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**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESCHEDULED
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

PLEASE!! WE NEED YOU to ATTEND the annual meeting rescheduled for February 8 following worship. The election of officers, board and Endowment Foundation members is critical to the governance and life of Burke Lutheran Church and cannot occur unless at least 26 members attend. WE ALSO NEED YOUR WILLINGNESS to run for the open positions listed on the meeting agenda, briefly described as follows:

PRESIDENT: A member of the Executive Committee of the council. Presides over all congregational, council, and Executive Committee meetings and serves as the general leader of the church.

SECRETARY: A member of the Executive Committee of the council. Takes minutes of congregational, council and Executive Committee meetings and makes them available to all.

PREACH BOARD: Manages the worship activities of the congregation.

TEACH BOARD: Manages the educational ministries of the congregation.

REACH BOARD: Manages the service projects and activities of the congregation.

PROPERTY BOARD: Manages the grounds and property of the congregation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Nominates members to run for vacant officer board and committee positions.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Audits all financial accounts and makes recommendations for keeping in compliance with the constitutional and bylaws of the congregation.

ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION: Manages funds that have been donated for the benefit of community agencies and individuals in need.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRYAN

Dear friends,

February, while the shortest month, is always a time of transitions, and this month will be no different as we move out of winter towards spring.

Since we did not have a quorum of people at our annual meeting attempt in January, we will have that meeting on February 8 after worship. Hopefully, the weather will be better as we move towards spring. During worship that morning, we will recognize all the new members we have received. And the next week we will give thanks to God for all the leaders that the congregation elected to serve.

February also brings along the change in church seasons, as we move from the time after the Epiphany to Lent. That season begins on February 18 with Ash Wednesday, with one extra worship service at 6:30 pm. The following Wednesdays, we will worship together with soup and sandwich meals at 12 noon and at 6:30 pm. We will gather together under the theme, "The Tree of Life." We will hear and talk about how the tree has always been a symbol of God's reaching out for us. You can expect to see a sign up sheet soon for bringing food for these Wednesday gatherings as we eat and worship together.

Two other important events that will happen this February is in support for our joint confirmation class with Norway Grove Memorial. The kids get to have two lock-ins this month (one in each church building) and they will both be followed by joint worship services. So Sunday, February 1, we will all worship together at NGMLC, and on February 22, we will all worship together at Burke. The confirmation kids will be the worship leaders for those services and help the pastors preach the good news based on their lessons from the overnight. Please make plans to join us for these special events to support the kids and enjoy some more events with our friends and neighbors.

You will find more information about all these things and more within these pages, so please read through and add items to your calendar as needed. With everything going on this month, I hope you will find the time to join us.

God bless,

Pr. Bryan

Did you know? Lent comes from an old Latin word meaning "spring." The season of Lent begins in the cold of winter as the promise of the spring to come.

WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

February 18th at 12:00pm. They will be meeting at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse in Sun Prairie. 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, February 11 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

February Food Pantry Focus: "Grains," such as rice, rice mixes, noodles, noodle mixes, mac and cheese, cold cereals, infant cereals, hot cereals, pancake mix, flour, granola bars, graham crackers, bread/muffin mixes, 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.



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.



**CALLING ALL MEN;
MARCH 20-22, 2026**

One Year to Live (OYTL) Men's Event at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center
1834 Illinois Route 2 in Oregon, Illinois (about a 1 1/2 hour drive)

Check out this 2 minute video on YouTube by Pastor Matt Pooch from St. John's Lutheran Church in Evansville.

<https://youtu.be/xVosynJX2xU>

Registration forms are available on the table by the front door. Please contact Paul Beckman at 608-279-0744 with questions.

Church 101: The color for Lent in church is royal purple, in remembrance of the purple robe of royalty that Jesus was clothed with at his trial, and the awareness that Jesus really is our king, ruler, and guide.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Family and Friends of Mary Brantmeyer

Lisa Thompson	Mark Gehrke	Tim Lothe
Bill Schmidt	Diane Wendt	Paul Fritz
Shannon Schlimgen	Richard Riggleman	Tom Hughes



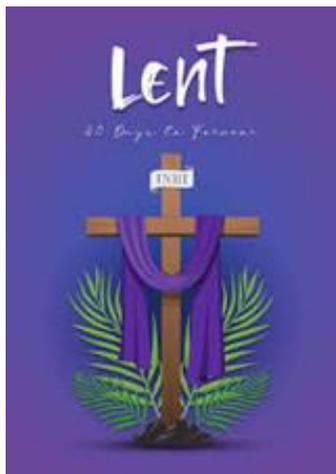
Our Prayer List: Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for four weeks.

