

THE BEACON

Pledge Cards

At the annual meeting on Sunday, Jan 31, pledge cards were distributed to those in attendance. Many were returned on that day. After the congregation passes a plan for ministry, or 2019 budget, the members of the congregation are invited to share how they can help meet the cost of this plan by completing a pledge card. Completing a pledge card shows a commitment to stewardship and also gives the church treasurer some help in guiding the budget in the upcoming year. If you've ever served as a church treasurer or even on a church council, you know how important the information on pledge cards can be. The information is not shared and NO ONE has ever gone to jail for not being able to follow through on their pledge!!! If you were not able to complete a pledge card at the annual meeting, you will receive one at home. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider how you can support the ministry and work of Lakeview Lutheran Church. Without the contributions of the members, our building would not be maintained for funerals, weddings and baptisms. There would be limited or no staff available to plan youth retreats, senior trips, Bible studies or cook the senior lunches. Without your support the parking lot would not get cleared of snow and there would be no toilet paper in the rest rooms. And of course, there would be no food pantry or reaching into the world with our outreach partners. Thank you for supporting Lakeview ministry. That's what we are called to do. And while God loves a cheerful giver, be assured that God loves an angry giver, too!

New Program at Lakeview

We are calling it "*News That You Can Use*" and it is going to be held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 9:30 am. At each event, there will be a guest speaker who will provide you with real information that you can take home and use in your every day lives. We will provide coffee, tea, hot chocolate and donuts or muffins or bagels. There will be a free-will basket out to help cover the cost of the refreshments.

On the following page is the order of presentations that have been arranged to date.

Jan 31-*Yep we screwed up and scheduled the January event on the 5th Thursday not the 4th Thursday-forgive us!*

David Dexheimer, Madison Police Department, Neighborhood Resource Officer
and Amy Scarr, Dane County Human Services Adult Protective Services Worker

Topic: *Protecting Yourself in the Community and SCAMS*

Installation of Council

The formal installation of the 2019 Lakeview church council will be during worship on
February 3.

Pastor Mary Pharmer Speaks

February 3, at 10:00 am, former Lakeview pastor Mary Pharmer will speak and deliver her power point presentation on her volunteer work at Annunciation House in El Paso Texas last winter. All are welcome and encouraged to come and hear about what is happening along the border from someone who has been there.

Feb 28-Kathleen Hnilicka, Pre-arrangement Coordinator for Ryan Funeral Homes and Al Wessel-Lakeview Lutheran Cemetery

Topic: *Funeral Pre-planning and procedures at Lakeview Cemetery*

Mar 28-Bernadette Galvez, Community Education Officer City of Madison Fire Department

Topic: *Fire Safety in Your Home*

Apr 25-LeeAnn Grimm, Supervisor for Elder Abuse and Adults at Risk Programs for Dane Co.: Elder Abuse – What is it? How do I protect myself? Where do I turn for help?

May 23-TBA

Anyone is invited to attend these presentations. Invite a neighbor or friend!

January New Members

We welcome into membership at Lakeview Mr. David Withers.

“Souper Bowl” Weekend

Even if your team is NOT playing in the Super Bowl, the event will still happen on Sunday, February 3 at 5:30 pm. Many folks will watch the game and consume a great deal of snacks and other food and multiple beverages that evening. There will be big parties and small parties and folks with cats on their laps sitting in front of the television. And many will spend a good deal of money on all that activity. *(Pastor Dean will choose this time to go grocery shopping because Woodman’s will be quiet).* Since we all do have the ability to spend money on Super Bowl weekend, we also want to remember that not all people have that opportunity. So, at each worship service on Feb 2/3 there will be a special “souper bowl” offering, as you leave the sanctuary. This is not new for us. We do it every year and we designate our gift for a food serving organization. Sometimes that money stays in our congregation, sometimes that money goes to local organizations and sometimes we reach out into the world with that money, just like Jesus called us to do. This year

our gift will go to the Annunciation House, in El Paso Texas. They serve around 3000 immigrants every week. To learn more about the work of Annunciation House, attend the special presentation by Pastor Mary Pharmer on Sunday, February 3, at 10:00 am, in the sanctuary. Pastor Mary spent several months volunteering there last winter. Your giving to the “souper bowl” offering will be credited to your giving statement. Make all checks to Lakeview and designate them or cash to “souper bowl.” Thank you.

February Food Pantry

In January, you generously donated 915 rolls of needed toilet paper to the Lakeview Food Pantry. Our monthly collection for the pantry will be on February 9/10. They are asking for shampoo and bar soap. Thank you for bringing your donations right to worship on that weekend and placing them on the cart in the front of the sanctuary.

