

## THE BEACON

### **Graduation Recognition**

On Sunday, June 3 we will be recognizing and giving thanks for the Lakeview high school graduates who choose to participate. You are invited to join us at worship for the recognition and prayers. Immediately after worship there will be a cake and punch reception in their honor on the lawn under the cross tower. Come and support our youth!

### **Summer Choir**

The Summer Choir, which is open to anyone who would like to sing, will sing at worship on June 3 and August 19. If you want to sing with the summer choir, show up at church at 8:00 am on a morning they will sing. Learn the song and sing at the service at 9:00. Lynn picks music that is not difficult to learn in an hour. Here's a chance to sing for fun without making a commitment to be in the choir all year long. Of course, you would be MOST welcome to be in the choir all year, too!

### **National Youth Gathering**

On June 25 Dane Luebke, Ben Luebke, Katelyn Buchda, Ellie Haselow, Jacob Kerl and Jack McKee will depart, along with chaperones Amy Luebke and Dave Haselow, for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston. They will ride down on a synod bus-spending the night in Little Rock, AK. While at the gathering, they will spend a day with all the youth from our synod, they will spend a day doing service in Houston and they will spend a day participating in activities and workshops to widen their faith and discipleship experiences. And each evening they will gather in the NRG Dome with 30,000 other youth to hear speakers and musicians and get a little crazy. On Sunday, Pastor Elizabeth Eaton, the presiding bishop of the ELCA will preach and lead worship in the dome. There will be communion at this service, which is a logistical nightmare when serving 30,000 people on several levels of seating. The whole thing is a very unique and powerful experience that happens every three years. We have sent youth to the gatherings since 2003 and it is wonderful that this congregation has been so supportive of the kids with financial assistance. Thank you to everyone. Keep the gathering and our youth and chaperones in your prayers. They will return to Madison early on July 2.

## **Blast-Off For Books**

At the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston in June, the 30,000 high school youth in attendance will be delivering books to children in the greater Houston area whose families are economically unable to provide books. This will be part of the service work that the youth will do while there for 4 days. Congregations around the nation are supporting this project by purchasing books to send with their youth to Houston. Because reading is the foundation of everything, you too, are invited to support this project. You can purchase new or slightly used books from the list below. We can only take books that are on this list as the Gathering staff has been working with the Houston Independent School District on this project and these are the books the school district has identified to be valuable. There will be a collection bin in the Lakeview narthex for you to place your books or you can bring them to the church office. Books MUST be here by June 18. Thank you people of Lakeview for supporting another great way to do ministry with children.

- *Bad Kitty* (Series) by Nick Bruel
- *Elephant and Piggie* (Series) by Mo Willems
- *Frog and Toad* (Series) by Arnold Lobel
- *It's Shoe Time* by Mo Willems and Brian Collier
- *Little Bear* (Series) by Elsa Holmelund Minarik
- *Mercy Watson* (Series) by Kate DiCamillo
- *Amulet* (Series) by Kazu Kibuisji
- *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
- *Ghost* by Raina Telgameier
- *Mighty Jack* by Ben Hatke
- *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson
- *Secret Coders* (Series) by Gene Luen Yang
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jaqueline Woodson
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (Series) by Jeff Kinney
- *Dog Man* (Series) by Dav Pilkey
- *Dragon Masters* (Series) by Tracey West
- *Eerie Elementary* (Series) by Jack Chabert
- *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

- *Frank Einstein* (Series) by Jon Scieszka
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- *I Survived* (Series) by Lauren Tarshis
- *Laura Line* by Crystal Allen
- *Matilda* by Ronald Dahl
- *Nerds, Book 1: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society* by Michael Buckley
- *One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams Garcia
- *Origami Yoda* (Series) by Tom Angleberger
- *Some Kind of Courage* by Dan Gemeinhart
- *The Cross Over* by Kwame Alexander
- *The Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine
- *The Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes
- *Wonder* by Raquel Palacio
- *Creepy Pair of Underwear* by Aaron Reynolds
- *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Pena
- *Mango, Abuela and Me* by Meg Medina
- *Martina and the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale* by Carmen Agra Deedy
- *Pete the Cat* (Series) by James Dean
- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt
- *Why Am I Me* by Paige Britt

### **Food Pantry this Summer**

On June 9/10 we will receive our monthly food pantry collection. This month the pantry would like bottled juice. All size bottles and all flavors will be great. Bring your gift to worship and we'll make the pantry volunteers smile! July 14/15 we'll collect mayonnaise and ranch salad dressing and August 11/12 we'll collect dish soap.