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

Save the Date



Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday service on February 18 at 6:30pm.



This year Lenten Services will be held each Wednesday of Lent at 12:00pm and 6:30pm. A meal will be served at each service. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex starting February 15 for food for these meals. We hope you can join us during this very special season.

SAVE THESE DATES: February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25

Palm Sunday: March 29

Maundy Thursday: April 2

Good Friday: April 3

Easter Sunday: April 5

Church 101: During Lent, it is traditional to not use the word “Alleluia.” We put it away for the season and save it up to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection on Easter.



FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Joint Worship at NGMLC, 9:00am	2	3	4 Quilting, 9:00am OWLs, 1:30pm JAM, 6:30pm	5	6	7
8 Worship and New Member Recognition, 9:00am Annual Congregational Meeting, 10:00am	9	10 Open Forum, 6:30pm, Council, 6:45pm	11 Quilting, 9:00am Men's Breakfast, 9:00am OWLs, 1:30pm JAM, 6:30pm	12	13	14
15 Worship and Installation of Church Leadership, 9:00am Coffee Hour, 10:00am Confirmation at Burke, 5:30pm	16 Preach Board, 10:00am	17	18 Quilting, 9:00am BLCW, 10:30am BLCW Lunch, 12:00pm OWLs, 1:30pm Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30pm	19	20	21 Confirmation Lock-In at Burke
22 Joint Worship with NGMLC at Burke, 9:00am Potluck, 10:00am	23	24	25 Lenten Service, 12:00pm & 6:30pm	26	27	28

Save the Dates: March 1 - Have a Ball Beach Party March 18 - Lenten Services
 March 4 - Lenten Services March 25 - Lenten Services
 March 11 - Lenten Services

Happy Birthday		Happy Anniversary	
February 1 Heather Crosby	February 11 Mark McCoy	Randy & Donna Showers February 8, 1974	
February 5 Dianne Copenhefer	February 14 Jennifer Hanson	Robert & Jeannette Gehrke February 20, 1960	
February 7 Bryan Lagerstam	February 17 Shari Patzer	Dan & Sandy Lothe February 21, 1976	
February 8 Roger Kittleson	February 20 Joanie Klang	David & Linda Peterson February 26, 1962	
February 8 Stacey Kittleson	February 21 Abigail Stalbaum		
February 9 Linda Hughes	February 23 Michael Brown		
February 9 Mark Schultz	February 24 Shirley Bostad		
February 10 Deb Brown			

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Church 101: Lent traditionally lasts for 40 days. But no one really knows how to count those days. If you count from Ash Wednesday to the day before Easter (a.k.a. Holy Saturday), you actually get 46 days. Different ways of detailing have been proposed. One way is to not count the Sundays in Lent, as Sundays are always a celebration of the resurrection. My favorite way to organize my time is to consider Lent done on the Sunday before Easter (a.k.a. Palm/Passion Sunday) and to count Holy Week as its own little season.

	February 1 Worship at NGML	February 8 9:00am Service	February 15 9:00am Service	February 18 Ash Wednesday Service	February 22 9:00am Joint Service
Organist/Pianist		Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leader		Dave Wisner Gloria Lundquist	Dave Wisner Jean Schnick		Dave Wisner Rick Brandon
Communion Asst		Sharon Hughes	Dave Hanson		Jean Schnick
Communion Prep		Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist	Gloria Lundquist	Jean Schnick
Lay Reader		Tim Wachs	Julie Clark		Deb Brown
Ushers		Steve & Donna Frederick	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon		Karl & Shari Patzner
Coffee Hour		Donuts	Donuts		Potluck
Counters		Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Sharon Hughes Jean Schnick		Sharon Hughes Jean Schnick

Did you know? Just like the seasons of the year that blend into each other, the significance and meanings of the church seasons blend into each other.