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**Services: 5 p.m. Saturdays in the Chapel and
8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary**

Usher teams

Contact: Todd Schaack,
241-3565

(* denotes team captain)

EARLY SERVICE

TEAM A

*Art Zogbaum, 241-5141
Pat Davis, 249-6847
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TEAM B

*Nate Campbell, 669-6823
Seth Campbell, 228-6825
Nicole Campbell, 515-6825

TEAM C

*Keith Kerl, 846-8639
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Art Zogbaum, 241-5141

TEAM D

*Amy Luebke, 850-5457
Sunday school students

LATE SERVICE

TEAM G

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Charles Sabean, 244-5467
Betty Graack, 469-9574
Steele Schilling, 249-1891

TEAM H

*Chris DuPré, 249-0585
James Foye, 230-6881
Dale McKee, 235-9335
John Dyar, 833-2728

TEAM I

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Garry Puzach, 849-4731
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TEAM K

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Charlie Schaack, 241-3565
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Counter teams

TEAM A

Colleen Kerl, 846-8639
Chuck/Gail Sabean, 244-5467

TEAM B

Al Wessel/Ellen Bethel, 246-3917
Carol Rohde, 249-9122

TEAM C

Lisa/Phil Gilbertson, 846-3266
Art Zogbaum, 241-5141

TEAM D

Joyce McElmurry, 244-1643
Amy Butrymowicz, 279-9831

TEAM E

Darlene Younger, 244-9460
Barry Jensen, 244-6415
Steve Norton, 320-1294

Giving praise for the staff at Lakeview

Dear Friends,

It's 10:00 on Christmas Eve morning as I write this. Tom told me I had to have my letter for the newsletter done before Christmas and before I can go to Folly Beach on vacation. So, to make our office administrator happy, I am willing to comply.

As we begin this New Year, I want to pause and give thanks for the staff at Lakeview Lutheran Church. I don't know if you all realized how blessed we are with the staff at this place. We would not be able to accomplish all the ministry, worship services, activities and study from this place if it were not for our staff. I hope you will join me in giving thanks for them and I hope you will let each of them know how much you appreciate them.

Tom Alesia, the office administrator, is efficient. He is detailed oriented; he plans for the future; and he recognizes things that need to be done. He is highly organized and he will be very pleasant when he takes your telephone call, even if you are in a bad mood. He produces thousands of bulletins every

year. He makes sure all records are kept and does the bookkeeping most efficiently. Tom is excellent at communicating with the council and the rest of the staff. And he gets rid of telemarketers in a kind way.

Lynn Najem, the music director, should never be ridiculed because she is an alto! Lynn knows her music and she knows what works well at our congregation. She directs wonderfully and every choir rehearsal is great fun. She knows how to handle the tenors. The kids love her. She has put in far more time than she was paid for during December and in directing the play for Christmas Eve. Lynn is efficient and very approachable. She can adapt to what's happening in worship as quickly as I make mistakes.

Chris Anders, the ministry coordinator, has fallen into her role of "coordinating" events at Lakeview with great expertise. Because of her hard work, we have some of the best Road Home volunteers. Because of her work, we host huge senior lunches and Euchre tournaments. Because of her work, we can go on bus trips and enjoy fel-

lowship in places like Dubuque, Chicago or Elkhart Lake. Chris always has a smile on her face, changes the outside sign without complaint and is ready to convince you to volunteer.

Regina Thomas, the church custodian, can keep a sink and toilet spotless. Regina's long-term experience at Meriter Hospital gives her great skills at keeping our building clean and safe. Did you ever wonder who washes those cups you put in the kitchen sink? Did you ever wonder who makes sure you always have toilet paper or paper towels when you need them the most? Regina cleans up our messes without complaint and is very dedicated to the job. She is also very insightful and she knows what kind of cleaning products do the best job.

Thank you staff at Lakeview. It is a joy and an honor for me to come to the church building 6 days a week to share time with you. I appreciate the work you do to allow us to do mission and ministry from this place.

