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TEAM C

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Sunday school students

LATE SERVICE

TEAM G

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Betty Graack, 469-9574
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TEAM H

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Dale McKee, 235-9335
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TEAM A

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TEAM B

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TEAM C

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Art Zogbaum, 241-5141

TEAM D

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Barry Jensen, 244-6415
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Don't miss vital weekend before Easter

Dear Friends,

Two of the most important weekends of the church year are coming in April. I want to invite and encourage you to participate in worship on both of these weekends. On Sunday, April 20, we will celebrate that the grave was empty. We will hear lively music, trumpets, organ and solos. On this day, we will read the story of Jesus' resurrection according to the gospel of St. John. In this story, we will learn that Jesus' first appearance after the resurrection was to a woman. Then Mary Magdalene went and announced the good news to the other disciples, the men. The first person to proclaim the gospel of new life was a woman.

On Easter Sunday we will celebrate that men and women have been making this gracious proclamation ever since.

On Easter Sunday we will give thanks that because of this event, we too might have eternal life.

The second important weekend, but one that is not usually as well attended, happens the week before Easter. We call it Passion Weekend. The story on this weekend is not as pretty as the one

on Easter, but in order for there to be an Easter resurrection, there must be a death and burial. On Passion Weekend, we will experience the passion, death and burial of Jesus. This is the important first step in fully understanding the magnitude of the resurrection. At Lakeview, we do that through a unique blend of music and narrative, sound effects and actions. Children and adults lead the services on Passion weekend.

I would like to encourage you to arrange time to attend services on both of these weekends. The focus of Easter is not on family gatherings, spring clothes, egg hunts or breakfast with the bunny. It is about seeing our Savior betrayed, mocked, dying and of course, rising to new life. Make time in your schedule to hear and experience the story, the whole story this year. And then after you hear the entire story and share in the Holy meal, gather with those who are dear to you.

I can pretty well guess that the celebration on Easter Sunday will be well attended. I'd love to see the building filled to the rafters on Passion Sunday as well. Christ died for you, so that you might receive the gift of eternal life.

Peace, Pastor DEAN

Respond with kindness to gay neighbors

(Lakeview member Lyn Jerde writes a weekly religion column for the Dubuque Telegraph Herald. This piece appeared recently.)

The newspaper where I've worked for the last six years carries the "Dear Abby" advice column.

Like the Sudoku and Celebrity Cipher puzzles, "Dear Abby" is a reason why I'm glad that the Portage Daily Register still prints an edition on the carcasses of dead trees. (Our online edition doesn't carry advice columns or puzzles, but it carries the story about my recent snow plow ride-along. Check it out!)

On page A4 of Wednesday's PDR, the top headline, over the "Dear Abby" column, proclaimed, "Couple not happy with gay neighbors."

The essence of the letter was this: A husband and wife recently moved to a new state, and their neighborhood has two same-sex couples, one male, one female. The writer said she and her husband did not include the same-sex couples in a neighborhood gathering that they hosted because "we do not approve of their lifestyle choices." And now the writer is upset because the other neighbors don't invite her and her husband to their parties anymore.

"I don't feel we should have to compromise our values just to win the approval of our neighbors," she wrote, before inviting "Dear Abby" (who is really Jeanne Phillips, daughter of the original "Abigail Van Buren," Iowa native Pauline Phillips) to weigh in.

Abby's response: Being gay isn't a "lifestyle choice" anymore than being heterosexual is, and people who deny hospitality to others shouldn't be surprised or offended if the same thing happens to them.

I'm not "Dear Abby," though I once pon-

dered applying for the job of advice columnist in a religious magazine. And here's how I'd weigh in:

I would say that the letter writer's faith community did a lousy job of instructing her on how to deal with people she deems to be at odds with her values.

OK – so you're persuaded by Scripture that homosexuality is an abomination. You might even believe that same-sex orientation is in itself sinful, even if a person with same-sex orientation commits to celibacy.

So now what do you do?

I'm sad to say that the most prominent example given to Christians – for some of them, the only example – comes from those ugly demonstrations carried on by members of the Westboro Baptist "Church" of Topeka, Kansas. Their signs, and even their website address, proclaim that God hates homosexuals.

But even many Christians who wouldn't dream of carrying a sign in a Westboro rally still seem to think that they must demonstrate their anti-homosexuality convictions by shunning gay people, or by working to pass laws – such as those proposed in the state legislatures of Arizona, Idaho and Kansas – to protect individuals, groups or businesses from lawsuits if they refuse service to gay people out of "religious conviction."

