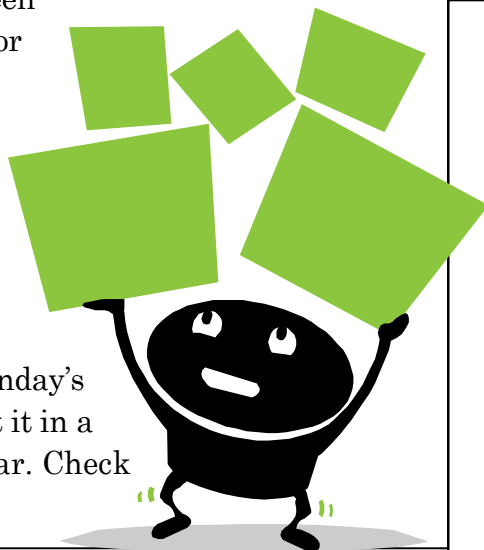


FEBRUARY 2012

# Light *of* Life

## THIS YEAR'S LENTEN SERIES: "JUNK FOR JESUS"

We've got the Junk already. What we need is more Jesus. During the season of Lent (beginning Feb. 22 with Ash Wednesday) we will be reflecting on the clutter and items in our life that represent barriers between us and God. For each midweek service (Wednesday nights) we're invited to bring a piece of junk relevant to Sunday's gospel and put it in a box by the altar. Check



the bulletin for the "Piece of Junk" of the week. What will we do with all that junk? Come to worship and see how Christ can replace our old junk with the gift of new life.

**SCHEDULE FOR LENT**  
**BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
**SOUP SUPPERS EACH WEDNESDAY IN LENT: 6PM-6:45PM**  
**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES: 7PM**

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### DO YOU HAVE A DEVOTION TO SHARE?

We are putting together a Lenten Devotional for this year's Lenten season. If you would like to share a favorite Bible verse, God-sighting or other short devotion, either email *burkebrenna@att.net* (please put "Lenten Devotional" in the subject line) or write it down and put it under the door of the music room or mail it to the church. **Devotions are due by Sunday, February 12.** For questions, contact Brenna Sears or any other member of the Preach board.



# DON'T MISS THE SPAGHETTI DINNER ON FEBRUARY 15!

**ANNUAL BURKE SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
**4:30-7:30PM**

Come enjoy:

- ◆ Spaghetti with meat sauce
- ◆ Salad
- ◆ Garlic bread
- ◆ Desserts
- ◆ Beverages



You get all this for only \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids age 10 and under. Burke's Confirmation class will be helping with the dinner and proceeds will be going toward their mission trip this summer. Sponsored by the BLCW and Dave Weinberger, this is a dinner you won't want to miss!

# DATE SET FOR 2012 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We know many people are already planning their summer, so the Teach Board has set a date for our 2012 Vacation Bible School so that you don't have to miss out! Please mark your calendars for the week of August 6-10 when we will have another fun, crazy week

praising and learning about God.



## BURKE BROWN BAGGERS

This month we'll meet Thursday, February 23, 11:45am. Bring your lunch to the church; we'll gather for some conversation. Everyone is welcome to stop by and check it out.

## FOOD PANTRY

In February our hearts and thoughts turn to love — and chocolate! Let's stock our Food Pantry cart with dessert mixes and candies so our neighbors in need can prepare a fabulous treat for their loved ones.



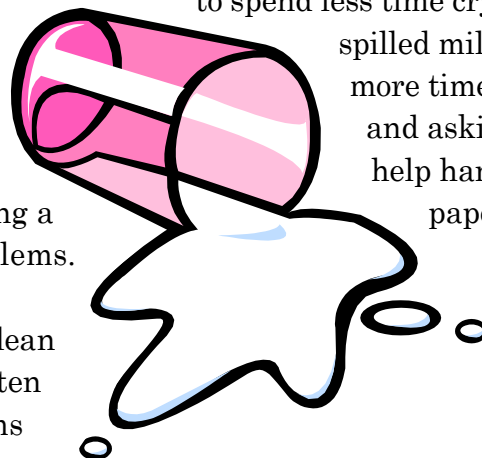
A Note from your Council President, Marni Bekkedal

## DON'T CRY OVER SPILLED MILK

I recently learned that February 11 is officially known as "Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk" day. Spilled milk is one of those things that starts out as a small problem, but if left unattended it makes the floor all sticky and eventually smells bad. It's like many of our problems. We can't just leave a problem and hope it will fix itself. If we do, it often gets sticky and eventually starts to stink, creating a whole new set of problems. We need a few paper towels and water to clean up spilled milk, but often times our real problems

are going to take more than that. Thank goodness God doesn't care if it's just going to take a few paper towels or a whole truck load of them. All we have to do is pray and ask for help. He will be there to help us mop up the mess and wash away the smell. This month, let's challenge ourselves to spend less time crying over

spilled milk and more time praying and asking God to help hand us the paper towels.