Lakeview Book Club

The February read is ‘They Marched into Sunlight: War and Peace, Vietnam and America, October 1967’ by David Maraniss. The book centers on the Battle of Ong Thanh and a protest at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Discussion begins at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Senior Lunch and Euchre

The February senior lunch and euchre tournament will be on Monday, February 18. Lunch will be served at 11:00 am. Pastor Dean will make meat loaf, real mashed potatoes, green beans and fresh fruit salad. Punky is making a surprise dessert. Get signed up now. After the meal, you may stay and play euchre if you choose.

Next Red Cross Blood Drive

It is time for you to make your appointment to donate blood at the blood drive at Lakeview on February 20. You can go directly to the Red Cross web site to make a reservation or you can contact

Laura, in the church office. Also, Terry Warnke will be looking for donations of snacks and volunteers to help with the drive. Thank you for supporting this important service.

Working in Senegal

On February 24 you are invited to an adult forum, at 10:00 am, in the sanctuary. Mr. Nate Zimdars, who spent a year doing service with the ELCA in Senegal, will share his experiences. Senegal is a country in West Africa. The ELCA has an intensive program of sending young people out for service. The program is called Young Adults in Global Mission—YAIGM. This presentation will be good for everyone and it will be good for any college age students who may be considering doing something unique and exciting upon graduation from college. YAIGM sends people all over the world. Come to hear Nate and bring a friend. Nate Zimdars was born and raised in Ripon. He studied History and Political Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison before accepting the call to serve as a volunteer for a year with the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission Program in the West African nation of Senegal. There, he worked at a dairy cooperative, taught English at a local school, and grew accustomed to the hour's long process of handwashing clothes. His year of service inspired him to deepen his involvement in the ELCA which lead to working for the ELCA's Churchwide office as a Campaign Interpreter - a position that provided the opportunity to travel across the country speaking about his experiences in Senegal and encouraging congregations to financially support Global Missions. Now Nate continues to enjoy talking about Senegal with groups that are interested in learning about global service. In his free time he enjoys running, finding a back road, watching beautiful sunsets, and spending time with family and friends.

February News You Can Use

Be in the upstairs Fellowship Room on Thursday, February 28 at 9:30 am. There will be hot beverages and pastries. We will hear from guest speakers Kathleen Hnilicka, the pre-arrangement coordinator at Ryan Funeral Homes and Al Wessel from the Lakeview Cemetery. They will share their expertise on how to pre-plan services with a funeral home and what the procedures are at the Lakeview cemetery. Come to learn new things and to ask the questions that you may have. The event will end at 10:30 am. This is news you can take home and really use.

Ash Wednesday

Easter is late this year, so Ash Wednesday is not until March 6. We will worship with Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes at 6:30 pm that evening, in the church sanctuary. The choir will sing. It will be a service of quiet meditation.

Porchlight Meal at Grace Episcopal

The council has agreed to take on a new, and very worthwhile, ministry that aligns with our recent theme of hunger. Lakeview will become a regular server at the men's shelter run by Porchlight at Grace Episcopal Church on the square. That means we will furnish, cook and serve 6 meals this year on the 3rd Tuesday of the odd numbered months. The specific dates are Mar 19, May 21, Jul 16, Sep 17 and Nov 19. Gregg and Beth Steinhauer have been involved in this in the past and have agreed to lead us. Chris Anders, our ministry coordinator, and Darlene Wood, our council Director of Outreach, will be recruiting volunteers to cook the meal (in the Lakeview kitchen) and then other volunteers to go to Grace to serve and clean up the meal. We will also need donations of food each time we serve. All of this is somewhat like when we hosted Road Home guests, but the meal is not in our building. Watch for details, so

that you can be part of this new and important ministry.

Washington DC Trip

The trip that Pastor Dean is planning to Washington DC in September 2019 filled up immediately with 30 people. Pastor had to limit the participants to 30 this year. The group will be staying in the beautiful and historic city of Alexandria. We'll tour the capital and White House and spend time in the Smithsonian Museums. There will be a tour to the National Cathedral, Arlington Cemetery, the Pentagon and Mount Vernon. All the monuments and war memorials along the mall and tidal basin will be visited. And we'll worship at Christ Episcopal Church in Alexandria and see the pew of George and Martha Washington. This is the same building that they worshiped in. Flights will be through Chicago and Reagan National Airports. We look forward to a time of historical education, great fellowship, rest and some relaxation from daily routine. If you were not able to get a spot on this trip, but are interested, talk to Pastor Dean, who will put your name on a list, in case someone would have to change their plans.

Leftover Paper Products

Remember, if you have left over new paper plates, napkins, cups etc. that you would like to get rid of at home, they will always get used at church. Any theme or color is just fine. Because Styrofoam is not environmentally friendly, do not donate those

items to church. In fact, don't buy those items, if you are concerned about the environment. Thanks to many people who drop off paper products.

