

THE BEACON

IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the annual meeting in January, the voting members of Lakeview agreed that they wanted a meeting in May to receive an update on the kitchen project and to make a decision about the next step. The congregation council has set May 15, at 10:00 am, in the sanctuary, for the date and time of this meeting. This special meeting of the congregation will be for you to hear about our current financial situation, both for the kitchen and in regard to the general budget. The meeting will be to share updated information about our work with Engineered Construction. The meeting will be to vote on using some available endowment interest money for the kitchen renovation and, finally, the congregation will be asked to make a decision about what should be the next step in the kitchen renovation project. Please attend this meeting. Anyone can attend, but remember that only voting members of the congregation can actually vote on a motion.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION

According to the church liturgical calendar, the Festival of Pentecost should be held on May 14/15.

But at Lakeview, we are going to move the Festival of Pentecost to May 21/22. The Festival of Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit and the formation of what we know as the church. So, we will celebrate that on the final weekend of Sunday school. To celebrate Pentecost this year, there will be a special service at both worship times. This service will walk through the seasons of the church year from Advent through Christ the King Weekend. There will be a variety of seasonal music from the choir, Sunday school children, soloists and the congregation. There will be readings. The paramonts will be changed according to the season and various seasonal symbols will be displayed. Holy Communion will be served. This will be a unique worship opportunity that will be educational, as well. Invite a guest to join you that weekend for worship. At the conclusion of the service on Sunday morning, May 22, there will be a pie auction in the sanctuary. So stick around and purchase a sweet treat to take home. The auction benefits the kitchen fund.

Summer Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30 for the Memorial Day Holiday. Please note the reduced office hours during the summer. The church office will be open 8:30-4:30, Monday-Thursday, June through August.

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Silent Auction Wrap-up

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent silent auction. We raised \$6800 for the kitchen renovation project through this auction. Many people got good deals and had a good time bidding. We thank the many businesses, organizations, individuals and church members who contributed items and services for this auction. A few items were not sold and it has been decided to include them in a small silent auction during the rummage sale. To conclude, a huge thank you to Roxane Olsen for coordinating and laying out the auction and to all the people who assisted Roxane in picking up donations etc. It was a big event but provided a big outcome for the kitchen.

Pie Auction

Who doesn't love a good slice of pie? How about apple, pecan, key-lime, cherry, lemon meringue, or chocolate?

A pie auction to raise funds for the kitchen will take place immediately following the worship service on Sunday, May 22. The pies will be displayed on tables in the sanctuary before the service. You will know who baked them and what kind of pie they are. Pastor Dean will serve as the auctioneer, and quite the auctioneer he will be! It is hoped that you will be able to pick up any pies you purchase and pay for them at the end of the event. This is a little corny, a lot of fun and a great way to raise some money for the kitchen, while enjoying the baking skills of members of this congregation. Come on over to the pie auction. There is still opportunity for more people to bake and donate a homemade pie for the auction. If you wish to do that, sign up in the church narthex.

Annual Rummage and Bake Sale

This year the annual rummage and bake sale will be held on June 2 from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and June 3 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come and shop the sale and invite friends and neighbors to come, as well. The proceeds from the rummage sale this year will all go toward the kitchen renovation project. Many volunteers are needed for the sale and those who wish to help should contact Mary Cragin, who is again coordinating the event. Lots of volunteers will be needed to set the room up on May 31 and June 1. Consider telling Mary when you can help out--all ages, sizes and genders can volunteer. You can also bake something to sell at the sale. Any kind of baked item is a good thing - cakes, cookies, muffins, sweat rolls, breads, pies, snack mix etc.

Because we have to work this sale around all the other activities that take place in our building, we are not always assured that we will have a place for people to drop off items to be sold early. This year, we have been able to make a Sunday school room available. Many people have begun to bring things and you are all invited to do that. Please place them in the room that is designated for "rummage sale items." Remember that we do not sell adult clothing or shoes (*unless it is Packer or Badger clothing*). Since all the leftovers from the sale are donated to St. Vincent's, and they provide the truck, we cannot take items that they will not accept like large pieces of exercise equipment, such as stationary bikes or treadmills. They will also not accept electronics like computer equipment. Since there is not a call for second hand computer equipment, please do not bring that for the sale but take it to a computer recycling center. But bring on the toys, games, books, CD's, wall décor, holiday décor, kitchen and household items, linens, furniture, tools, antiques, craft items, craft projects, jewelry, children's clothing, baby items, athletic equipment etc. And remember the motto of a rummage sale, "*one person's trash is the next person's treasure*," but please try to bring those treasures in clean, workable condition.

Kohl Center Workers

A huge thank you to all the folks from Lakeview who have been working Kohl Center events. Collectively you have raised over \$1000 for the kitchen, so far some of the events you have worked have allowed great opportunities to see games and concerts. There will continue to be more things to sign up for. Thanks to Todd Schaack for coordinating this. If you want to work, talk to Todd. All workers do need to be trained.

