

## THE BEACON

### **Annual Meeting**

On Sunday, Jan 31 plan to worship as a faith community at 9:00 am in the sanctuary. There is no Saturday evening worship on that weekend. When worship ends, plan to remain for the annual meeting of the congregation. At this meeting we will celebrate the mission and ministry we accomplished throughout the year and look forward to what might happen in 2016. You will hear about the kitchen renovation project, you will elect new council members, you will hear about the chapel rental policy, you will hear about the budget, and you will receive information about the new computer software program that the office is using. Immediately after the meeting, move to East Hall and enjoy a baked potato bar with all the toppings, desserts and beverages. This meal is a fundraiser for the youth going on the summer trip to the Menomonee and Stockbridge Muncie Indian Reservations in August. You will be invited to make a free will offering for them.

### **And The Nominees Are.....**

It's not the Academy or the Oscars but the nominations that the council will present to you at the annual meeting this year are important too. We give thanks for all the folks who have agreed to be nominated for leadership positions in the upcoming year.

#### ***Council positions-***

Darlene Wood, Director of Outreach

Sandy Rupnow, Director of Faith Formation

Jim Foye, Director of Facilities

Todd Schaack, Director of Strategic Planning

Tom Thornburgh, Treasurer

#### ***Audit task group-***

Linda Schaack

#### ***Nominating task Group-***

Jim Dalton

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### **BRING IN YOUR ALUMINUM CANS**

Nathaniel, a recent high school graduate who deals with autism, has started using Lakeview weekdays to crush cans. Nathaniel crushes the cans and sells the aluminum. All of the tabs are removed and donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Please bring in your aluminum cans for Nathaniel. They can be left in the Office Entryway in the large bin labeled for aluminum cans. Thanks to those who have already been bringing their cans in. Keep them coming!

## THE KITCHEN PROJECT VOL. III

### Kitchen Fund Update

A huge thank-you to everyone who is embracing our kitchen renovation fund with gifts! Currently the fund totals approximately \$83,000 representing 40% of the total \$206,000 budget. In January we received two wonderful pledges in the amount of \$5,000 each from the Pleasant Rowland Foundation and the Lau and Bea Christiansen Foundation. Thank you to Gayle Langer and her crew for continuing to find ways to fund this project. Additional grant requests are being completed. If you are considering a gift and are interested in funding a specific item, here are a few of the equipment needs to be provided by Kessenich's:

Stainless Steel Hand Sink	\$349
Chicago faucets for sink	\$326
Prep Sink with Countertop	\$2,180
Chicago faucets for sink	\$286
Microwave shelving	\$204
Commercial refrigerator-54"	\$3,500

### Chili Cook Off

It's time for the annual chili cook off at 5:00 pm on Sunday, Feb 28. It's an evening of good food and fun times as we enjoy fellowship with each other. Four more chili cooks are needed. Each cook brings a pot/crock of chili to serve in small portions. People enjoy sampling the various chilies and then are invited to make comments about the chili they sample. The comments are read during the evening and usually provide for some great laughs. If you can be a chili cook, talk to Pastor Dean, Laura in the church office or Christine Stamm. Everyone who is not cooking should plan on attending the event. Besides chili there will be bread, crackers, cheese, beer, wine, soda and homemade desserts. There is no cost for this event but a free-will offering will be taken and all proceeds will go to the kitchen renovation project. You are invited to give generously.

### Silent Auction

The kitchen fund raising task group will sponsor a silent auction in March. Bidding on auction items will begin at 8:00 am on Wednesday, March 16. Bidding will continue until noon on Sunday, March 27. You can stop by the church often during those weeks to check out bids and to increase them. The task force is currently looking for members of the congregation who may wish to put some skill on the silent auction for bidding. Things to consider might include---3 hours of babysitting, knitting a baby blanket, two hours of painting, an hour of computer service, a meal cooked and served to 4 people, carpentry time, maybe you have a cottage that you would put up for someone to spend a weekend in or a boat that you'd give them 2 hours of water time or season tickets to something that you would share. Be creative. If you are able and willing to contribute something to the silent auction, please let Pastor Dean or Laura in the office know. You can also contact Roxanne Olsen with you donations or to assist in any way with the auction. They will also want to know what the value of your contribution would be.

## What has been more anticipated than the new Star Wars movie??

### Why - the date for this year's Rummage Sale, of course!!!

So did you feel that shift in the universe when Council approved this year's sale dates of **Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**? Yup, Lakeview's own mini Chewbacca (long hair and no one can understand what I'm saying) is once again looking for lots of stuff to sell and lots of folks to help sell it at this year's Rummage Sale. All the proceeds of this year's sale go towards the cost of remodeling the kitchen, which, even without light sabers and lots of special effects, is going to cost close to \$206,000.00. Star Wars is making a ridiculous amount of money – can we??? We have the Force with us, too (Pastor Dean!!) so of course we can! Questions, comments or to volunteer in advance of the sign up sheet, please call or email Mary Cragin (235-5296 or 837-0718; antmry@gmail.com).

