

## THE BEACON

### 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. We’ll meet in the Fellowship Room upstairs. You are invited to enter on the northside of the building through the main glass doors. Pastor Dean, Chris Anders or Laura will be your host. 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. Any adults are invited to attend. Each presentation will be for one hour. 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. It is hoped that this monthly event will provide you with fellowship and good information.

Following is the order of presentations that have been arranged to date.

**Jan 31** *Yep we screwed up and scheduled the January event on the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday not the 4<sup>th</sup> 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*

**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**-TBA

**May 23**-TBA

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

### Annual Meeting Celebration

The congregation council has set aside Sunday, January 27 for our annual meeting celebration. They are asking that all voting members of the congregation come and participate. There will be light refreshments in the Fellowship Room at 8:00 am. There will be a special celebrative worship service at 9:00 am and the meeting will follow immediately in the sanctuary. We’ll be electing a new council president. We’ll hear about our finances and the proposed budget for 2019. We’ll get an update on all the work the heating/air conditioning/solar energy task force has been doing. We’ll have a chance to complete a pledge card to share with the council how we can each support the plan for ministry at Lakeview in the New Year. We’ll celebrate the great ministry that we accomplished together in 2018. It is a day for us to really lift up the work we’ve done and our plans for future ministry. Remember, there is NO worship service on Saturday, January 26 as the council hopes everyone will come to celebrate on January 27.

## **Knots of Love**

January Knots of Love will meet on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm. In 2018, Knots of Love distributed 401 knitted and crocheted items, including hats, scarves, mittens, baby items, prayer shawls, skull caps and lap blankets. These items were distributed to the following places: Beacon, Veterans, Food Pantry, Ethiopia, Mendota School, Meriter Hospital, and Agrace Hospice. If anyone knows of a group that could use these items, let Kathie Benson know. Knots of Love meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 1pm. Come and join us! Men can knit and crochet, too!

## **Epiphany Worship-Jan 6**

The celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord falls on a Sunday in 2019. Epiphany ends the Christmas season. This is the day that we recognize that magi came from other lands to pay homage to the young Christ-child. The gospel of Matthew tells us that they visited Jesus with his mother at their house in Bethlehem. They brought gifts. But more importantly, they help us understand how the salvation that the Christ-child brings reaches far into the world, far beyond the Jewish community living in the land of Israel. Jesus has a worldwide mission of service and compassion. So on this Sunday morning, at 9:00, we will have a unique worship service that will include everyone present participating in service and compassion. This service portion of the worship time will not happen after worship, but as part of the actual worship service. We will move all the food donated in Advent boxes and all the cans for food used in the Christmas trees to the lower level food pantry. Food will be sorted in East Hall. There will be opportunities for everyone to participate in this mission project, even if you are not able to carry things down the steps. You should dress comfortably for this event. The worship service will begin with a sermon and Holy Communion and then we will transition into mission mode as part of celebrating Christ's light for the world. Worship on that day will

conclude at 10:00 am with a prayer, hymn and blessing in the food pantry.

## **Book Club 'Working' Lunch**

As we have been doing in the past, anyone interested in determining what books will be read in 2019 should mark your calendars for Sunday, January 6. We will meet at Cherokee Country Club for breakfast/lunch at 10:15am to put together our monthly reads for 2019. Please bring any titles you would like to see considered in the compilation. Also, please respond to Jane Rose, [jfrose@prodigy.net](mailto:jfrose@prodigy.net) by January 1<sup>st</sup>, if you plan to attend. Jane has graciously volunteered to contact Cherokee and make our reservation. If you are not able to attend but have titles you would like included, please email those titles to Chris, [coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org](mailto:coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org). Anyone is welcome to join this 'working' lunch group. Then, on February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, in the Fellowship Room, we will meet to discuss "They Marched into Sunlight" by David Maraniss. Again, anyone is welcome to join in the discussion.