Senior Lunch/Euchre Tournament

Come join us for lunch on Monday, May 16 at 11am. Lakeview will be serving a Baked Potato Bar with lots of fixins'. Please share your favorite Springtime dessert. Beverages will be provided. Euchre will follow the meal. Prizes awarded to the top three scores. See the sign-up in the Narthex at the Information Station.

Love One Another

You are invited to join Lutherans Against Bullying (LAB) in a conversation about bullying, cyberbullying, stereotypes and becoming an ally. We will also explore bullying in the Bible and our call as Christians to Love One Another. Cost is \$5 (pay at the door) and lunch, as well as snacks, are included. Content is intended for adults and youth 6th grade and older. We will meet on Saturday, May 21st 8:30-2:30, at Lakeview Lutheran Church.

Saturday Worship Update

We have been worshiping in the main sanctuary on Saturday evenings since the beginning of December. The congregation has been sitting in the curved chairs near the front instead of spreading throughout the room. This has provided the smaller group with a better feeling of intimacy. During this time we have noticed several things. People have commented that they can hear better. They have commented that they enjoy the grand piano much more than the electronic one. People have commented on the comfort of the chairs and the improved ability to move between the rows. They have appreciated the option of grape juice at communion. But

most importantly, the Saturday evening worshippers have appreciated the opportunity to have a bathroom available at worship and many people have made use of that. At a recent service, someone had to go downstairs to use a restroom because the one in the narthex was being used. And the evening that the choir and Sunday school children rehearsed and then sang at the service, the bathrooms really got a work out. On two occasions during these weeks, guests have joined us for worship and asked for a bathroom. Pastor Dean was able to direct them to a convenient one just off the narthex. The Maundy Thursday service and the Good Friday service were both held in the chapel this year to give folks who enjoy worship in that building an opportunity to attend worship in the chapel. The attendance at both of those services was the lowest attendance for the past 15 years. In fact, the attendance of 19 people on Maundy Thursday was hideous. The attendance of 41 (*which included the choir*) on Good Friday was not good either and was 25 people less than last year. We will continue to hold Saturday evening worship services in the main sanctuary to assure that all people are welcome and can feel at ease coming to worship.

It's Spring

Spring and Summer in Wisconsin mean many things, but at Lakeview one of the less desirable tasks of spring and summer has been to help maintain the grounds. We pay for a lawn service to be sure that the grass is mowed and trimmed regularly. The belief has always been that to save money, we would not hire a service to pull weeds, trim bushes etc.

The idea has been that if many people would volunteer to pull a few weeds or trim a few shrubs regularly, it would look good and save money. However, we don't get a good response to help in the yard. So this year, will you please consider helping in the churchyard? Just stop by throughout the week and pull a few out of place weeds. Or bring your hedge trimmer over and trim down a few overgrown bushes. Bring a clippers and cut the "volunteers" that grow around and on some of the trees. If many hands got involved it would truly be light work. A few years ago we removed many shrubs and plantings to make the yard maintenance more manageable. Thanks for considering helping in this area.

Offering for Garrett

At a recent special offering we raised all the additional money needed for Garrett Kerl and his brother Jacob to attend the summer mission trip. As you know, it's been a busy year for the Kerl's, as Garrett received a new heart at the University of Iowa Hospital in February. Garrett's recovery from this surgery continues to go well. The Kerl family has been most appreciative of how this congregation has offered a variety of assistance. They are grateful for this recent offering, as well, since it has been hard to accomplish the regular fundraising this year. There was even money left over in the special offering, so that money will be used to buy food on the summer trip for all the youth attending. The summer youth trip will go to the Menomonie Indian Reservation from Aug 7 through Aug 12. While there, the group will stay at a retreat center on Shawano Lake. They will attend the annual Menomonie Pow-

wow in Keshena. They will also tour the Menomonie Cultural Center and Logging Museum in Keshena. The kids will spend two days with the youth at the Boys and Girls Club in Neopit. They will spend 3 days painting the CBRF where 15 elders of the tribe live in Middle Village. Some side experiences will include: the General Store and Museum on the Stockbridge-Muncie Reservation, a tour of the Sun Drop Soda company in Shawano, a picnic and water activities at the Kirst cottage on Koonz Lake, fishing and hiking on the Red River and ice cream at Paas Ice Cream stand in Gresham. Chaperones for the summer trip are Amy Luebke, Colleen Kerl, Nate Campbell and Pastor Dean. Students attending the trip include Katelyn Buchda, Ann Braithwaite, Blue Campbell, Anthony DuPre, Ruby Hansen, Garrett Kerl, Jacob Kerl, Ben Luebke, Dane Luebke, Jack McKee, Colton Rohde, Hayley Swenson, Austin Wells and Corey Wolter. Your financial support of these youth and this trip has been appreciated. If you wish to make a direct contribution for the kids going on this trip, please make your check to Lakeview and give it directly to Pastor Dean.

