

THE BEACON

Faith and Family Night

We will have the second Faith and Family evening on Sunday, Dec 4. Arrive at 4:00 pm to hear the story Pastor Dean will read in the library. Then, go to several homes near church to sing Christmas Carols to folks who are not able to get out. Return to church to decorate cookies with Punky Eagan and conclude the evening with Pastor Dean's homemade cream of tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. Bring a few dollars to help cover the cost of the food. As in the past, we will conclude at 6:00 pm so that kids can get home and to bed on time. We had 7 families join us in October and we had a nice evening. Come on over. It is not necessary to be a Lakeview member to participate.

Advent/Christmas Music Worship

On the third weekend of Advent, we traditionally light a pink candle in the advent wreath. The pink candle is the candle of joy. Music brings us joy. So, on the third Sunday of the Advent season at Lakeview, we will light the pink candle of joy and then engage in a special worship service that will include a variety of Advent and Christmas music. Music will be provided by the choir, the Sunday school children, and a variety of instrumentalists from the congregation. Holy Communion will be served at this service at 9:00 am on December 11. For those who would wish to participate in a more traditional worship service that weekend, we will offer that on Saturday evening, Dec 10 at 5:00 pm. You are invited to join in the special music service to celebrate JOY during the Advent season.

Decorate the Tree

The Christmas tree on the main floor of the sanctuary will be decorated by the congregation this year. Beginning on the first weekend of Advent you will be invited to purchase an ornament(s) for the tree to remember someone or to honor others. Silver ornaments will be used to honor folks while gold will be to remember. The name of the person you are remembering or honoring will be written on the ornament and the ornaments will be placed on the tree every Sunday during Advent, by the children at worship. A special time in the service has been reserved for children to come forward and place the ornaments. The money raised from this tree decorating opportunity will be divided between the Lakeview Kitchen Fund and the Salvation Army Shelter Program. Please use the form in this newsletter or in a weekend worship book to purchase as many ornaments as you'd like. The names from all the ornaments will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Christmas Eve Worship

As usual, there will be 2 worship services on Christmas Eve. The first one, at 4:30 pm, will include the Sunday school children telling the story of Jesus' birth from the Gospel of Luke. Through costumes, actions and music, the children will share the traditional Christmas birth story. Holy Communion will be part of this service. The second service, on Christmas Eve, will be at 6:00 pm. This will be a traditional candlelight service with readings, hymns, choir, sermon, communion and candlelight. You are invited to come to either or both services on Christmas Eve.

NO WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS DAY

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DEC 25. THERE WILL BE WORSHIP ON SATURDAY, DEC 31 AT 5:00 PM AND SUNDAY JAN 1 AT 9:00 AM.

Church Council in December

The congregation council will have a November/December council meeting on Monday, Dec 5 at 6:00 pm. The council will be preparing for the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, January 22, 2017.

Lakeview Book Club

'A Redbird Christmas' by Fannie Flagg will be discussed on Monday, Dec. 5. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Room at 6:30pm. Also, the group will be getting together on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017 at 11am, at Benvenutos, for brunch. We will be deciding on monthly reads for 2017. Anyone is welcome to participate. Bring your list of titles you would like the group to read and discuss.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

The Bible study that Pastor Dean has been leading every Wednesday at noon on the topic of end time prophecy will resume on Dec 7 in the Fellowship Room. Bring your Bible. Some bring a lunch. Coffee is served. This group has been on hiatus, due to Pastor Dean's knee surgery.

December Food Pantry Weekend

On the second weekend in December, which is December 10/11, we will collect hot chocolate and hot cereal for the Lakeview Food Pantry. Like usual, bring your donation to church and place it on the cart in front of the sanctuary. In November, you donated 350 cans of soup to the pantry. Thank you for these

wonderful collections. When we all bring in a couple of items, we make a huge difference in stocking the pantry shelves. You also donated \$1300 to Lutheran Disaster Relief in Haiti during November. A check has been sent. Thank you for your ministry!

