

## THE BEACON

### **Rummage Sale Update**

Items for the rummage sale can be received through May 31. The sale is on June 1 and 2. Items for the bake sale can also come on May 31 or early on June 1. The fresher the better! If you are donating larger furniture for the sale, please bring that directly to East Hall after May 23. Your donations for the sale are appreciated by the entire congregation because the revenue will assist to pay for the resurfacing of the parking lot and everyone appreciates a safe usable parking lot. A quarter of the revenue will also go toward the summer youth trip to New York. In the end, we all benefit from this sale. Remember that plastic and paper bags are needed, as are sheets of newspaper. In general, adult clothing and shoes are not accepted but Packer, Badger and Brewer clothing will be sold. We can also sell Christmas, Halloween and other holiday sweaters in adult sizes. We look forward to another successful sale, as we need to do that parking lot this summer.

### **Why Is There a Loaf of Bread on the Altar?**

Some weekends, you will notice a loaf of bread on the altar where the altar flowers stand. That is because members of the congregation have signed up for altar flowers, but have requested that their \$35 go toward ELCA world hunger instead of actual flowers for the altar. We call that "altar flour." If you would like to donate altar flowers in honor or memory of someone or something, but would like your money to go toward fighting hunger, there are still some slots to sign up located in the narthex. Thank you for fighting hunger!

### **Congratulations Ann!**

This year we have one high school graduate that we will recognize on Sunday, June 4 at 9:00 am. Join us as we congratulate Ann Braithwaite and send her forth into a new era of life with God's blessing. Also, during the service, we will formally recognize and send forth the 10 high school youth going to New York City this summer. Immediately after the service, there will be a reception in Ann's honor on the lawn. Join the congregation for cake and punch.

### **Summer Office Hours**

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

## **Senior Lunch and Euchre**

Get signed up for the June senior lunch and euchre tournament. We will eat at 11:00 am on Monday, June 5. It is our annual cookout and Pastor Dean will be grilling hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, chicken breasts and veggie burgers. Homemade chocolate malts and other beverages will be provided. Everyone who attends this event is invited to bring a dish to pass (*salads, desserts, casseroles are nice*) and a few bucks for the free-will offering to cover the meat, buns and condiments. Those who wish can play euchre after the meal. For some, who are interested, the Friends of Lake View Hill Park will be leading a short hike after lunch. Others may just want to sit and talk and talking is something we do very well at Lakeview. You could bring a lawn chair and enjoy conversation under the shade tree. Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> will be a 'potluck'. Please bring your favorite summer dish to share. Beverages, condiments and dinner rolls will be provided. The August event will be held on Monday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be a pizza party. We will accept a free will offering to cover the pizza. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. Both events begin with lunch at 11am and euchre to follow. Prizes for the top three scores. Watch for sign-ups in the Narthex.

## **Road Home Week, June 11-June 18**

Lakeview will be hosting Road Home families the week of June 11-18. After Sunday, June 11 service, please come down to the west entrance to help unload belongings and make beds. Also, please take a look at the Food Donation signup, in the Narthex, and consider making a donation. I will begin contacting trained volunteers in mid-May for being dinner hosts, doing activities with the kids and staying overnight. Our part of the week runs from Weds., June 14-Sat., June 17. If you are not a trained volunteer but would like to be, please contact Chris Anders, [coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org](mailto:coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org) Thanks

in advance to the many folks who always make this a successful week.

## **Mississippi Boat Trip**

On Monday, June 19, a 30-passenger coach bus has been reserved. We'll be heading to McGregor, Iowa, where we will take a pontoon ride on the Mississippi River from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on the Maiden Voyage. The tour will be just for Lakeview. The driver tells us that he will take us into back waters and areas of the river that are not usually seen and that we'll see wildlife and lots of birds. The tour will also include lunch of a local Mississippi fish and local vegetables. Chicken salad sandwiches will be available for those who do not eat fish. We'll also ask for a vegetarian option. Beverages are included with the lunch. We will take a cooler of your favorite beverages to enjoy on the boat tour. After lunch we will go up to Pike's Peak State Park (Iowa) and look down on the phenomenal sight of the confluence of the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers. You can also see Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois from this location. Following Pikes Peak we'll conclude our time in McGregor with a little shopping on Main Street and pie and ice cream. Per person cost for this trip is \$48 and includes bus, driver, boat tour and lunch. Bring some extra money for the pie and ice cream and any shopping you wish to do. Sign up with Chris Anders by paying the fee. Make checks to Lakeview.

## **Welcome Pastor Mary Pharmer**

Pastor Dean will be gone several weekends this summer, on vacation. Pastor Mary Pharmer, a former pastor at Lakeview, will be leading worship on those weekends when he is gone. Pastor Ron Mach will be spending the summer at Trinity Lutheran Church on Winnebago Street, in Madison, providing an opportunity for their pastor to have a sabbatical.

### **Blood Drive**

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be at Lakeview Lutheran Church on Wednesday, July 5th, from noon until 5PM. Please call the church office or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment. Contact Terry Warnke if you can help or make treats.