### **Laura is Riding for Hunger-you can help!**

On Saturday, June 9 our synod will sponsor its annual bike ride for ELCA World Hunger. The ride is called Steeple to Steeple. It begins at All Saints Lutheran Church in Fitchburg, goes 14 miles and returns to All Saints. Riders pay a fee to register and Laura is registering her entire family. All money raised on this ride goes directly to fight hunger through the ELCA world hunger program---100% of dollars donated will be used for hunger. Now, you can support Laura (*our office administrator*) by writing a check to Lakeview for that purpose. Note on your check that it is for "Laura" and your giving statement will be credited. At the end, we will send all our donations in one check to ELCA World Hunger. You can make your contributions at any time but we'll have buckets available on June 2/3 at worship! Let's show our desire to end hunger and to support Laura, who is taking on this ministry.

### **Senior Lunches/Euchre Tournaments**

Sign-ups for each of the monthly Senior Lunches will appear at the Information Station. Please watch for them. Here is a list for each of the summer months:

**Monday, June 11, 11am** lunch followed by euchre. Pastor Dean will be cooking out; hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, chicken breasts and veggie burgers. Beverages, including homemade malts will be provided. You bring a salad or dessert to round out the meal.

**Monday, July 9, 11am** will be a pizza lunch followed by euchre. We will provide the pizza and beverages. Please bring a salad or dessert.

**Monday, Aug. 13, 11am** will be a potluck followed by euchre. We will provide beverages.

### **East Hall Floor Refinishing**

Make your plans accordingly. The tile floor in East Hall, food pantry and south entrance will be stripped and re-waxed on Tuesday, June 19. The room will be off limits after food pantry on Monday evening through Wednesday. You cannot walk in that area and you will not be able to access the kitchen during that time. We need to do this project every 3 years to preserve the floor and, of course, it makes it look good, too!

### **Lakeview Office Closed**

The church office will be closed on Monday, June 25 for the Lakeview trip on the Fox River boat from DePere. The staff will be participating in the trip. The office will be open again the next day like usual---8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The office will also be closed for Independence Day on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Regular summer office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. Of course, it is always best to call the office before coming over, just in case the staff are doing errands or making visits.

### **Fox River Boat Trip**

Forty-nine people will be heading up to DePere on Monday, June 25 for a boat ride down the Fox River, a visit to Seroogy's

Chocolates and lunch at the Brickhouse Burgers and Brews. If you have registered and paid to participate in this trip, you should arrive at church before 7:45 am on June 25. The coach bus will depart promptly at 7:45 am so that we can get to the boat on time. Don't be late!!!! Plans are to be back at church around 5:00 pm. Those going should bring a jacket as even on a hot day, the breeze on the boat can be chilly.

### **Lakeview Finances/Giving**

At the congregational meeting on May 20, our treasurer Linda Schaack gave a pretty positive presentation on giving and meeting our budget here at Lakeview. We are most grateful for that. At the same time, we are heading into *“the summer slump.”* This is the time of year when folks tend to get sloppier with their church giving. It didn't happen here last year and our council really hopes it won't happen again this year. We remind you that we still have to pay salaries and bills and do repairs in the summer at

church, just like in the winter. So, we encourage you to keep up your generosity for ministry. To make life easier we provide a direct deposit offering with Vanco that you can set up with Laura in the office. When you do this, your gift is consistently taken from your checking/savings and sent directly to church. You don't have to think about it! The other option we offer is to give by check or credit card through the church web site. You can go to the site, click on giving and the Vanco Give+ program to make continuous or one-time gifts. It's very easy to do and very convenient if you are going to be gone and want to assure that things continue to go smoothly back at church.

