

THE BEACON

Mendota School Playground

The weekend of October 1st we will receive a special offering to assist with obtaining Mendota School playground equipment. The goal for the equipment was \$30,000 and they have raised \$29,452 this summer. Can our congregation get them to the goal? If you write a check, write it to Lakeview so we can credit your giving statement. Cash is welcome, also. There will be a bucket in the narthex after worship for your gift. Thanks for helping our neighborhood school.

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. 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. Thank you to everyone who is helping to make this week a success. Please note our next host week is December 3-December 10

Lakeview Book Club – October Read

Discussion of *The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick DeWitt will take place at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 3. Please note the change from Monday to Tuesday this month. The group meets in the Fellowship Room and anyone is welcome to attend. Also, our November read will be *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. Discussion will be on Monday, November 6. The December read TBA.

Service of Renewal

The October Service of Renewal will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 18. This service will be held in the chapel. It will include music, readings, reflection, prayers, a time to share from those who wish, Holy Communion and fellowship and refreshments after the service. All are welcome. Pastor Dean and Lynn Najem will lead this service.

Hurricane Money Raised so far - \$4,044

Continue to make checks to Lakeview, noting it is for Hurricane Relief.

Toilet Paper Time

Start collecting toilet paper for the annual toilet paper pass at Lakeview. Because we were outside in Poynette for worship on Rally Day, we postponed the toilet paper collection and pass until Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8. Bring in lots of clean, new toilet paper when you come to worship. At the conclusion of the service on Sunday, we will form a human chain and pass the paper from the altar area down to the food pantry. This is an annual fun event that every one of any age and ability can participate in and it provides a great benefit for our food pantry. God's work, our hands!

October 8 Music

The choir and the Sunday school kids will all be singing on Sunday, October 8. It is a very cool song that comes from an African nation.

Dorcas Circle

When the Dorcas Circle meets at 9:30 am on Tuesday, October 10, Pastor Dean will be leading a study on the Prophet Joel. All are welcome. Remember to bring your Bible. We'll meet in the Conference Room, so enter the building through the office entrance.

Adult Trip to Memphis

The adult group of 29 people will leave for Memphis on October 12 and return on October 15. While there, the group will visit Graceland, the Civil Rights Museum and

Mason Temple (*Where Martin Luther King spoke the night before he was shot*), Beale Street, Mud Island, the Peabody Ducks and the 538,000 square foot Bass Pro Shop in the Memphis Pyramid. While at Bass Pro, the group will ride the 10-story free-standing glass elevator to the top of the pyramid for a drink in the Look Out Lounge and to step out onto the observation decks. The group will enjoy BBQ at Rendezvous in downtown Memphis and southern cooking at the World Famous Cupboard Restaurant. One day they will be able to eat Elvis Presley's favorite sandwich, peanut butter and bananas, at the restaurants at Graceland. They will stay at the Sleep Inn on Court Square. Pastor Dean will lead this trip and Pastor Mary Pharmer will lead worship while he is gone.

NEW Photo Directory Coming

Get your picture taken for the new Church Directory and receive a free 8x10 portrait and church directory!! Lifetouch will be coming to Lakeview Lutheran Church Tuesday, Oct. 17 thru Friday Oct. 20th from 2pm-9pm and Saturday Oct. 21st from 9am-4pm. Make your appointment by going to Lakeview Lutheran Church website Home page and clicking on the link provided. If you need assistance in making your appointment, you can call Laura at church during office hours or someone will be available at the following church services: October 7th/14th BEFORE the service and October 8th/15th before and after the 9am church service.

Senior Lunch/Euchre Tournament

Monday, October 23rd at 11am, Pastor Dean will be hosting the Fall Harvest Foods lunch, consisting of meatloaf, squash, mashed potatoes, corn pudding, hot apple cider and apple crisp with ice cream for dessert. Please sign up for this event at the Information Station before Thursday, October 19th. If you don't play cards, come anyway and enjoy the good food and fellowship with friends. Free will offering.

Confirmation 2017

On Sunday, October 29 we will celebrate the Affirmation of Baptismal Covenant with Ruby Hansen and Austin Wells. This service of confirmation will be during the worship service at 9:00 am. On Sunday, October 22 Ruby and Austin will present their faith papers during the service. Join us both mornings to support our youth who have completed the confirmation program here at Lakeview.