### **Headed to the Big Apple**

The youth from Lakeview will be departing for New York City on July 24 and returning on July 28. They will be using the Milwaukee airport, since tickets from Madison were not affordable. While in Manhattan, the group will stay at the Seafarers International House on Union Square. It is a lodging facility and retreat center run by the ELCA. Our youth will be working a full day at the NY Common Pantry in Harlem where they will pack food bags and give them to people who come in to receive them. While in NYC, we will take the Staten Island Ferry past the Statue of Liberty, tour NBC Studios, the 911 Museum and Memorial and ride the elevator to the Top of the Rock. We will also experience the Federal Reserve Building and the gold stored there, the Library, Time's Square, Grand Central Station, Central Park, St. Patrick's Cathedral, The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Trinity Church, the Ford Foundation Building, Federal Hall, Chinatown, Little Italy, Wall Street, the Brooklyn Bridge, and we'll eat at the diner featured in the television show "Seinfeld." It will be a busy time but educational and fun. The youth wish to thank everyone who has continued to support this trip with your contributions. Anyone who wishes to make a contribution toward food on this trip is welcome to write a check to Lakeview and designate it for NYC. Amy Luebke and Pastor Dean will be the adult chaperones this trip.

### **September 10-Save the Date!**

Rally weekend is September 9-10. As a special addition this year, after service we invite everyone

to join in a picnic, with beverages and grillables provided, at the MacKenzie Center, near Poyette. Bring a dish to share. After lunch, families, of all types, can enjoy the wildlife center, the arboretum, or a hike. We hope all will be able to join in this time of fellowship and fun.

### **Adult Road Trip/Retreat to Memphis**

The adult trip to Memphis on Oct 12-15 is full. We are looking forward to a unique experience as we visit the National Civil Rights Museum, Graceland, Beale Street, Mud Island, the Bass Pro Shop in the Pyramid and, of course, the Peabody ducks. Eating Memphis BBQ is on the list as well.

### **Hurricane Season**

Remember that the Atlantic hurricane season begins on June 1. We pray for a calm season and particularly remember all the friends we have made in Biloxi Mississippi and St. Bernard Parish, after doing disaster recovery work in both places. We pray for the preservation of life and property.

### **Weed Pullers**

This is your special invitation to spend a few minutes of your time this summer, pulling weeds around the church property or stopping by to trim some bushes or provide care for the yard. Anyone is welcome to stop in and do this. We need volunteers and there is no special sign up or instructions. When you see a need for yard care, simply do it! Thank you. After much discussion by the council the past two years, the yard around the church building has been sprayed with chemicals to manage weeds. Some on the council and most of the church staff oppose the use of chemicals on the yard because of the damage they do to the environment (*water, air and ground*) and to living things like humans and animals. So do be aware that the lawn has been treated.

LAKEVIEW LITERARY SOCIETY

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

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Folks,

Last week I saw a bumper sticker on a car traveling into Madison on Highway 151 from Sun Prairie. It disturbed me. The sticker read, *"If money is the root of all evil, then why are churches always begging for it."* I found this sticker problematic on several levels.

First, I don't think money is the root of all evil and I'm not sure anyone would think it is. We need money. We can't live without money. Some form of money has been part of culture for all times. Can money become evil? Absolutely. Money, like just about anything else we have, can be used for evil. But money by itself is not evil. Only decisions that people make can turn money into evil. I would like to have had that discussion with the man driving the car.

Second, churches do ask for money all the time. If the church did not have access to money, we would not maintain a building or a staff and, therefore, we would not be able to maintain a healthy ministry of outreach and compassion. We ask for money so that we can have a kitchen to prepare meals for homeless families, annual free Thanksgiving dinners and monthly senior lunches. We ask for money so that we can fund the training of Jen's personal care dog. We ask for money so that we can build Donna a ramp. We ask for money so that John can have a knee replacement surgery. We ask for money so that we can help reduce hunger and malaria in our world. We ask for money so that when people come to the church office with needs, we can assist, to some degree, in some situations. Money is what is necessary for ministry. And yes, the church may ask for money frequently, just as the bumper sticker implied. But what the bumper sticker failed to do was to reflect on why that happens. I do wonder if the driver of the car ever needed assistance with housing or food, would he turn to a church, as many folks do?

Our congregation at Lakeview, like many congregations and synagogues, is able to provide much compassionate ministry because of the generous contributions from our members. And I don't believe that your gifts of money come with evil wishes attached to them. The bumper sticker was just plain stupid! And the person who put it on the car certainly didn't have a clear understanding of the church and the role money plays within the faith community. I took offense.

But be prepared, the church at Lakeview will certainly be asking you for money again. The church may even ask you to consider increasing your regular giving. The church, which is made up of you, may even ask you to stretch how you give a bit. But the church will only do that when we believe that we have an opportunity for healthy vital ministry and mission, which is our call as followers of Christ. Thank you for being in this ministry together. If you see that car with that bumper sticker, you may want to enlighten the driver.

Peace, Pastor Dean

**HUGE ANNUAL  
LAKEVIEW RUMMAGE,  
BAKE AND CRAFT  
SALE!**

Thursday, June 1st 7am-6pm

Friday, June 2nd 8am-4pm

**Amazing Bargains On:**

**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, HOME DÉCOR, KITCHEN  
ITEMS, BOOKS,**

**KIDS' CLOTHES, TOYS AND COLLECTIBLES,  
SPORTING GOODS, FURNITURE, JEWELRY,  
ARTWORK, TOOLS, HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS**

**AND CRAFTS**

**No Junk, Just Gems!**

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**Inside:  
Summer at a Glance  
Trips – big and small  
Road Home**

**Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30, CLOSED Friday (June-August)**

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**Service Schedule:**

5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

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