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All Saints Worship

On Saturday evening, Nov 1 we will remember the saints who have departed from our lives this past year. This service begins at the entry to the Lakeview Cemetery at 5:00 pm. After the initial liturgy and prayer, we will enter the chapel to continue worship with Holy Communion. The choir will sing at this service and we will lay roses at the altar to remember our brothers and sisters from Lakeview including Milt Herritz, Elsie Neath, Kenneth Smith, Wilhelmina Schultz, James Essie, Frank Leverentz, Jan Pond and Betty Mellum. All are invited to be part of the service of celebration and remembrance.

Choir Rehearsals in October

Remember that the choir will NOT rehearse on Oct 9 or Oct 16. Rehearsals will resume on Oct 23 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Chili Cook Off

Let's get a little crazy, have some fun, eat some chili and raise money to fight world hunger through CROP. Plan to attend the chili cook off at 5:00 pm on Sunday, Oct 12. The following daring cooks have agreed to put their special chili recipes to the test; Mary Cragin, Kathy Fenske, Pastor Dean, Dayna Dalton, Jean Mani, Chris DuPre, Heather Hansen, Debbie Maley, Sandy Rupnow, Karen Knudsvig, Amy Butrymowicz, John Dyer, Blanche Herritz, Shirley Ewert, Char Johnson, Dane Luebke and Caryl Keip. Besides chili we will also serve bread, crackers, cheeses and desserts. The council has approved the service of beer, wine and soda as well. There is no cost to attend this event but we hope everyone who does will make a contribution to CROP during the event. By the way, you also get to make comments about the chili you try and comments will be read in front of everyone! Great fun for all ages.

Road Home in October

Lakeview hosts the Road Home families from Oct 12 through Oct 19. Many volunteers are always needed to host this event. Please see Chris Anders soon to let her know how you can help. Don't forget we need people to do laundry and to unload and load the moving van (van loading is Oct 19 at 7:30 am). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex where you can sign up to donate food for breakfast and lunch. This is important ministry.

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Welcome Pastor Mary Pharmer

You may have heard, Pastor Dean and Kris will be celebrating the wedding of their daughter Elizabeth to Phil Goes on Oct 25, 2014. Pastor Dean will be officiating at this event in Shawano Wisconsin. Therefore, Pastor Dean will not be leading worship at Lakeview on Oct 24/25. Pastor Mary Pharmer, a former pastor of this congregation, who is now retired, will lead all worship services that weekend. Come and rekindle your connection with Pastor Mary and be sure to ask about her grand-children. We're sure she'll have pictures!

Autumn Senior Potluck and Euchre Tournament

The next senior meal and euchre tournament at Lakeview will be on Monday, Oct 27. The meal will begin at noon. This is usually a fall harvest dinner cooked by Pastor Dean but since it is wedding weekend in his household, that won't happen this year. Instead, we'll be having a potluck. Bring in your usual and fun food offerings like casseroles, salads, vegetables or desserts to share with everyone. Beverages and dinner rolls will be provided. Get signed up in the church narthex to participate.

Food Pantry Needs

The Lakeview Food Pantry is in need of canned peas and any kind of canned soup. Help stock the shelves of the pantry. Bring items anytime, including to worship services. Also, during October, the Food Pantry will distribute winter coats and other warm outer wear to Monday evening guests of the pantry. If you have a clean, used winter coat in good condition that is no longer being used, consider donating it to the pantry. You may also donate winter, caps, scarves, gloves, mittens or warm winter socks (socks MUST be new). All age and all size winter outer wear is needed.

Welcome Laura

If you haven't had the opportunity to meet Lakeview's new office administrator, Laura Jasiczek. She is in the office Monday through Friday willing to meet you are respond to all our congregation needs. Remember, she is learning the procedures. Also, be sure to write legibly on Fellowship Pads so that Laura can read your writing when in she is inputting the information into the communion attendance or giving statements.

Many Thanks!

Thank you to volunteer Joanne Cotter and council treasurer Tom Thornburgh for all the extra hours of work they did this past month as we covered the office administrator vacancy. They were both phenomenal and went over and above their volunteer job descriptions. How fortunate we are to have these 2 dedicated volunteers at Lakeview along with so many other volunteers in this congregation who give so many hours of time and talent to make sure ministry happens.

Confirmation Service

The service for our ninth grade youth to affirm their baptismal faith will be delayed this year to Sunday, Nov 9 at 10:30 am. The congregation is invited to be present as we welcome Nicole Campbell, Anthony DuPre and Jack Mckee into confirmation membership here. These three youth will also present their faith papers at 10:30 am on Sunday, Nov 2.

Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Again this year, Lynn Najem will direct the wonderful and inspirational play, "Best Christmas Pageant Ever." The play will be presented at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve in the sanctuary. It was a wonderful experience last year for those who participated in the cast and for those who elected to attend that Christmas Eve worship service. A meeting for anyone interested in being in this production will be held on Sunday, Nov 9 at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. This play includes children, teenagers and adults. Parents should accompany any interested children at this meeting. Consider being a part of this production. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

Adult Forums in October

We have two very informative adult forums planned in October. They will both be held at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Room on Sunday mornings. Keeley Crowley from DAIS (Domestic Abuse and Intervention Services) will be here on Oct. 12. This is the organization in Dane County which serves the victims of domestic violence. They just moved into their new facility on Fordem Ave. During the summer we collected supplies for this organization. The second forum will be held on Oct 26. Meg Nielsen from Triangle Ministry will be here to share information about the vital ministry this group does in the Braxton Park neighborhood in downtown Madison. Anyone is invited to attend these informative presentations.

