

THE BEACON

Bible/Quran

The Wednesday noon Bible study has begun, but anyone is invited to attend, even if you have never attended before. This year, Pastor Dean is leading us through a comparison of the Jewish/Christian holy book called the Bible and the Muslim holy book called the Quran. Through this process you will learn many things about how Christians and Muslims are alike and how we differ. You will also learn about what the Bible has to say regarding particular topics such as creation, Abraham and Ishmael, Noah, John the Baptist, Mary, Prayer, Heaven and Hell, Jihad and a variety of social issues. You should bring your Bible when you come to the study. Much of the group uses the Contemporary English Version (CEV) but all translations are okay. You are welcome to bring a lunch. Coffee is provided and often there are other treats. The group strives to end the meeting by 1:00 pm. But if we do not, participants are always welcome to depart when they need to. Join us!

Choir Has Begun

But it's not too late for you to join. The choir rehearses every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Lynn Najem is an excellent teacher and director. New voices who wish to help lead worship are always welcome. You do not have to be a member of Lakeview to sing in the choir. We just ask that you be committed and enjoy singing and the fellowship that happens during each rehearsal.

Bible Sunday/Kid's Sing

On Sunday, October 7, during the worship service we will distribute Bibles to children in Sunday school who are three years old and who are in third grade. The Sunday school children will also sing during that service. There will be Sunday school immediately after the service and the special congregation meeting will be held in the sanctuary for all Lakeview voting members.

Lakeview Stinks!

Over the past couple months we have had a smell that comes and goes in the building. It has been most evident in the narthex and the library below. It's not been a pretty smell and throughout this time we have had several Lakeview members explore where it was coming from. We had our carpet cleaner and our exterminator explore where it was from and finally we isolated the specific area/vents. We then hired Dirty Ducts to come and clean that particular vent and there was nothing in it. However, Dirty Ducts were able to see numerous signs of rodent activity above the library ceiling. It is clear that the smell we have been smelling is a decaying animal somewhere between the floor and ceiling of the library and narthex. There is not much more that can be done but wait for the animal to decay and the smell to dissipate. We are not going to spend the money for someone to come here right now and try to determine where or how the animal got into the area and died. Mice in the building are not unusual, just like in homes and garages. It is hoped that very soon Lakeview will NOT stink. In fact, it's been good the past few days.

Bob Lindmeier is Coming

You have all been aware of the catastrophic fires and flooding in our nation recently. We are also aware that hurricanes have become larger and of much greater intensity. The sea levels are rising and coastal communities are being threatened. Climate change is a reality.

But how is it going to impact you directly and what can you do right now to affect change? Join channel 27 meteorologist and ECLA member, Bob Lindmeier on Sunday, September 30 at 10:00 am. Bob will present to Lakeview, in the sanctuary, immediately after the worship service. Outside guests may want to attend this presentation as well.

Special Congregation Meeting

At your request, the church council has called a special congregation meeting for Sunday, Oct 7 in the sanctuary, immediately after worship. It is hoped that all voting members of the congregation will attend. The meeting will address two points of business. You will receive an update on the current financial situation at Lakeview. You will see the comparison of income and expenses. Second, President Gayle Langer will hear from you about upcoming projects that you believe should happen at Lakeview. In preparation for that, the council has received an estimate for replacement of the boiler system, which heats the sanctuary and East Hall. They have also received an estimate to air condition parts of the building. They are seeking an estimate for necessary parking lot repairs where asphalt is deteriorating and, through the task group, they are seeking an estimate for repairs to the chapel steps.

Dorcas Circle

The Bible study that Pastor Dean is leading with the Dorcas Circle group is on the book of Hebrews. In October, this group will meet at 9:30 am on the 9th. They meet in the

church Conference Room. All are welcome for study, refreshments, discussion and fellowship. Bring a Bible.

Volunteer Positions (New Ministry at Lakeview)

From October 9 through November 15 Lakeview Lutheran Church will host the North Side Early Childhood Zone Employment and Training Program. Participants will meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening at Lakeview from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. This class will consist of about 20 adults and childcare will be provided. Diana Shinall will be the instructor for this program and she is currently looking for volunteers who can assist with childcare. They expect to have about 10 children and about 6 youth-children of the participants, who will be in childcare. We will use our nursery for the children and the youth will likely meet in the library to complete homework. Can you volunteer to help provide childcare? There are many options—you could volunteer every evening of the program, you could volunteer one night per week, you could volunteer for a portion of the evening, you could volunteer for a few specific evenings. Adults and high school youth are encouraged to consider this ministry. For the most accurate information on volunteering you could contact Diana Shinall directly at 608-218-0891 or dshinall@chw.org. You can also talk with Pastor Dean or Laura in the church office.