## **MUM Just Bakery Selling at Lakeview Lutheran**

Just Bakery will be selling their wonderful baked products in the church narthex on Sunday, January 13. They will be here before and after the service with sticky rolls, cinnamon rolls, cookies, breads, coffee cakes and more. Support this important ministry that began in our building many years ago and has developed into a significant employment training opportunity in our community.

## **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County**

Come to the adult forum immediately after church on Sunday, January 13. It will be held in the sanctuary. The presenter will be JD Engelhardt, who is the recruitment specialist for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County. He is coming to Lakeview to recruit people who are willing to volunteer one hour a week to serve as a Big Brother or Sister at Mendota School. The volunteer would go to Mendota midday on Thursdays to spend time with their little brother or

sister. You could have lunch with them or shoot hoops. You could read books or play a board game or just hang out and talk. There are many options for being a positive role model for a young child. Adult volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and willing to commit their time for 4 semesters (that's two years). They really need Big volunteers and especially need men to volunteer. So stay after worship for an hour and find out how you can make a Big impact on a Small person's life.

### **Washington DC Bound**

Maybe you've always wanted to visit the nation's capital. Maybe you've been there but didn't get to see everything you hoped for. Maybe you would just like some time away from your routine. Pastor Dean will be leading the annual fall adult fellowship retreat to the Washington DC area. He is looking at Sept 11-16, 2019. The group would fly direct from Madison to Reagan International Airport. We would be staying in Alexandria, Virginia to enjoy the history of the city where George Washington and Robert E. Lee grew up. Trips would be taken into DC via the train and by charter bus. We would hope to tour the capital and maybe the Whitehouse. We would visit the monuments on the mall and around the tidal basin. We would see the war memorials, the Ford Theater, the National Cathedral, DuPont Circle, the National Holocaust Museum and several Smithsonian Museums. We would also take a tour of Mt. Vernon and its grounds. This trip is "under construction" and final costs cannot be established until much closer to the date. If you have any interest in this trip, you should attend the informational meeting on Sunday, January 13 at 6:00 pm in the church library. Pastor Dean will be giving you all the information he has. After that meeting you will be able to decide if you want to participate. Your initial deposit of \$100 will hold your slot. We will have to limit the number of people who can attend.

**Celebrate Pastor Dean's 62<sup>nd</sup> Birthday**  
Get signed up now to attend the monthly senior

lunch and euchre tournament on Jan 14, 2019. This is the day that Pastor Dean turns 62, so he will be cooking up 4 different kinds of soup for the meal at 11:00 am. There will be bread and crackers and cheeses to have with the soup. Dessert will be birthday cake and ice cream. Expect to put on a birthday hat upon arrival. Better take the day off from work or other obligations, as the celebration could go late into the evening!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### **Youth Winter Retreat**

The winter retreat this year will be held at the Borden Cottage at the Green Lake Conference Center. Only a small group of youth will be attending but we will have some learning time, we'll prepare meals together and we'll enjoy some outdoor recreation on grounds. We'll also use the indoor gymnasium and workout center. Pastor Dean and Annette Pownell will be the chaperones for this retreat. The group will leave church at 5:30 on Friday evening and return by noon on Sunday. This event is for youth in grades 6-9.

### **Choir**

Have you considered trying something new in 2019? Maybe you would like to consider being part of the Lakeview choir. The choir meets under the direction of Lynn Najem every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. The choir meets in the sanctuary for these rehearsals and then helps to lead worship on periodic Sundays and festivals throughout the year. Not only does the choir lead worship, but they are a fun social group to hang out with, also. Come on over on January 10 when choir rehearsals resume, after Christmas.

### **Wednesday Noon Bible Study**

Anyone can participate in the Bible study that Pastor Dean leads every Wednesday at noon. The group meets in the Fellowship Room and there is coffee and tea and Punky often bakes treats. People who come should bring a Bible and an inquisitive and open mind. Right now the group has been comparing the Bible and the Quran. Maybe you'd like to make Bible study

part of your new year's resolution?

