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**CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS**

Not everyone is able to receive the monthly church council minutes via email and we want to keep you informed. Following are a few of the highlights from the March Council meeting.

- We are changing our property insurance to Brotherhood Mutual, their price was \$11,478 annually which is a couple thousand less than our current provider.
- We had several large expenses in January and February and are running at a deficit of about \$19,000. Our insurance payment was also due in March, which will increase that deficit.
- Over the years we have been keeping Sunday worship bulletins and monthly newsletters. We have many past bulletins and newsletters bound and would like to keep up this practice. If you would like to help with this project let a council member know. Task involve refolding, removing staples and getting things in order chronologically. Donations to help cover the costs are always welcome.
- Pastor Bryan shared his plan to achieve his goals for the year.
- We are still in need of a few individuals to serve on the Preach, Teach and Reach Board along with the Audit committee. Please consider volunteering.

**CEMETERY BOARD MEETING**

Sunday, April 26, 2026, after service in the Fireside Room.

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRYAN

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Dear friends,

This year marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Burke Lutheran Church. You may have seen the announcement in the weekly bulletins, and it will be later in these pages as well. We are looking to form a leadership group to help us celebrate this milestone of congregational life.

This congregation was founded in 1851, a year that had several other significant occurrences. One strange thing about 1851 was that there was no vice-president. President Fillmore (who was the last president to be a member of the Whig party) was the vice-president under Zachary Taylor. But President Taylor died in 1850, and Fillmore then became president. But there was no mechanism to replace a vice-president, so Fillmore chose not to have a vice-president.

The biggest happenings of 1851 was the settling of the Mexican Cession, the area of land Mexico gave to the United States following the Mexican American War in 1848. This included what is now California, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and areas of Texas.

Infamously, in January of 1851, the two founders of the first town in Oregon flipped a coin to decide the name, either “Boston” or “Portland.” And so Portland, Oregon was founded and named in 1851.

Some other fabulous things about 1851 include the authorization of a 3-cent piece by congress, the invention of the first flushing public toilets, the founding of Western Union, the patent on the first ice making refrigerator, the publication of “Uncle Tom’s Cabin,” the founding of the New York Times, the creation of the Singer sewing machine, the incorporation of Des Moines, Iowa, and the publication of “Moby-Dick.” Finally, in December of 1851, the first YMCA was founded in Montreal, with the first American YMCA opened in Boston.

A lot has changed in the last 175 years, but Burke Lutheran Church remains. Of course, a lot has changed around and for Burke Lutheran as well. And it is time for the next stage of Burke’s life. The council has made it an emphasis of this year to reach out and try to connect with some of our members who have faded off from active participation over the last few years for various reasons. So in the coming months, we will be reaching out to our membership, especially our lapsed membership. Burke Lutheran is a welcoming community, and we need to lean into who we are as we continue to reach out to our inactive members and our unchurched neighbors.

As an aside to this, as I looked up information about Burke, I discovered that March 26 marked my third anniversary of being here as your pastor. Over the last few years, we’ve gotten to know each other pretty well, shared some joys and sorrows, and tried to learn from each other. Another emphasis that I would like for this year is to build on our friendships. If you would like a deeper relationship with me, reach out to me and let’s figure out this whole relationships between pastor and people.

God bless,  
Pr. Bryan

## WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

April 22 at 12:00pm. They will be meeting at The Windsor. Please join us for the monthly celebration. Happy Birthday to all who have a birthday this month.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Wednesday, April 8 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.



## FOOD PANTRY

**April Food Pantry Focus:** 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.



## WELCOME ISAAC



Issac Super is our new Maintenance Engineer. He currently attends Monona Grove High School. He enjoys the outdoors and plans to use the money he earns to purchase his first vehicle. Issac will be working with Dave Wisner (grandpa) to learn all the tasks for the job.

## THE HORSES ARE AT THE GATE!!!

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a Kentucky Derby Party!

When: Saturday, May 2, 4pm-6:15pm (post time is 5:57pm)

Where: Church Fellowship Hall



A fun time is planned with group games and activities, picking your Kentucky Derby winner, crafts, Mint Juleps (non-alcoholic) and traditional Kentucky Derby food. There will be prizes, fun and lots of good fellowship. Be sure to invite your friends. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed man and for the women with the best hat. So start planning and creating your Kentucky Derby outfit!

See you at the race!!!

## 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.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Family and Friends of Bill Schmidt

Lisa Thompson

Mark Gehrke

Tim Lothe

Paul Fritz

Shannon Schlingen

Tom Hughes

Cindy Sommer



**Our Prayer List:** Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for four weeks.

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

## Save the Date



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 service will be held at Christ Lutheran and is open to all. Worship will be April 2nd at 6:30pm with an opportunity for fellowship as well. Watch for more details to come.



Good Friday service will be held at 6:30pm on April 3 at Burke Lutheran Church.



Easter Sunday service will be held at 10:00am on April 5 at Burke Lutheran Church.