Aluminum Cans

We continue to collect uncrushed aluminum cans, with the pull-tabs, for Nathaniel. You can drop your cans off inside the office entrance to the building, where there is a bin to collect them. Or, if you have a large donation, set your bagged cans near the bin. Nathaniel appreciates that you support his cottage industry.

Other Items Collected

Quilting material for Ronda Richard. Plastic and paper bags for the Lakeview Food Pantry. Aluminum pull tabs for Ronald McDonald house. Certain knitted and crocheted items for the knitters to distribute.

2019 Flower/Bread/Bulletin Sign Up

You can find the sign up chart located on a bulletin board in the church narthex. You can sign up to pay for bulletins or altar flowers throughout the upcoming year. Or you can sign up for altar flowers but then designate your \$35 to go for world hunger. If you designate your money to fight hunger, please note that on the chart and on that particular day, a basket of bread will stand where the flowers often stand. Your name will appear in the bulletin. Thank you for fighting hunger through this simple procedure.

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.

MARCH 4 "THE PRESIDENT IS MISSING" BY BILL CLINTON AND JAMES PATTERSON

APRIL 1 "THE UNREMEMBERED GIRL" BY ELIZA MAXWELL

MAY 6 "LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE" BY CLESTE NG

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

I am a fourth generation US citizen. My ancestors came to America from Germany. When I was a child, I couldn't attend the worship service at 8:00 am at our local Lutheran church because it was conducted in German. My family likes German things like headcheese, sausages, sauerkraut, beer, rye bread, and "himmel footer." We still say things like "ach die liber" and "macht schnell." We learned the words to "Stille Nacht" very early on. I was encouraged, in high school, to take German as my second language. While there are many beautiful, safe and peaceful nations in the world, I am happy to be in America and I am grateful that my ancestors were allowed entry into this country. I'm guessing life upon arrival was difficult for them, but they were allowed to come here and flourish and because of that, I am your pastor! My guess is that most of you are also grateful for your "immigrant" roots and traditions, even if they include eating Lutefisk.

So I struggle today. As a faith based person, who believes that God has created all people in God's image, I struggle with how our nation is responding to and treating our immigrant population. I struggle with how we are responding to people who are undocumented. I struggle when we prevent people from coming into our country who are seeking safety and protection because the locations they are fleeing are filled with poverty, violence and corruption. I struggle when I see how children have been mistreated in detention centers. I struggle when I hear 4th generation Americans condemn others who speak Spanish or an Arabic language. My ancestors fled Germany to provide a better life. My ancestors spoke their native language and we still lift up many traditions that come from the "homeland." Remember that the idea of a Christmas tree was NOT born on American soil. Our beloved salsa condiment originated in Spanish speaking nations like Central America and Mexico. And the origin of beer dates back nearly 5000 years when it was first brewed in China. What would life be like today if we had placed a tariff on China and never gotten beer in this country?

I do use the Bible to guide me in my struggles. One Bible verse that is important to me, even though found in those Old Testament laws, is Leviticus 19:33, *"Don't mistreat any foreigners who live in your land. Instead, treat them as well as you treat citizens and love them as much as you love yourself."* And even more important to me than Hebrew laws are the words of Jesus found in Luke 6:27 *"Love your enemies, and be good to everyone who hates you. Ask God to bless anyone who curses you, and pray for everyone who is cruel to you. If someone slaps you on the cheek, don't stop them from slapping your other cheek. If someone takes your coat, give them your shirt. And a bit further he says, "don't judge others, don't be hard on others, forgive others."* Or the words of Jesus in John 13:34, *"Love one another, by this everyone will know that you are my disciples."* Jesus persistently showed acceptance, welcome, hospitality and compassion to the people that the culture around him wanted to condemn and block out. He welcomed and loved the Gentiles and the people from Samaria. And, of course, he originated the golden rule, *"do to others what you would want them to do to you."*

We live in some turbulent times, just like the first century. We live in a world where many don't care what Jesus had to say, just like the first century. We live in a society where many are more concerned about themselves than their neighbors, just like the first century. As we struggle forward with all the questions about immigration and refugees and people who are undocumented, who are like all our ancestors before us, let me remind you that the Bible, your Holy Book, can be a good tool for guidance and encouragement. Perhaps turning toward God for assistance can give you some advice.

Peace,

Pastor DEAN

PS If you are seeking to read something that addresses this topic comprehensively and from every aspect within a faith-based framework, I would recommend *"Welcoming the Stranger"* by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang. Of course the Bible is good, too!!!

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“Souper Bowl” Collection
New Ministry Opportunity
Immigration**

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