Happy New Year, Pastor DEAN

Choir Resumes

The choir has worked hard during Advent and Christmas. They will be taking a couple of weeks off from rehearsals and then return on Jan. 9. Remember choir rehearses every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. You are invited to join choir and come to rehearsals. Not only does the choir get to assist to lead worship by providing music, but they also have a good time on Thursday nights. And, of course, everyone waits to hear Lynn's phenomenal jokes!

Church Council

All current council members should take note that the monthly council meeting will be held on January 13 at 6:00 pm. We have moved the meeting up so that we can prepare for the annual meeting. The council will approve a budget at this meeting to be presented at the annual meeting.

January Senior Lunch and Euchre Tournament

The monthly senior event will be held on Monday, January 27. Pastor Dean will be cooking a variety of soups for the meal served at 11:00 am in East Hall. There will be breads, crackers and beverages to accompany the soup. You are invited to make a free-will contribution toward the cost of the meal. The fellowship and the laughter is completely free!

After the hot soup, you can enjoy playing in the Euchre tournament and prizes will be awarded. You can also play other table games, sit and talk or enjoy the comfortable furniture in the library. Sign up for this event at the Information Station in the narthex.

Planned Giving Presentation

On Sunday, February 2, the Endowment Committee at Lakeview will welcome Pastor Larry Westfield at 9:15 am. He will be making a presentation and answering questions about your own planned giving, estate planning and bequeaths. Pastor Westfield serves our synod and Region 5 of the ELCA in this capacity. He has assisted our Endowment Committee with a better investment plan for our congregation dollars. He will be available on Feb 2 to talk to us on an individual level. Everyone is invited to this presentation in the Fellowship Room.

Souper Bowl Weekend

Don't forget that we will receive a special offering during all worship services on Feb. 2 that will go to a food-serving organization. That organization will be announced soon. This is the weekend that many of us will spend money on food and beverages as we enjoy the Super Bowl game coming from New Jersey.

Middle School Winter Retreat

Coming soon is the annual Middle School Winter Retreat. The theme this year is "*My Family Tree*." We will not only be looking at our own family history, but we'll consider our family history as part of the community of faith. We'll get to know Uncle Abraham, Step-Aunt Hager, Uncle King David and how we connect up to disciples who are currently living in Iraq or Russia. There will be games, there will be snow activities, there will be bon fire, there will be basketball, ping-pong and carpet ball. Of course, there will be great food served in the Kraft Dining Center. We'll depart from church at 5:00 pm on Jan. 17 and return at noon on Jan. 19. Chaperones for this retreat will be Nancy Stillwell, Amy Luebke, Nate Campbell, Jason Buchda and Pastor Dean. Any youth in grades 6 through 9 are invited to attend and should get registered immediately if they have not done so. Registration forms can be found on the church web site or in the church narthex. Cost per youth is \$45.

Stock Sale

Coming in January will be a stock sale for the youth going on the mission trip to Puerto Rico in July. You will be invited to buy shares of stock in their trip at \$20 per share. As a stockholder, you will receive a stock certificate, a postcard from the youth while in Puerto Rico and you will be invited to a stockholders dessert and gathering after the group returns. This event and fellowship will include pictures and presentations.

Lakeview's Book Club

We are meeting at Culver's on Monday, January 6 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome. We are not reading anything, because December was a busy month. Bring in any other suggestions and we will decide on what to read in the upcoming months. For February, we will be reading "The Bartender's Tale" by Ivan Doig.

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After worship on Jan. 26:

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting at Lakeview will be on Sunday, January 26. This is an important event for all voting members of the Lakeview community and a special celebration because we have an opportunity to continue to do ministry in 2014.

There are some things you need to know about annual meeting weekend. Please note that there will only be one worship service for the entire weekend and that will be held on Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the sanctuary.

There will not be a service on Saturday evening, Jan. 25. The meeting will be held at 10:00 am on Sunday immediately at the conclusion of worship. Why this schedule you may ask? Because this meeting is important enough that the council hopes everyone will be in attendance.

At 8:00 am on Sunday, there will be coffee and light refreshments in the Fellowship Room to get you excited for worship and the meeting. There will be no Sunday school on that day, but there will be childcare in East Hall beginning at 10:00 am until the meeting concludes. Adults and older youth will supervise activities for children.

What will happen at the meeting?