Hire a Youth

Some of the youth going on the summer trip are willing to do yard jobs and other tasks you may have. You would then make a financial contribution for that youth to attend the summer trip. If you are interested in finding a youth for some work at your place, contact Pastor Dean and he will work to match a youth with the skills you are looking for.

Reminders

Nathaniel

Nathaniel shows up faithfully at Lakeview 5 days a week to crush cans. Let's keep him well stocked! Please bring your aluminum cans in. They can be left in the bin in the office entryway. It is much appreciated.

Quilt Supplies

Ronda is hard at work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. She has made 200 already! She is grateful for all the donations that have come in so far. Keep them coming.

LAKEVIEW LITERARY SOCIETY 2016 READING LIST

MAY 2 – LAST BUS TO WISDOM BY IVAN DOIG

JUNE 6 – TRAIL OF BROKEN WINGS BY SEJAL BADANI

JULY 5 - A MAN CALLED OVE BY FREDRIK BACKMAN

GROUP DISCUSSIONS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM. ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

As a congregation, we decided several years ago that we needed to begin to plan to update our church kitchen. We acknowledged that the kitchen was over 50 years old and therefore out of compliance with building codes. Our kitchen has been “grandfathered” into code. We also realized, in recent years, that appliances like the stove and dishwasher have not been working properly. We know that the air circulation in the room has been poor and there is no way to separate the washing of vegetables from the sinks that wash dirty dishes.

Our kitchen has served as the heart of our ministry. It is used for Food Pantry, Blood Drives, Road Home guests, Thanksgiving Dinner, funeral lunches, MUM bakery students, youth fundraisers, Sunday school activities, monthly senior lunches, Habitat meals, and numerous other events both internally and externally. An updated kitchen could also open up opportunities for additional ministries, perhaps with Northside community centers.

In September, the congregation directed the council to begin fundraising for the kitchen. The council did that by appointing a fund raising task group. This group has worked voraciously to raise funds through direct giving, grants, and congregational events. They have successfully raised \$114,000.00 of the \$206,000.00 total needed.

Our church treasurer has told us how important it is for us to maintain our regular giving to meet our budget while we fundraise. He has reported that since the beginning of this year we have done well in doing that and the council hopes that the members of the congregation will continue that trend, particularly during the summer months when regular giving can have a tendency to slack off.

A member of our congregation has come forward to offer us a personal loan. We are looking into how that can be done reasonably and fairly right now. Our treasurer has also reviewed our loan opportunities with a local bank and with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. A good deal of hard work has been put into this kitchen project by many people. The plan has NOT been haphazardly thrown together.

On May 15, when the congregation meets at 10:00 am we need to make some decisions about what the next step is for the kitchen project. We know that we don't have all the money in hand. We know that the cost for this project will only increase the longer we wait. We know that the risk of having breakdowns in the kitchen continues to rise. We have some hard and thoughtful decisions to make on May 15.

If I were not a pastor who understood our call to follow Jesus as one to be active and to reach out with service to our community and world, I wouldn't care about this kitchen project. But I'm not that pastor. I understand that when we say yes to loving and believing in Jesus, than we are also saying yes to following him. And if we are following him, we are imitating the ministry that he performed and recorded in those gospel stories. That ministry was always about reaching out and accepting and loving the oppressed, the outcast, the down trodden and those with needs. Some would say that Jesus had a preferential treatment for the poor. I would agree. Jesus doesn't call us to be "arm chair" Christians.

In our congregation, our outreach has been and will continue to be, so often, around food and the kitchen. It's not only the heart of your home but it is also the heart of this congregation.

I would urge you to come to the meeting and to join forces to work with all those who are already working hard to update our kitchen. We are not doing this for aesthetics but for ministry, important ministry. Thank you for supporting this project.

Peace,
Pastor DEAN

PS The fundraising task group includes; Gayle Langer-chairperson, Todd Schaack, Christine Stamm, Colleen Kerl, Lynn Case, Corrine Greiber, Verallyn Cline, Mary Cragin, Roxane Olsen, Tom Thornburgh and Pastor Dean, as consultant.

**HUGE ANNUAL
LAKEVIEW
RUMMAGE SALE!**

Thursday, June 2nd 7am-6pm

Friday, June 3rd 8am-4pm

Amazing Bargains On:

**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, HOME DÉCOR,
KITCHEN ITEMS, BOOKS,
KIDS' CLOTHES, TOYS AND COLLECTIBLES,
SPORTING GOODS, FURNITURE, JEWELRY,
ARTWORK, TOOLS**

No Junk, Just Gems!

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Pentecost Festival Celebration
Some Reminders**

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

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (June-August)

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Service Schedule:

5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

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