

THE BEACON

Ash Wednesday

The solemn season of Lent begins on March 1, Ash Wednesday. We will worship that evening at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. On this evening, we will consider the disciplines of Lent, which include acts/gifts of charity, devotion/prayer and fasting. We will talk about these disciplines in light of our Lenten theme this year, which is “poverty.” At the Ash Wednesday service we will impose ashes on our heads as we remember our mortal vulnerability, but God’s ability to love and forgive us. Holy Communion will be served and the choir will sing. The community at Lakeview rarely gathers for time in somber, meditative thought and contemplation but we will do this on Ash Wednesday. All are invited to spend this hour in a way different than what is routine for us.

Lakeview Book Club

Monday, March 6 at 6:30pm the Lakeview Book Club will be discussing, “The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency Series #1)” by Alexander McCall Smith. The group will be meeting in the Fellowship Room. Anyone interested in joining the discussion is welcome to attend.

Wednesday’s in Lent

Each Wednesday evening during the 6 weeks of Lent, we will gather at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary to consider our call as followers of Christ and redeemed members of God’s community to respond to poverty. We will hear about what poverty looks like in Madison, Dane County and the nation. We will have reason to think about how we can respond to end or at least minimize poverty. There will be an outside speaker every week. **Guest Speakers for Lent**

Mar 08: Ms Jani Koester from the Transition Education Program working with homeless children and families in the Madison Public Schools

Mar 15: Dr. Tim Smeeding, director of the Institute for Research on Poverty at UW-Madison.

Mar 22: Dr. Jane Belmore, Northside Early Childhood Zone, a new program in our neighborhood for new mothers that is being funded by the Rennebohm Foundation.

Mar 29: TBA

Apr 05: Ms Lynn Green, director Dane County Human Services, Mr Ron Chance and others Plan to be part of these informative and thought provoking evenings in Lent as we apply the disciplines of acts/gifts of charity, devotion/prayer and fasting.

Butterflies for Jen

During Lent this year, we will be selling butterflies for the Easter butterfly tree. You may purchase one or many butterflies for \$10 each. You may give your butterfly in honor or in memory of someone and when we hang the butterflies on the tree on Easter morning, your loved ones names will be on the tree and they will be listed in the Easter bulletins. A form is in this newsletter. The money that we raise for the butterfly tree this year will be donated to our active member Jen Evans. Jen has taught Sunday school here and chaperoned middle school retreats. Jen has a degenerative back complication that has led her to use a wheel chair and recently she got a van with a lift to accommodate her chair. Jen is married to Josh and they have two sons, Quincy, who is going on the summer trip to NYC and Pierce who you may see acolyting because he is currently a confirmation student. We are hoping to raise \$2500 for Jen. The money will be used to train a service dog specifically for Jen's needs. The dog has completed obedience classes and now needs to attend service training classes with Custom Canine Service Dog Academy. This cost is not covered by insurance. We are grateful that we can give Jen and her family some assistance in this way. Contact Pastor Dean if you have additional questions.

Youth Fruit Sale

The youth fruit sale ended on February 26. The fruit will be delivered on March 11 at 7:30 am. The kids will be sorting and packing the fruit that morning. Fruit purchased in the

narthex will then be available for you to pick up at worship services on that weekend, March 11/12.

Food Pantry Gift

We will collect canned fruit (all flavors, all sized cans) for the Lakeview Food Pantry on the weekend of March 11 and 12. This is our monthly collection for the pantry. You can bring your food donation to worship that weekend and place it on the cart in front of the sanctuary.

Koins for Kids

Don't forget that the coin jug will continue to be out every weekend to collect the coins that you would like to deposit. All coins in the jug will assist the high school youth with the costs of their trip to New York City.

