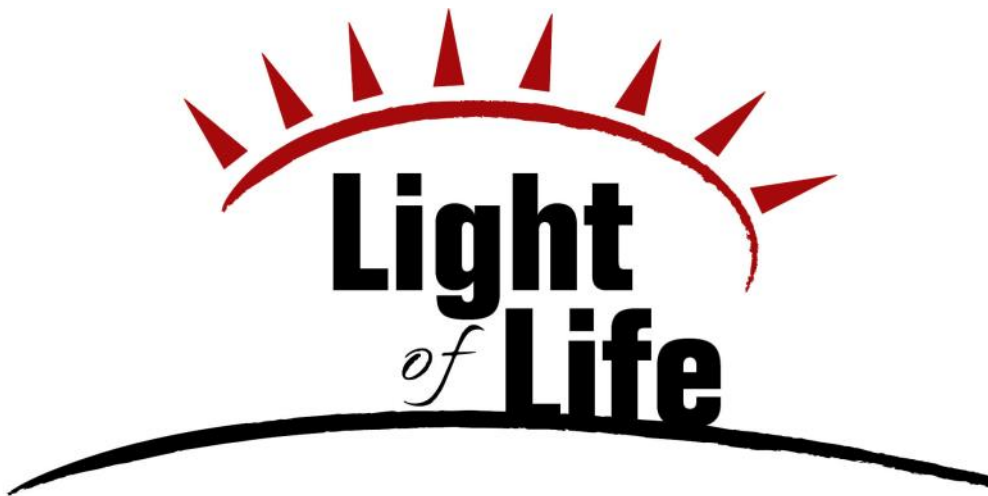




AUGUST 2025



HAPPY 174 ANNIVERSARY, BURKE LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

On Sunday, August 24, 2025, Burke Lutheran will celebrate its 174th anniversary. There will be historical bingo led by Mary TeWinkel. Anniversary cake will be provided during the pot-luck coffee hour, please bring a dish to pass. If any long time members would like to tell their history with Burke Lutheran, it would be welcomed.



Get ready! Burke Lutheran's Annual Craft and Bake Sale will take place Saturday, November 8 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. If you would like to reserve a table to sell your items, please contact the church office as soon as possible for a registration form as space is very limited. If you like to do crafts and have a few items you would like to donate, the BLCW will be having a table. Proceeds from the sale will go towards projects at Burke. In the past we have had some quilted table toppers, homemade cards and floral arrangements donated. Items can be dropped off in the church office at anytime. It's also time to start thinking about what items you might bake for the Bake Sale. The bake sale usually sells out quickly so we would love to have your cookies, pies, breads, etc. to sell.

More details will be in the October Light of Life newsletter.

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Dear friends,

During these summer months, the readings in worship all draw our focus on the purpose and function of the congregation. I'm using this space to write about the basic practices of congregational life. Two months ago, I wrote about the importance of participating in the life and work of the congregation. Last month, I wrote about how misunderstandings and conflict occur naturally when people gather, so we must be prepared to encounter that and manage it responsibly.

The third basic practice of congregational life is service. As good neighbors to our communities, we give of our time, abilities, and resources to celebrate what God has done and is doing as worshipful service. Embedded within our worship service are several occasions for us to be of service to others. Of course, you might be thinking of our collection of offering, and indeed the money we gather together goes to the function of the congregation. But we also serve others through our prayers, including every week in the intercessory prayers petitions for our neighbors and our world as for ourselves. And every week, the propers for the day (the appointed prayer of the day and readings) remind us that the call to follow Jesus is also a call to create peace in the world among our neighborhoods, communities, and entire world.

Along with these consistent practices, we also have several ongoing service projects. We collect food for The River Food Pantry in the basket right by the front door. And we gather completed or partial Birthday Bags that we donate to the food pantry as well. Our quilters group continues to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. And portions of our offerings go to Mission Support to the Synod and Churchwide, as well as Lutherdale camp. The Endowment Committee has also been using some of its earnings to donate to other causes and agencies as a benevolent arm of the congregation.

One of my goals through this summer and this entire year has been to build up more relationships with nearby congregations and help us engage in more regular ministries and services. One thing that we know is that focusing on our missional identity is key for the life and well-being of a congregation. After all, we are a people on a mission from God to be part of God's saving work. As that old, favorite hymn goes, "They will know we are Christians by our love."

We will have ample opportunities to show our love this year, the love we have in us through God's Spirit, who calls us and gathers us and empowers us to be the people of God.

God bless,

Pr. Bryan

WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, August 20 at 11:30am.
They will be meeting at The Lazy Oaf
on Stoughton Road. Please join us for
the monthly celebration. Happy
Birthday to all who have a birthday
this month.

