

THE BEACON



SUPPORT THE YOUTH!

Seroogy's Candy Order

The 10 youth going on the summer trip to NYC tried something new this year for a fundraiser and sold Seroogy's chocolate candy. Seroogy's is made in Green Bay and has a wonderful web site for you to check out. The kids wish to thank everyone for purchasing candy and helping them to raise money. The candy will be picked up on Feb 7 and will be available for you to pick up in the church office beginning at noon on Feb 8. Candy will be available for you to pick up at worship on Feb 11/12 as well.

Koins for Kids

One of the things that the youth going to NYC will be doing this summer is preparing and packing meals and then delivering them to people struggling with AIDS. They will do this with the organization previously chaired by Joan Rivers, God's Love We Deliver. Another way for you to help fund the kids to go to NYC and have this experience is to bring in coins of any kind (*must be US*) and deposit them in the coin jug in the narthex. Please do not put foreign, even Canadian, coins in the jug as the bank will not accept them. But go ahead and clean out those drawers, sofa cushions, car seats etc and consider donating those coins to the youth.

Fruit Sale

The annual fruit sale will begin on Feb 12. Watch for details about costs and kinds of fruit available this year. Again, this is a youth fundraiser to support the trip to NYC.

Mardi Gras Party at Lakeview

The high school sponsored Red Beans and Rice Mardi Gras party returns this year. It will be Sunday evening, February 26. There will be the usual red beans and rice (vegetarian option too), salad, French bread and fresh fried beignets and powdered sugar. Beverages too! A jazz band will play and beads will be provided. You can come in costume or masked----pretend you are in the Big Easy. This is our night to have fun before we begin the solemn season of Lent on March 1. Tickets will be on sale later this month. Again, this is a fundraiser for the NYC youth mission trip. It's also a fun time to be together with Lakeview family and friends. Mark your calendars!

Hire A Kid

Some of the youth going on the summer trip to New York City are willing to work to help pay for their trip. You may call and hire any youth below. Instead of paying the youth, you pay Pastor Dean (*checks to Lakeview and do not put money in offering plate*). Pastor will then apply the money to the trip account for the youth who did the work.

Kyle Bakken-608-444-4232

Mow, rake, babysit, vacuum, minor cleaning-northeast side of Madison.

Dane Luebke-(*Amy Luebke-608-850-5457*)

Yard work, shoveling, walking dogs, odd jobs, run errands-Waunakee, Deforest, North Madison, Sun Prairie

Ben Luebke-(*Amy Luebke-608-850-5457*)

Yard work, shoveling, walking dogs, odd jobs-Waunakee, Deforest, North Madison, Sun Prairie

Katelyn Buchda-608-444-6838

Babysit, household chores, yard work, dog walking, Spring cleaning-Deforest, North Madison, Sun Prairie, Waunakee

Ruby Hansen-(*Heather Hansen-608-234-7704*)

Babysit, walk dogs, painting, raking, shoveling, garden work, cleaning and yard work-Waunakee, Westport, North Madison

Jack McKee-608-225-8276

Carry and lift things, computer work, rake, mow lawns-Deforest, Sun Prairie, North Madison

IN OTHER NEWS

Souper Bowl

Every year on Super Bowl weekend, we do a special offering for a group or an organization with needs. This year our special offering on Feb 4 and 5 will stay in our congregation and be used for emergency benevolence. The staff will be able to use this money to assist people from our congregation and those who may come in the front doors with particular needs they may have. Our emergency benevolence account is at zero balance so this will help to replenish that ministry. If you

write a check, make it to Lakeview. Gifts will be recorded in your giving statement, if you give a check or put your envelope number on your cash donation. Thank you!

Lakeview Book Club

‘After the fire: a true story of friendship and survival’ by Robin Gaby Fisher will be discussed on Monday, Feb.6 at 6:30pm. The group will be gathering in the Fellowship Room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Senior Bus Trip

Senior bus trip departs at 7:00 am on Tuesday, Feb 7 for Green Bay. We tour Lambeau Field at 10:00 am. We have lunch reservations at Kroll's Diner West at 12:30 pm. We'll stop at Seroogy's Candy Store after lunch and return home.

February Food Pantry Collection

On the second weekend of the month we collect designated items for the Lakeview Food Pantry. On February 11/12, we'll collect mayonnaise and egg noodles. You can bring your gifts to worship and place them on the cart in the front of the sanctuary. We have been doing a wonderful job, for the past 5 months, with our monthly food pantry collections. When everyone brings a little it turns out to be a large gift to the pantry. Thank you!

Blood Drive

Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, February 15, will be here before you know it. Make your appointment before all the GOOD times are taken! You may make an appointment by going to redcrossblood.org or calling the church office at 244-6181. Please let Terry Warnke know if you will be able to help that day or make treats for the donors.

Senior Lunch/Euchre Tournament

Monday, Feb.20th, is the next Senior Lunch/Euchre event. The menu will be Pastor Dean's lasagna served with French bread, salad and spumoni ice cream for dessert. This free will offering meal will be

served at 11am, with cards to follow. Please sign up at the Information Station before Thurs., Feb. 16th.

Dine-out at Benvenuto's - for the Kitchen

On Tuesday, February 21, there will be a dine-out at the Northport Benvenuto's restaurant. Twenty percent of anything you spend there that day will be donated to the Lakeview kitchen fund. Remember to say that you are from Lakeview. The council will be having their transitional meeting there that evening, so the 20% goes for their expenditures, as well. Take a weekday break from cooking and stop at Benvenuto's. This goes for food, beverages, gift cards and carry out or delivery.