- You will see a slide show of our congregation doing ministry over the previous year
- You will hear an update on the worship

survey

- You will elect new council members from a list of nominees
- You will discuss and pass a plan for ministry (budget) and through that plan you will decide how to staff our congregation, what types of ministry you want to do in 2014, what should happen with youth activities, etc.
- You will hear a cost presentation about exterior repairs to the building
- You will hear about the Endowment at Lakeview becoming part of the ELCA Pooled Trust
- You will hear about the council's position on "non-Lakeview" fundraising in the building, and you will hear about the fundraising plan for the upcoming youth trips

You will have a chance to complete your 2014 pledge cards after you pass a budget. This meeting is serious work of the congregation. It is a joy, it is an opportunity and it is a risk because ministry is always a risk. But we are not called to ignore the world around us and only be concerned with our congregation. We are called to be disciples. Make plans to come to the meeting.

Worship Assistants Schedule

Any changes? Call (244-6181) or e-mail (office@lakeviewlutheranmail.org) the church office. Thank you.

Date	Time	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Counters	Lay Readers	Ushers
		Pastor Dean 244-6181	Kathy Krause 249-9453	Sterling Lynk 698-6055	By Team	Sterling Lynk 698-6055	By Team
Jan. 5	8:15 a.m.	Jacob Kerl		Kathy Krause, Jane Rose, Sandy Rupnow, Jerry Smith, Art Zogbaum, Nate Campbell		Nicole Campbell	A
Jan. 5	10:30 a.m.	Anthony DuPre	Blanche Herritz	Lynn Case, Kathie Benson, Dayna Dalton, Doris Hicks, Nancy Keichinger, Joyce McElmurry	E	Tamela Steele	K
Jan. 12	8:15 a.m.	Ian McCosky		Seth Campbell, Nicole Campbell, Keith Kerl, Kathy Knudtson, Kathy Krause, Jane Rose		John Frey	B
Jan. 12	10:30 a.m.	Dane Luebke	Doris Hicks	Bob Mohrmann, Arlene Moody, Leah Voigt Potter, Garry Puzach, Rene Puzach, Yvonne Halverson	A	Nancy Stillwell	G
Jan. 19	8:15 a.m.	None		Sandy Rupnow, Jerry Smith, Art Zogbaum		Keith Kerl	C
Jan. 19	10:30 a.m.	None	Kathy Krause	John Dyar, Lyn Jerde, Kris Kirst, Jan Pond, Tamela Steele	A	Al Wessel	G
Jan. 26	9 a.m.	Corey Wolter	Marilynn Miller	Nancy Stillwell, Al Wessel, Lynn Case, Kathie Benson, Dayna Dalton, Doris Hicks	B	Kathy Knudtson	B/C
Feb. 2	8:15 a.m.	Katelyn Buchda		Sandy Rupnow, Jerry Smith, Kathy Krause, Jane Rose, Bob Mohrmann		Amy Luebke	C
Feb. 2	10:30 a.m.	Nicole Campbell	Arlene Moody	Jan Pond, Al Wessel, Lyn Jerde, Tamela Steele, Nancy S.	B	Jay Jerde	H
Feb. 9	8:15 a.m.	Jacob Kerl		Verallyn Cline, Art Zogbaum, John Frey, Kathy Knudtson		Verallyn Cline	D
Feb. 9	10:30 a.m.	Anthony DuPre	Jan Pond	Kris Kirst, Nancy K., Dayna D., Doris H., James F.	C	Krist Kirst	I
Feb. 16	8:15 a.m.	Ian McCosky		Seth, Nicole and Nate Campbell, Bob Mohrmann		Seth Campbell	D
Feb. 16	10:30 a.m.	Dane Luebke	Karen Knudsvig	John Dyar, Kathie Benson, Arlene Moody, Garry and Rene Puzach	C	John Dyar	I
Feb. 23	8:15 a.m.	Corey Wolter		Colton Rohde, Keith Kerl, Jerry Smith, Sandy R., Art Z		Colton Rohde	A
Feb. 23	10:30 a.m.	Katelyn Buchda	David Krause	Joyce M., Lynn C., Al W., Tamela S., James F.	D	Marilynn Miller	K