New Computers

Because of a recent generous donation from members of our congregation, new computers have been installed in our church offices. A new server has been installed and a new network has been established throughout our buildings. If you are seeking wifi at Lakeview, you will find it under "Lakeview wifi." While that network is not protected, the office staff are on a password protected network. The computer lab has been updated with refurbished computers as well in case you would like to stop in and use a computer at the church. As part of this project we also now have Apple TV in the sanctuary. It's very exciting to learn what all this new equipment and technology can do for us. We appreciate the gift very much.

Updated Office

In preparation for Laura to begin her new job at Lakeview, her office was painted by Scott Harris and Todd Schaack. Her new desk was put together by Mark Cotter, Leroy Mellum and Ron Alexander. Her chair was put together by Joanne Cotter. Three groups donated money to purchase this new desk and chair. Thank you to everyone who has been generous to help update the working environment.

Galatians Bible Study

Every Wednesday you are invited to join a Bible study group at noon. They meet in the Fellowship Room where Pastor Dean leads the study on the Letter to the Galatians. Coffee is served and some folks bring a lunch to eat during the study. Everyone brings their Bible. We conclude between 1:00 and 1:30 pm and anyone who has to leave earlier is certainly able to do that. Consider joining this lively, but educational group.

Giving at Lakeview Lutheran Church

Many members of this congregation use the envelope system to support the mission and ministry of Lakeview through their financial giving. We contract with a company to print and provide those envelopes to you on a quarterly basis. Others at Lakeview use an automatic deduction program that is managed by a company named Vanco. If you are not using automated giving and you would like to, you can call Laura in the church office who can set the program up for you. It's a very nice alternative to having to remember to write a check. Everyone who gives at Lakeview, whether automated or by envelope has an envelope number to allow the office to apply all giving to your annual charitable giving statement.

Usher teams

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Darlene Younger, 244-9460
Barry Jensen, 244-6415
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Dear Friends,

If you've been around Lakeview for a few years, you know that we have stopped doing an intentional fall stewardship campaign. You may recall our history of setting aside a time each fall to talk about stewardship and to encourage members of the congregation to make pledges to assist with ministry in this place. We've stopped doing that because we understand that stewardship doesn't just happen in the fall.

Stewardship isn't an event; it is a reflection of our daily lifestyles and our attitudes. Stewardship is our response to the gifts God has provided for us and it is part of everything that we do, everyday of our lives. It happens here at church but also in the world where we live. And the truth is, our congregation has done far better with taking care of our buildings, keeping a reserve in our checkbook and providing ministry since we stopped an annual stewardship program. For me, this seems to reflect that we are "*getting it.*"

It would appear to me that many of us at Lakeview are taking the challenge and living generously and richly in our faith toward God. We have recognized the great joy that comes from sharing, even from sacrificing. We have done many things around here this year to preserve our buildings and grounds, to maintain an efficiently running office and to support God's work with our hands in the neighborhood and the world. I hope that at the heart of our stewardship and our willingness to share our gifts, lies that beloved Bible verse from John 3:16, "*For God so loved that world that God gave us a Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life.*" That verse reminds us that God didn't want the power of "perish" to claim us, so God was generous and shared the power of love. God established an idea of generosity as defined by life-giving relationships paired with sacrificial giving. And now we're called to respond to that by modeling the work of Christ and by being good stewards.

God was generous. Jesus was generous. We are called to be generous with our stewardship and our care for creation as well. So, we're not going to do something cute and kitschy to trick you into supporting the ministry of Lakeview with your dollars, your time and your talents. Instead, because you "get it" and because you want to be generous, I'm just going to put it to you bluntly. If we are going to be good stewards and live lives honest to the one Jesus modeled for us, we need money. We need hours of volunteer time and we need every member of this congregation to identify their gifts and then share them for the sake of the gospel in this place.

Our generous stewardship is to take care of creation (*have you reduced your carbon footprint and prevented water contamination*), to take care of our facilities (*is the roof leaking or is asbestos present*) and to take care of each other (*who is in the hospital, incarcerated, living with depression, getting divorced*). But it doesn't stop there. Our generous stewardship is to take care of our neighbors (*those who are hungry or homeless*), strangers (*hurricane victims, Ebola virus victims*), our enemies (*who do you name*) and even those who persecute us (*ISIS, radicalists, terrorists*).

Living generously is foundational to discipleship. Living generously is an act of worship. Living generously is what can give us great joy. Remember those words of Jesus to the rich young man in the gospel of Matthew, "*If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven, then come and follow me.*"

Thank you for understanding stewardship. Thank you for sharing excitement with me in sharing the gospel through words and actions. Thank you for living generously.

Peace,

Pastor DEAN

