

THE BEACON

Hospitality on Saturdays, Too!

For the past 3 months we have talked about providing good hospitality at Lakeview. We have talked about providing value and worth to all people. We have considered where we do this well and where we need to improve. We have been using biblical texts to support how the hospitality and inclusivity demonstrated by Jesus should be part of who we are as his followers. Several changes have been made at Lakeview to improve our hospitality to others. As a result of all of this, it has been decided that we will continue to hold our 5:00 pm Saturday evening worship in the main sanctuary. Although the historic chapel is a lovely and quaint building, it is not welcoming to people who have young children, who use ambulatory devices, who may have bladder limitations etc. Although the building is accessible, it does not provide good space for wheelchairs and walkers once inside. Parents of young children avoid worship there because there is no place to go if you wish to remove your child from the worship service. Too many guests have assumed they'd have access to a bathroom when they got to church and found out they didn't. So, to make both services welcoming and safe places for all who come, we will worship in the sanctuary at 5:00 pm on Saturday and at 9:00 am on Sunday. Enjoy the comfortable seating and the grand piano in the sanctuary, as well. Spread the word. All are welcome.

Annual Meeting Lunch to Support Summer Trip

The middle and high school students who will be taking a summer trip which includes time on the Menomonee and the Stockbridge Muncie Indian Reservations in Shawano County. Youth will be hosting a "fundraiser" lunch immediately after the annual meeting on Sunday, January 31. After the important meeting, you are invited to go to East Hall and enjoy a baked potato bar. You will find baked potatoes and all the toppings you'd desire (vegetarian, too, of course). There will be beverages and dessert. You will be invited to make a free-will offering based on what you eat and how you enjoyed the meal. This money will go to the youth to help fund their summer trip. You won't have to cook on this day and you'll support our youth. All are welcome to come and be creative with how you top your potatoes!

Annual Meeting January 31

Annual meeting for all voting members of the congregation is on Sunday, January 31 at the conclusion of the worship service. There is no specific start time for the meeting so it is best to attend worship at 9:00 am and then be in your place as worship ends and the meeting begins.

THE KITCHEN PROJECT VOL. II

Fun, Food, and Fund-raising

At Benvenuto's in January

You are cordially invited to dine with fellow Lakeview members at Benvenuto's on Sunday, January 17th. Here's how Lakeview benefits: 20% of the dining receipts will be donated to the kitchen fund - be sure to advise wait staff you are from Lakeview Church! The 20% includes bar, dining in, takeout and delivery, as well as any gift certificates purchased on that day for future gifts or for personal dining at a later date.

At Lakeview in February

Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 28th for the third chili cook-off with proceeds earmarked for the kitchen fund. Our event chairperson Christine Stamm is looking for volunteers to feature their favorite chili recipe. Let Christine know if you'll be cooking tel: 850-3502 or cstamm@tds.net. Yes, we have the Council's permission to serve wine and beer at this fun event. Free tickets will soon be available to assist in determining how much chili to prepare. A free-will offering at the door will benefit the kitchen fund.

Kitchen Fund Raising Opportunity for Badger Fans!

Make money for our new kitchen and maybe get to watch some Badger sports! We are looking for volunteers to work as event staff at athletic events held at the Kohl Center. Contemporary Services Corporation (CSC) will pay our volunteers to perform crowd management tasks such as ticket taking, ushering, etc. at Kohl Center sporting events. Possible events include UW basketball and hockey games, state high school wrestling and basketball tournaments, UW band concerts and UW commencement. Work shifts would be around 5 hours. Lakeview will be paid \$8 per hour for each member of our group that works an event. All workers are closely supervised by CSC staff.

CSC will provide a group training/orientation session for our volunteers. The training will be held at Lakeview Lutheran at 6:30pm on Wednesday, January 27 and will last about 90 minutes. Anyone interested in volunteering must attend this training session. Attending the orientation will allow you to work an event that fits your schedule. Volunteers must be at least 18.

The deadline to sign up for the training/orientation session is January 17. To ensure we can fulfill our commitments to CSC we need to have twice as many volunteers attend the training/orientation as we expect to have participate in each event.

It is anticipated that we would work 2 events before summer. A carpool from Lakeview to the Kohl Center could be set up for those interested.

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex. The more volunteers we provide the more money we make. Contact Todd Schaack (241-3565) with any questions.

Middle School Winter Retreat

Don't forget to get your registration and payment for the annual middle school winter retreat to Pastor Dean by January 4, 2016. This year's retreat for kids in grades 6 through 9 will be in Robbins Hall North at the Green Lake Conference Center Jan 15-17. We'll be using the style of the hit television show "Saturday Night Live" to explore Bible stories and characters and their meaning for our lives. We'll also be enjoying good food, free time outside and in the rec center and crazy games on Saturday evening. Guests are encouraged to register, too. Cost per person is \$45. Chaperones this year include David Haselow, Jason Buchda, Jen Evans, Amy Luebke, Nancy Stillwell and Pastor Dean.

Knots of Love Meeting Time Change

Knots of Love Ministry is changing their meeting time. They will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month, but will meet at 1pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16.