FOOD PANTRY

August Food Pantry Focus:

August focus is "Fruits," such as
canned fruit, fruit leather, juice
boxes, 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.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast
is Wednesday, August 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.



QUILTING

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday
of June, July, and August at
9:00am. Everyone is welcome,
no experience needed.



Bible Study



Bible Study is on hiatus for the summer. Bible
Study will resume on Wednesday, September 3,
2025.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Jeff Larsen (brother of Sonja Nielson)

Lisa Thompson

Marie McCoy

Bill Schmidt

Mary Brantmeyer

Dennis Steward

Chris McFarlin

Paul Fritz

Tom Finhert

Mark Gehrke

Tim Lothe

Pat McCallum

Brittany Miller

Dwayne Schultz

Sara Cross

Diane Wendt

Kim Sprecher



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

To Cemetery Association members (all members of the congregation):

If you use the water hydrant by the Parsonage to water flowers, this affects you. A problem with the water distribution system outside the parsonage means that the water hydrant will be disconnected. The Cemetery Board decided not to replace the hydrant because of the cost. Once the hydrant is removed, please bring water in your own containers. We will let you know when another water source is available.

Please call Barb Hennings at 608.445.0566 if you have questions.

Katherine and Raelynn spent a week out at Lutherdale this summer. They met and made some new friends, had some silliness.



Cooked smores and slept outside. It was "in tents."



They thank you for your support and prayers and look forward to going back next summer for more fun and faith development.



In the next few months, we'll be adding other events at Lutherdale to the Light of Life. Keep an eye out for other ways you can support and engage this exciting ministry.

Lutheran World Relief

Personal Care Kits:

Lightweight bath towel (20" x 40" or 27" x 52"), darker colors preferred
Individually wrapped Bath size bars of soap (3 or 4 ounce)
Adult sized toothbrush in packaging
Sturdy comb
Metal nail clippers
Toenail clippers w/file work good

School Kits:

70 sheet notebooks (wide ruled or college ruled-assorted colors)
Box of 16 or 24 count crayons
Pencil sharpener
Blunt end scissors
No. 2 pencils, unsharpened
Black or blue ballpoint pens (not gel)
2 1/2 inch eraser
30 centimeter ruler (inches on one side, centimeter on other)

Any donation of items and/or money is greatly appreciated. Kits need to be assembled by end of August, the train will pick up kits and quilts the middle of September.

Lists for shopping for each kit is located in the entryway. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Hughes (608) 225-6172.

“RALLY SUNDAY”

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Join us for a day of fun and Fellowship! During service there will be quilts on the pews. After service there will be Bingo, a silent auction, and a free picnic lunch. Donations for the silent auction will be collected by the church secretary during office hours until Wednesday, September 3. If you are able to donate a service to help lighten the load of someone, gift certificates can be created with the specific information. Be sure to invite your entire family, your neighbors, and friends!

Cemetery Association

Annual Meeting

The Cemetery Association will have a meeting on **Sunday, September 7**, following the worship service. Hope you will be able to join us.

AUGUST 2025 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 No Screen Sunday Worship, 9:00am Coffee Hour, 10:00am	4	5	6 Quilting, 9:00am	7	8	9
10 Worship, 9:00am Coffee Hour, 10:00am	11	12 Congregational Open Forum, 6:30pm Council, 6:45pm	13 Men's Breakfast, 9:00am	14	15	16
17 Worship at NGMLC, 9:00am Coffee Hour, 10:00am	18 Preach Board, 10:00am	19	20 Quilting, 9:00am BLCW Lunch, 11:30am	21	22	23 Love Dane Service Project - TBA
24 Worship, 9:00am Celebrating 174th Anniversary	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Worship, 9:00am Potluck, 10:00am						

Save the Dates: August 1 - International Beer Day
 August 2 - National Sunflower Day
 August 3 - National Friendship Day
 August 7 - Purple Heart Day
 August 10 - Lazy Day

August 16 - National Bratwurst Day
 August 19 - World Humanitarian Day
 August 24 - National Waffle Day
 August 28 - National Dog Day
 August 30 - National Beach Day

Happy Birthday!

