

THE BEACON

Sunday Morning Forum-March 3

Join us at 10:00 am on Sunday, March 3, in the sanctuary. We will welcome Michele Strauss, the outreach liaison for Agrace Hospice and Palliative Care. She will talk about “Myth VS Facts” when it comes to hospice services. Michele will answer the following questions: Does a person have to be very close to death to enroll in hospice? Is hospice expensive? Do people give up Medicare when they enroll in hospice? Does a person give up their doctor when they enroll in hospice? Does hospice come in and take over the person’s medical plan? Do all hospice patients have to be “do not resuscitate?” Is hospice limited to six months? Michele will answer your questions, too, so join us on March 3.

Book Club Discussion

Monday, March 4 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room there will be a discussion of “They Marched into Sunlight: War and Peace, Vietnam and America” by David Maraniss. Originally, this book was listed for the February meeting, but due to winter weather, it was canceled. Anyone is welcome to attend. In April, discussion will be held on “The Unremembered Girl” by Eliza Maxwell.

Underwear Collection

Our collection of new underwear begins on March 6 and concludes on Easter, April 21. Bring all sizes and styles of men’s underwear to the collection spot in the sanctuary. Your donations will go to homeless men who use the services of Porchlight here in Madison. Bring donations of women’s underwear in all styles but ONLY in size 5 or smaller. These donations will be sent with Pastor Mary Pharmer to Annunciation House in El Paso Texas where they work with about 3000 immigrants each week. Our goal is 200 pairs of underwear during Lent.

Adult Study on Immigration

As promised, Pastor Dean will join the congregation to look deeper into the topic of immigration, refugees and undocumented people, and to consider what a biblical response might be. He will lead a weekly Sunday morning class beginning on March 10 and ending on April 7 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Room. Anyone is invited to come to the class. All materials will be provided, including a copy of the ELCA Social Message on Immigration.

Pastor will also provide information on outside resources and reading materials on this topic. The class will end each week at 11:00 am. To be part of this group, just show up on Sunday, March 10.

Ash Wednesday Worship

We will worship together at 6:30 pm, on March 6, in the sanctuary. Our worship will be solemn and meditative as we consider the disciplines of Lent; prayer, fasting and the sharing of alms. There will be Holy Communion at this service and the imposition of ashes for those who choose. The choir will also sing. Guests and visitors are certainly welcome.

March Food Pantry Collection

On March 9 and 10 we will collect bottles of dish soap for the Lakeview Food Pantry. You may bring any size bottle and brand to worship that weekend and place your gift on the cart in the front of the sanctuary. Because we will be collecting underwear in April, there will NOT be a food pantry collection on the second weekend in April.

Senior Lunch and Euchre

The monthly senior lunch and euchre tournament in March will be on Monday, March 11. We will eat a traditional corned beef and cabbage meal at 11:00 am. A variety of Irish beers will be available. Guests should sign up in the narthex or by contacting Chris Anders. Don't forget to wear green! Those who wish may stay after the meal and play in the euchre tournament.

Mid-Week Lenten Gatherings

This year during Lent, you are invited to join us at 6:30 pm every Wednesday evening in the sanctuary to hear a guest presenter. Each presenter will talk about the particular obstacles they have had to overcome and have to continue to deal with in their lives and careers. Obstacles come in a variety of shapes and forms and we recall that Jesus would have us work to overcome obstacles and barriers so that all might have an equal and just life. On March 13, come and hear from Cindy Harrington. Cindy survived a brain

injury in 1977 when struck by an uninsured drunk driver. Coping with her trauma, she returned to the nursing and teaching professions and continues to entertain, with encouragement from many people who enjoy her style. Cindy is committed to helping others, of all ages, find their strengths and abilities to cope with changes and enjoy life by using music. Her health history brings a unique perspective to her work. Cindy will share her music as part of her presentation. On March 20, we will here from Pastor Eldonna Hazen. Pastor Hazen grew up in the ELCA but because she identified as a gay woman early on, she knew she would not be able to be ordained in the ELCA (*times have changed in the ELCA since then*). Pastor Hazen graduated from a UCC Seminary. She is married and has 3 children. She is the senior pastor at First Congregational United Church of Christ on University Avenue in Madison. Come and hear Pastor Hazen's story as a married lesbian with children and serving as the senior pastor of a large mainline protestant congregation in our community. Nathaniel Pharmer will be our speaker on March 27. Nathaniel is a black Haitian-born man who was raised in a white Midwestern family home, in the predominantly white community of Madison and within the very white European Lutheran Church. Many of you may know Nathaniel from his childhood, as he is the son of former Lakeview Pastor Mary Pharmer. On April 3, we will hear from Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes. Lt. Governor Barnes will talk about the obstacles he has had to overcome, and continues to address, as a black man in a high-level government position, who came from a struggling Milwaukee neighborhood. His presentation is not about politics but about how he has had to work to get where he is. Pastor Dean is making arrangements

for the final speaker, on April 10. More information will come.

