# THE BEACON

# **General Budget Giving**

At the meeting last weekend, church treasurer Tom Thornburgh presented a stable picture of the church's general budget for the first quarter of the year. That is good news. But he also warned us that it will be very important for us to keep that general giving stable throughout the summer. Like many congregations, we often experience a giving slump during the summer. The council wants to encourage you not to let that happen this year. Please be diligent in continuing your giving even if you are vacationing, camping or visiting other locations. A great way to do that is to sign up for the automatic withdrawal program through Vanco. Just call Laura, in the church office, if you want to make that happen.

#### Thank You

Bob and Donna Mohrmann want to thank the members of the congregation who were able to make a contribution to purchase materials for their wheel chair ramp. Donna is enjoying a solid ramp from the front door to the driveway. They are most grateful for your assistance.

# Senior Lunch/Euchre Tournament

We will be celebrating June Dairy Days on Monday, June 6. Lunch will be served at 11am with cards to follow. Pastor Dean will be cooking out that day: brats, burgers, chicken breasts, hot dogs and a vegetarian, gluten free option will be available. Beverages, including malts, will be served. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. The sign-up is located on the table at the Information Station. Our July event will be a potluck, taking place Monday, July 11 at 11am. The August event will be a pizza party, happening on Monday, Aug.15 at 11am.

#### **Book Club**

Monday, June 6 at 6:30pm, Book Club will meet in the Fellowship Room to discuss, Trail of Broken Wings by Sejal Badani. Anyone is welcome to join in the discussion.

#### **Summer Office Hours**

Please note the reduced office hours during the summer. The church office will be open 8:30-4:30, Monday-Thursday, June through August.

# THE KITCHEN PROJECT VOL. VII

# Special Congregation Meeting for the Kitchen

The congregation met on Sunday, May 15, and after excellent presentations from Verallyn Cline about the renovations themselves, from Gayle Langer about the fundraising for the kitchen and from Tom Thornburgh about the general budget of Lakeview, it was unanimously and loudly voted to begin the project. The contract with Engineered Construction has been signed and returned. They are projecting a start date late in July or early August. That time line will allow them to have the project completed so the kitchen can be used for our annual Thanksgiving Day dinner. Financial support from members for the kitchen has been strong. Grant support has also been strong. A small loan will be taken from the Lakeview Cemetery Association to cover the outstanding costs and any surprise costs that may arise once the project begins. We are grateful for the hard work of this congregation to get us to this point since Sept 27, 2015. It will be exciting to look at new ways of using the kitchen for ministry and mission once it is finished.

#### **Silent Auction**

After the very successful silent auction in March, several donations continued to come to the church. Therefore, there will be a small silent auction during the rummage sale this year (see list later in newsletter). We'll use the same bidding process that was used in March. So come to the rummage sale to buy rummage, to buy bakery products at the bake sale and to find a bargain on the silent auction. All proceeds from this event go toward the kitchen project.

# **Truck Loading After Sale**

Many volunteers are needed to help load the truck this year at 4:00 pm on Friday, June 3. We cannot have the truck for several days as we have in the past. It will be taken from us on Saturday morning. Please consider coming to help load the truck as a gift to the kitchen renovation project. All rummage sale leftovers are donated to St. Vincent DePaul.

LAKEVIEW LITERARY SOCIETY 2016 READING LIST

JUNE 6 –TRAIL OF BROKEN WINGS BY SEJAL BADANI

JULY 5 - A MAN CALLED OVE BY FREDRIK BACKMAN

AUGUST 1 – THE LAST DAYS OF PTOLEMY GREY BY WALTER MOSLEY

SEPT. 6 – FLIGHT BEHAVIOR BY BARBARA KINGSOLVER

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

# **High School Graduation Recognition**

On Sunday, June 12, we will have the opportunity to recognize the Lakeview graduating seniors who choose to participate. The worship service will be designed especially for them. They will be introduced to the congregation along with their parents. Immediately after the service, there will be a cake and punch reception in their honor on the lawn. Join us as we give thanks and uplift our youth.

# Road Home week, June 26-July 3

Trained volunteers, please check your calendars and let Chris Anders know if you are available to fill volunteer slots during Lakeview's next Road Home week. Our part of the week begins Weds., June 29-July 3. We need dinner hosts, activities folks and overnight volunteers. Watch for a sign-up in the Narthex to donate food items for cold breakfasts and bag lunches and snacks. If you can help unload belongings/make beds on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> and/or load belongings on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> please contact Chris Anders at coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org

#### Lake Geneva Boat Tour

If you would like your name placed on a "back up list" for the Lake Geneva Boat tour on Tuesday, July 19 let Chris Anders know immediately. You will only be asked to pay the \$44 cost if someone else is unable to go on the trip and therefore a seat is available. The cost includes the bus ride both ways and the Ice Cream Social (includes an ice cream

sundae) boat tour of Lake Geneva. Lunch at your expense will be at Gino's Restaurant, followed by an hour of shopping in downtown Lake Geneva. The boat tour starts at 2:30pm and lasts a little over an hour. We should be back in Madison between 5:30-6pm.