### **Blood Drive**

Go online or call the church office to sign up for the blood drive on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Terry Warnke (608) 576-8695 or [tlwarnke@gmail.com](mailto:tlwarnke@gmail.com), if you can bring treats or are available to help out with the blood drive.



The Lakeview “Show Choir” at the Talent Show.

## BOOK CLUB

THE LAKEVIEW BOOK CLUB GETS TOGETHER EVERY FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM FOR DISCUSSION.

ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

- JUN 4 – “TRIBE” BY SEBASTIAN JUNGER  
JUL 2 – “WOLF HOLLOW” BY LAUREN WOLK  
AUG 6 – “THE BLACK HOUSE” BY PETER MAY

### A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

As you know, the Bible is full of creation stories. My favorite one is Psalm 8 and I'd invite you to read it when you are finished reading this newsletter. It is a poetic presentation of the majesty and glory of the gift God has given us in the creation. And a lot of good music has been written based on this Psalm, including a piece the choir sang at worship on May 20.

As we get into summer in Wisconsin (*finally*), we spend so much more time outside in this vast, beautiful and majestic creation. Many of you will travel great distances to see mountains, shorelines, forests, canyons, animals, flowers, and other unique parts of the creation. I will spend as much time as I can on my patio at home or on the water at our cottage in the north woods. We are already watching the common loons on the lake and enjoying their very distinctive and haunting wails and chants on the water. The deer are running and it looks like there will be an ambitious group of wild turkeys hanging out in our yard, in our trees and on the roof of the cottage. Yes, we have turkeys that get on the roof and it's weird!!!! Fish are swimming around the dock. Merganser ducks and Canadian geese have been on top of the docks---and we don't necessarily like what they leave there! And, of course, the peeping of the "spring peepers" is a sure sign that the ice and snow have finally disappeared.

As you enjoy summer and the outdoors in these upcoming months, reflect on the glory that God has provided, even when you see a tiny ant carrying a chunk of your donut across the sidewalk. It's pretty grand out there and we shouldn't take it for granted because our misuse and abuse of this glorious creation will get future generations in trouble. For the sake of my grandson and future grandchild, take care of the land, sea, sky, and ground.

So, travel safe this summer. Worship at Lakeview often and, certainly, find a unique worship opportunity on your travels. Reflect on Psalm 8 and give thanks to a God who loves us enough to give us this gift. *"O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"*

Peace and safety,

Pastor DEAN



Photo credit: Ken Harris, St. Paul's LC, Beloit

### **Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld elected bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin!**

The Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld, Beloit, Wis., was elected May 6 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

The election was held during the Synod Assembly May 5-6 at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells where over 500 lay leaders and rostered ministers gathered to do the work of God's church, participating in learning, fellowship and important voting matters.

Thomas-Breitfeld was elected on the fifth ballot with 224 votes to 150 votes for the Rev. Steven Kottke, assistant to the bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin.

While we recognize that this is an historic moment in the life of the ELCA in the election of the second African-descent synod bishop, (see full story in Living Lutheran - <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2018/05/bishop-elects-reflect-on-historic-votes/>), we also recognize that the bishop-elect brings many gifts to her new leadership role and ministry. She currently serves as interim pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Beloit. She served as pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Brookfield, Wis., from 2010 to 2013 and Good Shepherd in Wausau, from 1992 to 2010. Rev. Thomas-Breitfeld earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., in 1974 and she received her Master of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago in 1979. A full biography can be found on the synod website: <http://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Thomas-BreitfeldBio.pdf>

**Rev. Mary Stumme Froiland**, has served as bishop since 2013 and will complete her call on July 1. A reception and banquet in her honor were held at the synod assembly where guests were regaled with stories of her ministry and life as told by colleagues and family. We are grateful for her faithful service serving as both a congregational pastor and bishop of our synod!



### **HOLD THE DATE OF AUGUST 18, 2018 for the Installation of Our New Bishop!**

Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld will be installed on Aug. 18 at First Lutheran Church in Janesville, Wisconsin.

Information about the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin is available at [scsw-elca.org/](http://scsw-elca.org/).  
<http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7927>

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**Service Schedule:**

5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

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