August 4 Aiden Brown
 August 7 Adelay Nielsen
 August 7 Dave Weinberger
 August 7 Susan Weinberger
 August 8 David Peterson
 August 11 Darin Runge
 August 12 Elias Kittleson
 August 12 Katherine Lagerstam
 August 15 Pam Ekern
 August 16 Phil Paul
 August 17 Kelly Lietz
 August 18 Jacob Hanson
 August 19 Kristine Patzer

August 19 Nolan Proebstle
 August 20 Carter Truitt
 August 21 Connie Hauge
 August 21 Jenny Brown
 August 21 Ross J. Crosby, Jr.
 August 22 Patricia Lillesand
 August 24 Dan Hanson
 August 25 Donald Grefe
 August 26 Chase Peterson
 August 26 Danielle Queiser
 August 27 Kjersten Proebstle
 August 28 Kurt Kalhagen
 August 28 Stephen Bosben
 August 30 Jeannette Gehrke

Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Linda Hanson August 7, 1976
 John & Linda Schramer August 12, 2003
 Robert & Lori Kalhagen August 19, 1978
 Kirk & Carrie Kruse August 26, 2006
 Rick & Sandra Brandon August 28, 1976
 Lon & Deb Buss August 29, 1981
 Randy & Dianne Copenhefer August 29, 1998

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AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

	August 3 9:00am Service	August 10 9:00am Service	August 24 9:00am Service	August 31 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner
Communion Asst	Barb Hennings	Gloria Lundquist	David Hanson	Julie Clark
Communion Prep	Jean Schnick	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist	Jean Schnick
Lay Reader	Barb Hennings	Sharon Hughes	Tim Wachs	Jean Schnick
Ushers	Bob Lenzendorf David Hanson	Steve & Donna Frederick	Karl & Shari Patzer	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon
Coffee Hour	Donuts	Donuts	Potluck	Donuts
Counters	Rose Haney Gloria Lundquist	Deb Brown Gloria Lundquist	Sharon Hughes Jean Schnick	Rose Haney Deb Brown or Jeannette Gehrke

**Worship Service will be held at Norway Grove Memorial on
Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 9:00am.**

Burke Lutheran (formally known as Pumpkin Hollow Church) Timeline

Names of the founding families:

Gulleckson, Olson (2 families), Nilsen, Tellefsen, Nelsen, Torgersen, Christensen, Gundersen, Larsen, and Jacobsen (2 families).

August 26, 1851: First Worship (First Service was originally going to be held on August 16th 1851 but was cancelled due to bad weather preventing the pastor from traveling), Burke is part of the Norway Grove, Spring Prairie, and Bonnet Prairie Parish. Rev. H. A. Preus presided as the Parish Pastor. He and his wife Linka Preus had just emigrated from Norway in May and arrived in Wisconsin in July. Rev. Preus presided over his first worship service on August 10th 1851 at Norway Grove Lutheran Church in DeForest, WI. Burke was originally called Sun Prairie Lutheran Church of Burke. Rev. H. A. Preus' original contract with Burke was to perform 12 services a year for \$36.00 with bonuses for baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

1853: Burke is one of the founding congregations of the newly formed Norwegian Synod.

November 1869: Church votes to purchase $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre of land from Herman Bergeland in order to build the church.

February 6, 1871: A vote is taken, and construction begins on the original church building with a budget of \$412.00.

1876: Rev. C.K. Preus, the son of Rev. R.A. Preus, is called as an assistant pastor for the Parish churches due to overwhelming church growth between the various congregations.

1877: The first vote is taken proposing that Burke and Bethel (downtown Madison) split off from the parish to form their own parish believing they needed their own pastor.

May 2, 1882: Burke and Bethel officially form their own parish and call Rev. Severin Gunderson as their pastor.

September 16, 1884: The first building is officially dedicated.

February 18, 1887: Burke and Bethel vote to leave the Norwegian Synod in response to the "Missouri Interpretation" and join the Anti-Missouri Brotherhood.

June 1890: Burke helps organize and create the United Lutheran Church Synod.

December 1890: – Burke and Bethel call Rev. Gerhard Rasmussen.

March 1895: Call Rev. Theodore Eggen.

February 18th 1899: Congregation votes to build a new building. The last service in the first church building will be held on April 2, 1899.

June 18th 1899: The cornerstone is laid by Olaf Gulseth, and on October 22, 1899 the new building is dedicated.

1905: Bethel votes to separate from Burke and become an independent congregation. Burke then votes to align with Norway Grove after Rev. Eggen resigns. Burke then inherits Rev. J.A. Aasgaard who was already serving Norway Grove Lutheran Church.

1911: Burke and Norway Grove call Rev. N. A. Stubkjaer.

1917: The United Lutheran Church, The Norwegian Synod, and The Hauge Synod all join together to become the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America.

July 1918: Burke and Norway Grove call O.J.H. Preus who is the grandson of H.A. Preus and the son of C.K. Preus, making him the third generation of that family to serve as a pastor at Burke.

1927: Burke and Norway Grove call Rev. J.O. Tweenen.

