

THE BEACON

Rally Weekend-September 9/10

We gather together for a new program year, like usual, on the weekend that follows Labor Day. This year, the Saturday evening service will be held in the sanctuary at 5:00 pm, like usual. BUT on **Sunday, September 10, our worship service will move to the MacKenzie Environmental Center outside of Poynette. We will worship at 10:00 am (note special time)** in the picnic area and shelter. After you enter the grounds from County CS, you take the 5th right hand turn. It's marked. The shelter has a roof and cement floor but open walls. There are many picnic tables in and around the shelter. Restrooms are located at the shelter and there is plenty of good parking. To get to the MacKenzie Center take Highway 51 north from Madison, continue on Highway 22 when it veers to the right from 51. Take a left on County Road CS. There is a sign on Highway 22. The center is about 2 miles on your left. It is about a 23 minute drive and easy to get to. The worship service will include communion but will be very non-traditional and casual in nature. After worship, we will have a picnic. The church is providing grilled brats, hot dogs, buns, condiments and all table service. You just bring some food to share. Church will also provide lemonade for the meal but if you wish to have another beverage, you are welcome to bring that. Alcohol is allowed on the grounds. You may also wish to bring a comfortable lawn chair. There are lots of picnic table benches, if you forget. After the meal, you should plan on enjoying conversation or spending time on the property. There is a wildlife area with live animals rescued from Wisconsin. There is a fishpond to watch the fish. There are several museums and a ranger tower to climb. And there are many, many trails for hiking. There are hours of activities at the center. We are asking that those who will be attending the picnic sign up in the church office or the narthex at worship. We would like a count of people so that we can do a fair estimate of the number of hot dogs and brats to plan on. This will be a fun day for our entire church family, all ages, and for any guests that you would like to invite. Note that the restrooms are REAL flush toilets!!!!

Vanco Give +

Have you ever wished that you could financially support the mission and ministry of Lakeview and never have to leave the comfort of your family room recliner? Well, now you can do that. Go to the Lakeview web page at www.lakeviewlutheranchurch.org. Click on the Giving tab at the top of the page. That will take you to the Vanco Give + page and you can make a credit card gift to Lakeview without leaving your home. You can also give with a check on this page. You will need your routing number. You can do regular or special giving in this way. If you need assistance with this process, don't hesitate to contact Laura in the office. Now, if you want to do something exciting and use your smart phone during worship, you can even download a free app from your app store called "GivePlus Church" and during the worship offering, you can go to the app and make your offering from your seat, using your smart phone. When you download the app, be sure that you are giving to the correct Lakeview Lutheran Church. More information about this new and exciting way to give is on the church web site. We are the now and future church! And all online giving information is confidentially sent to Laura in the office so she can credit your giving statement.

Lakeview Book Club – September Read

Discussion of *The Underground Railroad* (National Book Award Winner) (Oprah's Book Club): A Novel by Colson Whitehead will take place at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 5th. The group meets in the Fellowship Room and anyone is welcome to attend.

Choir Resumes

Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Our very proficient music director, Lynn Najem, hopes all former members will return and she encourages new members to come as well. Rehearsals last about an hour and 15 minutes. The choir has a good time while rehearsing and those who participate appreciate the opportunity to help lead worship periodically throughout the year. The choir also appreciates Lynn's weekly joke! The north side glass doors are open for you to enter for choir. All are welcome.

Isaiah Bible Study

Sometimes called the 5th gospel, Isaiah is the longest and perhaps the most important of the prophetic books in the Hebrew Bible. It contains some of the most well-known Bible passages in the Bible. Without Isaiah, there'd be no Handel's "*Messiah*." It is complex. It includes terrifying words of judgment and comforting words of promise. The New Testament quotes Isaiah more than any other prophet. The book is set at a time when government officials were corrupt and violence and injustice were everywhere. Isaiah calls for justice during his time. The words of Isaiah are so relevant in our world today, where governments are also corrupt and where violence and injustice are everywhere. Pastor Dean will lead the weekly Wednesday Bible study on Isaiah at noon in the Fellowship Room. He will begin on Wednesday, September 13. Participants are asked to bring a Bible (*many folks use the CEV translation at this study*). You can also bring your lunch or a snack, if you wish. Pastor Dean will make coffee. The study goes until about 1:00 pm, depending on how much talking people do. This tends to be a very lively and provocative study with both men and women participating (*last year 23 people*). If you are not already coming, consider making this part of your weekly devotions.

