

## THE BEACON

### **Study on Immigration**

The Sunday morning study of immigration, led by Pastor Dean, will continue on March 31 and April 7. Even if you haven't attended this class in the past, you are welcome to attend on these dates. The group meets in the Fellowship Room from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

### **Lakeview Book Club**

"The Unremembered Girl" by Eliza Maxwell will be discussed Monday, April 1 at 6:30pm. Discussion is open to anyone and will be held in the Fellowship Room.

"Little Fires Everywhere" by Cleste Ng is the May 6th topic of discussion, starting at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room.

### **Overcoming Obstacles-Mid-week Lent**

There are still two mid-week Lenten presentations in April. On **April 3** we will hear from the person who holds the second highest government position in our state (*obviously it is Lt Governor Mandela Barnes*). This young man will talk about the obstacles he has had to overcome and must continue to address as a dark skinned man, in a high-level government position, who came from a struggling Milwaukee neighborhood. On **April 10** we will hear from a man who recently came to this nation with his wife and children, seeking safety and asylum from persecution, after leaving Syria. This man and his family are of the Muslim faith tradition and he will talk about the situation in Syria, how the asylum process worked for him and what things he has to struggle with as he and his family make a new home in a foreign land. Everyone is invited to come and learn from these presenters. Bring a friend!

### **Passion Weekend Cantata**

On Saturday, April 13 at 5:00 pm and Sunday, April 14 at 9:00 am, the choir, Sunday school and others will present the story of Jesus' passion and death with music and narration. The title of the cantata this year is "*Shadow of the Cross*." The music is moving and helpful in guiding us to understand Jesus' life just before his resurrection on Easter. Holy Communion will be served at both services. Laura Jasiczek will serve as the narrator.

### **April Senior Lunch**

The monthly senior lunch and euchre tournament will be held on Monday, April 8. The meal is served at 11:00 am and those who wish to attend are asked to sign up by Wednesday, April 3. Pastor Dean and the crew will be making a soul food dinner with BBQ chicken legs and sausage, creamed chicken gizzards, collard greens, black eyed peas, mac and cheese and dessert. Those who wish, may stay after lunch to play in the euchre tournament.

### **Porchlight Meal and Appreciation Lunch**

Thank you to everyone who donated food and volunteered time to serve the Porchlight meal in March. Remember, we'll do it again in May. We will serve at Porchlight every odd numbered month. To thank all volunteers, Porchlight will host a Drop-In Shelter Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on April 13 at 9:30 am at the Grace Episcopal Church Guild Hall on the square. You are all invited to attend but asked to RSVP to Karla Thennes at 608-257-2534 ext. 14. You can also email Karla at [kthennes@porchlightinc.org](mailto:kthennes@porchlightinc.org). Gregg and Beth Steinhauer will be attending this brunch.

### **Maundy Thursday-Good Friday**

Maundy Thursday worship will be held at noon on April 18 in the sanctuary. At this service we are reminded that Jesus washed his disciple's feet and encourages us to serve likewise. During this final meal with his disciples, we hear Jesus give us a new commandment to love one another. Communion will be served and the choir will sing. On Good Friday, we gather at noon in the sanctuary to reflect on the crucifixion and the cross. This service is solemn and meditative and does not include

communion. All are welcome at both worship services. Each service will conclude in 45 minutes so that those who wish to return to work may do so.

### **Easter Weekend**

On Saturday, April 20, the Easter Vigil service will be at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary. On Easter Sunday, the Service of First Light will be at 7:00 am and Easter Festival Worship will be at 9:00 and 10:30 am. There will not be an Easter breakfast this year, as in the past.

### **News You Can Use**

Our third "News You Can Use" event will be from 9:30 to 10:30 am on Thursday, April 25. You are invited to join the group in the upstairs Fellowship Room and share some pastries and hot beverages. The topic will be "Elder Abuse" and how to prevent it and what to do about it, if it happens. The presenter will be Lee Ann Grimm, Dane County Adult Protective Services Supervisor. Church members and guests are invited to come to this presentation to receive valuable information.

### **One of Many-Diversity, Inclusion and Rapport**

On Sunday, April 28, Travis Currier will do a presentation on diversity at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Travis grew up in this congregation and continues to be an active member here, as an adult. You are invited to come and hear Travis. The presentation will conclude at 11:00 am.

### **Senegal Presentation**

Because of inclement weather, we had to cancel the previously scheduled presentation about Senegal by Nate Zimdars. Nate will be here to share about his year doing mission work in Senegal with the ELCA Young Adults in

Global Mission Program on Sunday, May 5. He will share his interesting stories from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the sanctuary. Nate grew up in Grace Lutheran Church in Ripon and is a graduate of UW-Madison. High school and college age youth may be interested in Nate's presentation, as many youth do participate in this program after graduation, but before obtaining a job. It's excellent experience.