### **Knots of Love**

The members of Knots of Love knit and crochet items for various places, including prayer shawls for hospice care and hats for our Lakeview Food Pantry. Beginning in January 2016, the group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the church library. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, we'd love to have you join us.

### **Annual Youth Fruit Sale**

In August our congregation has the opportunity to send 13 youth and 4 adult chaperones to experience a week on the Menomonee Indian Reservation and the Stockbridge Muncie Indian Reservation in north central Wisconsin. While there these youth will participate in service projects and will learn about the culture and history of the Menomonee and Mohican Nations. The youth will have a great opportunity to learn how the very diverse area surrounding Shawano, Wisconsin comes together to celebrate and understand different cultures. Part of this trip will also include time with the large Mormon community in Gresham and the Amish community surrounding Bonduel.

The week will conclude when the group attends the annual opening ceremonies of the Stockbridge Muncie Powwow. This trip will cost each youth who attends \$500. While they have paid some out of pocket, they will offer several fundraisers that will allow friends, family, neighbors and the Lakeview community to help them fund this experience. In February, the youth will be selling fruit. This will happen after all worship services at church. The youth will also be selling on their own to people they may know who are not from Lakeview. The fruit will be delivered to Lakeview for sorting and packing on March 12. Fruit orders can be picked up at church beginning at 4:30 pm on March 12. New this year will be a 5 pound box of Clementine oranges for \$12. Fruit prices include:

#### **Red or Gold delicious apples**

Case	\$60
Half case	\$30
Doz	\$10

#### **Navel oranges**

Case	\$46
Half case	\$23
Doz	\$8

**Ruby Red Texas Grapefruit**

Case	\$42
Half case	\$21
Doz	\$12

**Anjou pears**

Case	\$76
Half case	\$38
Doz	\$10

**Golden Pineapple**

\$6

**5# Box Clementines**

\$12

Mixed bags will also be available

**Souper Bowl Offering**

We will receive our usual special souper bowl offering on Feb 6/7, the day that the Packers will not be playing football. Sorry Lynn! This year our gifts will go to the Lakeview Emergency Benevolence Fund. This fund does not receive money in our annual budget but is money that the office staff can distribute as needs arise. There is only money in this account when people donate money specifically for it. We use this account to assist members with food and utility needs periodically. We also use it for assistance when people are referred to us from agencies like MUM or Road Home. Periodically we use this fund to assist people who walk in the door from the street. Your checks for the souper bowl offering should be made to Lakeview.

**Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday worship will be held in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm on February 10. This service is somber and meditative. It will include the imposition of ashes and Holy

Communion. Tom Thornburgh, our church treasurer, will be playing a piano solo and accompanying the congregational hymns. All are welcome.

**Lenten Gifts**

During the season of Lent we will receive a special offering of in-kind products needed in the Lakeview Food Pantry. Each week you are invited to bring items and place them on the designated table in the sanctuary. Yes, it's like we did in Advent! Here's the list.

- Feb 13/14 Cans of mixed vegetables
- Feb 20/21 Cans of peas
- Feb 27/28 Cans of corn
- Mar 5/6 Cans of tuna
- Mar 12/13 Cans of soup

**MUM Bakery Sale**

The MUM bakery students will be selling their products in the church narthex on Sunday, February 14 from 8:30 to 10:30 am. In case you don't know, they make good things and the proceeds support the Just Bakery education program, which we host here at Lakeview.

**Special Music in Lent**

During all weekend worship services during the 6 weeks of Lent there will be special music. We are thankful to the choir and all those who will provide vocal solos, piano solos and instrumental solos during this time. Remember that Saturday services are held in the sanctuary.

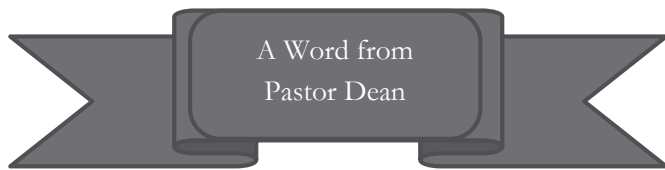
**Mid-Winter Senior Lunch/Euchre**

Do you like comfort food? If so, you won't want to miss the Feb. Senior Lunch/Euchre

Event. Mark your calendar for Monday, Feb.22 at 11am here at Lakeview for Pastor Dean's lunch menu to include meatloaf, baked potatoes, rolls, corn pudding, steamed broccoli, & dessert. This event is a Free Will Offering to cover the cost of the food. Play Euchre afterwards. Prizes to the top 3 scores provided by our partners at NESCO. Watch for the sign-up sheet at the Information Station.