## ONE YEAR TO LIVE RETREAT

**MARCH 9-11, 2012**

**CAMP EDWARDS, EAST TROY, WI**

This is an experience for men where hearts and souls can be strengthened by the call of Christ. It is sponsored by Lutheran Men in Mission. Over 100 men have attended a OYTL in Wisconsin since 2009. Many have found it to be a spiritual and life impacting experience, different from any other retreats or conferences they have attended before.

One Year to Live Retreat video testimonies, promotional, scholarship and registration information is available at [www.lutheranmen.org](http://www.lutheranmen.org) Events/One Year to Live page. Space is limited. Register ASAP to ensure your spot. The \$195 registration fee includes lodging, meals and retreat materials. Commitment to attend from Friday 5:30pm to closing on Sunday at 3:00pm is required.

Flyers are in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Paul Beckman, 241-2346, or Lon Buss, 608 516-7875.

## CONFIRMATION URBAN IMMERSION RETREAT INFORMATION

February 10 & 11 our confirmands will spending time together reflecting on the topic of poverty. Friday we'll meet at the church at 6pm and talk about our assumptions about people in poverty and some Biblical stories. Saturday morning we will serve at a community organization and eat lunch with our neighbors in

Madison and come back to Burke late afternoon for some reflection. This is a required event for confirmands and if you are curious how you can get involved, please talk with Pr Josh.

## BOWLING AND PIZZA PARTY

**PRAIRIE LANES, SUN PRAIRIE  
FEBRUARY 26, 11:30AM**

Everyone is welcome! Bowling is \$7/person, max. \$25/family, which includes shoes and two games. Pizza and soda sponsored by the Men's Breakfast Group. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Paul Beckman, 241-2346 or Lon Buss, 516-7875 by Feb. 20.

## YOUTH LOCK-IN

Calling all 5th-8th graders, we're taking over the church Saturday, February 11. For the night anyway. Pizza, games, worship, a movie or two and a few more things that you'll just have to come to see. Talk with Pr Josh or Kaylee Housner, get signed up. Bring a friend. See ya there.



## FIRESIDE FELLOWS — STOKING THE FIRE WITHIN US

**1ST & 3RD MONDAYS, 7:00-8:15 PM**

Men of all ages are invited to some fellowship and discussion. Each topic is independent, but related to the others, so it's OK to attend as you are able. There is no page turning, preparation or study time. Newcomers are always welcome. For more info, contact Paul Beckman, 241-2346, or Lon Buss, 516-7875.

## DADS GROUP

All Burke dads are invited to meet at 7am on Saturday, February 18 at the Sun Prairie McDonalds (hwy 19 near hwy 151 & Dorn Hardware). Dads, come to eat, drink coffee and talk about your kids. If you are interested in receiving "Burke Dads" info, please let Matt (mbekkedal@hotmail.com) know and he will put you on our email list. You can read the e-mails and participate as you are comfortable or able. We hope to see you. *"Better Fathers, Better Families."*

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Confirmation 6:30-8:00pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Worship 8:30am Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:00am Choir Rehearsal 11am	<b>6</b> Fireside Fellows 7pm	<b>7</b> Foundation 6:30pm	<b>8</b> Confirmation 6:30-8:00pm	<b>9</b> Executive Comm. 12:00pm	<b>10</b> Youth Urban Immersion Retreat begins 6:30-8pm	<b>11</b> Urban Immersion Retreat 8am Youth Lock-in 6pm through Sunday morning fellowship
<b>12</b> Worship 8:30am Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:00am Choir Rehearsal 11am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Board Mtgs 6pm Council Mtg 7pm	<b>15</b> Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7:30	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Dads Group 7am, Sun Prairie McDonald's
<b>19</b> Worship 8:30am Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:00am Choir Rehearsal 11am Youth Trip Planning Mtg 11am	<b>20</b> Light of Life articles due Fireside Fellows 7pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Soup Supper, 6-6:45pm Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	<b>23</b> Brown Baggers 11:45am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Worship 8:30am Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:00am Choir Rehearsal 11am Bowling & Pizza Party 11:30am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Soup Supper, 6-6:45pm Lent Midweek Worship 7pm			