Dorcas Circle

The Dorcas Circle will resume on Tuesday, Dec 13 at 9:30 am in the Conference Room. Pastor Dean will continue to lead the study of the Book of Esther.

Senior Lunch/Euchre Tournament

Lakeview will be hosting the Senior Holiday Party on Monday, Dec.12. At 11am, we will start by singing some of your favorite Christmas Carols and drinking homemade eggnog in the library. Lunch, consisting of baked chicken and ham, real mashed potatoes, veggies and dessert, will be served at 11:30am in East Hall. The euchre tournament will follow with prizes awarded to the top three scores. Watch for the sign-up at the Information Station.

Road Home Week

Lakeview's final Road Home host week happens Dec.18-Dec.25. We will be looking for folks to help unload belongings and make beds on Sunday, Dec.18 after the 9am service. Please note that Lakeview will be covering all volunteer slots on that Sunday evening, as well, since the families will be leaving here on Fri. morning, Dec. 23, spending the Holiday weekend in Wisconsin Dells, and going directly to St. John's Lutheran for the next week. I will be putting together the volunteer schedule after Thanksgiving. We will be looking for helping hands to load belongings on Sat., Dec. 24 at 9am. Several congregation members have already indicated they can help. If you know your holiday plans and you can give us a hand that morning, please contact Chris Anders, coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org or phone the office, 244-6181.

Sunday School Rehearsal

The Sunday school children are learning their music for the Christmas Eve service during Sunday morning

Sunday school time. However, they will have a special rehearsal on Sunday, Dec 18 at 10:00 am, in the sanctuary. This rehearsal will include costumes and positioning in the life size crèche that will be used. Parents/guardians, please be sure that your children can attend this rehearsal to be prepared for Christmas Eve.

Christmas Greens

Although the Christmas poinsettia order had to be placed on Nov 14, you are still able to purchase greens for the sanctuary through Dec 18. This money is used to purchase the tree and wreaths. Use the form in this newsletter.

Member with Need

John Frey is a long time active member at Lakeview. You may know him as the *"manager of the coffee pot"* on Sunday mornings. John is in need of a second knee replacement. Although his insurance will cover the cost of the procedure, he needs assistance with the income he will lose during surgery and recovery. If you are willing and able to assist John, please write a check to Lakeview and designate that it is for John Frey. We can attribute your gift to your giving statement and then forward the money to John. John will greatly appreciate any help you can offer. We pray for John to have a successful surgery and speedy recovery.

Middle School Winter Retreat

Each year, Pastor Dean organizes and leads a middle school winter retreat for youth in grades 6 through 9. This year that annual event will be held Jan 13-15, 2017. It will again be at the Green Lake Conference Center and we will stay in the usual Robbins Hall North Dormitory. The lodging is very comfortable and perfect for a middle school event. Meals are served in the Kraft Dining Center and they are tasty and plentiful with many choices served buffet style. You can go back for as much as you need. Some of our time is spent enjoying the grounds and recreational opportunities at Green Lake. These

include hiking, sledding, full gym and weight training room, Ping pong table, carpet ball and lots of open space for running and playing in the snow. On Saturday morning, Pastor Dean leads an educational program that is engaging and appropriate for middle school youth. This year that program is entitled, *"The Big 10."* Saturday evening includes a rousing set of nasty and challenging games where everyone has some crazy fun and usually gets messy. There is a movie before bed on Saturday and we have a closing communion worship service on Sunday morning before we return. We are generally back at Lakeview around noon on Sunday. The cost for any youth to attend this retreat is \$45 and that includes the lodging, bed linens, pillow, towels, 4 great meals, recreational activities and the program. Every year we encourage youth who are members to bring friends on this retreat. The more that go, the more fun the weekend is. Three people share a dorm room and there is a bath with shower for every two dorm rooms. Check out the registration form and schedule in this newsletter and get registered with Pastor Dean soon. He hopes to have a good size group going this year.