Well, here's a thought: How about taking cues from Jesus Christ?

How about welcoming? How about hospitality? Jesus offered both to people whom the religious leaders of his day declared to be sinners. Jesus didn't tell sinners that he wouldn't eat with them unless they repent, and he didn't give them an ultimatum to stop being sinners, or else he'll stop being their Savior and Lord.

Being a welcoming neighbor isn't "compromising" Christian values. It's living them.

Book Club Selections

Lakeview's book club welcomes anyone to its gatherings at 6:30 pm on the first Monday of the month. This year's titles are: April 7, "The Alienist" by Machado de Assis; May 5, "Secret Life of Bees" by Susan Monk Kidd; June 2, "My Own Country: A Doctor's Story" by Abraham Verghese; July 7, "On Maggie's Watch" by Ann Wertz Garvin; Aug. 4, "Lacuna" by Barbara Kingsolver; (Tuesday) Sept. 2, "Me Before You" by JoJo Moyes; October 6, "Snow in August" by Pete Hamill; Nov. 3, "Jewelweed" by David Rhodes; and Dec. 1, "The Gift" by Cecelia Ahern.

Purchase Paper Flowers to Help Road Home

This year during the six weeks of Lent, our congregation will raise money and gather towels for Road Home. There are several options for you. You can purchase bath towels, hand towels and wash clothes. The bath towels will be given to the Road Home offices. The hand towels and wash clothes will stay at Lakeview and be used by our Road Home guests when in the building.

You can also purchase a paper flower for \$10. This flower will be used to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You can designate if you wish your flower to be given in memory or in honor of someone. A list of flower donations with the names of the people they are remembering will be included in the Easter bulletins. You may take your flower(s) home after the late service on Easter. Fifty percent of the money raised from these flowers will go to the Road Home Agency while fifty percent of the money raised will go to the Lakeview Road Home account. The money at Lakeview assists us to rent the U-haul to move guests, to purchase diapers and formula for guests as needed and to purchase some food when it hasn't been donated. Thank you for joining us in the important ministry. To donate a flower (*or as many as you wish*), complete the form below, attach your payment and send it to the church office or place in an offering plate during worship.

Easter Flowers For Road Home

Your name _____

Number of flowers _____ \$10 each, amount enclosed _____

Flower given in honor of _____

Flower given in memory of _____

Checks to Lakeview

Blood Drive on April 10

Appointments can be made for the American Red Cross blood drive at Lakeview on Thursday, April 10 from noon until 5 pm. Call the church office (244-6181) to make an appointment.

Synod Assembly

The South Central Synod of Wisconsin will gather in assembly this year at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells on May 3 and 4. Because of a confirmation retreat that weekend, Pastor Dean will not be able to attend the assembly. However, we would like to register 2 members of the congregation to attend. We need to send one male voting member and one female voting member. Registration is now open. Lakeview pays for the registration of our members to attend and their mileage. If you are interested in attending the synod assembly, please talk to Pastor Dean or Mary Cragin, council president immediately.

Audit Committee Report

At the annual meeting in January, you elected an internal audit committee including Al Wessel, Darlene Younger and Gary Case. This committee has worked very hard the past month looking over our books and financial procedures. Besides the general checkbook, they have reviewed the cemetery financial records, the endowment fund records, the Lutefisk checkbook and the WELCA checkbook. This committee will present their findings at the council meeting at 6 pm April 28. Thank you Al, Darlene and Gary for the hard work.

Thank You Funeral Lunch Team

When members of our congregation pass away, their families and friends are invited to host a luncheon and fellowship time after the funeral service in our dining room.

The food for this lunch is ordered and picked up by our office staff. It is paid for by the hosts. The food is served on the day of the funeral by a group of volunteers from the congregation. It is a very nice gift of ministry to provide this service to grieving families.

A huge thank you to all those who volunteer to make this meal happen.

Lydia Circle Meeting Monthly

Lydia Circle meets on the second Thursday each month. They meet through the summer and use the Bible study in "Gather." They encourage you to consider joining the group.

At 1 pm April 10, they meet in Lakeview's conference room. Please join them. If you need a ride, call Shirley Storkson at 249-9014.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study Resumes

The noon Bible study, led by Pastor Dean will resume on April 23 in the church Conference Room. All are welcome to attend. Bring a Bible and your lunch if you desire. Enter the building through the West Office Entrance to the Conference Room. We will be studying Jesus' Sermon on the Mount from Matthew chapter 5, 6, and 7. We will also be contrasting this offering with Luke's version of the same sermon called "The Sermon on the Plain."