**BRATFEST 2026**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 22 – SUNDAY, MAY 24**  
**ALLIAN ENERGY CENTER OF DANE CO., MADISON**

**IT IS EASY. IT IS FUN. PLUS, THERE ARE \$48 DONATIONS ON YOUR BEHALF BEING GIVEN TO **The Madison Area Jail Ministry.****

**Please join the Madison Area Jail Ministry Friends Partners and supporters** and have fun volunteering at the Madison Brat Fest on Memorial Day Weekend! This is a fantastic opportunity to have someone donate money to the Madison Area Jail Ministry while having a blast with ministry members and supporters. Brat Fest will donate \$12.00 to the Madison Area Jail Ministry for every volunteer hour you volunteer at Bratfest. That is \$48.00 donated to the Jail Ministry for each individual's 4 hour shift they volunteer for. There are numerous things to do at Bratfest from being a cashier to serving beverages, serving corn on the cob or wrapping brats. Or even being a clean-up helper.

Shifts are available Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with check-in required 20 minutes prior to your shift. Shifts run about 4 hours per shift.

**The registration Link for Volunteering signup starts live on April 4th @ 10am.**

**Here is the link to sign up:** <https://volunteer.bloomerang.co:443/JE/wks8ob7mkrpqkl>

Please note the following important details regarding registration:

**Volunteer shifts fill up quickly, so log in right away at 10AM on April 4th to create an account and sign up for a slot. Positions are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis, and the minimum age to volunteer is 14.**

**When registering, use the drop-down box on the sign-up website to select the Madison Area Jail Ministry as the organization you are volunteering on behalf of.**

Each individual must register separately using the sign-up link. Participants should log in using their account from previous years or create an account if they are new this year.

Each person must create and complete their own registration, and an email address is required to create an account.

Volunteers receive a Brat Fest t-shirt, "Brat Buck" good for a free brat, hot dog, corn or soda, and a free scoop of Chocolate Shoppe ice cream.

If you have any questions or problems signing up, please contact:

Paul Hundt: phone 608-225-0377 or email [phundt@madisonjailministry.org](mailto:phundt@madisonjailministry.org)



# April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Quilting, 9:00am	<b>2</b> Maundy Service at Christ Lutheran, 6:30pm	<b>3</b> Good Friday Service, 6:30pm	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Easter Worship, 10:00am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Quilting, 9:00am Men's Breakfast, 9:00am OWLs, 1:30pm JAM, 6:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Worship, 9:00am Coffee Hour, 10:00am Confirmation at NGMLC, 5:30pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Open Forum, 6:30pm, Council, 6:45pm	<b>15</b> Quilting, 9:00am OWLs, 1:30pm JAM, 6:30pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Sew Day at Burke, 9am - 3pm	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Worship, 9:00am Coffee Hour, 10:00am	<b>20</b> Preach Board, 10:00am	<b>21</b> Foundation, 7:00pm	<b>22</b> Quilting, 9:00am BLCW Lunch, 12:00pm OWLs, 1:30pm JAM, 6:30pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Worship, 9:00am Potluck, 10:00am Cemetery Board Mtg., 10:00am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Quilting, 9:00am OWLs, 1:30pm	<b>30</b>		

Save the Dates: May 2 - Kentucky Derby Party  
May 22 - 24 - Brat Fest

## Happy Birthday

April 2	Diane Loui	April 14	Timothy Lagerstam
April 3	Connor Corcoran	April 16	Cheryl Wildenberg
April 6	Lon Buss	April 17	Robert Gehrke
April 6	Mary Hauk	April 21	Brooke Peterson
April 6	Owen Kittleson	April 24	Nancy Thompson
April 6	Susie Kittel Moore	April 25	Don Krisher
April 8	Nathan Otis	April 26	Emily Patzer
April 11	Copeland Lietz	April 27	Kymerli Morgan
April 12	Alyssa Brown	April 28	Errol Romeis
April 14	John Bosben	April 28	Richard Hughes

## Happy Anniversary

Tom & Sharon Hughes  
April 7, 1979

Ron & Susie Kittel Moore  
April 23, 1994

Tim & Kathy Sandridge  
April 28, 2012

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	April 3 Good Friday 6:30pm Service	April 5 Easter 10:00am Service	April 12 9:00am Service	April 19 9:00am Service	April 26 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader		Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner Gloria Lundquist	Dave Wisner	Dave Wisner Rick Brandon
Communion Assistant		Raelynn Lenzendorf	Sharon Hughes	David Hanson	Sharon Hughes
Communion Prep		Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist	Jeannette Gehrke
Lay Reader	Gloria Lundquist Cheryl Beckman Barb Hennings ? ?	Deb Brown	Gloria Lundquist	Tim Wachs	Sharon Hughes
Ushers		Bob Lenzendorf David Hanson	Steve & Donna Frederick	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Shari Patzer
Coffee Hour	None	None	Donuts	Donuts	Potluck
Counters		Gloria Lundquist Rose Haney	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Sharon Hughes	Sharon Hughes