### **Pie Auction is Coming**

Everyone loves a good pie auction, especially when the pies are tasty and the money raised is going to a good cause. So get ready because our "in-house" auctioneer, Pastor Dean, is getting ready to sell pies at outrageous prices on Sunday, May 19 at the close of the worship service in the sanctuary. The money that we raise at this auction will be used for heating and air conditioning repairs and updates. So, right now, we need many of you to sign up in the narthex to donate a pie or pies to the auction. Colleen Kerl is heading up the pie bakers. Sign up, using your name, and indicate the kind(s) of pies you will donate. All pies should be homemade and brought to the sanctuary for worship on Sunday, May 19. Remember to bake the pies in containers

that you do not want back. Low cost pie plates can be purchased at second hand stores. Or foil pie plates work too. Fresh is best!!! Homemade is what we like to eat. Then come to worship and the auction on May 19 and help support future HVAC needs. EAT PIE!

### **Keep the Underwear Coming**

We have far exceeded the goal for Lent of 200 pairs of underwear and that is just wonderful. You are invited to continue to bring in the underwear donations until Easter. Who knew underwear could be such a special Easter decoration? Men's underwear, in all sizes and styles, will be donated to Porchlight. Women's underwear, size small, will be sent with Pastor Mary Pharmer to Annunciation House, in El Paso Texas, when she heads down in May. We can't have too much underwear!!!!!!

### **Cemetery Lots for Sale**

Bill and Kathy Sorenson would like to sell two full sized lots in the Lakeview Cemetery. They are asking \$750 for both of the lots. If you are interested in purchasing these lots, please contact Bill and Kathy, directly, in the Sauk City Area at 608-643-2959 or 608-370-1969.

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### **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

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## A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Dear Friends,

I'm not sure that everyone realizes how their church building is being used. This congregation has long claimed to be an avid outreach congregation. That is visible through things like clotheslines full of underwear or Christmas trees made of canned vegetables. It is visible in the food pantry and on mission trips or during the Thanksgiving Dinner. But one of the areas of outreach that may not be as fully visible to the congregation is the use of our building. We have long made our building available to non-profit service groups on the Northside. The building is also available to Lakeview members for social/family functions. We do not make the building available to outside groups for social/family functions.

To help you understand the outreach we do with our building and the number of people who are served in our building each week, let me walk through the activity from last week (*March 10-16*). On Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>, fifty eight people worshiped at 9:00 am. Twenty-three folks attended the adult study on immigration and ten kids attended Sunday school (*numbers were low, due to weather*). March 11 through March 14, twenty folks attended a daily seminar led by Access to Independence, training adults to become peer supports for others who leave incarceration, struggle with addiction, mental health or other challenges. On March 11, one hundred folks ate corned beef and cabbage and some played euchre. That evening, 20 households were served in the food pantry. Tuesday morning, 10 women attended the Dorcas Circle Bible study. Tuesday evening, 42 adults and children attended the Northside Children's Zone "Ready Set Go" employment program. On March 13, there were 19 people at noon Bible study and 33 people came to hear the first Lenten presenter in the evening. In the lower level on Wednesday evening, 30 adults and children attended the Human Services Kinship Support meal and group. On Thursday, March 14, the 42 folks were back for "Ready, Set, Go" and 12 people came to choir rehearsal. Friday evening, March 15, the Westport Squares held their weekly dance event in East Hall for about 50 people (*they do pay a fee*). On Saturday, March 16, there were 24 folks in worship and one of them was a visitor who is interested in membership.

Because our church budget includes appropriate staff positions and funding for the care and upkeep of our property, we have been able to provide for those outside our church community. And in so doing, many people come into our building each week and become acquainted with the mission and ministry of Lakeview Lutheran Church. I would say that this is just one of many ways that we proclaim the gospel in our world through hospitality and welcome. You should be commended for this outreach ministry. One of the disciplines of Lent is charitable activity. Sharing our building with Northside non-profit groups is certainly a response to the call of Jesus to pray, fast and give charitably.

Peace, Pastor DEAN



March Senior Lunch, featuring corned beef and cabbage.



All the beautiful underwear donations decorating our Sanctuary for Easter!

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**Office Hours:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8-4, Wednesday 8-2, Friday Closed

**Service Schedule:**

5:00pm Saturday

9:00am Sunday

Lent: 6:30pm Wednesday

Easter: 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am

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