Volunteer Position (New Ministry at Mendota)

Pastor Dean and Laura met with Mendota Mental Health Chaplain Jennifer Kuhnert (she's ELCA) recently. Jennifer is looking for a volunteer who could come to Mendota and visit a resident once a month. The volunteer would come during visiting hours, which are 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm Monday through Friday or 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. They are simply looking to connect this resident to an outside individual who represents a healthy congregation—the gentleman cannot leave the facility. There is not an issue with safety. The volunteer could be of any gender and needs to be able to sit down and lead a conversation. If you could do this, please talk to Pastor Dean soon.

New Orleans Adult Fellowship Retreat

Each fall, Pastor Dean leads a congregation trip for a 4-day weekend. Last year we enjoyed Memphis and met Elvis. On October 11, thirty-six folks will depart from the Dane County Airport, with Pastor Dean, on a 4-day trip to New Orleans. Like usual, Pastor Dean has filled the schedule with as much activity as possible. While in NOLA our group will stay at the Place d'Arms hotel on Jackson Square. We will enjoy the square and the French Quarter. Other activities include worship at the St. Louis Cathedral, shopping in the French Market, tour and visit to the Old Ursuline Convent, a trip down the Mississippi on the Steamboat Natchez, a stop at the Voodoo museum, tour of historic St. Louis

Cemetery Number 1, ride on the St. Charles streetcar, dinner and live zydeco music at Mulates, the annual BBQ festival in Lafayette Square, visit to Congo Square in Armstrong Park, a concert at Preservation Hall, time on Oak Street, a visit to Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop, a visit to the Presbytere Museum and more. The group returns on Monday October 15. Soon a destination will be announced for the fall trip of 2019.

Concerns for Aging Drivers

On Sunday, October 21 at 10:00 am our guest presenter in the sanctuary will be Mr. Neil McCallum. Neil comes from the AARP organization and does trainings and presentations on what to be aware of as we age and drive. He recently did a half-day seminar at Lakeview and several members attended and found his information very valuable. Neil will have excellent information about driving for those who are aging. But he will also have valuable information for those who are NOT aging but wish to be sensitive and caring for the aging population. So, anyone will find value in this presentation. You are not TOO old or TOO young to attend. This presentation is free. Bring a guest.

Senior Lunch/Euchre Tournament

Each month, Pastor Dean and the office staff plan a meal that we think will be comforting, enjoyable and in some months, open the door to new flavors (*dill pickle soup or bigos*). We like doing traditional things like roast chicken, meatloaf or scalloped potatoes and ham. And

of course we all enjoy our annual homemade soup buffet in January and our cookouts in May and September (*more chocolate malts please*). On October 22, the senior lunch will be served at 11:00 am in East Hall and there will be a euchre tournament for those who wish to play after the meal. The meal that day will be a variety of tastes to please the Scandinavians among us. And for those of us who aren't Scandinavian, we might excite our pallets with new flavors. Pastor and the crew will be serving homemade Swedish meatballs in gravy, Norwegian fried cod cakes, mashed potatoes, whipped rutabagas, Swedish coleslaw and a surprise Scandinavian dessert. Of course, there will be beverages too. If you have historic Scandinavian clothing, you are most welcome to wear it. Sorry, no Lutefisk involved in this one!!!! If you wish to attend this meal, please sign up in the narthex by October 17. We buy food based on the number of people who sign up and if you sign up and don't come, we waste food or if you come without signing up, we risk not having enough food. So, signing up is really important. We do not charge a fee for these meals but put out a donation basket for everyone to make a free-will offering to help pay for the food and beverages. It generally works very well. Also, note that you do not have to play euchre to attend these meals. Many people come to eat and enjoy fellowship and even help clean up after dinner. About 60% of those who attend are from Lakeview and about 40% are our north side neighbors. We serve around 80 people each

month and everyone seems to have an enjoyable day. So sign up today!

What Does God Think?

The study and discussion of the book by Cheryl B. Evans begins at 6:30 pm on Monday, Oct 22. Discussion will take place for one hour that evening, in the library, and again on Oct 29 and Nov 5. On Nov 12, the study will feature a discussion with a trans-male and a trans-female. You are invited to participate in this study. You can purchase the book from Pastor Dean or Chris Anders. You must read the book for the meetings. It is \$16 and you can make your check to Lakeview. Pastor Dean will lead the discussions. We are trying to keep this informal and comfortable as we all learn more about gender, transgender, gender fluidity and what the Bible might say. Purchase the book in the church office or from Chris Anders, in the narthex.

Reaffirmation of Baptism

On Sunday, October 28, our congregation will reaffirm the baptisms of Ellie Haselow and Pierce Evans, through the Rite of Confirmation. Everyone is invited to come to this service and support Ellie and Pierce and give thanks for their presence in our congregation.