2017 Youth Trip to New York City

On July 24, the following youth will depart for a week of experiences in Manhattan—Ben Luebke, Dane Luebke, Anthony Dupre, Paul Dupre, Katelyn Buchda, Ruby Hanson, Jacob Kerl, Jack McKee, Quincy Evans, and Kyle Bakken. While in New York, the group will stay at the Seafarers International House on Union Square. This is an urban retreat center operated by the ELCA. The group will explore history and cultural issues around the city. We will prepare and deliver meals to people dying of AIDS, through an organization that was started by Joan Rivers. As time goes on, the trip will become more defined. The group will return to Madison on July 28. Very soon these youth will begin to fundraise for this trip. Thank you to the people of Lakeview who are generous to be sure that our youth have these unique annual experiences. It was evident in the faith papers presented this fall that these trips have

significant impact on the lives of our youth. If anyone wishes to make a direct contribution toward the cost of this trip, simply write a check to Lakeview and be sure to indicate that it is for the 2017 youth trip to NYC. This trip will be quite the contrast to

last summer's trip to the Menomonie Reservation in Central Wisconsin.

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

In a world filled with negativity, I would like to take a moment and share something very positive. As you know, I had a full right knee replacement on Nov 4. Since I have never had surgery before, I was not particularly excited about this event. When they started to talk about, anesthesia, pain management, morphine, catheter, suppositories, scar tissue, walkers and crutches, I got kind of turned off. So I went into this event with many red flags in my mind. I went to the hospital early in the morning on Nov 4 with a list of concerns and feelings of anxiety.

Now, I want to tell you how wonderful my experience has been. The staff, doctors and therapists at St. Mary's Hospital could not have been any more considerate and helpful. They knew what they were doing and they had the most excellent bedside manner. My care while at the hospital for 2 days was exceptional. Even the student nurse from Edgewood College was a joy. The group therapy and the therapists that led it were funny and engaging, even when there was pain involved. It was enjoyable to attend the sessions. My surgeon, Dr. Stu Stigen, was terrific. I have seen him for a couple years now with my knees and he was professional and knowledgeable and promises a scar that won't be too humiliating (*he also has a sense of humor*). He has been approachable and has made me feel like every question I ask is important. The people who came to my room from the lab, pharmacy and room service were always upbeat and ready to make the day a good one. The food was pretty good. Even the poor young CNA who had to remove the catheter did an outstanding job.

Since I have been home, I have gone to outpatient therapy at the Dean Clinic in Sun Prairie. I have had a most inspiring young therapist who takes my needs and thoughts into consideration and is sensitive to include Kris, my coach, in every aspect. She encourages me and she challenges me.

At this point, I could not ask for better treatment and care from anyone I've dealt with during this procedure and during my recovery. I have no idea if any of these people have faith-based backgrounds but I can say that each of them has understood our call as humans to be caring and compassionate and to take care of those who are sick and struggling. I felt like every person I've come in contact with the past 2 weeks has had an understanding of the ELCA motto--- "***God's work, our hands.***"

So in this world sometimes filled with hate and negativity, I do want to lift up where there is caring and compassion and love and sensitivity and positive attitudes for healing and wholeness. I give thanks for the scientific and medical community here in Madison.

Peace,
Pastor Dean

P.S. Thank you to everyone who has remembered me with cards, treats, emails, prayers and special thoughts. And to everyone who has honored my request for no visits so I could rest and recuperate. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Evergreen Order Form

Order evergreens to brighten Lakeview's altar on Christmas Eve.

Evergreens @ \$30 each

In memory of

In honor of

Name:

Ornament Order Form

This year during the weeks of Advent, we will again decorate a Christmas tree by purchasing ornaments. Silver ornaments will be to honor, gold ornaments will be to remember. Each ornament will cost **\$10** and the individual's name will be written on the ornament prior to it being put on the tree. All names will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Fifty percent of the money raised will go to the kitchen project and the other 50% will go to the Salvation Army Shelter Program. **Attach check to order form.**

___ Gold - In memory of

___ Silver - In honor of

Given by-

“The Big 10” Schedule of Events

Friday, January 13, 2017

- 5:00 pm Arrive at church, sign up for a sleeping room
- 5:30 pm Depart from Lakeview—*Eat something before you come!*
- 7:00 pm Arrive at Green Lake—get settled in rooms
- 7:15 pm Adult chaperones meet
- 8:00 pm Some games to introduce each other—wear your favorite
“Big 10” apparel
- 8:30 pm Review the rules
- 9:00 pm Devotions *“How Important are the Big 10?”*
- 10:00 pm Food and free-time
- 10:30 pm Quiet time in rooms
- 11:00 pm Sleeping—nothing else, no noise!