Acts Bible Study Continues

The Wednesday noon Bible study will resume on Jan 6. The meeting spot is the Fellowship Room and coffee is served. You should bring a Bible and a lunch, if you desire. We meet from noon until around 1:00 pm. This group, under Pastor Dean's leadership, will continue to look at the book of Acts and the formulation of the church. Anyone is welcome. If you have never

come before, this would be a great time to join this study.

CHOIR RESUMES JANUARY 7

Other Stories of Jesus-It's a Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible study will resume on Jan 10 at 10:00 am. This is a study for adults, students and those who are waiting for children in Sunday school. All are welcome. Pastor Dean will lead. We'll be meeting in the Fellowship Room. The word gospel means "*good news*." During the 4th Century, four gospels were found to be authorized and canonical. These four books, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are found in our Bibles. But there are more. In fact, there are about 20 gospels and fragments. They are "*extracanonical*" because they are not included as part of the "*holy four*." You have heard of some of these accounts like the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Mary and the Secret Book of James. We are going to explore some of these gospels and their stories in this Bible study. Since we have just remembered the birth of our Savior Jesus, we will begin our Bible study by looking at the Infancy Gospel of Thomas and the Infancy Gospel of James. We'll experience some stories of Jesus as a child that are not part of the holy canon. Join us for this study. Materials will be provided.

Congregation Council Date Change

Because of the annual voter's meeting on January 31, the council will hold it's monthly meeting on Monday, January 11 at 6:00 pm.

Wartburg Seminary Students

Pastor Dean will have his annual meeting with Wartburg Seminary students, who are exploring issues surrounding abusive relationships and gender discrimination. His presentation with this group will be at Lakeview on Thursday, January 14. This group of students is working with Professor Gwen Sayler.

Lakeview Book Club 2016

No book discussion in January; however, the group will be having lunch at Benvenutos on Sunday, Jan. 17th at 1:30pm. We will be deciding what titles to read for 2016. Anyone is welcome to join us. If you have book title suggestions, please bring them with or email them to Ellen Bethel, ellen.bethel@sbcglobal.net. We will be discussing, "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins on Monday, Feb. 1 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room at church.

Pastor Dean's Soup Buffet

Lakeview will be hosting our next Senior Lunch/Euchre tournament on Monday, Jan. 25. Lunch will be served at 11am, with cards to follow. Pastor Dean will be making 3 kinds of soup including a vegetarian option. Crackers, cheese and bread/rolls, along with beverages, will be provided at this free will

offering meal. Anyone wishing to share a dessert is encouraged to do so. Please sign up at the Information Station in the Narthex.

Confirmation Service Project

The next service project for confirmation students will be Wednesday, Feb 3 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm at Second Harvest food bank. Thank you to members of the congregation who donated cookies for the project at Salvation Army in December. Your donations were welcomed!

Get Ready of Souper Bowl

Well, you can't get too ready yet because you don't know what teams will be playing in the Super Bowl game. But if you ask Lynn Najem she will tell you who she expects to see at Santa Clara, California on Feb 7, 2016. Regardless of whether she is correct or not, we will be having our annual Souper Bowl offering at all services at Lakeview. We do not budget for emergency benevolence in our annual budget. This is the kind of assistance that we give out to members and those off the street who periodically need food, housing assistance, transportation, medication deductible payments, and other things. We only are able to help with emergency benevolence when people make direct contributions to that cause, so the money comes in for that purpose and then it goes out for the same purpose. This past year we had far more credible requests for assistance than donations of money. So, this year, our

Souper Bowl special offering on Feb 6 and 7 will be to replenish the emergency benevolence fund here at Lakeview. You are welcome to make a financial gift of any size. Checks should be made to Lakeview.

Road Home 2016

Lakeview will be hosting the Road Home families 4 weeks in 2016. March 27-April 3; June 26-July 3; Oct. 16-Oct.23; and Dec. 18-Dec.25. Families move into our Sunday School rooms on Sunday and stay each evening for evening meal, activities, overnight and breakfast until the following Sunday. Our buddy church, Burke Lutheran provides evening meals and volunteers Sunday through Tuesday of our host week. We provide evening meals and volunteers from Wednesday through Saturday of that week. Our volunteers also move the family's belongings in on the first Sunday and move their belongings out on the last Sunday that

they stay with us. Many of you also donate food items for lunches and breakfasts. If you would like to participate by making meals, doing activities or staying overnight, and currently have not gone through the 1 hour training/orientation program, please call the office or contact Chris Anders, coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org. In 2014, over 109 Lakeview volunteers helped in some way to make our host weeks a success!

Synod Office Address Change

The Synod office has moved.

Their new address is:

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

6401 Odana Road

Suite 20

Madison, WI 53719

608-270-0201

www.scsw-elca.org



Another Successful Blood Drive December 8!

Pictured: Sandy Hefty, John Frey

**Inside:
Annual Meeting-January 31st
Mark your Calendar-Road Home 2016 Dates
The Kitchen Project Continues!**

Monday to Friday 8 a.m. — 4 p.m. www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org

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Service Schedule:

5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

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