Porchlight Presentation

On Sunday, April 6, there will be a presentation from Steven Schooler, the executive director of Porchlight. Porchlight is the organization that provides men's shelters and affordable housing here in Dane County. On Super Bowl Sunday, we raised \$1,521 to send to them to assist with their valuable service in our community. Please join us in the sanctuary at 9:15 am to hear more about this organization and their work.

Easter Breakfast

The high school youth going on a summer mission trip to Arecibo, Puerto Rico, will host an Easter Breakfast on Easter morning. They will be serving in East Hall from 7:30 am to 10:30 am. There is no cost for the breakfast but you are invited to make a free-will donation to assist with the costs of their trip. You can also help the youth out by signing up to donate food for the breakfast in the church narthex right now.

Exterior Repair Update

At the annual meeting in January, you voted to have the council proceed with a variety of necessary exterior repairs that need to be done to protect and preserve our building. This project includes fixing cracks in the eaves, replacing rotted wood, fixing damage done by woodpeckers, painting the exterior, replacing wood on the cross tower, painting the cross and some other smaller things. Recently a contract was signed with Genesis Exteriors in the amount of \$52,375 to accomplish this work. It is also understood that as the work begins, additional repairs may become apparent increasing the total amount of the agreement. That is very normal when doing projects of this nature. Genesis has set a start date of April 7 for this project and believes they will be finished, except for the painting, by April 18. The painting cannot be completed until the temperature allows. We will not have to make any payments until the project is done. At this point, you have contributed \$12,059 in cash toward this project. Some of you have pledged to support the cost of this project over the next year through your weekly or monthly giving. Your gifts are appreciated. You realize that just like a home or business, your church building must be maintained in order to continue to worship, do outreach, have youth programs, host senior events, perform weddings and funerals etc. For April, you will receive a different looking envelope. You will notice that there is a specific line for exterior repairs. Because we have not yet reached the cost of the project in our giving, you are invited to make a contribution toward this project.

Rummage Sale

Don't forget that the annual rummage sale will be held on May 29 and 30 this year. Yes, the days of the week are different. This is a Thursday and Friday. You can begin to bring your rummage sale donations to the church after Easter Sunday. We do not have room available before that day. The proceeds from the sale this year will go 25% to the high school youth mission trip and 75% to the kitchen remodel fund. All items left from the sale will be loaded on the truck for St. Vinnie's on Saturday, May 31. There will be a bake sale at the rummage sale also so you are invited to donate home baked products for the sale as well as your rummage. Remember we do not take clothing, large appliances, computers or exercise machines at the sale. Other furniture, in good condition is acceptable. Get ready to rummage!!! Donate stuff and then come shopping.

Silent Auction

During the Rummage sale and the preceding week, the high school youth will be hosting a silent auction near the office area at church. You can stop by as often as you want during that week to bid on a large variety of things including gift cards, hotel stays, theater tickets, hair and beauty products, sports stuff, etc. The silent auction will close at 11:30 am on Sunday, June 1. All bidding will end at that time. Have some fun at the rummage sale, bake sale and silent auction this year.

New York Retreat

The adult group is getting geared up for the retreat to New York City in May. The group will depart May 8 and return on May 12. While in New York, they will stay at the Seafarers International House on Union Square. This is an ELCA urban retreat center. They will tour the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the 9-11 Memorial Site. They will be seeing the Broadway musical production of "Pippin." Other sites to be explored on this trip include the Museum of the Native American, Federal Hall where George Washington was inaugurated as our first president, Wall Street, Trinity Church, Battery Park, Little Italy, Chinatown and Central Park. They will eat at Katz Jewish Deli, which opened its doors in 1888. They will walk the Brooklyn Bridge, explore Times Square, Rockefeller Center, Grand Central Station, the New York Public Library, and St. Pat's Cathedral where Pastor Dean sang in a 200 voice choir in 1976. Sunday morning worship will be at historic Grace Episcopal Church. Remember New York trippers that there is an important meeting on April 6 at 4:00 pm at church. Bring an appetizer or munchies to share. Beverages provided. Lots to discuss. Decisions to be made.

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Presenting 'Passion'

Before Easter, musical/drama tells Jesus' story

Before we come to the good news of the Easter resurrection, it is important for us to hear the more difficult story of Jesus' passion and death.

Again this year, the choir, Sunday school students and other musicians will present this story in music and drama on Saturday, April 12 at 5:00 pm and Sunday, April 13 at 10:00 am.

