

# THE BEACON

## Rally Weekend

Rally weekend is September 10/11. Because of the kitchen renovation, we will be keeping it rather low key this year. Saturday evening worship will be held, like usual, in the sanctuary, at 5:00 pm. Sunday morning, we will worship outside, in front of the chapel. Participants should bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. There will be a baptism during this very laid back service. Holy Communion will be served and, like usual, we will be collecting toilet paper for the Lakeview Food Pantry. Bring lots of clean, never-before-used toilet paper to worship on Sat or Sun of that weekend. We will build our usual pile of toilet paper on the chapel lawn and then, as part of the service, we will form a human chain and pass the paper to the food pantry. A little silly, a little fun, and a little reminder of service---**God's work, our hands.** As part of the Sunday morning service, we will remember that it is the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our nation. We will hear from some of the youth who attended the summer trip and we will receive a special offering for the Woodland Boys and Girls Club in Neopit, where we spent 2 days this summer. Coffee, juice, donuts and chapel tours will be available in the chapel beginning at 8:00 am that day, as well.

## Office Hours

Friday office hours will resume Fri, 9/2; however, the church office will be closed Mon, 9/5, in observance of Labor Day. Normal office hours will be 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday.

## School Supply Collection

We will continue to collect school supplies for the Lakeview Food Pantry throughout September. If you haven't been able to donate, it is not too late. They can use spiral notebooks, pocket folders, colored pencils, regular lead pencils, scissors, crayons, glue sticks and all size sticky notes. Bring to the church office or place in the receptacle in the church narthex.

## Mendota Community School

Lakeview Lutheran Church has made a commitment to partner with Mendota Elementary School on School Road. Mendota is only a couple blocks from the church and many of your children have attended that school. We look forward to this new relationship and to the many opportunities that will arise to support this school in the upcoming year. Pastor Dean is serving on the Mendota Community School Committee and, as volunteer opportunities arise, he will bring them to your attention and seek volunteers from Lakeview. There will be great need for classroom volunteers to assist with enriching math and reading skills with the students. It is hoped that many Lakeview members will find ways to donate time and energy at Mendota this year. Thank you to all Lakeview people who have already donated bottled water or volunteered time for the Mendota Block Party on August 27.

**Sunday School Registration** will be held on Sunday, September 11 in the historic chapel beginning at 8:00 am. Sunday school classes will begin at 10:00 am on Sunday, September 18.

## THE KITCHEN PROJECT VOL. VIII

### **Kitchen Update**

The best way to keep up with the progress being made in the kitchen is to go to the Lakeview Facebook page and see the pictures that Verallyn and Gayle are posting regularly. You don't have to join the Lakeview Facebook page in order to view the pictures, but if you do join, you will be able to make comments and join the conversation. Check it out. And don't forget to check out the pictures of the recent youth trip to the Menominee Reservation while there.

### **I Hear Beautiful Music**

Plan on attending this unique fundraiser to help pay off the kitchen loan. At 3:30 pm on Saturday, September 24, our music director Lynn Najem will be providing a piano concert on the sanctuary grand piano. Besides religious music, Lynn will be providing a selection of jazz music and music from Broadway musicals. There will be a few surprises during the concert. The event will conclude at 4:15 pm and you will be invited to enjoy light refreshments in the Fellowship Room. You can even stay for worship at 5:00 pm. Because this is a fundraiser for the kitchen, you are invited to make a gift of \$20 per person. All donations will go toward the loan. Come and enjoy!

### **Dine-Out at Benvenutos**

The next dine out at the Northport Benvenutos will be on Sunday October 9. This will be a fundraising event for the new church kitchen. This year, there will be several fundraising events to help us reduce the loan that is being taken from the Lakeview Cemetery Association.

## OTHER HAPPENINGS AT LAKEVIEW IN SEPTEMBER...

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Lakeview will be on Tuesday, September 6. Please let Terry Warnke know if you can provide some refreshments and/or volunteer at the drive. Then, remember to go online and sign up for a time to come and donate blood. Thank you for participating in this ministry.

### **Sunday School Students**

All Sunday school students will be introduced at the 9:00 am worship on Sunday, September 11. This service is on the lawn in front of the chapel. Parents, remember to bring lawn chairs or blankets to the service. We look forward to seeing our children at this service.

### **Book Club Discussion**

The September book club discussion will be held on **Tuesday September 6** at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room. **Flight Behavior** by Barbara Kingsolver will be the topic of discussion. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### **Dorcas Circle**

The Dorcas Circle Bible study will resume meeting on Tuesday, Sept 13 at 9:30 am in the Conference Room, near the church offices. Pastor Dean will lead this study and the group will decide what the topic will be when they gather on Sept 13. This group meets on the second Tuesday of every month for study, fellowship and refreshments. Anyone, including male members of the congregation, is invited to attend. Bring your Bible.