*Happy Anniversary!*

*Happy Birthday!*



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|-------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|
| February 1  | Heather Klang     |             |                  |
| February 2  | Joyce Coates      | February 16 | Brad Grob        |
| February 3  | Kara Bekkedal     |             | David Moderow    |
| February 4  | Marilyn Jabusch   |             | Julie Walther    |
| February 5  | Dianne Copenhefer | February 17 | Shari Patzer     |
|             | Julia Bouianova   | February 18 | Camryn Hargraves |
| February 7  | Ken Gieschen      |             | Diana Moore      |
| February 8  | Roger Kittleson   | February 20 | Joan Klang       |
|             | Sarajane Lien     |             | Helen Knuteson   |
| February 9  | Linda Hughes      |             | Curtice Mortrud  |
|             | Mark Schultz      | February 21 | Jordan Hargraves |
|             | Ryan Weinberger   |             | Ryan Hastings    |
| February 11 | Wilma Grunewald   |             | Bev Lowe         |
|             | Mark McCoy        | February 23 | Michael Brown    |
|             | Chelsee Ramos     |             | Curtis Humphrey  |
| February 13 | Katie Poole       | February 24 | Shirley Bostad   |
|             | Michelle Schmid   |             | Joann Foss       |
| February 14 | Jennifer Hanson   |             | Angela Handlen   |
|             | Cheryl Levendoski | February 25 | Kathy Harry      |
| February 15 | Tracy Hermanson   | February 26 | Alice Lockman    |
|             | Ray Spiess        | February 28 | Daniel Lockman   |

- Randy & Donna Showers, 2/08/1974  
 Robert & Melissa Waller, 2/10/2007  
 Phil & Betty Paul, 2/14/1964  
 Donald & Nancy Washington, 2/16/2002  
 Robert & Jeanette Gehrke, 2/20/1960  
 Daniel & Sandra Lothe, 2/21/1976  
 David & Linda Peterson, 2/26/1962

## THANK YOU

Thank you to BLCW serving group 3 and all others who helped to provide food and serve for the funeral for Tom Lukens. In the days prior to and following Dad's death and funeral, our family felt the supporting arms of so many, including our Burke Family.

Jo Odegaard,  
 Gary and Kathy Lukens,  
 Mike and Gert Lukens,  
 Karen and Dean Fisher



**FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED**

**TO:**

## THINKING OUT LOUD WITH PASTOR JOSH

*“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3.14)*

God, or genetic mapping (or both!), did not destine me to be a stellar athlete. Which was always hard for me to accept because I can be incredibly competitive. The motivation and care has thinned a little with age, but when I was in school, I took every loss too seriously.

I distinctly remember after a race receiving an “I Tried” ribbon, which I hated. Now I know, there is something important about affirming all children. I’m simply noting that as a 10-year-old, that ribbon was a dagger to my heart. It meant I didn’t just lose, I didn’t even place. To me it meant that all of my effort was a waste. And it was hard to accept.

Winning and losing is a human thing. So many would like to blame it on flawed American values and ESPN. Yet, in Philippians, Paul talks about our human need to succeed.

Of course, he’s not talking Sportcenter success. He’s talking about the success of having a faith with which to trust God unconditionally. And for the Philippians (who were soldiers and sports fans), he means the whole community bound together toward this goal. The goal of helping each other know Christ. Without needing to defeat each other.

I think about that “I Tried” ribbon once in a while. Sometimes because I struggle with my want to win. I remember the frustration and disappointment I felt, and have felt at other times of loss. And I think of people who feel like they’ve lost out,

whether in a public discussion or a game or even more serious circumstances.

Angst, embarrassment, sadness, fear, those are heavy feelings. I say that acknowledging that having all those feelings isn’t always bad. But it can make coming to church tough.

We are called to first bind up and seek the common threads of life. We’re tempted to out-manuever each other – even at church – because we almost need to everywhere else. Yet here God embraces all of us as we are. God leads us toward a clearer faith through Christ. And we can only do that with each other. Imagine the victory dance we can share when we reach that goal together.

Trust in God’s Grace. Pr Josh