Dorcas Circle

The Dorcas Circle Bible Study group meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 9:30 am. In September, that day is September 12. The group shares coffee and dessert and then Pastor Dean leads a Bible study. This year, that Bible study will focus on the minor prophets of the Hebrew Bible. Each month Pastor will discuss a particular prophet with the group. Bring a Bible when you come to the study. The monthly schedule is:

Sep	12	Hosea	Feb	13	Micah
Oct	10	Joel	Mar	13	Nahum
Nov	14	Amos	Apr	10	Habakkuk
Dec	12	Obadiah	May	08	Haggai
Jan	09	Jonah	Jun	12	Malachi

Important Youth/Parent Meeting

If you are in 8th through 12th grade during this school year, you should plan to bring your parents/guardians to a very important meeting on Sunday, September 17 at 8:00 am in the sanctuary. Pastor Dean is calling this meeting because he has realized that he is not able to emotionally continue to participate in summer youth trips. New York City was his final trip. So, we need to decide how we would like to handle youth trips at Lakeview in the future. It is likely that we will do what most churches do and have lay leaders in the congregation lead the trips. Next summer is an ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston TX. The gathering runs from June 27 through July 1. The per person registration cost is \$350, if registration occurs before Nov 15. Registration cost is \$440 per person after that date. At the meeting on Sept 17 we will decide how the families at Lakeview would like to proceed. Please attend the meeting, if you would like to see youth trips continue at Lakeview.

Lakeview Lutheran Sunday School Starting!!

Registration will be held on Rally Day, Sunday, September 10th and the first day of Sunday School will be Sunday, September 17th. The registration form is included later in this newsletter. We need teachers!!! If you are interested in teaching please contact Amy Luebke at maluebke@tds.net.

September Food Pantry Collection

The food pantry will be collecting jars of mayonnaise, any size, on the weekend of September 16-17.

Sunday School and Adult Education

It all begins on Sunday, September 17, at 10:00 am. Pastor Dean will be leading an adult group in the Fellowship Room.

Senior Lunch/Euchre Tournament

Monday, September 18th, at 11am, Lakeview will be hosting a cookout. The menu will include brats, burgers, hot dogs and chicken breasts, plus gluten free and vegetarian options. Beverages, condiments, buns and table setting provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. The euchre tournament will follow, with prizes awarded to the top three scores. Please sign up for this event at the Information Station. If you don't play cards, come anyway and enjoy the good food and fellowship with friends. Free will offering.

Special Offering for Mendota School Playground

On Sept 30 and Oct 1 we will receive a special offering at the conclusion of each worship service. The money we raise will be donated to the Mendota Elementary School PTO. They are working hard to raise money to buy new, and badly needed, playground equipment for the school play yard. Your gift can help our neighborhood school. Checks should be made to Lakeview. We will credit your giving statement, if you use a check. Thanks for helping with this neighborhood project.

Road Home Week – October 1-8

Lakeview's next host week for Road Home homeless families is the first week of October. We will need volunteers to unload the truck and set up beds after the 9am service on 10/1 and to load belongings for the following

Sunday (10/8) at 8:15am. Watch for the food donation sign-up in the Narthex after Labor Day weekend. Trained volunteers are needed for hosting dinners, which are served at 6pm Wednesday-Saturday, for covering activities with the kids from 6:45-8pm and, lastly, overnight volunteers to be in the building with the families starting around 8pm-7am the next morning. Please check your calendars, as Chris Anders will begin working on the schedule the week of Labor Day. Thank you in advance.

Racism Workshop

Lakeview will be the site for a north side community workshop on racism. The workshop will be conducted by the community group Groundwork. This is NOT a political event. The workshop will be on Sunday evenings from Oct 8 through Nov 19 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in East Hall. There are 7 consecutive sessions. There is a fee to register for this event. More information will be provided as we get closer.

Save the Date!! New Church Directory/Family Portrait Updates October 17-21

Lakeview Lutheran Church is again partnering with Lifetouch Photography to provide an opportunity for members to have their family portrait taken along with updating the Church Directory. Every family that participates will get a free 8x10 photo and a new directory!! The Church Directory will have almost the same look as before but be more compact (the size of an iPad) and include only family portraits and contact information (no

activity pages). Watch for sign-up information in September!

Senior Bus Trip – Tuesday, October 31

Have you ever wondered about the Hoard Historical Museum in Fort Atkinson? Or thought the Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay sounds interesting? Read on...Lakeview will be taking a 30 passenger bus to both places on Tuesday, Oct. 31. We will leave from Lakeview at 8:30am, arriving at the Museum around 9:30am. Learn more about the various exhibits at <http://hoardmuseum.org/> There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 (included in cost). We will then travel to the River Front Family Restaurant in Fort for lunch (on your own). After lunch we will travel to Williams Bay to participate in a 2pm guided tour of Yerkes Observatory which is operated by the University of Chicago. Suggested donation \$10/person (included in cost). Learn more at <http://astro.uchicago.edu/yerkes/index.html> After the one hour tour, we will depart for Madison. We should be back 4:30-5pm. Cost: \$37.00/person. Payment when you sign up guarantees your seat. Contact Chris Anders if you have questions.

Aluminum Cans

Yes, we still collect aluminum cans for Nathaniel in the collection bin inside the west entrance to the church. Please feel free to donate your cans at any time and place them in the receptacle. Do not crush and do not remove tab.