### **Wednesday Noon Bible Study**

For the past 3 years, there have been about 17 people who get together with Pastor Dean every Wednesday at noon in the Fellowship Room. This has been a lively and sometimes provocative Bible study and it is hoped that the same thing will happen again this year. New people are always welcome to join this group. Some folks bring a lunch to eat during the study. We try to end around 1:00 or 1:30 pm but people are free to depart as they need to. Coffee is always available. This Bible study will resume on September 14. Bring a Bible. This year we will be addressing the interesting topic of "End Time Prophecy." If you've wondered how to understand things like the rapture, the tribulation, the anti-Christ or the millennium, from a Lutheran perspective, than you should come to this study. We'll be exploring a variety of biblical apocalyptic literature found in Daniel, Revelation, Mark and in many of the Hebrew Bible prophetic writings. We will also be exploring some current writings in how to interpret those biblical texts. Some of those writings will amaze and upset you. Come and learn and grow with the group and enjoy fellowship as you do it.

### **Choir Resumes**

The Lakeview Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday evening, September 15 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. We need voices. We need people to make the commitment to come and help lead worship through music. People are not expected to read music but should be ready to learn the music and the parts in rehearsals. Lynn Najem will be directing the choir and she promises to have a new joke every week! Please consider sharing your

voice with the choir and the congregation this year. People who are not members of Lakeview are also invited to sing in the choir.

### **Confirmation Orientation**

If you wish to enroll your child in the Lakeview confirmation program this year, you and your youth should attend the orientation meeting on Sunday, Sept 18 at 8:00 am in the church sanctuary. Pastor Dean will lead the orientation. Important information about the program will be distributed. All youth in grades 7-9 are eligible to participate. Class for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held 2 Sunday mornings per month at 10:00 am. Other activities and projects will take place at other times. Classes will begin in October. Students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade will be working with Pastor Dean on completion of their faith papers, which they will present to the congregation on Sunday, October 23. The Rite of Confirmation for all those who complete and present their faith papers will be Sunday, October 30 at 9:00 am.

### **Hagar, Sarah and their Children**

You have heard of Hagar and Sarah from the book of Genesis. You have heard about their sons, Ishmael and Isaac, you have heard that Abraham was the father of both of these boys. Join Pastor Dean on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Room as we dig deeper into these stories and their implications for our Jewish, Christian and Muslim relationships. As we hear political leaders expressing the desire to keep all Muslim people out of our nation, it is a good time for us to explore biblical texts to understand why doing this would not be the will of God. Bring a Bible to class. Bring an open mind ready to share and discuss

controversial issues. All are welcome! Class begins on September 18.

### **Senior Lunch/Euchre Tournament**

The September Senior Lunch/Euchre Tournament will be held on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served at 11am. Pastor Dean will be cooking out. The menu includes brats, burgers, chicken breasts, hot dogs and a gluten-free option. Beverages (including malts), buns and condiments will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Euchre will follow, with prizes awarded for the top 3 scores.

### **IMPORTANT Youth Meeting**

Pastor Dean is learning that he has some limitations in leading youth trips. Some of these limitations are physical and due to age (*knee replacement in November*). And some of these limitations are emotional due to grief. So, he will lead a very important meeting on Monday, September 19 at 6:30 pm in West Hall. He would like youth in grades 7 through 12, their parents/guardians and other interested members of the congregation to attend. At this meeting, we will be discussing the future of youth trips at Lakeview and make plans for what might happen during the summer of 2017. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

**Easter Seals clothing drive coming October 2-November 18. Kitchen fundraiser.**

### **Adult Retreat to St. Louis**

Very regularly, Lakeview hosts a retreat for adults. We've often gone for a weekend to a large home at the Green Lake Conference Center during the winter. We've also done a couple of trips to New York City. This fall, Pastor Dean is leading a trip to the city of St.

Louis. The group will depart from Lakeview on Thursday, October 13 and return later in the day on Sunday, October 16. So far, 19 people have reserved spots on this trip and we would like to be able to take 24 people. Fellowship retreats such as this expose us to new locations and things of interest. We learn from experiencing history. We learn about other cultures and ways of living. But most importantly, we build relationships and community amongst those who attend. And of course, we have fun. If you are interested in joining this trip, please sign up with Chris Anders. The deposit is \$100 per person. The total cost per person is \$458. The cost includes transportation on a climate controlled Lazer's Coach Bus with bathroom, TV monitor, and driver and three nights lodging at the Forest Park Holiday Inn-double occupancy with 2 queen size beds and refrigerators, coffee makers and balconies. The hotel has an onsite restaurant and lounge and is located on the Italian Hill. The cost also includes two group evening dinners, entrance to the Missouri Botanical Gardens, entrance to the Arch and the cost of lodging for the bus driver. Other things that will be part of the trip, but at no cost, include Lincoln's home in Springfield Ill, visiting the St. Louis Basilica, visiting Main St. in St. Charles, the Herman Wine Tour along the Missouri River, The Soulard Farmer's Market and historic neighborhood, the Italian Hill area, Lafayette Square and other downtown sites. **We must inform the hotel of how many rooms we need on September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **Road Home**

Lakeview will be hosting the Road Home families two more weeks in 2016. Mark your

calendars for Oct.16-Oct.23 and Dec.18-Dec.25. Lots of volunteers are needed to make these weeks successful. Please consider helping, where you can, during these weeks.