Saturday, January 14, 2017

- 7:00 am Pastor Dean will wake you and you won’t like it!
- 7:30 am Breakfast at the Kraft Center, everyone goes, dress warm
- 9:00 am “Big 10” Game in Robbins Hall
- 10:00 am Break time with hot chocolate
- 10:15 am “Big 10” Game in Robbins Hall
- 11:00 am Break time without hot chocolate but time to pee
- 11:15 am “Big 10” Game in Robbins Hall
- 12:00 pm Lunch at the Kraft Center, everyone goes, dress warm
- 1:30 pm Recreation meeting in Robbins Hall
Everyone will go sledding for 1-hour. Be sure you bring appropriate clothes/boots. Bring blow up sleds/tubes. If there is no snow, everyone will go hiking for 1 hour. After, you may continue to sled or may go hiking, rec center, ping-pong, shopping, visiting Ollie’s Place, cross-country ski.
- 3:30 pm Bon-fire and marshmallows at Fire Pit
- 4:30 pm Dorm meeting in Robbins Hall
- 4:45 pm Dinner at the Kraft Center, everyone goes, dress warm
- 5:30 pm Free time to get dressed for the GAMES
- 6:30 pm Games—The Stuff Your Family Wouldn’t Do. Prizes awarded.
- 9:00 pm Featured movie and snacks in Robbins Hall
- 10:30 pm Quiet time in rooms
- 11:00 pm Sleeping—that’s all there is to it!

Sunday, January 15, 2017

- 7:00 am Pastor Kirst does his loud “wake-up thing”
- 7:30 am Breakfast at the Kraft Center, everyone goes, dress warm
- 8:30 am Clean rooms and pack vehicles
- 10:00 am Communion Worship in Robbins Hall
- 10:30 am Depart for Lakeview, arrive around noon

Lakeview Lutheran Church Winter Youth Retreat
“The Big 10”
Green Lake Conference Center-January 13-15, 2017
Grades 6-9

Youth name and address

Youth date of birth and grade in school

Gender M/F

Name of mother/guardian, phone, email

Name of father/guardian, phone, email

Emergency contact person, other than parents/guardians, and phone

Physician's name and telephone number

Medical insurance name

Group number

Phone

Identify any medical conditions/medications the chaperones should be aware of

Identify any special diet or accessibility needs we should be aware of-food allergies

Parents/adults- we need volunteers to make this retreat happen. Drivers are very important to transport kids to and from Green Lake—it's about 1.5 hours north of Madison. Maps provided.

I can help drive to Green Lake on Friday evening 5:30 pm, # of seatbelts_____

I can help drive from Green Lake on Sunday morning 10:30 am, # of seatbelts_____

Parents/adults- I would be available to chaperone this event_____

Parents/adults-you can also help by donating something below. Bring to church on Friday evening.

I can furnish a 12 pack of soda for this event

I can furnish a 12 pack of bottled water for this event

I can furnish a 6 pack of fruit juice for this event

I can furnish a bag of snacks for this event (chips, corn chips, etc.)

Cost per youth, non-Lakeview friends too, is \$45 and includes lodging, meals, bed linens, towels, soap and use of all recreation areas at Green Lake. Checks should be made to “Lakeview Lutheran Church” and attached to this **completed** form. Please complete **all areas** of the form and return to Pastor Kirst by January 6, 2017.

**Inside:
Advent and Christmas Services
Winter Fun for All Ages!
Road Home**

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Service Schedule:

5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

Except:

Christmas Eve: 4:30pm and 6:00pm

Christmas Day: No Service

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