Becoming a Lakeview Member

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of Lakeview, all you need to do is contact Pastor Dean in the office and set up a time to meet with him. The meeting is about an hour in length. It is not a difficult or confusing process. We do not make you take a test or sign your name in blood. We do invite you to give money and time to support the ministry and mission of this congregation. We welcome new members.

Personal Information Updates

Remember that if you have an address change, a phone number change or an email change, the office at Lakeview would appreciate receiving a call from you to update that information in our data system. You can also indicate these changes on the Fellowship Pads that you sign each week to record communion

attendance (write “change” next to the new information). Thank you.

New Trees in the Yard

You may have noticed that a variety of new trees have been recently planted in the Lakeview yard. Since we’ve had to take several down over the past years, we believed it was time to replant. Chris Anders, with the support of the Lakeview Church council, contacted the Urban Tree Alliance, a non-profit group here in Madison. They came out and assessed our property for the type of trees that would be best here. They planted the trees on Aug 14. Chris is watering the trees. All trees that were planted came from the DNR. Thanks Chris and council for making this happen and there was no cost to Lakeview. If you would like to give Chris a hand with watering over the next few weeks, please talk to her.

LAKEVIEW LITERARY SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 5 *THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD: A NOVEL* BY COLSON WHITEHEAD

OCTOBER 2 *THE SISTERS BROTHERS* BY PATRICK DEWITT

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

Over the past year, the congregation has again generously supported our youth and their summer trip to New York City. We returned home from that trip on July 28 and it was a splendid event. I would like to commend the youth who attended. These kids were phenomenally behaved. They followed instructions. They respected each other and all those we came in contact with. They paid attention to time. They participated in everything without complaint—and two days were filled with very intense walking. They agreed to have fun and they did. They tried new things and explored new areas that were not like anything in Madison. I can’t begin to tell you how proud I was of these youth. And Amy Luebke was an excellent chaperone. I appreciate that Amy was willing to help lead this trip.

In case you haven't seen the pictures, go to the Lakeview Facebook page and enjoy. You will also find the video that our youth made in the NBC Studios. It's their version of the popular Tonight Show. You will laugh, but you will be impressed. And you will feel good that again our congregation came together to offer this experience.

On Thursday in New York, we volunteered for the Bronx Common Pantry. We served about 100 families between 10:00 am and 2:30 pm. The predominant language was Spanish so many of our youth got to use and practice their Spanish language skills. Our kids worked diligently and they were friendly and accommodating and the folks using the pantry were gracious and kind and just very nice to work with. It was a very good day and experience for us.

Besides that, we did the following things: toured NBC studios, went to the Top of the Rock, saw St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity Church, St. Paul's Chapel and Cathedral of St. John the Divine (*the statue of liberty can be laid down in this sanctuary*). We walked 5th Ave, visited the Plaza Hotel, Grand Central Station, the Chrysler Building and the Daily Globe. We saw the original Winnie the Pooh and the Rose Reading Room at the 42nd Street library, shopped at Macy's, went to Madison Square Gardens, got kicked out of the Empire State Building Lobby, toured the 9/11 Museum and memorial, visited Federal Hall, rubbed the bull's balls on Wall street, ate lunch in Battery Park, rode the Staten Island Ferry past the Stature of Liberty and saw the dome in the US Customs House. We walked through Central Park, saw the Imagine mosaic and the Dakota Apartment building, where John Lennon was shot. Time was spent on Time's Square and Union Square. We visited Little Italy and Chinatown and had ice cream at the Chinatown Ice Cream Factory and pizza at Sal's on Broome Street. We ate dinner one evening at Tom's Diner---the diner from the TV show *Seinfeld* and had dinner at Junior's Cheesecake and the Shades of Green Irish Pub. Many had famous bagels from Murry's Bagels on Union Square and, of course, we made a visit to the Flatiron Building. Everyone decided that we could not afford to shop at Bergdorf Goodman's when we walked through that very upscale department store.

Like always, Seafarers International House was a great place for lodging and so convenient to the subway, which everyone loved riding.

I have often contemplated the two very different experiences we offered our youth the past two summers. This year the lights and pizzazz of Manhattan and Time's Square. Last year we gave them a week on the Menomonie Indian Reservation in central Wisconsin out in the woods, in nature and with indigenous people in our state. Two places that are complete opposites, but both important to our lives. And both places filled with people whom God loves and cherishes.

Thank you Lakeview for making this happen.

Pastor DEAN

Lakeview Lutheran Church Sunday School 2017-2018
REGISTRATION FORM

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate mm/dd/yy	Current Age	Grade in School 2017-2018
1.				
2.				
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Please note if child has any allergies/medical conditions/medication/issues:

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Father's Name (or guardian)			
Address			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Email			
Mother's Name (or guardian)			
Address			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Email			

In case of Emergency

Preferred Clinic			
Preferred Hospital			
Secondary Contact Name			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	

Submit completed form to: Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Road, Madison WI 53704

Office tel: 608.244.6181 <http://lakeviewlutheranchurch.org/>

Questions? Contact Sunday School Superintendent, Amy Luebke at maluebke@tds.net

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