

## THE BEACON

### THANKSGIVING DINNER

This year will be the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Thanksgiving dinners here at Lakeview. We want to make it a special year and serve a dining room full of people at noon on Nov 27. Bob Mohrmann will chair this meal along with assistance from Donna Mohrmann. They have chaired this important outreach ministry since the very first

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dinner. To serve 300 people, we need food donations. We would love for you to consider making some homemade pumpkin pies or donating and cooking a turkey or coming over on Wed Nov

26 at 10:00 am to help to prepare food and set up the room. We also need many volunteers on Thanksgiving Day to serve the meal and especially to clean up after the meal. Unfortunately, many people like to serve but not as many like to clean up—we need you! Things will be different this year without Jan Pond making the stuffing but we promise to have the best stuffing ever in memory of Jan! Find the donation/volunteer form in this newsletter and let us know how you can help with the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner at Lakeview.

### DETROIT IN 2015

The triennial ELCA National Youth Gathering will be held in Detroit July 15-19, 2015. The theme of the gathering will be “Rise Up - Together.”

### YOUTH KRINGLE SALE

The Lakeview high school youth, going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit in July 2015, will host their first fundraiser in Nov/Dec. They will again be selling authentic Danish Kringle made at Lehman's Bakery in Racine. Youth will be selling on their own immediately and will begin to sell after all worship services at church from Nov 8 through Nov 30. Cost is \$10 per Kringle. The Kringles will arrive at church on Friday Dec 12. They will be available for pick up later that day--watch the Dec newsletter and bulletins for exact time. This year, 10% of all the youth fundraising will be given to the general budget of Lakeview. So when you support the summer youth trips you will also be supporting the church's general budget. Thank you for your support.

Detroit needs this gathering, as it is a struggling city. When 30,000 Lutheran youth descend on the city, great things will happen. The following youth will be attending the gathering from Lakeview; Ann Braithwaite, Nicole Campbell, Seth Campbell, Garrett Kerl, Jack McKee, Ben Buchda, Colton Rohde, Anthony DuPre, and Connor Dalton. Adult chaperones for this trip will be Colleen Kerl and Nate Campbell. Throughout the year you will have many opportunities to help these youth raise funds for this trip. Your support of such vital youth ministry at Lakeview is very much appreciated.

### **Food Pantry Needs**

Each year as we begin the cold fall/winter season, our food pantry likes to offer its customers the opportunity to pick up warm clothing. Therefore, we are putting a call out for you to consider donating new or clean gently used winter clothing to the pantry. Place your donations outside the pantry door in East Hall. Items that would be appreciated and greatly used include coats, jackets, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, boots, socks, long underwear, sweaters, snow pants, and heavy shirts. Any size for men, women or children can be used. Gretchen Macht, our Food Pantry Coordinator, thanks you for your donations. And remember, the pantry can always use your donations of canned peas and corn.

### **Ninth Grade Confirmation Events**

On Sunday, Nov 9 the following youth will affirm their baptismal faith through the Rite of Confirmation at 10:30 am; Nicole Campbell, Anthony DuPre and Jack McKee. On Sunday, Nov 2 they will each present their faith papers during the service at 10:30 am in the sanctuary. Be present to support our youth at these special services.

### **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.

### **Best Christmas Pageant Ever**

Lynn Najem has again agreed to direct the humorous and inspirational production of ***Best Christmas Pageant Ever***, which will be presented at the 4:00 pm service on Christmas Eve. She will host an organizational meeting for all people interested in being in this production or interested in helping with costumes, props, publicity, and set-up on Sunday, Nov 9 at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. If you or a member of your family wants to be involved, come to the meeting. Rehearsals for this production will be held on Saturday afternoons in Nov and Dec. There is a need for children, youth and adults in the cast.

### **Happy New Year**

The New Year in the church begins with the first weekend of Advent. This year that will be Nov 29/30. Advent is the time for us to look backward at the coming of the birth of Christ in Bethlehem but also for us to look forward to his promised return. The color of Advent is blue and represents our hope in God's promise. This year, Advent will be marked with special decorations, unique worship, unusual sanctuary arrangement,

children's time on Sundays and music appropriate for the season. Every service will include Holy Communion. The choir will lead us into Advent by singing at both services on Nov 30, the first Sunday of Advent.

## Looking to December

Mark your calendars for these important December events. Senior bus trip to Chicago is Dec 10. Christmas program/concert with children and adults is at 4:00 pm on Dec 14. Pasta dinner follows at 5:15 pm. Special senior lunch (*prepared by Pastor Dean*) and euchre tournament is Dec 15. Christmas Eve worship is at 4:00 pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight worship is at 6:30 pm, Christmas Day festival worship is at 9:00 am.