# **Summer Youth Trip**

On Sunday, August 7 we will send our youth forth on their summer trip during the worship service at 9:00 am. At 10:00 am the youth and chaperones will depart for the Menomonie Indian Reservation in north central Wisconsin. They will spend a week there volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club, painting a CBRF in Middle Village and exploring many things about the history and culture of the Menomonie Nation and the Stockbridge Muncie Nation. They will attend the Menomonie Pow-wow. The youth will be staying at the Whispering Pines Retreat Center on Shawano Lake. This center is 90 wooded acres on the shoreline and operated by Concordia University. Thank you to everyone who has supported the youth as they prepare for this cross-cultural learning experience. The youth will return on Friday, August 12.

#### Thank You to Education Volunteers

We give thanks for all those who have volunteered in our education program this past year, including: Monica Dyar, Annette Pownell, Aubrie Divine-Scott, John Dyar, Heidi Dewsnap, Amy Butrymowicz, Lynn Najem, Nate Campbell, Nancy Stillwell, Amy Luebke, Christine Stamm and Sterling Lynk.

Education programs will resume on Rally Weekend---September 11, 2016.

#### Meet Me in St Louis

Pastor Dean and Chris Anders are working on an adult retreat trip to St. Louis. They are hoping to put this together to happen later in October. It would be for a group of 30 adults. We will be taking a coach bus from Lazers. The plan includes leaving church on a Thursday with a stop in Springfield to see Lincoln's home. Arrival in St. Louis would be late on Thursday afternoon and we're making lodging plans for the St. Louis Italian Hill Neighborhood. While in St. Louis, on Friday and Saturday, plans are being made to visit the Missouri Botanical Gardens, the Gateway Arch and riverfront, including Laclede's Landing and the old cathedral and courthouse, an afternoon wine tour along the Herman Wine Trail outside of St. Louis on the Missouri River (seven possible wineries), a visit to the Soulard Farmers Market (oldest in the nation) and neighborhood, time on the Italian Hill along with dinner at one of the restaurants, visit to the St. Louis Basilica to see the

mosaics, possible visit to City Museum and to Busch Stadium. On Sunday morning, we would worship at a local church and then depart for Madison arriving at Lakeview in late afternoon. Let Pastor Dean or Chris Anders know soon if you have thoughts about this retreat. This would be for any adults, members or non-members. Costs will be calculated soon. There is so much to do and explore in St. Louis and it's not that far away.

# Young Family Retreat

Office administrator Laura Jasiczek is making arrangements for a second annual young family retreat at Kern Lodge at the Green Lake Center. She has reserved the weekend of Nov 18-20, 2016. This turned out to be a fun and popular event last year and we look forward to offering it again. We do not define what a family is and we do not define what young means. Pastor Dean came last year---does that make him young? Mark your calendars and look for more information and costs later this summer. Motel style sleeping rooms can accommodate up to 5 people.

#### A NOTE FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

As I prepare to take youth to the Menomonie Indian Reservation in north central Wisconsin this summer, I contemplate what has happened to the first people who lived on this land we call America. This isn't my first reservation experience with youth. I've spent time on the Crow Reservation in Montana and the Wind River in Wyoming. But this summer, I will be here in my state, which makes the situation much more personal for me. This summer, we will experience the culture and lifestyle of two tribes, the Menomonie and the Mohicans. Remember, these are not native American people. They were on this land long before it was named America. They are native to the land that existed before white settlers arrived. At one time, the Menomonie people had claim to over 3

million acres in what is today known as Wisconsin. They were here long before the government moved in and made Wisconsin a state. Today, that land has been taken from them and they have control of a very small piece of land known as the Menomonie Reservation. It is the size of a typical county in this state.

White European settlers, my ancestors, have worked hard to reduce the Menomonie influence in our state. At one time, government and religious boarding schools were established. These schools removed Menomonie children from their parents by force and attempted to acculturate them into the European way. Menomonie parents had no control over these decisions. Children were not allowed to see their families. In the boarding schools, they were forced to dress and behave like European children and were actually punished if they used their own language. This summer, we will have the opportunity to talk with elders who were forced into boarding schools in Keshena.

Perhaps the climate today has changed between the Menomonie people and the white community. My experience tells me that there are still many obstacles and that discrimination and oppression continues to exist. So I contemplate how biblical texts might guide our decision-making and our experiences this summer. To begin with, we all remember that Jesus walked with all people. He had compassion particularly for those who were different from himself. He calls us to love God and then to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, including our neighbors on the Menomonie Reservation.