Thanksgiving Dinner

It's right around the corner. Sandy Rupnow has, again, graciously volunteered to lead this significant event on November 22. Information about how you can donate food

and your time will be coming soon, so watch the weekly bulletin. Like usual, it takes lots of people to make this meal happen, so that we can serve around 300 dinners on Thanksgiving. This is a 35-year tradition of outreach and ministry at Lakeview and we can feel very good about coming together to make this happen each year. Consider pitching in when the information becomes available—there is always a need for table servers. Also, Sandy is looking for about 6 additional large Nesco roasters (like the ones at church) to use on Nov 20 through 22 for the meal. Please let her know ASAP if you can donate one.

Chicago Trip on Dec 4

If you are interested in going to Chicago on Dec 4, with the chartered Lakeview coach bus, you should sign up and pay \$54. We will depart from church at 7:00 am and return around 6:00 pm. The cost of this trip includes the bus/driver/tip, a ticket to go up the Hancock Center on Michigan Avenue and look out over the city, and tour guide. You will also be able to spend an hour on Michigan Ave, around the historic water tower place (*visit Neiman Marcus and Bloomingdales*), eat lunch with the group at the famous and historic Berghoff Restaurant (*cost of food and beverages is on your own*) and conclude the afternoon by visiting the outdoor European Christkindlmarket in Daley Square. The market includes many authentic German ornaments, woodcarvings, wooden toys, candy, food items, clothing and beer and food stands. Talk to Chris Anders to reserve your spot on the bus.

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

If you have been in worship these past weeks, you know that the lectionary has had us reading from the book of James. Martin Luther once called James a book of straw because it doesn't talk about Jesus enough. He's right that it doesn't talk very much about Jesus; only twice is Jesus mentioned. But Luther is wrong in thinking that James is not a valuable book. Even though some of that book hits me hard personally (*like the control of tongue stuff*), I value and appreciate the information that the author has gifted to us.

James is about faith. Lutherans stand very strong on the idea that we do not have to perform good works to receive the gift of gracious salvation. Lutherans stand firm that there is nothing we can do or buy to increase our chances of eternity. We stand on the idea that only God's grace can save us and we just have to believe or have faith in that grace. James does not deny this.

So some Lutherans don't like words from James like ***"faith without works is dead."*** Some Lutherans are uncomfortable with the idea that as followers of Jesus and believers in God's promise we should be called to action. That's what James is all about. It's a call to action. James calls anyone who claims they have faith into a life of works and good behaviors.

If someone comes to you seeking assistance who has not eaten in 4 days and has been sleeping in their car in Warner Park, and your response is that Jesus loves them, you've missed the point. If you are cold, tired and hungry, you may not care if Jesus or anyone else loves you. James reminds us that meeting basic needs of people who struggle is what we are called to do. Our works and our actions are how we live our faith and show the world God's love is for everyone.

Perhaps you are aware of how in 1943 Abraham Maslow established a hierarchy of needs. He developed a pyramid of needs with basic needs like housing, food, clothing, and medical care on the bottom. His position was that you could not move up the pyramid to work on feeling good about yourself, or personal self-actualization, until your basic needs were met.

The book of James is much older than Maslow but I have always felt that the intent of James was very similar to Maslow's hierarchy of needs. You are not able to process your spirituality and your faith or your relationship with God if you are hungry, or the victim of racial violence and hate, or sleeping in a car, or struggling with your sexuality or gender. Therefore, we are called in James and many other biblical texts to show our faith to others by taking care of their basic needs---by doing good works.

So, you say you have faith? Show me! Show me what your faith is all about by responding to the needs of others who have been created in the image of God. And remember James cautions us about judging others or showing partiality! That's the challenge for us individually and as a congregation. The ideas we find in James help to drive my sermons, the studies that I lead, the ministry that our congregation engages in, the trips that we take and the fellowship we gather for. If you haven't read James, I would invite you to do so now---it's not very long.

Faith without works is dead!

Peace, Pastor DEAN

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.

OCTOBER 1 - "TROUBLE I'VE SEEN: CHANGING THE WAY THE CHURCH VIEWS RACISM" BY DREW HART

NOVEMBER – NOT MEETING, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN PARTICIPATE IN PASTOR DEAN'S STUDY ON TRANS AND CIS GENDER

DECEMBER 3 - "THE HATE U GIVE" BY ANGIE THOMAS. CHRIS ANDERS LEADING.

FEBRUARY 4 2019 - "THEY MARCHED INTO SUNLIGHT" BY DAVID MARANISS. SHIRLEY EWERT LEADING.

MARCH 4 2019 - "THE UNREMEMBERED GIRL" BY ELIZA MAXWELL. LINETTE HASS LEADING



**Lynn Najem donating blood at the September 18 blood drive. Thanks Lynn!
The next blood drive is scheduled for December 11, in East Hall.**

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