Lent is Late

Lent is later this year than it has been in recent years. Ash Wednesday will be on March 1. We will worship at 7:00 pm. Throughout the weeks of Lent, we will spend Wednesday evening pondering and exploring poverty in our community, state, nation and world. Several guest speakers have been arranged to come to Lakeview and share. We look forward to a time to learn and grow and to explore ways we can be disciples in a world where poverty is still prevalent. On Passion Weekend, April 8/9, the choir and Sunday school kids will present the story of Jesus' passion and death through readings and music. There will not be formal worship services on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday this year. This decision was made because of extremely poor attendance the past two years. However, to mark these two days, Pastor Dean will lead

a time of devotion and meditation at noon on April 13 and 14. Easter worship will be at 7:00 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am on April 16. The youth will be sponsoring an Easter Breakfast that morning.

Clean Out and Recycle

Remember, as you clean out this spring, there are several things that you can recycle at church.

- Start a box of things that you wish to donate to the church rummage sale, which will be held on June 1 and 2.
- Aluminum soda cans can be brought to the office entrance and placed in the receptacle for Nathaniel.
- Soda pull-tabs can be placed in the bin in the narthex for Ronald McDonald house.
- Material, blankets, sheets, curtains, drapes etc. can be brought to the office for Ronda to use in quilt making.
- Leftover napkins, paper plates and other paper products can be put in the kitchen storage closet and be used by Road Home and for other functions.
- The food pantry is always in need of plastic and paper bags.

- Warm clothes and coats can be donated to the pantry.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday Bible study for adults and older youth resumed on Jan 29 but it's not too late to join the group. This study meets at 10:00 am, with Pastor Dean, in the Fellowship Room. We are looking at a biblical study of our interfaith neighbors. We'll be exploring how religions around us are similar to Christianity and how they differ. We'll be discussing how to interact with others who believe differently than we do. We'll remember God's call to love our neighbors as ourselves. Study materials will be provided to participants but everyone should bring a Bible to the class. All are welcome.

Troy Community Farm Event in East Hall

Troy Community Farm

Spring Potluck & 2017 CSA Info Session

Lakeview Lutheran Church

Saturday, March 4th

11:30am - Potluck

12:00pm - Info Session

Come join us for a bite to eat, meet your farmers, and find out what we have in store for the 2017 CSA season! Sign-up and become a member by noon that day to enter a drawing to win up to \$100 off your share along with other farm prizes.

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

Thank you for a very good annual meeting celebration yesterday. It was good to begin the day by worshipping together as a community. Thank you to the choir and Sunday school children who shared special music during the service. A big thank you to Mary Cragin for leading the meeting, as she departs from the council this year. I also wish to thank Dayna Dalton, Jean Mani and Tom Thornburgh, who will also be departing from the council. And then I wish to welcome aboard the new council members that you elected on Sunday: Gayle Langer-President, Amy Luebke-Vice President, Patty Manier-Secretary and Linda Schaack-Treasurer. These newly elected folks will join Darlene Wood-Director of Outreach, Sandy Rupnow-Director of Faith Formation, Todd Schaak-Director of Strategic Planning, Jim Foye-Director of Facilities, and myself on the council.

Tom Thornburgh gave an excellent presentation about the Lakeview financial situation at the meeting. Although not in crisis, we do have to be diligent in our regular giving to support the budget this next year. Tom encouraged us to give more to the regular budget and less to the kitchen project right now. The outstanding kitchen loan payments are not in the budget, but rather come from gifts that we make specifically for that. Right now we have accumulated \$10,000 for the kitchen loan payments and we make a payment of \$250 each month. So, if you haven't completed your 2017 pledge card, you are encouraged to do so, keeping the general budget a priority. You passed a budget for 2017 of \$297,989.00. That budget includes a 3% wage increase for all the staff except me. I was given a 1% increase but an extra week of vacation, which is best for me at this time. The budget also includes filling cracks and sealing the parking lot this year, which is necessary to preserve the asphalt so we get many more years of life out of it.

Verallyn Cline and Gayle Langer each gave us updates on the quality and usefulness of the kitchen. I just finished making soup for 80 seniors in the kitchen and I enjoy the room every time I get to use it. What a great space we have created. Jim Foye gave us good news on stopping the water leaks in the Sunday school classrooms.

The youth provided an excellent ending to the morning celebration by serving a baked potato bar with ice cream floats in East Hall. The youth are working hard at raising funds for their summer trip to New York City. They appreciated everyone who supported that lunch, bought Seroogy's candy or given coins in the coin jar. And yes, there will be many more opportunities for you to support their trip, with your dollars, in the upcoming months.

Lent is just around the corner. The seniors are ready for their upcoming trip to Lambeau Field. Road Home volunteers are getting geared up for our host week in April. Two weekly Bible studies are drawing in a large group of participants. The choir works hard every week during rehearsals. The winter youth retreat, in January, was a great success. We are beginning 2017 with solid ministry and dedication coming from many in this congregation. We continue to answer our call to share the gospel as faithfully and as honestly as we know how.

Peace,

Pastor DEAN

LAKEVIEW LITERARY SOCIETY 2017 READING LIST

February 6

After the Fire: A True Story of Friendship and Survival
by Robin Gaby Fisher

March 6

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith

April 3

Frog Music by Emma Donoghue

May 1

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond

June 5

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance

July 3

Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple

August 8

Out of Darkness by Ashley Hope Perez

September 5

The Underground Railroad): A Novel by Colson Whitehead

October 2

The Sisters Brothers by Patrick DeWitt

November 6

The Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

December 4

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin



Ruby Hansen after bobbing for marshmallows in flour at the Middle School Winter Retreat.



Enjoying some baked potatoes provided by the youth (and families) after the Annual Meeting.

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9:00am Sunday

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