I think of the words of the Apostle Paul to the Romans when he told them to contribute to the needs of the saints and to extend hospitality to strangers. I think about the many Hebrew Bible texts that encourage the welcome of aliens and strangers. I consider Leviticus "when an alien resides in your land, you shall not oppress the alien, the alien shall be to you as the citizen among you and you shall love the alien as yourself." We can find similar commands in Exodus, Deuteronomy, Jeremiah and Malachi. And the truth is, the Menomonie are not the aliens. We are. We are the people who have moved into their land and imposed our lifestyles and values.

I have an opportunity to experience the dynamics between the white citizens of Shawano County and the residents of the reservation, often when I spend time at our cottage. But this summer, I look forward to developing a more intimate relationship with the Menomonie people. I look forward to exposing our youth to this diversity and to some of the less desirable things that our United States and Wisconsin Government has done to the original people of this land. I look forward to how we can learn from our experiences and prevent factions in our current culture from denying people access to freedoms and to dignity in our nation while allowing them to be the people they are. I look forward to how we can be the people of God and enjoy differences knowing that God loves us all. I hope that our summer trip will be an opportunity for personal growth through struggles and celebrations.

Keep the youth in your prayers. Keep our Menomonie brothers and sisters in your prayers. Keep your hearts open to the way that God may be leading you to reach out in love to others. Peace,

Pastor DEAN



# 2016 SILENT AUCTION



June 2-3, 2016 (Sale Ends at 4 p.m. SHARP on June 3)

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#### The following businesses have donated so far:

| Business                                | Details of Item(s)  | Value           | Minimum Bid |
|---|---|-----------------|-------------|
| Aldo Leopold Nature Center              | Family Membership to Aldo Leopold Nature Center   | \$50            | \$10        |
| Ale Asylum                              | Growler, \$15 Refill and T Shirt  | \$50            | \$20        |
| Badger Bus & Summerfest                 | 2 round trip bus trips to Milwaukee and 2<br>Summerfest tickets   | \$108           | \$30        |
| Bowl-A-Vard                             | 5 Free Games of Bowling   | \$25            | \$10        |
| Brio's Hair Design                      | Consultation, Haircut & Style   | \$40            | \$10        |
| Bruegger's Bagels                       | Big Bagel Bundle, Bagel with Cream Cheese, Breakfast Sandwich   | \$25            | \$10        |
| Buffalo Wild Wings                      | 8 - \$5 Gift Certificates   | \$40            | \$20        |
| Chick Fil A                             | Long sleeved shirt, 2 mini cows,<br>sunglasses, backpack tag, 3 ct nugget<br>kids meal cards and 2 sandwich meals<br>or 8 ct nugget meal card                 | \$60            | \$20        |
| Chicago Bears                           | Limited Edition Photograph with Laser<br>Autographs   | Unsure of Value | \$5         |
| Daly's                                  | \$15 Gift Card  | \$15            | \$5         |
| Dream Lanes                             | Pizza, Pop and Pinz (4 people – 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, pitcher of pop and \$15 credit for food  | \$75-80         | \$20        |
| Five Guys Burgers & Fries               | 5 - \$5 Coupons   | \$25            | \$10        |
| Gail Ambrosious                         | \$20 Gift Certificate   | \$20            | \$10        |
| IHOP                                    | 5 – Entrée Coupons  | \$44.95         | \$10        |
| LA Tan                                  | \$25 Gift Card  | \$25            | \$10        |
| Madison Children's Museum               | Admission for 4   | \$31.80         | \$15        |
| Mum "Just Bakery"                       | \$50 Gift Certificate   | \$50            | \$20        |
| Northside Restaurant                    | \$20 Gift Card  | \$20            | \$10        |
| Old Sugar Distillery                    | \$25 Gift Card  | \$25            | \$10        |
| Perkins                                 | \$20 Gift Card  | \$20            | \$10        |
| Pirates Cove                            | 4 Rounds of Mini Golf   | \$34            | \$15        |
| Prairie Athletic Club                   | 2 Guest Passes  | \$30            | \$5         |
| Premium Waters                          | Water Cooler Rental and 3 - 5 gallon bottles of water for 3 months  | \$98.25         | \$20        |
| Princeton Club                          | 1 month membership  | \$75            | \$10        |
| Rockhound Brewing                       | \$10 gift card, buy-one-get-one pint card,<br>\$1 off growler fill card, t-shirt  | \$36            | \$15        |
| Rude Lanes (DeForest)                   | \$25 Gift Certificate   | \$25            | \$12        |
| Steve Stricker Signed Golf Club and Hat | Signed Golf Club and Signed Hat   | Unsure of Value | \$100       |
| Schoep's Ice Cream                      | Box of Malt Cups 24 Ct.   | \$16.80         | \$8         |
| Summerfest                              | Admission for 4 to Summerfest   | \$20            | \$10        |
| Vitense Golfland                        | One Round of the "Putting Edge" of Miniature Golf, One Bucket of Water Wars Balloons, One Session of Jumpshot & Three Free Climbs on "The Rock" Climbing Wall | \$21            | \$10        |

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