

## THE BEACON

### **Rescheduled Presentation on Senegal, West Africa**

On Sunday, May 5, you are invited to come to the church sanctuary immediately after worship to hear Nate Zimdars tell us about his year of service in Senegal with the Young Adults in Global Mission. This is a program through the ELCA that many college graduates choose to participate in for a year, before they find long term employment. The experiences these young adults have are vast and remarkable. Nate grew up in Ripon Wisconsin, is a member at Grace Lutheran in Ripon and graduated from UW-Madison. This presentation is open to everyone.

### **Book Club**

The Lakeview Book discussion will be held on Monday, May 6, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room. The topic of discussion will be "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng." Little Fires Everywhere explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood – and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster." Anyone is welcome to come share their thoughts.

### **Food Pantry Weekend**

On May 11 and 12 we will receive our monthly special offering for the Lakeview Food Pantry. You are invited to bring donations of canned soup to worship on that weekend. All sizes and varieties are welcome.

### **Senior Lunch/Euchre Tournament**

Come join the fun and fellowship on Monday, May 13, starting with a home cooked lunch served at 11am. Lunch includes scalloped potatoes and ham, bread, salads & dessert with coffee, lemonade and water for beverages. Free will offering. Stick around and play Euchre afterwards; prizes awarded for the top three scores. Please sign up for this event before Thursday, May 9. Contact Chris Anders, [coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org](mailto:coordinator@lakeviewlutheranmail.org) or phone the office, 244-6181. Senior status is not required to attend.

### **Congregation Meeting**

The annual spring financial update meeting will be held on Sunday, May 12, immediately after worship in the sanctuary. All voting members are encouraged to be present as our treasurer, Linda Schaack, will

### **End of Program Year Celebration**

There will be a special service on Sunday, May 19, as we conclude the program year here at Lakeview. The choir and Sunday school kids will sing during worship. There will be other surprises. Immediately after worship, the pie auction, to raise money for air conditioning in East Hall, will take place. Your auctioneer will be Pastor Dean. Many delicious homemade pies will be sold and you are all invited to come and purchase dessert for Sunday dinner. Bring your checkbook. It gets a little crazy and fun and it's all for a good cause.

provide an update as to the financial standing of our congregation. This will be the only business conducted at the meeting.

### **Porchlight Meal**

On Tuesday, May 21, Lakeview will serve the meal at the Porchlight Men's Shelter at Grace Episcopal Church on the square. It is the same menu that we served in March. We are seeking many folks to sign up in the narthex to donate food for this meal and for breakfast the following morning. You should have your food in the church kitchen by noon on Tuesday, May 21. Volunteers are needed to cook the meal at 1:00 pm on May 21 and additional volunteers are needed to go to Grace to serve the meal on Tuesday evening with leaders, Gregg and Beth Steinhauer. Please take a moment to stop by the sign up in the narthex to see how you can assist with this ministry. We had a very successful evening in March. Remember, we will do this meal/breakfast 6 times a year.

### **Underwear Collection**

Thank you for all your donations of underwear during the season of Lent! Due to your generosity we were able to send 413 pairs of women's underwear to Annunciation House in El Paso, TX, 305 men's pairs to Porchlight in Madison and 30 miscellaneous to Lakeview's food pantry.

### **Funding for Air Conditioning**

If you would like to contribute toward the air conditioning project in East Hall, write your check to Lakeview and indicate it is for air conditioning. You can also give on the church web site by credit card or check by using the Vanco Give+ giving tab. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting this project, approved by the congregation at a voters meeting in March.

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

The Wednesday noon Bible study, led by Pastor Dean, which compares the Muslim Quran with the Judeo-Christian Bible, will continue into June. The group meets every week at noon in the Fellowship Room.

### **Welcome**

We welcome into membership, here at Lakeview, Joyce Narveson. Joyce is a Northside resident who is a lifelong Lutheran with a Norwegian background. Greet Joyce when you see her.

### **Lakeview Day Trip**

On Tuesday, June 25th, Lazars Bus service will be taking a group of 30 passengers to Green Bay. Our first stop will be at the National Railroad Museum, where we will embark on a train ride around the property, followed by a viewing of "Last of the Giants", a movie about the Union Pacific Big Boy locomotives. We will also have self-exploration time of exhibits including the Pullman sleeper cars. For more info, go to [nationalrrmuseum.org](http://nationalrrmuseum.org). Lunch plans are currently in the works. Afterwards, we will visit the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. Plenty to do here, as the park is 600 acres. Check out the map at [www.baybeachwildlife.com](http://www.baybeachwildlife.com). The Nature Education Center includes a gift shop, art gallery and hands-on exhibits. The Observation Building includes wildlife rehab area, birds of prey exhibits and shelled corn can be purchased to feed the ducks and geese. Paths are accessible. Admission is free. Even those who do not wish to walk the grounds will find plenty to do. Bus will transport between buildings. Bus leaves from Lakeview at 7am and returns around 5:30pm. Sign up at the Information Station. Watch for cost per person, coming soon.

## 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.

**MAY 6** "LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE" BY CLESTE NG

**JUNE 3** "EDUCATED" BY TARA WESTOVER

**JULY 1** "I'LL PUSH YOU: A JOURNEY OF 500 MILES, TWO BEST FRIENDS, AND ONE WHEELCHAIR" BY JUSTIN SKEESUCK AND PATRICK GRAY

## A WORD FROM PASTOR DEAN

Resurrection Greetings!

During the summer of 1975, I sang tenor in the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris France. There were 220 voices in the choir. An 80-piece orchestra accompanied it. The group, America's Youth in Concert, was comprised of high school youth from throughout the United States and sponsored by the Universal Academy of Music from Princeton, New Jersey. A stiff audition procedure was required. Not everyone was accepted. At the end of the Notre Dame concert, we received a standing ovation from over 6000 people who attended. While the tour included concerts in other historical and renowned venues like the Pope's private space in the Vatican, Royal Albert Hall in London, Victoria Hall in Geneva, a mountaintop pavilion in the Alps, St. Mary's Church in Venice, and St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, the most astonishing venue for me was Notre Dame. The beauty of that historic structure, the acoustics that were unbelievable and the audience of over 6000 people all there for a group of high school youth from the States, made it a remarkable experience that will be etched in my brain forever. And I know that many of you have had an experience in the iconic Notre Dame Cathedral, as well.

And then the fire! Watching this enormous and historical space of worship burn broke my heart. As the roof was caving in and debris was falling, I think I could see the spot in the nave where I stood to sing Franz Hayden's "Mass in Time of War." How many people have had a "God moment" in this building that's nearly 800 years old? Notre Dame opened in 1345! And we think our historic chapel is old.

While some parts of the cathedral have been saved, there is much rubble. There are ashes---from historic and majestic to ashes and rubble. But President Emmanuel Macron says the cathedral will be rebuilt and billions of dollars have already been donated. From ashes to new life! From rubble and destruction, to vitality and purpose. This worship and cultural center will be raised!

It's the Easter Story! From death on a cross and burial in a tomb, Jesus rose to new life. From the ashes of Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday alleluias, we also have hope of a resurrection with Christ. If Christ has been raised from the ashes of death, we, too, can hope to experience a new life, raised from the ashes of our mortal demise.

The Easter season only lasts for 7 weeks each year, until Pentecost. But we celebrate the Easter resurrection from ashes to life every time we gather for worship---all year long! The resurrection story is the foundation of our faith. It is who we are as Christians. It is the gracious promise of God that we simply can't comprehend.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Pastor Dean

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