## Senior Bus Trip to Chicago

A few seats still remain for the senior bus trip to Chicago on Dec 10. Cost for the bus per person is \$33. We leave Lakeview at 7:00 am. We will spend an hour at Macy's on State Street (*formerly Marshall Field's*), have lunch at Berghoff Restaurant, downtown, at 11:30 am and then spend time at the Christkindlmarket in Daley Plaza (*European marketplace*) before departing for Madison at 3:00 pm. Talk to Chris Anders immediately if you would like to purchase a seat on this trip.

## Sunday Adult Book Study

Nate Campbell will lead a book study of Tony Campolo's book "*Following Jesus without Embarrassing God*" during Education Hour on Nov 2, 16, 23, 30 and Dec 7. The book is dated but should stimulate conversation and provoke participants to think about what it means to be a disciple in today's world. There are good discussion topics and good opportunities for participants to share their thoughts about how to live in the pluralistic world while following the

examples of Christ. Treats will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend. The best way to obtain this book is to purchase a used copy on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

## Road Home Update

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who have helped with Road Home this past year. We are so grateful that we can provide this vital service to our community. We are so thankful for all the volunteers who make sure this happens four weeks out of the year. A special thank you to everyone who stepped up to the plate to help when we agreed to let the families stay in our building longer due to the water leak at Temple Beth El. It all happened so flawlessly. Many thanks to Chris Anders for responding to this last minute situation and for "coordinating" everything we needed to make it happen.

## Sabbatical Time

The ELCA recommends that congregations provide an extended sabbatical or time away for a pastor every 5 years. The idea is that this time away for continued education and refreshment will bring new ideas and life to a pastor in a longer-term pastorate. On Nov 2, Pastor Dean will have been at Lakeview for 13 years. He arrived in 2001 and his first day here was for Lutefisk dinner---but he stayed anyway. The congregation council approved a sabbatical for him during the summer of 2008. He and Kris were able to do a summer study of the civil rights movement in our country. The council has recently approved a sabbatical for Pastor Dean for the summer of 2015. The sabbatical policy of the Lakeview congregation says that he can take up to 3 months of time, but must include his 4 weeks of vacation as part of that time. Right now, Pastor Dean and Kris are considering how they might use this sabbatical time and when exactly they may use it. Various schedules must be taken

into consideration before a plan can be established. When a sabbatical is taken, the congregation council contracts with a supply pastor to cover worship, funerals and other pastoral care while the called pastor is on leave.

### **Worship Assistants for Early Service**

We would love to have a few more worship assistants for the 8:15 service. Anyone who typically attends this service and would be interested in serving as a communion assistant or reader, please contact Christine Stamm at 608.850.3502.

### **A Letter from Pastor Dean**

Dear Friends,

It's November and that means that Facebook will light up with posts that talk about what people are thankful for. Being thankful is a good thing but as a member of a faith community and as a disciple of Christ, I hope that GRACE will always be at the top of your list of what you are thankful for. I would love to see GRACE show up on Facebook this year from every member of Lakeview who uses Facebook. As followers of Christ and believers that God loves us only because God wants to and not because of who we are or what we do, then GRACE has to be the foundation of our giving thanks. Give thanks for GRACE. It's free. It's eternal. It's for everyone and we can be the ones who proclaim that good news in the world.

I would also like to say that I am thankful that this will be the 30<sup>th</sup> year that Lakeview Lutheran Church has offered a wonderful, home cooked, community meal at noon on Thanksgiving Day. I would like to say that I am grateful that this will be the 30<sup>th</sup> year that Bob and Donna Mohrmann

have chaired this incredible outreach ministry that serves people from our congregation and many people from the community. The calls to attend this event are already coming in to the church office. Many thanks to Bob and Donna and to the many volunteers from Lakeview who will prepare for this meal, cook the food, serve the food and clean up after the meal. We know that Bob and Donna could not serve 300 people without the help of many. So, please, again consider how you might offer assistance at our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. For me, this meal exemplifies what the holiday of Thanksgiving is all about.

As we look to the Thanksgiving Dinner this year, we also remember that our friend Jan Pond will not be making the stuffing as she has done for 30 years. But in Jan's memory, we will have stuffing! Doris Hicks has agreed to work with me and we will attempt to make ***"Jan's Famous Stuffing"*** as best we can. We will miss Jan every minute that we work on this project but we will also give thanks for Jan and the gift of GRACE, which she knew so well.

Thank you Bob and Donna. Thank you Jan. Thank you volunteers. And most importantly, thank you God for GRACE.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Pastor DEAN

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*Service schedule: Sat. 5pm, Sun. 8:15am and 10:30am*

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