Bus Trip to Milwaukee

Get a spot on the next bus trip. We'll be heading down the road to Wisconsin's largest city-Milwaukee. We'll leave Lakeview at 8:00 am and the first stop will be St. Josaphat's Basilica on Milwaukee's south side. This was once a large Polish immigrant neighborhood and the phenomenal architecture and artwork of the basilica represents that. This is truly one of Wisconsin's most unique houses of worship. Next, we will head to the Milwaukee Public Market, where over 19 vendors sell unique items like baked goods, coffee, spices, wine, cheese, meat, produce, seafood, and so much more. This is a unique and special place that uplifts the flavors of Wisconsin. Lunch will be at the Rock Bottom Brewery, on the Milwaukee River, downtown. The Rock Bottom serves unique and tasty food along with a variety of their brewed beers. Separate checks for your food and drink will happen at Rock Bottom. After lunch, the first stop will be to the Wisconsin Black Historical Museum, in central Milwaukee. This is the only museum in Wisconsin dedicated to black history. The mission of the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum is to document and preserve the historical heritage of African descent in Wisconsin. The Museum exhibits, collects and disseminates materials depicting this heritage. Serving as a resource center for all people interested in Wisconsin's rich African American heritage, the Museum's purpose is to encourage and promote family, community and cultural activities. As we depart for home, the bus will stop at Gilles Original Custard stand. They have inside ordering and seating. Custard has been important to the economy of Milwaukee. The

cost of this trip is \$33 per person. That fee covers the bus, driver, tip, tour guide and museum entrance. You pay for any food, beverages or souvenirs on your own. Get signed up soon. Checks made to Lakeview.

Porchlight Meal- March 19

A new exciting ministry at Lakeview! We need food donations and volunteers. Six times a year, Lakeview will be providing a hot evening meal and cold breakfast to the men who use the Porchlight homeless shelter at Grace Episcopal Church on the square. Our first day for this ministry is March 19. The menu will remain the same every month. It includes: scalloped potatoes and ham, green bean casserole, lettuce salad, bread, cookies and bars and milk. We will also provide cold breakfast items for the men to eat the following morning, so we will seek donations of sweetened cereal, apples, oranges, bananas, granola bars and orange juice. We will need 3 people to volunteer to prepare the meal in Nescos in the Lakeview kitchen on March 19 at 1:00 pm. We will need 3 volunteers to come to church on March 19 at 6:30 pm to assist Gregg and Beth Steinhauer with taking the food to Grace and serving the meal. The meal is served at 8:00 pm. After cleanup, the volunteers leave around 9:00 pm and will be back at church at 9:30 pm. The volunteers who serve will carpool to Grace, where there is designated parking. So, at least one volunteer besides the Steinhauers will need to drive to Grace church. We are grateful that Gregg and Beth are willing to lead this ministry because it is a perfect opportunity for this congregation and our strong desire to respond to hunger, by donating items and by volunteering. So, stop in the church narthex to find the donation and volunteer sheets that Chris Anders has displayed. Let's all get on board and

make this new ministry function smoothly because that's what people at Lakeview do! Thank you!

Special Meeting of the Congregation

The church council is calling a special congregational meeting for all voting members on Sunday, March 24, immediately after the worship service. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary. The business to be addressed at this meeting is the air conditioning, as researched and presented by the HVAC Task Group. At the annual meeting, you received detailed information about all the work this group has accomplished, but they delayed making a recommendation because they had just learned of another option. The task group has explored that option and it is not feasible. The task group will be recommending that the congregation air condition East Hall and purchase window treatments for the large windows in that room. The task group will only recommend this if the congregation responds with a serious desire to fund this project, either through direct giving or fundraising events or a combination. There is not a pool of money available for this project. The bank loan the congregation has will be paid in full in August 2019. The congregation continues to make monthly payments on the small kitchen loan with the cemetery association. If you are a voting member please come to the meeting on March 24. Thank you to the HVAC task group for such thorough work.

News You Can Use

On March 28, there will be bagels, coffee, tea and hot chocolate in the Fellowship Room, at 9:30 am, as we gather for news that can be used at home in our daily lives. Anyone is welcome to attend this

gathering. Our guest speaker will be Bernadette Galvez, Community Education Officer, City of Madison Fire Department who will speak about fire safety in our homes, condos, apartments or other living environments. These informational gatherings last an hour and it is hoped that you can take home valuable information for use in your daily lives. Enjoy the information and the fellowship.

Pledge Cards

Please consider turning in your completed pledge card to the church office or in the weekly offering plate. The information you provide is confidential but very helpful to the church treasurer in planning and monitoring the church's yearly plan for ministry. The cards are yellow and have been mailed to every household or individual who has not turned one in. Thank you for the support that allows Lakeview to exist to serve the spiritual needs of its members and throughout the world.

Worship Assistants

We are always in need of new worship assistants and there are a variety of areas where you can volunteer. If you are interested, please send an email or note or make a phone call to Laura in the church office. We hope you might consider volunteering in one or more of the following areas: Sunday readers, communion servers, ushers, altar guild (*communion set up and take down*). Thank you to the many people who currently serve, very graciously, in these capacities and thank you to anyone who will become a new volunteer. By the way, singing in choir or sharing music is also an opportunity to serve as a worship assistant. Consider coming to choir on Thursday evenings, at 7:00 pm, in the sanctuary.