1937: The stained glass is installed in honor of Knute Reindahl a violin maker and a member of one of Burke's oldest families (the giant Oak tree that fell last summer was planted on the Reindahl family plot in 1887).

1941: Pipe organ is installed.

1944: Rev. Axel Anderson is called.

February 1, 1948: We officially change our name to Burke Lutheran Church (Official name until this time was The Sun Prairie Lutheran Church of Burke).

1951: The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America changes its name to the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

1953: Burke and Norway Grove call Rev. Phillip C. Hiller.

1954: Burke and Norway Grove vote to separate and become independent church bodies.

1954: Parsonage is built.

1955: Burke calls Rev. John H. Johnson.

1960: The Evangelical Lutheran Church merges with several other synods to form the American Lutheran Church or ALC.

1963: Burke calls Rev. Eugene Skibbe.

1964: Burke calls Rev. Hector D. Gunderson.

1964: The Parish hall is built and dedicated.

1969: The Narthex is expanded.

1973: Burke calls David S. Magnuson.

1979: Burke purchases the "Moses" land which expands our property by 31 acres.

1985: Elevator is installed

1986: Burke calls Rev. James T. Bean the 3rd.

1988: The American Lutheran Church merges with the Lutheran Church of America and several other smaller church bodies to form the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA).

August 2001: Burke calls Rev. Russ Leeper.

July 2011: Burke calls Rev. Josh Ehrler.

October 2014: Burke calls Pastor Robert Neubert.

July 7, 2019: Ground breaking and construction begins on new church addition.

March 1, 2020: Final service in old sanctuary location.

July, 2020: Sanctuary moved to new location.

November, 2020: Removal of organ for refurbishing.

March 28, 2021: First in-person worship service in Sanctuary's new location.

August 15, 2021: Open house.

September 12, 2021: Building dedication.

September, 2022: Installation of two new stained glass windows and Cross in Fellowship Hall.

April 1, 2023: Burke calls Pastor Bryan Lagerstam.

We Stand With You In Love.



Women's Ministries/WELCA
2025 Biennial Convention and Gathering
Saturday, October 4, 2025
New Heights Church at
The Grove: Regional Community Center
314 Anne Street, Mazomanie

Online Registration will open Tuesday, July 1. All must register online at **S-CSW WELCA web page**
<https://scsw-elca.org/welca/>

Early bird AND Voting Members registration - Tuesday, July 1 through Sunday, August 17. **\$30**

Regular/Non-Voting Members Registration - Monday, August 18. **\$50**

For details and to register - Please go to <https://scsw-elca.org/welca/>

Details of lodging, Offering, In-kind donations, Pennies for Poverty, workshop summaries, lunch, etc

Please bring your own water bottle. There are a couple of water stations available for re-fills.

Nominating forms, Educational Scholarship form, Triennial Scholarship form, Resolution creation information. On other pages here in the Trumpeter and on the Registration

There is a nursery "The Nest" available for young children.

Schedule for the day

- Registration for Voting Members 7 - 7:15 a.m.
- Convention/Business meeting 7:15 - 9:15 a.m.
- Break 9:15 - 9:30 a.m.
- Opening Worship including blessing of in-kind offering 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
- CWO Board representative presentation and time needed??
- Break 10:15 - 10:30 a.m.
- Keynote Speaker 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
- Workshops 11:25 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
- Lunch 12:10 - 1:30 p.m.
- Workshops 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.
- Break 2:15 - 2:30
- Announcements/Closing/Installation of WELCA Board 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

Vendor Tables - There will be display tables available for vendors. Register online.

Worship Service Offering The offering will be split equally to the three listed below. The offering will be collected in a basket/collection container at the back of the worship space. The offering plate will not be passed. Make checks out to SCSW WELCA

- SCSW Women of the ELCA - For the work of the Synodical Women of the ELCA
- Heights Unlimited Community Resource Center - Food Pantry at New Heights
- Katie's Fund - Through Katie's Fund, Women of the ELCA honors her life by supporting global connections, leadership development and living theology.

Pennies for Poverty may be dropped off at the Registration table or the Treasurer's table.

In-kind donations for Heights Unlimited Community Resource Center (food pantry). Please refer to the list on the Registration tab.

Workshops

- Climate Justice: You CAN make a difference - Wendy Van Dusen - Care of Creation team
- Chair Yoga - Treat Yourself with Love and Compassion - Pam MacLeod
- Heights Unlimited workshop - Francine Rask
- The Little Heart Project - Kathleen Jensen & Janean Hill
- Sharing God's Love Through the Written Word - Rev Kathy Jacobson
- Let's Create Triennial Swap Bookmarks - Lynn Mehringer