The story begins when Jesus enters Jerusalem. We celebrate his last Passover and then go with

him to the Garden of Gethsemane. We will hear Peter deny that he knew Jesus; we will meet a powerful Pilate; we will see Jesus killed on a cross; and we will hear from Joseph of Arimathea right after he has buried Jesus' body in a tomb.

This presentation is unique and a wonderful way for the entire story to be heard. Plan to attend. Bring your neighbors, family, friends or others who may appreciate the story.

Three services set for April 20

On Easter Sunday, which is April 20, there will be three opportunities for worship. The sermon will be different at each service. There is worship at first light in a quieter service at 7:00 am. Or come to one of the two festival services at 9:00 or 10:30 am.

The choir, instruments and soloists will be part of the festival services. There will be a children's time during the two festival services. All worship services will include Holy Communion. There will be an Easter vigil service at 5:00 pm on Saturday in the chapel. All Easter Sunday worship services will be in the sanctuary.

Worship schedule

April 2 – Mid-week service at 7:00 pm, meet the rich young man

April 9 – Mid-week service at 7:00 pm, meet Peter

April 12 – Dress rehearsal for Passion Musical at 9:00 am

April 12 – Passion Musical at 5:00 pm

April 13 – Passion Musical at 10:00 am

April 17 – Maundy Thursday Communion at 7:00 pm

April 18 – Good Friday at 7:00 pm

April 19 – Easter Vigil at 5:00 pm, Chapel

April 20 – First Service of



Easter at 7:00 am

April 20 – Easter Festival Services at 9:00 am and 10:30 am

April 20 – Easter Breakfast from 7:30 am to 10:30 am in East Hall

Worship Assistants Schedule

Any changes? Call (244-6181) or e-mail (office@lakeviewlutheranmail.org) the church office. Thank you.

Date	Time	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Counters	Lay Readers	Ushers
		Pastor Dean 244-6181	Kathy Krause 249-9453	Sterling Lynk 698-6055	By Team	Sterling Lynk 698-6055	By Team
6-Apr	8:15 a.m.	Dane Luebke		Amy Luebke, Nicole Campbell, Seth Campbell, Colton Rohde, Art Zogbaum		Colton Rohde	D
6-Apr	10:30 a.m.	Corey Wolter	Marilynn Miller	John Dyar, Lynn Case, Tamela Steele, Dayna Dalton, Nancy Stillwell	B	Gary Case	I
13-Apr	10 a.m.	None	Jan Pond	None	B	None	I
20-Apr	7 a.m.	Eve Howe		None		None	
20-Apr	9 a.m.	Katelyn Buchda		Al Wessel, Kathy Knudtson, Doris Hicks, Kris Kirst, John Dyar		Verallyn Cline	A
20-Apr	10:30 a.m.	Nicole Campbell	Karen Knudsvig	Rene Puzach, Garry Puzach, Tamela Steele, Joyce McElmurry, Sterling Lynk	C	Jan Pond	K
27-Apr	8:15 a.m.	Jacob Kerl		Keith Kerl, John Frey, Sandy Rupnow, Amy Luebke, Verallyn Cline		John Frey	A
27-Apr	10:30 a.m.	Anthony DuPre	Arlene Moody	Jan Pond, Lynn Case, Kathie Benson, Jane Rose	C	Marilynn Miller	K
4-May	8:15 a.m.	Eve Howe		Nate Campbell, Nancy Stillwell, Art Zogbaum, Verallyn Cline		Nancy Stillwell	B
4-May	10:30 a.m.	Dane Luebke	David Krause	Amy Luebke, Kathy Krause, Joyce McElmurry, Kris Kirst, Al Wessel	D	Ken Miller	G
11-May	8:15 a.m.	Nicole Campbell		Seth Campbell, Nate Campbell, Jerry Smith, Jan Pond, John Frey		Seth Campbell	B
11-May	10:30 a.m.	Jacob Kerl	Chris Bodah	Rene Puzach, Garry Puzach, Gary Case, Lynn Case, Sterling Lynk	D	Tom Thornburgh	G
18-May	8:15 a.m.	Katelyn Buchda		Bob Mohrmann, Jane Rose, Arlene Moody, Kathy Knudtson, Verallyn, Cline		Kathy Knudtson	C
18-May	10:30 a.m.	Anthony DuPre	Lynn Case	Colton Rohde, Ken Miller, Dayna Dalton, Tamela Steele, John Dyar	E	Chris DuPre	H
25-May	9 a.m.	None	Blanche Herritz	Kris Kirst, Kathie Benson, Nancy Keichinger, Garry Puzach	E	Amy Luebke	C