### Wednesday Lenten Devotion

Wednesday evening devotions during Lent will be held at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Each evening we will hear from a neighboring faith community. Our intention is to get to know more about other faith communities here in Madison. There will be a time for questions. The following groups have been secured-Feb 17---Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Feb 24---Seventh Day Adventists, Mar 2---Unitarian Universalists, Mar 9---Christian Scientists, Mar 16---TBA. Each service will conclude with a hymn and prayer. We will depart by 7:45 pm. Plan to learn and grow by attending our Lenten devotions.



Dear Friends,

*"To chapel or not to chapel—that is the question."* I have struggled with the use of the chapel as an advertised worship venue for many years. Recently I brought my struggle to the church council and now they are obligated to struggle with me. This letter is going to invite you to join the struggle.

## Lakeview Literary Society 2016

### Reading List

**Feb. 1** - The Girl on the Train

by Paula Hawkins

**Mar.7** - A Man called Ove

by Fredrik Backman

**Apr.4** - I am Malala: the Girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban

by Malala Yousafzai

**May 2** – Last Bus to Wisdom

by Ivan Doig

**June 6** – Trail of Broken Wings

by Sejal Badani

**July 5** – At Home by Bill Bryson

**Aug. 1** – The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey by Walter Mosley

**Sept. 6** – Flight Behavior

by Barbara Kingsolver

**Oct. 3** – The Rosie Project

by Graeme Simsion

**Nov. 7** – The Nightingale

by Kristin Hannah

**Dec. 5** – TBA

Group discussions are held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The historic chapel, built in 1886, is an impressive and unique building. It is cozy and intimate. For some it stimulates memories of the church they attended as a child. The choir loves the acoustics. No one would deny that we have a unique structure that we wish to preserve and maintain on our property. It reflects where we have come from as a congregation.

Unfortunately, the chapel is not practical or hospitable for many people. When we advertise a worship service in the chapel, or when a funeral or wedding are held in the chapel, many who attend make assumptions. They assume they will have access to a restroom and water. At a Saturday evening worship service in September, a woman who had just moved to town walked over from her apartment on Troy Drive. At the door she told me she needed to use the restroom. I had to tell her there wasn't one. At a funeral in October, a guest asked me where the restroom was. I pointed to the office entrance of the main building and told her there was one just inside those doors. She told me *"I will never make it, thank goodness I'm dependable."* It is not hospitable to invite people to join us for worship and then not provide a restroom and water.

Over the years, families have come to the chapel to worship and have told me they would never return to that building. I hear things like, *"there is no place to take a rambunctious child,"* *"when my child made noise everyone stared at us,"* *"I couldn't get out of the pew because there is no outside aisle,"* and *"the person sitting on the inside aisle would not move in for us."* The chapel is not hospitable to those who have children.

Although the chapel is accessible through the back door, the lack of space, the lack of side aisles and the narrowness of the pews make it very difficult for people who depend on assistive devices to be comfortable. There is very little option for seating if you sit in a wheelchair. The chapel is not hospitable for those who have ambulatory needs.

I have struggled over having a public weekly worship service in a building that prevents the opportunity for some to come while a building that can accommodate all those things stands across the parking lot. We have been setting those hospitality concerns aside and using the chapel because a small group of members like the history, the intimacy and the décor of the building. This may not be an easy decision, but I feel it is my responsibility as the pastoral leader of this congregation to point out where our hospitality is waning. Because we only have two weekend worship services I feel it is my responsibility to engage with the whole congregation and fix things where possible to assure that our public worship is available and comfortable to everyone. Hospitality and welcome is why I have asked the council to support my decision to hold Saturday worship services in the main sanctuary. The decision is not personal (*I like the chapel*), it is not made to offend anyone and, of course, it was not made to make anyone angry. It was made because of practical conditions and experiences. I would hope that it is the desire of all members of this congregation to be inclusive and welcoming of all who wish to come in our doors. It would be hard to visualize our main building without ramps, elevator, accessible restrooms, automatic doors and baby changing tables. It is time to address these same concerns for our Saturday evening worship and the limitations of the chapel. We continue to take the words of the prophet Isaiah seriously, *"for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."* That can only happen when all people can enter and pray comfortably and safely.

Peace

Pastor DEAN

## *Easter Flowers*

Help decorate Lakeview's sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday, March 27th. Order from seven options **by Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**. Prices vary. Call or email the office with questions. Please write the number of plants and circle a color, if indicated. Include total payment. All plants come with purple foil.

**Easter Lilies (\$13)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Azaleas (\$19)** \_\_\_\_\_

Pink, purple, or white

**Mums-Daisy (\$14)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hydrangeas (\$27.50)** \_\_\_\_\_

Yellow, white, or lavender

Pink or blue

**Daffodils (\$13)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hyacinths (\$13)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tulips (\$13)** \_\_\_\_\_

Pink or Blue

Red, yellow, pink or white

**Given By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Easter Flower Order Form  
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Monday to Friday 8 a.m. — 4 p.m. [www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org](http://www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org)

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**Service Schedule:**

5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

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