Senior Bus Trip – Tues., Oct. 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, October 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 between 4:30-5pm. Cost: \$37.00/person for the seat on the bus + entrance to both places. Payment when you sign up guarantees your seat. Contact Chris Anders if you have questions.

Knee Surgery---AGAIN

Last November Pastor Dean had his right knee replaced because of severe osteoarthritis and bone spurs. This year, on November 3, he will have his left knee replaced for the same reasons. He will be away from Lakeview for up to 4 weeks recovering. During that time, Pastor Ron Mach will lead worship and provide pastoral care, as needed. We thank Pastor Ron and we are also glad that Pastor Dean only has two knees!

All Saints Worship

We will remember the saints who departed from our lives this past year with a special service on Sunday, November 5 at 9:00 am. Pastor Mach will be leading this service, with the choir singing.

Annual Winter Youth Retreat

This January, the winter youth retreat will take on a new look. The event will be open to all youth in grades 7 through 12, and their

friends. In the past, this event was only available to middle school youth. Because our census at this event has decreased in recent years, this is the last year we can have the event in the dorms at the Green Lake Center if we are under 20 youth. The dorms accommodate 72 people and the center does not like to put a small group in there like ours if a larger group can be accommodated. So, we will open the event up to all middle school and high school youth and hope that we can meet the census expectations. Cost will continue to be \$45 per person for the whole weekend. Dates for this retreat are Jan 12-14, 2018. While some adjustments to the program will be made, Pastor Dean promises to continue to offer evil, disgusting games on

Saturday evening. Come to the retreat. Bring a friend or a couple.

Thank You Ronda

Ronda Richard was able to make 252 quilts this year that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. She is able to do this because many members of Lakeview donate material, sheets, blankets, curtains, etc. for her to use in her quilt making. We thank Ronda for this wonderful ministry and lots of hard work. We thank everyone who donated supplies. You can continue to support Ronda's ministry by bringing in material to the church office for her use.

LAKEVIEW LITERARY SOCIETY
OCTOBER 2 *THE SISTERS BROTHERS* BY PATRICK DEWITT
NOVEMBER 6 *THE STORIED LIFE OF A.J. FIKRY* BY GABRIELLE ZEVIN



September Senior Lunch – Cookout!

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

I just finished writing my weekend sermon and it is about divine grace. Grace is a word that the church throws around frequently, but I'm not so sure that we think about it as much as we say it. We call grace amazing and we thank God for giving it to us. But we don't consider the radical, abrasive and sometimes offensive power that divine grace is all about. We say the word but do we live the meaning?

Grace is the mercy of God that is demonstrated in countless ways to undeserving people like you and me. Grace is about the workers who showed up to work in the vineyard just before quitting time and receive the same amount of wages that were received by the workers who were there in the early morning working. God's grace doesn't have to do with merit or performance. It's divine. It's unconditional. It's universal. It's not a matter of fair play but of astonishing generosity. Divine grace is the great equalizer. Divine grace is for us and our sisters and brothers, who are guilty of all the things we've opposed and condemned. The adulterer, the racist, the sexist, the abuser, the greedy, the drunk, the addicted, the prostitute, the pornographer, the Atheist, the Lutheran, the Catholic, the choir member, the Sunday school teacher—all stand in line and receive God's divine grace. It's real. It's true. It's the reason God doesn't send hurricanes or wildfires or tornados or malaria or AIDS to punish us or to get us to repent. Grace is freely given because Jesus did his job. Now we get to live in God's grace.

People often ask me for book recommendations. If you know me, you know I am not a fan of cute, inspirational "Christian" literature and fiction. I pretty much stay away from "Christian" bookstores. I like meaty, eye opening, provocative stuff that makes me think out of my comfortable Lutheran box. So, if you are looking for a book like that, here are some recommendations. They are all very comfortable reads for someone who is NOT seminary trained. They are about grace. They may offend you but they will move you to also think out of the box. Then you will be just like me!!!!

- **Accidental Saints** by Nadia Bolz-Weber
- **Executing Grace** by Shane Claiborne
- **If Grace is True** by Philip Gulley and James Mulholland
- **If the Church Were Christian** by Philip Gulley
- **Interrupted** by Jen Hatmaker
- **Take This Bread** by Sara Miles
- **Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism** by John Shelby Spong

Grace is true. Grace is yours. Enjoy and give thanks that we get to live under God's divine grace. Practice living in grace every day.

Peace,

Pastor DEAN

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5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

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