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.

APRIL 1 "THE UNREMEMBERED GIRL" BY ELIZA MAXWELL

MAY 6 "LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE" BY CLESTE NG

JUNE 3 "EDUCATED" BY TARA WESTOVER

One Chapter Completed, A New One Beginning

Thank you to everyone in the Lakeview Lutheran Congregation for making it possible for me to complete a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Meriter Hospital these past six months. Due to your financial support and grace in allowing reduced office hours, I was able to complete my first step towards becoming a minister. Doing so has opened up some doors for me to continue to practice chaplaincy, to hone my skills and continue to serve in this capacity. Starting in March, I will be doing one to four night chaplain shifts a month at Meriter. I will also be taking on a small on-call chaplain position at Oakwood East, one to a few times a month. The exciting part is, after six months of an unpaid internship, which included 20 hours a week of clinical practice, much self-reflection, supervisor and peer feedback, and paper writing, I will actually get paid to do this work now! I am exploring other opportunities to continue to practice these skills and expand my education, as I consider how and when I will take my next step of going to seminary and starting down the path to ordination. The support and caring of this congregation has been integral to my ability to pursue this calling and I am exceedingly grateful. Laura J.

New Office Hours

With the internship completed, we are adjusting the office hours up again. Starting March 1, the office will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8-4, Wednesday 8-2, and closed on Friday.

A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

Each of us has experienced obstacles in life. I just came in from snow blowing my driveway, where something that usually improves the quality of my life was a great obstacle. I'm talking about my eyeglasses. Without them I can't see. But when covered with snow and water while snow blowing, I can't see either. Funny how things we need to function can also become the things to make us relatively dysfunctional.

I realize that wet eyeglasses are a minor obstacle. Many people in this world face far greater obstacles than that. Like many of you, I have been fortunate. I have never experienced bigotry, prejudice or hate because of the color of my skin, or my sexuality, or my gender, or my religion, or my citizenship status. I've had the luxury of the gift of common sense, an intellectual mind, and a vast

amount of resources to use to get me through difficult times in my life. But so many of the people around us live everyday with serious obstacles in their lives. And while these obstacles can be because of genetic makeup or parenting or sometimes choice, they are often placed in front of people because of the way society perceives them. In every society, in every time and place, unnecessary obstacles and stereotypes have been placed in front of certain human beings.

Jesus was all about removing obstacles. He welcomed people from all nationalities. He sat with women. He encouraged children. He offered hope to people from other religions and to those who were possessed or sent away because of skin disease. Jesus never turned away from someone because of skin color, gender or sexual orientation. And with his inclusive ministry, he has invited us to be inclusive also. With his call to love our neighbors, to stop judging, and to forgive he has invited us to do likewise. Jesus has invited us to intimately get to know people so that we can put an end to stereotypes and false ideas. Often our decisions about others are based, not on personal experience, but on something that we have falsely been led to believe. And Jesus would condemn that.

This year during Lent, we are going to focus on obstacles that can prevent folks from having a full, rich and safe life. On each Wednesday evening in Lent, you are invited to come to the sanctuary at 6:30 to hear someone share about the obstacles they have had to face and overcome in order to feel good about who they are. We will hear about the obstacles faced in order for some folks to find fulfillment. On Sunday mornings, I will lead a discussion at 10:00 about immigrants, refugees and undocumented people. We'll explore the obstacles that these folks, who have been created in the image of God, must work to overcome, often for self and family preservation. As part of this study, we will be using the ELCA social message about immigrants.

Finally, has underwear ever been an obstacle for you? No, not because it bunches or slips or loses its elastic waistband. Underwear is a pretty important piece of clothing and we don't always realize how people struggle with acquiring it. It's not available in most food pantries or resale shops. Not too many are comfortable with wearing previously owned underwear. Therefore, during the season of Lent we will collect underwear—hopefully 200 pairs of underwear! Beginning on Ash Wednesday through Easter you are invited to bring donations of new (ONLY) underwear to the collection spot in the sanctuary. We will collect all sizes and styles of men's underwear and our collection will go to those folks who are participants in Porchlight's Homeless programs. We will collect women's underwear too but only size 5 or smaller. The women's underwear we collect will be sent with Pastor Mary Pharmer to Annunciation House in El Paso Texas. They can only use smaller sizes because Central American women have smaller waists than women in the Midwest.

I invite you to join me in all of these ways as we consider the obstacles that exist in our world and culture. I invite you to join me in looking at the obstacles that can prevent people from reaching their fullest potential. I invite you to join me as we try to live out the call from Jesus to eliminate obstacles and barriers so that everyone can be justly treated as beloved of God. I think each of us will have some surprises as our eyes are opened during Lent 2019.

Peace,

Pastor DEAN



Youth Retreat to Green Lake, in January.



February Senior Lunch, featuring meatloaf and mashed potatoes.

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Thank you from Laura!**

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