### **Cemetery Lots for Sale**

There are two lots available for sale in the Lakeview Cemetery. The owner is Bob Sowatzke from Berlin, WI. The lots are no longer needed by Bob's family. The lots are each \$500 and located on the west side of the cemetery along the west fence line. They are side by side. If you are interested in purchasing these lots, call Bob Sowatzke at 920-290-6500.

### A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

On the fourth weekend of Advent our weekend Bible reading was the story in Matthew where Jesus fed over 5000 people on the hillside with five loaves of bread and two fish. That's impressive. But the part of the story that is most striking is the answer Jesus gave when the disciples came to tell him that all those people were hungry. Jesus said, "*You give them something to eat.*" Jesus didn't dismiss the crowds and he didn't take on the responsibility of feeding them. Instead he told his followers to feed the hungry. Jesus had made the resources available for all the people to be fed and expected his followers to do what needed to be done.

In the world right now 815 million people are hungry. We could pray that Jesus would do something about this outrageous number. But I think that Jesus would respond to us the same way he responded to his disciples that day, "*You give them something to eat.*"

The world produces enough food to feed everyone. God has graciously created a world with enough resources to prevent anyone from dying of starvation. So we have the tools to feed everyone. A problem is that some of us are gluttons. We want more food than we should have or than what we need. In developed countries like our own, we waste far too much food that would be most appreciated by someone who is hungry. American's waste 30% of the food available to us. Individuals, restaurants, and grocery stores are all guilty of wasting 48.3 billion dollars of food every year.

Food expiration dates and "use by" dates have been a significant factor in food waste. Too many of us do not fully understand that most of those dates do not mean that it is unsafe to eat the contents after the date has passed. Too many of us are willing to throw an unopened can of fruit in the garbage without thinking about how many people in the world would be filled with joy over that can. Too many of us order food portions in restaurants or take food portions from buffets that are not completely eaten and then tossed. Think about the food you see in the grocery deli, the bakery, and the meat cases that gets tossed regularly. What happens to those rotisserie chickens at the end of the day when they haven't been purchased? Do we really need to "super" size at McDonalds? Do we really need to upgrade our classic sandwich at Subway?

One of the immediate ways that we can respond to Jesus' call to "*give them something to eat*" is to stop food waste. We can teach others about reducing food waste. We can support food recovery programs that make use of food that is going to be wasted from grocery stores—check out the Food Recovery Network right here in Madison. We can be sure that we only take what we will eat. We can be sure that we only cook what we will eat. We can stop impulsive buying. The availability of food exists in our world and when we take Jesus seriously and grow, distribute and consume this food wisely, no one would ever have to die of hunger again.

One other difficult statistic for us is that American's spend 60 billion dollars a year on weight loss. Because we over consume and because we arrogantly take more of the worlds food resources than we should, we have to turn around and spend money on returning our bodies to a healthy weight. Can you imagine what could happen in developing countries with 60 billion dollars a year for extra food?

Jesus calls on you and I to feed hungry people. His ministry, outlined in the gospels, repeats that theme regularly. I invite you to take Jesus seriously as we begin this New Year.

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.

**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

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**Senior Lunch/Euchre 2019**

**All Events at Lakeview Lutheran**

**Lunch at 11am,Euchre to follow**

**Monday,Jan.14**

**Monday,Feb.18**

**Monday,Mar.11**

**Monday,Apr. 8**

**Monday,May 13**

**Monday,June 17**

**Monday,July 8**

**Monday,Aug. 12**

**Monday,Sept.23**

**Monday,Oct.14**

**Monday,Nov.18**

**Monday,Dec.9**

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Monday & Tuesday 8-4, Wednesday 8-12, Thursday 1-4, Friday Closed

**Service Schedule:**

5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

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