Chili Cook Off

Get your tickets now for the annual Lakeview Chili Cook-off on March 12, 5-7pm. There will be 15+ cooks this year tempting you with their unique chili recipes. Every one is different. Some even contain pasta. And some will be vegetarian. During the event, you will enjoy beer, wine and soda along with breads, crackers, cheeses and desserts. You will be able to make comments about the chili varieties you try and those comments will be read during the evening. Then, you will be invited to make a financial contribution because this event is a fundraiser for the resurfacing of the church parking lot. Next summer we will fill cracks and seal the parking lot, a project that needs to be completed every 3 years to preserve the asphalt. The total cost of this project is \$9675. We have already set

aside \$6700. Therefore we are hoping to raise the remaining \$2975 at the chili cook off. So bring your friends and family and come on over. There is no cost for the tickets, they are just used to help plan. The offering is free-will and will be taken during the meal.

March Senior Lunch-Corned Beef

Get signed up in the narthex for the annual corned beef and cabbage senior lunch on March 13. Pastor Dean will be cooking up an Irish storm. Irish beer will also be offered at this meal. We will eat at 11:00 am and those who wish to play in the euchre tournament may do so after the meal. We will welcome financial donations at the event to help cover the cost of the food and beverages. Lots of fun at this one. Wear green!!!

Souper Bowl

Our best “souper” bowl offering ever happened on Feb 4 and 5 and our team wasn’t even playing the Super Bowl. You donated \$2445 to Lakeview’s emergency benevolence fund. That is phenomenal and your gifts will be very much appreciated by the folks who will benefit throughout the year

Rummage Sale

Let’s have another rummage sale! I have a few ideas up my short little sleeves that will be revealed closer to the sale dates – Thursday, June 1st and Friday, June 2nd. One of those ideas will require some advance work involves the crafters in the congregation – and I know there are lots of “us” out there. Would you be willing to donate some of your precious handmade items for the sale? Knitters, crocheters, jewelry makers, woodcrafters ... your talents will be front and center. (And if something doesn’t sell, I promise you will get it back). In addition to making life easier for our new Treasurer, Linda Schaack, by handing her 75% of the tons of money we make to use towards the resurfacing necessary to maintain the investment we made when we had the parking lot completely redone several years ago, we will also hand Pastor Dean 25% of that money to use for the kids’ New York trip. Questions, comments or to volunteer in advance of the sign-up sheet, please call or email Mary Cragin (235-5296 or 837-0718; antmry@gmail.com).

LAKEVIEW LITERARY SOCIETY

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

What is a Senior Bus Trip?

Many of you know that several times each year, we rent a bus with a driver from Lazer's Bus Service in Marshall and take a day trip. It is a coach bus with a bathroom, comfy seats with seatbelts and TV screens. We travel to area attractions. In February our trip was to Green Bay where we had a tour of Lambeau Field and the Hall of Fame. After our time with the Packers, the bus took us across the street to have lunch together at Kroll's Diner. We ended our time in Green Bay by visiting Seroogy's Chocolate in De Pere. Although anyone of any age can go on these trips, they are set up so that the bus will take us door to door. The trips are planned so that folks who may need an assistive device to ambulate can participate. The bus has plenty of room to carry walkers or wheelchairs. Attractions are selected based on what folks would like to do. When you sign up to go on one of these trips, you share the cost of the coach bus with all those attending. You pay your own admission fees but often we get a group rate and we get tickets and have reservations in advance. You pay for your lunch and beverages and anything you may wish to buy if we stop at stores. We only make reservations at restaurants that will provide separate meal tickets. The trips are lots of fun, sometimes down right crazy. It's a great way to see things and to share fellowship with others from Lakeview. Chris Anders and Pastor Dean plan and coordinate the trips. These trips can accommodate 30 people from Lakeview and our guests. Watch for an upcoming trip. They do tend to fill quickly.

What is Senior Lunch and Euchre Tournament?