### **Because You've Asked**

Pastor Dean has scheduled a knee replacement surgery for Friday, November 4.

### **Nathaniel's Cans**

Keep the aluminum cans coming for Nathaniel to crush. He removes all the pull-tabs and donates them to Ronald McDonald House. He is able to sell the cans to provide an income for himself. Nathaniel works in one of the Lakeview classrooms Monday through Friday. He appreciates all your donations. There is a can collection receptacle near the church office at the West Entrance.

### **Fall Young Family Retreat (Note: Correction to Date)**

Laura and Pastor Dean are again planning a young family retreat at the Green Lake Center for Nov 18-20, 2016. It will be the same format as last year and the price will be very similar. We had a great weekend with 7 families last year and we hope that this year will be just as fulfilling. Mark the dates, if you wish to attend. More information will come

soon. We do not define what a family is or what is meant by "young."

### **Thanksgiving Dinner**

The kitchen will be finished and we will host the annual Thanksgiving dinner, here at Lakeview. With the change in Donna Mohrmann's health status, we will need to approach the dinner differently than previous years. Bob and Donna will offer guidance and direction. Sandy Rupnow has agreed to chair the event. We are looking for a couple of additional volunteers who can commit to organizing certain parts of this dinner and, of course, be present for the meal on November 24. If you could be a key leader in this ministry, please talk to Pastor Dean very soon. Thanksgiving will be upon us before we know.

### **For Sale: 4 Lovely Cemetery Lots**

On the hill in Lakeview Lutheran Church cemetery. The location is: driving up the hill from the back of the church building, there is a circle at the top of the hill. These four lots are adjacent to one another and are located approximately at 8 or 9 o'clock as you approach the circle. Ask to see the cemetery plot map for the exact location. Owner: Susan Olson Stewart (Mrs. Larry Stewart) PRICE: 4 LOTS FOR \$1600..CONTACT: 609-790-1520

#### LAKEVIEW LITERARY SOCIETY 2016 READING LIST

SEPT. 6 – FLIGHT BEHAVIOR BY BARBARA KINGSOLVER

OCT. 3 – THE ROSIE PROJECT BY GRAEME SIMSION

NOV. 7 – THE NIGHTINGALE BY KRISTIN HANNAH

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,

I have been having a wonderful experience lately. I will go into a business or other location in Madison and have someone yell "*Hi Pastor Dean.*" Thinking it's a member of Lakeview, I will turn and look and realize that I don't immediately recognize the person talking to me. The next thing that happens is the person will remind me that they attended the MUM Just Bakery Program in our building or that they stayed in our building when we hosted Road Home guests. This just happened today at Subway. Then I learn that the individual has a job or has a home or is attending school or has gotten their life back in order. Sometimes I find out they are no longer living at the Huber Center or that they have been chemical free for 6 months. I know this doesn't happen for everyone, but it is very uplifting to know that it happens for many. And because I am often the face of the Lakeview congregation, I have the joy of having these experiences on your behalf and you should know that it happens fairly frequently.

I introduced myself as the pastor at Lakeview at a recent community meeting. After the meeting, a woman came and told me how much she has appreciated the friendly non-threatening volunteers when she comes to use our Food Pantry. None of these conversations would happen if the Lakeview congregation wasn't serious about being disciples and about working for justice in the community and the world.

Many of you don't often get to see how your work, your time and your dollars pays off in the larger community. I often have that joy and you need to know that your work is fruitful. Every time I have one of these experiences, I am reminded of the covenant made by parents when bringing their children to the baptismal waters. The promise that is made to "*proclaim Christ through word and deed, to care for others and the world God made and to work for justice and peace in all the earth.*" And of course I am regularly reminded of the words of the prophet Micah, "*Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.*"

A few semesters ago, I really got into teasing the kids coming to church with the Vera Court Literacy Program on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons about not bringing me a cookie. I would yell at the kids that they never brought me a cookie when they came to study. It got to be that the kids would get to church and run into my office to say, "*we didn't bring any cookies today.*" Then they would giggle and run to their classroom. This summer one day I was at the PDQ on Northport and a little boy came up to me, hit me on the leg and said, "*I didn't bring you a cookie.*" He ran off giggling. I didn't recognize him but I knew he was one of the literacy kids who spent time in our building because this congregation was generous enough to share the space for that program.

I thank you for giving me these rich opportunities to see how justice, kindness and humility work in our real world. Let's keep on being disciples.

Pastor DEAN





**Youth enjoying the Red River at “The Rock.”**



**Youth painting the Wolf River CBRF, where they conversed with Menominee Elders who live there.**

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**Service Schedule:**

5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

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