It is a day each month when we gather for a meal at 11:00 am and then host a euchre tournament. We call this a senior event and about 80 to 90 folks attend, but anyone would be welcome. Pastor Dean and Laura usually cook the meal. It's homemade from fresh products and nutritious. We try to focus on making "comfort" food that people living alone may not make often like meat loaf, scalloped potatoes with ham, soups, or grilled brats and hamburgers. We do some theme meals like corned beef and cabbage served with a variety of Irish beers in March or chocolate malts for June Dairy Month. In December we bake ham, roast chicken and make real mashed potatoes and homemade gravy. We also make, from scratch, egg nog with bourbon for the December event. Last year we did a Polish meal of bigos and dill pickle soup. We do not charge a set fee for these meals but invite people to share some money to cover the cost of the food and the beverages. Usually Chris Anders, Betty Dorow and Verallyn Cline come early in the morning to set the tables and make the room look nice. Gary Cragin sets up the tables and chairs and at Christmas, Lynn Najem plays piano while everyone sings carols. After the meal, those who wish may play in the euchre tournament. There are from 9 to 11 tables. But you shouldn't stay away if you don't play euchre because about 40% of those who attend don't play cards. Some people help clean up in the kitchen, some people sit around and talk, some people play other table games and some people go home after the meal. This is a day of good food and fellowship. Many people from the area join us. By the way, there are prizes for the top 3 euchre scores. The next senior lunch is on March 13 and we will be serving corned beef, cabbage, and a variety of Irish beers. We do encourage people to sign up in the narthex in advance because then we know how much food to
prepare.

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

In these unsettling times in our nation, we might turn to Scripture (*wow-that's a novel idea*) for guidance. When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, a lawyer among them decided to test Jesus and asked, "Which commandment of the law is the greatest?" Jesus responded by saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. And a second commandment is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus' answer prompts the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Because we live in a pluralistic world, our neighbors are not always like us. Our neighbors are Jewish and Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu, atheist and agnostic, Mexican and Syrian, Turks and Greeks, Liberians and Russians. Our neighbors are male, female and gender fluid. Our neighbors are gay and straight, old and young, black, white and every shade in between. Our neighbors help us realize what a remarkable, vast and diverse world God has created. The diversity of our neighbors enriches our lives. Did you know that salsa is the number one selling condiment in our nation? Our neighbors to the south brought us that great gift. Chinese restaurants now appear in many communities. And by the size of the hummus case at Woodman's, it looks like many of us are enjoying a delectable food from our Middle Eastern neighbors. Japan brings us \$45.5 billion in vehicles every year. And my guess is that you can thank your neighbors on other continents for the clothes you are wearing as you read this letter.

As I consider who my neighbor is, I reflect on the 8th commandment that stands in our sanctuary. "*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*" Martin Luther wrote a meaning to this commandment in his Small Catechism. Luther said, "*We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.*"

What happens when we apply Luther's words to our neighbors in Mexico? What happens when we apply Luther's words to our neighbors in Iraq and Iran? Luther calls us to stand up to the lies and slander that are being spoken about our neighbors. Luther calls us to come to the defense of our neighbors and to speak well of them. Luther calls us to prevent false accusations that can destroy our neighbor's reputations. Luther's words have given me guidance during this unsettling time in our nation. I hope you, too, can find guidance in the words of Martin Luther and in the words of Jesus, which call us to love--to love our neighbors as ourselves. You do not struggle alone.

Peace,

Pastor DEAN

Easter Flowers

Help decorate Lakeview's sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday, April 16th. Order from seven options **by Monday, March 6th**. Prices vary. Call or email the office with questions. Please write the number of plants and circle a color, if indicated. Include total payment. All plants come with purple foil.

Easter Lilies (\$13) _____ **Azaleas (\$19)** _____

Pink, purple, or white

Mums-Daisy (\$14) _____ **Hydrangeas (\$27.50)** _____

Yellow, white, or lavender

Pink or blue

Daffodils (\$13) _____ **Hyacinths (\$13)** _____ **Tulips (\$13)** _____

Pink or Blue

Red, yellow, pink or white

Given By: _____ **Total cost:** _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Butterflies for Jen

Purchase butterflies at \$10 each to remember or honor someone at Easter. On Easter Sunday there will be a butterfly on the butterfly tree with the name of every person being remembered or honored. Just complete this form and attach your cash/check.

Your name: _____ **Amount enclosed:** _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____



Senior Day Trip to Green Bay



Serving Lasagna at February's Senior Lunch

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